

Issue 5 November 2013

Contents

Convention Photos p.4
Lions Outback Bash 2013 p.5 & 6
Awards p. 7
50/50 Pathway from GMT p.8
Mobility Foundation p. 9
Lions International Stamp Club p. 9
From Stansbury Dalrymple p. 10
From the Editor p. 11
Vale p.11
New Lions p.12

Convention Report - What a Weekend!

Our District Convention is definitely one of the highlights of my year so far as your District Governor. I know I said it many times during last weekend, and am happy to say again, just how happy Yvonne and I are with the way the whole event was conducted. All members of The Lions Club of Torrens Valley are to be congratulated for the way in which they set about the task of running a convention, a first time event for them as a club. The Committee, led by Brian Ventris, has worked diligently for almost 2 years to make sure that everything went according to plan.

Even though there were fewer attendees at our recent District Convention I would like to think that everyone who did attend had an enjoyable time.

Our weekend began on Friday morning with our Cabinet meeting which was held at Birdwood, where we took the opportunity to welcome our MD guests PCC David McKenzie and PDG Lorraine McKenzie. The Cabinet



IP Barry Palmer

DG Ken Bradford



Working together — Building the dream

meeting was followed by the traditional early evening reception hosted by Adelaide Hills Mayor Bill Spragg. Friday night began with the Official Opening of the Convention, followed by the Flag Ceremony, which was conducted by members of the Torrens Valley Lions Club, assisted by the Torrens Valley Scout Group (a very new and quite young group of children). This was followed by the Remembrance Ceremony, conducted by Celebrant Kevin Kleeman, a member of the Lions Club of Onkaparinga. Each of these events was handled with a great deal of thought and sensitivity by the Torrens Valley Lions Club Committee and members.

Saturday morning began with the nominations and elections of our future leaders, namely our District Governor Elect Rosemary Wenham, and 1st Vice District Governor Elect Rob Royal. Nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor Elect were called for from the floor, and it is with great pleasure that we welcome Zone Chairman Paddy McKay from the Lions Club of Athelstone into this position. Congratulations to Rosemary, Rob and Paddy, our District is in great hands for the next three years. Graeme Pascoe was once again elected to the Board of the Lions Medical Research Foundation, where he will continue with the great work he has done for many years. And last but by no means least; the Great Lions Club of Port Pirie will host our 2015 Convention. Once the election process was completed, PDG Colin Beauchamp addressed the members of the convention with his presentation on Skin Cancer Screening, which was later adopted by the members as a joint C1/C2 project. We were then treated to a 30 minute inspirational address by our 2012 Youth of the Year State Winner, Mia Roberts. What an awesome young person Mia is.

The Lunch Munch Forums proved to be a popular addition to our Convention. We conducted 4 separate forums; Guiding Lion- We Need You, Women in Lions, Youth Involvement – Our Future, and, So Why Not be a Cabinet Officer. Those who chose to attend these forums were enthusiastic in their participation.

Our afternoon was spent listening to our International Director Sheryl Jensen and PCC David McKenzie. David spoke about “The Badge”. Simply, when we sell a cake or a roll of mints, we not only provide the product, we sell an image. An image of Lions and everyone should know what Lions do here, across Australia, and around the world. ID Sheryl gave us an insight into the role of Lions on the World scene. We aren’t the World’s largest service organisation for no reason. We get things done!

And so on to the DG Banquet...Medieval Theme... what a great party. The Lobethal Hall looked fantastic, thanks once again to the great work of the Torrens Valley LC, the food was great, and the entertainment was fantastic. Many of the party goers took the opportunity to dress to the theme, and I am very pleased to say that Cabinet Secretary Vanessa won the best dressed female (a Medieval Wench) and Greg Crotty from Paralowie LC the best dressed male (Knight in Shining Armour- with a missing link!). Thanks everyone for making it a great night.

Sunday morning the Torrens Valley members were once again on deck bright and early to cook breakfast for everyone. Once again we were addressed by ID Sheryl with help from IPDG Don and some uncooperative balloons! Her presentation was on the meaning of colours and what they symbolise in our personalities and our attitude to our community service. It

was a humorous talk but very inspirational and all I think of to say in conclusion was “to go forth and multiply! - our membership, that is...

And so with just a few formalities to say thank you to those who helped to make it a great weekend, the District Convention was all over once again. We are already looking forward to next year in Whyalla.

Yours in Lions

DG Ken.

I saw a sign in a little town on my way Adelaide last week. Let me share it with you.

“Don't look back. We aren't going that way!”



Above—the Mayoral Reception.

Right—Gumeracha Town Hall



More Convention Photos



Lions Outback Bash 2013

Three clubs from C1 joined clubs from C2 on the 2013 outback bash raising money for RFDS - two members from Barossa Club, 4 from Torrens Valley Club and two from Onkaparinga Club.

The starting point was Bute on the 6th September and we camped at the Bute golf course while the Lions Club of Bute catered for our evening meal. Next morning we headed for Woomera, 430kms away , not on any main roads but as many back tracks as possible, seeing some great farming country.

After spending the night at the Woomera caravan park we headed for William Creek via the Borefield Track meeting up with the Oodnadatta track and stayed overnight at William Creek camping ground 400km later then we were treated to a roast meal at the hotel. Next day it was back down the Oodnadatta track and camping at Farina, 260kms for the day. That evening we dined on prawns and oysters courtesy of Merv Mortimer and the flies also enjoyed our outback feast. Next day after spending some time looking around the ruins of Farina we headed for Weetootla Gorge After leaving Copley we went bush through Yankaninna Station (Operation Flinders), Vulkathunha National Park, Grindells Hut, then into the gorge travelling approx. 220kms for the day. From Weetootla Gorge it was onto Blinman via Mt Chambers gorge, Wirrealpa station then to Blinman and camping at Angorichina Village 18k from Blinman for 2 nights. Next onto Melrose via Parachilna, Bunyeroo Valley, Hawker, Quorn, Wilmington and into Melrose but again tracking across country through station properties with some amazing scenery, travelling 300kms. We camped the night at the Football Oval in Melrose, then the next day it was onto Saddleworth using more back tracks through Yongala, Terowie, Dares Hill, Burra then Saddleworth for our final night, travelling 270kms. Gilbert Valley catered for the evening meal and we held a giant auction.

The trip was very well organized by Bruce Morris from Renmark and Merv Mortimer from Victor Harbor and we raised approximately \$22,000. It was really a great trip and great fun and fellowship. It would be nice to see more C1 Lions join in 2 years time when Mannum Lions will be the organizers

Judy & Graham Munday



C1 Lions

More next page



Leaving William Creek

For Fun

Two Irishmen sitting in a pub watching the Tour de France on TV. Seamus shakes his head and asks, "Why the hell do they do that?"

"Do what?" replies Mick.

"Go on them bikes for miles and miles, up and down the hills, round the bends.

Day after day, week after week.

No matter if it's icy, raining, snowing, hailing. Why would they torture themselves like that?"

"It's all for the prestige and the money," says Mick.

"You know the winner gets about a half a million Euros.

"Yeah, I understand that." says Seamus, "But why do all the others do it?"

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man? A: Trustworthy.

Q: When is it a good time to eat a window? A: When it's jammed.

Q: How do you make a band stand? A. Hide all the chairs.

Q. What did the envelope say to the stamp? A. Stick with me and we'll go places.

Q. What did the traffic light say to the zebra crossing? A. Don't look now, I'm changing.

Q. What did the Martian say to the petrol pump? A. Take your finger out of your ear when I am talking to you.

Q. What is green and bounces in the garden? A. A spring onion.

Q. What happened to the man who didn't know the difference between putty and toothpaste? A. All his windows fell out

Awards



Don Van Weezep (Whyalla Mt Laura) and Megan Butler (Elizabeth Playford) were presented with their awards at the Torrens Valley C1 Convention





The 201 C1 Global Membership Team will be facilitating a 50/50 Pathway forum On 16th February 2014, at Dame Roma Mitchell Theatre at Golden Grove High School. Please mark this day in your diaries.

What is 50/50 Pathway?

Lions 50/50 Pathway is a committee which has been formed following the Australian Lions Women's Workshop, facilitated by LCI after the ANZI-Pacific Forum at the Gold Coast in 2011. An Executive Committee has been formed and this initiative is now an integral part of the Multiple District Global Membership **Team** (GMT). The goal in 2013 and 2014 is to take this program from a pilot program in Victoria to a national program.

The mission is to increase overall membership in Lions. Membership of females in Lions in Victoria is about 25%, and we therefore see an opportunity to boost the percentage of female and family members across the board. This would equate to an ambitious 3500 thousand more members just in Victoria and would then match the demographic of the general Victorian and Australian Community which is 50% men and 50% women.

Our first target is to help our International President Barry Palmer reach and exceed a desired target of 30% women by June 2014

Purpose of the Pathway

- ◆ **increase membership by targeting female and family demographic**
- ◆ **Making sure that women in the community know that women can join lions**
- ◆ **Working together across State and Country - sharing resources**
- ◆ **A pilot program to be utilised across the board**
- ◆ **GMT/GLT Teams working together –Membership and Training**
- ◆ **Internal Forums first to build numbers, inform and grow**
- ◆ **Membership Targets that match MD201 targets**
- ◆ **Non invasive for those that don't want to be invaded!**

The Forum is open to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos, Lions Partners and any community member that you feel would be interested.

More information will be available soon via bulletin and mailout.

Imagine a day [and beyond] in the life of one of our Walker Families

It is difficult to imagine the day to day life of a 'Walker Family.' The child in need may not be able to get up out of bed, go to the toilet, bath/shower or feed themselves. They may not have the power of speech; also elimination of waste may not be as we know it. Add to that the possible multiple health and medical issues. And so it goes on. Consider the emotional and monetary expense that such a family may incur 24/7.

Bathroom – Modifications are often needed to accommodate/allow wheelchair/walker access.

Doors – Doorways may need widening to allow wheelchair/walker access.

Ramps – May be required to allow wheelchair/walker access.

Bed – the special needs of these wonderful children may preclude normal bed shopping.

Vehicle – Must be suitable for devices and modified to lift and hold such devices.

Hydraulic Lifter – to lift devices/children to/from vehicles. Both may get heavier with growth.

Nappies – in larger sizes are not only expensive but never discounted.

Speech devices – if these are required the costs can run into thousands.

Medical – depending on the extent of the child's needs, these expenses could be unimaginable.



Lions International Stamp Club [LISC]

This group works tirelessly to raise funds for various needs, one of them being the Australian Lions Mobility Foundation, and this year we were delighted to receive a cheque for \$4,600 which is a magnificent gift.

In moving around the Lions Family, it is amazing to hear just how many of us collect and send off our stamps. Do take a peek at their website to learn more about them and the donations given in several areas besides mobility.

And if you don't already, start collecting those stamps. Lyn Shoemark is the go to person in C1, and Ross Paine in Queensland is part of LISC at rosspaine@bigpond.com

From Stansbury Dalrymple Bulletin

Presentation to SYP Hospital

Mesh lifting sling and portable examination lamp bought with proceeds from Combined Grain Fund 2012-13



Left—Maybe not how it is meant to be used.

Below—How does this work?



From The Editor

I am going to try to send this Bulletin to all C1 Lions who have a valid email address on the LCI site. I say trying because I still have my L plates on and it may not work. My reasons for doing this as an additional service is to ensure our Bulletin is read by as many people as possible. The usual print version sent in the mail-out will continue. I know the Bulletin is on the C1 Lions website but I suspect that quite a few people forget to download and read it. The version being sent by email is a nice easy to read type.

If you do not get an email copy and thought you should have, there are several reasons why this is so. Firstly you may not have an up to date email on LCI. Some Lions do not have an email on LCI even though they do have an email. Please check when the membership check list is distributed twice a year and ensure it contains no errors. You may like to check with the club secretary if you expect an email copy and do not get it.

If for any reason you do not wish to get an emailed copy, let me know and I remove you from the list. Please bear in mind that any changes that you would like may take time to do.

The last two Bulletins have been done by “remote control” as I have been travelling to and from WA during the last three months. I was pleased that this was fairly easy to do as mobile phone coverage is quite good and this system is the one I use for internet connection.

I did look around while we were away for evidence of Lions at work. My wife and I spent some of one Sunday morning with the Kalgoorlie Lions. They were running a “train” (power by a mini moke) which is their fund raiser at the local markets. They showed us where to go for a tour of the Super Pit—a mine that will be about 600m deep, 1.6 km wide and 3.7 km long when finished.

It was a bit sad to see a very nice Lions Park at Streaky Bay but no Lions Club there or at Ceduna any more. We also spent time at the Cleve Weir. I have been reading about it in their Bulletins for so long I thought it was time to see it for myself. What a great project and congratulations for maintaining it in excellent condition for so many years.

Vale

Brian B Gould City of Adelaide Inc

Allan Kenneth McFarlane Richmond Inc

Welcome to our new Lions

Club	New Lion	Sponsor
Charles Sturt Woodville Hindmarsh Inc	Edward New Andriessen	Ray Barry
Clare District Inc	Terence Martin	Pat Williams
	Stuart Paxton	John Reed
Gilbert Valley Inc	June Dunham	Peter Wayman
	James Lee	Peter Wayman
	Greg McLeod	John Tayler
	Louise McLeod	John Tayler
Golden Grove Inc	Debbie Ritchie	
Highbury Inc	Lloyd Nelson	Port Augusta Inc
	Sandra Pavia	Cliff Heinrich
Mallala & District Inc	Robert Bevan	Mick King
Tea Tree Gully Inc	Ronald Waters	Tony Fortanier
Tumby Bay & Districts Inc	Wilbur Williams	Cummins & District Inc

Please ensure that all articles are submitted no later than 14th. of each month to-Bulletin editor, Harry Webb (e) hlwebb@bigpond.com or post to PO Box 7, St Agnes, 509. Pictures to be in jpeg (less than 100kb) format if possible.

Any opinions expressed in this bulletin are those of the individuals providing the information and/or the editor and do not necessarily represent the view of Lions Clubs International