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## “Lions Family Serving with Integrity”

**Thanks to 2VDG Bob Findley  
who prepared this issue**

### DG Marilyn's Message



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#### Hi Fellow members of the Lions Family - one and all,

Oh Where! Oh where does the time go!

It is certainly a great experience of all the fellowship and Friendship shown in our District. Thank you one and all it is a wonderful experience.

Our MERL team is working really hard. At the end March we are positive with a 16 member increase, we need a further 27 to achieve a district total of 1387. I know all are working hard but we need to find a couple of places for new clubs, as well as helping current clubs to extend and retain their membership. So please keep up the effort and see if we can get there.

So many local projects in all of your local communities are so wonderful, keep up the great work. To those clubs who have donated to LCIF (Haiti/Chile etc) and also ALF, THANK YOU!! These Foundations along with our other Foundations need your continued support. YOY District final on Saturday evening, congratulations to Newcastle with the difficulties they faced on a job well done! To our Students who have all come from club, zone and region all wonderful! Congratulations to Joshua Ting sponsored by the Lions Club of Charlestown. Public speaking went to Jamie Watts sponsored by Muswellbrook Lioness.

YWAM Boat in Newcastle, thank you to all who visited and took items to the Boat in Newcastle last week, I have not as yet got a full total of what our District put on board, nearly 2000 eye glasses, walking sticks, a walker. Thanks to the clubs who went a visited the boat while it was in Newcastle.

Thank you to the team who have been working at John Hunter Hospital (Robbie Owen and Co) Peter Waymouth and his team at the University. We also have a town meeting up a Bulladelah in April as to reforming the club there.

NEWCASTLE SHOW Thank you to all who attended and worked on the roster so ably organized by PR Chairman PDG Lion Noelene Heggart and Zone 6 Chairman Lion David Heggart, it was great to see some positive outcomes thank you all! Mildura Convention, not so far away now, I hope all that are going have registered, we are driving over and I am looking forward for 2 days each way traveling as holiday time.

NICHOLAS TRUST Last week along with Jenny and Craig Butters, committee members and others, I had the opportunity in visiting John Hunter Hospital to visit the 2 units now

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**JUST ASK  
SOMEONE  
TO JOIN**



**Overall Winner** Joshua Ting  
St Francis Xavier's College  
Charlestown Lions

#### Youth of the Year—District

The District final was hosted by Newcastle Lions at the South Leagues Club and was contested by a student from each of St Francis Xavier's College, Muswellbrook High, Hunter Valley Grammar, Irrawang High & Northlakes High



**Best Speaker** Jamie Watts  
Muswellbrook High  
Muswellbrook Lioness

## District Business

*Cabinet Secretary (Max Holmes)*



**DG's message** *continued*



### District Governor's Diary

#### April 2010

- 6 Branxton
- 10 YOTY State Final
- 13 Mayfield 50th Anniversary
- 15 Cessnock Wine Country
- 20 Mingara Tumbi Umbi Challenge Final Meeting
- 21 Muswellbrook Lioness
- 26-29 MD Council Mtg
- 30- MD 201 Convention - Mildura

#### May

- 1-3 MD 201 Convention - Mildura
- 13 Officers Seminar Raymond Terrace
- 16 Officers Seminar Mingara
- 23 Officers Seminar Merriwa
- 28-30 YOTY Leadership Camp

#### June

- 19-20 Cabinet Meeting
- 25-30 International Convention

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available for Pediatric Palliative Care, they are lovely units and all who donated, I say a big THANK YOU!! It is great to see one being used although very sad that this type of unit is necessary. Now the units will be also moving into the New England Health area soon. Well done to all concerned!!

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** Anyone else wanting to volunteer for the Convention in Sydney, please contact PDG Alan McKim NOW!! I know many have booked and looking forward to Sydney. On another note please remember that proxy votes are not permitted in our organisation.

At this time of the year, please ensure that your Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and other interested members attend the incoming officers Seminars, remember attendance is a must for 100% awards, although the final say is from LCI in USA. There will also be training for Club Membership and Youth of the Year Chairmen.

**KEEP THE DATE FREE!** Last week end in October for the District Convention in Gloucester.

Keep on doing all your wonderful projects in your local communities.

Regards to all

*Marilyn* (and Handbag)



## Lions Make Things Happen !

#### Member Addresses

MD Office has had trouble when mailing the Lion magazine with the format some club Secretaries have used for the member addresses in the WMMR database. If you do not receive yours, please get your Secretary to check the format online with CabSec Max.

#### Changes to Contacts details :-

New email addresses

- Secretary Singleton Lion Barry Bartrop  
barrybartrop@westnet.com.au
- Newsletter Editor PDG Alan McKim  
mckima46@gmail.com

New Ph #

- Secretary Gloucester Lion Ann Williams 6558 2728

#### *Called to Higher Service*

Lions remember the following members and partners who have recently passed away:-

Lion Donald McKenzie ..... Aberdeen

Lions Partner

Graham Walker ..... Elmore Vale

Lioness Partner

Les Duncan ..... East Maitland/Beresfield Lioness

Lion Kevin Kenny ..... Mendooran

Lion Alan Robshaw ..... Munmorah Summerland Point

Lion Paul Sawle ..... Narara Valley

Lion Susan Perry ..... Terrigal - Wamberal

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#### *Welcome*

The Lions Family in District 201N3 welcomes the following new, returned or transferred members who were reported to LCI since our last edition :-

*May you enjoy many friendly hours of Lions company as We Serve together over the coming years.*

Aberdeen	John Preland	Florance Thomas
Adamstown	Murray Fitzgerald	
Branxton	Robert Waters	
Charmhaven	Lynne McMahon	Jilian Rogers
Clarencetown	Geoffery Butters	
Dudley Redhead	Nornan Pritchard	
Eleebana	Stewart Johnston	
Elmore Vale	Barry Pearson	Lynette Pearson
Gorakan-Kanwal	Rebecca Reynolds	
Gwandalan	Bruce Everingham	Edward Richards
Killarney Bateau	Harold Welsh	
Maitland	Chris Bryen	Christine Burnham
	Debbie Bryen	Geoffery Burnham
	Lorraine Hunter	
Mayfield	Pauline Lander	Paul Gallimore
Medowie	Kevin Pascoe	Susan Fowler
	Priscilla Pascoe	
Munmorah	Karen Pavitt	
Summerland Point		
Narara Valley	Dawn Palmer	Carmel Lamaro
Singleton	Janette Merrick	Leslie Harris
	Robert Merrick	Denise Spinks
Soldiers Point	Cheryl Cooper	William Thomas
The Entrance	Derek O'Sullivan	
Valentine	Dorothy Callinan	
Wangi Wangi	Adam Bannister	

## District Chairmen Reports



### CLUB OFFICER SEMINARS

Training of Club officers will be provided this year for Presidents Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership (including committee members) and Youth of the Year Chairmen

The training Schedule for 2010-2011 is as follows:

- **Thursday 13 May 2010**  
6.30pm at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club, Jacaranda Ave **Raymond Terrace.**
- **Sunday 16 May 2010**  
1pm at Mingara Club, Mingara Drive **Tumbi Umbi.**
- **Sunday 23 May 2010**  
12.30pm at **Merriwa RSL Club**

There will be a cost for Tea & Coffee.  
Raymond Terrace - \$3.50 per cup  
Mingara and Merriwa - \$3 per cup.

Break out session training will be provided for **Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairmen including their committees and Youth of the Year Chairman.**

The Plenary Session will deal with communication and then there will be Q & A. All members of the Lions Family are welcome to attend these Seminars.

IPDG Ann Ryan (LD & T Chairman)

### Lions Youth Exchange Need Host Families

**For 1 to 5 weeks from beginning July 2010.**

Can you help?????

If so please contact Lion Keryn Randall.

Phone 0249540135 (after hours)

Mobile 0413318660

Email [kj.randall@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kj.randall@optusnet.com.au)

Students are from Europe, Scandinavia, Asia and North and South America.

Lions Youth Exchange is the greatest way

**TO CREATE AND FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNDER-  
STANDING AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD**

### Lions Clubs International Foundation

I would like to thank Clubs in District N3 for their support in the recent "Hope for Haiti" appeal. Just over \$12,000 was raised.

Appeals that LCIF asked you to donate to so far this year (2009-2010) Lions in N3 have donated almost \$30,000 for disasters overseas.

Our Past International President Al Brandel and his wife Dr. Maureen have just returned from Haiti and stated that the Haiti Lions are doing a great job organising various projects and looking after people.

Again LCIF has been there to support the people of Chile after their terrible earthquake measuring 8.8 on the Richter scale one of the largest quakes ever recorded. Hopefully this will be the last disaster this year.

I don't like asking for donations but if your club has any excess money they can donate some to LCIF by making a cheque payable to LCIF Chile Appeal. Note! This will not give you a MIF credit.

As LCIF Coordinator I thank you for your continuous support

**George Kinealy PDG**

### DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ENERGY?

By adopting energy saving habits, you can save money, reduce electricity supply demands, and help create a better environment as a result of reduced greenhouse gas emissions. There are many ways you can improve efficiency and many are low or no cost.

Hot water systems are the biggest energy users in NSW homes. Get a government subsidized solar system.

Heating and cooling account for almost a quarter of your home's energy use. Energy efficient heating and cooling systems, insulation, and simple strategies like sealing out draughts can help you warm and cool your home more efficiently. Use energy efficient light bulbs for additional savings.

Reduce running-costs in your kitchen and laundry with energy efficient appliances making sure they are full before you use them.

If you have access to the internet visit the GreenPower website ([www.greenpower.gov.au](http://www.greenpower.gov.au)) to find how to source all or part of your electricity supply from renewable energy sources.

Again, for internet users, the NABERS energy tool ([www.nabers.com.au/home.aspx](http://www.nabers.com.au/home.aspx)) is a tremendous way to identify the areas within your home where savings can be made. Understanding how and where energy is used in your home is the first step in becoming energy smart and having THE RIGHT ENERGY!

Peter Waymouth Environment/ Alert Chairman

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## Project Reports

### Australian Lions Foundation

As we move towards the end of the year many clubs will begin to think about the disbursement of funds or the honouring of various members. ALF would welcome donations to the foundation. There are various awards Presidents can present honouring someone's achievements; while supporting our own National Foundation. Please bear in mind that the Trustees of ALF will soon be entering a busy time of the year. This is due to the National and International Conventions, The National being held at Mildura at the end of April and the International being held in Sydney at the end of June. Very exciting events. However, this may impact on various clubs decisions as the trustees will be very busy prior to and during these events. Consequently the trustees have asked that request for Awards be in early otherwise delays maybe encountered.

Recently I contacted a number of clubs who still have credits with ALF. If you wish to use them or hold the credits for a longer period please notify ALF. If you do not wish to use the credit "now or in the future, please contact the Foundation's Treasurer, as per the current directory, so that the club may be deleted from a very substantial list".

Deidre Schaefer (ALF Chairman 201N3)

### The Lions NSW/ACT Save Sight and Health Care Foundation Raffle - Results

Winning Ticket # 85493 Jim Musgrove from Tasmania who was on holidays at Port Macquarie. The winning ticket was one of \$10,200 worth of ticket sold by Port Macquarie Club

Second Prize # 98417 Helen Turhan also sold by Port Macquarie

Third Prize #43581 Malcara Special School one of \$200 worth of tickets Purchased by Canberra Woden Lions in the name of the school

### Lions Clubs Websites : -

LCI [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) ;

Lions Australia [www.lionsclubs.org.au](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au)

District 201N3 [www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n3](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201n3)

Does **Your club** have a website? One can be easily created for free by your club Secretary, thanks to Lions MD201- see [www.lionsclubs.org.au/webpage-help/](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/webpage-help/) for help on how

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PDG Noelene Heggart working on the future with the 2nd VDGs granddaughters



### MORE CLUBS ACHIEVE NICHOLAS PLATINUM PATCHES

Cardiff and Taree club (201N1\$10,000 donation) have now achieved Platinum banner patch level. They join the other 6 clubs who have achieved **platinum**. Five Clubs have achieved **gold** status while three have reached **silver**. In total funds raised so far exceed \$135,000.00, \$100,000.00 of this has already been passed to the Nicholas Trust Board to assist in financing the work at the John Hunter Children's Hospital on the pediatric palliative care unit. This work is virtually complete with the units expected to be officially opened within the next month.

More is yet to be done, work at the Maitland facility is due to commence in the near future and all of the work being completed must of course be paid for so please keep up the fund raising efforts.

Peter Halverson

### LIONS Camp Kookaburra

#### Need Hosts for Volunteer Community Service (VCS)

The VCS starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, and concludes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

The campers are expected to pay their own way into events, for transport and shopping. They are to be treated like any other member of the family. It is meant as a cultural experience, to do things like Australians.

Visiting youth are here for the cultural experience, and NOT as tourists, so cannot expect their hosts to do tourist sightseeing trips for them. Meals should be the host family's normal practice, with both food and time.

Interested? Contact David Wilcox

[davwilcox@bigpond.com](mailto:davwilcox@bigpond.com) Ph 4959 3821



### NAB- Newcastle Regional Show

Our District had two adjoining exhibition sites within the Agricultural pavilion at the NAB-Newcastle Region Show.

The exhibition featured many Lions banners and hanging displays along with decorative panels, balloons, and current handout materials, much of which came from my own personal collection.

On request LCI in Chicago provided promotional material free of charge. Within four days a carton containing approx 1,000 items of colourful brochures, handouts etc arrived. The Lions-Nicholas Trust Support team was also exhibited at the stand.

Membership was the main focus of the display with many people stopping to look and ask questions about our Association. During discussions they were given details of local clubs within their areas for follow-up. Even a few Lions from America stopped by.

indicated they would be sending a shipment of eye glasses to the Lions R4S depot in Queensland upon their return home.

In all, the Show gave us a wonderful opportunity to display to the community the great work being done by our 'Family of Lions' within District 201N3. My thanks go to Lions Peter Halverson, David Heggart and Lions Lady Kay Teale for assisting in setting up the display and also to the team of 20 Lions/Lions Ladies who volunteered

**PDG Noelene Heggart**



## Club Activities

### Mudgee Lions Recognised

The club was recently awarded a **Volunteer Services Award**.

Here is an extract from the Mudgee Guardian "The 27 members of the Mudgee Lions Club donate about 2,500 hours a year to the community through fundraising, organising and assisting at events and providing practical assistance to local causes. Established in 1961, the non-profit community service club is involved in activities including the Breakfast Club, Day on the Green parking, Meals on Wheels, Lawson Park Community Markets, Chatter Charity Challenge, Christmas Street Carnival, Driver Reviver program, annual Charity Bowls Day, rugby games, race club gates, Youth of the Year, events catering, field days parking and raffles/fundraising.

A recent Lions fundraising day at the Mudgee Race Club contributed \$10,000 to local and regional cancer organisations.

The club also provides financial and physical assistance to individuals and facilities in need throughout the community. Examples .....



**Club President Lion Andrew Hudson with the award**

### Gwandalan Lions Coaching Clinic

Gwandalan Lions recently instigated a tennis coaching clinic for kids under 16 who for any reason were not able to obtain coaching but wished to. So far over 60 children have participated and the club is now approaching other schools in the area for more recruits. The picture shows a happy bunch of trainees with Lions Peter Lewis and Des Tuillier (who organised the clinic) with tennis coach Mark Ugri



L to R Paul Mutton, John Arnold, DG Marilyn, Noelene and David Heggart

### LIONS IN SIGHT AT TOUKLEY

International President Wirfs' challenge to showcase Lions' commitment and support of their communities was taken up at Toukley Lions Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Media and civic leaders were invited to visit the Centre to see firsthand how Lions raise funds to support worthwhile causes and projects in their communities. The Toukley Lions Centre recycles aluminium cans and newsprint to raise funds, and provides a learning Centre (*Internet Kiosk*) for Seniors in Toukley to get a basic understanding of computers, at no charge. After the basics "students" are referred on to Toukley Senior Citizens Centre where they can expand their skills proficiency further.

President Jack Donaldson started the official opening of Toukley Lions Internet Kiosk with a speech as part of President Wirfs' two weeks of showcasing Lions initiative. District Governor Marilyn Kinealy, officiated and Zone Chairman, Karin McGann, assisted with proceedings while Toukley Lionesses provided very welcome refreshments to the guests.

District Public Relations & Lions Information Chairman, PDG Noelene Heggart, set up a superb display ably supported by husband Lion David Heggart, President of Mayfield/Waratah Blind & Vision Impaired Club. The day was sponsored by Mr John Arnold, Manager of Simplicity Funerals at Toukley.

### Neonatal Intensive Care Unit thank you

A quote from Marie Manion, from the Neonatal Intensive Care unit at John Hunter Children's Hospital, "thanks to all the people who made and donated the beautiful crib covers and knitted garments, they are very much appreciated."

I would also like to thank everyone who helped. If anyone has any more, you might like to find a local hospital who would have use for them.

Carole Parry



Carole on right handing over some of the covers

### Christmas Gift Wrapping Gorokan-Kanwal

Many clubs undertake gift wrapping at Christmas. Here is a story from Gorokan-Kanwal

Gorokan-Kanwal Lions Club recently raised \$4,500 for Camp Breakaway as a result of it's annual Christmas gift wrapping stall held at Lakehaven Shopping Centre in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Lakehaven Centre Management were extremely cooperative as usual & helped out by adding an additional \$500 donation.



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LEHP- Australia  
**Lions Eye Health Program**  
Empowering communities to save sight



Thank you to the **31 clubs** within the 201-N3 District who made donations towards the Lions Eye Health Program – Australia in 2009. We received a total of **\$5,400** from your District.

During 2009, your contributions assisted us with updating many of our valuable Lions and community resources, including new brochures, flyers, posters and information manuals. It also allowed the implementation on numerous training days, community road shows & information stalls.

With your enthusiasm and our resources, together we can fight against avoidable vision loss and blindness and make a real difference.

Contact the National Program Manager, Ms Leah Evans today and find out how you can get involved.

Ph: 1800 010 234 Email: LEHP-cera@unimelb.edu.au

**We take sight for granted – until we are directly affected by it.**



Ron Way  
Presents Trophy  
to Paul Jones of  
Valentine Club

### **Bowls Builds Fellowship**

#### **“ A Zone 5 Nail Biter!”**

The 2009-10 competition reached a suspense ridden climax this week at Charlestown Bowling Club. On the final evening of six rounds 2 clubs, Cardiff and Valentine, were locked at 30 points each just leading Dudley-

Redhead, Charlestown, Swansea and Eleebana in that order.

After 5 more games, Cardiff A had to beat Charlestown to stay alive and win they did! So we were now making history or traveling in new territory. We still had Cardiff and Valentine equal on 35 points.

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Camp Breakaway is a not for profit organisation that holds camps for disabled kids & their families at San Remo on the Central Coast. The organisation receives no government funding & is reliant on organisations such as Lions in order to continue operating

A cheque was presented to the representatives of Camp Breakaway by project coordinator, Norma Chaffer at Lakehaven’s recent Community Week celebrations where the club also had a stand to promote Lions membership during the week

**Exhibitors Wanted**  
**Knitters and Craftspeople**  
**THE GREAT WOY WOY TEA COSY SHOWCASE**  
 June long weekend 12, 13 & 14  
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 For Entry forms or more Information Phone  
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Bowls Supremo (Zone chairman Lion Ron) sought consensus on how to break the tied score. Both clubs nominated 3 of their best and after “a head butting session” and a “rubdown” to ensure mental and physical health and vitality the “chosen ones” from Cardiff and Valentine stepped onto the carpet for the “Best of 3” Final “Bowl off” in front of a bumper crowd. Not one of the 30 Zone bowlers had left the arena to get a drink or go home early.

Finally, it was congratulations to Valentine Lions who will now represent Zone 5 in the Region 2 Final against Zone 4 on May 19.

This social interaction and friendly rivalry between the six Zone 5 Lions Clubs has been great and I thank them all for their support in 2009-10. Ron Way (Zone 5 Chairman)

### **Copy Deadline for Next Edition:- May 12, 2010**

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