



DISTRICT 201 W2



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR Terry Collinson

“LIONS TRANSITION TO THE FUTURE”

### **RUOK**

Rob Oerlemans RUOK (Are you OK) article is certainly worth repeating. We lose many members who for various reasons simply fade away or resign. We talk about happy clubs, fun and fellowship, interesting projects, engaging new members, mentoring and stepping aside to let others have a go.

But as Rob puts it - R U OK – because LIONS CARE.

Reminds me of an article I included on conflict resolution – Don't tell me how much you know UNTIL you tell me how much you care.

### You're Speech

Giving Speeches can be daunting for many. Good speeches need practice. There are some basics that will assist. However, a simple approach that may assist is as follows:

Please repeat this quote - "I love giving speeches – it's my opportunity to say what I think and you have agreed to sit there and listen." - Did that help?

### Remember

- \* Prepare well in advance
- \* Know your audience
- \* Know your subject
- \* Be prepared to answer questions

### Content

Your speech should answer – What? How? Why”

- \* What are you talking about?
- \* How does it work and how will things improve?
- \* Why do we need to know and why should people care?

Worth noting – “a confused mind always says NO”

A Wealth Of Information

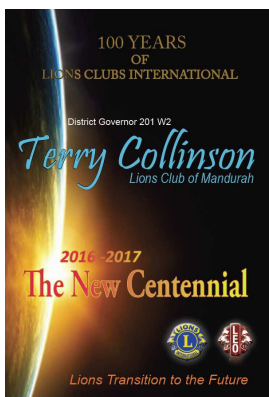
Got time? Have the internet? Got the passion?

Check out members.lionsclubs.org - click on Lions Member Centre – choose Clubs – drop down Club Officer Resources – WOW

Or download manuals such as “Your Club Your Way” (meeting procedures) or “Blueprint for a Stronger Club”.

If you have spare time – go to the online Lions Learning Centre and checkout the range of great topics and courses (in search box type – lions learning centre and follow the prompts).

The sky's the limit!



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# Falcon Lions Kids Fishing Competition



Lions Club of Falcon were busy in the community on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and even the change in weather conditions did not prevent these Lions setting up tents and BBQ trailer for another successful Falcon Lions Kids Fishing Competition.

With close on 80 kids participating and 350 parents and grandparents watching the event finished with a typical Lions sausage sizzle for all participants. All kids received a raffle ticket on registration with one 'Fisher' winning an AFL football signed by West Coast Eagle Nic Naitanui. Some other great achievements were Unusual Fish category 27cm Bream and a sand crab, some of the larger fish were Sonny and Alistair with 20cm Herring, Brock with his flathead, Kayden with most fish, Katy with a 24cm Herring along with Tarnicka and her Rock Cod.

Dudley Dolphin joined in the fun with a stroll along the beach and had some fun activities for the kids and parents on caring for the environment and identifying our Peel Estuary dolphins.

An excellent day finished off with Ashley and his team from Tackle World presenting prizes and all kids going away with a sausage sizzle and water.

Falcon Lions will see you next year.





# Festival of Busselton

Busselton Lions Club once again had a contestant in the Festival Queen contest at the Festival of Busselton Tahlia McSwain who along with Club 1st VP Dawn McCarthy travelled on our float in the parade along Queen Street.

Tahlia was in modern dress with Dawn modelling a swim suit from 100 years ago to compliment the theme of the float 100 years of Lions, we even had a caged Lion in the back of the Ute.

The Busselton Lions got together to dress up their President's Ute and Trailer in his back yard. Painting, gluing and tying things here and there until they had a proper bathing scene from the 1900's. Some glittery sparkles were added for good measure.

Well done all members who assisted in making the float.

Tahlia won the Festival Queen competition.

Philip Caunt  
Secretary  
Busselton Lions Inc.



## OUR Foundations

I am writing this in support of all our amazing Foundations, as they directly or indirectly affect all of us. That is, people in Mandurah; in Australia; and in the World at large.

More money has come into Australia from LCIF by the way of humanitarian Grants, than monies donated to LCIF by Australian Lions Clubs. So, it's a win-win situation. Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson, Dr Yamada, recently visited the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney and our Foundation has awarded a US\$2 million grant to support the Lions Kids Cancer-Genome Project. This donation is another way that LCIF is demonstrating its' commitment to Global Health and will improve the outcome for hundreds of children with high risk cancer.

Do you know someone who is deaf or has hearing loss? (Lions Hearing Foundation). Do you know someone who is losing the gift of sight? (Lions Save Sight Institute). The Mandurah Club's recent donation of \$6,000 to the Lions Cancer Institute will ensure that

skin screening throughout Western Australia will be ongoing. None of our Foundations or Institutes are government funded.

Do you know anyone who has lost their home to a national disaster; someone who has a disability and a need for special equipment; or a community group that would benefit from an ALF Grant? From the 1st of July 2015 to the 31st of July 2016 The Australian Lions Foundation provided Emergency, Disaster and Recovery Grants totalling \$1,037,575. The funds were forwarded to Clubs and Districts to distribute to families who lost all their possessions in the horrendous bush fires in Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

I believe it is important when we are budgeting that our Foundations are guaranteed our support. After all, we the Lions, created them.

Lion Evelyn Kelly  
Australian Lions Foundation Limited (District W2 chairman)  
Lions Clubs' International Foundation (District W2 chairman)

Note: There are other Foundations which I have not listed. Please refer to the Lions Multiple District Directory 2016-2017.

# Unique 'JAZZ in the JARRAH' success.

(Manjimup Timber and Heritage Park) January 28/2017

A huge effort from a small but dedicated group of Manjimup LIONS pulled off one of the most successful 'JAZZ in the JARRAH' concerts so far.

This was the 7th Manjimup JAZZ concert overall, so members considered themselves lucky and fortunate the weather for the event was perfect. The concert experience was unique (to us), as it was the first time being heavily promoted as a partly free event.

The grassed area was free, while a payed entry 'comfort zone' area utilising three marquees adorned with Australian flags rescued from the Shire of Manjimup's Australia Day event, was well patronised.

Generous grants and sponsorship deals helped keep concert costs to a minimum.

Those sponcers included

Shire of Manjimup LotteryWest South West Development Corporation L J Hooker (Pemberton) Manjimup Volunteer Resources Centre Manjimup Bridgetown Times Radio South West Triple M.

Both bands gave their music free of charge.

Under a starlit evening sky that during the early part of the evening was dotted with pinkish clouds resembling cotton buds, a relaxed and friendly crowd enjoyed beautiful JAZZ music from firstly the local group, the 'Table for Two Trio', comprising Helen (keyboard and vocals) and Jonathan Rose (saxophone), and Russel Hogg (drums).

Table for Two played melodic Traditional Jazz, while The Australian Army Band Perth had more variety including several Rock n Roll numbers that got many in the crowd up dancing, including yours truly.

Led by two very talented vocalists, Shannon and Tony, this 20 piece ensemble even belted out numbers from well-known entertainers like Michael Bubble' and Tom Jones. Locals were a little bemused when the lead singer asked if Manjimup was always as warm as that night. (Southern Forests Conventioneers, please take note!)

Organisers were thrilled when the approximately 250 strong crowd produced \$2,215.35 through a Royal Flying Doctor Service collection tin roundup during the break. The crowd included several young backpackers enjoying the otherwise free concert. Local club members were pleased to welcome one couple from the South Perth Lions Club, Sharne and Geoff Scarfe to the event and happy they took full advantage of services on offer.

Jazz Committee Chairman and Master of Ceremonies LION Alan Lloyd said while he was pleased the running of the concert should break even, he urged patrons consider joining LIONS to help plan next year's concert and try to keep it a regular free event.

LION Alan also said the long awaited construction of the Sandra Donovan Music Shell should commence in the Park this year, but could be a disruptive challenge for the 2018 event.

The Club was also happy to host the Army Band overnight at its Rea Park Clubhouse and this was a huge cost saving. Members were

impressed with the Bands efficient organisation of their temporary facilities and organisation generally.

\*\*JAZZ in the JARRAH followed hard on the heels of the Clubs Australia Day contribution which included the LIONS Train for kids and a 'Royal Barbecue' sausage sizzle as part of the celebrations, also at the Timber and Heritage Park Venue.





# Weekend Workshop

On Saturday 11th February some 30 lions gathered at Myalup Pines for the third weekend Workshop for this year. 0800, pick you bed and make it up, first in gets best sleeping place, although later there was a little shuffling around to accommodate the girls from Baldivis. Thanks DG elect Grant. 0900 Coffee followed by introductions, welcome by DG Terry and get to work.

With two more short coffee breaks and a delicious lunch all prepared by the lovely and talented Helen Lamb, we put in a full day of work until 5pm.

We all know that all work and no play makes for a very dull weekend, so at 6:30 commencing with a beautiful dinner also prepared by HL, the fun began.

The game was called "watch my mouth"

Then with music supplied by Grant and vocal from Grant and Terry we boot scooted, tried to waltz, did the Slosh and I think finished with a chicken dance. Check out the photos below. For those of you who didn't attend I'm sorry you missed such a great weekend.



**ruok** (Are You OK)

It's that time of year again. The time when we look through our member lists and consider what we should do about those members whom we haven't seen for a while. It's very tempting to make judgements about why they haven't been around.

- \* Too busy?
- \* Disinterested?
- \* Can't afford it?
- \* Don't care?

And with that judgement there comes a 'stroke of the pen' and we love two hands towards our humanitarian work. My wish is that we change "Membership Cleanout" time to "RUOK" time.

You can describe our organisation in many ways. "We make things Happen" "We serve" "The world's largest service club organisation". One descriptor though, says it all for me. "WE CARE". Everything we do in our organisations is an expression of how we care, for our community, for people in need, for those in trouble. Most importantly however, it is an expression of how Lions care for their own Lions family and members.

So June is RUOK month for Lions and our absent members.

Don't send an e-mail:

Make that telephone call.

Visit the home of your absent member.

See how they are going.

Because LIONS CARE!

Rob Oerlemans

*NOTICE SENT TO ALL CLUBS ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN, LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC, CHRIS SMELT*

# WORLD HEARING DAY

**Friday, 3rd March 2017**

Held on Friday 3 March 2017, the World Health Organisation's World Hearing Day aims to raise awareness and promote ear and hearing care across the world. As Lions, we believe that all people, no matter their age, culture, location, or social or economic background should have adequate access to hearing services and devices.

A major focus of our World Hearing Day activity is the Lions Hearing Aid Bank drive. This is a collaborative initiative run by Ear Science Institute Australia (including Lions Hearing Clinics) and Lions Hearing Foundation WA, which collects preowned hearing aids from people around Australia.

The devices are then cleaned and serviced before being redistributed to communities in need across the globe. Responsible distribution is a primary focus for our Lions Hearing Aid Bank, with representatives providing, not only device delivery, but fitting and rehabilitative services to each community.

We invite you to help us help these communities! We'd be grateful to receive any preowned hearing aids your members may have. We can provide you with fliers for distribution to your members, as well as some double-sided posters, advertising both World Hearing Day and the Lions Hearing Aid Bank drive, that can be hung within your club headquarters. We can also provide you with a box, which can be placed within your headquarters for members to deposit their hearing devices into.

We ask you to please notify myself or Jane Goldsmith at Lions Hearing Clinic if your Club is interested in participating, and we will ensure a Lions Hearing Aid Bank package is sent to you.

Jane can be contacted on 08 6380 4929 or [jane.goldsmith@earscience.org.au](mailto:jane.goldsmith@earscience.org.au).

We thank you for your participation in this wonderful initiative!

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