

Welcome from your 2008-2009 District Governor MALCOLM MERRICK
“REMEMBER THE PAST. DON'T LIVE IN IT”

Congratulations on your election as the President and Board of your Club.

The start of any new year is an **exciting** time.

I hope you all have a productive year with **Variety and Fun** being the main themes throughout.

Plan your year, **select** your committees and **delegate** others. Don't you do all the work.

For those who attended the **Training Schools** at Manilla & Kempsey, **Thank You**.

I changed the format for incoming club officers this year to attempt to standardize the information and I know we had a turn-up that was equal to previous years with a lot of new Lions involved.

Promote a **positive profile** of Lions in the community

Society changes, so we, as an organization, must keep up, or better still, be in front of the times.

We must be leaders in our community.

Plan to visit the **District Convention** on the 11/12th October in Tamworth. Meet fellow Lions, exchange ideas and join in the fun.

Plan visits to other clubs. Join in their fellowship and activities.

The **District Cabinet** is an extension of your club; use the skills and knowledge of these people to assist you to attain your goals.

Understand the **Lions Foundations** and how they *Collect, Manage & Distribute funds*

Consider making donations to our Foundations and grant an award that may be presented to a worthy recipient in your area. Keep in mind the award can be presented to anyone in your community, not necessarily a Lion. Attached is a matrix showing the numerous awards available for donations to our Lions Foundations. Clubs in the District have received considerably more funding than donations made to Foundations over the years.

When attending your District Governors Advisory (Zone) Meeting, we welcome any **constructive comments** you have to offer.

Let us not **limit** ourselves to past practices.....think outside the square

Yours in Lionism



Malcolm

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