

# AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION



## NEWS LETTER

**February 2008**

**\$61,100 in Grants Approved at the February 2008 Trustees meeting:**

APPLICANT CLUB	PROJECT	AMOUNT GRANTED
Lions Club Murtoa (V2)	“Men’s Shed” Project	\$5,000
Lions Club Metung (V3)	Insulin Pump for young girl	\$2,950
Lions Club Rochester (V6)	Cover for Children’s Playground at Local Park	\$7,722
Lions Club Kyabram (V5)	Equipment for Special Care Unit at Aged Village	\$1,013
Lions Club Healesville (V5)	“Jaws of Life” for Volunteer Emergency Service	\$15,000
Lions Club Dapto (N2)	Equipment for Youth with Cerebral Palsy	\$1,500
Lions Club Clarence (T1)	Equipment for Rehabilitation Clinic at Local Hospital	\$5,000
Lions Club Coffs Harbour (N1)	Accommodation Project at Drug Rehabilitation Centre	\$15,000
Lions Club Wonthaggi (V3)	“Spot Vital Signs” Equipment for Regional Hospital	\$2,000
Lions Club Kerang (V6)	Defibrillator for Kerang District	\$1,415
Lions Club Coomealla (C2)	Project to Assist Aged and Indigenous Citizens	\$4,500
		<b>\$61,100</b>

Decisions on a further 4 Applications were deferred pending further information.

### **EMERGENCY / DISASTER GRANTS**

During the last 12 months the Foundation has made 7 Grants totalling \$150,000. A total of \$125,000 in 3 Grants was to assist people affected by the severe storms and flooding in the NSW Central Coast/Newcastle/Hunter regions, the Gippsland region of Victoria, and in Emerald and surrounds in Queensland

In addition, 2 Grants totalling \$15,000 went towards assisting people affected by bushfires in Victoria and Western Australia, and 2 Grants totalling \$10,000 assisted the victims of house fires.

The Foundation’s contributions were quickly put to use to help those affected rebuild their lives. Lions in these areas have played a significant role in assisting their local residents and we commend them for their efforts.

These grants have significantly depleted the Foundation’s Emergency Relief Fund and **we are still asking Clubs to consider making a special donation** to the Foundation to help rebuild this fund. *Has your Club responded to our call?*

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

All Clubs (Lions, Lioness and Leos) are encouraged to apply for financial assistance for their proposed community welfare projects. A grant from A.L.F. could help to “make things happen” or perhaps even make things happen on a larger scale!

Our Grant Application Form contains Instructions and Conditions re making an application, but if in doubt do not hesitate to contact your District ALF Chairman or your State Trustee.

## **THE FOUNDATION'S AGM**

Our 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held during the MD201 Convention in Darwin. Forms have been sent to all Lions Clubs to nominate a Club representative to vote at this meeting, however all Convention attendees are welcome to attend the meeting.

The AGM will take place during the lunch break on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, in the Convention Centre, commencing at 12.15pm – we look forward to seeing you there.

At this meeting, the Trustees will submit their report on operations for their last financial year, approval will be sought for the audited financial statements, and elections will be held for the position of Trustee for the “C” Districts and for the “V” Districts.

## **MD CONVENTION DISPLAY**

Please make an effort to visit our Display Booth and make yourself known to the Trustees. Take the opportunity to find out more about the Foundation and how it has helped Clubs with their projects and also assisted people who have suffered as a result of various natural disasters.

## **ORDER AWARDS EARLY**

An excellent way to support your Foundation is by participating in our Awards Program, whereby the Club can recognise with a special Award a worthy member of the Lions Family, or a citizen or business organisation that has been of great help to the Club. An appropriate Award is available in exchange for a particular level of donation.

Alternatively, a donation of \$250 or more which is not designated for an Award will earn the Club a handsome Banner Patch.

Our Award Application Form asks Clubs to allow **4 weeks** from time of order to delivery of same.

The months February to July are the busiest of our year for processing orders for Awards, so the 4-week lead time is very important during that period.

This is especially critical in late April, and in May, the traditional period for the holding of the MD201 Convention. The Trustees all attend the MD Convention during which they hold a Trustees Meeting; prepare for and conduct the AGM and its associated elections; set up, man and then pack up the Display Booth; carry out a Stage Presentation.

Like many other conventioners, the Trustees may also take the opportunity to take some “leave” around the Convention dates. ***Consequently, there may be a week or longer when nothing happens - our Treasurer is not at home to receive the orders and bank the cheques when they arrive, and our Awards Chairman is also not at home to place the orders with our supplier in Tasmania.***

Therefore we recommend that Clubs order their Awards early for change-over (hand-over) nights – this will save us having to contact the Club with the bad news that due to short notice ***the Awards can't be delivered in time.***

Samples of the Awards (and Banner Patch) are on show at our MD Convention Display Stand.