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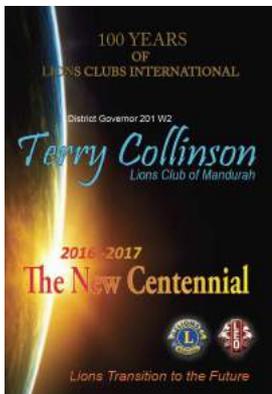
DISTRICT GOVERNOR Terry Collinson

“LIONS TRANSITION TO THE FUTURE”

Youth of the Year

Congratulations to Margaret Amm – State Coordinator for such a memorable night on Sunday 9th April. Congratulations to Oscar Kaspi-Crutchell from City of Perth Club, W1,

our State Winner and Public Speaking Winner. Oscar was outstanding and up against very talented competition. Well done to Riley Faulds last year State Winner and Multiple District Winner, your address was inspiring. There is little doubt that WA has some very talented young students. The evening was a superb opportunity to sit back and listen to some of our best. Well done to you all.



Membership 2017

As the DG 2016/17 fiscal year draws to a close, we have gained 123 new members but dropped 133, a net loss of 10 members (down from LY of 1470 to 1460). Congratulations to PDG Peter Lamb, GMT coordinator, for your great talents and persistence. Peter and Helen, you both deserve your long awaited holiday with time off from the rigors of Lions. Congratulations also to the DG Team, DGE Grant Hewett and 1st VDGE Bev Hawkins, for your leadership in GLT/GMT training weekends at Myalup Pines.

2016/17 has been a difficult year with a net loss of 133 members and the closure of 2 further Clubs in W2. Unfortunately, population decline in country areas, an ageing membership and difficulty in engaging new members, have also contributed to membership decline. Regrettably, our planned new Branch Clubs was not well received and failed to materialise.

W2 is not the only District to suffer a decline in membership. Multiple Districts advise that of our 1,220 clubs across Australia, 647 clubs (53%) have not sponsored one new member, and 614 clubs (50%) report membership of less than 14 members.

Our International Membership Chairman has challenged all Districts to have all of our clubs induct at least 1 new member by 30 June 2017. W2 has 24 clubs

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who have no new members this year (36% of our 66 clubs). 24 Additional members would of course assist, particularly with potential June 2017 resignations or retirements.

Is Lions all about membership? Yes it is. It is about offering others in our communities the opportunity 'to serve' and enjoy the spirit of Lions that we members, take so much for granted. Of course, Lions offer community service but it is so much more. It is also about fun and fellowship, good friends, meaningful service activities and the vital support we offer our projects and Foundations. It is clear, that a community with no Lions Club is at a significant disadvantage to the other communities that we are proud to serve.

REPORT ON STATE FINAL FOR THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2017

The Youth of the Year State Final for 2017 was a dinner held on Sunday 9th April 2017 at the Adam Armstrong Pavilion in Dalkeith.

Representing W1 was Conor Patton from Scott College sponsored by the Lions Club of North Beach, Mihailo Bozic from Hale School sponsored by the Lions Club of Floreat and Oscar Kaspi-Crutchett from Mount Lawley Senior High School sponsored by the Lions Club of City of Perth (Host). Representing W2 was Jenna Muir from Merredin College sponsored by the Lions Club of Hyden, Georgia Weir from Presbyterian Ladies College sponsored by the Lions Club of Fremantle and Tenuun Sandaajorg from Southern River College sponsored by the Lions Club of Gosnells.

There were 83 guests in attendance and together with the contestants and judges, enjoyed a wonderful evening. The Judges were once again amazed at the quality of the contestants and we again thank the National Australia Bank for their continued support of the Program.

The State Winner was Oscar Kaspi-Crutchett. Oscar was also the Public Speaking Winner. He will be representing Western Australia at the National Final

Lions are so much more than just a BBQ (not just a sausage sizzle). We are service orientated and will take on those projects that our communities have expected from us. Survey your communities, develop new projects and engage others to join you in the spirit of Lions. Have we forgotten, why we joined and why we stay? If your club needs a facelift then ask others to come on board and help. Start with your family, your friends, your neighbours. Ask the people at your next activity to consider your achievements and help your club do more and achieve more, to be part of our great Organisation.

Can we do it? Yes we can. Please act now and set new standards for the start of the next 100 years.

in Hobart on Monday 8th May and I am sure there will be plenty of Lions from WA present to support him.

As the State Coordinator of the Program my thanks go to District Chairman from W1 Lion Carmel Ward and Zone Chairman Coordinator from W2 Lion Marg Sparkman for their support and assistance on the day.

On behalf of all Lions in WA I look forward to escorting Oscar on his journey in Hobart and we wish him all the very best for the National Final.

Margaret Amm
State Coordinator YOTY W Districts





Lions Hearing Clinic is proud to have its origin as the Lions Ear and Hearing Institute, named in recognition of Perth's Lions Club members. We are dedicated to continuing to support our local Lions Clubs.

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Dryandra Olympics six months on

"When the Lions Olympics was held last October, Alan made a slight error in his additions. Consequently the Baldvis club was wrongly awarded the trophy Toilet seat and had to be asked for it back so it could be given to Boyanup who had actually won by 2 or 3 points. Baldvis was very gracious in handing it back and we travelled to Boyanup to present it to them. Club secretary Graham Niven who has a great sense of humour made the trophy from specific wood from Dryandra. It was presented to Alan with great humour who rec'd it very graciously. It is things like this that make Lions great people to work with.

Bev Hawkins



VALE



Robert Francis STEVENS (Blackbob)

Longstanding Lions member Bob Stevens - Blackbob to his mates - passed away on 29th December 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

Bob started as a member of the Eaton Lions Club before assisting with the Chartering and becoming a Founding Member of the Lions Club of Australind.

Until recently Bob was a very active member of Lions and was involved in numerous activities and projects. Bob held many positions at Club level including that of President and Secretary and also represented the Cabinet as Zone Chairman.

Bob was awarded a Melvyn Jones Fellowship in recognition of his valuable contribution to Lions.

Bob had a larger than life persona. He was a lover of life, of Lions and most importantly his wife and family.

Blackbob is sadly missed by all those who had the privilege to know him.

New Projects in Collaboration

East Fremantle Club, in collaboration with Manning and Booragoon clubs sponsored a charity night with the Harbour Theatre Co of Fremantle.

It was a success. Everyone had fun, and we made \$1600 for LIONS' charities our East Freo share (a 3rd) going to LIONS Alzheimers Foundation.

Manning Club's charity was SouthCare, and Booragoon's charity was to give towards the transport needs of a disabled citizen.

Other clubs such as Fremantle, Claremont-Nedlands, Leeming, Rockingham, and South Perth came to the event to enjoy the night, and help support their fellow LIONS, which is most appreciated and heart warming. Many friends, and hopefully potential new members were amongst them.

It was the most \$money East Freo have made in one hit for an activity.

A previous collaboration was the SWING night at The Swan Yacht Club last December, done with the South Perth LIONS Big Band and Fremantle clubs on that occasion, and made over \$3000 for LIONS in total.

East Fremantle is very happy with such joint efforts; good for our LIONS spirit, and they are more like good fun than work.

So keep your eyes out for any other similar opportunities!



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Manjimup Senior's Picnic and Health Expo

April 1 and 3. By Geoff Mabey

It has been a busy couple of days for the LIONS Club Manjimup recently, which included both the Clubs Seniors Picnic and the Shire of Manjimup Health Expo.

The numbers for the picnic seemed to be down a bit this year, may be some Senior's just did not believe the switch to Saturday April 1 (April Fool's Day).

About 50 Senior's from Northcliffe, Pemberton and Manjimup, attended the picnic where they were bussed by our certified bus driver, newish member LION Wayne Newton to Quinninup and Diamond Tree Tower.

Local identities Dale Atkinson of Quinninup, Doreen Owens and LION Geoff Mabey of Manjimup gave insights of their personal time and historical interests in the two locations.

Diamond Tree tower has just had its official 75th birthday of the extensions (height) of the fire spotting facility, so this was an appropriate stopover.

In respect of the April Fool's day story, Lion Geoff was even seen hugging Diamond Tree which he

claimed was his favourite tree, having spent his first summer in Manjimup as a 'Towerman' living in the very Spartan hut at the base of the tree. That was the summer of 1971/ 72 (Geoff's first job in Manjimup), which is nowhere near long enough to be called a local according to some.

A sumptuous barbecue lunch was prepared and served by LIONS and their partners back at the Clubhouse.

This was followed by a Ukulele singalong organise by LION Paddy Pemberton and his partner Jan Silence.

The biannual Health Expo sponsored by the Shire of Manjimup was also well supported by the Club. The same Town Hall venue that was used for the Southern Forests Convention was used for the Expo. Many Health services were represented and the Local Club took advantage of promoting most of its health related projects.

Centrepiece for the display was a large poster promoting the 100th Anniversary of LIONS International.

Several entertaining items featured throughout the day, including a fashion parade of stunning '50s and 60's outfits.

One such outfit was a fabulous gold and black polka dot jump suit worn by young Manjimup Club member Christine Muir.

