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## DG's Message

**What a great weekend up north!!** Hart walkers, Lions comfort bears, Antarctica and Righteous Pups, together with great entertainment, a beautiful Remembrance Ceremony on the river banks in the early morning, a fantastic venue with everything in the one place, an abundance of food, good fellowship and fun - what more could a convention ask for!!

Many thanks to all those who helped with the planning or presenting of this wonderful time.



Congratulations also to all those who stood for office and were successful:

- District Governor Elect – Graeme Lukey
- 1st VDG Elect – Phil Sheriff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect – Fred Jacobs
- Victorian Lions Foundation 2010-2013 – PDG Helen Campbell
- Lions Village Licola Inc Board of Management – PDG Helen Campbell
- Victorian Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation 2010-2012 – PDG Eric Gittins & Winston Van Haltren
- Convention Host City 2011-2012 – LC St. Arnaud
- Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation 2010-2011 – Marie Caven

Well done also to the following clubs:-

- LC Melton - Russell Eastwood Club Project Award
- LC Speed - Gus Shannon Membership Award
- LC Birchip – Loyola Jackson Environmental Award
- LC Warracknabeal - Elaine Bouchier Media Award
- LC Sebastopol - QUAHD

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Congratulations to the Lions Clubs of Carisbrook and **Heathcote** on receiving ALF grants recently, and to Northcote and Fairfield Lions clubs on receiving a \$US75, 000 grant to extend Fairfield Lions Village.

Also congratulations to Coburg Lions Club on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### Our Lionesses:

A successful forum was held at Avoca, hosted by the Lioness Club of Bacchus Marsh and all Clubs were well represented along with a very welcome visit by DG Jill Qualtrough and ZC Fred Jacobs.

Clubs reported being busy with catering, meals on wheels, emergency hospital packs, transport, palliative care volunteering, reading tapes for the blind, sausage sizzles, operating op shops, donating blood, shopping for the elderly, organizing a Blue light disco, and donating 300 free books to children during literacy week.

**Members total 70                      Service hours 1627**  
**Money raised \$14,104-00      Donated \$14,200-00**

### Leos: INVITATION TO ATTEND:

#### Leo Club of Central Melbourne Charter Night:

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at the Abuzzo Club.  
377 Lygon St. Brunswick East.

3 course meal @ \$45-00, drinks at bar prices.

Dress code: Lounge suit / after five wear.

RSVP: November 20<sup>th</sup> – Clare 0414 252 735

## Sunraysia “Edge of The Outback”

Lions Australia 58th National Convention  
Mildura 30th April – 3rd May 2010

### CONVENTION UPDATE

The Mildura region is renowned for its big skies, rich earth and welcoming locals. Experience respected wine and bountiful local produce that is chosen in the preparation of great food served up at quality restaurants and available at markets, eateries and cellar doors. Discover breathtaking natural beauty, Mediterranean climate and fascinating local histories, accommodation in comfortable motels, at pubs, resorts, golf clubs and historic hotels. All of this is located near the region's life source – the wide, ceaselessly flowing Murray. It starts with the river.

#### National Parks

There are over one million hectares of national parks around the Mildura region protecting unique environments and abundant flora and fauna. See Pink Lakes, ancient dunes, fossils, rare birds and discover the local Aboriginal history.

#### Arts in Mildura

Mildura is a regional arts hub with a long tradition and a vibrant local community of writers, artists and performers. Call in at a gallery, book a seat at a performance, or choose an event from the busy calendar of arts and cultural events.

Nothing is too far away! If you require assistance with your accommodation needs, the friendly Staff at the Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre will attend to your enquiries.

Toll Free Phone 1 800 039 043. Make sure that you mention the Lions Convention.

Obtaining a bed in Mildura will not be difficult. This City is blessed with a multitude of Accommodation Properties to suit every need. Why not take a look at [www.visitmildura.com.au](http://www.visitmildura.com.au) and see just what is on offer. Rates start from around \$ 60.00 per night. Caravan Parks – Motels – Hotels – Apartments – Houseboats – in fact everything for everyone.

Qantas Link has 4 Flights per day from Melbourne and Virgin Blue has also commenced flying Jet aircraft into Mildura.

#### STOP PRESS!

Registration Form now available online at [www.lionsclubs.org.au](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au) under “Conventions”.

### DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Harcourt	November 05
V2 Convention Camperdown	November 06-08
Avoca	November 09
Coburg 50 <sup>th</sup> celebrations	November 14
Buninyong Mt Helen	November 16
Melton	November 17
Maiden Gully-Marong	November 19
Lancefield Romsey	November 24
Caroline Springs	November 25
Kyneton	November 26
Bendigo Bushfire Relief Zone dinner	November 30

### WELCOME to our newest Members:

Wycheproof:	Neil Harrington	
St Arnaud:	Scott Smith	
Rainbow:	Dirk Potgieter	
Ballarat:	Brigitte Runge	Bill Sleep
	Trevor Brewer	Geoff Hedt
Bendigo:		Wayne Wallis

### Transfer Members

Please throw out all old transfer member forms and use the new form available on the web, or from Assistant Cabinet Secretary John Thorpe 5341 3003 [jandmthorpe@bigpond.com](mailto:jandmthorpe@bigpond.com) when transferring a member. It is by far an improved form and should be used even if a transfer is processed electronically.

By the way **DO NOT** as suggested on the pro-forma forward a copy to LCI as it should be sent to John.

### Thought for the Month :

When participants in workshops and seminars summarize the key leadership practices that make a difference in getting extraordinary things accomplished, recognizing people's contributions is on just about every list.

Two out of five volunteers stop volunteering for one or more of these reasons: not good use of time, poor use of talents, tasks not clearly defined, or not thanked. Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

Make sure your fellow club members' efforts are acknowledged - **let people know that their contribution to their club and their community is valued.**

Jill Qualtrough  
District Governor