Well, doesn’t time fly when you are having fun??!!

It is now 3 months since I was inducted in Milan. It only seems like yesterday.

Since then I have had the privilege of meeting some wonderful people who are dedicated to serving their community through the Lions organisation. Being a member of a Lions Club gives us purpose to look at each new day as a challenge as to how we can assist someone less fortunate than ourselves. Each Club sees things differently and have different challenges, I am so grateful for their commitment.

Lion Jill and I have visited many Clubs this month and once again learned something new from each of them. One of the highlights of the month was being invited to a joint Zone get together. Zones 13 and 14 decided to have a weekend at Lake Cullulleraine to socialise, have some fun and discuss any situations within the Riverland-Sunraysia area. What a great time we all had, so much so that it was agreed to make it an annual event, Apparently a similar weekend was held in the past.

One of the needs in the northern section of Zone 13 and 14 area is the desperate lack of domestic water for the households in the Pooncarie area. At the gathering of the Lions members during the weekend a plan was made to investigate further and communicate with Local Government about the situation and see if Lions were needed for assistance.

The next main event on the District calendar is the ‘Crater City Capers’ Convention at Mt Gambier, it is facing up to be a great weekend with our guest speakers coming in from New Zealand, Sydney and Tasmania. Each one of them have a different story to tell. I am so excited to hear what they have to say.

The Convention Organising Committee have worked tirelessly to provide a great Convention so let’s support them and have some fun, be entertained and hopefully learn something along the way.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Convention for the weekend to enjoy the hospitality the Mt Gambier Community has to offer.

District Governor Tom
New Members Register to LCI in September

Patrick Evers
Broken Hill

Robert Stansfield
Goolwa

Heinz Witteveen
Meningie

Bruce Robertson
Penola

Janice Carvosso
Edwardstown

Alan Hale
Kangaroo Island

Ann Kesting
Murray Bridge

Peter Hartley
Strathalbyn District

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Please make sure you get photos to me, particularly of any projects you are doing, but also any social functions your club organises. All I need is a photo or two and information on who, what why when and where and how. You don’t have to write the article, just send me the information and I’ll take it from there. Better still, why not post it to your Facebook page and I’ll swipe it from there becfield@bigpond.net.au or give me a call on (M) 0438 334 630

https://www.facebook.com/LionsMD201C2

Cheers  Beccy Field  (AKA: Nosey Witch)
Yankalilla Book Shed Opens

The Yankalilla Lions Book Shed was officially opened on 28 September by Mayor Glen Rowlands from the District Council of Yankalilla and President Russell Boxer, with the joint cutting of a ceremonial ribbon.

The weather was most kind, which allowed everyone to enjoy the outdoor event and the interested group to enjoy a very traditional sausage sizzle.

The Book Shed is open from 10 am to 4 pm Thursday to Sunday each week, plus public holidays. They have books, DVDs, CDs and vinyl records for sale - all items are $2 each so when you’re in Normanville why not drop in and grab yourself a bargain?

Lions Australia Welcomes New Patron

Lions Australia is very pleased to welcome His Excellency, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley as our new patrons.

I am delighted to be a patron of Lions,” says the Governor-General of Australia. “Every day, Lions across Australia go above and beyond to help people in need and make our community a better place to live. From medical research, environmental work, emergency and disaster relief, helping the deaf and blind and supporting our youth, the work of Lions makes such a difference.”
Darwin Beer Can Regatta distributes funds

Every year the combined Lions Clubs of Darwin get together to hold the famous Lions Beer Can Regatta. The amazing family day is held each year at Mindil Beach and draws massive crowds. This amazing fundraiser has always allowed the group to make exceptional donations, and this year was no exception. At a presentation afternoon on the 29 September in Darwin, Lion Cheryl Kerr presented cheques totalling $40,000 to four local community groups on behalf of the organising committee. The special afternoon tea was organised to gather together representatives from Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, St Johns Ambulance (NT) Inc, Care Flight Top End; and Northern Territory Emergency Services and present them with their cheques.

Broken Hill Members help out Landcare

After guest speaker Simon Molesworth from Landcare Broken Hill joined the members of the Lions Club of Broken Hill for a meeting, there was a general desire of the members to take part in the Landcare initiatives in the Broken Hill area.

In a wonderful new initiative the local group have hit upon an idea of making a massive seedling nursery by asking volunteers to pot up and grow the seedlings in their own back yards, before returning them to the Landcare group for planting.

This innovative project is being trialled by the local group, and if successful will be rolled out to other groups around the country.

A number of members from the Broken Hill club attended the Saturday morning seed and cutting planting day, potted them into seedling pots, then with lots of help and instructions from the Landcare Team, took them home to nurse them into healthy seedlings.

Lion Gary and Linda Hanford were just 2 of the Broken Hill Lions members who attended on the potting morning and proudly posed with their seedling pots, and instructions on their way home.

Imagine creating the biggest back yard in the town? Landcare and local volunteers can make that dream a reality.
Hearing Dogs Open Day

On 22 September our Australian Lions Hearing Dogs facility at Verdun held an open day with an amazing turn out. Many ALHD recipients returned for the day, lots of the Foster Pup carers also attended along with a throng of interested Lions and members of the general public.

The weather was fantastic and enabled the people who attended to take full advantage of all that was on offer.

With a number of stallholders supporting the day, the inevitable sausage sizzle, and raffles, along with tours and demonstrations, there was plenty for the many people who attended on the day to do.

During the day Chairman of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs PDG Rhys Roberts OAM presented Bill Holmes Awards to PDG Graham Smithers and Faye Yarroll.

The open day was a great success and the facility looks forward to an even bigger event next year.

Students Learn Life Skills

The Lions Club of Naracoorte teamed up with Evolve—Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre students to conduct a Sausage Sizzle. The students were helped out in the form of a voucher from the local Woolworths to purchase Sausages, bread, sauce and utensils.

Lion Jo Telfer from the Naracoorte Lions Club who supported our students on the day teaching them the secrets of the art of sausage cooking and how to perfectly caramelise an onion.

The students learned new skills, interacted with the public and generally had a great time.

The combined effort raised an impressive total of $154.40, which the group plans to donate the Lions Club at an upcoming event.
Lion jumps from 12,000 feet

It was a great honour for me to represent our club on this project for homeless youth. I will, never-the-less, get even with Andy Redden, sooner or later!!! I very much appreciate the club contributing towards it, as did Blackwood, Hallett Cove and McLaren Districts. The total raised by the clubs was $2,650.00 which had me dumped out at 12,000 feet. It was extremely pleasing at the level of generosity by individuals who gave anonymously, one to the extent of $250.00.

I admit, despite my 1,500 solo flying hours I was still a little apprehensive at the thought of jumping out of a perfectly good aircraft.

The day was perfect and cold but with three layers of clothing I was not bothered with it. The airfield at Langhorne Creek had never been used by me before and the parachute club facilities were first class with good seating, a bar and even a B&B if one wanted.

They even supplied a hardy table of small goods and fruit for all present. There were several jumps before mine and at 10.30 am when I was told to suit up my nerves held.

I boarded the aircraft with one other novice who was also in tandem. I thought at that stage all was going to be well because if I was attached to an experienced parachutist, He would not want to die either. The flight up was very serene and the surrounding country was just beautiful for that time of year with Lake Alexandrina right alongside. I was told to sit on my partners lap........only to get me secured to him, of course. Then it was, "get your legs outside, bend them back under the air craft and put your head on my shoulder........"

As soon as I did that he literally fell us out of the aircraft and I was looking down at the earth 12,000 feet below. The only thought I had was "well, I can’t go back now"

It was totally exhilarating and a huge rush of adrenaline made me very conscious of what I was doing. We free fell for 7,000 feet and did some exciting manoeuvres at 220 kilometres per hour. I felt my face flap and knew that it was going to be funny watching the video.

I sent that video to my daughters and Brooke rang and said, now I know what you looked like when you were younger!!!! Believe me, your entire facial flesh is pulled back around one’s ears. The parachute was opened at approximately 5,000 feet and I was given control.

Some extraordinary manoeuvres took place then. The instructor took control back at about 2,000 feet and guided us to a safe landing on our backsides. He said that was normal because of the weight of two jumpers which gave extra speed of decent. Astonishingly, my legs were working perfectly normally when I stood.

It took almost all day for the exhilaration within me to calm down.

I must say that although I enjoyed the whole thing, I am sure I would only do it again if it was another fundraiser for a good cause.

Happy landings.

Submitted
Lion Ron Boath
Aberfoyle and Districts Lions Club
Simba August 2019

Do you have a great story to share from an incredible experience you had as a Lion? Please share your story with the Editor and we will publish it here.
THE BLACKWOOD LIONS BARGAIN CENTRE
The amazing history

The Lions Club of Blackwood is probably best identified with its Bargain Centre than any other of its many activities. It is the most visible manifestation of our Club, being involved in our community.

In many ways, the Bargain Centre is unique, not least of these being the Second Hand Dealer's Licence under which it operates. The licence was granted under conditions which allow the sale of goods but prohibit any purchases.

Consequently the success of the Centre relies on the generosity of donors who have contributed an amazing range of saleable items during the 52 years since it began, and the continuing and increasing patronage of customers seeking bargains.

Their endeavours have not been in vain. Since its inception the Bargain Centre has grossed over $2 Million, with recent takings averaging around $2,500 each Saturday morning. But that’s just the money in the till that we’ve then been able to give away to improve life in Blackwood and surrounds. As we are a Bargain Centre the real value of the goods we’ve ploughed back into the community is conservatively put at over $8 million.

The Bargain Centre had its genesis as a result of the Tasmanian bushfires in January 1967. The generous support of Adelaide Hills residents provided a surplus of goods and clothing which exceeded the requirements of those who had been rendered homeless.

It was suggested that we should operate an opportunity shop in Blackwood using the surplus of goods as a nucleus of stock. Premises were found adjacent to the Blackwood Roundabout.

Like many new businesses, trading in those early times was of very modest proportions, with one day recording gross sales of $4. Much credit must be extended to those who persevered and had the foresight to extend the range of goods to include furniture and builders’ hardware.

These diversifications were so successful that by 1969 the Centre had outgrown the space available, and we moved to a site on the corner of Main Rd. and Chapman St., Blackwood, thanks to the generosity of the owner, Ken Read. When considering the successes we have achieved, Ken’s generosity is writ large.

However, following Ken’s death, the Centre on Main Rd. closed in March 1988, and, after protracted negotiations with Mitcham Council, the Bargain Centre was reopened in December 1990 at its current site in Colebrook Drive off Shepherds Hill Rd. at Eden Hills.

The Centre has grown to two large sheds as well as a lot of open-air goods – but has yet again run out of room and is expanding. We are the Mitcham community’s largest charity. Each Saturday sees us picking up and delivering goods from Upper Sturt to Glenelg and from Urbrae to Reynella.

It now takes 40 people to run the BC each Saturday morning with over 300 sales to some 1,000 customers. Less than half of these 40 workers are Lions, with over 400 members of the public from 30 community groups giving us a hand throughout the year.

So our sheds have become, in every sense of the words, the Lions Community Bargain Centre.

Submitted:
PDG Rhys Roberts OAM
September 2019
Lucindale JJJ One Night Stand

You would have to have been hiding under a rock on the weekend of September 14, to not know that the small town of Lucindale was hosting the JJJ One Night Stand.

Integral in the planning and running of the event was our Lions Club of Lucindale. With the small town’s normal population of just under 500, it was expected to swell to at least 20,000 people for the event.

The locals were well prepared with such infrastructure put in place to support the music fans and workers, including hundreds of portaloos and temporary telephone and internet towers being installed. Lucindale Lions Club’s Yakka Park, usually the home of the Lucindale Field Days, was set up to receive 5000 campers for 3 nights. This accommodation was booked out entirely.

Lions Clubs from throughout the entire South East chipped in and helped out. Lions manned long term food stalls in Yakka Park, assisted to get campers to their sites, manned the entry gates, cleaned facilities and all the necessary tasks that go to get an event of this magnitude happening.

The event was drug and alcohol free, meaning it was a family friendly event. There was no shortage of takers for games of football, cricket, badminton and table tennis that the Lucindale Lions had provided to entertain those with energy to spare.

In a final count the crowd swelled to over 22,000. A fleet of buses from throughout the south east converged on the town and with the hundreds of cars it was soon a mass of folk waiting for the music to begin.

They were not disappointed with the headliner act, The Hilltop Hoods, rocking the joint well into the night.

The amazing event was free, except for the request for a gold coin donation at entry. The yellow wheelie bins at the entrance collected some amazing donations totalling $22,558. Half of this money was directed to the Lucindale Community Swimming Pool and the other half to the Lime- stone Coast ‘Stands Like Stone’ Leadership program.

The club had barely done the minimal clean up job from this event, when they had published the prospectus for the 2020 Field Days, planned for their upcoming B&S Ball and moved forward plans for their annual music festival. The Lucindale Club is definitely all go!
“Making a Difference”

A History of Lionism in Central Australia

Information on around 350 past and present Lions, Lioness & LEO clubs formed in Central Australia since 1960 including District Governors, Cabinet Officers, Regions, Zones, charter members and club officers as well as selected club histories and some early Australian Lions history.

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Part proceeds to DG Tom Kimber’s project Childhood Cancer Research
Welcome to the 
Lions MD 201 Convention 
Adelaide 2020

15 – 18 May, 2020

2020 Multiple District Convention Adelaide

ADELAIDE CONVENTION WELCOME

As Council Chairperson for MD 201, 2019-20, let me be the first to welcome and encourage you all to attend the up and coming exciting Multiple District Convention being held in Adelaide, 15th - 18th May 2020. The Convention committee are all hard at work and will be placing updates on the website as events are finalised, so watch this space. Hope to see you all soon for some business, learning and a whole lot of fun and fellowship.

CC Kim Forrest

Come and join us in Adelaide for the 2020 Lions Multiple District Vision for the Future Convention, May 15th to 18th. Yours hosts will be Lions from MD 201, Districts C1 and C2. The convention venue will be the spacious Adelaide Showgrounds with a Gala Dinner at the recently renovated William Magarey function room at Adelaide Oval. Attend seminars, forums, meetings and workshops, and browse the wide range of booths with information about many Lions Projects and Foundations. Present your toothbrush at the Convention Information Booth to enter a free raffle. While in Adelaide, visit the exciting Lions Hearing Dogs program, based at Verdun in the nearby Adelaide Hills. Don’t forget to pack your Sense of Adventure, Sense of Humour, Sense of Curiosity … oh and a toothbrush … for the experience that is Adelaide, and the 2020 Lions Multiple District Convention.

Why……… “And don’t forget your toothbrush”?

Conventioneers coming to Adelaide for the 2020 MD201 Lions Convention can present their toothbrush at the information desk to receive a ticket in a free draw to win a basket full of South Australian produce. If they choose to bring a new toothbrush and leave it for the District C2 Sleeping Rough Project they will receive a bonus ticket. Any donations of mini toiletries will be distributed through The Sleeping Rough Project to those in need in the community by the Lions Club of Edwardstown. You will also qualify to receive a bonus ticket in the produce basket draw. So start collecting now. Fill all the spare spaces in your suitcase with possibilities for extra entries in draw.
Bring your toiletries for Sleeping Rough to Mt Gambier

- Do you collect toiletries when you visit hotels?
- Have you cleaned out your bathroom vanity?
- Do you have a collection of toiletries that you just don’t need?

The Sleeping Rough project will have a bin to collect these items at the Mt Gambier Convention.

This project is the simplest way to make the life of someone who is sleeping rough, or struggling, a little easier.

Packs are distributed by the Lions Club of Edwardstown. Contact them for more details.

District Governor Tom Kimber and the Lions Club of Mount Gambier look forward to welcoming Lions, Partners and Friends to the beautiful city of Mount Gambier for the 2019 Convention.

We hope you have your confirmation of booking and information about the convention. If not please get in touch.

The theme for the Saturday Banquet is Volcano and Lake. Wear your favourite lava colours of red, orange or yellow, or maybe just combine all 3. Perhaps you would prefer to be a cool contrast of Blue Lake Blue.

While you are in the Lower South East of South Australia please take time to explore this special corner of Australia. Everyone knows of the famous crater lakes, but have you visited Umpherston or Engelbrecht Caves or the Cave Gardens?

Have you explored any of the beaches and even taken a short trip over the border to explore the Glenelg River?

The shopping in the local area is amazing with major shopping centres and boutique shops to cover every desire.

Mount Gambier has some of the best coffee and pizza shops in Australia, they have awards to tell them so.

Contact Convention Secretary Beccy Field for more information. 0438 334 630 becfield@bigpond.net.au

Or Convention Email. 201C2Convention2019@gmail.com

See you “In The Mount”
Upcoming Events

October 2019 LCI Calendar of Events

October 1  Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Contest kits from Club Supplies Sales
October 4-6  EUROPA Forum (Tallin, Estonia)
October 9-12  International Board of Directors Meeting (Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA)
October 10  Application deadline for Matching, Diabetes, Hunger (pilot), Childhood Cancer (pilot), SightFirst, and Lions Quest grants to be reviewed at the January 2020 board, SightFirst Advisory Committee and LAC meetings
October 11  World Sight Day
October 15  International White Cane Safety Day
October 24  United Nations Day
October 31  New Voices nomination deadline

District Calendar of Events

Please contact District Newsletter Editor to have your event added to the Calendar

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Goolwa Lions Bookshop Open Thu & Fri: 10am to 4pm. Sat: 9am to 1pm
Hallet Cove ‘Books n Things’ 36 Quailo Ave Hallet Cove—Thu 9.30am—12.30pm and Sat 9am-12.30pm
Millicent Lioness Bookshop: IGA Complex George St. Fri 10-4 and Sat 10-12 Noon
Noarlunga-Morphett Vale Lions Garage Sale, Lindsay Road, Lonsdale – Every 3rd Sat/month 9am.- 12.30 p.m.
Robe ‘Second Chance’ Op Shop. Tue– Fri 10am –3pm Sat 10am-2pm
Yankalilla Book Shed. 93 Main Rd Normanville Thu to Sun (and public holidays) 10 am—4 pm