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DG's Message

Welcome to all members of the Lions family to another year of service to our communities. With some Changeovers celebrated and many still to come, we look forward to a host of exciting events on our calendars, the first of which from a District point of view is our Changeover at the Macedon Valley Resort - followed of course by the first Cabinet meeting for the year, at Woodend Community Centre, hosted by the Woodend Lions Club.

Our International President, Eberhard J Wirfs, from Essen in Germany, is promoting a Global Youth Music Competition, with the 7 finalists – one from each of the 7 Lions Constitutional areas – competing in the final at the International Convention in Sydney, June 2010.

This year, the competition will be for violinists, under the age of 25 on January 1 2010, and will be in two parts. In the first, contestants will perform one set piece, and 1 other of their choosing from a repertoire list. The second part will be a public concert, where they will perform a second piece of their choice from the repertoire list. The jury – five musicians of high reputation – will judge on both parts.

Prize money will be 1st US \$10,000, 2nd US \$7,000 and 3rd US \$3,000. The instrument will change every year, and is selected from a list of 10 classical instruments. As Mr Wirfs comments, "we need to continue to encourage Lions to work and serve with youth as we continue to grow our association."

Eberhard Wirfs is also promoting "Lions in Sight", where during the last two weeks in January, all clubs are asked to organize one significant public relations activity. Showcase your favourite service program, or unique program in your community. Be creative, and be "In Sight" where your club can be seen. Start planning your PR activity now – PR Chairman Harry Brindley will be only too happy to assist. Contact him on harry4hat@bigpond.com

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As one of my DG's projects this year, I am asking clubs if they could support "StepAhead Australia", formerly known as the Spinal Cord Society Australia. The following initiatives are in a large part, a result of the unparalleled and continued support that StepAhead Australia receives from Lions Australia.

Firstly, a partnership to establish a dedicated, world class spinal cord research laboratory at St. Vincent's Hospital, and secondly, a proposal to establish an Australian first clinical trial involving patients with Cervical Myelopathy, a form of degenerative spinal cord injury, that often ends in paralysis and for which there is currently no cure.

To this end, when I visit your club, or attend any other function during the year (including Cabinet and Council meetings, Changeovers, and Convention in Tooleybuc) I will be passing around the "High Five" tin, looking to relieve you of the onerous task of transporting your spare 5c pieces around in your wallets. I'm aiming to fill the tin "Five" times during the year, donating the funds to "StepAhead Australia" in twelve months time. The club who correctly guesses (or is closest to) the final amount raised will receive a certificate and small prize, presented at Convention.

I'm looking forward to a great year for V1-4, with many new members and lots of activities. I know a high-light for me will be visiting you all, and seeing what you are doing for your community – start saving those 5c coins!

Jill Qualtrough
District Governor

District Changeover and Installation Night

Venue:	Macedon Valley Room 652 Black Forest Drive-Macedon
Cost:	\$40-00 per head
Dress:	Lounge suit
Time:	6-30 for 7-00Pm start
RSVP:	To Cabinet Secretary Phil 5387 1577 by July 11 2009

V1-4 Convention Details

To be held at Tooleybuc: October 23/24/25 2009

Information concerning costs, Notices of Motion, call for Nominations to follow in the August Bulletin.

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

District Governor's Competition

If you would like your club to be in the running to win the DG's Top Club Award, there are a number of ways you can do this.

- Read the conditions listed in the President's and Secretary's workbooks.
- Ask your club secretary to fill in the reporting form from their workbook, and return it to Assistant Cabinet Secretary PDG John Thorpe by mail, or on-line
- Post or email a copy of your club bulletin or newsletter to DG Jill each time it is produced

Banner patches will be awarded after the end of the year, at convention in Maryborough October 2010.

V1-4 District Awards

Four awards will also be decided at the end of the year:-

The Gus Shannon Membership Award:

This will recognize a club for its membership achievement.

The Award will be based on information provided by Clubs to the Assistant Cabinet Secretary in their Club's Monthly Membership Report.

VISITATIONS FOR AUGUST

DG Arrive Home from Minneapolis	July 13
Lancefield-Romsey Changeover	July 18
District Changeover	July 25
Cabinet First Meeting at Woodend	July 26
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 28-30

The Russell Eastwood Best Club Project Award:

The award will recognize the best club project conducted during the year.

To be eligible a project must be nominated by a Club within the District.

The Elaine Bouchier Media Award:

The awards will consist of:-

- A plaque for the reporter submitting the winning article.
- A Certificate of Appreciation for the media outlet who releases the article.
- A District Banner Patch for the club that submits the project to the winning media outlet.

To be eligible a project must be nominated by a Club within the District

The Loyola Jackson Environmental Project Award:

The award will recognize the best Environmental Project. To be eligible a project must be nominated by a club within the District.

Website: www.lionsclubs.org.au/201v1-4