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DG's Message

Having experienced a great District Changeover night at the Macedon Spa Function room, we now turn our thoughts to convention in Tooleybuc at the end of October.

This is your time to celebrate our District, with interesting speakers, moving ceremonies, time to meet old friends from far-away clubs and renew friendships, introduce yourself to Lions you haven't met, enjoy a great Saturday night get-together, vote on a new District project, and elect your Governor and Vice Governors for 2010-2011.

District Chairmen will display their portfolios and answer questions, and a good time will be had by all.

If you have some "old-timers" in your club, those members who used to go to conventions but haven't been for a while now, please encourage them to book in for "Hooley Dooley come to Tooley" – and come along yourself, especially if you've never been to a convention, and have a good weekend away.

National Tree Day is Sunday 2nd August – with all the rain some areas have had, it's a good time to get down and dirty. Or cook a BBQ lunch for the tired and grubby gardeners/weeders/planters to enthruse them to put in an extra effort after lunch.

Have you planned your "Lions In Sight" activity for the end of January yet? Many clubs are already involved with Australia Day BBQ's and celebrations – maybe you could run a membership drive that day with a display of your activities, and brochures, asking others to join you. After all – why should you have all the fun when there are many people who would like to contribute to their community, use their skills or take a leadership role, but don't quite know how to go about it? A simple "Would you like to join us?" may be all that is needed to get another pair of hands to help you.

Congratulations to Hopetoun Lioness club and Woomelang Lions club, celebrating their 26th and 40th birthdays respectively, on the 5th and 8th of August.

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The Speed Field Days will be on the 5th and 6th of August, with local Lions in full swing organizing.

I hope to see all Lionesses at their Forum at Avoca on Sunday 23 August – not having been to one before I'm sure I'll be astounded at the activities showcased, and the enthusiasm of Lionesses in our District. Keep up the good work!!

I'll be rounding out the month with Council in Sydney, with the other 18 District Governors in MD201. If there is anything you'd like brought to the attention of the Multiple District, please get in touch – preferably in writing, and I'll do my best to put your case at Council.

Jill Qualtrough
District Governor

Peace Poster Contest



The International Peace Poster contest was created in 1988 to give young people an opportunity to express their thought and feelings about "Peace". Since then, more than 1.9 million children from approximately 66 countries have participated in the annual contest.

Each year, twenty four International finalists are selected to represent the work of 350,000 young participants.

“Power of Peace” is the 2009-10 theme for the Peace Poster Contest and Lions Clubs can sponsor the programme in their community for children in local schools or organize sponsorship youth groups.

Students aged 11, 12 or 13 on November 15 are eligible to participate.

Through the Contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the Contest theme.

In the very near future more information regarding the Peace Poster Contest will be forwarded to you from the District Peace Poster Chairman, Melissa Tung.

V1-4 Convention Details

Registration Forms are now available for the V1-4 District Convention, that is to be held at Tooleybuc over the October 23 / 25 weekend, and you should ask your Club Secretary for them, or download from the web site at www.lionsclubs.org.au/201v1-4 Costs have been kept to a minimum, hopefully, not to exceed those of last year so there is no reason for Lions not to attend.

The Convention Committee has worked hard and long to make this a great Convention, so let us all help to make the Convention a success.

For accommodation bookings please contact the Tooleybuc Sporting Club on 03 5030 5227



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



As the “Lions Eye Health Program – Australia” is a Category B MD Project, we have an obligation to ensure the gains and excellent results obtained by the program since its inception in Australia in 1991 continues.

Clubs are asked if they are able to return the Club Participation Registration form by 30th September to PDG Bill Duncanson, LEHP-Australia, PO Box 86, Camperdown Vic 3260, with a cheque drawn on the club’s Activities Account for \$4 per member.

New brochures have been produced on Old Eyes, Low Vision, Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy and Save Your Sight. There is also a dvd with 4 presentations to assist your club promote this program.

DIARY FOR AUGUST

National Tree Day	August 02
Sebastopol and District	August 03
Hopetoun Lioness 26th Charter	August 05
Woomelang 40th Charter	August 08
Speed	August 10
Fairfield	August 11
Maldon	August 17
Melbourne Host	August 18
Birchip	August 19
Inglewood	August 21
Lioness Forum, Avoca	August 23
Carisbrook	August 24
Beulah	August 26
Council Meeting Sydney	August 27-30

Welcome to our new Members:

Castlemaine: Harold South

Glenroy: Rosemary Kerr

Melbourne Chinese: Su Wei Thang

Lancefield Romsey: Brian Knight

Maiden Gully- Marong: Adrian Rickarby

Trentham: Jacinta Carboon, Jeffrey Lang

Maryborough: Joy Brown, Michael Wintle

With the Convention in October, the opportunity will arise for your Club to forward any nominations for the positions of District Governor, First or Second Vice District Governor and numerous Foundation vacancies.

If you have been thinking about your future in Lions, then this well might be your opportunity that you have been waiting for. Ask your Club to nominate you for one of the vacant positions coming up for contest at the Convention.

The appropriate application information is with your Secretary, so if you are keen, then inquire about the procedure and apply.

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