

District Governor's Newsletter 2008-2009



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Working together for our Communities

If it has to be ... then it is up to me

District Governor's Message

July 2008

The 2008-2009 International Theme: "Miracles through Service" is International President Albert F. Brandel's theme which focuses on Community Service and Lions Membership. "Working together for our Communities" has been what each of us have been doing for many years and is my theme for this year and ties in with our international theme.

Shadow Cabinet was held at Geelong RSL. Incoming Offices instruction was undertaken at Port Fairy and Torquay where new areas of training were introduced. The success of future training sessions is reliant upon the input from all participating clubs and we urge you to continue your support and contribution. Numerous congratulatory telephone calls and emails have been received acknowledging the Presenters at the functions. Our thanks are extended to Leadership Chairman PDG Terry Uniacke, current Asst Cabinet Secretary (ex Membership Chairman) Jim Kent and Cabinet Treasurer PDG John Greenwood, Extension Chairman Ivan Panton and Leadership Chairman 2007/2008 PDG's Bill Duncanson, and Extension Chairman 2007/2008 Alan Price for their contribution. A special thank you is offered to Immediate Past District Governor Gordon Williams for his time and effort in attending both the Incoming Officers instructions where he welcomed all participants.

Thank you to the Executive of the Lions Clubs of Port Fairy & Torquay for arranging the venues for the training sessions

and Lions/Partners for providing morning tea and lunch.

One person can inspire hundreds to achieve. Will all Clubs consider the next time a Lion/Lioness/Leo from your Club is awarded or accomplishes a special deed let us all know – SHARE THE NEWS – these special Members are our motivators and can inspire us to achieve more.

The harsh conditions associated with "drought" have been experienced throughout our communities for some time; more recently "flood" conditions are being experienced in some areas. Members of the community, especially our rural communities, are under enormous stress from these conditions and need assistance. We have introduced two new portfolios - Mental Health & Community Development and are hopeful of assisting those members suffering from stress in our community; our Clubs of Altona and Camperdown have recently actioned Mental Health.

Thank you to all Lions for the privilege and honour you have bestowed by appointing me your District Governor. I will truly work to the very best of my ability as will all members of Cabinet. "We are your Cabinet" and, at the same time, Lions who also work for our own Clubs. Recently I completed my year as President of The Lions Clubs of Altona, Inc and I sincerely thank my Executive, Lion Tamer and every Member & Partner for a wonderful year – it was a privilege to be President of such a hard working and caring Club.

Congratulations to IPDG Gordon and

Lions Lady Helene on a superb year. I know they enjoyed every moment and worked diligently for us. On your behalf, I wish Gordon and Helene good health and an enjoyable year of catching up with family and friends and, as they continue their Lions work, may they enjoy the slower pace. IPDG Gordon is this year Membership Chairman for the Lions Club of Kaniva, so he will be busy as he is also Districts Foundations Chairman.

To Members of the Lions Club of Stawell, Inc. "thank you all" on behalf of District for the assistance you provided in relation to the District Changeover and the Zone (Region) Meeting.

Please think about attending the Convention in Edenhope. The Lions Club of Edenhope, Inc are working tirelessly to ensure another great V2 Convention. I look forward to seeing everyone wearing their country costumes - I believe each table will be a "township" – is this right Chairman Malcolm?

In recent years we have received nominations from a number of Clubs wishing to host the Convention and I believe the trend has continued this year. We are indeed fortunate and will be receiving multiple submissions and I wish all Clubs well in their submissions.

This year I will be accompanied by two (2) Partners – District Chairman Youth of the Year Malcolm will join me on Visitations, while Lion Edna Uniacke will be my Partner's Co-ordinator at District Functions.

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Please take time to assist Cabinet Secretary Stewart Pyers, his position as Cabinet Secretary is a very busy one. I urge you to adhere to Stewart's deadlines which will enable him to keep within the reporting timeline set by Cabinet, Multiple District and International.

Lions/Lioness/Leos & Partners enjoy the new Lions year. The time you give to Lions and your Communities is greatly appreciated. Remember to make time for yourself, your family, work and most importantly, ensure fun and laughter are present every day.

With visitations commencing on Tuesday, 15 July, 2008 time will no doubt fly. Mal-

colm and I are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

***Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean.***

Mary Harlow
District Governor

THE GOVERNOR'S SIDEKICKS DG'S PARTNER

On behalf of DG Mary and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to Welcome all Partners to this Lions year. This includes not only those Partners attending Cabinet Meetings but Partners of all Lions within our District "V2", your support is very much appreciated and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as is possible on DG Mary's visitations.

We are very fortunate and some would say blessed within V2 in that the Partners are a vital ingredient of why V2 has a very good reputation throughout Lions and you are all to be commended on the support you provide.

I would like to thank Lion Edna on accepting the appointment of "Partners Co-ordinator" for the upcoming year, Lion Edna will be looking after you all whilst your Partners attend the various Cabinet Meetings & District Functions throughout the year. My position on Cabinet was not in DG Mary's original plans but due to circumstances, I have now taken on the Youth of the Year District portfolio. Having been a Partner under Lion Edna's leadership I know all of you are in good hands.

I would also like to thank all those Partners whom attended the Shadow Cabinet meeting in Geelong on Saturday, 5 April especially for the presentation of the "Hand Bag" and as promised, I will make sure it accompanies me on my visitations.

By the time you get to read this (will have to get used to writing in the past tense) DG Mary and I would have attended both the Multiple District and International Conventions which for us includes receiving further training for the upcoming year which then leads us into DG Mary's Induction. We shall also be catching up with friends both old and new and as Lion Edna previously mentioned these Conventions are a great

way to meet other Lions and Partners from a variety of different areas. Would strongly recommend you consider attending one sometime in the future. To those Lions and Partners travelling to Bangkok, Thank you, your support was most appreciated by DG Mary and me. I take this opportunity to also thank all those Partners whom have wished me well throughout my travels.

Lastly, I would like to thank both IPDG Gordon and Lions Lady Helene for the Leadership they have given this past year to both the District and Partners of V2.

IPDG Gordon and Lions Lady Helene thank you both on behalf of DG Mary and myself for your friendship and assistance in many areas during the Lions year 2007/08.

Lion Malcolm Harlow

DG'S PARTNER COORDINATOR

Welcome to all Partners of the best District 201V2. DG Mary's motto for 2008/09 is W.U.T.S. (With Us They Succeed). The Partners are a very special part in the Lions organisation. With your support the Lions can succeed and do a great service to our community, District 201V2 and Lions International.

Thank-you must go out to the Partners of our cabinet as we started the year in a great way at our Shadow Cabinet meeting at Geelong.

The fellowship between the Partners was overwhelming and this is only the beginning. If there is opportunity for you to meet with other Lions and Partners take up the challenge and go, don't say I'll do it another time.

Partners of Cabinet members and other interested Lions Partners join us when you can at cabinet meetings and get a real friendship with others; you will benefit beyond belief meeting them again at District Conventions, Multiple District Conventions and International Conventions.

PDG Terry and I have attended the Multi-

ple District Convention in Darwin and had a great time with all our fellow Lions and when you read this we will have attended the International Convention at Bangkok to support DG Mary and Lion Malcolm.

If you ever get a chance to attend a Multiple District Convention or International Convention take the opportunity as it broaden your perspective of Lionism and you meet many great Partners from other countries. A great opportunity is 2009 the Multiple District Convention is in Melbourne; put it in your diary.

DG Mary has kindly appointed me the Partners Co-ordinator, this is because Malcolm has a portfolio as a District Chairman; Malcolm and I will liaise closely with regard to the Partners. I would like to thank DG Mary for this honour and wish her and Malcolm every success for their year as DG.

I would like also to thank Lions Lady Helene for her leadership with the partners for 2007/08, a great job Helene. IPDG Gordon and Lions Lady Helene relax and enjoy the slower pace.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason; I would like to hear from you.

Lion Edna Uniacke



***We Serve
Miracles
Through
Service***

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ITINERARY

July

- 12th District Changeover – Stawell
 13th Zone/Region Meeting – Stawell
 15th Edenhope
 16th Dunkeld & District
 17th Lake Bolac & District
 21st Forrest & District
 22nd Simpson & District
 23rd Timboon
 24th Mortlake
 28th Coleraine
 29th Peshurst & District

August

- 2nd Cabinet dinner – Skipton
 3rd Cabinet meeting – Skipton
 4th Macarthur & District
 6th Merino & District
 7th Heywood
 11th Murtoa
 12th City of Horsham
 13th Nhill
 14th Kaniva
 18th Koroit

NEW MEMBERS

District Governor Mary has pleasure in welcoming the following new Members into our District and thanks their Sponsors for their great work.

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altona	Judy Altona	Malcolm Harlow
	Peter Russell	Malcolm Harlow
Geelong	Sheenagh Mulroy	Brian Edward
Portland	Emma Uniacke	Terry Uniacke
	Edna Uniacke	Terry Uniacke
Bannockburn & District	Franca Forrest	Collin Forrest

ATTENTION - CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION

There are three remaining Self Contained Cottages still available for booking as follows:

- ARDWICK HOMESTEAD 12k's West of Edenhope has 2 D/B and 5 Singles 55 865 255.
- PLOVER INN 2 D/B 14k's North of Edenhope 55 865 268
- 'NERRINYERIE' COTTAGE 15 min. from Edenhope on the Harrow Rd.. 55 881 216.

Contact Lion Deanna Farranfield, Convention Accommodation Coordinator on **55851719** or deeff@bigpond.com.

LEADERS IN LIONS

Every person who joins a Lions Club is a potential President and each one should be capable of accepting that challenge.

Lions Clubs are organised to provide leadership in many positions. e.g.,

- Committee Chairman
- Project Chairman
- Tailtwister
- Lion Tamer
- Club Director

These are all leadership positions.

I have visited many Clubs where members proudly boast of being Club Secretary 6 times or Club Treasurer 7 times. We have even in other Districts had District Governor's repeating that job. While this may provide some development for that individual member I feel that after having done a job twice in Lions you are then really only becoming like the man who applied for a job saying he has had 20 years experience in that work. The employer wanted to know whether he had had 20 years experience or 1 years experience 20 times.

It is important to retain new members by giving them the chance to grow. This is why Lions change their office-bearers each year. If the same Lions keep taking on the same jobs then there is no room for the new member to develop his/her own skills and **these are the Lions your Club will lose.**

The basis for a successful Club is in genuinely caring for each member, and one way to do this is for **EVERY** member to have a go at each position.

Believe it or not you don't have to be a good writer to be a good Club Secretary and you don't have to be a Bank Manager to be a good Club Treasurer. In fact many Bank Managers make poor Club Treasurers.

ALL YOU NEED IS A WILLINGNESS TO TRY.

Lions International and Your Club have a wealth of experience and information to assist you with your development. At one Club where I was a member the man who took on the job of President in a particular year was probably one of the most inarticulate people you could find anywhere, yet that year the Club won the Premier Club award for 201 V because he had the back-up of experienced members and Lions International.

Lions International has been going for 90 years and has 1000's of Clubs throughout the World. Not every Club has experts running their Club each year and yet the Clubs survive and thrive because ordinary people are prepared to have a go and

Because Lions Clubs International has a system that works.

Do yourself a favour—have a go!

PDG Terry Uniacke
 Leadership Chairman

LEO, LEO EXTENSION & YOUNG

LEADERS IN SERVICE

Firstly I must thank DG Mary, for allowing me to be on her cabinet & have this very important port folio. We currently ONLY have 3 active Leo Clubs & 2 in recess, in this great district of 69 Clubs, I know we can do much better than this, as we are the No 1 district in Australia. Yes other districts ask of many projects how do you manage to be so successful.

I realise some Clubs have a meeting point in a small town, but I see no reason for a Zone not to have a Leo Club & the Clubs encourage the youth of their town to become a member of the Leo Club. This could be done by a school being the base & the members meet at a time suitable to them, even encourage some of the older youth of the area to make it a combined Alpha & Omega Club

I ask all Zone & District Chairman, when you do your visits, to promote Leos, as they are the Lions of the future.

I will encourage your Club to undertake Young Leaders in Service in a later newsletter.

Lion Ken Johnston
Chairman

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

A range of Lions Publications, Forms and brochures are available for downloading directly from the MD website. A sample of available publications are:

- Club Administration Manual
- Cake Chairman's Manual
- Retention Club Meetings
- Retention Club Dynamics
- LEO Club Manual
- YOTY Forms
- Club Supplies Order Form
- MD201 Constitution
- LCI Constitution
- 2008 Membership Club Growth Program
- A range of Membership forms and brochures

CLUB WEBSITE UPDATES

As we start off the new Lions Year, Club Webmasters are reminded to update their club websites with new office bearer information as appropriate. Any Club who requires assistance please contact the District Webmaster at V2lions@live.com.au

TUTORIALS FOR CLUB OFFICERS AND ZONE CHAIRMEN

Comprehensive tutorials and aids for the Club President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Zone Chairman are available from the MD201 website (www.lionsclubs.org.au). These aids have been developed by the Multiple District Membership Extension and Retention (MERL) Committee. The section includes installation ceremonies and other tools for members at all levels.

LIONS ALERT PROGRAMME

Lions have always been a part of emergency support within Australia. Whether it be by providing direct help as members of the local bushfire brigade or SES, helping out as tradespeople in rebuilding

efforts, providing food, clothing and a friendly face to emergency workers; or raising dollars to help local communities recover - LIONS ARE ALWAYS THERE.

The Lions Alert program is about Lions being organised and available to help out where needed. This page is the one stop information resource to find out about what Lions is doing to help.

Lions Emergency response plan is currently under development and provides a mechanism for Lions to support their communities in local, State-wide, National or International emergencies.

Lions National "Lions Alert" Chairperson is the Executive Officer - Rob Oerlemans. The Multiple District Council has established an emergency response team consisting of the Council Chairmen, four District Governors and the Executive Officer who coordinate our emergency response. Each District has also established a District Emergency Committee.



UPDATES TO DISTRICT CABINET CONTACTS

Please note the following changes to the District contacts card:

District Chairman Mints

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Email: lscholte@bigpond.net.au

District Chairman Youth of the Year

Malcolm Harlow
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District Chairman Licola

Eva Barwise
(H) 52773390
(Fax) 52232369

V2 Club Corner

Lions Club of Altona Changeover



The Lions Club of Altona Inc held their Changeover on Wednesday 28th May above is the new Club Board for 2008/9. Incoming President is Lion Val Barclay. We wish Val all the best for her year ahead.

Under the Leadership of IPP Mary Harlow the Club raised in excess of \$20,000 and put in over 800 hours of reported service hours, as with most Lions many unreported hours are also given to the community with proper recognition. All monies raised were disbursed to Local Community Groups or Lions Projects.

Our changeover was held early due to DGE Mary Harlow heading overseas for DG training, next time we see her she will officially be our District Governor for 2008/9.

The club along with District V2 wish Mary, ably supported by Lion Malcolm all the best for their challenging journey ahead in the next 12 months.

Lion Brian Cornish

Publicise Your Club Activities

District Clubs are invited to advertise Club achievements and special activities in the District Bulletin. Any newsworthy article about your club or members together with any photographs are able to be published. Of particular interest are any articles and photographs of *Lions at Work in our Community*.

Send details to the Editor via email to v2lions@live.com.au.

***Fellowship...good times...meeting people...
building lasting friendships...service to the community...
learning new skills...leadership and personal development.***

These are just some of the benefits of being a member of a Lions Club, the world's largest and most active service club organisation.

Lions Club of Altona Meadows

Members from the Lions Club of Altona Meadows present a Club donation and bannerette to the Royal Flying Doctor Service at their Head Quarters in Alice Springs .

Accepting the cheque is Mrs. Oerlemans wife of the CEO of Lions Australia, Mr Oerlemans was the duty guide on that day.



The members, Charter member and Past President Chris Pullin, Past President Christine Pullin , Past President Tony Weldon and 1st. Vice President Janice Weldon were on their way to the MD 201 convention in Darwin as part of the V2 Coach tour .

Another worthy organisation the tour visited was the 'Alice Springs School of the Air '.

Lion Chris Pullin

Edenhope Convention 2008

During the month of July all club secretaries will be receiving through the mail all the required papers to register for your next convention which will be held in Edenhope. If you are intending to attend please make sure you obtain the necessary registration form from your club secretaries and return as soon as possible. Registration chairman Ron Williams does have a 'cut off' date for registrations so be aware of the need to meet that time line.

At the Distract changeover in Stawell I will have more registration forms with me and will hand them out during the Region/ Zone meeting on the Sunday morning.

As I have intimated before this is your convention each year your District holds a convention so that all members can be involved with the running of their District. If you wish to have your say then you have to attend the convention. We at Edenhope promise to make your convention a memorable one, hope to see you there.

*Malcolm Smith
Convention Chairman*

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to all club secretaries for the new Lions year. Your year will be busy with many deadlines to be adhered to both at club level as well as District level. There will be many items sent out that will require your attention. Please deal with them immediately so they are not lost in the system and thereby saving both your time and my time when I need to follow up due to lack of response from your club.

Any secretary looking for assistance please call me on 5241 8050 or email me on spyers51@gmail.com I will be happy to assist as requested.

MMR's: As mentioned at the incoming secretaries information day/s there has been one change made to the MMR reporting. MMR's are now reporting on a calendar month.

Those reporting MMR's online can do so anytime up to the end of each month. Ideally immediately following your last meeting of the month so I can identify those who have entered MMR's online.

Those reporting manually for July, need to have the MMR's in by 10th July so I can send them off to USA by 20th.

Manual MMR's received later than 10th July will be included onto August reports.

District Project proposal: Clubs wishing to put forward a District Project at Edenhope District Convention in November this year, need to have their proposal put forward no later than 9th August (90 days) to Cabinet Secretary.

Notices of Motions for District Convention: It is time to begin to get your thoughts together to put forward any notices of motions at the Edenhope convention. This is an opportunity to have your club's say on what our district should be doing. Notices of motion need to be in by September 8th (60 days) to Cabinet Secretary.

District Changeover Region/Zone Meeting: A reminder that

DISTRICT V2 MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Opening Membership as at 30th April, 2008
1523

Add New Members 14
Transfers In 1

Less Dropped Members 33
Transfers Out 1
Deceased 1

Total as at 31st May, 2008 **1503**

most Zone chairmen will be holding their first Zone meeting on Sunday 13th July. Those incoming Presidents and or Secretaries should make themselves available to attend and should contact the new Zone Chairman prior to the day to notify your intentions to attend. Each secretary has a new District card with all new cabinet members' details.

MD Convention – Melbourne 2009: If any Lion is looking to assist the MD Convention in Melbourne as a volunteer, "expressions of interest" can be registered by contacting:

EOI – Lions MD Convention 2009, PO Box 2332 Melton South Vic 3338 or email to aur89696@bigpond.net.au

Finally, I wish to pass on my congratulations to DG Gordon and his cabinet for the effort put in this year. My thanks are extended to VDG Mary and Cabinet Secretary Libby for their assistance in preparing me for the coming year.

I wish you all a successful year – *"If it is to be – then it's up to me"*

Stewart Pyers

CABINET SECRETARY

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