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first Australian Lions Governor (Mr. W. R. Tresise).
Below the Lion's emblem is the first President (Mr. Jim Brown).

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Welcome

MD 201 Council Chairperson 2021-2022 - Delwyn Seebeck

On behalf of your Council of Governors, it is with pleasure that I extend a very warm welcome to all Lions and Guests to Melbourne for the 'Mini' Lions Australia Multiple District Convention.

This is the second MD Convention that has been challenged by the uncertainties of living with COVID. It is indeed extremely disappointing that the MD Convention which was to be held in the beautiful city of Perth had to be cancelled. I thank most sincerely the Perth Convention Committee led by PDG Alan Hawkins who spent 2 years planning for the Convention.

The Mini-Convention is a great forum for bringing together Lions from around Australia for fun, fellowship, celebrating and inspiration.

With the Notices of Motion and the election of International Director candidates conducted remotely prior to the Mini-Convention, I am looking forward to the announcements of the Notices of Motion results, and the International Director who will be representing MD201 at Lions Clubs International during 2022-2024.

Despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic, Lions across Australia are continuing to Serve their communities. Responding to local community needs, and providing relief and support for communities affected by floods, fires and droughts is what you all do best. With COVID restrictions being eased across our country, Lions Clubs are looking forward to re-activating their Service.

I acknowledge and appreciate the great work of our Lions leaders – Club Presidents and officers, District Governors and their Cabinet Teams, and our Multiple District Leaders. I am excited with the role out of the GMA (Global Membership Approach). This process is going to invaluable for forward planning for all Districts and encourage active engagement with this approach.

I welcome you all to Melbourne and look forward to sharing our MD Mini-Convention.

Enjoy the fun and fellowship of the Convention.



His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Lions Convention 2022

Welcome, Lions, to Melbourne for Convention 2022.

The Convention is an important event on the Lions calendar. This year's gathering will be particularly significant as you celebrate Lions Australia's 75th anniversary.

It's important that you take time out at the Convention to celebrate your achievements. Lions Clubs have again these past 12 months been on the ground in their communities making a positive contribution, including in flood-affected communities in South-East Queensland and New South Wales.

Linda and I enjoyed a sausage and chat with Lions volunteers in Lismore following the recent floods. The conversations were another reminder of the powerful role Lions Clubs play in people's hour of need.

It is particularly apt that sessions on 'Disaster relief' and '75th anniversary community projects' are included in the Convention program, along with a Remembrance Ceremony in honour of Lions who have passed and, with an eye to the future, the announcement of Leo of the Year and Youth of the Year.

As Joint Patrons of Lions Australia, Linda and I wish all Lions volunteers a productive and enjoyable Convention. We thank all Lions Clubs for their continued outstanding contribution to our community.

L. Hurley



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Douglas X. Alexander
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

May 14-15, 2022

Multiple District 201
Australia

Dear Lions,

Thank you for attending the Lions Multiple District 201 Convention.

Conventions are an opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones. They are an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the multiple district and look forward to new opportunities to serve. They offer us a chance to strengthen our clubs, our districts and our commitment to service.

Lions Clubs International depends on each member and every district for our association to fulfill our mission of service. We give our Service from the Heart, and we make a difference in countless lives in our community. Together, we can achieve a greater good than ever before. And it starts with Lions like you, leading the way.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

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Welcome

Past International President Barry Palmer AO

Welcome to Melbourne and our MD Mini Convention.

The Lions family has missed our physical annual get together. This weekend at least we will be partially together.

It is important for us as Lions to have our annual meeting where we can discuss and debate the future of our organisation.

You as delegates will have the opportunity to elect our next International Director. The successful candidate will represent our Constitutional area at the International level. This is important for us. We need a voice at the International Board now, and into the future.

I am sorry Anne and I are unable to be with you in person. Hopefully next year we will be back.

Enjoy the experience. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Kind Regards

PIP Barry Palmer AO.



Welcome

MD 202 Council Chairperson Murray Pringle

Tena koutou katoa. Greetings from the Lions from the Lions of Multiple District 202, New Zealand & Islands of the South Pacific. It is with great pleasure that I extend a very warm welcome to all Lions, Leos and Distinguished Guests to your 70th Anniversary Multiple District Convention in Melbourne. Sadly, it is not the Convention that you had planned to hold in Perth, Western Australia but I am thrilled that you have been able to reschedule it.

District Governor Simon Williams and I remain hopeful that we will be able to attend your Convention in person and we are looking forward to catching up with our friends “across the ditch”. The COVID-19 pandemic has played havoc over the last two years and it has only been very recently that any New Zealander has been able to consider overseas travel.

Simon and I extend our appreciation to Council Chairperson Delwyn for extending the invitation to join with you, and we send you our best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable 70th Anniversary Convention being held under incredibly difficult circumstances to say the least.

CC Delwyn has shared with me that she has been unable, at this stage, any of MD201's 19 District Conventions because of the pandemic, and in particular because of the widespread circulation of the Omicron variant. New Zealand has been similarly afflicted with all of our District Conventions being held virtually.

MD202's Multiple District Convention due to have been held at Silverstream, Upper Hutt over the weekend of the 22nd to the 24th of April has also become a casualty. That will now become a Hybrid Virtual Convention with a limited number attending in person, but with all others attending virtually.

As all conventioners will know Conventions are a time where we meet old friends, make new friends, and renew and strengthen existing relationships with your Lions family. It is also a time to celebrate your achievements and successes of your Clubs, District and Multiple District. I hope that you all enjoy the camaraderie of meeting with your fellow Lions, and share with on another your experiences, trials and celebrations as we continue “To serve from the Heart”.

The last two years have been incredibly difficult for all Lions and Lions Clubs throughout both of our Multiple Districts as the pandemic took hold. Clubs have experienced difficulties in meeting, and as Omicron took hold. I have noticed that many Clubs are currently reluctant to meet. This is a real issue as member interest will wane if social connectivity is not able to be maintained. Sadly, it also impacts on Clubs ability to carry out that much needed service in our communities.

My theme for the year has been “Reflect, Review and Reinvigorate”. I urge you all to sit down with your fellow Lions to discuss new pathways for not only meeting, but also for providing that much needed service that our communities are seeking, now more than ever.

My thanks go to you all for all that you do for your Multiple District, your Districts, your Clubs, your communities and for each other. Continue to live up to International President Douglas Alexander's theme of “Service from the Heart, and continue to be kind to one another.

Enjoy your Convention.
Kia kaha.



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Spirit To Serve



HARIANTO SETIADINATA
Council Chairperson
Lions Clubs International MD 307 Indonesia
Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Fellow Lions, Lioness, Leos and all distinguishes guests & partners,

Thank you for inviting IPDG Ellen Theresia and I to join your Multiple District 201 Convention in Perth, Western Australia from 5 May to 9 May 2022. Our appreciation & thank you Council Chairperson Delwyn Seebeck for inviting us to this very special event.

With so many obstacles to the situation and conditions of Covid-19 Pandemic in our country, as well in other countries, including your country, Australia, we are very sorry that we cannot yet decided to attend the Convention personally; however, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you and do hope to attend your convention, either personally or virtually.

We surely understand that Convention is a moment that we are not only meeting to hear and to share Lions experience, but also meeting old friends and getting to know and to meet new friends.

Looking forward to being part of your special event & congrats you and your team for making the event special & success.

Spirit To Serve

Harianto Setiadinata
Council Chairperson MD 307 Indonesia
FY 2021-2022



Welcome

Master of Ceremonies

PDG Mick Wainwright

Welcome to the MD201 Convention 2022 and I have the privilege to be your Master Of Ceremonies (MC) for the convention this year. As you would be aware the convention has been condensed into two days.

As this is my first year as the MC I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been married to Julie for 39 years and have one son David and Daughter in law Trish. I served in the Regular Army for just over 20 years and a further 12 years in the Reserves. I was also fortunate to have been elected as Councillor with the City of Swan for 12 years including six years as Deputy Mayor and two years as Mayor.

More importantly I have been a member of the Lions Club of Noranda and a Lion since 1999. I have held various positions at the club. I believe that joining Lions was one of the best decisions I have made and have enjoyed the experience. I have served on the W1 cabinet since 2018 was the DG 2020/21.

During the convention please ensure you are seated at the commencement of each session, a five minute warning will be given which will give you plenty of time to take your seats. Please also ensure you follow any COVID 19 requirements, to ensure everyone is protected and safe.

If during the convention you have any announcements or requests please contact me in the breaks. If you are presenting on stage please be prepared to go on stage at least five minutes before your presentation.

Also I would like to acknowledge PDG Paul Helmling for his time as MC over the past years and hope I can maintain the standard he set.

Please take the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of the convention.

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SATURDAY 1:50PM

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ANDREW KELLY

**CEO
The Antarctic Science
Foundation**

Andrew Kelly is CEO of The Antarctic Science Foundation. Across two decades Andrew has witnessed the power of generosity, assisting supporters to realise the change they want to see in the world through transformational gifts to Youth Off The Streets, The Smith Family, The Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS), the Society of St Vincent De Paul and Children's Medical Research Institute.



CINNAMON EVANS

**CEO
CERES INC.**

Cinnamon Evans is the CEO of CERES Inc, an integrated system of social enterprise, urban farming and sustainability education based across four locations on Wurundjeri Country, Melbourne. CERES counters the prevailing story of separation with stories of connectedness and love. Through Cinnamon's leadership, CERES has retained its collaborative community spirit while scaling and becoming a large and diverse trade-based organisation.



JASWINDER SINGH

**SECRETARY
Sikh Volunteers
Australia**

Migrated to Australia in October 2014

Grad.Dip in Mechanical Engineering and Pursuing Bachelor of Community Development in Victoria.

Hobby: - Team Building and Social Interaction.

Volunteer with Sikh Volunteers Australia and Sikh Interfaith Council of Victoria

Reason for Volunteering: Gives me the sense that I am not just living for myself, but my actions bring a smile to someones face. It helps me achieve inner peace and happiness



JOSEPHENE DUFFY

**CEO
Stephanie Alexander
Kitchen Garden
Foundation**

Josephene Duffy is the CEO of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. Josephene has been with the Foundation since 2008, fulfilling various roles involving communications, partnerships, knowledge brokering and government relations, providing her with in-depth experience of every facet of the Foundation and its community. The Foundation's vision is to see children form positive food habits for life. We do that through supporting schools and early learning centres to deliver pleasurable food education through a kitchen garden program model.

MD 201 *Mini*
CONVENTION 2022



MELBOURNE PROGRAM

14-15 May | Crown Melbourne

Note: All events to be held in the Crown Conference Hall unless otherwise advised.

<i>Saturday 14 May 2022</i>		
7:30 am	Registration	Pre Function area of Crown Conference Hall
8:30 am	Call to order and arrival of the official party	Master of Ceremonies - PDG Mick Wainwright
8:40 am	Explanations and Announcements	Master of Ceremonies - PDG Mick Wainwright
	Protocol and Introductions	Master of Ceremonies - PDG Mick Wainwright
	Welcome	Council Chairperson Delwyn Seebeck
	Invocation	PDG Ann Eldridge
	Lions Purposes	District Governor Q4 - Kathy McCosker
	Lions Ethics	District Governor V5 - Keith Yates
	Leo Purposes	Leo Kai Spence
	Welcome to Country	Wurundjeri Elder
8:58 am	Official Opening and Flag Ceremony	Multiple District Council and the Leo Club of Boorandara
9:30 am	Keynote Address - Humanitarian Support in the Ukraine	Mr Stefan Romaniw OAM Representing Mr Volodymyr Shalkivskyi, Deputy Head of the Mission Embassy of Ukraine in Australia
	Video Presentation	PID AP Singh - Candidate for International 3rd Vice President
	Video Presentation	International First Vice-President - Brian E. Sheehan
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>COMFORT BREAK</i>	
10:30 am	Leo of the Year	Leo Chairperson - Lion Pam Bennett
12:00 noon	Announcement - International Director	Council Chairperson - Delwyn Seebeck
<i>12:15 pm</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>	
12:15 pm	PDG's Meeting	PDG Rhys Roberts/ PDG Bev Hawkins
1:45 pm	Call to Order	Master of Ceremonies - PDG Mick Wainwright
1:50 pm	Panel discussion - Inspiring Community Projects	Hosted by LJ Loch
3:05 pm	Announcement Leo of the Year	Leo Chairperson - Lion Pam Bennett
<i>3:15 pm</i>	<i>COMFORT BREAK</i>	
3:45 pm	Remembrance Ceremony	Conducted by V2 Executive
5:00 pm	Convention drinks and fellowship	Pre Function area of Crown Conference Hall
7:00 pm	District Dinners	Various

Sunday 15 May 2022

7:00 am	Registration	
8:30 am	Call to Order and preliminaries	Master of Ceremonies - PDG Mick Wainwright
8:35 am	Youth of the Year	Youth of the Year Chairperson - PDG Ken Bradford
<i>10:05 am</i>	<i>COMFORT BREAK</i>	
10:35 am	ANZI Pacific Forum	ANZI Forum Chairperson - Toni Lanphier
10:50 am	60th Anniversary of Lions - Western Australia	PCC Ambrose Depiazzi OAM
11:10 am	Keynote Address - Disaster Relief Australia	CEO - Disaster Relief Australia - Geoff Evans
11:45 am	Announcement Youth of the Year	Youth of the Year Chairperson - PDG Ken Bradford
<i>12:00 noon</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>	
1:20 pm	Keynote Address - Doing Good Rewards	Brad Langdon - CEO
1:50 pm	Convention bid 2025	Lion Dale Harriman
2:00 pm	Gold Coast Convention 2023 Presentation	PCC David McKenzie OAM
2:15 pm	MD202 - Lions New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific	Council Chairperson Murray Pringle
2:30 pm	75th Anniversary Presentation	PR Officer Jemma Pascolini and Lion Sari-Elle Kraemer
<i>2:45 pm</i>	<i>COMFORT BREAK</i>	
3:15 pm	MD201 Presentations	Council Chairperson Delwyn Seebeck
3:55 pm	Council handover	Council Chairperson Delwyn Seebeck
4:15 pm	International Director Elect Address	
4:30 pm	Closing Ceremony and Fellowship	2022-2023 MD 201 Council



Cheers!

Saturday Catch-up
Saturday 14 May from 5pm

Convention drinks & fellowship in Crown Conference Hall Pre-Function Area



Keynote Speaker

Geoff Evans

CEO Disaster Relief Australia

Sunday 15 May 11:10 am
Crown Conference Hall



Keynote Speaker

Brad Langdon

CEO Doing Good Rewards

Sunday 15 May 1:20 pm
Crown Conference Hall

Convention Keynote Address

Humanitarian Support in the Ukraine



Mr Stefan Romaniw

Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of
Ukrainian Organisations and
First Vice President of the Ukrainian World
Congress (cc).

9:30am Sat 14 May



Lions - proudly serving Australian communities for over 75 years

Volunteering is critical to keep our communities functioning well, and for 75 years, Lions have been supporting communities across Australia.

Some Lions are on a mission to cure childhood cancer and diabetes, others are committed to assisting those impacted by drought and floods and many are simply working together to help people in need in their local community. One thing all Lions have in common is together they are making an incredible difference.

For more information visit lionsclubs.org.au

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Multiple District 201

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*Council Chairperson
Delwyn Seebeck*



*Executive Officer
Rob Oerlemans*



*National Treasurer
PDG Bruce Unwin*



*Legal Officer
PCC David Skinner OAM*



*Fundraising & Partnerships
National Coordinator
PDG Norm Alcock*



*Youth & Community Projects
National Coordinator
PDG Dale "Toby" Crawford*



*GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM
Service National Coordinator
PDG John Muller OAM*



*GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM
Membership National Coordinator
PDG Ann Eldridge*



*GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM
Leadership National Coordinator
PCC Phillip Johnson*

2021-2022

MD 201 District Governors



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JOHN BARNES



C2
DARRYL MORLEY



N1
ROBIN PARKER



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LORNA GORDON



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GLENYS FRANCIS



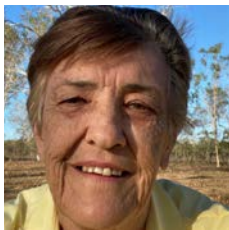
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RON PARRY



N5
SUNIL AMARATUNGA



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NICOLE PHILLIPS



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Q4
KATHY MCCOSKER



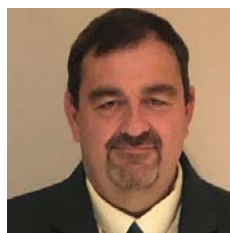
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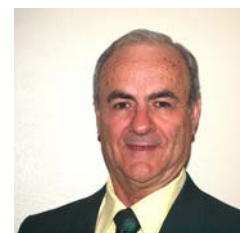
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V2
TOM BLAIR



V3
STEVE BOYCE



V5
KEITH YATES



V6
STEPHEN KAZENWADEL



W1
MICHAEL WOLF



W2
STEPHEN BERRY

2022-2023

MD 201 District Governors



C1
ZIG OSIS



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RUTH PEARSONS



N1
ROSALIE DAVIS



N2
NORM FOUNTAIN



N3
DENISE BRUCE



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MICHAEL RYAN



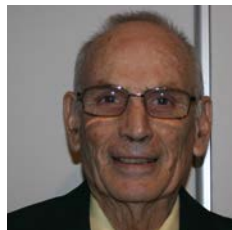
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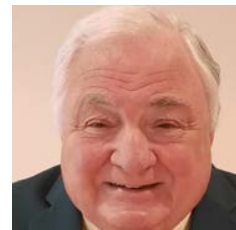
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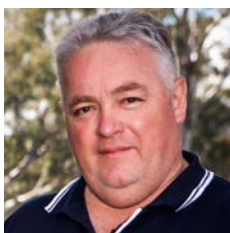
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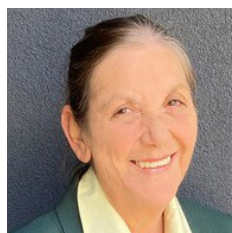
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TIM FRASER



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PAUL CAIRNDUFF



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GRANT VICTOR-GORDON



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LEE-ANN ANSELMO



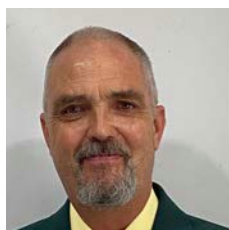
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DAVID CULPITT



V5
GRAHAM BRYANT



V6
NEIL STUART



W1
DARREN BLACKBURN



W2
TED WATTS

Council Chairperson's Report



*MD201 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON 2021-2022
DELWYN SEEBECK*

I was humbled and challenged at being elected in Canberra as your Council Chairperson for 2021-2022. This honour has certainly put our little Lions Club of Forrest & District in the little town of Forrest in the Otways in south west Victoria on the map.

It was with positive anticipation at the beginning of this Lions year that the COVID pandemic would be ending – alas, not so! How fortunate we were to be able to meet in Canberra 12 months ago. It was the first opportunity for this year's team of District Governors to meet together. We were all looking forward to gathering in Perth, and as we know that was not to be. Gathering this week in Melbourne for the fun and fellowship of this Mini-Convention is an event we are all looking forward to.

Virtual meetings have this year played the important role of enabling the business of Lions to continue. The meeting of the Council of Governors in Melbourne this week is the first face-to-face meeting for this team since their Shadow Council meeting 12 months ago in Canberra. I congratulate all District Governors for their resilience and diligence in fulfilling their roles of Governors during this past year. The ability for the Governors to travel for visitations and meetings has varied from District to District because of the differing restrictions imposed on us all by our various States rules.

The position of District Governor is supported by a

training program with Lions Clubs International. Without the influence of COVID, the District Governors' Elect would have travelled to Chicago USA, for a dedicated training program. For two years this has been replaced with a string of virtual training sessions delivered over a number of weeks. The information is delivered, but the fellowship of meeting fellow DGEs and the importance of 'out of class' conversations is lost. My observation is the commitment to attend the numerous virtual training sessions has had a big impact on diarising our local and District meetings, such as Club Development Forums. I commend all Lions for making the necessary adjustments to these commitments.

Our youth programs continue, albeit COVID restricted. One of our favourite programs, The Youth of the Year, is continuing, however in some Districts engaging with schools and the youth is not as easy as usual. This is impacting on the number of young people taking part at Club level. I acknowledge and thank Clubs who have been able to work through the issues and enable the National Final to be presented this weekend. Youth Exchange has also been severely impacted. It is great though that with inspirational discussions and planning Type 1 Youth Diabetes camps for eligible Australian youth have taken place and others are planned. The Peace Poster competition has also continued, although with a reduced number of entries. It was with great excitement that we were able to congratulate our Lions Australia National winner Hannah Roberts, LC Booragoon District W2 as one of 23 International Merit Award Winners. I also congratulate the City of Adelaide Lions Club and the Leo Club of Melbourne Next Gen who were each International winners of Kindness Matters Service Awards.

Other successful projects include Lap the Map. With 205 Lions Clubs and two Leo Clubs participating they collectively walked over 232,566kms. I also congratulate the Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation whose skin cancer checking unit hit the roads across the V Districts in June 2021. By mid-February, 21 Clubs and towns had been visited, 2024 skin checks done with 794 referrals advised. There are 32 bookings made for 2022, and expressions of interest on the books through to 2024. The LVDCF Trustees acknowledge the efforts of the volunteers, fully qualified Dermoscopists and truck drivers. More of these fabulous volunteers are needed. It is identified that into the future speciality Lions Clubs

will be a positive initiative for Lions. One such Club, The Lions Club of Victoria Need for Feed was chartered in 2021. Its success is its speciality of delivering donated hay and stock feed to communities in need because of fire, flood and drought. It is outstanding.

LCIF continues to seek and provide support for LCI Focus areas: [Vision](#), [Youth](#), [Disaster Relief](#), [Humanitarian Aid](#), [Diabetes](#), [Hunger](#), [Environment](#) and [Childhood Cancer](#). I urge all Clubs and Districts to continue their support. We have many Clubs and Districts who have applied for LCIF funding for Disaster Relief, and projects grants. I congratulate all who have applied for grants and the benefits their projects provide to their communities.

It was disappointing that the majority of our Districts were unable to host their annual face-to-face District Conventions as planned. The Business of Conventions was managed virtually, and several districts postponed the fun and fellowship Convention sessions until the first half of 2022.

In September this year we will be celebrating 75 Years of Lions in Australia. Events and displays are being planned right throughout our 19 Multiple Districts. It will be a great opportunity to showcase the strong influences and support Lions provide to communities across Australia.

GAT – Global Action Team

The GAT is a bridge between Lions and the International Association. It is a continuous loop of resources and feedback, designed to connect clubs, districts, leaders and beyond with tools and resources developed to improve their service impact.

The three elements of GAT are GMT (Membership), GLT (Leadership) and GST (Service). To be successful GST needs GMT & GLT, GMT needs GST & GLT, and GLT needs GST & GMT.

The statistics tell us that in general, Lions membership is ageing and dropping. To help build confidence and a plan for the future, the GMA (Global Membership Approach) has been introduced by LCI. This approach is to help us build our bridge. This is a five-year approach. As I attend various forums at District and Multiple District levels to workshop, discuss, and plan a five-year approach. I am excited with the thoughts, ideas and opinions of those taking part in the team

discussions. A GMA team is working in every District - the team members (approx. 10) include the District Governor, Vice-District Governors and a cross-section of Lions from the District.

It is disappointing that the travel usually expected in the role of Council Chairperson has not happened due to COVID. The ANZI forum was cancelled last September and visiting special events and meetings with my colleagues in Constitutional Area 7 simply has not been possible. And, I have not yet had the privilege of attending an International Convention. The induction of District Governors for the past two years has taken place virtually.

Personal Thanks!

The Multiple District Management Team is very committed and diligent in their various roles. As with Council meetings, generally the MD Management Team meetings have all been conducted virtually. I thank you all – Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans, Legal Officer PCC David Skinner OAM and MD Treasurer PDG Bruce Unwin. Your advice, guidance and support are invaluable.

To the National GAT team – Global Leadership Coordinator PCC Phillip Johnson, Global Membership Coordinator PDG Ann Eldridge and Global Service Coordinator PDG John Muller, your commitment, expertise and diligence in your leadership roles is second to none, thank you.

To PDG Norm Alcock – Fundraising and Partnerships, and PDG Toby Crawford – Youth and Community Projects, your support to your projects is invaluable, thank you.

To all National Committees and Foundation leaders – thank you.

And, to the great staff in the National Office in Newcastle – Max, Elise, Julie, Annelie, Emily and Jemma. My sincere thanks to everyone for all that you do.



Executive Officer's Report



*MD201 EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ROB OERLEMANS FAICO*

Our previous year ended with a success. It is only in hindsight that we can reflect on the extraordinary accomplishment that it was. We were able to come together as Lions in Canberra, for our Annual Convention. Although smaller than our usual Convention it was a great success. As I reflect on the continuing lockdowns and border restrictions that followed, I can appreciate how lucky we were.

We are very fortunate to have generally excellent telecommunications in Australia, although some of our Lions in remote and rural areas still struggle. Coupled with the development of relatively inexpensive tools like ZOOM and its competitors, this means that we have still been able to conduct the business of Lions at National, District and Club level, despite the challenges.

Videoconferencing, however, does not take the place of face-to-face meetings to ensure effective governance. Your National Council and its predecessor have worked diligently to effectively govern your Association during the pandemic but have been challenged by the difficulty in coming together in-person. As such, I know we are all very excited to be able to come together in person in Melbourne.

My thanks go to the Perth Convention Organising Committee that has worked for some years to bring a Convention to the West, celebrating 60 years of community work through Lions in Western Australia. I know that it is a great disappointment that we could not proceed but I hope that we can return to Western

Australia soon, for a great Lions Convention.

I reflect on some of the successes this year despite the pandemic.

Our public relations performance continues to improve. We can thank those clubs that share their successes through local media and social media to highlight what it means to be a Lion. We have completed three new videos that focus on the impact of our local Lions Clubs in their communities, and the satisfaction and fun that membership brings. There are more on the way.

With the support of Alpha Consulting our PR partners and the work of our own staff we have not missed any opportunity to promote our activities. Every media release has achieved some response and we have been lucky to be routinely interviewed about our work, particularly on radio. I would draw your attention too, to our new “Corporate Giving” E-Brochure on our website that provides a great summary of the impact of our Lions Clubs. <https://lionsclubs.org.au/get-involved/donations/#corporate>

This year we rebuilt the Lions Australia website to provide a fresh and modern new image for our Association in Australia and we continue to develop new materials for social media to assist with promotion and publicity.

We are advanced in planning for our future Conventions; each providing a unique experience for our members. In 2023 we will be meeting for a wonderful, sun-drenched Convention on the Gold Coast, followed by Darwin in 2024 and you have before you, a proposal for a Victorian country Convention in 2025 in Traralgon. As the pandemic eases, I hope every Lion can build these opportunities into their Lions program because there is nothing better than getting together with old friends and meeting new ones.

Council’s Long Range Development Committee has been meeting regularly and continues to provide clear, innovative proposals to the Council to work on issues facing our organisation. There is nothing more important than building the capacity of our organisation through membership growth, and the Long-Range Committee developed the Club Building Rebate program adopted by Council and is presenting the Club Building Service initiative to the members for consideration in a Notice of Motion. In the forward agenda, it will be developing proposals on how we can engage with our alumni and build collaboration and cooperation nationally within

our Association.

Lions in Australia succeeds through the efforts of each individual Lion. Lions Australia is somewhat unique in the Lions world given the many opportunities it offers members to participate in guiding and delivering National programs through various committees. I would encourage every member to consider these opportunities as they are announced in our regular E-Newsletter. These positions are filled on the basis of merit. They are not restricted to any former office holder but are open to any Lion that meets the skill and experience criteria in the position statement. As with all Lions roles, they are purely voluntary, but the Multiple District reimburses any expenses incurred in the role as defined in its General Rules of Reimbursement.

It would be remiss to not reflect on the flood disaster that has hit our nation and affects many of our members. Our clubs are still working to assist their communities to recover from the 2020/21 bushfires and now we have been faced by this disaster. It is an important reminder of the need for volunteer organisations like Lions to be ready, willing and able to serve quickly and effectively. We are fortunate to be able to call on the resources of the Australian Lions Foundation and the Lions Clubs International Foundation to support our clubs that will be working on the long process of recovery.

It was wonderful to welcome Ms Deborah Hutton as our very first Lions National Ambassador. Ms Hutton is already very active in her role to support the Mobile Skin Cancer Screening vans in many states

Every Lion succeeds through the support of their club members and my national office 'club' no different. We are fortunate to have a skilled and dedicated team at the National Office who continue to serve our Association with great commitment. There have been a difficult few years with our own office fire and our individual personal challenges as we navigate the pandemic. My sincere thanks to each and every member of staff for your support.

There have been a few staff changes in the last few years and I have included our team below, by way of introduction.

Finally, thank you to Council Chairperson Delwyn, the Council and Management Team and those many Lions I have had the opportunity to work with over the past year. I look forward to continued success and growth in our very worthwhile and valued organisation.



Notices of Motion

Outcomes 2021

Constitutional Notices of Motion

CNM1 -

Proposed Amendment to Clause 5 Multiple District Constitution by the insertion of a reference to the Code of Conduct.

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the insertion of a second paragraph in the following provisions in Clause 5 of the Multiple District Constitution –

Membership of the Multiple District shall be deemed to constitute an acknowledgement that each Lions Club and its members accept and shall observe the Code of Conduct from time to time in force as adopted by the Council.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: Constitution updated

CNM2 -

Proposed Amendment to Multiple District Constitution Clause 13

MOTION:

That the following motion be WITHDRAWN:

“That this Multiple District approves the amendment of Clause 13 of the Multiple District Constitution by the insertion of the words “together with a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of eight (8) Immediate Past District Governors” after the words “Council Chairperson.”

OUTCOME: The motion to withdraw was carried.

ACTION: Withdrawn - No action required.

CNM3 -

Election of Council Chairperson

MOTION:

That the motion be raised from the table

OUTCOME: Carried

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the deletion of Clause 14 in the Multiple District Constitution and the insertion of the following Clause in lieu thereof:

14.1 The District Governors Elect present at the election process prior to the Multiple District Convention immediately preceding their year in office, shall by a majority vote, elect the Council Chairperson to serve in that office during that year.

14.2 Nominees for Council Chairperson may consist of any person who has served as District Governor in the immediate past three (3) years, inclusive of the then current year provided that that a Past Council Chairperson shall not be eligible for election and that any candidate may only contest once in any three (3) year period.

14.3 Any person who qualifies in accordance with Clause 14.2 and is seeking election shall deliver a Notice of intention to seek endorsement to the Executive Officer no later than the 15th March preceding the Multiple District Convention at which the election is to be conducted.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: Constitution updated.

Council Chairperson election procedure updated.

CNM4 -

Amendment to Clause 96.1.3. relating to Category B Projects

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the amendment of Clause 96.1.3 of the Multiple District Constitution by the insertion of further paragraphs in the following terms: -

Should a Managing Club or District fail to make any Report of its conduct of a Project or fail to disclose its Financial Records or should such a Report raise concern of Council or should any District or Club advise Council of its concern in relation to the conduct or management of a Project:

Such matters shall be referred to the Managing Club or District for clarification and/or rectification.

In the event that any matter is not clarified and/or rectified to the reasonable satisfaction of Council within the time

nominated by Council, the Council may by resolution resolve to suspend the Project for such period as Council may determine or until the rising of the next succeeding Multiple District Convention (whichever shall first occur).”

OUTCOME: Carried
ACTION: Constitution updated

CNM5 -

Proposed Amendment to the Multiple District Constitution Transfer of Clauses 49-70 to the Multiple District By-Laws.

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the deletion of Clauses 49 to 70 (both inclusive) in the Multiple District Constitution and the insertion of such Clauses in the Multiple District By-Laws.

OUTCOME: Carried
ACTION: Constitution and By-Laws updated.

CNM6 -

Proposed Amendment to Multiple District Constitution Transfer of Clauses 71 to 75 to the Multiple District By-Laws.

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the deletion of Clauses 71 to 75 (both inclusive) in the Multiple District Constitution and the insertion of such Clauses in the Multiple District By-Laws.”

OUTCOME: Carried
ACTION: Constitution and By-Laws updated

CNM7 -

Proposed Amendment to Multiple District Constitution Transfer of Clauses 76 to 84 to the Multiple District By-Laws.

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the deletion of Clauses 76 to 84 (both inclusive) in the Multiple District Constitution and the insertion of such Clauses in the Multiple District By-Laws.”

OUTCOME: Carried
ACTION: Constitution and By-Laws updated

CNM8 -

Proposed Amendment to Multiple District Constitution Transfer of Clauses 112 to 116 to the Multiple District By-Laws

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the deletion of Clauses 112 to 116 (both inclusive) in the Multiple District Constitution and the insertion of such Clauses in the Multiple District By-Laws.”

OUTCOME: Lost
ACTION: Motion lost. No action required

Project Notices of Motion

PNM9 -

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Project known as “The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation” as a Category “A” Project for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2024.”

OUTCOME: Carried
ACTION: MD Project records updated

PNM10 -

The Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Project entitled “The Australian Lions Children Mobility Foundation: as a Category “A” Project for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2024.”

OUTCOME: Carried
ACTION: MD Project records updated.

PNM11 -

Lions Skin Cancer Screening Project

MOTION:

That the following motion be withdrawn:

“That the term of the Project known as “Lions Skin Cancer Screening Project be extended as a Category “B” Project for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2024.”

OUTCOME: The motion to withdraw was carried.
ACTION: Motion withdrawn. No action required

PNM12 -

*Lions Eye Health Program – Australia
(also referred to LEHP – Australia)*

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the adoption of the Project entitled “The Lions Eye Health Program – Australia” as a Category B Project for the term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2024.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: MD Project records updated.

Fundraising Activity Notices of Motion

FANM13 -

Lion Mint Australia

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Fundraising Activity entitled “Lion Mint Australia” for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2024.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: MD Project records updated

FANM14 -

Lions Christmas Cakes including Lions Christmas Puddings

MOTION:

“That the Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Fundraising Activity entitled “Lion Christmas Cakes including Lions Christmas Puddings” for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2024.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: MD Project records updated

General Notices of Motion

GNM15 -

Amendment to the Lions Code of Ethics

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention seek the approval of the International Board of Lions Clubs International to the insertion of the undermentioned provision following the Fifth Lions Code of Ethics, that is to say: -

“To ensure that my actions protect, support and sustain our global environment for the good of humanity”

to the intent that the present sixth, seventh and eighth Codes are re-numbered seventh, eighth and ninth respectively.

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: Advice provided to Lions Clubs International. No advice of outcome yet provided

GNM16 -

Recommendation for the appointment of Redistricting Committee

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention recommends that the Council of Governors appoint a Redistricting Committee for the purpose of submitting recommendations for the redistricting of those Districts presently in transitional status (that is comprising less than 1,250 members) and that such recommendations be considered by Council and further that Council report to the 2022 Multiple District Convention particulars of such recommendations and any action proposed by Council in that regard.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: Redistricting Committee has met and reported to Council. Recommendation included in Notices of Motion

GNM17 -

*Proposed adoption of a Policy Statement
Diversity Policy*

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District Convention adopts the Diversity Policy Statement tabled at this Convention.”

OUTCOME: Lost

ACTION: Motion lost. No action required.

GNM18 -

Endorsement of Candidate for the Office of International Third Vice President

MOTION:

“That this Multiple District confirms the endorsement of PID Tony Benbow OAM as a Candidate for the Office of International Third Vice President to the intent that such endorsement shall be deemed to take effect after the rising of the International Convention in June 2021 and be valid for a period of three years.”

OUTCOME: Carried

ACTION: Advice provided to Lions Clubs International. (Subsequently, PID Tony has withdrawn.)

Treasurer's Report



*MD 201 TREASURER
PDG BRUCE UNWIN*

The detailed audited financial statements for the 2021 year are provided as a separate booklet. Please take the time to read these important documents.

The statements include:

- Directors' Report and Declaration
- Statutory Accounts
- Audit Report
- Management Accounts.

The 2021 year was another year affected by the COVID pandemic and it interrupted many of our Lions activities – at Club, District and the Multiple District levels. At the Multiple District we were better prepared for the disruptions after our year of 'learning' in 2020 and things proceeded 'relatively' smoothly. Financially we performed well thanks in no small part to the cancellation of some events and the ongoing extraordinary efforts of our staff at the National Office.

However, going forward, our budget position remains tight and our Five Year Financial Projections indicate a significant decline in our cash position over that period. Cost increases continue to exceed CPI and we will need to closely monitor and control our expenditure. Both the Management Group and the Long Range Development Committee are considering the options that may be

available and any recommendations that may be put to the Finance Committee and the Council of Governors for consideration.

Additionally our membership numbers continue to decline which reduces our income base however some of our savings in 2020 and 2021 are being invested in membership programs which are expected to produce positive membership growth over the next few years.

In terms of Clause 48 of the Multiple District Constitution, our member dues will increase in line with CPI for the year ended 31 December 2021. This increase was 3.5% and therefore dues will increase by \$1.60 to \$47.40 per member per annum (charged at \$23.70 per half year) from 1 July 2022.

I look forward to continue working with the present and future Councils to achieve financially responsible management of the Multiple District.

I take this opportunity to thank the Multiple District Executive, the National Coordinators and MD Project Chairpersons and the staff at the National Office for their efforts throughout another challenging year.

Thank you also to Council Chairperson Delwyn and the Council of Governors for your cooperation and support and of course, I would find this role impossible without the on-going support and understanding of my wife Diane.

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Legal Officer's Report



*MD 201 LEGAL OFFICER
PCC DAVID SKINNER OAM*

*"There is nothing
impossible to him who
will try"*

-Alexander the Great-

This last two years have brought changes to our lifestyles, our workplaces and our perception of life. Traditions which have weathered the storms of time have been discarded, or at least postponed.

Lions Australia has not been immune to these changes. Club Meetings and activities have been abandoned or reduced and modified. Through sheer necessity many events have been conducted as “virtual” and communications restricted to “zooming”. Hopefully, however, things are beginning to approach “normality”.

We must accept and utilise those new methods which are to our advantage whilst retaining those important traditions and activities upon which our organisation has been built.

The absence of personal contact can easily reduce interest in Club activities and weaken the bond of friendship that holds our organisation together. Of all times, the need for friendship is now greater than ever. Lions has the opportunity to bring friendship to all our current and prospective members. When Lions extends the hand of friendship the world is within its grasp.

A Notice of Motion seeking the insertion of provisions in the Multiple District Constitution confirming the right of the Council of Governors, should it be necessary, to arrange for Voting and Notices of Motion to be conducted on an electronic platform is submitted for the

consideration of delegates. I commend the Motion to you.

The other Notices of Motion – somewhat smaller in number in consequence of the reduced District Conventions – are worthy of consideration.

This year our Multiple District has the opportunity and privilege of recommending the appointment of an International Director to serve our Constitutional Area for the 2022 -2024 Lions years. Each candidate is well qualified and would prove worthy ambassadors.

Many thanks are extended to Deputy Legal Officer Ivana, each of the District CBL Chairpersons and to the Members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their advice and support. It has been a pleasure to work with the Council of Governors under the leadership of Delwyn Seebeck who has very capably lead our Multiple District. The support of Executive Officer Rob, Treasurer PDG Bruce, National Co-Ordinators PDG Phillip, PDG Ann, PDG John, PDG Norm and PDG Toby is very much appreciated. Each of them has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Multiple District.

Thank you for your support and friendship.

Leadership Coordinator's Report



*GLOBAL ACTION TEAM
LEADERSHIP NATIONAL COORDINATOR
PCC PHILLIP JOHNSON*

The development of our future leaders is critical to the sustainability and growth of clubs, districts and our Multiple District. We are all aware that our Lions organisation faces considerable challenges at the moment to attract and maintain our membership. A number of surveys have been conducted over the years to determine why our members leave, particularly in the first one to five years of joining. In every one of these surveys the key factors for members deciding to leave are a result of poor leadership and disengagement, particularly at club level. We need strong and decisive leadership to ensure that we provide “value for effort” and a sense of belonging and ownership so that we can continue to take on the challenges of our ever changing society. A key element of the process of providing that strong and decisive leadership is the identification and the development of our future leaders. We need to be supporting their development and creating pathways and opportunities for them to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to lead us all into the future. This is the primary role of the Global Leadership Teams at club, district and multiple district levels.

A few years ago, Lions Clubs International, introduced the Global Action Team consisting of service, membership and leadership. Since then a great deal of time and effort has been put into rolling out the new concept at Multiple District and at District level. The

challenge has been to identify the right Lions to be placed into these key roles and for them to operate as a team, working in conjunction with the District Governor’s Team, to develop goals and action plans that will drive our Multiple District and Districts to grow and identify the needs of our communities as we strive to serve our fellow beings. In more recent times efforts have been made to roll out the Global Action Team concept at Club level. This has presented a new set of challenges. Many clubs have been under the misapprehension that it was creating new positions in clubs, and those clubs with smaller membership numbers did not have the membership to fill these positions. This is not the case; it is not creating more board positions. It is about clearly defining three very important functions which should be carried out in every club, and then ensuring at least someone was making sure that the club was involved in service, involved in membership retention and growth and that the club was ensuring it had current and future leadership capacity to run effectively.

I am proud to say that we have a very active Global Leadership Team at district and at Multiple District level. The opportunities that have been provided to our membership to strengthen their leadership skills have been very positive and proactive. The number and range of programs conducted within the districts continues to expand beyond the traditional responsibilities of providing basic club development forums which prepare incoming club officers with training and guidance. Some of the more innovative programs have included computer skills training, negotiation and conflict resolution skills, presentation skills including public speaking and the use of PowerPoint, social media usage, club promotion and numerous other personal and leadership development programs. District Global Leadership Team leaders are to be commended for their innovative approaches to leadership development. COVID 19 has opened up a whole new world of presenting; we no longer rely totally upon face to face presentations. More of our members can become involved in development and training from the comfort of their own home and are not be required to travel long distances. District leaders have become innovative in the way they now can use a combination of face to face and electronic programs to reach out to members.

At the Multiple District level we have been working very closely with the District Leadership groups to

support and provide them with the resources necessary for their roles. An important roll out in 2020 was a standardised package of presentations for use by Districts at their Club Development Forums which proved popular and received wide acceptance. While produced primarily for face to face training, they proved effective in many districts where it was necessary to conduct these forums through electronic applications such as Zoom and Go To Meeting. In addition we have conducted training for the incoming District Governor Teams, including District Governors Elect, and first and second District Governors Elect. This is viewed as important in ensuring that the district leadership have the skills, knowledge and competencies to lead their district and that they are working together as a team sharing the roles and responsibilities of leadership and management of the district. Due to COVID 19 the majority of this development and training has taken place via electronic application, but slowly we are returning to face to face encounters. District Global Leadership Team Coordinators are also required to list all training and development programs on the Learn portal that is accessed through the universal login system on the LCI website and upon completion of the program report presenters and participants as a record of their involvement.

In the past twelve months COVID 19 has caused the postponement of Multiple District and Lions Clubs International series of Institutes. I am very pleased to report that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute, which had 32 lions registered, was finally able to take place at Grindelwald, just outside Launceston in MD District 201 T1. The Lions Certified Instructor Program had to be cancelled twice and now it will take place in Constitutional Area 7 in Brisbane from May 20 to 25, 2022. This will be followed a week later from May 27 to 29 2022 with an Advanced Lions leadership Institute to also be held in Brisbane. This has given the Lions of MD 201 the opportunity to register and participate in two high quality Lions Clubs International hosted Institutes on home soil. During the first half of the 2021/22 Lions Year our Multiple District Global Action Team Coordinators provide face to face where possible or

via Zoom training and development in all Districts for DG Team Leaders, GAT Coordinators, Zone Chairpersons and other Lions recognised in District leadership. These full day workshops proved very successful as they provided District leaders a “big picture view” of what drives and challenges the Lions organisation in Australia. A similar approach will be utilised again in the second half of the 2021/22 Lions Year to prepare DG Team leaders, GAT leaders and District Global Membership Coordinators coming into the role for 2022/23. These workshops will take place on a state basis rather than on a District basis.

In addition to all these face to face and electronic delivered programs that are available to our members, Lions Clubs International also conduct a number of “self-learning” opportunities in the form of webinars and the Lions Learning Center (American spelling as it is the title) available through the Lions Clubs International website. There are some really good and useful courses available, but unfortunately this is a much underutilised resource, especially in our Multiple District. I would encourage all lions to enrol in the Lions Learning Center and do some of the courses at your own pace, and also to promote them to our newer members.

This year the MD GLT Committee has consisted of:

PCC Phillip Johnson – MD GLT Coordinator

IPCC Kim Forrest – MD GLT Committee

PDG David Thomas – MD GLT Committee

IPDG Neil Wingrave – MD Trainer

Lion Kerrie McMahon – DGE Partners Trainer

Lastly, I would like to thank each of the above team members for their support and their commitment over the past year as they have had to adapt to the new demands COVID has forced upon us. All have done an amazing job whenever and wherever they have been called upon to assist with the development of current and future leaders of our Multiple District.



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Membership Coordinator's Report



**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM -
MEMBERSHIP NATIONAL COORDINATOR
PDG ANN ELDRIDGE**

Hello and greetings to Everyone,

As usual I had a look at the membership topic of conversation from a year ago. No surprise, it was all about the pandemic. I don't believe we understood this time last year that we would go through another year of dealing with the pandemic and the effect that it would continue to have on our communities and our organisation. It can be argued whether the pandemic was the cause or not, however, we have less members and less clubs across Australia than we did two years ago.

So how do we resolve that? We all know in our heart of hearts that Lions Clubs are very much needed in our community – there is so much to do on a local level, an Australian level and an international level; perhaps now, more than ever.

Our incoming International President Brian Sheehan has launched the GMA across the Lions world and the Districts in Australia have risen to the challenge with the Global Membership Approach. The objectives are as illustrated (right):-

Okay you say, what is new? Well, the difference I believe with this approach, is the type of planning and commitment from the Districts with their strategy, resources and action.



Districts have placed a Global Membership Approach Leader in each District to assist the District Governor Team to drive the approach. We also have a number of key members (GMA Support Team), from outside the District to provide support in developing the strategy.

Our Vice District Governors and our GAT Team are also a vital part of the District strategy team. It is so necessary, as it will be their responsibility to continue to tweak and deliver the plan for the next year and the next.

As this is being written, many GMA strategy meetings across Australia are being conducted.

The first meeting explains the approach. The second round of meetings is to conduct a SWOT analysis. (Working out the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of the District). They also develop a 5- year strategy plan.

The third meeting will create an action plan that has been developed from the points of both the 5- year strategy and the SWOT analysis. The plan will include what they consider most vital to the District, the Members, the Clubs and the Community.

Once the District develops the action plan, the strategy team will start working on the resources they need. They will begin asking members of the District to help.

The fourth meeting is to begin the road to success. Start communication to all the members, begin the action plan and be ready to GO in the new Lions year.

I recently attended a District Convention where I explained the Global Membership Approach (GMA) to all attending conventioners. I issued a challenge. Whilst the districts are all taking a deep dive and looking at ways to further improve the organisation, I asked the Clubs if they had a strategy. Do they know what their Club will look like in 5 years? Do they understand the good and the bad? Do they have a plan?


This whole focus on the GMA is taking an enormous amount of work, effort and coordination from many people. But if we all do this, focus on our service, our membership and our leadership, then our wonderful organisation will be ready to serve our communities now, and ALWAYS.


Service Coordinator's Report




*GLOBAL ACTION TEAM -
SERVICE NATIONAL COORDINATOR
PDG JOHN MULLER OAM*


Greetings Conventioneers, and like you, the reason I joined Lions was “To Serve”! Despite COVID, Lions have continued to find new and innovative ways to safely meet the needs of their communities. So how have we continued to Serve during the ongoing pandemic?


 MD Diabetes Coordinator PDG Pat Mills continues to do a tremendous job in raising awareness of Diabetes which culminated in the conduct of “Lions Lap The Map for Diabetes” on 14 November 2021. Total distance covered this year was in excess of 312,000 kms, lapping the Map of Australia almost 13 times. Innovative ideas saw the formation of Walking Groups of Lions and non-Lions who walked regularly – thus maintaining a healthy lifestyle rather than a “one off” event! Many walked by themselves in their own “restricted space” while others formed walking groups, cycled, canoed or used their local gym. Lions also conducted a very successful Type 1 Diabetes Camp – the forerunner of many more to come.

 MD Environment Coordinator Pat Williams continues to provide regular tips and “Best Practice” that all members and Clubs can embrace. These include environmental programs such as tree plantings, recycling, participating in Clean Up Australia Day, and general awareness of how we can all make a difference. He has also lead the implementation of a household battery recycling project across 4 Districts which is quickly gaining momentum and can be easily

implemented in all Clubs and Districts.

 Many clubs continue to support Hunger Relief projects supporting hungry children, collection of food items for Food Banks, food parcels for needy families and feeding the homeless. A small donation to LCIF also supports our Global Food Relief efforts where needed in impoverished communities and countries around the world. Pleasing also to see several Districts introducing district hunger projects at their recent District Conventions.

 Most clubs pro-actively support the Australian LEHP (Lions Eye Health Program), collect used eye glasses, and conduct vision screenings in schools or shopping centres when safe to do so. This is an easy service activity for Clubs to implement – please consider!

 Lions Biggest Barbecue, Longest Coin Line, or presentation of an ALCCRF recognition Plaque all help to fund the ongoing efforts of our Australian Lions Children’s Cancer Research Foundation. How has your Club supported this Year? Every donation helps!

And of course Clubs continue to support our Youth, Humanitarian and Disaster Relief causes right across the MD. Leos and Youth of the Year have continued to provide opportunities for our youth to serve and to showcase what they are capable of even in uncertain times. And Lions will always continue to provide Humanitarian and Disaster Relief support to our local and wider communities whenever and wherever the need arises.

One thing we know – COVID did not stop Lions Service this Year.

“Thank You” Lions!

Fundraising & Partnerships Report



*FUNDRAISING & PARTNERSHIPS
NATIONAL COORDINATOR
PDG NORM ALCOCK*

It is my pleasure to present this report on the activities of the portfolios covered by the Fundraising and Partnerships Committee.

I wish to thank the District Governors, the Multiple District Officers, the Management Committee and the members of the various committees who work so tirelessly in their specific areas. I would also like to thank the staff of the Multiple District office and the Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans who are to be commended for the way they assist the Council, the National Coordinators and the Clubs.

Thank you also to the members of the committees and foundations for their dedication to accomplishing their roles to ensure the respective programme goals are met.

Lions Cake and Mint Committee:

This was the first year our cakes had been manufactured by Traditional Foods following the withdrawal of our previous manufacturer George Westons Foods at the end of the 2020 season.

The COVID lockdowns and transport challenges had an adverse effect on the production and ultimate delivery of the products to our Clubs. The dedication of the committee members was essential to the success of the programme during these trying times. The Chairperson, PDG Terry Collison, is also to be congratulated for his efforts, liaising with Traditional Foods, to work through

the challenges faced during the peak selling period, when not all clubs received their orders as expected.

In view of the challenges faced, it was pleasing to note that total sales increased by 2492 cartons (6.00%) with a small increase being achieved in each product range.

Thank you to all the Clubs that participated in the programme during the year.

Mints:

Sales of mints was also affected by COVID, with the Dollar Sweets factory being closed down and staff having to isolate due to COVID. Sales reduced over the last 6 months and were down over the 12 months period by about 11%. The committee Deputy Chairperson, Brendan Delahunt, is in constant contact with the manufacturer working on ways to improve sales through promotion and participation by more Clubs.

The Cake and the Mint programmes provide a valuable source of income for our Clubs, the Districts and the Multiple District.

Foundations:

The Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation and Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation were added to the existing projects, Lions Hearing Dogs, Australian Lions Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc. and Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation (including Lions Quest) that form part of the Fundraising and Partnerships Group. All the Foundations are performing well in their respective areas with the Chairpersons being given the opportunity to provide reports on their activities to each Council Meeting. Club members are kept informed of developments through newsletters, emails and articles in the Australian Lion.

The various committees are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to their projects and I thank them all.

This is my last year as the Fundraising and Partnerships National Coordinator and I would like to thank all members of the Lions family for backing our programmes/projects. Your support is very much appreciated and essential to their ongoing success.

The project Chairpersons have submitted separate reports to this Convention and I encourage you to take time to read them.

YCP National Coordinator's Report



*YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECTS
NATIONAL COORDINATOR
PDG DALE "TOBY" CRAWFORD*

As National Coordinator of the Youth & Community Projects, I present this report to the Melbourne Convention.

The YC&P team are responsible for all our youth related projects including LEOs, Lions Youth of the Year, Lions Youth Exchange, Peace Poster and International Essay Contest.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our National Chairpersons of these respective committees as well as their many committee members who work tirelessly to keep our youth programs running smoothly. It has, once again, been a tough year for all of these committees with many restrictions placed on their ability to conduct their respective programs. I thank all committee members for doing all they can to see their programs continue, in some way, throughout the year.

To those members who have finished their terms of office I pay special thanks and hope that you do not lose your passion for our youth programs. I trust that you will continue to assist your district with the promotion and running of their youth programs and projects.

A special thanks to outgoing LEO Committee Chairperson, Toni Lanphier for her two terms of unselfish dedication to the LEO Program. She has made many changes to this Lions signature youth program and has left the Multiple District LEOs in good stead for the newly appointed Chairperson, Pam Bennett.

Thanks to our Council Chairperson Delwyn, the MD 201 District Governors, EO Rob Oerlemans and Finance and Operations Manager Max Shirley for having the foresight to come up with the idea of a mini convention in Melbourne so that our two youth finals, YOTY and LOTY, could still go ahead and not be thrown into chaos as it was two years ago. On behalf of those committees, we appreciate your efforts.

I urge all conventioners, when you go home after convention, stop and think about what you have seen and heard from our youth and see if you can help us promote our "Opportunities for Youth" theme, if not to your district, at least to your club. The more youth that we can partner within our communities, the better chance we, as Lions, have of continuing our role of "Serving" our towns and cities.

We are continually looking for Lions Clubs to start a new LEO Club, host, or sponsor Youth Exchange students now that Youth Exchange is able to start back up again, run a club Youth of the Year final or engage with Primary Schools to assist with the Peace Poster and Essay Competition. This is the best opportunity that we have to sow the seeds of service into the minds of our youth.

In closing I would like to thank all those clubs within our Multiple District who have, in some way, supported our youth projects, programs and foundations. The LEO motto is "Youth Making a Difference" but this is due to the work that our dedicated members put into our youth to assist them in making that difference.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Chairperson PDG Ken Bradford

Just as we thought we had this virus under control, the Omicron variant appeared and created havoc once more with uncertainties over various state border closures being one of the unknown knowns! Following hot on the heels of the pandemic came some of the wettest weather eastern Australia has experienced. It has been very reassuring that YOTY coordinators around the country are embracing our Pandemic Policy and, unfortunately, some will have had to use the Natural Disaster Policy to enable our Youth of the Year Program to culminate, one way or another, with a National Final winner and a National Public Speaking Champion here today.

My thoughts go out to the Perth organising committee who had done so much work towards our Convention and then having to just shut the books and go home. Very disappointing.

Our thoughts also go out to all the people affected by the eastern seaboard floods.

As pleasing as it is to see so many clubs are still working to promote and run the program, there is still going to be a real need to actively re-build and re-establish the Youth of the Year Project. We urge you to continue to drive Youth of the Year and encourage other clubs around you to join in this fabulous program for our young Australian School students. Last year, participation numbers across the board were still very low and erratic but I do not believe the figures accurately reflect the interest our members and schools still have the YOTY program. Let us hope we can continue to re-invigorate and stimulate our clubs to keep this program foremost in their minds as this pandemic becomes less of an influence on our lives. Our Project encourages and challenges our youth in developing and improving their skills associated with interview technique, personal interaction, networking, public speaking and 'thinking on their feet'.

The National Youth of the Year Sub-Committee is the body which oversees the conduct of the Program across our multiple district. We receive feedback from Lions members, we respond to the enquiries and we set rules and procedures taking on-board all information gathered through our network. It is through the State Coordinators, via your District Chairs where you can have your suggestions addressed. We encourage as many clubs as possible to enter the Program, as not only is it a valuable learning experience for those who enter, but is also a rewarding experience for participating Lions members. There are still clubs that have not yet pursued this brilliant project and, as such, leave many

students without the opportunity to participate. If your club does not participate, why not visit a nearby club when it runs a club final and see what it is all about! You will be amazed at the exuberance of the youth as you listen to them speak and experience some of their vision, their ideals, and their plans for the future. It is at a club event where the Youth of the Year program can have its greatest impact on the entrants. Students as young as 14yo (they must 15 by the 30th, June) can enter at this level and gain experience in talking to community leaders and presenting themselves as though they are applying for a position of employment without the fear of failing. It is here that the less confident students can step outside their comfort zone and challenge themselves to try something new. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain. From here on though, the winners from District Finals across Australia are going to be challenged to perform. Of course the greater the challenge, the greater the awards and ultimately, the State winners will form a group of very good friends with experiences that not many other youth programs can offer.

On behalf of the sub-committee, I acknowledge all Lions personnel involved in the Youth of the Year Program. All are key to what will be witnessed in this National Final. Without their efforts and input, this Final would not be taking place. Each year there is change in the personnel responsible for coordinating the Program at all levels. For those who are leaving their roles, thank you so very much for your considerable efforts in promoting and running your particular portfolio. Don't forget about your successor- they will need your expertise.



AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Chairperson PDG Ron Skeen OAM

On behalf of the board of Trustees I am delighted to present to you the annual Convention Report.

The Foundations primary goal is, "Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life" and is supported by our Vision, "100 % survival for kids with cancer"; and our Mission, "Prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating these funds to the best scientific and clinical research conducted right across Australia".

Not surprisingly, the COVID Pandemic has restricted clubs earning capacity and donations have been down over the past 2 years. We have been fortunate to secure some outside donations which has assisted greatly.

As a charity partner in the running of the Golden Eagle horse race at Rosehill, last October the Foundation received 10% of the horse's prize money. Our horse, Apache Chase, ran fourth giving the Foundation a share totalling \$39,000.

Current Funding Grants:

Projects approved over 12 months ago: -

1. Hudson Monash Paediatric Precision Medicine Program - Dr Dilru Habarakada \$450,000. Outstanding commitment \$142,259. Establishing a 'Living Biobank' of childhood brain/CNS and solid cancers.
2. Telethon Kids Institute, Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy Project \$1.05 million. Outstanding commitment \$612,500 The Telethon Kids Cancer Centre, Perth is Australia's first research institute with a comprehensive immunotherapy research program devoted to children. The project aim is to harness the power of the body's own immune system to fight cancer cells.

3. Cancer Australia Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PDCCRS), Dr Andrew Care – Macquarie University (\$63.9k) Outstanding commitment \$16,838. Novel targets for paediatric brain tumour immunotherapy.

Projects approved in the last 12 months: -

4. Cancer Australia (PDCCRS), Dr Pouya Faridi - Monash University \$73,300 joint funders over 2 years. Novel targets for paediatric brain tumour immunotherapy. Using the fundamental mechanism of the immune system to combat cancer.
5. Cancer Australia (PDCCRS), Dr Jessica Buck – University of WA/Telethon Kids Institute \$54,800 joint funders over 2 years. Exploiting and enhancing brain-resident immune cells for the treatment of paediatric brain stem glioma.
6. WEHI (Walter & Eliza Hall Institute) \$220,000 over 2 years. Tackling drug treatment resistance to medulloblastoma.
7. Griffith University's, Institute for Glycomics- \$800,000 over 3 years (Focus on Sarcoma – early markers, improve diagnosis targeting pathways to treatment).

I thank the Trustees for their hard work during the past 12 months, our National Coordinator Norm Alcock and particularly the Lions Family for their support by way of direct donations, Biggest BBQ involvement, the Coin Line initiative, Awards and merchandise purchases.

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AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

ABN 93 130 256 326

INCOME STATEMENT - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Donations, Biggest BBQ, Awards, Merchandise	1,218,604.61	399,922.02
Coin Line	29,087.91	15,241.23
Other Revenue	1,045.66	1,849.94
	<u>1,248,738.18</u>	<u>417,013.19</u>
EXPENDITURE	30,537.51	
Research Projects	432,122.79	390,442.89
Project expenditure	30,537.51	35,485.85
Committee expenditure	4,120.53	19,217.52
	<u>466,780.83</u>	<u>445,146.26</u>
Profit for the year	781,957.35	-28,133.07
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	582,232.67	610,365.74
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>1,364,190.02</u>	<u>582,232.67</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents - Bank		
Accounts	1,355,902.19	579,924.81
Trade & other receivables - GST Received	7,363.83	691.86
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,363,266.02</u>	<u>580,616.67</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant & equipment - Donation Point		
Machines (Depreciated)	924.00	1,616.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>924.00</u>	<u>1,616.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,364,190.02</u>	<u>582,232.67</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>1,364,190.02</u>	<u>582,232.67</u>
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	1,364,190.02	582,232.67
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>1,364,190.02</u>	<u>582,232.67</u>

Full Financial Statements & signed Independent Auditors Report held at MD Office dated 18 November 2021

AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDREN'S MOBILITY FOUNDATION

Retiring Chairperson Danny Richardson

It has been a year of transition for the Foundation, as we continue to find our path following the introduction of NDIS. We have a proud history, having sponsored 2,383 devices at a cost of \$13,428,430 (correct at 31 January), and are now looking to the future.

As the demand for walkers decreases, and the care landscape for those living with cerebral palsy changes, we are continuing to:

- understand how we can connect to physiotherapists and support groups
- examine new and existing equipment that will move children towards 'mobility' and get their 'feet on the ground'
- connect with organisations conducting relevant research and assist where we can

The demand for walkers has dropped steadily, but we are seeing an increase in demand for aid bicycles and tricycles, orthotics and body suits.

We have had a few changes to our team, and Richard Williams is now our Chair

- National Chair & Q Districts Trustee
Richard Williams
- Secretary & V Districts Trustee
Helen Maunsell.
- C Districts Trustee
Bryan Hearn
- Tasmania Trustee
Helen Maunsell.
- NSW Trustee
Danny Richardson
- WA Districts Trustee
Margaret Halford.
- Treasurer/Public Officer
Ken Nimmo.
- Registrar
Ted Osborn

As the outgoing Chairperson, I wish Richard the best of luck in his term as Chair. I have found Richard a talented leader & he will add his unique style to the advancement of ALCMF.

We had planned a 3 day strategic planning workshop but, due to COVID did it on Zoom over four months. We restructured our manuals, procedures & awards and continually update our website and Facebook page. We are still reviewing our marketing material.

As in previous years the Lions International Stamp Club continues to prove a valuable partner, generously donating funds raised through the sale of used stamps. Please help them support us by collecting used stamps.

You can assist us in other ways:

- purchasing an award from our website
- remembering us in your end of year disbursements
- identifying children who we may be able to assist, and physiotherapists and others who assist these children

In closing thank you to those have supported our Foundation in the past year.

Danny Richardson, Retiring Chair



Australian Lions Children's Mobility
Foundation
ABN 60260983423
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2021

	This Year	Last Year
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Westpac Bank - Cheque Account	37,435.16	14,343.34
Westpac Bank - Cash Reserve	602,385.04	425,889.77
Westpac Bank - Term Deposit		473,707.23
Defence Bank - Term Deposits	187,051.85	333,075.39
GST Receivable	1,158.32	30.43
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	828,030.37	1,247,046.16
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Panarama BT Investment Asset	522,767.69	
	522,767.69	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	522,767.69	
TOTAL ASSETS	1,350,798.06	1,247,046.16
NET ASSETS	1,350,798.06	1,247,046.16
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	1,350,798.06	1,247,046.16
TOTAL EQUITY	1,350,798.06	1,247,046.16

Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	This Year	Last Year
ORDINARY INCOME		
Interest Received	4,271.45	18,334.52
Sundry income	0.04	0.00
Other Income	26,717.20	92,235.36
Movement in net market values	15,348.24	0.00
Club donations - undesignated	83,422.23	134,348.48
Merchandise sales	245.00	0.00
Awards and presentations income	3,500.00	2,500.00
Lions Stamp Club	66,500.00	53,000.00
Investment income from Trusts	10,340.07	0.00
TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME	210,344.23	300,418.36
TOTAL INCOME	210,344.23	300,418.36
OVERHEAD EXPENSES		
Audit Fees	3,421.82	3,150.00
Filing Fees	47.21	410.60
General Expenses	2,952.09	374.99
Insurances	2,960.00	2,970.00
Awards and presentations expense	2,115.00	1,419.09
Internet Costs	9.10	0.00
Direct investment costs	2,920.62	0.00
Postage	30.70	307.62
Printing and Stationery	0.00	1,016.37
Promotional material	1,902.80	0.00
Mobility walker purchases	83,684.51	214,541.74
Walker maintenance	4,200.00	3,400.00
Telephone	230.89	545.46
Travel and Accommodation	2,117.59	13,256.33
TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES	(106,592.33)	(241,392.20)
NET PROFIT	103,751.90	59,026.16

LIONS JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Chairperson Margaret Poels

Public Speaking is one of the world's hardest things to do, and Lions Junior Public Speaking gives the young people in our Schools and the Community the opportunity to gain confidence to speak on a given topic in front of an audience other than their peers.

On one occasion we had a teacher with tears in her eyes saying that the young man we had just listened to had a speech impediment, which we didn't notice as he spoke fluently.

A father rang me thanking the Lions for offering this program to the Schools, as it helped his daughter with high anxiety, to gain the courage to deliver her speech to an audience other than her school peers.

A student who changed schools for a higher education was being bullied, however after a very sad incident at his new school involving his friend in year 7, he spoke to the whole school assembly, and he then gained the respect of his fellow students and now the bullying has stopped. His parents and teachers acknowledged the Junior Public Speaking program for giving him the confidence to do this.

Even if there is only 1 school in your Community, and due to the COVID-19 virus which may restrict Club Members from gaining entry to the School premises, the teachers can judge this section, the Student Entry forms, judges and timekeepers forms can be given to the schools and they can then forward this information together with the winners names, back to the "Host Lions Club" for them to organise a COVID safe Club Final as well as Regional and District Finals.

I was excited to receive a report from the Launceston Lions Club, about their inaugural program which was a huge success and they are considering to continue with the Project.

I have also had enquiries from other Clubs requesting information, and I am also seeking other Clubs to adopt the Lions Junior Public Speaking program and engage with the schools, and provide them with the information which I have forwarded to them.

I would like to encourage all Clubs to PLEASE consider taking part in this project and give the young people in their Community the opportunity to gain confidence to speak in front of an audience.

I know that ALL Club Members will be amazed when they listen to the young people deliver their speeches and hear what they are able to achieve.

The Junior Public Speaking program is also a "stepping Stone" for the other Lions Youth programs such as the Youth of the Year and Leos and who knows your Club may gain a new member/members!

The 2022 Topics have been posted on both the Australian and District V6 websites.

All information regarding the program and how it is conducted in our V6 District has been updated on the website, this information can be utilised for your own Club/District requirements.

Your Club and District comments are most welcome to email lionsjuniorpublicspeaking@gmail.com

I would love to hear from you and also how many Clubs in your District conduct the program.



JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
CATEGORY "B" PROJECT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

<u>INCOME</u>	Bunnings Donation	\$3,125.00
	V6 DG Disbursement	\$300.00
	TOTAL	\$3,425.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	Printing	\$105.00
	Convention Stand	\$500.00
	Computer Monitor	\$379.00
	JPS Chair Expenses	\$1,344.41
	Printing	\$336.11
	TOTAL	\$2664.52
<u>FUNDS CARRIED OVER</u>		\$760.48

Note 1: The Junior Public Speaking Project does not collect money from Multiple District, Districts, Clubs, or individuals.

Note 2: The Junior Public Speaking Project's only expenses at Multiple District level are those associated with an information stall at Multiple District Convention venues each year.

District 201 V6, as manager of the JPS Project, pay all expenses associated with the administration of the Project. Districts and Clubs are responsible for the administrative and operational expenses for competitions within their individual District.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION BOOK

Lion Chris Martin
Chairperson Lions MD 201 EMIB Committee

Lions involvement with the EMIB project continues to be a success.

The sales of books across the project have now exceeded the 350 K mark with annual sales at this time averaging out at approx. 14,000.

COVID has accounted for a reasonably steep decline in activity over the past twelve months and I believe that this is directly related to a decrease in club activity as enforced by lockdowns etc.

Year to date figures are quite low with only 3600 books, 330 pocket editions and 39 counter display boxes dispatched. I have noted in the last couple of weeks a little more activity, so I trust with numerous states getting back to some kind of normal things will improve.

I trust that the quarterly newsletter is being distributed to all clubs as I see this as the main method of keeping them up to date. I am hopeful that I can provide some information to Clubs regarding a couple of projects that are in the pipeline and may be able to be pursued on a national basis.

I realize that lower sales figures suggest something other than success but given the circumstances I feel confident that the project will continue to save lives.

Rotary EMIB Project Inc Profit & Loss Statement For Year Ending 30th June 2022 For The Month of: December

Month		Year to date
\$ 1,061.37	Proceeds Sale Of Books	\$ 17,281.48
\$ 135.00	Freight Costs Recovered	\$ 2,079.00
\$ 42.00	Sale Of Boxes	\$ 434.00
\$ 19.09	Pockets	\$ 604.48
\$ -	Other Sundry Sales Income	\$ 2.73
\$ -	Interest Received On Society Account	\$ -
\$ -	Interest Received On Term Deposit	\$ 10.82
\$ 0.15	Interest Recd On Business Access Act	\$ 0.88
\$ 125.74	Gst Collected On Sales	\$ 2,040.11
\$ -	Refunds Of GST From ATO	\$ 60.00
\$ -	Other Non Sales Income	\$ -
\$ -	Rounding adjustment	\$ -
\$ 1,383.35		\$ 22,513.50
	Purchases & Expenses	
\$ 1,670.00	Printing Costs Of Books	\$ 17,902.00
\$ 140.01	Freight Costs Paid	\$ 1,092.89
\$ 20.00	Collection Boxes	\$ 167.50
\$ -	MP Printing - Other	\$ 695.45
\$ -	Box Labels	\$ -
\$ -	Artwork	\$ -
\$ -	Domain & Web Costs	\$ 697.04
\$ -	Advertising/Marketing	\$ 159.09
\$ 27.27	Phone Costs	\$ 136.35
\$ 144.50	Postage	\$ 848.55
\$ -	Travel	\$ -
\$ -	20 Year Anniversary	\$ -
\$ -	Conference Costs Rotary & Lions	\$ -
\$ -	Other Sundry Expenses and Contra Item	\$ -
\$ 182.99	GST On MP Invoices	\$ 1,985.71
\$ 17.18	GST on Purchases	\$ 131.21
\$ -	GST Paid To ATO	\$ 266.00
\$ 4.90	PayPal Deposit Fees	\$ 161.49
\$ -	Rounding Adjustment	\$ -
\$ 2,206.85		\$ 24,243.28
	Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$1,729.78)

Rotary EMIB Project Inc Balance Sheet For Year ending 30th June 2022 For The Month of: December

	THIS YEAR
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	
Rotary EMIB Project Incorporated (SA)	\$ 8,071.34
Rotary EMIB Project Incorporated (PP)	\$ 108.38
Rotary EMIB Project Incorporated (TD)	\$ 10,915.96
Rotary EMIB Project Incorporated (BA)	\$ 17,789.40
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 352.00</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 37,237.08 \$ 37,237.08
Total Assets	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Current Statement Modbury Press	\$ 2,013.00
Current Sales Deposits Received	
But Not yet dispatched Including GST	<u>\$ 352.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,365.00
Members Equity at 30th June 2021	<u>\$ 34,872.08</u>

LIONS DISASTER RELIEF AUSTRALIA

Rebecca Miller, National Fundraising Manager, DRA

The Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) and Lions Australia partnership remains strong despite continued limitations to recovery activities in the community because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As interstate restrictions ease DRA has enjoyed the opportunity to attend two recent Lions events while working hard behind the scenes to finalise and adopt a strategy and structure for a long-lasting partnership between both organisations designed to serve the community.

DRA has worked closely with PDG Gordon Matthews, PDG Geoff Hobart and ID Tony Benbow OAM to create an MOU further solidifying the partnership together with a strategic plan for both parties to be guided by when disaster strikes. Lions Australia have adopted the strategy with an MOU being signed.

We are extremely excited to announce that at a recent board meeting of the Pambula-Merimbula Lions club a motion was passed to assist and foster a Branch Club with DRA. PDG Gordon Matthews has been elected as the Club's Liaison with the first meeting held in early March with potential Members from Disaster Relief Australia's membership base. DRA's Chief Development Officer, Anastasia Bougesis, says "DRA is excited and proud to be starting their Lions Club Branch. Our partnership was founded amidst disaster and launched in the true spirit of shared values. This provides a strong foundation for what we know will be an enduring relationship".

Disaster Relief Australia recently won the Outstanding Achievement category at the 2021 Australian Charity Awards. DRA CEO Geoff Evans is immensely proud of his veteran-led organisations' award. "Volunteerism is an Australian way of life and deeply rewarding to those who take up the challenge. There have previously been few avenues for the community to spontaneously volunteer after a disaster. By providing communities with a way in which to do this, we can help them cope better with the impact of disasters and bounce back faster. With almost half of the Australian population living in communities that have a low-to-moderate level of disaster resilience, there is much work to be done. DRA is proud to be part of this leading effort."

DRA is looking forward to working with Lions to provide Australian communities help where it's needed most!

Financial statement – Lions Australia donations to DRA in FY21/22

Date	Reference	Amount \$
		\$0.00



Keynote Speaker

Geoff Evans

CEO Disaster Relief Australia

Sunday 15 May 11:10 am
Crown Conference Hall

LIONS CLUB PROJECT NEED FOR FEED

Chairperson IPDG Graham Cockerell

With this last Lions year a bit different to last year, our focus was 50/50 on flood and drought relief. While still providing fodder relief to the farmers to the NSW Mid North Coast, our focus quickly turned when our own District was under flood and needing assistance in June 2021. These runs were done in smaller groups than usual, as COVID was spreading quicker than ever, and local municipalities were in lockdown.

We have also been able to successfully complete 3 more hay runs, 2 of them to Western QLD (Winton Area) and the other to South-West NSW (Broken Hill Area). All of which are still drought affected areas.

Our run in October to the Winton/Quilpie area involved 28 trucks and with strict border restrictions still in place took a lot of working out by the admin team as to what was needed. With all boxes ticked, we headed off and were able to assist 22 farmers, some of which have been suffering drought for nearly 10 years.

In December, we went to the only drought affected region left in NSW, the Broken Hill area. We were also able to assist with the donation of 6 boxes of books that were kindly donated by Lions Project 123Read2Me to the local school of the air. With being close to Christmas we were still able to get 18 trucks to spread some cheer to 16 very happy farmers and made it extra special for the kids with presents that were also donated to us.

Australia Day being our first run for this calendar year, and a first without border restrictions, we still had to be proactive with our COVID plan as it was still active in the remote parts of NSW and QLD. As with most of our runs, we generally bring a bit of rain with us. Although I wouldn't say it was drought breaking but the Winton area did receive quite a substantial amount of rain, 160mm the week that we were there. Despite the fact it was music to the farmers

ears, the rain did make it difficult for 20 trucks to deliver direct to farms, with most farms inaccessible due to roads being closed. With communication with the local Council Mayor and the farmer recipients we were able to unload the trucks safely into the Saleyards and Shire Depot, and in time before the main road was fully shut off. Our 19 farmers were certainly happy that we came and brought the much-needed rain with us.

Unfortunately, on this run we didn't come out unscathed on the COVID department with 9 of our volunteers coming back positive, even with us taking all precautionary actions. So not only did they take 6 days off to volunteer but had to take a further 7 days to isolate. One of our drivers was isolating in his truck. When the Need for Feed family found out they banded together and got some home cooked meals to him and his best mate Buddy.

As with all our fodder deliveries, each farmer receives: a food hamper, Lions trauma teddies, ladies care pack, kids toys and of course dog food. Volunteer hours for all 3 of the runs we have done on an average basis.

22 Drivers x 122 driving and loading/unloading hours = 2,684 hours, plus over 350 admin hours.

We have just been able to celebrate our 15th year of the project running and by all reports a great day was had by all that attended.



NEED FOR FEED DISASTER RELIEF

P.O. Box 132
Pakenham Vic 3810

Balance Sheet

As of June 2021

2/09/2021
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Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	
Westpac acc # 248 192	\$1,100,812.41
Westpac Debit Card	\$6,560.72
Total Cash On Hand	\$1,107,373.13
Total Current Assets	\$1,107,373.13
Property & Equipment	
Furniture & Fixtures	
Office Equipment	\$3,493.58
Total Furniture & Fixtures	\$3,493.58
Total Property & Equipment	\$3,493.58
Total Assets	\$1,110,866.71
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST Liabilities	
GST Collected	\$447,608.22
GST Paid	-\$719,647.55
Various ATO Refunds	\$221,126.06
Total GST Liabilities	-\$50,913.27
Total Current Liabilities	-\$50,913.27
Total Liabilities	-\$50,913.27
Net Assets	\$1,161,779.98
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$756,125.91
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$371,453.08
Historical Balancing	\$34,200.99
Total Equity	\$1,161,779.98

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2020 through June 2021

2/09/2021
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Income	
Ritchie Donations	\$255.53
Lions Clubs Various	\$71,575.94
Australian Rotary	\$9,000.00
Public Donations	\$111,087.62
Paypal Donations	\$8,954.78
East Gippsland Shire Council	\$8,250.00
Rural Assistance Authority	\$1,456,729.53
Merchandise Sales	\$20,355.80
Club Dues	\$450.10
Interest received	\$452.18
Total Income	\$1,687,111.48
Cost of Sales	
Gross Profit	\$1,687,111.48
Expenses	
ALF Donation	\$7,000.00
Computer software	\$893.66
Set Up cost re DGR	\$4,917.00
Fodder Purchase	\$168,014.35
Truck & Trailer Rental	\$55,892.77
Cost to deliver to farmers	\$1,046,324.54
Stationery	\$1,651.60
Postage & Shipping	\$317.96
Merchandise	\$24,263.03
Advertising and Promotional	\$4,059.19
Insurance	\$2,324.30
Total Expenses	\$1,315,658.40
Operating Profit	\$371,453.08
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$371,453.08

LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM (LEHP)

Chairperson Max Holmes

During 2021 LEHP continued its progress to deepen ties with Vision 2020. Currently LEHP is a supporting Member of Vision 2020. Lion Rod Jackson was part of the Vision 2020 team formulating the National Framework for Children's Vision Screening for 3.5 to 5 years old's.

This task has been completed with the Prevention and Early Intervention Committee of Vision 2020 signing off at their February meeting.

Leah Evans, National Program Manager, is the LEHP Representative on the Prevention and Early Intervention committee of Vision 2020.

Contributing Clubs are up from 340 in 2020 to 434 in 2021 resulting \$ 109,553 in contributions which averages out at \$252.00 per contributing Club.

The Management is extremely thankful to the Jean and George Higgs Trust Foundation and the Lions Club of Forrest Hill for the proceeds of their Golf Day and District V3 Ride for Sight for their generous donations.

We must also make a special thank you to the Management team of the Australian Low Visual Independence Foundation for their decision to make the funds from the winding up of that Foundation to LEHP.

LEHP, whilst still providing educational materials for adults and children, we see the Children's Vision Screening Program as being the area to work hard at getting up and running post COVID. Lions working in their communities will only increase the respect and maybe add new Lions members.

COVID did prevent the Children's Vision Screening Program from expanding at the rate we would have like. We were still able to undertake screenings in 2021. Completeing 67 screening sessions with 3147 children participating and 824 of those children referred to Optometrists. Unlike the Government funded preschool examinations mainly concentrating on the acuity screening the Lions Screening program seeks out further sight problems with an expanded number of screenings.

We again thank all Lions and Leos that helped us to continue, and we look forward to many those Lions and Leos training and becoming Lions Children's Vision Screeners.

Thanks again.



LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKE AND MINT PROGRAM

Chairperson PDG Terry Collison
Deputy Chairperson Brendan Delahunt

The 2021 cake season was a trying time for all involved. A new baker coming online, major production and supply issues and major distribution issues resulting from COVID 19.

Key Factors:

1. COVID19 restrictions preventing a normal size production workforce, therefore causing delays with production, getting orders picked, packed, and dispatched.
2. COVID19 restrictions regarding workers coming into contact or being in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 site which required testing and isolation until a negative result or 14 days isolation in some cases. Traditional Foods has a large family orientated workforce which if one family member had to test and isolate, the whole family also had to do the same. Normal production required 105 employees and on some shifts the workforce was reduced to 45/55 employees due to these requirements.
3. Availability of new employees was limited, resulting in on going production issues.
4. Transportation issues – including driver strikes, driver "go slows", driver availability due to COVID19 restrictions, COVID19 testing requirements for local and interstate drivers, depot lockdowns, all these issues impacted raw product supply, production, and deliveries.

With all these key factors considered, we still had a very successful sales season and most Clubs sold out. A few Clubs received their orders too late for Christmas sales and Traditional Foods has made special arrangements with these Clubs.

I would like to thank all the State and District Coordinators for the time and effort they put in under these very trying times. Also, I would like to thank all the Clubs involved in the cake program, this past cake season. I must add that while most Clubs (and Lions) understood how COVID19 impacted the cake program, there were a small number of Clubs and Lions members mainly from Western Australia and Queensland, who did not think there was any COVID19 restrictions / problems and did not act as Lions should when communicating with fellow Lions members. I hope now they have a better understanding of COVID19 and the impact it

had on our way of life.

Let's hope that the 2022 season is restriction free and we a have a successful cake and pudding program.

Lions Mints

Again, sadly the Mint sales have been in decline

Sales were down by 151 cartons compared to last year's figures

The number of Clubs participating in the Program continues to decline

Year by Year Sales Figures	No of Clubs in the Program
2019 -- 2559 cartons	515 Clubs
2020 -- 1503 cartons	385 Clubs
2021 – 1352 cartons	307 Clubs

Since Dollar Sweets are based in Melbourne the impact of COVID was severe, impacting both the production & delivery of Mints. The office & factory faced numerous shutdowns, lockdowns, loss of staff due to quarantine requirements, travel restrictions etc. during the year causing major problems to the Clubs. A price increase during the year also had an impact on Sales.

I would like to thank all the State Coordinators, District & Club Chairpersons for their support & understanding during this trying time.

This year District W2 again topped the list with the Mint Sales.

Finally, the manufacturer of Lion Mints, Dollar Sweets have again committed to the program. Hopefully all the problems faced over the past year can be addressed & together with the Clubs move the program forward. This program still provides a valuable source of income to the Clubs, District & the Multiple District-- it would be a shame to see it disappear.



LIONS RHEUMATISM & ARTHRITIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

Chairperson PDG Pauline Harris OAM
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Web: <http://lionsrheumatismfoundation.org.au/>

The “Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation” was originally set up in 1980, with a name change the following year adding “201V1”. After seeking charity status and Tax deductible payments, the first payments came in during 1982. The LR&AMRFAustralia has always had six board members, made up of V1 elected trustees.

The objects and purposes of the Foundation are:- (a) To provide money, property or benefits to, or for, funds, authorities, or institutions engaged in, or about to engage in, medical research into the control and possible elimination of rheumatic and arthritic diseases and referred to in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (as amended) or for the establishment of such funds, authorities or institutions.

All accounts have been duly audited and presented to ACNC.

The LR&AMRF Australia has, through fundraising from Lions Clubs since 1982, donated more than \$470,000.00 to Monash for various pieces of equipment and services including the picture below, which was the latest donation, assisted by public donation.

The first Professor that assisted Lions was Professor Geoffrey Littlejohn, to who we give our greatest thanks for his contribution. At one stage a major fund raiser was “Gown of the Year” which had great support and earned thousands of dollars for the foundation.

Currently districts throughout Australia have contributed towards the goal of \$2million, for support for a Research Fellow, of which the Foundation is extremely grateful in these very trying times. The foundation supports a PhD student on a 3 year basis for \$5000.00 per year



RECENT DONATION

*Bioelectrical Impedance Analyser
The machine was purchased through a public donation and a donation from Bunnings. The machine is used in Psoriatic Arthritis, PsA Research*





Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Australia

P & L July 2020 - June 2021

Notes	2020-2021	2019 -2020
INCOME ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance 1/7/20	\$ 13,743.46	\$ 16,067.96
add Receipts		
From Capital Account	1 \$	\$
donations from lions clubs + public	2 \$ 32,575.00	\$ 8,800.31
<small>Morwell, Onkaparinga, Coffs Harbour PC, Jindabyne, Yinnar & District, Cooma, Oak Flats, Mt Gravatt, Mt Freudenstein, Bunnings, Lockhart, Albury, D Chaman, Yarragon, Jindabyne, Brighton, Toora, Wynyard, Mission Beach, Haddon & District, MaroochyNS, New Norfolk, Oak Flats, Sorell, Cairns, Temora, Churchill & District, Georgetown, Tumut, Ruzurnyup, Esperance, Yinnar & District, Red Cliffs, Fraser, Seaford & District, Deloraine, Figtree, Westbury, Yarrawonga, Orange, Torquay, Batemans Bay, Ashwood Mt Waverley, Minnamurra, Willaura, Litchfield, Tamworth, Richmond, Gympie, GTR Mt Gravatt Mansfield, Penguin, Whittlesea, Kentish, Essendon, R Walker</small>		
MD Convention Refund	11	\$ 500.00
	\$46,318.46	\$25,368.27
less Payments		
postage		-\$ 275.50
printing (flyers)		-\$ 683.45
Monash donation/equipment	3 -\$ 15,000.00	
to VLF	4 -\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 5,000.00
Accountant	5 -\$ 9.99	
dinner/tea/accountant	6	-\$ 37.40
web Page + exchange cost	7 -\$ 51.45	-\$ 79.90
Miscellaneous Laminating sheets	8 -\$ 14.98	
Monash Research Student	9 -\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 5,000.00
travel	10 -\$ 112.96	-\$ 48.56
MD Convention Booth	11 -\$ 500.00	-\$ 500.00
Plaque	12 -\$ 42.60	
Closing balance 30 June 2021 bal	\$20,586.48	\$13,743.46
	\$ 6,843.02	(-\$ 2,324.50)
Notes -2020-2021		
1 Interest received & Capital fund withdrawal		
2 Donations from 51 clubs & 4 private	\$ 32,575.00	\$ 8,800.31
3 Payments to Monash; PsA Team + Rheumatology Research	\$ 15,000.00	
4 To Bendigo VLF Activities LR&MRFFund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5 Accountant donation	\$ 9.99	\$ 15.00
6 dinner/tea accountant		\$ 32.50
7 Web page and registration of host name	\$ 51.45	\$ 49.95
8 USB		\$ 15.00
9 Monash PhD Research Student Assistant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
10 travel	\$ 112.96	
11 MD Convention Booth & Refund	\$ -	
12 Plaque for Monash	\$ 42.60	
Current balance VLF		
Victorian Lions Charitable Fund 30/04/2021	\$ 353,014.00	\$342,764.00

AUSTRALIAN LIONS WELLNESS FOUNDATION (ALWF)

Chairperson PDG David Daniels OAM

The last 12 months has seen the finalisation of the change of name from The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation Inc. to The Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation Inc. The new name has been very well received, and certainly reflects the range of work we do.

During 2021 we opened applications for new board members and were delighted to receive interest from a very high calibre of applicants which certainly made choosing the new members difficult. We are pleased to welcome the new board members, Lion Matthew Crossley and PDG David Lowing. We were also saddened on the passing of dedicated board member PDG Carmel Goldsworthy, our thoughts are with her family and local Lions members.

With our updated focus on wellbeing the board have been developing a new strategic plan that we hope will guide the foundation to assist Lions to assist their communities. We always welcome feedback from Lions Clubs about what is happening at the grassroots of their own communities, hear any wellbeing success stories, or gaps they identify which they would like the foundation to research.

The last 12 months has seen us continue to progress with our key project areas:

Tune In Not Out

Our youth health and wellbeing website www.tuneinnout.com continues to bring young people information on important topics from mental health, alcohol, relationships, school life and more. You may have seen the recent article in the Lions eNews highlighting how the website even uses music as a wellbeing tool.

Lions Quest

Lions Quest is our K-Grade 8 Social and Emotional Learning program. With its easy to implement lesson plans it has been called a "HPE teachers dream". Historically Lions Quest's teacher training has been held via a face-to-face workshop, but with changing times Lions Quest have adapted to offer the workshop via a 2-hour online webinar. This allows teachers from multiple locations across Australia to join a

session without needing to travel or take a full day away from teaching. Lions Quest is an asset to Lions Australia wide, and a fantastic one to inform your school of, and perhaps even sponsor a teacher to attend the training.

Freedom To Feel Fantastic

Our body image and self esteem campaign is back in 2022 and we hope to see events held across the country at schools, community groups and LEO clubs to help start positive discussions about 'being who you want to be judgement free'. With free access to an event pack it is a great initiative to inform your locals schools about.

Wellbeing Resources

Our online shop continues to have a wide range of alcohol and other drug and mental health and wellbeing resources.

If you would like to know more about one, or all of the foundation's programs, why not invite us to connect virtually into one of your club meetings and we can do a short presentation for you.



AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION (ALF)

Chairperson PID Tony Benbow OAM

Since our last report as printed for MD Convention 2021 in Canberra, the Australian Lions Foundation Ltd. continues to directly support all Lions and Leo Clubs around our Multiple District.

The impact of COVID has not only impacted the efforts of the Foundation but has affected all our Clubs around Australia. At the time of writing this report, we are starting to see Club activity resume and get back into some form of the new COVID normal that we will operate under for a while to come.

In recent weeks, we have finalised the Bushfire and Flood appeals that commenced in 2019. Bushfire assistance across Districts is still continuing as many of the approved grants are being disbursed and Clubs are still actively involved in the support of the local communities. This has been a major job for the Foundation but a rewarding one where we have seen so many Clubs provide help and assistance.

Overall, our Grants program has continued to provide assistance to Clubs with the various Grants available. Over the past 12 months we have seen 144 grants approved with a value of \$3,092,613. This is quite an amazing achievement when you consider these grants have all been for Australian Clubs projects and Disaster support in what has been a difficult time.

These grants are made possible by the support given to the Foundation by Clubs through donations, Awards being presented to deserving recipients and public support. It cannot operate without that continuing. The Australian Lions Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Lions Australia and the only Foundation that supports Clubs and their efforts throughout our Multiple District with all funds received being used on Australian Lions Club and District projects.

The Directors work tirelessly in support of the Clubs to ensure they deliver service to their communities. The Foundation appreciates the work of all the District ALF Chairpersons, our Executive Officer Rob and his National Office team and our Council of Governors lead by Chairperson Delwyn and our Management team. Without it, supporting our Clubs would be difficult.

The financial year of the Foundation is January to December

and over that period of 2021, the Foundation has approved the following Grants.

Foundation Grants Approved

Number(#)	Grants Jan 1- Dec 31 - 2021	Approval Amount (\$)
74	General Grants	\$ 463,787
1	Emergency Grants	\$ 4,000
57	Disaster Recovery Grants	\$2,540,135
9	Compassionate Grants	\$ 58,504
2	Special Purpose Grants	\$ 22,187
1	Diabetes Grants	\$ 4,000
144	TOTAL	\$3,092,613

The Foundation, like all Clubs in our Multiple District has been impacted by the effects and restrictions of COVID-19. As can be seen in our reporting, the number of grants approved this year is down on previous years and so is the income that supports this program. Donations for General Grants and support of the Awards program has been down significantly over the last two COVID impacted years. This does impact on our ability to fund the Grant applications we receive, but we have done so, in recent years by using reserve funding.

General Grants approved last year totalled \$463,787. General Grants are funded by unspecified donations to the general fund and contributions received through the ALF Awards program. The funds received from Club donations to the General Fund and ALF Awards, in support of the General Grants program totalled \$388,713 for 2021, which was well short of the General Grant funding provided.

The Foundation's Awards Program

This past year we have provided the following Awards and since the Awards program was established 9,911 Lions and community members have been acknowledged.

Awards	Number (#) Awarded in 2021	Total Number (#) Awarded to date
William R Tresise Fellow Award	7	477
Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award	31	777
James D Richardson Honour Award	169	7803
Community Service Award	53	854

Support of the Awards program provides funding for General Grants which are available to all Clubs. When Clubs provide an award to a deserving member or someone in their community to recognise them for their efforts, it means that more General Grants can be made to Clubs. Please continue and increase that support whenever possible.

National Disaster Appeal - Australian Bushfire Support

The summary below shows the support we have received in donations and where these donations have been disbursed. The detail provided is as at the end of February 2022 which shows the final disbursement for all Grants received and paid.

Donations Received

Source of Donation	Amount \$
Clubs	\$1,777,358
Corporate/Business	\$2,914,403
"GiveNow" portal	\$ 276,140
General Public	\$ 118,151
Unspecified	\$ 34,835
MD105 UK Foundation	\$ 103,682
TOTAL	\$5,224,569

Funding of Grants to Districts

D	Amount \$	D	Amount \$
C1	\$ 69,661	Q1	\$ 292,908
C2	\$ 413,896	Q3	\$ 28,000
N1	\$ 320,557	Q4	\$ 50,000
N2/ V3	\$ 304,000	T1	\$ 43,450
N2	\$ 762,405	V2	\$ 53,113
N4	\$ 94,840	V3	\$1,462,563
		V6	\$ 694,737
	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED		\$4,590,130

The Bushfire support provided over 109 grants through Clubs to support affected individuals, families and communities. Thank you to all Districts and Clubs for the amazing support provided and their administration of the Grants on behalf of the Foundation.

All Lions Clubs and Districts in our Multiple District can be members of the Foundation. To be the recipient of any Grants you must be a member. This is a requirement of the make-up of the Foundation and to meet the various State and Territory requirements. To date, we have achieved 1,039 Clubs signed up and will be continuing to encourage the remaining Lions Clubs to become members over this year.

Leo Clubs as well as Club Branches that wish to apply for Grants can do so through their Sponsor Clubs as they are a project of a Lions Club and cannot be members of the Foundation in their own right.

The current Directors of the Foundation are noted below with the portfolios they administer.

Chairperson and "V" Districts Director
PID Tony Benbow OAM

Treasurer/Deputy Chairperson and "WA" Districts Director
PDG Allan Cooper

Secretary and "T" District Director
PCC David Triffett

Promotions Chairperson and "C" Districts Director
Lion Yvonne Bradford

Awards Chairperson and "Q" Districts Director
PDG Lesley Lyons

General Grants Chairperson and "N" Districts Director
PDG Ken Hallam

At our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Sunday 22nd of May 2022, we will present the Financial Accounts for the previous year and update delegates attending the AGM of

the activities and plans of the Foundation for the next twelve months. We look forward to Member Club representatives attending and this will be via Zoom. All Clubs will receive advices from our Secretary to register for this AGM during March 2022.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Directors for all the work they do, together with our ALF District Chairpersons. They work tirelessly supporting our Clubs in their efforts to build a better community around them.

We acknowledge and thank all Clubs for their financial support of the Foundation as this is critical to enable us to

provide Grants to Clubs to make their community a better place to be and support those communities impacted by disaster. Please continue to support us in that way.

The Foundation encourages all Lions and Leos to check out the Foundation's website for general information and to see the many projects undertaken by Clubs throughout Australia. www.alf.org.au

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PCC Lou Onley OAM
Campaign 100 Australian Area Leader
Multiple District LCIF Coordinator



District	Cash Received	Pledge, Lions Legacy, Model Club Balances	Total Fundraising	Campaign 100 Overall Goal	Percent to Overall Goal	Model Club Count
District 201C1	\$75,646	\$0	\$75,646	\$121,519	62%	1
District 201C2	\$131,554	\$0	\$131,554	\$196,070	67%	1
District 201N1	\$105,424	\$120	\$105,544	\$161,668	65%	1
District 201N2	\$202,017	\$25,205	\$227,221	\$256,288	89%	11
District 201N3	\$161,642	\$24,681	\$186,322	\$223,792	83%	7
District 201N4	\$42,235	\$0	\$42,235	\$89,292	47%	0
District 201N5	\$274,020	\$6,260	\$280,279	\$297,890	94%	5
District 201Q1	\$177,018	\$500	\$177,518	\$255,856	69%	1
District 201Q2	\$44,989	\$0	\$44,989	\$110,450	41%	1
District 201Q3	\$135,145	\$714	\$135,859	\$215,660	63%	1
District 201Q4	\$78,807	\$100	\$78,907	\$132,197	60%	1
District 201T1	\$59,253	\$90	\$59,343	\$114,433	52%	1
District 201V14	\$97,297	\$9,825	\$107,122	\$156,846	68%	2
District 201V2	\$69,053	\$0	\$69,053	\$151,475	46%	1
District 201V3	\$46,143	\$100	\$46,243	\$114,720	40%	1
District 201V5	\$152,845	\$0	\$152,845	\$195,339	78%	3
District 201V6	\$194,835	\$50	\$194,885	\$117,418	166%	0
District 201W1	\$66,048	\$0	\$66,048	\$103,387	64%	2
District 201W2	\$103,529	\$1,552	\$105,081	\$174,541	60%	2
MD 201	\$2,217,498	\$69,197	\$2,286,695	\$3,188,839	72%	42



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

MD 201 FUNDS RAISED SNAPSHOT (7/1/2017-2/24/2022) in USD	
Cumulative Cash	\$2,217,498
Cumulative Pledge and Lions Legacy	\$26,001
Cumulative Model Club Balances	\$43,196
Cumulative Funds Raised	\$2,286,695
Campaign 100 Goal	\$3,188,839
Gap to Goal	\$902,144
% Overall Goal Achieved	72%
Total Model Clubs	42

PROGRESS TO GOAL
(7/1/2017-2/24/2022)



■ Total Fundraising ■ Gap to Goal

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These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them. Learn how to apply for your own grant by contacting LCIF at LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org. Learn of our grant success stories at <https://lcfpride.org>.



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When you include Lions Clubs International Foundation in your estate plan, your generosity helps ensure LCIF can carry out its mission to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities and giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants. You are helping LCIF impact communities well into the future.

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201 Heroes for LCIF

Would you like to recognise an outstanding Lion in your club with national recognition, acknowledgement and the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship?

As part of the Campaign 100 program, Lions Australia is looking for 201 Heroes within Australia and Papua New Guinea.

For further information, please contact the Lions National Office via lcf.ops@lions.org.au or your District LCIF Coordinator.



**Australian
Lions Hearing Dogs**

AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS

Chairperson PDG Rhys Roberts

The Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) program began in 1980 and has in the 41 years since then improved the lives of 1,000s of Australians by delivering free of charge Hearing Assistance Dogs to the deaf and hard of hearing in every State and Territory in Australia.

The many Lions Clubs from around Australia that continue to contribute to ALHD's running costs and the Lions members who generously give thousands of hours of service by providing support to our recipients of Hearing Dogs have established ALHD as a jewel in the crown of Lions Australia.

2021 saw your ALHD program at last hit by the COVID-induced nation-wide travel restrictions. We delivered 23 Hearing Dogs to all corners of Australia, compared to the record of 31 in 2020. It is of enormous credit to our dedicated staff who have continued to show great persistence, flexibility and originality in getting these furry new lifesaving friends to all points of the Australian compass in a year when travel was again regularly somewhere between difficult and impossible.

2022 sees us back on track with ten dogs already placed by the end of February – so we continue at record breaking pace in the face of an ever-expanding application list.

The flip side of that shiny coin is that, as we all know, we've run out of room. To which ALHD's response is the major planned expansion of the National Training Centre at Verdun in the Adelaide Hills that was outlined at the 2019 MD Convention in Geelong and has since been detailed in the Lion magazine. Spades will go in the ground in April 2022 to build new dog exercise yards - adjacent to and a necessary prerequisite to the main redevelopments which will ultimately enable the training and delivery of over 100 dogs a year. That's an eight-fold growth from one a month in 2016 to two a week.

One in six Australians suffer from hearing loss, with the incidence rising rapidly with age to one in three for the over-50s, and one in two once you are over sixty. From the hard of hearing person who takes their aid off at night to the profoundly deaf person where no aids help, many Australians live at risk when they can't hear sounds such as the knock at the door, a telephone or, most seriously, a smoke alarm or a crying baby. Our dogs provide these Australians

with independence, security and a reconnection with their family, friends and their communities.

Our continuing growth is being achieved, despite our full and overstretched facilities, by greater efficiencies through the expansion of our Volunteer Program, our growing Puppy Fostering Program, and our newly introduced Breeding Program with the first litter delivered and the second due shortly. The Volunteer Program sees enthusiastic volunteers working with staff and the trainee dogs at the Training Centre, releasing the professional trainers to do more specialized sound training. Our Puppy Program, where puppies are fostered and socialised by Lions Members, now provides most of our Hearing Dogs.

It is exciting to report that we are about to place our first dog to aid a Type 1 Diabetes sufferer. More than 120,000 Australians suffer Type 1 Diabetes and this and every year nearly 600 people, many under 18, die. With the help of these dogs, lives will be saved and lifestyles dramatically improved.

After more than six years Maureen Capizzi, our Victorian State Coordinator has retired - ALHD has been privileged to have Maureen's enthusiasm, ability and drive as she has grown ALHD both in Victoria and nationally. She is replaced by Maria Baade from the Lara Club in 201V2. Welcome Maria.

I retire on 30 June 2022 after six years as Chairperson of the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Inc. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to do so. I thank the Management Board drawn from all points of Australia for their enthusiasm, energy and talent. The staff of ALHD deserve high praise for what they have achieved over the last six years. They have created an exciting future. Under the outstanding leadership of CEO David Horne and incoming Chair PDG Norm Alcock, your Australian Lions Hearing Dogs is in good hands.

INSURANCE, RISK MANAGEMENT & CHILD SAFE COMMITTEE

Chairperson PDG Peter Lamb

It is with great pleasure that I present to this Convention, the report of the MD201 Insurance, Risk Management and Child Safe Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

This Committee is privileged to have the services of the following Insurance Professionals as members: PDG Peter Lamb (Chairperson), Lion Garry Bates, Lion Garry Galvin and Lion John Houghton serve as the Committee whilst PDG Bob Korotcoff serves as the Lions Australia Insurance Programme Consultant. Since the MD Canberra Convention in 2021, PDG Donna Hedges has been added to this committee in her role as MD 201 Child Safe Officer.

The MD Council's Insurance Broker is JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Limited in Sydney, represented by Mr Ken Welsh. Lions Multiple District 201 and JUA Underwriting Agency has enjoyed a working relationship for over 43 years, and it has certainly survived the insurance challenges during that period, which includes 2 years of the COVID 19 pandemic and the associated State Border closures and lockdowns.

The Lions' Insurance Portfolio is administered by:

PDG R.N. (Bob) Korotcoff OAM DipFinServ.

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Web: www.lionsclubs.org.au/members/resources/insurance_centre/

PDG Bob Korotcoff is the first point of contact for all your Insurance Queries.

As Chairperson, I have had the pleasure of serving with the above Lions and I desire to record their dedication and service to the Lions of this Multiple District. Our Brokers also continue to support us, and they provide us with excellent service and advice. The role of the MD 201 Insurance Committee is to recommend and advise the Council of Governors on

all matters relating to insurance for Lions Clubs, except for the Lions Worldwide Public Liability Programme which is controlled by The International Association of Lions Clubs in Oak Brook USA. This committee reports to each Council Meeting and regularly reviews the adequacy of all insurance coverages and maintains a watch over claim settlements.

INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR LIONS

Following regular Zoom committee meetings, we have continued to expand the Lions Insurance website. This is a major step towards giving Lions Clubs ready access to all insurance policies and information. We invite all Lions to visit our website which can be accessed at:

www.lionsclubs.org.au/members/resources/insurance_centre/

Clubs may also download a copy of the Risk Management Manual from this website. The manual contains a number of useful articles including Insurance requirements, common Lion risks and ways to control them, including what to do in an emergency.

PROOF OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Frequently, Clubs are requested by the owners of premises used by them, to produce evidence that Lions carry a Public Liability Insurance Policy. This creates no problem, but you must give adequate time to PDG Bob Korotcoff, for him to provide the necessary certificates.

Alternatively, all that is necessary is for you to log onto the Lions Insurance website and download the required Certificates of Currency. Please note that you must download two certificates – one for the Chubb Insurance and one for Lloyds Insurance.

If any Principle requires their name added to our Liability policies as an Additional Named Insured, you will still need to contact PDG Bob Korotcoff who will issue the necessary certificates.

YOUR CLUB SHOULD ALSO ASK FOR EVIDENCE OF A CURRENT PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY FROM THEM.

Clubs must be aware that only owned and controlled activities of a Lions Club are insured under these Policies. We cannot extend the coverage to grant insurance to other organisations under any circumstances. To simply sponsor another group does not constitute ownership and control. If you have any doubts or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to talk to PDG Bob Korotcoff.

TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY

Currently due to the COVID 19 pandemic, this committee is unable to provide any form of Travel Insurance to members due to the exclusions, in relation to pandemics. However, the committee is in constant contact with Australian Insurers/Underwriters and will revise this situation, should situations change in the near future.

OPTIONAL COVERS

Optional Extra Insurances only apply if your Club completes and forwards an Application Form to increase the benefits under the Lions' Personal Accident Policy. Please consider the need for these policies and send your cheque as soon as possible.

CLAIMS

As with all Insurance Policies, ours carry the usual requirement that any claim must be reported immediately. In the past, there have been instances of late notification, and this has caused embarrassment to all concerned. Would all Club Secretaries please note that whenever something happens that might lead to a claim under any of the Lions Insurance Policies, that they contact PDG Bob Korotcoff straight away for any assistance and guidance. Claim Forms can be downloaded from the Lions Insurance Website or are available from PDG Bob Korotcoff or any member of the Insurance Committee.



LEO COMMITTEE

Chairperson Pam Bennett

The Leo Club program aims to give young people an opportunity to contribute to their communities, to develop their leadership and organisational skills, and to enjoy the fun and friendship that comes with membership in a community service organisation so that they will continue to be contributing members of society throughout their lives. The role of the MD Leo Committee is to foster the growth and development of the Leo Club program in Australia, and we are always ready to provide advice, resources and training to make this happen.

MD Leo Committee-

MD Leo Chair Toni Lanphier resigned from the position after two terms and serving for six years in the role. We would like to thank Toni for her devotion to Leos and the exceptional work she performed, leaving the Leo program as a strong cohesive one. We welcomed Lion John Clare as the West Australian State Leo Coordinator in February this year, replacing Lion Leanne Shaw who retired from the committee due to work commitments. We extend sincere thanks to Lion Lee for her enthusiasm and commitment to the job and acknowledge her success. PDG Norm Somerville replaced Lion Peter Bryce as the C Districts coordinator after the passing of Lion Peter Bryce. I also thank the continuing committee members: PDG Des Sawyer (QLD), PDG David Emanuel (NSW) and Lion Kellie Bryan (TAS) for their ongoing efforts to promote and support the Leo program in their respective States.

Leo Clubs And Membership-

It has been another difficult year to build Leo membership with most clubs forced into temporary suspension or virtual operations for many months. However, there have been some highlights: seven new Leo clubs have been formed during the pandemic: Alpha Clubs – Gungahlin College (N2), North Queensland ASD (Q2) Melbourne Next Gen (V1-4), Falcon (W2) and Gosnells (W2); and Omega Clubs- Cessnock Community (N3) and Blacktown Ponds (N5). Successful Leo Conventions have been held in Queensland, western Australia and Victoria.

Leo Chair Training Program-

Our training program for District Leo Chairs was online in 2021, delivered by the MD Leo Chair and State Coordinators over two 90-minute sessions. We recorded excellent attendance and positive feedback from all participants. Although we missed the face-to-face contact and social connection of previous training sessions, the training reached more people, was cost effective and provided valuable guidance to the District Officers, many of whom were new to the Leo Club program.

Leo Of The Year -

Congratulations to our 2021 Leo of the Year, Leo Kai Spence (CQ Leos, Q4).

The National Final of the Leo of the Year in 2021 was held at the MD201 Convention in Canberra. All candidates were very impressive. The six State representatives have remained in contact throughout the year and continued to serve the organisation via the Leo Advisory Panel.

Leo Advisory Panel -

The Leo Advisory Panel operated under the chairmanship of Leo Ruth Spence. The panel has held quarterly online meetings and shared their ideas and recommendations with the MD Leo Committee on a range of issues including member recruitment, promotional materials, social media and the revised Leo branding guidelines.

Leo Club Project Of The Year-

Several inspirational club projects were nominated for the Leo Club Project of the Year Award last year. The project that was chosen as the best humanitarian project by an Alpha Leo club was the 'Quirky Mailboxes' project by The King Island Leo Club (T1). The best project by an Omega Club was awarded to Central Queensland Leo Club (Q4) for their 'Trade Mutt Shirts' Thanks to generous sponsorship by the Lifesaver Foundation, the clubs received \$500 prize money.

Conclusion -

This is my first report as MD Leo Chair as my term began in February 2022. I have been on a very steep learning curve since joining the MD Leo Committee and I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to everyone I have worked with during this time. The State Coordinators have all been very welcoming and have worked even harder to make my initiation easier and less disruptive. PDG Toby Crawford has provided invaluable support and guidance as MD Youth and Community Projects Coordinator. In particular, Lion Toni Lanphier spent hours helping me to learn the role and provided so many documents and lessons before the changeover and has always made herself available to answer questions and provide assistance to me since February.

Thank you to all the dedicated Lions who are supporting the Leo Club program. You are making a real difference in the lives of young people and ensuring that the community service ethos continues into the next generation. Sponsoring a Leo club gives young people the opportunity to serve, but it also adds a new dimension to Lions – Leos bring fun, enthusiasm and energy to everything they do. I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with them in the coming years

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

Chairperson PDG Ken Leonard

Potential Expansion Approach

Dear Australian Lions at Convention 2022

The Council of Governors (Australia) in January endorsed a proposal to further examine the potential of the redistribution of used spectacles to people in need within Australia through local Lions Clubs in locations where optical services are limited in addition to our long-term policy of forward regraded recycled spectacles generally to the third world and given free of cost to adults and children in need of prescription spectacles.

Reason

The current programme involves around 1000 Lions Clubs in Australia collecting used spectacles in their locality and posting them to our REPLY PAID facility.

In our current recycle programme within Queensland, recycled prescription spectacles are re-graded by persons generally on the "Work for the Dole" programme and similar programmes utilising the latest professional grading machines.

Whilst we receive 15,000 pair of spectacles each week and refurbish most of them, prior to the pandemic we were able to forward the regraded spectacles through humanitarian groups in Australia to their countries of birth/influence overseas for distribution to people in need but without finance capacity.

Currently, whilst the number of team members working the recycling programme has increased significantly in recent months, our capacity to forward the end products overseas has diminished, generating an increased stockpile of finished product.

Over recent years, whilst our capacity to forward to PNG has declined, we have been able to support three significant groups in the Northern Territory at Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin covering a major area of support for persons in need.



The spectacles are posted in (recycled) Lions Christmas Cake Cartons at an average cost of \$30 per box of 200 pair of spectacles in requested positive and/or negative strength and the local Lions Club has met the postage cost involved. (6 boxes generally covers the range wanted both positive (covering positive 0.00 to 6.00) and (negative 0.00 to -4.00)

Effectively, a Lions Club for an average cost of \$250 for 6 boxes of refurbished spectacles (postage cost from Brisbane to Darwin) in the ranges specified by the local group can either distribute the spectacles themselves or enable a local humanitarian group to distribute the spectacles to persons in need and without financial capacity.

There is the additional potential that membership of the local club could further blossom and the relationship with the local facility could enable the Lions Club to further broaden its Lions Clubs International capacity.

Technical

The boxes of spectacles are properly graded to the nearest 1/4 dioptre and packed in boxes. Each box has either 200 pair of spectacles with a single power or 2 x 100 pair of two consecutive power or 4 x 50 pair of 4 consecutive power level. The E chart with the distribution will assist recipients to choose the correct power etc. (A normal book of prose is an alternative measure). The prescriptions wanted by the local Lions Club are packed in the boxes.

Children

Whereas adults can tolerate a short-term minor difficulty with the power of the spectacles provided, a similar short-term minor difficulty with a pair may cause a long-term difficulty for the child. Hence, we are limiting refurbished spectacles to adults only.

Please advise either your Cabinet Secretary first or direct to the Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc at our email address of ChairmanR4S@lions.org.au.

PEACE POSTER & ESSAY COMPETITION

Chairperson PDG Lorraine McKenzie

The Peace Poster and Peace Essay contest for this year is well and truly up and running. All District Chairs have been advised of the theme for the year, which is "Lead with Compassion". Young people know how powerful compassion can be and are often able to express it better than adults. They can also explore and visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings.

The kits are available to be purchased through the MD Office and District Chairs have been advised to get information out to clubs as soon as possible to give students between the ages of 11 and 13, time to submit their entries in either the Peace Poster or Peace Essay to the Lions Club for judging late September early October.

In 2021, approximately 600,000 students from 55 Countries participated the contests. Both the International winner of each contest will be announced at the Lions United Nations Day in March.

This contest runs from February through to November each year and it was pleasing to see that 201 Kits were purchased in Australia from 14 Districts that entered. Due to COVID, many clubs who had entered in previous years could not get an entry but hopefully by getting information out to Districts early in the year it will not happen again.

Our MD winner of the MD Peace Poster for 2021 was:- Hannah, representing the Lions Club of Booragoon, W2.

Congratulations to Hannah whose poster was awarded one of twenty three International merit awards.

Honourable Mention went to:- Victoria, representing the Lions Club of Bribie Island, Q3

The Winner of the MD Essay Competition was:- Rachael, representing the Lions Club of Emu Park, Q4

Congratulations to these three winners. As the MD Convention in Perth, has been cancelled, all winners along with the other district entries, can be viewed on the MD Peace Poster and Essay website. Prizes for the MD winners will be presented by their DG's at a suitable function within their districts.

The MD site has been updated for this year (2022) with the theme, how to get kits, cost, cut off dates for judging and some tips. Thanks to the districts who are already getting the teachers at schools to add the competition to their school timetable, this is great news.

Please make sure the rules that LCI set for these competitions are adhered to as many entries each year are disqualified due to not following the rules.



MD 201 Peace Poster Winner -
Hannah, representing the Lions Club of Booragoon,
W2.

PNG COMMITTEE

Chairperson PCC Rodd Chignell

The Committee objective is to promote the growth and ongoing development of the Lions organisation in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The overall goal is to support and assist the PNG Lions Clubs and members to develop into a self-determining and independent body.

Since PNG obtained independence in 1975 the level of lionism has declined, but is still alive and there are clubs working in selected communities.

There are now five Lions Clubs, including a Club Branch and a converted Lions Lioness Club active in PNG. It was great to see the Lae Lioness Club choose to convert to a Lions Club and continue their wonderful work in that community.

Whilst the PNG clubs are functioning in their own way, the impact of COVID and reduced employment opportunities has taken a toll on the development and membership growth of clubs. However, some are able to work with local schools providing limited distribution of clothing and goods.

There are opportunities for more Lions Clubs in different locations across PNG and the Committee works with District Q2 and the local Lions in supporting members to expand into these locations. Whilst much of the work is undertaken from Australia which impacts on delivery of required support, annual training team visits will promote leadership development. The voluntary donations made by Australian Lions Clubs assist the Committee in promoting this leadership development. Your continued voluntary donations for this support will be appreciated.

The application of LCIF Grants, facilitated by District Q2 collaboration with the Committee, for related health services has increased the profile of Lions in PNG. The Committee is seeking to work with the PNG Government and AusAid to improve this profile in PNG.

Projects

LCIF SIGHT FIRST GRANT AU\$405,000

Project name: Papua New Guinea Lions National Eye Health System – Support of Cataract Surgery in Remote Provincial Centres.

The project will enable sustainable, high-quality cataract surgical service delivery at four target remote provincial hospitals, by providing Facility improvement and equipping and Quality Assurance through training, standard operating procedures and data collection.

Project location: There are four target provinces: Lae - Momase Region; Mount Hagen - Western Highlands Region; Mendi - Southern Highlands Region; and Rabaul - East New Britain Province.

Project Objectives and Outcomes: This project will support the needs of the 286,000 urban and urban-rural

population serviced directly by the four target provincial hospitals, where it is known that:

- >38,000 people have blinding cataract in both eyes
- Only 40% of current cataract surgeries have acceptable vision outcomes

These four remote provincial centres serve a population of 2.2 million people (25%) of the estimated 8.9 million population in PNG.

Progress

- With the onset of the Omicron variant of COVID 19, the last six months has proven of course, a very difficult time for all involved in this and any projects in PNG. It is, in some regions, getting dangerous for vaccination and health workers with the rising level of mistrust and vaccination fear before the ravaging effects of the virus itself.
- Understandably, the health services have higher priorities than eye care and this is something we have been mindful of in our progression with industry colleagues in PNG.
- Letters of Agreements have been established with the four target Provincial Health Authorities (PHA's) to enable supported implementation of the project activities in each of their eye units.
- However slow progress is being made with successful meetings to establish workplans that will inform budgetary requests.
- Supply chains are another aspect that have been disrupted by the human impact of COVID-19 and we are trying to determine the most likely dates when we can expect equipment to be in situ to enable training workshops to start.
- The four PHA ophthalmologists are very much on-board and have been most helpful in the planning processes. We look forward (despite all the grimness around COVID-19) to being able to implement the project soon.

BIRTHING MOTHERS' PROJECT – PNG

- Lions Clubs in Australia have since 2017, been supporting a Birthing Mothers Project in PNG where it is estimated that "Five mothers die each day in PNG in childbirth". This Project responds to an initiative by Dr. Barry Kirby, obstetrician in the remote Milne Bay area, who is reducing his maternal mortality with simple moderate & small cost solutions.
- Clearly these are difficult times with COVID in third world countries, but Dr Kirby continues his great work in the extreme circumstances.
- At the 2021 MD Convention in Canberra, following a presentation by the MD PNG Committee, another \$12,000 was donated by sixteen MD Clubs. Periodic payments are made upon request. These contributions are directly saving mothers' and babes' lives in PNG.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Chairperson Suzanne Newton

International Youth Exchange is finally back in business. It's been a long hiatus of well over 700 days but finally we have the light at the end of the tunnel. We are back!

I'm proud to say that as a committee we did not sit idle but forged forward to achieving a goal we had set 4 years ago. That goal was set establish a Lions International Youth Exchange Camp for diabetics for the Southern Hemisphere. Youth Exchange Camps for diabetics have been in existence in the Northern Hemisphere for very long time. Our first steps were:

- Agreement and meeting with New Zealand Youth Exchange & Camps to work together to achieve this goal
- Source a suitable community partner to form a partnership to teach us about diabetes. This was done with the Type 1 Foundation in November 2020.
- Work collaboratively with the Lions Diabetes National Coordinator, this commenced in November 2020.
- Agreement made with Camp Koala & the Camp Director Adrian Miles, V2 District for the formation of an Australian Youth Exchange camp for type 1 diabetics.
- In April 2021 we jointly achieved in collaboration with the Type 1 Foundation, Diabetes National Coordinator and the many Lions volunteers the holding of the very successful Camp Koala – T1D (15-17yrs) camp. This camp changed the lives of both the Lions involved and the campers. It was a truly humbling experience.
- In November 2021 we wrote in collaboration with the Lions



National Diabetes Coordinator what will be soon be presented as the, Lions Australia Diabetes Camps Manual. It is heartening to see two different areas of Lions come together to achieve this wonderful goal.

All this hard work is now getting us back into business this July 2022 with holding an International Youth Exchange Camp at Camp Koala, Victoria. This camp will be open to international youth from New Zealand only as a soft beginning. The eligibility criteria are that the youth must

be aged 15-17yrs and have type 1 diabetes. There will be 2 weeks of home hosting offered with a goal of 10 youth from New Zealand.

Next step is the establishment of a new International Youth Exchange Camp for Australia to be held in our summer in January 2023. The camp is called Camp Noorla Yo-Long and will be held in C2 District at Rendelsham, South Australia. We thank all the Lions Clubs of C2 District for their enthusiasm, passion and can do attitude to establish this new Youth Exchange camp. This camp will have a focus of leadership development, building self-confidence and have a Lions service activity included. Hopefully this will be attractive to LEOs around the world.

Our outbound program requires further investigation to establish which countries we consider safe for our youth "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world". We anticipate the outbound program recommencing in 2023.



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