



DISTRICT 201 W2

# Newsletter

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR Terry Collinson

“LIONS TRANSITION TO THE FUTURE”

Good morning Lions, Maxine and I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Christmas is a time to get together with friends and family and to share the good things that have happened during the year, and

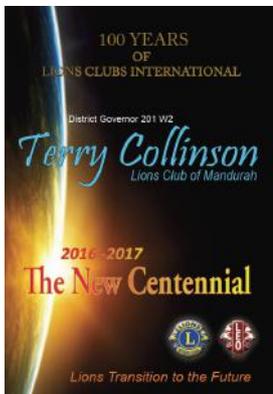
reflect kindly on the events that have been a challenge. It is also a time to set new plans and goals for the year ahead.

It is hard for me to believe that 6 months as your DG is almost over. It has been such a busy and challenging time with International, District and Multiple District conventions, ANZI forum, cabinet meetings, council meetings, International President visit, weekend workshops, other workshops, club visits, foundation meetings and general administration. Maxine and I retired from work in May 2016 to take up this position, and have barely had a spare day since that time. We have met so many good people and have been warmly welcomed at all events and club visits. We are grateful for all the assistance, and feel privileged and honoured for the chance to serve our great organisation.

Plans for the future of Lions in our District continues to be our focus with workshops designed to promote club membership and growth. We have addressed such matters as, club plans and objectives, club health and member retention, introduction of new members and looking at new or revised activities. We have studied our strengths and weaknesses and looked at ways to capitalise on our opportunities. We have looked at new club development and the enormous benefits in the formation of 'Special Interest Branch Clubs'.

It is the formation of these 'Special Interest Branch Clubs' that presents a great opportunity for club development and membership growth. Simply, branch clubs are formed with at least 5 members; they operate independently with their own branch officers, under the guidance from the parent club liaison officer. They continue to support their special interest as their signature activity. The parent and branch clubs will work together in pursuing the 'Purposes' of Lions and assisting each other in their common cause. It's a win / win for all concerned.

My appreciation to PDG Peter Lamb for his work in negotiations for forming branch clubs in Mandurah. If successful, we plan to expand these opportunities into other clubs within our district.



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The new WA Associations Incorporations Act came into effect in July 2016. CBL Chairman, PCC Ian Kelly has spent a huge amount of time in preparation of amendments to club and district constitutions. Well done Ian, we are glad you are back on deck after a well needed break. Ian is available for club enquiries in respect to registration of the new (revised) club constitutions.

Thank you to VDG Grant Hewett and Bev Hawkins, CS Phil Caunt, CT Mike Ottmann, ZCC Marg Sparkman, Zone Chairman, Cabinet Officers, Project Officers and Foundation Representatives. Thank you also to Maxine Whitely and my best wishes to John. Maxine has relinquished her appointment as ZC3 and cakes and mints chairman. Expressions of interest for the positions of ZC3, ZC9 and cakes and mints will be appreciated.

I have been presenting many Chevron Awards for years of dedicated service by club members. I continue to

be amazed at the length of service and huge achievement of so many of our dedicated Lions. New members may not be fully aware of this incredible service and the pride and commitment of our long serving members in their past achievements. I can only remind new members to take time to listen, and be patient when suggesting necessary changes for the future.

A very big thank you to the Lions Clubs of, Denmark, Albany South Coast and Albany, who have shared their Christmas celebrations during our recent Club visit.

Take care and enjoy your well-deserved break. We look forward to the New Year and the opportunity it will bring to make a positive difference in our Clubs and the service of others.

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## **ERADICATE MEASLES & RUBELLA**

**600 MILLION CHILDREN VACCINATED –**

***Programme closing 30/6/2017***

***\$28 million raised to date, \$12 million to go***

***\$30 million will be matched dollar for dollar by Bill Gates or UK Govt. Dept. of International Development.***

***\$135.00 aus***

***“Will save the lives of 100 children!”***



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## **Vale Alf Torisi**



On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December we gathered at St Marys church in Donnybrook to say a last farewell to Lion Alf Torisi.

A past president and driving force of Donnybrook Lions Club, Alf will be sadly missed.



# MD 201 Directory 2017/2018 Edition

*What you need to know...*

- In early Feb 2017 your Club will receive a Club Officer Report Form (PU101) from your Cabinet Secretary for the collection of relevant Club information for the coming Lions' year
- Club contacts will now nominate a "Preferred" phone number for publication in the Directory
- Clubs will also have several opportunities to confirm Club details and Order quantities
- All Directory Orders will now be placed via the MD201 Club Supplies online shop [www.lionsclubsshop.com.au](http://www.lionsclubsshop.com.au)
- Payments for Directory Orders will be made directly to the MD201 National Office at the time of ordering or via a Club account invoice issued on 1 July 2017

1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2017	<b>Directory Orders</b>	Opening date for 2017/2018 edition orders
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>Club Elections</b>	All Club elections to have been held by this date
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	<b>Club Details</b>	Closing date for Club details to be submitted
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>Directory Orders</b>	Closing date for 2017/2018 Directory orders
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	<b>Club Details</b>	Clubs will receive email confirmation of listing details
5-8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	<b>Club Details &amp; Orders</b>	Details available for review at National Convention
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	<b>Club Details</b>	Deadline for corrections

*Dot and Bob Wish all Lions and their families a very merry Christmas and may we all have a safe and prosperous New Year.*

## Hope in a Boat 2.0



The mission to tow a boat behind a motorcycle all the way around Australia to raise money for diabetes research continued in 2016, this time we would go anti clockwise and arrangements were made to go to Tasmania and visit as many clubs as possible. Most fund raising projects stay on the mainland and stick to the coast road but we decided that we would visit clubs that were within reach and we had enough response from Tasmania to justify heading over there. With only weeks to go a truck backed into the motorcycle and damaged it, the driver's insurance was stalling and as all the parts have to come from America we knew we would be waiting, so we had to get another bike fast and meet our commitments including the ferry on time.

We headed off as arranged across the Nullabor and headed to Tasmania. The very first day after breakfast with two Lions clubs in Devonport we headed to Launceston to meet up with another two clubs. A reporter was there and he wasted no time getting the story to print and for the rest of the time in Tasmania everywhere we went people knew what we were doing and it made it so much easier to collect money. Even as we were loading onto the ferry we were right up front and people were getting out of their cars and bringing donations to us. Moments like that remind us that what we are doing is worthwhile because we are seeing human nature at its best.

We continued up the east coast collecting and giving talks at Lions clubs until we reached Burleigh Heads where we were

hit by a major storm. We were invited to shelter in a motel until the storm blew over but the motel was damaged in the storm and we could do nothing but wait. On the news we could see that people were losing their houses and cars in shopping centre car parks were under water, but all we could do was wait. When it started to move south we thought if we headed north we could get away from it, but we were too badly damaged. Surprisingly the bike did not have a scratch. We limped into Toowoomba and had the trailer looked at but the engineer said "This trailer is not going anywhere". We also had a hole the size of a soccer ball in the hull of the boat. Faced with another 16,000 km including the Plains and the Great Sandy Desert or head 4,500km home we patched the trailer and headed home but it was slow going and it took ten days.



## Hope in a Boat 2.1

Having patched the trailer as best as we could we thought the clubs who missed out could still be done so we made a plan and contacted clubs south of Geraldton. We thought we should not get too far away in case we broke the trailer again. The white bike was fixed by the insurance and so we took it along with an extra team member as it was the bike that completed the first trip. When we got into Gingin the trailer broke again and it was a Sunday so nothing we could do for a while but we lashed up using rope and continued on to Toodyay. That night we found the white bike was not charging its battery and it turned out the alternator had failed. We had to leave the bike in Northam and continue without it. If we consider the distance travelled zig zagging through the south west, we would have been on the south Australian side of the Nullabor when it failed. So the truck did us a favour because there is no mechanic out there, or parts, and all parts have to come from America so we would

be stuffed, Hope in a Boat would have come to a sudden stop and we would have been stranded. As it happens we were able to continue this leg of the journey by re arranging the support car and we were able to continue raising funds. We returned on time to Albany and the trailer is still rolling held together with rope. The boat and trailer have travelled 44,890 km and raised more than \$70,000 with the help of some 7,000 Lions. Thank you everybody.



## Hope in a boat visit the Rodeo

In 2014 Hope in a Boat was getting ready for the big trip and did a trial to make sure the equipment worked. Just as well we did because, the trailer did not make it to Perth but was repaired and then continued on all the way around. The very first Lions club we went to was Boddington 123 km south of Perth and they own a rodeo ground at which once a year they have a rodeo. We were so impressed that when we did Hope in a Boat 2.1 I wrote to the club and asked if we could visit them. We stayed in the rodeo sleeping on the stage and gave a talk to the club about our project and they told us about their project. I offered that our team come and help out on the day and they jumped at the chance. My wife and I headed up on the Thursday and helped setup from the small hours of the morning on Friday until all the work was done. The rest of the team arrived after lunch and were allocated jobs for the next day. We started at 7 am on the gate until 6 pm and we then began other duties such as drinks and replenishing the toilets which work flat out with massive crowds that the rodeo attracts. The bar serves drinks until midnight. Lions were there from West Arthur and many food vendors as well as other sideshow attractions. Due to the heat on the day the bar ran out of beer for the first time in forty years. The day was a great success raising somewhere

in the area of \$200,000. The next day needed a big clean up and Lions put on a BBQ lunch and beers for the workers at which the club made a donation to Hope in a Boat. The party went on till midnight. The next day we headed off to Northam to collect the motorcycle we left there for repair and headed back to Albany. We all took something away from this experience and frankly I still think it is amazing and well worthwhile doing.

### Free! Manjimup 'JAZZ in the JARRAH' concert supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Thanks to generous grants from **LotteryWest** \$4,000.00, **Shire of Manjimup** \$3500.00 and the **South West Development Commission** \$1500, the LIONS Club of Manjimup is making the 2017 'JAZZ in the JARRAH' a partially free concert.

This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> concert the Club has been involved with.

The Club is currently negotiating with the **Australian Army Band** and popular local JAZZ group **Table for Two Trio** to perform at the Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park on Saturday January 28, 2017.

Entry to the grassed area is free. There will be gold marquee tickets available at the Manjimup Visitor Centre at a cost of \$30.00 each or online at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

Both the Army Band and Table for Two Trio will give their services free of charge. The main cost to the Club will be a large portable stage plus sound and lighting equipment.

We suggest patrons arrive early so their children can have a bit of fun on the new giant slide and playground equipment before the concert. This equipment was all funded by the Royalties for Regions grants program

Details on the Clubs website at [www.manjimup.wa.lions.org.au](http://www.manjimup.wa.lions.org.au) or contact Committee Chairman Alan Lloyd on ph 0490 347 064.

See you there  
Geoff Mabey LIONS Club of Manjimup Public Relations Director.

# “Personal Development Opportunity - Applicants Urgently Sought”

“A significant development opportunity is being offered to Lions who wish to grow their leadership and presentation skills by undertaking Faculty Development Institute training.

The [Faculty Development Institute](#) program is dedicated to the expansion of our pool of skilled Lions who can deliver leadership training in a professional, educationally sound manner and provide continuous and consistent quality leadership training at all levels of the association. The program is fully funded by LCI and draws on proven techniques and methodologies used by corporate and civil training providers. These skills are transferable to the workplace and greatly desired by many employers.

If you could see yourself as a highly skilled future trainer and presenter in front of Lions within your District, within Australia and even internationally, you owe it to yourself to apply now...”

The next [Faculty Development Institute](#) for the Lions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New

Guinea, Indonesia & the Islands of the South Pacific Ocean will be offered in Auckland, New Zealand on March 17-20, 2017.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as faculty members at Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. (Lions with extensive experience as Lions faculty or as professional trainers are not recommended for this institute but are welcome to apply).

The institute will be conducted in English and we will be accepting twenty (20) Lions, total.

Please download the application form from <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/faculty-development-institutes/index.php>

Completed forms must be received by PDG Tim Irvine: by the end of **December 2016**.

## INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

Our thoughts go out to all those effected by earthquake in Indonesia. LCIF was first to respond with an Emergency Grant of US\$10,000. Within hours of receiving this, LCIF also approved a US\$100,000.00 Major Catastrophe Grant for MD 307 Indonesia.

Australian Lions have once again been asked for assistance. Remembering that only a couple of weeks ago our neighbours across the ditch also suffered a tragedy in an earthquake. LCIF was there to assist them also.

Lions, please consider a donation to the “LCIF Disaster Relief Fund” to enable assistance be given to Disaster related projects including New Zealand and Indonesia.

Send your cheque in Australian Dollars to W2 Cab Treasurer, Mike Ottman.

(Donation is eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellow or a PMJ Fellow.)

Lion Evelyn Kelly

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**WHERE DO YOUR LCIF DONATIONS GO ?**

Being the official charitable organisation of Lions Clubs International, LCIF undertakes through Lions Clubs charitable work world-wide. **Since its inception over US\$972 million has been distributed in grants.**

An indication of the areas of Lions activities where grants are provided is given on the donation / MJF application form - *Measles, Disaster, Humanitarian Needs, Sight, Youth and Area of Greatest Need.* These cover the four areas of service provided by the grants programme.- **Preserving Sight, Serving Youth, Providing Disaster Relief and Supporting Humanitarian Efforts.**

While we think of other countries as being in the greatest need of LCIF support, Australia has been a significant recipient of grants for a range of needs. **Total grants received for Australian projects amount to US\$10,206,604 since 1976.** In the last 5 years grants have considerably exceeded donations made by Australian Clubs -

Year	US\$ Donated	US\$ Grants
2011/12	437,882.60	951,605
2012/13	469,869.94	282,229
2013/14	676,010.92	416,663
2014/15	839,171.92	653,863
2015/16	571,465.56	2,262,227
Total	2,994,400.56	4,567,857

*Numerous \$10,000 grants have been made as a result of natural disasters, bush fires, floods and cyclones with in many cases follow-up community recovery grants. Usually in excess of the initial \$10,000. There are, in addition, many other causes in Australia for which grants have been made. Many of these are for medical facilities including diagnostic and other medical equipment.*

Some LCIF activities such as the measles programme receive corporate co-funding.

*To fund the grant programmes donations are essential from Clubs and also individual Lions. Remember that donation for the categories detailed above are eligible for MJF credits. An MJF or a Progressive MJF is a significant way to honour a Lion or even a member of your community. **All Clubs are encouraged in***

**our Centenary year to make it a year of 100% participation in our international foundation, LCIF.**

