

CLUB OFFICERS – PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO ALL LIONS IN YOUR CLUB SO THEY KNOW WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT.

In recent weeks I have had a couple of Lions question why we give website and email space to things like an offer of part time or casual work as a Census collector. From my perspective it is quite simple – some Clubs take opportunities like this as a fund raiser and with that in mind I send them off to our webmaster for publication and I include them in my monthly mailing. With offers like the Census 2011 offer the ‘wages’ could be paid into the club’s Administration Account to offset members dues. Club members are free to participate or not, but unless you know what is available you certainly cannot participate.

MD CONVENTION (Launceston, April 2011)

The Convention is over for another year and what a great time we all had. Representing our district were 82 people – 45 Delegates from 25 Clubs, 9 Alternates, 10 other Lions and 18 partners. I am pleased to report that the Notice of Motion put forward by our district was passed. The précis of Convention proceedings will be posted on the website when our tireless webmaster returns from a well deserved break.

DISTRICT CONVENTION (Norfolk Island, November 2011)

Are you planning to join members of the district at the N5 convention on Norfolk Island during the last week in November 2011. If you would like information about what’s happening, a free information pack is available by contacting the Norfolk Island Travel Centre at lee@travelcenter.nf Lee will put a pack in the mail for you. For those that are going and have not booked as yet please make your bookings very soon. Don’t delay any further - accommodation is becoming scarce.

URGENT NEED FOR HOST FAMILIES

Host families are urgently required for European youth arriving in July. The youth, both male and female, are coming from Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands and Slovenia. The first hosting is from 2-23 July and the 2nd hosting is 23-31 July. If you haven't experienced hosting before why not try it - you are sure to enjoy it. If July is not convenient there are youth requiring hosting in August. If you require any information concerning the incoming youth and are willing to host please contact Peter Adney on 02-9804-0871 or email peteradney@optusnet.com.au

AUSTRALIAN LIONS DRUG AWARENESS FOUNDATION:

You are all encouraged to take a look at this article about the ALDAF program Tune In Not Out. <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/australian-it/youth-site-gets-webby-recognition/story-e6frgakx-1226041206679>

LIONS AUSTRALIA SPINAL CORD FELLOWSHIP - A New Way to Raise Funds

I have previously mentioned the deal with Sims Metal which allows clubs to channel sales of scrap metal directly to the fund. Many clubs already collect ring pulls and cans and some of the money raised goes to Spinal Cord Research. We hope that this new initiative will encourage other Clubs to join in – it’s just so easy, no money to collect or disperse and the

funds generated go straight to this great Lions Project. You will be able to recycle practically all your old metal through Sims Metal Management and the proceeds will be deposited directly into the Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship account. When you take your ring pulls or any metal into Sims, all you need do is to quote the applicable Vendor Number (for New South Wales & A.C.T. this is **LION16**) and the staff will record the transaction accordingly. An indication of the market value of a number of typical household items is as follows:

Stainless steel sink [twin bowl, approx 15kg] - \$15.00

Lead Acid Automotive battery - \$5.00

Stove [approx 60kg] - \$9.00

Refrigerator [approx 70kg] - \$10.00

Dryer [approx 30kg] - \$4.00

Washing machine [approx 50kg] - \$7.00

Aluminium cans / ring pulls [can tabs] - \$1.30 per kg

Please note that these are examples only, based on current market prices in August and delivered to Sims metropolitan depots. In addition you can recycle brass taps, copper tubing, insulated copper wire, aluminium pots and pans, steel roofing iron, hot water systems, bath tubs, old cars, bikes, farm machinery and so the list goes on. Meanwhile progress in Spinal Cord Research continues steadily with important discoveries being made both here and overseas. There has been quite a bit of press and TV coverage in the last few months. Preliminary human trials are in hand and we await the news of these eagerly.

COMING EVENTS

Check out our [website](#) for more information on these and other coming events:

June 19: Incoming Club Officers Training Day at Bankstown Sports Club. Everyone is invited. **Contact** Martin Orchard training@lionsclubssydney.org.au or 0438 010 748

June 25: Frenchs Forest Lions Club's 50th Anniversary Charter night is on Saturday 25 June 2011 at Wakehurst Golf Club, Seaforth. Details are on the website. **RSVP Friday 11 June 2011** to johncatto@optusnet.com.au

July 29: DISTRICT CHANGEOVER at the multi-award winning Conca D'oro in Riverwood. Just \$58pp for a great two course meal and plenty of drinks and entertainment, it will be a great night. Nobody leaves the Conca D'oro hungry or thirsty. **Put this one in your diary NOW.**

Sept 9-11: Don't forget the ANZI PACIFIC FORUM is being staged at Jupiters on Australia's Gold Coast.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CLUB MEMBERS

LIONS MAGAZINE

If you no longer wish to receive your copy of The Lion magazine please let me know directly at cabsec@lionsclubssydney.org.au and I will include your name on a list I now hold and will pass the information on to Lions Australia at Newcastle. If, on the other hand, you DO want your magazines and are not getting them the person to tell is your Club Secretary. Every Club Secretary maintains their own Club's records at LCI and that is where the mailing list comes from for all information that goes out to Lions. So if you are not getting yours, ask your Club Secretary to check. If your Secretary is unavailable or unable to download your Club Membership list then ask me - I can send Clubs a copy of the information at LCI so you can check for yourself.

REMEMBER: If you change your address or are not receiving your magazine the person to tell is your Club Secretary. Nobody else can help you.

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

If your Club is planning to present Melvin Jones Fellowships in June and July you are urged to make application prior to June 10. Application forms and cheques are to be sent to Cabinet Treasurer Ken Nimmo.

ALL OTHER AWARDS AND HONOURS

Of course all Lions Foundations have very worthwhile awards available so why not 'spread the wealth' and support all of your Foundations.

SPECIAL NOTICES FOR CLUB SECRETARIES

NEXT YEAR'S CLUB OFFICERS: Secretary, please make sure you update the LCI website with your new club officers details including their email address so that they will receive their login details and passwords to the LCI records database for 2011-2012.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: While you are on the LCI website please double check your membership lists. I am still receiving return slips for The Lion magazine so we still have members whose address is wrong at LCI.

INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING DAY has moved to 19 June. Please encourage your members to attend and put it in your diary NOW. The day is again being held at Bankstown Sports Club. This training is being run to help you do your job through the year. Everyone is invited. If you want anything in particular covered at the training just let us know. **Contact** Martin Orchard training@lionsclubssydney.org.au or 0438 010 748

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

I remind you that the ONLY current directory is available on the district website. The latest version is v1.9 dated 26 April 2011