



# District C1 Bulletin

## Paddy's Panegyric



DG Paddy McKay

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International President, Bob Corlew

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#### February report on December/January

Bouquets and Brickbats!!

As our visiting schedules draw to a close over the next month I wish to thank each and every club who has hosted a visit by my team. I know that we have met some wonderful people and made many friends as you have opened your clubs and shared your triumphs and even your concerns. One of the very great pleasures in visiting the clubs is hearing of the diverse and quite amazing projects being undertaken in the name of Lions. To single out any one club would seem unfair so in the next few newsletters I will report on some of these amazing projects that I have seen and I will also publish some reports from the Vice District Governors, Megan and Phil.

Our district is committed to a rebuilding program and before Christmas we embarked on a trial rebuilding with Pooraka. We held a workshop, determined a timeline and despite the state going into a blackout phase on our information night, we persevered and I am pleased to report that we have three new members in this club. Whilst it is very early days we are confident that this will be a successful club in the future. Perhaps more importantly the trial proved that having a structured plan, a time line, and committed personnel WORKED. It is now my plan to roll out this process to those clubs that we have identified as in real need. The first step has been to ring the club president or other available club officer to get their permission to run a workshop with the club to identify exactly what they need and how we can go about supporting them. At our next Executive meeting we will determine which member of the executive will act as the go to person with the club. I'm excited and confident that if clubs are willing and we are supportive then we will achieve our goal of rebuilding our district by strengthening the clubs.

And now for the brickbat!! Sadly this district can only support clubs if we have the resources to do it. At the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 our District was owed in excess of \$30,000 by clubs. How could this possibly happen? Clubs collect dues from their members and should have this money in their accounts shouldn't they? The finance committee determined that the situation could not continue and we contacted all clubs owing funds. For whatever the reason,

some clubs felt that they had not received past invoices and unbelievably, other clubs knew that they should have had an invoice but it was not followed up when they believed nothing had arrived. Some simply did not pay! Many of the clubs contacted us back and either paid the back dues or made arrangements to do so by instalments. To date we are now owed approx. \$17,000 in back payments. The sadness that I now feel, is because I may have to move to the next phase of placing good clubs in Status Quo which means that the clubs will not be able to operate until the monies owing are paid. Please don't let your club be one of these. Contact the Treasurer NOW and make some arrangement for these payments.

If you have people coming into new positions this year PLEASE send them to training. We run these sessions every year in both the city and country. One club owes in excess of \$5000 and they have not attended training in several years! I do not believe that clubs are deliberately being difficult but all clubs do have an obligation to the District, Multiple District and Lions Clubs International. Come on Presidents and Treasurers, get your club back on track, take advantage of the resources that are available and develop a strong club, one which operates with high ethical standards and strong leadership!!!

DG Paddy

## Thinking of writing and article for the Bulletin?

I get a number of club newsletter/bulletins via mail and more by email.

All of these are read and almost all are used.

Occasionally, I get a very tentative request to include a club's activity. The reason for the hesitation is that the club has no one deemed "good" with computer skills and the writing and photos may not be good enough.

May I assure all Lions that it does not matter what you send me, I can understand and edit what you send in. That is the job of the editor. To do the job it helps that I worked in schools for 40 years and no matter how bad the parent notes were, I never sent them back to be corrected. I appreciated the time and effort they put in to tell me something whether it was about their child, the school or anything else they thought was important.

On Facebook I have noticed an amazing range of activities that our district Lions were involved in on Australia Day. Please send in your photos, stories and club newsletters about these events. I would love to feature them next issue.

I could take photos from Facebook, but as I have not been given permission to use them I delete after looking at them. These photos often lack written detail so I know little of the background.

## More Jokes

Husband takes the wife to a disco. There's a guy on the dance floor giving it large - break dancing, moon-walking, back flips, the works. The wife turns to her husband and says: "See that guy? 25 years ago, he proposed to me and I turned him down." Husband says: Looks like he's still celebrating!

Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will.  
There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it

Q: What do you get when you cross a stream and a brook? A: Wet feet.

Q: What has a lot of keys but cannot open any doors? A: A piano.

Q: What does a bankrupt frog say? A: Baroke, baroke, baroke.

Q: Why don't cannibals eat clowns? A: Because they taste funny

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## The Value of our Lions Club Intrapreneurs.

### **‘Enjoyment’ is just half of the benefit of the Browns’ new air conditioning unit**

“Hopefully, I won’t get sick as often – I’ll have fewer trips to the ICU,” says Jaydon.

“I look forward to the comfort, especially in the heat, and to fewer nights in hospital,” says his mum, Kerry Brown.

Last year alone the pair had a dozen trips to hospital, four for stays of up to nine days in the ICU [Intensive Care Unit] of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide’s western suburbs.

Jaydon, who’ll be 21 on February 17, came into the world 13 weeks premature weighing 1.18 kilos and almost immediately suffered a stroke. Among the long-term effects are cerebral palsy and epilepsy, which makes him extremely vulnerable to extremes of heat and cold, either of which can trigger a grand mal seizure and lead to a lengthy stay in the ICU.

Kerry, Jaydon’s full-time carer since he was born, had begun to feel very much like a football as her air conditioner request was hand-balled from one social service agency to another. Upon learning of their plight, the Lions Club of Adelaide Italian decided to help.

Lion Leo Valente was instrumental in sourcing the unit and arranging its installation. “One of our Lions’ purposes is helping those less fortunate than we are,” he says. “It’s what we do.”

Jaydon has always been a person who lives life to the fullest. His hobbies are cooking and photography and he tries not to miss an opportunity to share. He loves being photographer and caterer (he’s especially adept at baking) at his nieces’ and nephews’ birthday parties, parties at the beach, and his clubs.

He’s also photographer and caterer at the West Beach links for monthly meets of the No Handicap Golf Club (members are thalidomide survivors and other physically challenged young people) though he doesn’t play golf himself.

Club members aren’t above having each other on.

“Hey, Jaydon,” said his mate Aidan Barry, “can you get me a sand wedge?”

“Sure,” said Jaydon, unaware that Aidan wanted a golf club, “soon as we get back to the club house. What kind of sandwich do you want?”

Submitted by Bill Barnes, Media Officer, Lions Club of Adelaide Italian

Entrepreneurs are often seen as not fitting in well within the structures of a business, or in our case, our clubs. They are seen as non-conforming, eccentric, and outgoing people who do things their own way.

Many clubs do not understand the value of harnessing an entrepreneurial environment at their club level. It is one way of helping to keep a club, big or small, active, vital, and in the forefront of their local community.

Intrapreneurship is a way for clubs to be more entrepreneurial and consequently increase their innovative potential within their local community. It’s taking the best parts of this style of thinking, the creativity, the problem solving and ideas, and allowing them to help develop their club’s growth.

By allowing this freedom of thought within your club, it gives members of your club the ability to come up with new ideas. It could be as simple as, improving the way a club project already works, the way the club structure is operated, or even a new and innovative project that will inspire other members to become more involved in their club.

Importantly, is your club set up to embrace this style of thinking? There is very little room for the old-school style of thinking, and our clubs need to create, and encourage an environment of creative thinking. This environment will give our members the freedom they need to feel free to express any ideas they may have.

Key Points;

- 1) Support needs to come from the top, at both District and Club levels.
- 2) Members need to feel that their ideas will be taken seriously.
- 3) All ideas must be discussed and evaluated by the club executive.
- 4) Give recognition to all ideas put forward, good or bad.
- 5) There must be a willingness to pursue any project that shows potential.

**To survive, we need to change.**



**Pat Williams**



*Lions Club of Adelaide Italian 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Livio Pennino handing the controls of the new split system air conditioning unit to Jaydon Brown.*

## Changes to Paralowie Executive positions

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Why not enjoy an evening of LIONS Videos at your next meeting.

Learn how LIONS started in the USA and ventured overseas.

There are video's available for you to download from LCI

ranging from 6 minutes to 12 minutes.

5 in this series have been made especially for our Centennial.

### Vale

#### December 2016 Report

Club Name	Name
Barossa Valley Inc	Mr Robert Brew
Walleroo Inc	Mr Bruce Wooding

## NEW MEMBER LIST FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

### December 2016

#### Mallala & District Inc

Ronald Matthews Margaret Moffatt (sponsor)

#### Pooraka Inc

Caroline Mathieson Garry Wood (sponsor)

#### Tumby Bay & Districts Inc.

Denny Backstrom Paul Partington (sponsor)

Phillip Hoskin Ian Fulton (sponsor)

*Transfers are no longer included in the list.*

*LIONS FOUNDING 6 mins 25 secs*

*GROWTH AND EXPANSION 8mins 29 secs*

*IMPACT OF MELVIN JONES 9 Mins 30 secs*

*PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING 9 mins 39 secs*

*KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND 10 mins 14 secs*

*MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB 10 mins 03 secs*

*ABOUT LIONS OZ 6 mins 27 secs*

*LCIF 11mins 29 secs*

*Enjoy a night of fellowship and Video's*

*2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Phil*

## Lions Gumeracha Show & Shine

We managed to hold our event on Tuesday the 27th of December and whilst it wasn't as big as it is usually, we still managed to have a reasonable day even with the weather. We hosted the Australian Strongman competitions at our event which proved to be a huge hit with the public. Once again thank you for your kind support.

Kind Regards  
Peter Panagaris

Lions Gumeracha Show & Shine  
Committee Chairman



## Just For Fun

A former Army sergeant took a new job as a school teacher; but just before the school year started he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fitted under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-alecky punks, having already heard the new teacher was former Army, were leery of him. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and promptly stapled the tie to his chest.

He had no trouble with discipline that year.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist were courting. It was a tooth and nail affair.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get re-possessed