

The official newsletter of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight & Public Health Care Foundations

# <u>Chairman's</u> <u>Chatter</u>



December 31<sup>st</sup> represents the end of an era for me as Chairman, a position I have been honoured to have held for the past four years. A position that has continued to deliver a challenge on how best to present your Foundations, and how best to have your Foundations present to vou. the maximum benefits available. It has also been a wonderful experience in the opportunity to meet such wonderful people from all walks of life and from all corners of the State.

For this, I am in your debt. he November Directors meeting, being my T last official engagement as Chairman, was severely disrupted following the elections by the new Chairman Elect, Lion Jim Field. Speaking as he said, on behalf of the Directors and Honorary Officers, presented me with the Professor Frank Billson Platinum Award. This completely took my breath away as I did not expect anything like it nor did I feel I was worthy of it. I have done nothing outside of my normal capabilities while utilizing the resources I had available.

Further disruptions followed when Past Council Chairman, lan Gammage called all of the District Governors forward and on behalf of all five Districts, presenting me with the Melvin Jones Fellowship. This, following right on the heels of the Directors presentation, completed the tearing of my emotions into shreds as nothing like this has ever happened to me before; especially at such a high level. The realisation that it was from the Governors of all five Districts in NSW increased the significance almost to beyond comprehension.

I was emotionally tongue tied when asked to speak and therefore had to decline the offer, but I do recall hearing the following words spoken in hindsight by someone in the group. "If we had known this would shut him up, we'd have given it to him sooner." I have yet to locate the orator. Nevertheless, I do not feel that I fully expressed my gratitude to all who contributed towards making my final meeting one of the most memorable experiences of my life. To be judged worthy by those of whom I have so much admiration, District Governors, Past District Governors, experienced and dedicated Lions, in short, Directors and Officers of the Foundations, gave me a resounding feeling of humility

# "I wish I could convey to you the feelings deep inside

# And the tears that well within your eyes that we call Lions Pride"

Am I proud of what I have achieved? Clarification would change that to "what  $\underline{we}$  have achieved". The short answer is a definite -- YES.

I became Chairman at the beginning of what was arguably the most tumultuous time in the Foundations history. The Board had decided to discontinue their major fundraiser "Personality Quest". It initiated a committee, of which I was a member, to devise a plan or project to generate alternate revenue. The end results of the committee undertakings are the Soft Toys, Pins and the Raffle rebate.

The meeting venue became the next problem caused by a dramatic increase in costs in what had been an excellent home. After a couple of alternate trials, we settled on our current location which has been more than satisfying. Next was the resignation, due to illness, of Brenda Venton as Administrator, and the subsequent resignation of TJ Gillon from the same role. I stand by my decision not to install a replacement for TJ although the workload increased for Hon Secretary Ruth Small.

Always on the lookout for new ideas, another committee was formed to investigate the future implementation of a project seen in the UK called "Message in a Bottle". This project can bring incredible promotion to the Foundations and Lions in general. A number of setbacks including legal implications, which, through persistence were soon overcome, have caused delay but the end result is worth all of the trials and tribulations.

The soon to be announced to the Districts "Lions Community Challenge" is a project which typifies what Lionism is all about, caring for your community. I know that with the diligence displayed by this organizing team, we have a very worthwhile project which will benefit both the Clubs and the community.

The small Contact Directory issued to Foundation personnel, updated annually, and later, because of a constitutional change became bi-annually, was designed specifically to improve internal communication and thus improved teamwork. I guess if you were to combine all of these activities, the one characteristic that is common through them all is team playing. I feel that we eventually became one team of 20 Directors of the Foundation, instead of 4 Representatives from each District.

Teamwork, Camaraderie and Friendship are what I would consider my contribution to the Foundations, but even this requires cooperation from all concerned so it is not something that I could take full credit for. Nevertheless I am proud of this contribution as it has profited me in the acquisition of some truly wonderful friends. I refer primarily to all of the Directors and Honorary Officers, current and past. I am also honoured to include all of the District Governors who came and went during my term as Chairman. Maybe it was my imagination but I seemed to detect a greater degree of interest and enthusiasm from the Governors during my term as Chairman. If this is correct, then I can feel proud of it. If it is not, then keep it to yourself and don't tell me, leave me with my pride.

And of course, Lions, scattered throughout the State who have shown tolerance to my antics and interruptions wherever our parts have crossed. I shall miss this camaraderie more than anything, especially at convention time. I will cherish the friendship that each of you have bestowed on me.

But more than anything, believe me, that this State, NSW, has two of the best Foundations in the entire Lions Organisation.

Within them you have the best Directors, (You elected them so you can't be wrong), and the best Honorary Executive (Solicitor, Secretary & Treasurer - don't leave home without them). Be proud of them and support them, they do a great job and have your community's welfare at heart.

One other thing that I am proud of is my successor, Lion Jim Field of Bowning and District Lions Club (N2). I have confidence that you will give to Jim, the same camaraderie, the same friendship, the same amount of teamwork as you gave to me. Surprisingly enough, this man gained my absolute respect and admiration when he justifiably pulled me into line at the first meeting I chaired. A man who I consider expresses the compassion and consideration required of a Director, the courage of his convictions as well as the realization of the limitations required to be your Chairman.

I will always have the welfare of the Foundations at heart and leave knowing they are in good hands. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your team. Thank you for the wonderful honour you bestowed on me, but most of all:

'THANK YOU ALL, FOR BEING MY FRIENDS'

Yours in Lions Service Lion Greg Dunn Chairman, (I31<sup>st</sup> December 2007)

# FOUNDATION CONTACT DETAILS

(Updated Jan 2008)

CHAIRMAN Lion Jim Fields (N2) Home 02 6226 6006

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Lion David Tuckerman OAM PDG (N5) Work 02 9905 1469

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DG Gerard C Cross Home 02 6559 3310 Lion Phil Bower PDG Home 02 6743 4218 Lion Nick Bennett PDG Home 02 6769 5594 Lion Brian McWhirter PDG Home 02 6551 2911

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DG Joe Villella Home 02 4872 1989 Lion Jim Fields (N2)Home 02 6226 6006 Lion Syd Hyett Home 02 4655 8578 Lion Owen Quinn Home 02 4423 6631

#### 201N3 Directors

DG Neville Latta Home 02 4976 2411 Lion Jim Hodgins PDG Home 02 4933 5757 Lion Mick Boulton Home 02 4932 3474 Lion Max Holmes Home 02 4943 7299

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DG Bob Buckley Home 02 6331 7694 Lion Michele Bentley Home 02 6978 2250 Lion Kerry Williams PDG Home 02 6968 1977 Lion Richard Leonard Home 02 6954 8513

#### 201N5 Directors

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#### THE TWO LIONS NSW-ACT FOUNDATIONS

The purpose of the various Lions charitable Foundations are frequently a source of confusion within Clubs. As a result, the two Lions NSW-ACT Foundations are sometimes overlooked by Clubs as a possible source of funding assistance towards their community sight, medical and/or health related projects.

All the various Lions charitable Foundations were established as a result of resolutions passed by the delegates attending either a Lions International, or Multiple District, or District Convention. The *Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation* and the *Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation* were established as a result of resolutions passed by the delegates attending the Conventions of the Districts located wholly within the boundaries of NSW and the ACT, often referred to as "the 'N' Districts" and were adopted as a District 201 N4 project. All Clubs within the District are automatically members of the Foundations.

#### Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1974 and since then has funded grants worth over \$4.5 million.

As its name implies, the Foundation's purpose is to save sight, and this is achieved through the funding of research into eye care and the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases of the eye. This is achieved through the provision of grants towards research projects; the purchase of equipment for universities, hospitals and institutions involved in eye health; equipment for the visually impaired; and the promotion of eye care in the wider community.

The Foundation provided the University of Sydney's *Save Sight & Eye Health Institute* with seed funding to assist in its establishment. *The Lions NSW Eye Bank* was an initiative of the Foundation that was established in partnership with the NSW Government and the then Sydney Area Health Service. The Foundation currently contributes \$100,000.00 annually towards the running costs of the *Lions NSW Eye Bank*.

# Lions Clubs NSW-ACT

## Public Health Care Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1981 with the primary objective of promoting, advancing and assisting research into the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of illnesses, sicknesses and afflictions of all kinds suffered by humans.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has funded grants worth over \$4 million towards research projects concerning various health and medically related matters; funding for the purchase of equipment for universities, hospitals and other health institutions; and for the promotion of health matters in the wider community.

#### **FOUNDATION GRANTS**

The "N" Districts, Regions, Zones and Clubs are eligible to apply to the Foundations for funding assistance to complete their sight, medical and/or health related projects that are unable to be fully funded for other sources. The types of projects most often seen are either to purchase equipment for sight, medical and/or health institutions or to purchase equipment for the group or individual use of members of the community who are handicapped, disabled or have infirmities.

The Foundations were never intended as a funding source of first recourse. Grant applications will have a greater chance of success where it is clearly demonstrated that a genuine effort has been made by the applicant to obtain funding towards the project from all relevant sources, including from their 'activities' funds.

Each grant application is considered on its merits, however applications to fund building construction will not be considered.

Grant applicants must provide full documentation to support their case for funding assistance. Any statement or claim of a medical or technical nature made by a grant applicant must be supported in writing by an independent and suitably qualified professional.

Completed grant application submissions should be lodged as early as possible so that they may be checked and any anomalies or deficiencies in the paperwork followed up and corrected, and thereby given the greatest chance of a successful outcome.

The deadline for the lodgement of grant applications so that they may be considered at the next meeting of the Board is by the first day of the month preceding the Board meeting, i.e. the first day of February, July or October. However, emergency grant applications for any amount and normal grant applications for amounts up to \$3,000.00 GST exclusive should be lodged as soon as all the paperwork is in order, as they need not wait until the holding of a full Board of Directors meeting to be considered.

Applicants are encouraged to consult and seek the advice and assistance of their District's Foundation Directors when compiling their grant application submissions.

#### **PAYMENT OF GRANTS**

Grant applicants must nominate an acceptable Grantee to receive the grant payment. Tax law requires that the Grantee must be a charitable entity with Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement from the Australian Taxation Office. However, the Grantee does not necessarily have to be the actual beneficiary of the grant. In the case of equipment intended for another beneficiary, the Grantee must be prepared to act as such by placing the order with the supplier, paying any GST (which they can then claim back on their BAS), taking custody of the equipment, and making the equipment available to the actual beneficiary for as long as their need for it remains.

### SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDS

Grants are funded entirely from the income earned on the investment of capital accumulated over the years from the proceeds of the Foundation's fundraising activities and the support of the "N" Districts and Clubs.

#### HOW TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATIONS

 Support the Honour Award Scheme by nominating Lions, non Lions, businesses, corporations and organisations (other than Lions, Lioness or Leo Clubs) to receive a personally inscribed and individually numbered award plaque, a certificate and a distinctive lapel pin which are available in the following categories:

Professor Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award

donation \$2,500.00 Keith Small Gold Honour Award donation \$1,000.00 (p5) Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award donation \$500.00 (p5) Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award donation \$250.00 (p5)

- Make a donation of any size to either or both Foundations from the Club's activity fund.
- Support the annual 100% Participating Club scheme by donating the equivalent of \$10.00 per member to either or both Foundations and receive an embroidered patch for the club banner in the first year and an embroidered financial year tab to add to it each subsequent year the club gualifies.
- Sell tickets in the annual Lions Eye & Health Car Raffle. Clubs selling a minimum of \$400.00 worth of tickets qualify to claim a 25% rebate on the full face value of their ticket sales to go into their activities account and be used however the club determines.
- Sell the Foundation Merchandise items (see page 5) (currently soft-toy lion key rings and finger puppets and two metal lion pin designs) available at wholesale prices. Clubs retain 100% of the profits they make to go into their activities account.

- Promote the Life Governor (\$10,000.00) and Life Member (\$5,000.00) Award Schemes among the business and corporate sector.
- Seek bequests and personal and corporate donations. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.
  "SUPPORT LIONS' OWN CHARITIES FIRST"

## **HELPFUL HINTS FOR GRANT APPLICANTS**

- The Grant Application Form is available upon request from Foundation Directors whose contact details can be found in the Lions Australia MD 201 Directory under the five "N" District listings. The form can also be downloaded from the Foundations' website www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au.
- As a rule of thumb, Foundation grants are confined to funding assistance relating to projects of a sight, medical and/or health nature.
- The potential beneficiaries of grants are many and varied and the types of equipment that a grant can go towards funding are equally diverse. The Foundations do not maintain a list of eligible grant recipients or a list of sight, medical and/or health related equipment or research projects that may attract a grant. Grant applicants must put their case and the application will be considered by the Directors on its merits in line with the Board's policies and guidelines.
- Read and comply with the Grant Application Guidelines on page 4 of the grant application form and the notes printed throughout.
- Advise at least one of the four Foundation Directors from your District of your club's intention to apply for a grant and seek their advice and assistance when completing the form.
- Seek further advice if there is a problem complying with any guideline and if still unable to comply provide a full written explanation.
- The information asked for in the application form should be viewed as a summary of the detailed supporting documentation accompanying the application form. This is particularly so in the case of information of a medical or technical nature which must be verified in writing by an impartial and appropriately qualified professional.
- Where a grant application is for funding assistance towards the provision of equipment for the use of a needy individual or group of individuals, a written assessment of the needs of the individual(s) and a recommendation as to the suitability of items of equipment to cater for their needs must be provided from an impartial and appropriately qualified professional.
- Assessments and recommendations from manufacturers or suppliers of equipment alone are neither independent nor impartial and are therefore unacceptable.
- Three detailed quotes are required from separate suppliers for each item of equipment. The only exception to this requirement is where the assessment and recommendation report from the impartial and appropriately qualified professional specifies a particular item of equipment as being the only one that is suitable for the beneficiary or certifies that despite all reasonable efforts no other suppliers could be found.
- Tax law dictates that Foundation grants can only be made to a charitable entity with Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement from the Australian Taxation Office. This effectively disqualifies service clubs from being the direct recipient of a Foundation grant. An acceptable third-party Grantee that comes under one of the listed classifications must therefore be nominated on page 3 of the form and their agreement obtained in writing to act as such. The Grantee must be prepared to order the equipment from the supplier, obtain the supplier's itemised tax invoice for forwarding to the Foundation, receive the Foundation grant cheque, pay the supplier, take custody of the equipment, and make the equipment available to the intended beneficiary for as long as the need remains.
- It is not nearly as difficult or complicated as it may sound. All it takes is some time and attention to detail. The reward is in knowing that a successful grant application will help persons less fortunate than ourselves.

(Information submitted by Grant Secretary Lion Richard Leonard)\_

### Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation

No. 527 - Lions Club of Tamworth Inc. (N1) - \$43,681.20 towards the purchase of a GE Healthcare CASE v6.5 Stress Test Equipment Upgrade; a GE Healthcare Mac 3500 Electrocardiograph; a Philips Medical Systems Avalon FM30 Foetal Monitor & Accessories (Cardiotocography Machine); a Zoll M Series AED Defibrillator Monitor Pacemaker; and a Gammasonics New Generation Radiation Surgical Probe & Accessories for the Tamworth Base Hospital. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$78,681.20, with the deficit covered by \$15,000.00 contributed by hospital staff fundraising and \$20,000.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Hunter New England Area Health Service.

No. 528 - Lions Club of Oak Flats Inc. (N2) - \$2,642.00 towards the purchase of two Medicraft Hill-Rom FET 5000 Electrically Powered Hospital Beds & Accessories for the Shellharbour Hospital. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$5,284.00, with the deficit covered by \$2,642.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW Inc. - Shellharbour Branch.

No. 529 - Lions Club of Orange Inc. (N4) - \$4,800.00 towards the purchase of a Fresenius Medical Care Blood Pressure Monitor; and a Fresenius Medical Care Blood Volume Monitor for the Haemodialysis Unit of the Orange Base Hospital. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$6,000.00, with the deficit covered by \$1,200.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Greater Western Area Health Service.

No. 530 - Lions Club of Gilgandra Inc. (N4) - \$2,395.00 towards the purchase of two LATBDS Lite Air Tilt Deluxe Pressure Relief Chair/Beds for the Gilgandra Multi-Purpose Service. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$4,790.00, with the deficit covered by \$2,395.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Greater Western Area Health Service.

No. 531 - Lions Club of Forster-Tuncurry Inc. (N1) - \$15,000.00 towards the purchase of an Arjo Primo P200 Height Adjustable Bath & Accessories; and an Arjo Alenti CBD 8004-1 Battery Powered Lift Chair & Accessories for the GLAICA House Aged Care & Dementia Hostel, Tuncurry. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$26,075.00, with the deficit covered by \$2,575.00 contributed by the Forster and Tuncurry communities, and \$8,500.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Great Lakes Aged & Invalid Care Association Limited.

No. 532 - Withdrawn by the applicant.

No. 533 - Lions Club of Soldiers Point Inc. (N3) - \$6,717.14 towards the purchase of a Welch Allyn Portable Vital Signs Monitor & Accessories; a Welch Allyn Medical Head Lamp & Accessories; a Welch Allyn Portable Procedure Lamp & Mobile Stand; and an Alpha Rehabilitation Equipment Bariatric Commode/Chair for the Tomaree Community Hospital, Nelson Bay. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$11,717.14, with the deficit covered by \$5,000.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Hunter New England Area Health Service.

No. 534 - Lions Club of Bowning & Districts Inc. (N2) -\$4,500.00 - towards the purchase of a Lightning Mobility LI2250 ASS Aquarius Shower Trolley for the Gwen Warmington Lodge, Yass. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$6,760.00, with the deficit covered by \$1,260.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Gwen Warmington Lodge. No. 535 - Lions Club of Temora Inc. (N4) - \$2,937.00 towards the purchase of two Medicraft FET 5000 Electrically Powered Hospital Beds & Accessories; and two Medicraft MAT005 Double Convoluted Mattresses for the Temora Hospital. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$6,874.00, with the deficit covered by \$2,937.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Greater Southern Area Health Service.

No. 536 - Zone 10 of District 201 N4 - \$14,872.55 towards the purchase of an Invacare Solara 2G Tilt-in-Space Wheelchair & Multiple Adjustable Growth (MAG) Seating System; a LoHoLo Homecare (LH272) Single Bed & Accessories; and a custom made HtlMtl 4 Star Single Mattress for the use of an 8 year old profoundly disabled boy with Cerebral Palsy. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$15,372.55, with the deficit covered by \$500.00 contributed by the Zone 10 Lions Clubs of Dubbo, Dubbo Macquarie, Geurie, Narromine and Wellington (which form the Macquarie Valley Lions Mobility Program). The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Greater Western Area Health Service.

No. 537 - Zone 10 of District 201 N4 - \$2,998.00 towards the purchase of a Mogo Cambar Wheelchair & Accessories for the use of a 17 year old girl with a Seizure Disorder, Hydrocephalus, and Arthrogryposis Congenital Multiplex. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$3,858.00, with the deficit covered by \$860.00 contributed by the Zone 10 Lions Clubs of Dubbo, Dubbo Macquarie, Geurie, Narromine and Wellington (which form the Macquarie Valley Lions Mobility Program). The DGR endorsed Grantee is the Greater Western Area Health Service.

No. 538 - Lions Club of Ulladulla Milton Inc. (N2) - \$3,000.00 towards the purchase of a Medtronic Model 722 Minimed Paradigm REAL-Time Insulin Pump & Continuous Glucose Monitoring System for the use of an 11 year old boy with Type 1 Diabetes. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$7,950.00, with the deficit covered by \$2,450.00 contributed by the beneficiary's family, \$500.00 contributed by the Milton/Ulladulla Branch of Diabetes Australia, and \$2,000.00 contributed by the applicant. The DGR endorsed Grantee is Diabetes Australia - New South Wales.

**November 2007 Meeting** 



Newly elected Foundations Chairman Lion Jim Field (left) with outgoing Foundations Chairman Lion Greg Dunn with his Professor Billson award.

Lion Greg was also presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by the 2007-8 "N" District Governors

Lion Greg's contribution as chairman over the past years has been greatly appreciated by all Directors.

# **Editors Notes**

Just a few points to help me put your article in this newsletter • Use 10 pt Arial font (Headings 12pt)

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- etc.
- Send as attachments to email
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Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award Donation \$250.00

Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award donation \$500.0

Keith Small Gold Honour Award donation \$1,000.00



Foundation Lion Pin

> Cost to Club \$2-00

Suggested selling price \$3.00

Foundation Lion Pin with Eye Patch

> Cost to Club \$2-00

Suggested selling price \$3.00

Foundation Lion Finger Puppet with Eye Patch

> Cost to Club \$3.20

Suggested selling price \$5.00

Foundation Lion Key Ring with Eye Patch

> Cost to Club \$3.20

Suggested selling price \$5.00

Merchandise is available from Lion Mick Boulton at 89 Foresthill Drive OAKHAMPTON NSW Phone 0249323474

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# APPLICATION FOR HONOUR AWARD

## of LIONS CLUBS NSW-ACT SAVE SIGHT & HEALTH CARE LIMITED

the trustee company of Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation

and

Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation

Every Honour Award recipient once appointed shall be enrolled as such in Foundation records and shall be entitled to a personally inscribed plaque stating such appointment.

The \*Lions / \*Lioness / \*Leo / \*Club of / \*District 201 N \_\_\_\_\_\_ nominates the following \*person / \*firm / \*corporate body / \*organisation [other than a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club]:

[feel free to attach a profile of the nominee]

to receive the

\*Prof. Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award (donation: \$2,500) \*Keith Small Gold Honour Award (donation: \$1,000.00) \*Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award (donation: \$500.00) \*Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award (donation: \$250.00)

We wish the funds to be directed to the

\*Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation \*Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation

Please find enclosed cheque for the relevant payment made out to the appropriate Foundation.

Date received by Foundation Secretary:.....

Post with payment to: The Secretary Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight & Health Care Limited P0 Box 75 CANLEY HEIGHTS NSW 2166

Donations are tax deductible

\*Strike out those parts that do not apply

