



District C1 Bulletin

Paddy's Panegyric



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International President, Bob Corlew

Paddy's Panegyric April report for May

A Tale of Rebuilding of two Clubs – subtitle-- *power on...power off...power forward*

The Lions club of Pooraka

Pooraka club had had their members dropped and a request to LCI for closing the club was made on June 30th 2016. I had learnt at training in Japan that I could have a club open with no members for six months provided I ran a rebuilding program. I immediately upon return in early July contacted LCI and sought permission to keep the club open. This was granted. I contacted John Muller in MD and sought help. I wrote a letter to all clubs spelling out the need for rebuilding and organised a rebuilding workshop to be facilitated by Lou Onley in late August. This workshop was attended by approx. 25-30 people. We decided to use the process for Pooraka as a trial before rolling the process out to other clubs. We developed an action plan and began canvassing via market attendance, letter drops and a booth at a local shopping centre and planned an information evening. All looked very promising but the heavens were against us and the night we had chosen turned out to be the night of our complete state wide blackout. Not deterred we determined to power forward. We readjusted our plans re canvassed where possible and contacted those that had shown interest in the original information night and held another night on the 13th of December. Pooraka was to have been cancelled on the 15th December. We were successful in gaining 3 members that night and I have appointed 2 Guiding Lions who are now working with those members. I have requested Priority Status for this club which now has 5 members and hopefully some more in the next month.

The Lions Club of Coober Pedy

The club at Coober Pedy in the north of the state had faced a massive conflict situation, and was down to 2 members.

I travelled to Coober Pedy and spent time talking with the remaining 2 members, the Council CEO, Real estate agents, and the bank. I convinced the 2 members to stay on until December thus buying us some time. Because of its location and extreme temperatures the population of Coober Pedy is drastically reduced between November and March. At our Finance and Executive meeting on 29th Jan it was decided that approximately 6 of us would travel up and stay in the town from April the 10th until the 16th which will coincide with the town's opal festival. Because of the distance it will take us 2 complete days of driving to get there and another 2 to return. We would use our time to talk to the town and rebuild the club during this time. I asked for priority status for this club.

Three cabinet members and a partner travelled taking with us fliers, posters and proceeded to canvass the town. We planned an information night on Wednesday 13th April. We discovered that this town used Facebook as its main medium for communication and so we posted our information on the two most popular sights. Half an hour before our night was to start the town was plunged into darkness. We quickly posted on Facebook that we were powering on and to come to the meeting with a torch. 4 members were signed up that night by torchlight and 4 more in the couple of days. We are very hopeful that this will continue to grow over the next few weeks.

Lessons learnt

You must have a clear plan of action detailing who what and when

You must have a driver of the rebuild and some foot soldiers to help

You need to have an idea of your target group

You must have a time frame with a definite date for an information session

You need to know who the leaders are in the area and approach them for support

You need to be positive and cheerful as you approach people

We were told it was too hard, to just let it go BUT we have proved the process works!!

In conclusion JUST DO IT !!

New Lions

(from March Report)

Salisbury Inc

Chris Jones (sponsor) John Rodger

Barossa Lions

Barossa Lions Tinkers Shed is now licensed by LCI to supply gavel sets and 40 Year Calendars.

For further details and to order please contact Moss Munchenberg at moss37@bigpond.com

For Fun

A young executive was leaving the office late one evening when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. "Listen," said the CEO. "This is a very sensitive and important document here and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work for me?" "Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper and pressed the start button. "Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO, as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys "Yours is."

Q: How do you stop an elephant from charging?

A: Take away his credit card!

Q: How do you get a dog to stop digging in the garden?

A: Take away his shovel!

Pause for thought...

Imagine how cool being a pet fish would be: you're just swimming along then it suddenly starts raining food

What if everything you see right now is just a hallucination caused by inhaling oxygen?

What if coins you randomly find at the bottom of drawers and in between couch cushions are actually from spiders trying to pay rent?

Isn't your first birthday technically your second?



March to May Membership Drive

Your District needs you to participate

Dear Membership Chairman/Club President

March 2017 is the start of the March to May Membership drive, and every club in every District is asked and encouraged to conduct a minimum of one pro-active recruitment campaign. The aim is to recruit an additional 640 new members across the nation.

What can you do? What resources are there? What help is available?

Some examples of events could be

- Shopping centre displays
- Free raffles
- A FREE Community Information Brunch
- Recruiting in conjunction with existing activities e.g. Sausage Sizzles
- "Bring a Friend" Club night
- "Bring a friend/acquaintance" of the opposite sex to a Club meeting -great for any club interested in addressing the gender bias -(C1 now up to 22% female)

Promotional material available

- District Promotional Trailer –contact PDG Dean Noll to book
- District Public relations kit –contact PDG Peter Panagaris
- Numerous brochures available from the Lions shop
- Two Hands promotional DVD Copies available- disc and download
- Use the 'Just Ask ' brochure to assist you

What about an advertisement in your local paper

A suggestion of one is below or make your own up.

Wanted : Community minded citizens prepared to assist their local Lions Club. Must be over 18 yrs old, male or female, who are prepared to help others by volunteering a small portion of leisure time on a regular basis. Your local Lions Club is recruiting now – enquiries to Lion.....on XXXX XXXX or mobile.....

Please organize a meeting of your membership committee asap and start planning what you are going to do for March Membership month.

If you need any assistance or advice please don't hesitate to contact me.

VDG Phil Bowman GMT Co-ordinator 201C1.

TORRENS VALLEY LIONS CLUB INC.

MT PLEASANT HOSPITAL PROJECT

The residents of Mt Pleasant Hospital can now relax in a beautiful courtyard in the centre of the Hospital.

The Torrens Valley Lions, co-ordinated by Lion Butch Phillips and his willing helpers Lion Dave Richards, Lion Phil Dennis, Lion Peter Milsom, Hospital Administration and The Friends of Mt Hospital worked collaboratively together to build this lush, green space. Families and residents can gather and enjoy each other's company or residents can just enjoy being outside in this protected space.

Torrens Valley Lions put in over 200 hours volunteer time paving, painting, erecting a water feature and delivering furniture.

Total cost of the project was \$9990. Friends of Mt Pleasant Hospital donated \$5000 and Australian Lions Foundation and Torrens Valley Lions donated the remainder.

Official opening and ribbon cutting by District Liaison Australia Lions Foundation Officer Yvonne Bradford and her husband PDG Ken was held on March 30th, followed by a country lunch. Wendy Harvey EO, DoN Mt Pleasant & Gumeracha Hospitals welcomed guests and thanked Torrens Valley Lions for their dedication and hard work to the Hospital.



Modbury Lions

Modbury Lions Club have purchased and supplied to local Nursing Homes digital photo frames and a number of digital memory devices covering a wide range of subjects including travel, wildlife, etc., for the residents' use

Lions Club of Modbury Inc. has supported Foodbank since the early 2000's when the Lions Clubs District voted to support the organisation.

More information at www.foodbanksa.org.au



Please ensure that all articles are submitted no later than 14th. of each month to-

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Busy busy Torrens Valley Lions!

Once again members of the Torrens Valley Lions Club are busy helping out in the community!

This time it was manning (not sure what the female equivalent is!) the gates and parking of cars at the Mt Pleasant Show.

What started out as a cold morning in Mt Pleasant, eventually warmed up to make it an enjoyable day for all!

The Torrens Valley Lions Club have been helping the Mt Pleasant Show organisers for more



than 10 years and look forward to assisting in the future.

The Club has, after many months of postponements due to alternating wet and hot weather, re-

Painted the gazebo in the grounds of the Kersbrook Hall.

The gazebo was built several years ago with the help of our Club members and was in much

need of a fresh coat of paint!

For information regarding membership, please contact Dave Richards on 8389 3265 or Pauline on 0411 420 223 or 8389 3247.



From "Along the Grapevine"

Youth of the Year



Lions YOTY State final, overall winner Thalia (left) from Kingston and public speaking winner, our own Charlotte from Golden Grove. Well done to both girls.

Young Indian Lion helps Adelaide Italian raise \$6,000 in Project Funds

Actually, the young Indian Lion may not belong to one of our clubs. So why refer to him as a Lion? Patience, Pauline, I will explain.

This “young Indian Lion” refers to Saroo Brierley, the young Tasmanian whose story of finding and re-connecting with his birth mother in a tiny Indian village was the true story depicted in a recent movie titled “Lion” and starring, among others, Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman.

After unintentionally being transported by train hundreds of miles from home the tiny fellow, maybe six years old, was finally brought to the attention of child care authorities who did not speak, much less spell, his first language.

They transliterated what they thought he was saying as “Saroo” and the lad became Saroo Brierley after being adopted by a loving couple in Tasmania.

In India as a young adult he learned that his birth mother had actually named him Sheru, which means Lion.

It is a grand story on screen, and if you missed it at Adelaide Italian’s film afternoon at the Regal Cinema, you also missed “snacks” of chicken, sandwiches, pizza, and fruit platters to be washed down with your choice of wine or champers or something soft.

Ah yes, Adelaide Italian gave “snacks” a whole new meaning, thereby living up to the Italian reputation for tasty eating, a fact heavily relied on for marketing the event by at least this Adelaide non-Italian

Bill Barnes
Media Officer
Lions Club of Adelaide Italian

Paralowie Lions

On the 6th of March President Francis McRae presented a Melvin Jones award to Lion Graham Duffield

Graham has been a dedicated charter member for the Lions Club of Paralowie and is more than well deserving of this award. Holding several executive roles in the past in his 26 years as a Lion, his wealth of knowledge and opinion is well sought after and appreciated.

In spite of health issues Graham attends every meeting, and never lets anything get in the way of his keen sense of humour, or his game of bowls...that is loyalty, that is dedication. Congratulations Lion Duffield Graham



Lion Graham Duffield receiving the Melvin Jones award

Cooking BBQs is our main fund raiser for our community projects. The people involved in the process are incredible. One of our members, Lion Jenny, comes from a distance by public transport to help set up the equipment at 7am, her two sons Lion Adam and Paul and their wives also give a lot of their spare time cheerfully, not only with the BBQs but any other activity we choose to be involved in.

Other willing BBQees (as in photos left to right) are Lions Jasmine, Julie, Charlie, Judy, David, Jenny, Adam, Vicky, Sandra and Paul, receiving awards for the time they willingly and cheerfully give to this service. Without people like these, Lions would not function and the community would be deprived. Congratulations to you all.

Ring Pulls,

Many thanks to Angaston and Moonta and also an anonymous lady from Pooraka for saving the ring pulls for the Lions Club of Paralowie, we have passed them onto the Viet Nam vets.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

First of all, thank you for continually supporting those in need throughout your community. Your demonstrated dedication to the service of others is extremely important and greatly appreciated.

Please Give Generously

As you know, the world has again been ravaged by a number of catastrophes this year and once again LCIF has been there on the ground in a matter of days, if not hours.

Help us to help

Lions have also been active in the communities of those affected by the latest weather in the North East area of our own country, providing relief in a number of ways to lessen the situation in any way possible.

But, without the support from other Lions, these communities would be without that very important support – and just think where that would leave them.

Please give generously.

So as it is getting to the end of the lions year, it is once again time to look towards either recognising that wonderful Lion in your club, or dispersing the amazing funds that your members have worked diligently for during the year.

Remember your funds donated in the past to LCIF have assisted hundreds of thousands of people worldwide in a variety of ways including:

Donate Now

- Provided vision screening for more than 350,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries through Opening Eyes
- Provided vaccinations to 41 million people in Africa for the Lions-Measles Initiative pilot project
- Funded the **Lions Quest** Program which is LCIF's most comprehensive program for youth by providing training for educators to implement the programs to support our youth in the areas of character development, social & emotional learning, civic values, violence, bullying & substance abuse prevention & service-learning
- And of course remember the assistance that LCIF has provided to our very own state by providing funds towards our amazing Skin Cancer Screening mobile unit which is now saving lives of people within our communities.

EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

To continue these amazing projects, & because there will always be something occurring around the world that will need our support &/or assistance, LCIF continues to count on your support to enable this to happen. We ask that your club considers making a donation to your foundation – LCIF.

So, as there is just 3 months left of this Lions year, it is extremely important that you please try & get your donations & award applications to our District Treasurer Lion Jenny Rayner at PO Box 55, Lyndoch SA 5351 **before the 31st May** to ensure awards are received in time for presentation at your Handover celebrations. **Remember Melvin Jones Awards MUST be sent to Lion Jenny NOT to America, for processing.**

Thank you for your support & for considering this request.

PDG Lyn Shoemark
District C1 LCIF &
International Relations Chairman

"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."

Lions Lip

A monthly update from the Lions Club of Clare District



“Holler for a Marshall!”

Well the **Masters Games** have been and gone, and who do you think volunteered to handle the Traffic Marshalling duties during this event? Correct, **The Clare Lions Club!**

After a number of club members attended a two day Traffic Management Course, a Grant opportunity became available to apply for funding for various Road Safety Signs, Hi-Vis Vests, Orange Flashing lights, and a number of Traffic Cones. We were successful with this application..!

You would have seen these volunteers at the Street Party on Friday night, making and selling donuts, and helping out with the Masters Mile event. But first thing Friday morning, dressed in their Hi-Viz jackets, they were on duty to manage about 17 cyclists competing in a Time Trial.



Want to have some fun? If you do not know anybody in your local Lions Club, and you are curious about this mob, contact me on the number below, and I will be able to assist your enquiry, no pressure. These events not only raise funds for your local community, but we have a great time doing so!!

For further information contact Pat Williams 8849 2268 or visit: www.claredistrict.sa.lions.org.au

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From Burnside Lions

Following D.G. Paddy's appeal in the District Newsletter, a number of our members responded and took the opportunity to make some spare room in cupboards by bringing their long forgotten yarn to answer the cause. Already, we have delivered 4 garbage Bags of yarn to the Coordinator, Claire Backman.

The inmates of the Women's' Prison have found an interest and some developing new skills knitting articles for distribution to the Homeless through various institutions.

Postage Stamp Collection

Because the Collection Boxes are hidden in the corner of our shed, this project is often easily forgotten. People still receive letters and cards (and sometimes Bills). Urge them to cut them with about 3mm margin and give them to you to put into the box at the entrance to “Maggies” side of the shed. If you are lazy and cannot be bothered cutting them from the envelope, then bring them intact & Barbara will use them as more ‘therapy’.

At present, our greatest donor is the Doctors Surgery at the North end of Tusmore Terrace and I would like to acknowledge the work of the Surgery Staff, not only for their contribution to this Project but also the sale of Mints and Christmas Cakes & Puddings.

Club ‘Dinner’ Meeting Tuesday, May 23rd :-

We will be hosting the Lions Club of Adelaide Italian and their Partners. We always have a Fun night with this group and it would be a night that Partners and Prospective Members would enjoy. A guest speaker from the historic Sailing Ship “The City of Adelaide” Restoration Group will be the guest Speaker.