

John's Jottings



LIONS: A Positive Force for Good

District 201 Q1 Newsletter

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As we continue our visits around the Clubs it never fails to amaze us that the personality of each Club shines differently, but all with the same common vision in mind, but each show compassionate service in all that they do.

Julie first, “NavMan” second as far as the competition of navigation is concerned!

A successful Convention can only be achieved by volunteers volunteering to volunteer! Nobody could wish for a greater Convention due to the many hours spent by the Convention Committee Team, sharing the load and coming together harmoniously resulting in a smooth flowing weekend.

Just as International President Eberhard Wirfs' demonstration at the International Convention with a quartet playing the same tune, our team of volunteers were certainly 'in tune' with each other. My sincere thanks to you all and congratulations to PDG David Floyd and Sergeant at Arms Jeff Croll for an outstanding job – well done!

From registrations, static displays, attendance at Saturday's elections, DG's banquet and the partners' bus trip, a moving memorial service on Sunday morning as well as the Lions project presentations all made it a model Convention.

Special thanks to Lions Winston and Bev Fraser who hosted a social barbeque at their home on the Friday evening which was an enjoyable evening and well attended.

Lion Lesley Lyons (Logan West) is now District Governor Elect and our First Vice District Governor Elect is Lion Lorraine McKenzie (Rochedale Springwood). Our new member of the executive is Lion Merv Ferguson (Burleigh Heads), now our Second Vice District Governor Elect – our District has always had a strong team of leaders. Congratulations to you all!

As an ambassador of our International President, PID Ron Luxton expounded on his experiences, his philosophies of life and certainly gave us a glimpse of the workings of Lions Clubs International.



Presentation to PID Ron and Lion Janet Luxton

PID Ron also presented three International President's Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of International President Eberhard Wirfs. The deserving recipients were three Lions who work behind the scenes tirelessly. They are unsung heroes that certainly deserved recognition. They were Norm Jessen (Ormeau), Mike Keim (Warwick) and Tric Smith (Moreton Bay).

Setting Lions apart from other charity organisations is the business sessions of our Convention. The motions being brought forward at this Convention were done so in a professional manner. All motions presented were passed and my congratulations to all those involved.

Many thanks to Secretary Bevan for the presentation of reports and for his valued assistance and support throughout the Convention and to the rest of my Executive Team for their assistance throughout the business sessions.

My own Coraki Club was well represented and I was happy to see them and grateful that they made the time to travel up and be there and participate in the program.

I encourage you all to mark in your calendars next year's Convention in Goondiwindi. Well enough talk of Conventions, only to say Julie and I attended Q3's in Caloundra...it was hard, but we had to go!!! We had a great time! And at time of writing this item for the newsletter we are planning to fly to Longreach in a couple of days to attend Q4's Convention. So it's a busy time.

We were able to attend the White Cane Dinner which was a very pleasing experience where during the evening a young man 'read' with his fingertips a proclamation from

the Lord Mayor of Brisbane which had been transposed into Braille.

It was thrilling to present the Lions Club International Charter at the birth of a new Club for 201Q1 – Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield. Again, with a stamp of approval of high excellence goes to PDG Ken Mulcahy for coordinating the evening. The Installation of the Club Officers was performed by IPDG John McCrae.

Rosewood Lions Club has been very fortunate to be the recipients of an LCI Grant. The Club has been granted US\$51,000 to purchase equipment for the Cabanda Aged Care Facility in Rosewood. Congratulations to Rosewood Lions for obtaining this grant.

Two ALF Grants have been approved for Clubs in this District. \$4,000 to Ballina East Lions – to assist the Navel Cadets' with an aluminium walkway and pontoon and \$5,000 to Brunswick Mullumbimby – to assist with their Driver Reviver van replacement project. Congratulations to these Clubs for taking the initiative to apply for these grants.

Until next month.

Lion John Lynch

District Governor 2009-2010

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Where Will District Governor John Be?

2 November	Club Visit – Boonah
3 November	Club Visit – Goondiwindi
4 November	Club Visit – Warwick
9 November	Club Visit – Redbank Plains
10 November	Club Visit – St George
11 November	Club Visit – Texas
12 November	Club Visit – Tenterfield
13-16 November	Q2 District Convention – Mackay
17 November	Club Visit - Helensvale
18 November	Club Visit – Brisbane Moorooka
21-22 November	Cabinet Meeting – Warwick
24 November	Club Visit – Redland Bay Victoria Point
25 November	Club Visit – Ashmore
30 November	Club Visit – Bangalow
1 December	Club Visit – Moreton Bay
2 December	Club Visit – Rosewood
8 December	Club Visit – Algester Parkinson
9 December	Club Visit – Mudgeeraba
12 December	Club Visit – Murwillumbah



The Secretary's Sentiments

District Governor John Lynch and Lion Julie warmly welcome to our District, the forty five (45) New Lions who joined their respective Clubs in October 2009.

Brisbane Chinese

Anthony Lin

Brisbane Coorparoo

Dianne Kesby – Jeffrey Kesby

Brisbane Holland Park

Ian Dillon – John Evans – Ian Kaye

Brisbane Kuraby District

Julie McIver – Kellie Scott

Brisbane Macgregor

Adam Morrison

Brunswick Mullumbimby

Claire Harris

Burleigh Heads

Christine Brennan – Pauline Clayton – Donna Drinnan

– Rhonda Dunlop – Dorothea Gale – June Gamble –

Babette Mathiske – Tere Staples

Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield

Jacqueline Allison – Ray Fenton – Bill Hooper –

Janet Hooper – Dawn Lily – David Mason –

Roy Page – Alison Smith

Lismore

Craig Beck – Nancy Casson

Logan City Marsden

Merinda McDonald – Brendon Seeto – Lina Solien –

Kerry Tippett – Denise Wilcox

Logan West

Stephen Schuhmache

Macleay Island

David Humerstone

Moreton Bay

Allison Hempenstal – Lukmal Yapa – Sashika Yapa

Ormeau

Ian Cross

Robina

Rebecca Coyle

Rochedale Springwood

Kelley Sampson

Tenterfield

Marrienne Stanford – Rodney Stanford

Warwick

Samantha Reimer – Scott Reimer

The District Membership at 31 October 2009 is 1,896, an increase of 14 members for the year.

2009 District Convention:

The 2009 District 201 Q1 Convention held at the Acacia Ridge Hotel on Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th October 2009 was a great success.

Congratulations to PDG David Floyd and his team of willing helpers from Brisbane Holland Park and Griffith University and the Lions of both Clubs for hosting a great weekend.

368 Lions, Lions Partners, Lionesses, Leos and others attended the Convention. One pleasing aspect from the registrations was that 56 people listed themselves as "First Conventioneers" which is 15% of all attendees.

Lion Lesley Lyons (Logan West) will be the District Governor in 2010-2011; Lion Lorraine McKenzie (Rochedale Springwood) will be First Vice District Governor in 2010-2011 and Lion Mervyn (Merv) Ferguson (Burleigh Heads) will be Second Vice District Governor in 2010-2011. Congratulations to Lesley, Lorraine and Merv on their successful election.

Rochedale Springwood Lions will be the Host Club for the 2011 District Convention.

All 17 Notices of Motion were passed without amendment.

Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield Lions Club:

Lion Graham Goodman is currently acting as Club President. Graham can be contacted on 0419 674 711.

Cabinet Secretary Away:

I will be away interstate from 6th to 16th November. For anything urgent during this period I can be contacted on my mobile – 0421 638 673 or by email however it could be 24-48 hours before I can respond.

‘Til next month.



Lion Bevan Faulkner

Cabinet Secretary
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JUST FOR FUN

Break it and it is better, immediately set and harder to break again.

What is it?

(The answer can be found elsewhere in this newsletter)



**Youth of the Year
NEWS**

Proudly supported by 

Club Registrations..

I'm pleased to announce that we so far have 49 Clubs already registered for this years Quest. If your club has not yet registered, it's not too late - there is still time. All YOTY Kits have been given out and Clubs should be on the way to organising their Finals.

Finals.

Thankyou to all the Lions Clubs' in the District that have volunteered to host a Zone or Region Final.

I'm also pleased to announce that the host Club for the District Final is the Lions Club Ballina East. Thankyou for nominating to host this very important final for the 2009 – 2010 Youth of the Year.

Winners Advisory Forms.

Just a reminder that after each level of the Quest, the winning Students' "original" entry form and the Winners Advisory Form **MUST** be handed to the Chairman of the next level. The National Australia Bank require figures on this year's Quest (in order to determine their continued sponsorship for future years), and so we need these forms so that we can report to them accordingly. Please ensure that the forms are

handed over as a matter of urgency so that your winning Student can be properly represented at their next level.

Assistance Required..

If your Club has entered in this year's Youth of the Year Quest, and you are in Zones 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 or 11 – you may just be able to help out – please have your Club Chairman contact me for more details.

Many thanks

Jenny Maguire

District YOTY Chairman

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LEO CLUB REPORT

Whilst the Forum at the District Conference was successful, it was most disappointing in terms of numbers. We had six Leos there from three Clubs as well as five advisors and some other interested Lions.

Those Leos that attended advised me that they got a lot out of the Forum and are more aware now of the Leo Programme and the opportunities available.

My thanks go to Qld State Leo Coordinator PDG Rob Johnson and Assistant Leo Club Coordinator Lion Olivia Furner for their attendance and support.

I was pleased to be able to present to the Convention Leos Melanie Loomes from Southern Cross K-12 School Leo Club and Sarah Tasker from Moreton Bay College Leo Club, the District Leo of the Year and President of our Leo Club of the Year respectively. Both Leos received their perpetual trophies and gave a talk to the Convention. They were very well received by the conventioners.

I am happy to announce that two Leos from Ballina High School Leo Club Gracie Astill-Torchia and Bianca Monks have been selected into the 2009 YMCA Youth Parliament.

The Youth Parliamentarians are lucky enough to be the only people besides the NSW Government to have the privilege of Speaking at the lecterns in Parliament House.

The Queensland Youth Alliance has selected their Young Achiever Award Winners and three of our Leos have been successful in this regard. I will announce their names in the next newsletter.

Olivia advises me that 14 of our Clubs have submitted regular Monthly Reports this year to date. This is a 77% strike rate which is wonderful compared to last year. Thank you to the Clubs that are completing their reports and I urge those that aren't to start doing them now so that we have a 100% this year.

Lion John Wearne

District Leo Club Coordinator

Pride of Lions



Your Lions membership pin tells the world you're proud to be a Lion.

By wearing it every day you welcome questions from people who are interested in the organisation and your club's activities. It may even get your club a membership prospect.

Remember to represent your Lions club every day by wearing your pin. It's the easiest promotion around!



RECENT CORRESPONDENCE



Dear Governor John,

Thank you for the hospitality expressed to Janet and me over the weekend of your convention. We appreciated the time that you and Julie took to look after us and ensure we were well taken care of.

I would appreciate it if you could convey our thanks to the Lions of District 201Q1 for their friendship and welcoming hospitality. It was an enjoyable weekend and I trust that both you and your Lions found it worthwhile.

Warm regards to you both,

Ron & Janet Luxton.

- Ron has served on several International Convention committees:
 - 1999 and 2001 member of the Resolutions Committee.
 - 2002 Vice-Chairman of the Resolutions Committee
 - 2000 Vice-Chairman of the International Parade Committee.
 - 2005 Vice-Chairman of Rule of Procedure Committee.
- For six years, a member of the faculty of the International District Governors Elect School, as well as conducting the training for New Zealand District Governors Elect.

- Presenter and member of faculty at several Leadership Institutes in Australia, Indonesia and New Zealand.
- 2002 - 03 appointed as Area Impact Leader for New Zealand and the Pacific Islands to promote extension and new club growth.
- 2007 Vice-Chairman of the International District Governors elect School
- 2008 Chairman of the International District Governors elect School

The answer is 'A Record'.

Q1 Lion wins inaugural pen-a-poem competition.

The annual White Cane Safety Day dinner held on Thursday 15th October was a resounding success with a great time had by all. One hundred vision impaired people and members of the Q1 & Q3 Lions community, including DG John, Lion Julie and their daughter and son-in-law attended the 40th anniversary of the commemoration of the White Cane at the Salisbury Bowls Club. We were fortunate to have a bush poet, Liz Ward as our guest speaker. Liz travelled from Esk especially for the occasion and apart from keeping the audience amused she judged the inaugural Lions pen-a-poem competition. Sincere thanks and congratulations to all who generously submitted poems themed around the White Cane. All entries were fabulous and we received commendation from the White Cane Committee chairman Graham Pampling for our enthusiasm and willingness to try and demonstrate an understanding through poetry of what the white cane means to the vision impaired people (VIP). Special congratulations to the **Q1 inaugural Poet Laureate Lion Greg Nothing**. Lion Greg's poem was judged the winner for being the most structurally correct and also captured the essence of the white cane in a very succinct style, see below.

One day a Lions member made an observation
Made history then with his invention
The white cane aroused attendance
And the blind gained independence.
(Lion Greg Nothing – Rochedale Springwood)

The remaining poems will be published in forthcoming editions of John's Jottings. I am most grateful too to the many Lions clubs that assisted with or offered to assist with transport or sponsorship for the VIP's. Although there were some unexpected difficulties every club and every Lion assisted willingly and at all times with a smile. On behalf of the White Cane Committee, DG John and the VIP's please accept my sincere gratitude. Lions clubs of Belmont-Tingalpa, Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale, Brisbane Coorparoo, Brisbane Macgregor, Brisbane Moorooka, Cleveland Challenge, Daisy Hill Loganholme, Logan Central & Moreton Bay – BE PROUD, thankyou.

Other highlights of the night included

- the announcement of the 2009 winner of the Hazel and Louis Sanders White Cane User Achievement Award – Mr Shane Gscheidle from Fairfield nominated by Aid for the Blind.
- Lion Harry Cummings (37 years) and Lion Les Sims (26 years) were awarded Life Membership

of the QLD White Cane Committee and recognition of invaluable service rendered.

I look forward to next year and will publish the details as soon as available.

Sincerely

Tric Smith
Q1 District White Cane Dinner Co-ordinator

From the Environment Corner:

Hello Lions of 201Q1

From the 9 to 15 November you can take part in Planet Ark's **National Recycling Week** – find many ways to re-use useful items – “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” – clean out your filing cabinet and learn important kerbside recycling information.

For more information call the Recycling Near You Hotline on 1300 733 712 or email recycling@planetark.org

But more importantly, don't forget to continue collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids, used stamps and old mobile phones – remember your Lions' foundations benefit along the way.

Steve Irwin Day – 15 November – continues the legacy of Conservation, Family and fun that Steve created. Steve Irwin Day is an international and annual event to celebrate the extraordinary life of the one and only Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin. His legacy also continues through the work of the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors.

Till next month

Julie Holden
Environment District Chairperson



HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CAKES YET Lions Christmas Cakes

November orders are the last opportunity to get a rebate – full payment with order is required.

Be aware that “Guaranteed Delivery Before Christmas Cut-Off Order Date is 7th December.

Mints

The New Lions Christmas Mint is very good value @ \$2 sale price. **SELL THEM AT YOUR CAKE STAND.**

Mint sales to date are up on last year

Need help with cakes or mints?

Then please contact me on 07 55375113 or runbaylions@bigpond.com

Lions, please be aware that the new MD directory has my email wrong ~ it is still

runbaylions@bigpond.com

Lion Bernie Scobie

What is the Australian Lions Foundation?



Lions of District Q1, the following is part two of a two, hoping to give you all an insight into the Australian Lions Foundation.

Part one was featured in the September Newsletter

I am very pleased to advise that the following clubs have received grants from Australian Lions Foundation.

- 1. Brunswick Mullumbimby - \$5000 to assist in the replacement of the Driver Reviver Van*
- 2. Ballina East - \$4000 – to assist in construction of a Pontoon for Naval Cadets*

Can an Award be paid for in instalments?

Yes. All Awards (except the Sponsor Club Banner Patch) can be paid for in two equal instalments over two years provided that when the first instalment is made you denote it as an Award payment for the Award required. There is no need for the recipient to be named at this time.

What are the guidelines for Grant Applications?

The Foundation will not consider the following:

- Playgrounds, Sports Grounds, Lookouts, Monuments, Gazebos, Rotundas.
- Research Projects, Purchase of Land, Payment of Salaries or Interest.
- Fuel, Fodder, Fencing
- Medical or any other equipment that could give a financial benefit to individuals or groups.
- Sponsorship or Scholarships.
- Support of other Foundations.
- Projects that have commenced or have been completed.
- Bereavement Expenses.

Funding from the Australian Lions Foundation must be for specific items and not for general or central funds.

Where can you get Grant Application Forms?

These are available from the Website (www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf), all District ALF Chairpersons and ALF Trustees and the ALF Secretary. The Grant Application Form clearly sets out the Instructions and Conditions.

When are Grants considered?

The Trustees meet four times a year and consider all applications received for assistance at those meetings. The Trustees meet in February, May, August and November. All applications for Grants must be lodged with the ALF Secretary no later than the last day of the month preceding those meetings, (see the ALF News Page for further details). No applications are considered outside of these meetings unless they are of an Urgent nature.

NOTE

The Applicant Club or District is expected to provide the majority of the funds. The maximum grant from ALF is \$15,000.

How do you apply for an Emergency Grant?

In the first instance by telephone to the Emergency Grants Chairman. Details of the contact person and telephone number appear in the current Multiple District Directory, under the Australian Lions Foundation Listing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

For further information contact Australian Lions Foundation Secretary or State Trustee
Address details are in the current issue of the Multiple District Directory*

Len Murray
District ALF Chairman 201Q1 2009-2010



CLUB NEWS

On Saturday 3 October the Lions Club of Kuraby organised a tree planting event at Kuraby. This also involved members of the Bulimba Creek Catchment group, Crescents of Brisbane, Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints Eight Mile Plains and local State MP, Stephen Robertson

This was the third such event the Kuraby Lions have organised with 450 trees planted as part of the re-vegetation plan for Bulimba Creek to help save the environment. The three projects have now resulted in approximately 1,800 trees being planted

These events also give members of our very diverse community an opportunity to come together as one for a common good and also enjoy a sausage sizzle as part of the day

David Forde
President, Lions Club of Kuraby



Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale Lions

The President of Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale Lions advises that the Club has a new Meeting Venue for both Board and Dinner Meetings.

Details are: **The venue is the Dining Room of the AVEO Centre just behind Westfield Carindale (19 Banchory Court, Carindale)**

It is also advised that Club Secretary Zoë Featherstone has had to step down because of changed work arrangements. Until a new Secretary is appointed all Club enquiries should be directed to Club President Jorge Salles.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT

Out of a maximum grant of US\$75k, our District recently received US\$50k from a standard grant to purchase equipment for Cabanda Aged Care. Projects that address important humanitarian need, support efforts beyond a single club/district, provide long-term benefits, serve large population, involve Lions hands-on activities and raise significant funds from local Lions clubs are suitable for application. Any clubs that have projects fit the above, please contact me for further details.

Not so long ago people of Manila suffered substantial damage from the typhoon and LCIF gave \$30k in Emergency Grants to Lions clubs in the Philippines to assist those in need. There are also recent disasters such as tsunami in Samoa, earthquake in Indonesia, of which LCIF provided needed disaster grants to local Lions clubs for the humanitarian services.

LCIF requires top of the Disaster Funds. Any club can donate to specific designated LICF fund such as "LCIF Samoa Tsunami Relief" and "LCIF Indonesia Earthquake Relief".

LIONS QUEST PROGRAM

Lions Quest is a life-skills program for children in kindergarten through to senior grades, which teaches skills to resist drugs, peer pressure and violence while building self-esteem, peer relations, decision-making and problem solving. The program is a world-wide initiative of LCIF and is taught in more than 50 countries.

The Lions Quest Advisory Committee met in August 2009 to review the current Core 4 Grant applications for Lion Quest projects. The submission by District 201Q4 for the expansion of Lions Quest in Lion Districts 201Q1, 201Q2, 201Q3 and 201Q4 especially in the Regional, Rural and Remote areas was approved for the amount of US\$100,000.

Our District Lions Quest Skills chairman is Kerry O'Bryan who would be more than pleased to provide further information as required.

PDG Peter Ho, LCIF Chair 2009-2011



Now, just why do we use that word?

yakka

Work, strenuous labour. Also used as a verb meaning 'to work'. The word is used especially in the phrase **hard yakka**. It comes from **yaga** meaning 'work' in the Yagara indigenous language of the Brisbane region. **Yakka** found its way into nineteenth-century Australian pidgin, and then passed into Australian English. First recorded 1847.

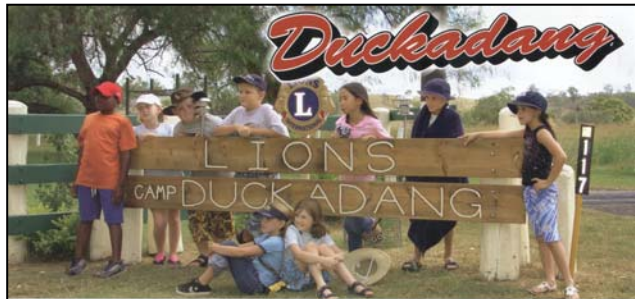


BLUE MOON

Once in a Blue Moon ... is a common way of saying *not very often*, but what exactly is a *Blue Moon*? According to the popular definition, it is the second Full Moon to occur in a single calendar month. The average interval between Full Moons is about 29.5 days, whilst the length of an

average month is roughly 30.5 days. This makes it very unlikely that any given month will contain two Full Moons, though it does sometimes happen. On average, there will be 41 months that have two Full Moons in every century, so you could say that *once in a Blue Moon* actually means *once every two-and-a-half years*. **When will be the next Blue Moon?**

ANSWER. : (December 2009 and then August 2012)



LIONS CAMP DUCKADANG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009

As **Chairman of the Board** I extend a hearty welcome to the Directors, members, and guests, to this the Annual General Meeting of Lions Camp Duckadang for the 2009 year. It is with pleasure that I present my report for the year to this meeting. **On the 21st 22nd February** 2009 the Board held a two day Planning Conference at the Camp. The Conference was facilitated by Ian Davies from Shoreline Business Group of Redcliffe. Our sincere thanks go to Ian for his donation to run this two day Planning meeting. I also take this opportunity to thank the Directors who attended the Conference. The two days hard work has given the Board a more positive focus on how the Camp can operate as a business. It also highlighted internal factors and challenges that the Board needs to address for the Camp to continue as a profitable operational business. The conference outlined the importance of the responsibilities and duties of a Director.

Continuing on from the Planning Conference, the Directors held a one day Marketing Planning meeting. This meeting was held on the 13th September 2009 at the Ipswich Redbank Goodna Lions Club Den. Our thanks to the Club for the use of their facilities and their catering. Again this day was very successful with outcomes giving the Marketing Committee positive directions and guidance. The proposals from this meeting are to be put to the next Board meeting for their consideration. **In my report for 2008** I stated that the Board had Committees structured with selected Chairmen. Those Committees and the Chairmen are: Administration and Operations Chairman, Peter Boge. Finance Chairman, Doug Evans. Marketing Chairman, Belinda Bowie. Assets - Property, Maintenance, and Grounds Chairman, Tom Boyle. The Chairmen have co-opted external members to their various Committees. With the recommendations from these committees, the Board now has plans and goals to set for the future development of the Camp. **I take this opportunity** to acknowledge the continuing strong financial support from our Lions and Lioness clubs across the three Districts. These donations are greatly appreciated. Without this continued support the task of

funding the improvements of the Camp would certainly be challenging. On behalf of the Board we thank you for your generosity.

The Camp working bees have been very successful this year and sincere thanks goes to the Lions, Lioness, their families, and friends who have given of their time to assist with these. This year's attendance at working bees has seen an increase in new clubs attending. It is always wonderful to see new faces and to hear their reaction of "why haven't we been here before". As we tell them, go back and tell other members of this great facility. I ask Clubs to consider contacting groups such as Special Schools, Youth groups etc. that might be in your area, and sponsor them to a visit to Camp Duckadang. **Lions Gloria and George Grant** continue to volunteer their services as acting Managers to the Camp when Bill and Anne are absent. The Board thanks you both for your continued support to the Camp. **Many thanks** to Secretary Peter Boge. Treasurer Doug Evans, and to the co-opted Committee members who have given their support to the Board, and the Camp. To our Camp Managers Bill and Anne, I convey the Boards appreciation for your wonderful efforts, it is most appreciated. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board Members and to the many members of our Organisation for your support during the last twelve months. I am confident that with your continued support the Camp will go from strength to strength. It has been a privilege to serve as your Board Chairman and to work with a group of like minded people all striving to make our Camp a little better each year.

PDG Brian Stringer
Chairman of the Board Lions Camp Duckadang

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The AGM was held on Saturday 10th October 2009, with 11 Delegates and 2 visitors from Petrie, Brisbane Bunya, Ipswich Redbank Goodna, Redcliffe Central, Albany Creek, Rosewood, Greater Springfield, Ormeau, Narangba, Coolum Beach and Brisbane Jindalee Lions Clubs were in attendance.

The 2009-10 Board of Directors is:-  
 Chairman: PDG Brian Stringer  
 Vice Chairman: Lion Belinda Bowie  
 Secretary Lion Peter Boge  
 Treasurer: PDG Doug Evans  
 Directors: Lions Tom Boyle, Andrew McDougall, Jamie Sims

**Next working bee is 19-20 of December.** Come along and have a great time. Working bees are a great way to fellowship with your own club members and pick the brains of other clubs about what is happening in their clubs. There are various activities for all to do. We are always keen to show off the brilliance of the Camp to all the Lions members. If it has been a little while since your last visit now might be a good time to reacquaint yourself with the "serenity of Duckadang". The camp is a project of the three districts, Q1, Q3 and Q4. Your generous contributions have enabled us to reline and erect a new shade cloth of the pool in time for the busy summer camps.

For more details please feel free to contact me.  
The Duckadang Board would like to express their appreciation for the on-going support of the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Districts 201Q1, Q3 and Q4.  
Regards from the gang of Duckadang

Lion Belinda Bowie  
Marketing and Promotions Chairman

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## Remembrance Day 2009

**Remembrance Day** urges all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered for Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts.

**Originally called Armistice Day**, this day once commemorated the end of hostilities for the Great War (WWI), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918. Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with 'no known grave'. On the first anniversary of the armistice, in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony. In London in 1920, the commemoration was given added significance with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front.

**After the end of World War II**, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

**Wear a Poppy on Remembrance Day.** The Flanders Poppy became accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The red poppies were among the first plants that sprouted from the devastation of the battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

**Soldiers' folklore** had it that the poppies were vivid red from having been nurtured in ground drenched with the blood of their comrades. Today we wear a poppy on Remembrance Day as a sign that we remember those who fought and lost their lives during wartime.

**On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 11am, please observe a minute's silence and remember those who have fought so we may have the freedoms that we enjoy today.**

NOTE: Flags flown at full-mast from 8.00am to 10.30am. Lower to half-mast until 11.03am and then raise to full-mast for the remainder of the day.



## Overheard at the bar:

I just read "The A-Z of Bradman", by Alan Eason, of Austral. It includes an entry for 'Granny' Scholz."

"Who did she play for?" asked a fellow Lion.

"She's the Cootamundra midwife who delivered on August 27, 1908, Donald George Bradman, and thus was literally the first person to get him out."

*Groan.*

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## *PID Ron Luxton presenting International President's Certificates of Appreciation at our 2009 District Convention ....*



Lion Mike Keim (Warwick)



Lion Tric Smith (Moreton Bay)



Lion Norm Jessen (Ormeau)