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## DG's Message

### SYDNEY Convention 28 June – 2 July 2010

Have you considered going to our International Convention next year? Why not offer your services as a volunteer? Presently there are 300 Lions who have expressed an interest. The goal is to recruit 1,000 people from the Lions family and the community. Prospective Volunteers can express their interest on line; at

<http://sites.google.com/site/lions2010volunteers> or contact Executive Secretary John Powell for an Expression of Interest form. Write to John Powell, Executive Secretary, The Menkens Apartments, 26/161 Scott Street, Newcastle 2300 or 02 4925 2160 or email [johnpowell2010@yahoo.com.au](mailto:johnpowell2010@yahoo.com.au)

With less than a year to go before the start of the Convention, there is much to do with the training and uniforming of Volunteers. It is expected that Volunteer applications will close mid February 2010.

And don't forget our **District Convention in Tooleybuc**, towards the end of this month – **have you registered yet?** There are some great guest speakers you won't want to miss and a Remembrance Ceremony first thing Sunday morning on the river bank. Bring your new members along with you and show them a good time away, with Lions friends.

Congratulations to **Maldon Lions Club** for receiving an ALF emergency grant for \$2500 to assist a local family that lost their house and contents in a fire recently.

**Travels with Leah Lion** – Leah meets her match at Carisbrook & Mt Bolton! Check out where else she's been on the V1-4 website at [www.lionsclubs.org.au/201v1-4](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201v1-4)



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### Thought for the Month

"To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding". How long is it since you invited another club to join in with you for a social evening or an activity? Why not organize a bowls night or a trip to a local event, and invite other clubs to join you?

Much of the fun in Lions comes from meeting old friends at Lions functions, and making new ones – why not challenge a club in your neighbouring zone to a games night, with the winners to host the challenge again next year!

Please send me the postcard indicating which schools are participating in **Peace Poster** this year. Any entries received by 15 Oct can be displayed at Tooleybuc, with final judging of all entries on 15 November.

Jill Qualtrough  
District Governor

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, September 18, 2009 – At a time when many membership organizations are seeing a decline in members, Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, has recorded two straight years of membership increase. This is its first consecutive years of membership increase since the 1990s.

"Our membership around the world has increased by nearly 30,000 members in the past two years," says Eberhard J. Wirfs, President of Lions Clubs International.

**Lions Clubs International is the only service club with a growing worldwide membership.**

Lions established three times as many new clubs in July and August as they did during the same time last year. "Our membership increase is being driven by an **increase in women and family members**," says Wirfs. "We are growing because we are showing how Lions clubs are making a difference – how we work in local communities, nationally and internationally on behalf of others."

Congratulations to members of the **MERL** (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership) team on the running of the membership workshop in Taylor's Lakes in early September. This hard-working team put in a huge effort to try to get a new club off the ground, and I thank them for that.

Club Presidents – do you have your **3-person membership team** in place, to build up numbers in your club? See page 83 of the new Club Administration manual (revision #3, dated 7 Nov 2008). It may also be wise to brush-up on your nomination and election procedures, and acceptance of transfer members, and the types of membership that are available to new members of Lions pg 86 – 91.

Please help V1-4 win the **Big Blood Bank Challenge** during the months of November December and January. We've issued the challenge to all the other Districts, so encourage your members to join in this good cause.

The **High-5 tin** has been emptied for the third time, with \$140.45 this time – a total now of \$573.70. Thanks Lions – I know StepAhead will appreciate your generosity.



### Convention information

**With the last of the Convention voting requirements finalized on September 23 the stage is set for a meaningful Convention. Delegate numbers are more than last year and with registration to be finalized by October 9<sup>th</sup>. the total numbers of Conventioneers should be encouraging.**

**There will be at least three Notices of Motion that will have to be attended to, and the various executive positions and Foundation representatives will have to be voted for.**

**Ron Thomas PDG  
Cabinet Secretary**

## DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Brim	October 06
Robinvale	October 07
Essendon Gala Dinner	October 08
Cabinet Social night Ballarat	October 10
Cabinet Haddon	October 11
Speed	October 12
Ascot Vale, Broadmeadows, Brunswick	
Coburg, Roxburgh Park	October 13
Wendouree, Ballarat	October 14
Kangaroo Flat	October 21
Tooleybuc Convention	October 23-25

## WELCOME to our newest Members:

Carisbrook:	Len Beasy
Woomelang:	Simon Barbery Darrell Boxall
Creswick:	Maree Wills Horst Penning
Reservoir:	Leanne Roache Anthony Clarke (Hon member)
Glenroy:	Ross Pollard (transfer in)
Sebastopol:	Vilma Lindsay

### **District Governor's Competition 2009-2010:**

The District Governor's Competition is open to all Clubs in the District and entry is by the simple process of completing the reporting form, on page 21 in your Secretary's workbook, either monthly or 3 monthly. Competition points are accumulated by attending to the tasks as set out in the guidelines on page 20 of the Secretary workbook. At the completion of the 2009-10 year, the Club who has accumulated the most points will be judged the winner and a banner patch recognizing the award will be presented at the District Convention in Maryborough in 2010.

Reporting forms should be mailed or e-mailed to the Assistant cabinet Secretary, PDG John Thorpe, PO Box 615 Buninyong,3357: or [jandmthorpe@bigpond.com](mailto:jandmthorpe@bigpond.com)

### **Lion Magazine**

If you are receiving a copy of the Lion magazine that you don't require (some households receive 2, if both husband and wife are members) just contact Cabinet Secretary Ron Thomas [rlthomas@qonline.com.au](mailto:rlthomas@qonline.com.au) or phone 5345 3344 to opt out of receiving that copy. Alternatively, add your club contact details to the back cover and leave the magazine in your local Doctor's surgery!