

Bob's DISTRICT BUGLE



District Governor: Lion Bob Moore

"Lions ... Consolidating With Pride"



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Lions do wonderful things

At last my year as District Governor of 201N4 has officially commenced following the International Convention held in Bangkok and our District Changeover in Griffith recently.

I must say once again, my sincere thanks for the continued help and support shown to me by the members of my Griffith Club for their help and encouragement over the past few months and for organising the District Changeover with distinction.

The Bangkok Convention was a huge success with brilliant organization, superb facilities, classic entertainment, all bonded together by the amazing charm of the local hosts. Unfortunately there were incidents of minor sickness both during and after the Convention but most have fully recovered by now. My friend District Governor Don Blennerhassett's lovely Wife Helen had a fall during a tour of the North of Thailand after the Convention, and had the misfortune of requiring a Hip replacement. Poor Helen and Don had to be transported back to Bangkok for her treatment, but I am happy to report that the procedure was successful and they were full of praise for the standard of the Hospital and Staff. The newly elected Governors, and MD Chairman, held our first MD Council Meeting in Bangkok under the guidance of Council Chairman PDG Bob Buckley, who ran the meeting fluently and with confidence.



Council Chairman and IPDG Bob Buckley presenting the gong and gavel to DG Bob Moore at the Cabinet Changeover held in Griffith.

The newly elected International President's name is Albert F. Brandel and together with his charming Wife, Lion Dr. Maureen, will make a formidable team as our leaders for the ensuing year. International President Al's theme for his term is "Miracles through Service" while focusing on Community Service and Lions Membership. Al is from the USA and has had a long and distinguished career in the Police Force.

Following our first Cabinet Meeting held after the Changeover in Griffith, there were some positive signs of membership development, with negotiations either in place or shortly to commence with pos-

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sible Club formations in Dubbo, Coonabarabran, Blayney, Portland / Wallerawang and Lightning Ridge. What a great year if we could manage to achieve this result, but a lot of work will be needed before we can claim success, so the challenge is there to be conquered.

Griffith Club is very active arranging the District Convention to be held in Griffith in November and already has the majority of requirements under control. With the sponsorship of GMH this year, the Griffith Club intends to raise the standard of the presentations for the weekend and at the same time attempting to lower the costs so that you, the members, will be the winners all round. Mark your calendar now so that you can be part of the first ever Sponsored Convention.

I was overjoyed with the outstanding Charter Formation of the Lions Club of Ivanhoe and Districts last week. The

night was a resounding result and Vice District Governor Ray Strong, together with the Lions of Hillston, the local Lions Members, the visiting Lions and everybody else associated with the evening should be applauded. It is a long time since I have witnessed more than fifteen Lions Clubs together at a function of this nature. Ivanhoe now has 45 members and from a community so small.....It would have to be a world record unlikely to be bettered.

The Charter of the Forbes and District Lions Club will be held on Saturday, 9th August, 2008, and it was pleasing to see this Club represented at the Ivanhoe function. What a night this would be if we have a larger contingent of Clubs attending than Ivanhoe. With their central location, it's not beyond realism that we could double this number or more, so I issue the challenge, FORTY CLUBS FOR FORBES.

I have made several official visits to date, mainly to Clubs within easy reach and will start my onroad bash in a weeks time. I have had very friendly welcomes to Silvana and myself and we have thoroughly enjoyed the meetings and the hospitality extended to us on all occasions and we look forward to the future and the new friends that we will have the opportunity of meeting.

On a sad note, I am truly sorry that VDG Ray's Wife Maureen is not at all well and will be undertaking medical treatment in Canberra shortly. I know without hesitation, that I can convey to both Ray and Maureen, that each and everyone of us are constantly thinking of them and that we are all available to assist in every possible way.

Remember.....Lions do wonderful things.....Let's all work together as a team.

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District Changeover Awards



(Top) Lion Bob Gnezdiloff and (bottom) Lion Bob Moore receiving “Neil Williams Memorial Awards” from DG Bob Buckley.



(Top) Lion Shirley Williams and (bottom) Lion Ray Strong receiving “Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards” from DG Bob Buckley.



(Left) Lion Kerry Williams received a “Star” Award and “Distinguished Service” Award from DG Bob Buckley at the District Changeover held in Griffith on Saturday, 12th July, 2008. Congratulations to these Lions who made that extra special effort during Council Chairman Bob Buckley’s year as DG.

IVANHOE & DISTRICT CHARTER NIGHT



DG Bob Moore presenting the Charter to President of the Ivanhoe Lions Club, Lion Margaret McKenzie.

The Ivanhoe Lions Club conducted a Family Fun Day at the RSL Club on Saturday, 19th July, prior to the Charter Dinner of the recently formed Club.

Perhaps the cold weather had an influence on attendance at the Fun Day, but a disappointingly small crowd of locals enjoyed a free lunch with soft drinks for the children, as well as souvenir bags provided by Country Energy.

During the afternoon the crowd was kept entertained by the excellent band "Ten-13", who are a group of youngsters from Griffith. They have a great repertoire and are full of enthusiasm and no doubt we will hear more of them in the future.

The well known bush poet and raconteur Jonathan Vagg also entertained the crowd, largely comprising of visiting Lions, with his humorous and whimsical view of life in the bush.

Following the festivities at the RSL Club, the Lions Club conducted its Charter Night in the hall, where there was a good attendance, comprising Ivanhoe

Lions, town and district people as well as visiting Lions from many parts of NSW including Tumut, Wagga, Guerie, Bathurst, Griffith, Coleambally, West Wyalong, Forbes, Hay and our sponsoring club - Hillston.

The Member for Murray Darling, John Williamson, who is a member of the Parliamentary Lions Club, also attended.

A number of speakers conducted the formalities of the evening with the highlight being the presentation of the Charter, banner, gong and gavel by District Governor Lion Bob Moore to President Lion Margaret McKenzie.

The club officers were inducted by Council Chairman IPDG Bob Buckley and a number of bannerettes from visiting clubs were also handed to our Club.

A cheque for \$5,000 was presented to the Club by District 201-N5 PDG Peter Mendl on behalf of the "Give Back to the Country" appeal and this generous donation will provide the Club with some necessary funds.

An excellent camp oven meal, prepared by John McMaster and his off-siders was



District 201-N5 PDG Peter Mendl presented President Margaret McKenzie with a cheque for \$5,000 from the "Give Back to the Country" appeal.



Aboriginal Elder Beryl Carmichael welcomed the people to the Lions Charter Night on behalf of the Aboriginal community in Ivanhoe and district.

thoroughly enjoyed by all and the Camp Draft Committee looked after the liquid requirements of the very happy crowd.

It is always dangerous to thank individuals, as often someone gets overlooked, but particular mention must be made of the wonderful decorations in the hall, which were in the traditional Lions colours of gold and purple and comprised table decorations as well as window surrounds and excellent floral arrangements. These were the work of Laurel Britt and the Club is indebted to her for making the hall really look special.

Our thanks also go to the Central School Principal, Gordon Hay for providing tables and a sound system. The Board and management of the RSL Club, Ron Maiden for his cooking of the BBQ; the generosity of Ray and Jan Longfellow who posted all the invitations free of charge; the youngsters who helped with



Members of "Ten-13" band who played at the Fun Day prior to the Charter Night.



the serving of the dinner and Joe Butler who is an ever reliable doorman at so many events around Ivanhoe.

Now the Lions Club is fully functional, we will be looking for projects to undertake which will benefit the town and district and would welcome suggestions. However, for the Club to succeed, it will also need the support of the residents of the area. So if there is something on for your entertainment or welfare, please make the effort to come along and join in.

The Ivanhoe Lions appreciated the work of Rebecca Fitzgerald in listing the names of Ivanhoe Lions in calligraphy on the Charter presented to the Club on Saturday evening. Very nice work.

***(Article from
"The Hillston Spectator")***



Some of the camp ovens used to cook the various roasts for the Charter Night.



Lion John Fensom, who is a charter member of Hillston Lions Club was in attendance at Ivanhoe's Charter Night.



John McMaster and helper, did a marvellous job with the meal using 17 camp ovens.

Presidents Message

As the Charter President of The Lions Club of Ivanhoe & District, I would like take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so hard to get to this point.

I sincerely thank my fellow members of Ivanhoe & District Lions Club, Members of Hillston Lions Club & District 201 N5 "Give Back to the Country" Appeal Committee who have been invaluable with their support, encouragement and advice. I must admit that their encouragement has motivated me to continue with this endeavour. I look forward to the continuing support of my fellow Club members and the Ivanhoe community as we continue to build our Club and engage in future projects.

I would also like to pass on our thanks to those Community organisations who have supported the establishment of our Club and helped sponsor today's celebration. Could I thank Country Energy and the Department of Primary Industries for their sponsorship, and both Bunnings and Caesars for donating to our raffle.

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On this, "Our Night of Nights", I would like to thank all those who have attended, for their good wishes and hope that your time with us tonight will be memorable. I look forward to our Club serving our Community with the ideals of Lionism and with enthusiasm demonstrated by all those who have supported us to this point.

***Lion Margaret McKenzie
Charter President
2008 - 2009***



Council Chairman Bob Buckley presenting his official bannerette to N5 PDG Peter Mendl at Ivanhoe Charter Night.



Hillston Lions Club President Bob Brittle and partner Debbie at the Charter Night.

The Morning After The Charter Night - The Return

I only travel to the outback once or twice a year, mainly to see relatives and friends.

The drought has been on for nearly six years now. It so happens that the last couple of times I have traveled to the country, I have been accompanied by the first and welcome rains for many months!

The subject of the urgent need for rain came up a few times in conversation during this trip and I of course told listeners that with my reputation it could happen again. This of course was met with disdain and one-off sometimes denigrating comments.

Well on the morning of Sunday 20th July while lying in bed at six am what did I hear? I thought I heard the pitta patta of rain on the roof. It ceased after a minute. After a long ten minutes, there it was again. The same sound. But this time louder and for longer – about three minutes. Yes! I could claim I had brought rain again in times of dior need.

Showers became more frequent and it turned into a quiet and very fine drizzle. After an hour a car left its parking spot and there appeared a faint but definite dry shadow of its overnight position. No run-off yet!

As the showers became more intermittent it posed a few questions about the selection of the route home and the possibility of rain in surrounding areas and its affect on the roads.

Do we take a shorter route but one with 200kms of dirt road in questionable condition between here and Cobar? Do we go back the way we came with over 100 kms of what was a good condition dry road? Do we take a 100% sealed road via Hay which would mean an extra 3 hours travel?

We asked a few of the locals what the roads were like? They gave us vague and uneducated remarks like “Last week the Cobar road was OK but a bit rough in places. Dunno if they have had any rain though”.

After a few moments of deep thought our driver muttered a few unintelligible and smothered words then decided to go the way we came. At least we knew the road!

The two passengers consented not knowing

any more than the driver! We also decided to beat the rain and to leave without waiting another half hour for breakfast. We filled our bottles with water, packed our bags and decided we had sufficient petrol for the first stage of 149kms in about two hours to Hillston where we would “stop, revive, survive”.

We started after a short stop in Train Town, at about 10am. Drove through a couple of intermittent showers which contained quite heavy rain drops. The country began to show silvery streaks of puddles reflecting the silver cloudy skies. Showers became more frequent and heavier. We arrived at the Mossgiel turn-off 51kms from Ivanhoe on schedule and paused to ponder whether the dirt road would be OK or if we should do the extra 100kms via sealed road through Hay?

The council road open/closed sign indicated the road was open so we gave it a go. The first 25 kms were a bit slippery but we proceeded ok until, after a few more showers the mud began to pack between the wheels and the mudguards. We were zig-zagging over the road from time to time. Thank goodness for the 4WD!

Another 10Kms and the motor was labouring under the compacted build-up of mud. The driver stopped and dismounted to look at the problem. The wheels were sure compacted and needed cleaning out. Every step he took in the slippery slimey red mud created layers of sticky goo under his shoes and played havoc with the accelerator and break peddles. Due to the ever increasing compacted mud on the wheels, we could only proceed at 20 km/hr. We slurred all over the road trying to stay clear of the formidable table drain in which it was thought we would sink to our axles in the bottomless mud. We reached a fence through which we could drive over a cattle ramp so we stopped to stand on it so our shoes would not collect mud at every step we took. We searched for and found a suitable strainer bolt and a star picket to wedge out the mud set about the job. After about 20 minutes we started off. It sure made a difference as the vehicle was freer and lighter and therefore less of a burden on our engine and precious fuel.

We tried to phone Ray in Hillston but reception was only fair and we advised we were in trouble just before the phone cut out. What a predicament! We pushed on slowly.

Not for long! The wheels quickly clogged again and we slowed then came to a sideways slide and stopped two metres short of the dreaded table drain. What to do? We were stuck!

We noticed a utility was also stopped three hundred metres further on facing in our direction. Nobody said anything but all thought of what we maybe should have done! Did we make the wrong decision in the planning stage?

Should we have turned back when only 30kms along the slippery road from Moss-giel? Did we check our food, drink and fuel in case something like this should happen? Did we allow for nil reception on our mobile phones which continually advised "no service available"?

After about 20 long minutes of silent soul-searching we heard a vehicle approaching from in front of us. It had stopped at the stranded ute ahead and after a couple of minutes of us waiting in suspense, it moved towards us high revs with wheels spinning and mud flying out behind as it swerved all over the road from one side to the other. It pulled up along side us and we saw a young fellow in cap and well rugged up in a working parker against the cold and wet. It was a 4WD truck with a cage on the back with four mean looking dogs locked in.

"Everything OK?". We told him of our plight and the effort we made not to slide into the forbidden table drain.

"Just rev'er up, give'er the gun and take it across the table drain, up the other side and bring'er back onto the road. Easy mate!!" We enquired about the forbidden table drain and all he said was "She'll be right. Jus keep'er revs up. No worries!!!"

Our driver did just that. The wheels spun, mud flew off in all directions, the car shot over the table drain, along the other side and then back on the road where we stopped! Too easy!

The young bloke turned his truck around in a cloud of spraying mud and pulled along side and volunteered, "I'll lead you out and keep an eye on you as I'm goin into town anyway" which was encouraging. He revved up and away he went flying mud and making zigzags

all over the road as he sped away out of sight. He was enjoying the wet slippery conditions which doesn't happen often in this part of the world.

It took a few kms before we caught up with him only because he stopped to talk to another 4WD coming the other way. We pulled up behind him expecting to be asked to follow on! After a few minutes we hadn't received any acknowledgement even in the form of a wave from the other chap who we could see quite clearly. We turned off the engine and waited, and waited and at last, after what seemed ages the trucks began to move and the one coming towards stopped along side.

"G'day are you Peter?" "Yare". He knew who we were! "Ray told me you had a bit of trouble but you're OK now?" We asked about the condition of the road ahead. A change soon to sand and then to gravel which should improve conditions. The conversation was short because we didn't want to lose our guide. We thanked him, revved up the engine and weaved our way through the mud towards Hillston over 50 kms away.

After a few kms the yellow warning light came on advising we only had 40 ks of petrol left. It would be a close call! Thank goodness our passenger in front was unaware of this new threat to our safety and future short-term comfort. On we went through more showers however fortunately, the road changed from slippery mud to a less slippery wet sand covering and later the surface turned to gravel which enabled us to speed up and loose more mud from the wheel areas.

Sealed road ahead. This was more like it. It only for a few hundred metres then gravel again! False alarm! On and On. At last the sign indicated we were 10 kms out and a sealed road took over.

The three Hillston silos appeared which meant we must be close. Then the town appeared and we headed for the nearest petrol bowser and a welcome cup of tea at Rays home. Our immediate troubles were over.

It took nearly three hours to cover the 97kms which we covered previously on a dry road in about an hour and a quarter.

As it happened, it would have been better to take the long safe way on tar-sealed roads all the way. There must be a moral to this story!

We arrived home after a great week-end of new experiences and made new friends. It was a weekend to remember.

PDG Peter Mendl, District 201-N5

“Foghorn’s” Travels Around District 201-N4

Hillston to Coleambally



Top and bottom photos showing Lion Clinton Mewburn (Hillston) presenting “Foghorn” to Coleambally Lions Club.



“Foghorn” in a hen house at Coly.



The wooden trophy that accompanies “Foghorn” on his travels around the district.



Coleambally to Leeton

Coleambally Lions visited Leeton Lions Club on Monday, 7 July and surprise, surprise, surprise - Foghorn was delivered. What a shock that was.

We had a very quiet evening as most of our members were away and we were almost outnumbered by Coly Lions, so we were having a huge problem finding Foghorn some accommodation - with or without the company of some good looking hens.

In the end our President John Lacy took him temporarily and I was able to con a work colleague to take him the next day.

Foghorn has been put out to ajistment in Merungle Hill and is performing his stud duties as best he can (someone has to do it). He is absolutely surrounded by good looking chooks now.

Sheree Collins



Des Chivers, of Hillston, make up a wooden plaque to go with the "Visitation rooster" so that each Club can attach a plaque to show where and when the rooster visited. I have the rules engraved on a plaque mounted on the back. I have already attached three plaques - Griffith (April 2008), Hillston (May 2008) and Coleambally (June 2008).



COLEAMBALLY LIONS DO IT AGAIN

Coleambally Lions Show'n'Shine is the Show Fest of the South West, a bi-annual event where-as all the profit is shared between a Lions foundation and local needs.

The 06 Show'n'Shine was shared between a Lions Health Care Foundation and Wagga Ronald McDonald House and this year the majority of funds raised will go to the Campaign Save Sight II.

This event normally held in March was changed to the long weekend in June to co-inside with Coleambally 40 years celebrations, usually long weekends are bad times to hold events like this due to the fact there is too much other things going on and people go away including Lions. Although car entrants were down (62) spectator's numbers were up making it better than usual as far as income was concerned.

Many Lions members, their ladies and their children made the day a big success.

Other attractions included the Lions pump up Castle which was free all day, market stalls, BBQ and the ever popular radio control car racing.

Lion Shirley Williams, Chair of the Campaign Save Sight II opened the Show Fest and President Adrian Hayes presented the trophies to the three best cars in their different classes.

*Lion Rex Boag
Coleambally Lions Club*



Council Chairman Bob Buckley and Cabinet Secretary PDG Kerry Williams after the "DG's Roast" at the MD Convention in Darwin. I heard that the corks on the hat were specially obtained!!



Council Chairman Bob Buckley, DG Bob Moore, Joe Collins, Executive Chairman of Childrens Cancer Institute and PDG Jim Ede, Chairman of Lions Cord Blood & Childhood Cancer Research Appeal with a cheque for \$150,000 which was presented to Joe at the Cabinet Changeover.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP QUEST FINALS

Will be held at the end of September, 2008

4300 km "Ride For Life"

Ring Kerry Stanley's mobile phone and if she's in a spot where there's service the first thing you're likely to hear is the clip clop of horse's hooves.

The gutsy mother of four is in the home stretch of a gruelling 4300 kilometre 'ride for life' that passed through Warren recently. Throw into the mix a hearing impairment and the on road responsibility of her two youngest daughters and you start to understand the magnitude of Ms Stanley's epic journey that began in Bindoon, Western Australia just over three months ago and will finish in Beaudesert, Queensland in the next couple of weeks.

Ms Stanley's philosophy of life is simple, "If you want to do something, just go and do it."

The riders are "motoring" along with stout-hearted Arab horses Naateka, Hatala, Fire, Rosie and Ziv averaging eight to 12 kilometres an hour in good going conditions and covering between 50 and 80 kilometres a day at a walk/ trot. Hazards such as rabbit holes and rocky ground slow progress. The horses are alternated and rested every second day with the youngest rider 10-year-old Kate also riding in the truck for some of the journey and 12-year-old Shannon at her mother's side most of the time unless sick or "sin-binned". The girls chat and occasionally squabble good-naturedly as they ride along but not many youngsters can boast they've ridden across Australia on horseback. They catch up on their school work during breaks but the education they are experiencing on the journey is "invaluable". The riders are supported by Melbourne couple Kelvin and Nancy Vaughn who are driving the "big pink" truck after putting their hand up when the vehicle was stranded in Broken Hill and a radio station put out the call for a volunteer driver. The Vaughns didn't hesitate, put off their planned trip to Alice Springs and went along for the ride. They will go

Courtesy Warren Advocate

as far as Goondiwindi where the riders will be joined by Ms Stanley's partner. Money raised along the way will support breast cancer research, a cause close to Ms Stanley's heart with close family members all past sufferers.

The riders are preceded by a grapevine with well-wishers such as Lions Club members and 'horsy' people easing the way through towns on the route and helping out wherever they can. In Warren Bruce Hopley heard the group needed some new halters and lead ropes and had brand new ones ready to go, while Western Farm Machinery, Mark Robinson and Nick Wrigley pitched in to service the truck and carry out minor repairs. Robyn and Sarah Dwyer, Chris Foy and Caroline Monkley had a hot meal and facilities ready for the exhausted trio when they pulled up at the showground racecourse after a 72-kilometre one-day trek from Nyngan on Saturday. The horses of course are given top billing with a hose and rub down, rugs, feed and water laid on as soon as the riders are out of the saddles. Ms Stanley can then relax for a couple of hours and the local Lions Club hosted her and Mrs Vaughn at the bowling club on Saturday night with both Rotary and Lions presenting cheques and patrons digging deep for the cause. The ladies then did a "pub crawl" and met locals with Royal Hotel, Clubhouse and Golf Club patrons also generously helping to fill the tin as it was passed around and someone also donating a diesel voucher.

"People have been absolutely fantastic and we would like to thank everyone that helped in any way," Ms Stanley said. "Truck drivers have kept in contact on channel 40 and some have even stopped and handed over \$100 bills.

"There is something different to see very day, it's a most amazing experience for the girls and I'm really proud of them."

The support crew drive 15 to 20 kilometres and wait for the riders to catch



Warren Polocrosse and Pony Club members escorting Kerry Stanley and her two daughters on the next leg of the journey from Warren.

up and the horses are given a drink and a sponge down. Usually after the third stop a night camp is prepared with the horses bedded down and riders camping in swags for the night.

The trip took 12 months in the planning and \$20,000 was raised in Perth to purchase the truck and horses with sponsorship helping out to cover the cost of horse feed, a fridge and other essentials.

Kerry Stanley and her daughters Shannon and Kate rode into the record books last week when they climbed out of their saddles after a gruelling 17-week horse ride across Australia.

The epic journey started in Bindoon, Western Australia and finished in Beaudesert in Queensland as night fell on Wednesday. The 'big pink' support truck was driven the last leg of the journey by Kerry's partner Clint.

The riders and support crew stopped at Warren Showground on May 31 where they were assisted by local Lions Club members, pony club and polocrosse associates and other well-wishers who donated to their fundraising cause.

Roger Wilks who helped co-ordinate the ride from Bindoon, said the riders arrived in Beaudesert as predicted on his birthday, June 18, to a celebrity welcome with media outlets clamouring for their attention. He said Ms Stanley and her

daughters enjoyed a few days break and their five horses were turned loose in a 40 hectare paddock after travelling an amazing 4300 kilometres in total.

"The girls are thrilled with their efforts and we're certainly very proud of them," said Mr Wilks.

"The Lions Club of Beaudesert held a reception dinner and the girls were also treated to a theme park visit."

Mr Wilks said Kate and Shannon were expected to fly back home today, while Ms Stanley and her partner would transport the horses back to Western Australia in the truck. He said the riders raised over \$20,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and a presentation dinner is scheduled for July 14 in Perth. The ride would also be put forward to Guinness Records to determine if it is a world record for the longest ride across a country.

"A group of stockmen rode from the Northern Territory to Victoria in 2002 in a 'Campfires for Cancer' fundraiser that took ten months," Mr Wilks said.

"Kerry only took 17 weeks to ride from West to East and should have beaten the North-South record by 700 kilometres."

Mr Wilks said the hardest part of the ride was across the Nullarbor with watering holes long distances apart.

"Roadhouses helped out by donating fresh water from their desalination plants."

Leeton Lions Reinstate President



John Lacy (centre right) is reinstated as president of the Leeton Lions Club by PDG John Skelton (centre left) with guests Leeton Shire Mayor Joe Burns (left) and Member for Murrumbidgee Lion Adrian Piccoli at the Leeton Soldiers Club Rapps Room.

Leeton Lions held its 41st change-over recently with popular president John Lacy reinstated by PDG John Skelton.

Mr Lacy reported a year of social activity, service work and fund-raising.

He said the relocation of a slab shed from Assumption Villa to the Whitton Museum was the most significant service job.

Leeton Lions donated \$6000 towards various charities in the past year including \$720 to the Salvos and St Vincent de Paul, \$707 to Light Up Leeton and \$580 to Ronald McDonald House.

There are several foundations supported by Lions as an organisation, including Australian Lions Foundation and Lions Save Sight.

In Leeton, Lions Save Sight supplied glasses to a person in need, worth \$1200.

Volunteers also staffed the kiosk at Relay for Life and assisted with the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

The face of Lions in Leeton and the Lions train have been busy with school fetes, birthday parties and Light Up Lee-

ton tours, as well as taking the kids for a ride during the SunRise Festival.

The train was also recently used for a bridal party and made working visits to Coleambally and Darlington Point.

Leeton Lions Train Busy



The Leeton Lions train is the face of Lions in Leeton.

It is used for birthday parties, as a fundraiser at school fetes, rides for senior citizens during Seniors Week, private adult functions, corporate functions and is used by local shops as sales promotions and business anniversaries, street parties and finally a town tour to view house lighting decorations at Christmas. All these activities are worth in the vicinity of \$4000 to the club's activities account.

***Don Gordon
Publicity Officer***

Lions Acting The Goat



Article from Coly-Jerilderie News 17 June, 1987

The night the Lions acted the goat. "Leo" the goat was delivered by the Narrandera Lions to Coleambally Lions Club at a recent meeting. From left Rex Boag tempts the goat with somebody's coat, Elliott Shaw, John Ferguson, President Jack Briggs, president elect John King, Narrandera members Frank Demheuvel and Geoff Sullivan. Note the devil stirring the pot, on top of the goat's cage, it is traditionally given to the "stirrer" of the club.

Twenty two Lions of Narrandera Club prowled into the Coleambally Lions Club meeting about a week ago for an inter club visit.

As a token of their esteem they presented Coleambally Club with an enormous pedigree angora billy goat. They were not kidding.

Fortunately it was caged, as it was delivered into the dining room of the club, where an official charter of possession was handed to the Coleambally President, Lion Jack Briggs by the Narrandera President Geoff Sullivan.

"Leo" emanated from the Mt Gillette Angora Goat Stud at Beckham, the charter stipulated the conditions pertaining to the upkeep and disposing of the goat.

The designated 'keeper of the goat' is Lion Max Foord, Coleambally Lions Club can only hand "Leo" to another club if they visit with 50 percent membership,

and not immediately upon receiving the animal. Fifty percent membership means that 20 Lions will be shortly visiting another club.

Among the 22 guests who delivered the goat, was the incoming President Frank Van Demheuval, Malcolm Kristie and Ron De Martin.

There was some confusion to say the least, when the presentation was about to be made. It was discovered that the goat and trainer had vanished. Some spirited Coleambally members had spirited it away and were attempting to substitute an 'ornery' member of their own.

However "Leo" was discovered bleating in the bushes and the presentation proceeded without further hitches.

Surrounding Lions Clubs are lying low to avoid the attention of visiting Lions from Coleambally.

LICOLA WEEK

April 6th to April 11th was Licola Week - what a wonderful period of love understanding and sheer pleasure for so many disabled people from 201-N4.

Added to this we had fabulous weather. This years camp totalled 115 campers, leaders and bus drivers. We had 12 Lions in attendance. One of our best camps ever.

The purpose of the camp is to give our disabled campers a week of fun and involvement in community living, plus entertainment whilst we look after their needs 24 hours a day, and give their carers respite for one week, for some their only break.

Everybody participated in many various activities during the week, such as archery, mini golf, arts and craft, hockey, athletic games, trailer rides, giant swing, flying fox, indoor hockey, cricket, hike, treasure hunt, pyjama party, discos and concert.

A big thank you to Blackburn North Lions Club for providing a full cooked breakfast in Melbourne on the way to

THANK YOU

For giving our daughter Shanelle from Willans Hill School in Wagga Wagga the opportunity to experience Licola Camp in Victoria.

Shanelle went to camp in April this year and was thrilled to have made many friendships with peers and carers at camp, something she has socially struggled with in the past. She had told us of the breathtaking sceneries and wonderful facilities at Licola Camp and the fun activities like archery, bushwalking, and the flying fox.

We would like to express our many thanks to the volunteer carers who gave up their time in taking care of our precious family members and a BIG 'Thank You' to the Lions Club members for giving Shanelle and others this great chance in taking part of this wonderful camp. Without facilities like Licola Camp and the support of the Lions Club Shanelle and many others would never be given the opportunity to show themselves and others their strengths, skills and capabilities.

We hope your kindness and hard work will continue to grow so that many others like Shanelle can continue to enjoy this experience.

Thank you for making it happen!

*Nani and Victor Coulter and Family...
Tuesday 5 May 2008*


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24 April 2008

Lion Ross White
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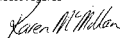
Dear Ross,

We at the Northcott Riverina-Murray office in Wagga Wagga, would like to express our appreciation to you for your dedication and all your efforts to enable two of our young people, Evan and Rex, to attend the Licola Camp. We recognise that a good deal of time and planning goes into coordinating the Licola Camp each year.

The Licola camp has given these young men a great opportunity to make new friends, have adventures and enjoy themselves in a safe and caring environment. The camp also provides these two families with some much needed respite from their demanding caring role. All reports are that these two young men had a wonderful time at the camp and returned home very excited and full of stories.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of Northcott to promote a genuinely more inclusive environment for all our clients.

Kindest regards



Karen McMillan
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founding member of


Licola feeding 113 people - a fabulous effort. Thanks to Lion's John and Agnes for the fantastic craft activity run all day for the full week and months of work at home preparing all the wooden materials, the camps most popular activity. Thanks to Lion Cheryl Ryan for her organisation skills and paperwork and Lions Lady Lesley White for her continued fund raising for Licola.

Finally thanks to Lions Neil and Pam Ware from Blackburn North Victoria, the Past Licola Board Chairman they both worked their hearts out for the whole week. To the Lions of our District at the camp and the Lions at club level and all our dedicated camp volunteer leaders you were the ones who made the camp possible, thank you all.

19 clubs participated this year, they were Ardlethan, Coleambally, Coonamble, Dubbo Macquarie, Grenfell, Geu-

DRUG AWARENESS - MISUSE OF INHALANTS

Most inhalants are common household products, so it is not possible to make them illegal and it wouldn't help protect young people from harm.

Common household items which generally have a strong smell and include:

- glue
- aerosol sprays
- gas from lighters or barbecues
- cleaning fluid
- felt-tipped pens
- correction fluid
- paint or paint thinners
- petrol
- chrome-based paint (used in 'chroming')
- nail polish remover

LICOLA WEEK

rie, Gulargambone, Gundagai, Leeton, Lithgow, Orange, Orange Canobolas, Temora, Tooraweenah, Tumut, Wagga Wagga South, Wagga Wagga, Wellington, West Wyalong, Yanco, I hope I have not missed any clubs.

This was truly a great district project.

Our aims and goals of the camp are to provide an environment in which each camper has a beneficial and happy time, and learn in a most practical way the art of communication. Their challenge to compete and only ask for a little love plus a few minutes of your time leave you feeling of being rewarded so much for your effort in putting the camp together.

It is more than just a camp, it is a place where disabled people get together, laugh, play, express themselves and most of all display incredible love to one another and gain so much in only one week.

Lion Ross White
Chairman - Southern
Lion Col Ryan
Chairman - Northern

How are they used?

The product is inhaled deeply through either the nose or mouth. It is often sprayed into a plastic bag or soaked onto a cloth before being inhaled, or it can be inhaled directly from the container.

How do they work?

Like alcohol or marijuana, most inhalants work by slowing down the activity of the brain and central nervous system, so people have less control over their behaviour.

Who uses them?

Inhalants are often used by young people in their first few years of secondary school, although they can be used by people of any age.

The reasons young people give for sniffing inhalants are often the same reasons adults give for drinking alcohol - for fun, to forget problems, to be sociable. Sniffing is a cheap way for them to get the same effect as alcohol and a way to rebel against authority. Experimenting with drugs is often a part of growing up.

Immediate effects!

The effect of inhalants, or any other drug, varies from person to person. It depends on how much is taken, previous experience with the drug and the situation the person is in.

Small amounts of inhalants can affect someone quite quickly. People who have used inhalants may be;

- high or intoxicated
- less inhibited
- giggly
- agitated and uneasy
- drowsy
- disorientated and lack of co-ordination

- Sick (or have diarrhea)

You may be able to smell inhalants on the person's breath.

Regular use can be harmful!

A small number of people have died suddenly after using inhalants. It is believed that chemicals in these products can cause heart failure, particularly if the user is highly stressed or does heavy exercise after inhaling.

Almost all young people who try inhalants only use them once or twice and then stop.

However, some young people do use inhalants heavily and regularly. The effects can be most serious.

Why are they harmful?

Long term users may appear pale, have tremors, lose weight, feel tired and be unusually thirsty. They may have sores around their nose and mouth. Some may also have anaemia, because some inhalants affect the production of blood.

Users may be forgetful and less able to think clearly or logically. They may be irritable, hostile, dressed or feel persecuted.

The lead in petrol, and some of the chemicals in other inhalants, may build up in the body. This irritates the lining of the stomach and intestines and can cause damage to the brain, nerves, kidneys and liver.

What can parents do?

If you think your child may be using inhalants:

- Try not to panic - If you get angry or over-react children are less likely to discuss their problems with you. Try to stay calm even though it can be difficult.

- Talk and listen - Find out what is happening. Really listen to what your child is saying and try to understand things from their point of view. He or she may have only experimented once or twice and may not have a serious problem.

- Show your concern - Make it clear that you are concerned because you love them and want them to be safe. If you think it is necessary seek professional help.

In case of an emergency:

- take away the container so they can breathe fresh air

- lay them on their side to avoid inhaling vomit

- if they are conscious, but seriously affected, speak calmly to them

- if unconscious, call a doctor or an ambulance immediately

- if they have stopped breathing, commence CPR and continue until help arrive

Help and Information is always available from the Alcohol and Drug Service (1800 422 599)

*J C (John) Barlow
Drug Awareness Chairman*

Welcome to Our Newest Lions

**District 201N4 New Members
(01/07/2008 to 23/07/2008)**

COWRA LIONS CLUB

Robert Bryant

Barry Green

GILGANDRA LIONS CLUB

Peter Alan Mac Beth

Patrick John Pennell

IVANHOE & DISTRICT INC LIONS CLUB

James Baldock

Jeffrey Byrne

NARRANDERA LIONS CLUB

Gary Errol Hoskinson

WENTWORTH FALLS LIONS CLUB

Margaret Helen Haworth

Tim Herborn

Total New Members: 9

Exceptional Year Inviting New Women and Family Members Into Lions

As you may have heard, Lions Clubs is having an exceptional year inviting new women and family members into Lions.

Over 200 Lions serving as Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairpersons have assisted in inviting more than 42,000 new women members this fiscal year. Over the past five years the efforts of the Women Chairpersons have produced a 25% net increase in the number of women Lions.

At the March 2008 International Board Meeting the Women Chairperson position was updated and expanded to include developing family membership. The position is now the District Family and Women Membership Development Chairperson serving a three-year term. By being a three-year position the chairpersons are allowed time to develop a team and work through their plan.

Depending on the needs of the district, this position works with many of the other district chairpersons. Each district has a different method or plan. In some districts it is about working with Public Relations, other districts may start new clubs with the Extension chairperson and others work with club officers to identify new projects within a community for the clubs to do more hands on work.

Check with the 2007-08 District Governor regarding who is currently serving as the District's Women Membership Development and Participation Chairperson. If you do not currently have a Women Chairperson, the Family and Women Chairperson position will need to be filled with a qualified Lion willing to serve a three-year term. By reporting the chairperson Lions Clubs International is then able to provide regular updates and materials to assist the chairperson.

Use the following web address to access the Family and Women's Membership Development Chairperson appointment form: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/dwmc100.pdf>.

Please use the form to inform Lions Clubs International of your choice. Return the completed form to the Membership Programs Department at Lions Clubs International. Just a reminder: the appointment is a three-year term subject to annual confirmation; your choice will benefit the district for some time.

Thank you in advance for your interest and active support.

Sincerely,

K G Ramakrishna Murthy (KGR)
International Director



Lion Carmel Price, Lions Club of Young accepting the Lions Junior Leadership Quest winners trophy for 2007-2008 from DG Bob Moore.

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NEWSLETTER!!***

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Lions Raise More Than US\$200 Million to Save Sight

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions around the world have exceeded their campaign challenge goal of US\$200 million for their flagship, global blindness-prevention program, SightFirst. Funds raised during Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), a three-year worldwide campaign operated by the international charitable foundation, will save or restore the vision of more than 37 million people around the world.

Led by 7,000 CSFII Lion volunteers, Lions surpassed their initial US\$150 million goal in February, four months in advance of CSFII's conclusion. During the final month of the campaign alone, Lions raised more than US\$20 million to surpass the US\$200 million challenge goal.

"The efforts of Lions worldwide over the last three years makes me incredibly proud to be a Lion," says Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, Lions past international president and CSFII chairperson. "Through CSFII, our role as 'Knights of the Blind' will continue for years to come because of the dedication of our volunteers and all of our donors. Most importantly, LCIF and Lions will be able to continue to deliver the excellent services of the SightFirst program and thereby ensure that millions of individuals around the world are able to live with the gift of sight."

At least US\$100 million of CSFII funds will be granted through LCIF's SightFirst program to contain and eliminate the leading causes of avoidable blindness, including cataract, the leading cause of preventable blindness worldwide.

Another US\$50 million will be used to combat new and emerging threats to sight, including diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration and low vision. The funds raised beyond the US\$150 million

initial goal will make it possible for Lions to fund research and rehabilitation initiatives in developed countries. Lions' goal is to provide "Vision for All."

SightFirst was launched by Lions in 1989 to battle preventable and reversible blindness. Lions estimate US\$6 is the average cost to save or restore a person's sight through SightFirst. Lions have already restored sight to more than 27 million people by funding cataract surgeries, vision screenings and treatment, and improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions of people in underserved areas in 91 countries around the world. Lions have also built eye hospitals in developing countries and trained eye health care workers where there were previously none.

CSFII officially concluded during the 91st Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand on Thursday, June 26 when the final dollar amount raised was announced. More than 18,000 Lions clubs members, including international media, from around the world were present for this historic announcement for LCIF.

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**7TH, 8TH, 9TH
NOVEMBER, 2008**

***Come and enjoy wine and
food country ~ Griffith***

56th National Convention Darwin Precis of Proceedings

Thursday, 15th May, 2008.

On the eve of the commencement of the 56th National Multiple District 201 Convention in Darwin, there were signs of activity from many areas as the local Darwin Convention Organising Committee finalised arrangements for the next four days.

The MD Council of Governors was in meeting and last night at the Council Chairman's Formal Dinner, the Council Chairman Elect was announced. This information will be announced by CC Tony Benbow to the Conventioneers at the appropriate time.

The District Governors Elect continued with their training sessions preparing them for year of office. These Lions and their Partners will be introduced to the Convention just prior to the Closing Session next Monday afternoon.

Registration commenced at 1.00pm and went until 4.00pm. For your information a preliminary Credentials Report is printed on the reverse side of this document and a formal Credentials Report will be presented just prior to the International Director Nominee Speeches on Friday.

Last night also saw a number of Lioness, Partners and Friends of the Lionesses gather for their Annual Dinner at "Ten Litchfield" Restaurant and from reports received, they certainly enjoyed themselves. The Lioness Workshop will be held on Saturday Morning in the Gallery commencing at 9.00am.

Also last night, the Australian Lions Pin Traders held their Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Darwin RSL Clubrooms.

There was a hive of activity at the Darwin Entertainment Centre as the various Displays were prepared and hopefully, all Conventioneers will visit this area and

look and listen to learn of the various Lions Activities.

Friday's Programme.

Following the Opening Ceremony at the Darwin Oval, Conventioneers will return to the Darwin Entertainment Centre where the first order of business will be the Election of the MD201 Nominee for International Director for 2008 – 2010. Five very experienced Lions have submitted their names for consideration.

Don't forget about the marvelous Attractions that Darwin affords the Traveller. Many of these Businesses have sponsored this Convention and we are appreciative of this support. You can demonstrate your appreciation by supporting these Businesses.

If you have not visited the famous Mindil Night Markets, plan now to go on Sunday Evening. Lots of Souvenirs and the variety of Food that is available has to be seen to be appreciated.

Don't forget to visit the Lions Shop and meet Daniela Farcas from the National Office in Newcastle. Talk to Daniela about the Lions Regalia that is available and place an order On-line for delivery to your home address.

Friday, 16th May, 2008.

An early start today with the Opening Ceremonies which were held in the picturesque Darwin Gardens Oval. Although the early morning sun was still warm and as the Conventioneers were facing into the sun, the events compensated.

Following the novel arrival of the Official Party in "Tour Tubs" (buses), and the establishment of the Protocol, Ms Dorothy Fox representing the Larrakia People presented the Traditional Welcome to the

Land which we currently occupy.

A Choir from local schools entertained the Conventioneers and presented the National Anthem whilst three Flags were carried in by Parachutists. Other Flags were then paraded by Children in an extremely well organised display. Lion Dean Humphries is to be congratulated for the Flag Ceremony.

The Administrator of the Northern Territory The Honourable Tom Pauling QC then issued a Welcome to the Northern Territory followed by a welcome to Darwin by the Lord Mayor His Worship Cr. Graeme Sawyer.

In his Address, the Chief Minister of the NT The Honourable Paul Henderson MLA paid tribute to the efforts of Lions in general but in particular the efforts of the Top End Lions. He then officially opened the 56th MD Convention.

After further entertainment including a Performance by the Indigenous Group One Mob, and the departure of the Official Party, SAA Bob adjourned the Session until 10.45am when we moved back to the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

A Credentials Report was given and a Quorum established, and CC Tony Benbow then moved into the Nominations and Speeches for the Nomination of the International Director to represent this Geographical Area for the next two years. Nominees were PCC Lindsay Marsden; PCC Franz Mairinger; PDG Ken Brown-smith; PCC Andy Mojsiewicz & PDG Ken Bird.

After the Counting of the Votes, E O Rob Oerlemans announced that PDG Ken Bird would be the International Director Nominee and congratulated Ken and Maureen.

Following the Luncheon Break during which the ALF AGM was held, the nab Youth of the Year Finals were held.

After the usual high standard of the Contestant's Presentations, the Winner of both the Public Speaking and Overall Sections was Edward Miller who was sponsored by the Lions Club of Burwood

201N5 NSW.

Lion Dr George Owens then presented the Lions Spinal Cord Foundation Report, followed by Lion Ray Dix who gave the ALCMF Report.

In the Evening, Conventioneers gathered on the Speakers Lawn at the NT Parliament House for the Informal Reception which was hosted by The Honourable Paul Henderson MLA, Chief Minister of the NT.

All in all, a memorable day.

Saturday 17th May, 2008.

Another lovely warm day in the Top End and from Reports received, some Conventioneers did in fact "Go Wild!"

The day commenced with the First Conventioneers and Key Members Breakfast and at 8.30am, SAA Bob Korotcoff called the Second Session to order. Following the establishment that a Quorum was present, CC Tony Benbow continued with the business at hand.

The National Treasurer, PDG Bryan Smith presented his Report and outlined the progress to date of the Review of the Structure and of the Financial Position of the Multiple District. Printed copies of his Report were subsequently distributed.

Notices of Motion were then debated and the following was the result:

CMM 1	Carried.
CMN 2	Carried.
CMN 3	Carried.
CMN 4	Carried.
CMN 5	Carried.
NM 3	Lost
NM 4	Withdrawn.

At this stage, a Presentation was given by ALDAF on their new Project "Tune in not Out"

The Lioness Workshop was conducted in the morning, chaired by Lion Wendy McCann.

Following a Comfort Break, PDG Ron Skeen OAM, conducted the Question & Answer Session which was followed by Lion Peter Lamb who conducted the An-

nual Leo of the Year Final.

After Presentations by five State Representatives, Leo Reece Colman from the Lake Tuggeranong Leo Club was declared the Leo of the Year for 2008. Congratulations Reece.

During the Luncheon Break, a Workshop was conducted and two Foundation AGMs were held.

Convention reconvened at 1.30pm and the Annual ALF Report was presented. At this stage, PIP Moore presented PDG John Knowles OAM with an Ambassador of Goodwill Award and John was recognized by a standing ovation.

As there was a Quorum present, debate of the remaining Notices of Motion continued:

NM 5	Carried.
NM 6	Carried.
NM 7	Carried.
NM 8	Carried.
NM 9	Lost.
NM 10	Lost.

SAA Bob, following some announcements then adjourned the Session and many Conventioneers attended the Darwin Turf Club and were present at the running of the Lions Australia Cup. CC Tony Benbow presented the Cup to the Winners. This event was televised throughout the Asian Racing Network.

In the Evening, many Past District Governors and their Partners gathered for their Annual Dinner and AGM at the Darwin Sailing Club whilst some Districts held a District gathering.

PDG David Welsh was presented with Life Membership of the PDGs Association at the PDG's Dinner.

Sunday 18th May, 2008.

Sunday, another beautiful day in sunny Darwin and Conventioneers gathered at the Cenotaph on the Esplanade to participate in the Annual Remembrance Ceremony. The setting was wonderful and as the Sun rose through the trees behind the Conventioneers, Lion Jeff Dunn from the Casuarina Lions Club presented

arguably, one of the most moving Remembrance Ceremonies that we have ever witnessed at a MD Convention. As each District Governor was called forward, Lion Jeff announced how many Lions, Partners, Lionesses and Leos were being remembered. Each DG then released a White Dove. PIP Moore was then invited to release a Dove to remember the Global Lions who had passed on.

All who attended expressed their feelings by acclamation.

Breakfast was then served to the Conventioneers on the Esplanade whilst many Partners departed for Tours to either the Wildlife Park or the Museum.

SAA Bob called the next Business Session to order at 11.00am followed by PDG David Knowles who presented the Lions Quest Report assisted by PIP Moore.

Council Chairman MD202, PDG Graeme Burson addressed the Chairman and brought us up to date on what is happening in New Zealand.

PDG Ken Leonard from the Lions Eye Recycling Centre (Qld) Australia spoke on the latest Project which allowed Sight Impaired Persons to obtain a CD which would allow them to "read" (hear) the Australian "Lion" Magazine.

Lioness Wendy McCann gave the Lioness Report and announced that the Lioness Club of Yeppoon was this year's Winner of the Fonnies Tresize Award.

Over the Lunch Break, Two Workshops were held along with the Lions Quest AGM and the Awards and Fellowships Luncheon.

SAA Bob called the Convention to Order once again at 1.30pm and after an Introduction by DG Peter McShane, we were addressed by PIP J. Frank Moore 111.

Council Chairman MD307, PDG Alamria Abas from Indonesia then told us about his Multiple District and how Membership is on the increase in his Country.

Convention then adjourned and moved into the three Forums that qualified at-

tendeeds to Fares Equalisation.

Forum 1 Lions Opportunity for Youth

Forum 2 M.E.R.L.

Forum 3 Marketing.

In the evening, again some Districts enjoyed their get-togethers whilst others sampled the wares at the famous Mindil Markets.

Monday 19th May, 2008.

On the final day of this year's Convention, SAA Bob Korotcoff called the Conventioneers to Order at 8.30am, following which Members of the 2009 Melbourne Convention Organising Committee told the Conventioneers what they could expect when we meet in Melbourne in 2009.

We were then addressed by International Director Djoko Soeroso who brought us up to date on International Issues. As I D Djoko's two year term is almost completed, Conventioneers wished him well for the future.

PD Ronal Luxton from New Zealand addressed the Convention on his plans to nominate for the position of Second International President. The Conventioneers showed their support by Acclamation.

Leadership Chairman PDG Norm Alcock then presented the Forum Reports and talked about the various Workshops and Forums. All were well attended and many aspects of the various Subjects were well received.

One Late Notice of Motion was agreed by the Delegates to be discussed but this was Lost following debate.

Following a Comfort Break, PID Barry Palmer brought us up to date on the planning for the 2010 Sydney International Convention and called for expressions of interest from anyone who desired to assist as Voluntary Workers. Registration Forms were available.

C C Tony then made some Presentations including Lions who's term as Committee Chairman had expired especially PDG Carlene King who has been Manager – Youth Affairs for many years.

The usual Presentation to the District Governors by the Cabinet Secretaries then took place surrounded by much hilarity and laughter. The DGs were then escorted from the Stage to the Past Cabinet Secretaries/Treasurers Luncheon.

The PIDs and PCCs also held a Get-together during the Luncheon Break.

When Convention reconvened, the results of the various Raffles were announced and then Apexian National President Rick Hose addressed the Convention and brought us up to date on what is happening in the Apex Organisation.

Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans then announced details of the GM-Holden / Lions Australia Partnership and advised some of the benefits that will accrue to Lions Australia. Sounds interesting.

PDG David Blyth AO was then escorted to the Stage where he gave an inspiring address with the lights turned off so that Conventioneers could experience a little of David's World. David was given a strong acclamation in appreciation. Presentations were then made to PIP Moore for Campaign SightFirst 11.

CC Tony then called the DGs and their Partners onto the Stage and then introduced DG Bob Buckley as the Council Chairman for 2008/2009. DG Bob then introduced the 19 2008/2009 District Governors and their Partners.

Following an impressive Closing Ceremony, SAA Bob closed this year's Convention thanking all who assisted.

SAA Bob Korotcoff.

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