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District Governor **Allan Cooper**

Opportunity for Service, Personal Development and Fellowship

As I write this, my final message, it just doesn't seem possible that my year as your District Governor has come and almost gone already. It is now a couple of weeks since I arrived back home from an excellent Multiple District Convention in Echuca, where I was extremely proud to witness a number of Lions and Clubs from this District receive prestigious

recognitions, which I have detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Other highlights included the excellent performances of Leo Stacey Shaw in the Leo of the Year final and Riley Faulds in the Youth of the Year final, where he was adjudged the National winner, a tribute to not only him and his family, but also to our hard working District Chairman, Margaret Amm. I have also just had the pleasure of thanking and recognizing the members of my District Cabinet for their efforts, support and friendships during the year at my Awards Night dinner in Fremantle, including special recognitions to the following Cabinet officers:

Zone Chairman of the Year Award to:

- o Zone Chairman Jim Foster

District Governor Appreciation Awards to:

- o District Children of Courage Chairman/Zone 9 Chairman Vivienne Doyle
- o Centennial Celebrations Coordinator PDG Alan Hawkins
- o Cabinet Secretary Beverley Hawkins
- o District Youth of the Year Chairman Margaret Amm

District Governor Star Awards to:

- o District Strategic Planning Committee Chairman PCC Ambrose Depiazzi
- o 2nd Vice District Governor Grant Hewett
- o Zone Chairman Lawrie Carr
- o Zone Chairman Coordinator Margaret Sparkman

Melvin Jones Fellowship to:

- o 1st Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Terry Collinson
- In addition, I also had the pleasure of presenting Immediate Past District Governor Maxine Whitely with a Lions Clubs International

Foundation President's medal, in recognition of the donations made to LCIF from this District in her year as District Governor. I was also extremely honoured, and certainly taken by complete surprise, to be presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the District, a District Governor's plaque, which will serve as a very special memory of my year as your District Governor, and a beautiful gift from my fellow Cabinet officers, being a recently taken family photograph engraved into crystal.

There have been many highlights during this year, including the following:

- o My installation as District Governor in Honolulu
- o The friendships of and fellowship with my 18 fellow District Governors
- o The support and friendships of and fellowship with my fellow Cabinet officers
- o The visits to Clubs and meeting the many Lions members and seeing the many and varied projects and how proud the members were to show Wendy and I around their communities.
- o Being asked to induct new members and present recognitions and awards during my Club visits.
- o The District "Cove Convention", hosted by my own Booragoon Lions Club and the tremendous effort put in by my Club members, particularly over the Convention weekend.
- o Attending the WA Lions Hall of Fame dinner in which PDG Jeff Needham and Lions Spencer Field and Roy Stubberfield were inducted as new members.
- o Attending the 50th anniversary dinners of the South Perth and Busselton Clubs, with the Collie and Wagin Clubs anniversaries to come in the near future.
- o The acceptance by Cabinet of a new 5 Year Strategic Plan for our District.
- o Attending the Students Advising Youth (SAY) presentations in Mandurah.
- o Witnessing the tremendous support from Lions Clubs around Australia for the devastating bushfires in Esperance and the South West and the fantastic efforts by our Lions Club members in those areas.
- o Attending the bushfire fundraisers at Ascot Racecourse and Pinjarra Pacing Ground.
- o Having 8 of our Clubs participate in the 100 Clubs + \$1,000 = \$100,000 Centennial Celebrations project and looking forward to the many other events planned to celebrate the centenary of Lions in 2017.
- o Attending the Youth of the Year District and State finals.
- o Attending the Children of Courage awards and meeting the children and Josh Sheehan, our World freestyle motocross champion from Donnybrook.
- o Attending the launch of the Lions Eye Institute Outback Vision Van, a tremendous advert for Lions in WA.
- o The formation of the new Leo Club of Waroona.

Luckily, the highlights of my year as District Governor far outweigh the lowlights, which include the following:

- o A decline of 9 in our net membership, from 1,497 at the beginning of the year to 1,488 as at the 31st May, which was unfortunately exacerbated by the passing of 19 of our fellow Lions members.
- o A failure to form any new Lions Clubs in our District this year.
- o Problems in some of our Clubs, caused mainly by personality issues, and leaving me wondering if some of our Club members take any heed of the wonderful words of our Lions Purposes and Code of Ethics.

In closing this month's message, I would particularly like to thank Lion Wendy for her tremendous support during the year and to wish District Governor Elect Terry Collinson and Lion Maxine, the incoming Cabinet officers and of course my fellow Lions in District 201W2 all the very best for the coming year and to thank you all for your support and friendship to Lion Wendy and I during the past year.



PCC AMBROSE DEPIAZZI (OAM)

It is with very great pleasure I advise that PCC Ambrose Depiazzi was honoured with an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in today's Queen's Birthday Honours.

PCC Ambrose was District Governor of Lions District 201W2 in 1979/80 and subsequently the youngest ever Council Chairman the following year.

In addition, PCC Ambrose was the inaugural Chairman of the Australian Lions Foundation in 1983 and served in that position for four years and an additional three years as WA Trustee.

PCC Ambrose has been a dedicated leader in our District and Multiple District for many years. PCC Ambrose is currently the Chairman of the Lions Save-Sight Foundation (WA) Inc. and the Chairman of District 201W2's Strategic Planning Committee.

I am sure that all Lions in District 201W2 and WA join with me in congratulating PCC Ambrose on receiving this prestigious and well deserved award.

DG201W2 Allan Cooper

Editors note

In an email received from almost past cabinet secretary Bev Hawkins. Past International President Barry J Palmer was also awarded an OAM in the Queens Birthday honours.



In addition, PCC Ian was also recognised with an Appreciation Award from the Australian Lions Foundation, in recognition of his outstanding service over the past six years as its "W" Districts Trustee, Treasurer and Deputy Chairman.

Our National Leadership Coordinator, PDG Tim Irvine, was also well recognised with the prestigious International President's Leadership Medal, as well as being inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame.

PDG Garry Irvine was made a Life Member of the Past District Governor's Association, whilst our District Global Leadership Coordinator, Margaret Landwehr, received the Multiple District 201 Leadership Award.

The winner of the 2016 Multiple District Environment Photograph Contest was our own Cabinet Secretary Beverley Hawkins, for her beautiful photograph of a butterflies.

The 2016 Multiple District Syd Packham Public Relations Award was won by the Lions Club of Falcon, for their outstanding Facebook page.

The Falcon Lions Club was also the winner of the 2015 District 201W2 Lion mint sales, with the sale of 34 cartons, whilst the Lions Club of Northam was recognised as having the most improved sales in our District in 2015.

And just to finish of what was an extremely successful Convention for our District, our entrant in the National Final of the Youth of the Year Contest, Riley Faulds from CBC Fremantle, sponsored by the Lions Club of Fremantle, was adjudged this year's National winner, our second National winner in three years, and from the same school and Lions Club.

I am therefore sure that you all join with me in adding our congratulations to the above Lions and Clubs on their outstanding achievements.

District Governor Allan Cooper

Editors Comment

For great photo's from the MD Convention go to the website 201w2.lions.org.au or Lions in Western Australia or District 201w2 Facebook pages.

DISTRICT 201W2 RECOGNITIONS AT ECHUCA MD CONVENTION

A number of our District members and Clubs received important and prestigious recognitions at the recent Multiple District 201 Convention held in Echuca, Victoria.

PCC Ian Kelly was honoured with an International President's Ambassador of Good Will, the highest honour the Association of Lions Clubs bestows upon its members, with only up to 40 being awarded by an International President in their year in office, including a maximum of 3 per Constitutional Area.

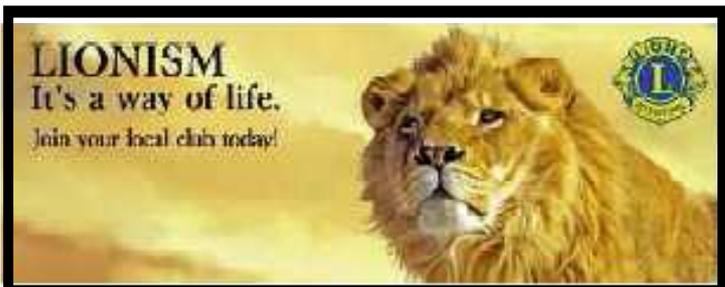
This is not only a great honour for PCC Ian, but also for our District and the Lions of WA.

Reported in the West Australian on Tuesday 7th June

Riley Faulds took this year's Lions Youth of the Year award in front of 1500 delegates during the annual national Lions convention in Echuca Victoria. The Lions Youth of the Year attracts about 2000 contestants each year.

Seventeen year old Riley made his way through the five stage contest excelling in academic, leadership, sporting and public speaking skills. Riley, a Year 12 student at Christian Brothers College, Fremantle, is passionate about drama and hockey and hopes to one day become an actor. As well as the trophy, Riley won a \$5000 voucher for travel of his choice and a trip to New Zealand to attend the Lions International Youth Camp.

Congratulation Riley and also YOTY Chairman for District 201w2 Lion Margaret Amm



A new Associations Incorporation Act

“ A new Associations Incorporation Act is due to come into effect on the 1st July 2016, requiring our Lions Clubs to change their constitutions to comply with the new Act.

Fortunately there will be a three year transition period for this to happen and although there are numerous changes, most changes will not impact our Clubs dramatically. District CBL Chairman, PCC Ian Kelly, will initially be updating and submitting his own Club's constitution for approval by the Department of Commerce. Once this step has been done, he will then draw up a step by step format to assist all other Clubs in the process”.

Therefore, there is no need for Clubs to do anything at this stage as CBL Ian will be providing them with the relevant information in due course, to ensure that all Clubs in our District have their constitutions in similar format and follow the same process for DOC approval.

Regards, DG Allan

ONE DISASTER AFTER ANOTHER – ONE HUMAN TRAGEDY AFTER ANOTHER:

25% of clubs in 201W2 made a donation to LCIF this Lions year.

LCIF co-ordinators have asked me to pass on their **sincere thanks** to those clubs for their support.

Efforts are being made to meet growing demands for Grants around the world. More recently, in providing emergency relief to victims of the Japan and Ecuador earthquakes, as well as those affected by the catastrophic fire in Canada.

Club Presidents, please consider a donation to our International Foundation. Working together we can be in a position to support the growing number of Lions-led initiatives around the world.

Thank you in advance for your valued efforts in support of LCIF.

Evelyn Kelly

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CONVENTION 2016 UPDATE



Now you have enjoyed the fabulous dinner and dance on Saturday not forgetting the wine, on the Sunday morning why not make your way down to the lions club in Rae park for a hot breakfast provided by our near neighbours the Tigers football club for a gold coin donation if you wish.

Wear comfortable shoes and join the parade back to the hall. The parade route of 1kilometre is slightly up hill but a comfortable distance. Let's make enough noise to let Manjimup know that the Lions are in town.

After the closing ceremony we will retire to the historic Timber and Heritage Park for a BBQ lunch. While you are here have a look at the adventure playground and the giant slide and observation tower. You may also be able to visit the timber museum and see the plans for a multimillion dollar upgrade to house the World of Energy museum.

New Lions for May 2015

Welcome to all our new Lions. We hope you enjoy working and having fun with Lions Clubs in District 201 W2



New Members in May

Carol Sage	Bridgetown
Robert Harmer	Busselton
Robert Withington	Busselton
Lawrence Johnstone	Cowaramup
Todd Jarvis	Falcon
Steph Baldwin	Kondinin
Anton Erasmus	Mandurah
Jean Erasmus	Mandurah
Gale Pocock	Nannup
Wayne Simpson	Waroona

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#10 Continue a Club's Legacy

The work of Lions clubs requires a continuation of effort by many people. Your support as a member will insure that the service contributed in your community and throughout the world can continue. You've heard it before, but the work of many hands doing little things brings great results.



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27 April 2016

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Dear Allan,

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support (The Department) South West District would like to thank the Lions Clubs of the South West District members for their assistance with providing welfare support in response to the fires during the Waroona Complex and Southern Uduc Bushfires experienced earlier this year. The Department has the responsibility, as endorsed by Westplan Welfare, to coordinate welfare support during an emergency or disaster event.

In particular, the members of the Harvey, Australind and Brunswick provided assistance to prepare breakfasts and dinner meals, including sourcing donation of goods for the affected persons at the evacuation centre, Leschenault Leisure Centre Australind. These arrangements were made with Robert St Duke, Arthur Linley and Bernard Ridley and the commitment and ongoing efforts of your members in uncomfortable conditions, due to the weather and size of the event were appreciated at this difficult time. This emergency event extended to 7 days as a welfare evacuation centre and then transitioned into a One Stop Shop, prior to relocation to the town of Harvey.

Could you please pass on the Department's thanks to the relevant Branches and volunteers with appreciation of their commitment and efforts, and for the generosity of the donors. An operational debrief was held on 12th April 2016 for agencies to come together and discuss the various aspects of the response.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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