



DG's Message

Congratulations to Donald, Maryborough and Reservoir Lions clubs on receiving **ALF grants**, for \$2000 to be put towards a Cart for Riding for the Disabled,(Maryborough) and \$2790 Ground Improvements – Excelsior House (Temporary Home for Hospital Patients & Visiting Families) - (Reservoir). Donald has received \$5,110 for Restoration of a bathroom for a Cancer Sufferer. The Australian Lions Foundation is proud to support Clubs and their worthy projects through the approval of Grants for their community projects – please remember the ALF when making your disbursements at the end of the year.

I don't know how many of you know about **Lions Quest**, or how much you know about this great International project. Lions Quest is a premium project of LCIF, second only to Sightfirst II, and operates in 47 countries worldwide. It is held in high regard by educators because it provides teachers with the resources to give students practice in the skills they need to become respectful, resilient and responsible young people. It is unique in that it contains a solid section of Service Learning, which we as Lions know is important in becoming a well rounded person.

The Board of Directors of the Australian Lions Quest Youth Institute Ltd consists of State Directors, with the Victorian Director being PDG Helen Campbell, hcamp@connexus.net.au (03) 9386 7196.

The Australian Directors are working hard to raise the profile of this program and to expand the coverage in Australia. We have received Core 4 grants from LCIF for 4 Australian Districts including V1-4.

In Australia, we present the Lions Quest programs in a one-day interactive workshop for teachers and leaders. I would recommend that you attend one of these workshops if you find one being held near you. It will certainly advise you of what is happening. Even better – contact PDG Helen to arrange a workshop for schools in your zone - **because all young people need skills for life.**

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Lions Recycle for Sight

Following discussions with the Lioness Club of Lae, 2500 pairs of glasses have been provided for a clinic in Mt Hagan PNG.

More importantly, this will increase the profile and public acceptance of that Lioness Club's support of its countrymen and build Lionism in PNG. LCI has been kept informed of the progress and the opportunity involved. This is a project that could become a regular occurrence and because of relationship will be most cost effect.

Already the Lioness Club has been invited to send representatives (their own and anyone they wish) to the 2 weeks clinic being arranged. This may generate more interest in Lionism in the area, especially if many locals attend the regular clinic. Please continue to collect used spectacles and forward them to 2nd VDG Phil Sheriff or direct to the depot in Redcliffe.

And while we're mentioning Lioness clubs.....Lions club secretaries – don't forget to add Lioness hours onto your club hours when reporting on the MAR. Your Lioness club is your project and their hours worked can be included in your total for the month.

Thought for the Month

"Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself". Are you living up to our Code of Ethics in your everyday life? Are you "Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise: to build up and not destroy"??? These Ethics aren't just for once a month or once a year when read out at a Lions meeting – they are there for a reason, and we need to remember them before we act or speak.

Jill Qualtrough
District Governor

Donations to **Lions Clubs International (LCIF)** provide funding in the form of grants to financially assist groups of Lions Clubs, Zones, & Districts with large scale humanitarian projects that are too extensive for individual Clubs to finance on their own. LCIF aids Lions in making greater impact in their local communities. Every hour a Lion dedicates to serve others makes the world a better place.

At the 51st MD Convention, Hobart 2003, a resolution was approved to establish an Australian "Lions Club International Foundation Fund". Over 7 years, the purpose was to create a fund of not less than \$200,000 for a donation to LCIF. This donation is to be presented on behalf of the Australian Lions Family at the 2010 Sydney LCI International Convention. Further it was agreed that the voluntary contribution (payable from the Activities account) would be \$2-00 per member per annum.

So many Clubs have consistently complied with the Hobart motion and annually forward their donation and to those who haven't, please make your donation with payment of your semi annual dues or forward a cheque made out to "Lions Clubs International Foundation Fund-Sydney 2010" to your Cabinet Treasurer.

The new LCIF Development Plan wants to approve many more grants. Has your Club or Zone looked for an LCIF project yet?

LCIF grants preserve sight, combat disability, promote health or serve youth. Grants also provide both immediate assistance following natural disasters and long-term disaster relief for reconstruction efforts. Often it is Lions' service in times of disaster that makes the greatest impact. In Australia, Lions remember past floods, cyclones and bush fires and their efforts for the communities in these areas.

Please help the Australian Lions grow and make your communities a better place by supporting and using Lions Clubs International Foundation.

PDG Nigel Jeny
LCIF MD201 Co-ordinator

CONVENTION MATTER:

To be returned to me by September 23rd are your Clubs Remembrance & Convention Delegate / Alternate forms plus one nomination for the Victorian Lions Foundation and one nomination for the Lions Village Licola Inc. Board of Management.

Ron Thomas
Cabinet Secretary.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Riddells Creek	September 02
Extension Workshop, Taylors Lakes	September 5-7
Mt Bolton	September 14
Reservoir	September 15
Swan Hill	September 16
Ouyen	September 17
Ballan, Ballan Lioness, Bacchus Marsh and Bacchus Marsh Lioness	September 21
Nyah	September 22
Haddon	September 23
Donald	September 24
Strathfieldsaye, Golden City Bendigo Lioness	September 28
Heathcote	September 30

WELCOME to our newest Members:

Essendon:	Natalie Sykes Hutchins Hamish Jones
Speed:	Tim Monaghan
Culgoa:	Robert Ince
Donald:	Brian Smith
Maldon:	Jennifer & Ken Fitzpatrick
Reservoir:	Deborah Brown
Trentham:	Annette Herbst
Ballan:	Andrew Pitman
Rainbow:	Donald Fisher, Gregory Roberts, Stephen Newton
Woodend:	Thierry Bertalmio, Barry McDonald, Denis Sterley, Shane Van Hoof.

Commonwealth Volunteer Grants 2009

Commonwealth Volunteer Grants have opened, with applications closing 25th Sept 2009.
More information at web site www.fahcsia.gov.au

Clubs can apply for max grant of \$5000 for equipment - see guidelines
Those clubs that do meals on wheels or provide transport can apply for up to \$2500 towards cost of fuel.
Small clubs should consider including other community groups as part of their application - the number of volunteers assisted is considered when these grants are awarded.

District Projectors can be used by Lions club members. Contact Geoff Stubbs (Melton), Maureen Thorpe (Buninyong Mt Helen), DG Jill (Strathfieldsaye), Graham Allen (Maiden Gully-Marong), Graham Gaylard (Swan Hill), Eric Gittins (Northcote) or Willi Dutschke (Warracknabeal) to borrow a projector. You'll need to provide your own screen and laptop computer.