

March April 2015—Together Everyone Achieves More



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District Governor—Lorraine Mairinger

District 201 N2 of the International Association of Lions

Greetings from District Governor Lorraine.

Greetings to all Lions, lioness & Leos.

I trust you had a most enjoyable Easter break and continue to work for the betterment of our communities. I see by your Newsletters that many clubs are working very hard. I thank those clubs who do send me your Newsletters. I do read them. I congratulate you and thank you for all your hard work as you make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than us. Don't forget to ASK 1 and to Keep 1.

We really need to stop Lions leaving our great organization, Show respect to each other, and be open minded to new ideas, remember we are all volunteers and all have something to give. Also remember my theme.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE. "Teamwork"

For if we all work together as a Team we will grow our Membership and Strengthen The Pride.

Membership: The District total was + 23 at the time of writing this message. I ask you all to keep up the great work & hopefully we can reach my goal for the year.

Photos of the new club Shellharbour in this addition. My Congratulations to Lions Peter & Wendi Scifleet, Ray Redgrave, John Larkins of Kiama Lions Club. The Charter Celebration was a great day, and enjoyed by all.

Reminder: All the training dates for Club incoming Officers & Zone Chairman are also in this edition. Please ensure you book with GLT -D. Lion David Robson for catering & appropriate venues.

These training days are there to assist you and your clubs to grow as Lions. Newcastle Convention. Is fast approaching.

I trust all clubs have sent to Cab Secretary Stella your returns 3 & 4 Registration Forms on Line for Hawaii. You need to Register now.

Congratulations to the following Clubs who have reported completion of all FOUR Service Areas for the Centennial Service Challenge.

Batemans Bay, Liverpool, Canberra Kambah, Kangaroo Valley, Canberra Lake Tuggeranong & Narellan. I have the Banner Patches and will present at the appropriate time.

For those clubs that have not yet qualified you still have time. Report your activities through MyLCI on the following: Youth, Vision, Hunger & the Environment. Contact PCC Gary Parker or myself if you require any further information.

YOTY. State Final. Campbelltown 11th. April. This was a wonderful Night. Unfortunately our District entrant David Robertson was unsuccessful but we were all very proud of him. David was sponsored by Ulladulla Milton Lions Club.

To Club Secretaries Please submit your returns to LCI before the end of each month. I know all Zone Chairman & Lion John Flarrey would appreciate this, not to mention myself.

If I can be of assistance to any members, I am only a phone call away. Until next time,

DG. Lorraine Mairinger



Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the following Lions who have lost a Parent in the past month.

Lion Danny Howard. Gungahlin Club, His Dad.

Lion Dave King, Goulburn City Club, His Mum

Lion Martin Peebles. Campbelltown Club, His Mum

Lion Jim Armstrong, Moss Vale Club, His Mum- a Lion

Lion Gordon Mathews, Pambula Merimbula Club. His Mum.

Our thoughts & Prayers are with you all.

DG Lorraine.

Wel come to new members

District 201 N2 covers southeast NSW and the ACT, comprising Lions, Lioness & LEOs Clubs in south-western Sydney, down the Hume Highway to Bowning, ACT, Snowy Mountains, Far South Coast, Eurobodalla, Shoalhaven, and Illawarra.

Welcome to the following new members of N2 Clubs who joined since the April 2014 N2 e-newsletter was distributed. Enjoy the activities, fun and fellowship of the world's largest service organisation. Don't be afraid to ask questions and suggest new projects.

We look forward to meeting you.



CLUB

Lions Club of Austinmer/Thirroul.

Lions Club of Bateman's Bay.

Lions Club of Bega.

Lions Club of Bermagui & District.

Lions Club of Bomaderry.

Lions Club of Braidwood.

Lions Club of Cabramatta Cabra-Vale.

Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen.

Lions Club of Canberra Kambah.

Lions Club of Canberra Lake Tuggeranong.

Lions Club of Canberra Woden.

Lions Club of Corrimal.

Lions Club of Gerringong.

Lions Club of Gungahlin.

Lions Club of Gunning.

Lions Club of Holroyd City.

Lions Club of Kiama.

Lions Club of Liverpool City.

Lions Club of Minamurra.

NEW MEMBER

Alan W Douglas

Amado Piega

Jenny Apps

Marian Pearson

Kerry Lee Pincott

David Wallace

Craig M White

James Collins

Peter Rodden

David Lenny Bruce

Jenni Duong JD

Ben Ho

Obert Holl

Morokath Kim

Tianna Mai

Joey Nguyen

Chheav Kuong Tea

Sam Tran

Emmy Vong

Harry Wong

Andrew P Kinsela

Robert Brinckley

Terrylea Reynolds

Deb Rollings

David Day

Cherylene Sweeney

Robert Burns

David Stuart

Hirut Yigezu

Norman Hindley

John Milverton

Michelle Eckel

Antoine Issa

Lynne Berglund

Rosemary Davies

Karen Gutherie

Wendy McCaig

Faye Redgrave

Josephine Reyes

Patricia Wright

Mazhar Hadid

Michael Ison

Derek Farnell

George Gray

Vaughan Schneider

Brian Edward Scott

SPONSOR

John Denning

Tony Harriott

Jacalyn Harding

Jacalyn Harding

Ann Hodge

Mark Southwell

Peter Wiley

Fergus McWhirter

Robert Mortyn

Jamie Reynolds

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Harry Wong

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Jenny Siv Phan Tew

Adrian Wong

Ron Skeen

Tom Anderson

Christopher Howard

John Robbins

Stella McLeish

Neil Cranny

Terry Lillie

Don Smith

Christine Murphy

Anthony Porter

Anthony Porter

Trish Friend

Robert Nowfel

Vi Regal

Johnathon Davie

Karen Bartley

Lorna Wardle

Vi Regal

Brian Rope

Stephen Di Bartolo

Brian Cox

Brian Cox

Brian Cox

Brian Cox

new members Continued

CLUB

Lions Club of Narellan.

Lions Club of Nimmitabel.
Lions Club of Nowra.
Lions Club of Queanbeyan.
Lions Club of Tathra.
Lions Club of Ulladulla Milton.

Lions Club of Yass.

NEW MEMBER

Sara M Blackwell
Tom D Ravelingien
James Pratt
Jane-Ann Bristow
Nola Robinson
Graeme John Cashman
Susan Clark
Lee Drury
Shane Drury
Jennifer Manning
Shirley Muller
Noelene Poesta
Fay Samuel
Margaret Whitmore
John Wykes
Philip J Willis

SPONSOR

Wendy Ackroyd
Daniel Richardson
William H P Charles
Sally Wilton

Vincent Ford
Tracey Gillespie
Tracey Gillespie
Mark Gillespie
Colleen Green
Gerry Halliday
Gerry Halliday
Allan McDonald
Ann McDonald
Kathy Wykes
Geoff Hobart

Past members remembered

The following members of the N2 Lions family passed away since the January 2014 edition of the N2 e-newsletter was distributed.

The N2 Lions family thanks them for their friendship and service to their community and Lions, and offers our condolences to their families, friends and colleagues. May their service be an example to us.

Club	Name
Cooma Lions	Kenneth Boate
Corrimal Lions	Mary Vera Goodman
Jervis Bay Lions	Sue Pearson
Moss Vale Lions	Joan Armstrong
Tathra Lions	William John Harrison
Camden Lioness Club	Lioness Amanda Davis

<u>District Membership As At 24th April 2015</u>		
	<i>This Month:</i>	<i>This Year:</i>
<i>Opening Balance</i>	1,664	1,645
<i>Added Members</i>	13	232
<i>Dropped Members</i>	11	211
<i>Closing Balance</i>	1,666	1,666
<i>Net Gain/Loss</i>	2	21
Worldwide	1,403,881	
District Service Activities Summary 2014-2015:		
Number of Lions Hours:	126259.	
Number of People Served:	665286.	

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Lioness Report

All Clubs are back into full swing after the Christmas break and it has been my pleasurable duty to continue my Club visitations.

1st March we attended Oak Flats Club and met a wonderful young man, Jason Carrasco who featured in an article in "Take 5" of his experience with Cancer and his friend Cass. We were very impressed with his commitment.

Although small in numbers Oak Flats are very active in their community with "Relay for Life" and BBQ's

With Past District Governor Warren Woods and Lions Lady Judy, we traveled to Eden Lioness Club meeting on 25th March, and while on the way, had a very enjoyable evening with Pambula- Merimbula Lions Club.

Eden is a fun group of ladies and fortunate to have their own Club House facilities and are very active in the Catering field. They are also very high profile in their community.

One of the wildest visitations I have made was to Camden Lioness on Monday 20th March. No not the Club, just the traveling there and home again in heavy rain, wind and dodging the fallen trees on the Appin Road.

Thank you to Lioness June Holdsworth for ringing the next morning checking if we were home safely.

On Saturday 16th May, I make my last visitation, to Liverpool Lioness Club and looking forward to this very much.

It has been a great pleasure for me to be your Lioness Coordinator this year and while in Camden I had a nice chat to Coordinator Elect, Lioness Lyn Fawcett who I am sure will do a great job next year for D.G Elect Sally.

Ian has been my driver on these visitations and has also had a lovely time.

So far this year the Clubs have collectively have given 9,101 hours of service and raise \$50,039.60

A great job Ladies. We are proud of your support and Community Commitment.

All Clubs have had their Elections, and I wish the new Boards continued success in their endeavors and hopefully the rewards of the prospective members we met.

Lion Janet Hughes
District Lioness Coordinator.



Youth Frontiers Program

Introducing the Youth Frontiers Program:

Youth Frontiers is a mentoring program for young people in school years 8-9 and is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education and Communities. The program is aimed at providing young people the capacity to build skills and overcome barriers to their participation in the community.

Mentoring offers young people an opportunity to develop a positive relationship with people from their local community where they can benefit from their mentor's life experiences and obtain support to achieve their personal & educational goals. Through mentoring, young people will gain personal and social development including but not limited to, increased self-esteem, resilience and confidence. Young people will be able to build healthy relationships, both socially and personally with a positive adult role model.

We are now seeking to recruit volunteer mentors for the Youth Frontiers Program to mentor youth across 3 NSW Government electorates – Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains and Murray.

I have attached a flyer for the program and it would be great if you could take a look and put it on your notice-board or forward to anyone you think might be interested in becoming a mentor and changing a young person's life.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me. I understand that any support we can get from the local community is invaluable and will go a long way to ensure that the program is both successful and worthwhile.

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District Youth of the Year Winner



District winner David Robertson from Ulladulla Milton Club
Pictured with L+R DG Lorraine, Lion Ann MacDonal,
David Robertson, Julia Robertson (David's Mum) &
IPDG Allan MacDonal.



DG Lorraine with District Youth of
the Year Winner David

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Kambah Lions Help Shoppers & Honour Leadership

Kambah Lions help shoppers and honour leadership

Kambah Lions have been busy lately. Over Christmas – and with help from other Canberra Lions - they provided a gift wrapping service to patrons at Tuggeranong Hyperdome.

For a gold coin donation Club members wrapped presents that shoppers could put straight under the Christmas tree. Toys, perfume and clothes were some of the popular categories for wrapping and many Gen Y males used the service as an easy way to package up presents for mums and girlfriends. Among the more challenging requests were medieval swords, carpets and basketballs.

Lions conveniently located the gift wrapping service next door to Santa Claus at the Hyperdome operating it until Christmas Eve including late night trading. The program gave people a fun way to give to local Lions projects and the Club plans to return to the Hyperdome next Christmas.

January was also time to honour long-time Kambah Lion, Frank Brown. Until recently Frank chaired Lions Youth Haven and his vision and tireless efforts were instrumental in setting up Westwood Lodge, a new accommodation centre for groups visiting Canberra. Profits from the Lodge will help fund Lions programs for at-risk kids in the ACT. Lions from across Canberra and Queanbeyan gathered to recognise Frank's leadership and his volunteer efforts over many years.



Lion Frank Brown was recently acknowledged for his leadership at Canberra's Lions Youth Haven.



Volunteer Michelle Faes gift wraps Kambah Secretary Chris Howard.



Westwood Lodge is a new and affordable accommodation option for schools, sporting teams and groups visiting the National

LCIF Provides more help to Vanuatu

Due to the continuing problems of feeding and providing fresh water to the people of Vanuatu, LCIF has given a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to assist the Lions of Vanuatu with both immediate and long-term relief efforts following Cyclone Pam. Please can this latest assistance from LCIF to the Lions of Vanuatu be included in your next monthly newsletter sent to your Clubs.

LCIF and the Lions of Vanuatu and their communities are very grateful for the immediate help and generous donations provided by the Lions Family of Australia.

Kind Regards.

Nigel.

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INCREASE FEES. WHY?

At the recent Council of Governors meeting it was brought to our attention that the financial position of the Multiple District (Lions Australia) is deteriorating. Income is not keeping up with expenses for a number of reasons.

The Multiple District is the administrative arm of Lions in Australia and it facilitates and supports the efforts of our members in the Clubs and Foundations who perform community service – locally, nationally and internationally. The Multiple District does not raise monies from the public.

Membership of the Multiple District is decreasing and has now dropped below 27,000 (down from 31,823 in 1990 and 27,790 in 2010) and this has resulted in a significant reduction in dues income. Of course, in this time our costs have increased steadily, in fact, real costs have risen faster than CPI.

The bottom line is, we are on the bread line. Membership numbers are always under pressure and costs continue to rise. Our National Treasurer presented five year financial projections to the Council of Governors which indicate that, unless we can reverse the trend, the position of the Multiple District will become critical in the near future. With no central body how long do you think we as Lions Clubs would exist??

THE FIX !!!

Firstly we must work on **INCREASING MEMBERSHIP**. If we all make a concerted effort on retaining the members we have, as well as continuing to find new members, the increased income from dues will help our bottom line.

However, in the short term, **A FEE INCREASE IS IMMINENT**. A Motion is being brought to the 2015 National Convention in Newcastle to increase dues by \$4.94 per member per annum. This equates to one cup of coffee per member per year.

The following two years will also see increases of \$3.00 per member per annum (less than a cup of coffee each year), and then CPI increases each year.

Fellow Lions, the projections put together by our National Treasurer indicate that if we don't take action **NOW** our national body is in danger of becoming insolvent – a situation to be avoided at all costs. If this motion fails there may be no Lions in Australia in ten years' time. What a shame!

I urge all delegates attending the Newcastle Convention to support this Motion as the future of our national organisation depends on it.



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two more hands to do
service in our community,
at home and internationally



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