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

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



To all Lions, Lioness and Leos, warm greetings. I trust this message finds you happy and well. I trust you've had a very **Merry Christmas**. I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

On behalf of the both Foundations I thank you all for supporting our work and look forward to your continuing support throughout this new decade. Remember that it is only your continuing support that will ensure that we are able to continue to support those less fortunate people in the community.

### Honorary Editor and Secretary on Crutches

Our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster PDG John Sim is only recently home following several weeks in hospital undergoing knee and back surgery. John was unable to attend our November meetings. On behalf of all of you I have wished him a speedy recovery.

He is now rearing to get your Newsletter printed.

Thank you John for your dedication, you've done an excellent job improving our Website and producing our "Perspective" newsletter.

Our Honorary Secretary PDG Ruth Small is on the mend after recently breaking her ankle. Ruth, we likewise wish you a speedy recovery and hope you'll soon be running around again.

### November Foundations Meetings

Our regular Foundations meetings were held over the weekend 20-22 November 2009. Our representatives attended meetings of the Save Sight Institute and the Lion NSW Eye Bank on the Friday. Various committee meetings took place on Saturday and Board meeting of the Foundations was held on Sunday. I thank the various committees for their detailed reports and recommendations. The Board meeting flowed smoothly and very little time was wasted.

I was very pleased to be re-elected as the Chairman of your Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight & Health Care Foundations for 2010. Together, we, as a Team, can continue the great achievements of the past.

But nothing can happen without the continuing support of you, the Lions, Lioness and Leos of NSW-ACT.

### Retiring Directors

Director Richard Leonard retired on 31st December and is the N4 District Governor Elect, so will be back with us as a

director for one year from 1st July 2010 .

Richard has been a Director for fourteen and a half years and our Grant Secretary over the last six years. Richard, you will certainly be missed as a Director and definitely as Grant Secretary. Our incoming Grant Secretary will have some very big shoes to fill.

31st December 2009 also marked the retirement of Director PDG James (Jim) Hodgins following eleven years as a Director of the Foundations.

Jim, we thank you very much for all that you have done for our Foundations. Likewise, you will certainly be missed as you also leave to rather large shoes to be filled.

Richard and Jim, thank you again to both of you for your contribution toward improving our Foundations.

### Two New Directors

From 1st January 2010, PDG Bob Moore replaces Richard Leonard in District N4 and Lion Jeff Kukura replaces Jim Hodgins in District N3. Jeff attended as an observer at the November meetings. Please join me in welcoming the two new Three Year Directors to our team.

Four District Governors Elect, N1 Peter Clarke, N2 Bruce Dodd, N4 Richard Leonard and N5 John Harrison. Cliff Coleman, DGE N3 was unable to attend.

DGE's, we wish you all the best for your year as District Governor and encourage you to promote our Foundations at your Club visits and throughout your District.

### Committee Structure Working Well

The Investments Committee, under the leadership of Lion Stephen Box, is ensuring that well considered decisions are made to ensure the very best returns regardless of the difficulties presented by the Global Economic Crisis.

Fundraising, led by Brian McWhirter has been working hard to promote our annual raffle and tickets are out and selling. Have you got your raffle tickets ? We need your support !

Communications, chaired by Chris Elford, continues to work through several areas to ensure that our various messages are well communicated to the Lions Family. As a member of this committee, John Sim has done an excellent job improving our Website and producing our "Perspective" newsletter.

Community Challenge, led by chairman Phil Bower is working through a whole raft of enhancements to the programme. So, watch this space and the website for the latest developments as they become available.

I'd like to express a very big thank you to all the committee members and urge them all to continue their hard work for our Foundations. Please continue to promote the sale of the raffle tickets - it is our major fundraiser.

### Christmas Cakes do the Rounds

My wife June donated two Iced Christmas Cakes for auction at the N4 Convention. The auction raised \$500. The cakes were sold to the Lions Club of Griffith who, in turn, gave them to

District Governor Ray's wife, Maureen who then gave them to the Hillston Leo Club as a prize for a Christmas Raffle. Griffith Club then donated \$600 to our Foundations. Warm thanks to the Lions Club of Griffith. What a way to make money! Perhaps, other clubs can make a note! June also donated \$2000 to our Foundations from the sale of her craft.

Please don't hesitate to contact either me or your Directors for information about YOUR Foundations. Our contact details are printed elsewhere in this issue or on the foundations website, [www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au](http://www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au)

We all need to continue to support the Lions NSW Eye Bank, the Save Sight Institute, Health Care Projects and grants to clubs etc. Over the life of the Foundations, in the vicinity of **Nine Million Dollars** has been distributed to these purposes from money raised through investments and interest on your Capital.

**I repeat; Nothing can happen without the continuing support of you, the Lions, Lioness and Leos, the Members and owners of YOUR Foundations**

**Regards**

Jim Field, Chairman & District 201 N2 Director

**SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATIONS**

There are many ways your clubs may render this support.

- Make a donation of any size to either or both Foundations
- Nominate Lions, non Lions, corporations and organisations to receive a personally inscribed award plaque, framed certificate and lapel pin. Awards available are:

**Professor Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award**

Donation \$2,500.00

**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

**AWARD NOMINATION FORM IS ON PAGE 6 OF THIS ISSUE**



**SAMPLE AWARD PLAQUES**

- Support the annual **100% Participating Club** scheme by donating the equivalent of \$10.00 per member from the club's activity fund to either or both Foundations. Clubs 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 qualifies.
- Purchase the **Foundations' Merchandise** items at special discounted wholesale prices and retain all profits from their sale.
- Promote the **Life Governor** (Donation \$10,000) and **Life Member** (Donation \$5,000) **Award Schemes** among the business and corporate sector.
- Seek bequests and **personal and corporate donations**.

**Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.**

**GRANTS APPROVED**

**GRANTS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING**

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

**No. 559:** Lions Club of Dungog Inc. (N3) - up to **\$3,000.00** for the purchase of **i-STAT Blood Gases Machine & Accessories** for the Dungog Community Hospital. The total GST exclusive cost of the project is \$13,536.65 with \$3,768.33 contributed by the applicant and a further \$6,768.32 contributed by the combined efforts of the Dungog Rotary and Apex Clubs. The Grantee is Hunter New England Area Health Service (ABN: 24 500 842 605).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Foundations we acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation for the generous donations listed below. It is only with the support of these generous donations that the Foundations are able to function and continue to provide the many and varied grants related to Sight and Public Health Care.

**Donations Acknowledged by the Board of Directors 22nd November 2009**

**Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation**

Lions Club of Berowra	\$1,400.00
Lions Club of Forbes	\$250.00
Lions Club of Port Macquarie	\$250.00
Lions Club of Warners Bay	\$375.00
Lions Club of Narromine	\$500.00
Lions Club of Parramatta	\$1,000.00
Lions Club of Armidale Dumaresq	\$550.00
Lions Club of Marulan & District	\$200.00
Lions Club of Mosman	\$250.00
Lions Club of Nundle	\$250.00
Lions Club of Canberra City	\$200.00
Lions Club of Condobolin	\$200.00
Lions Club of Crescent Head	\$500.00 (for award)
Lions Club of Richmond	\$1,000.00 (for award)
Lions Club of Fairfield	\$250.00 (for award)

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

Lions Clubs District 201N3	\$1,250.00 (for awards)
Lions Club of Temora	\$330.00
Lions Club of Collarenebri	\$250.00
Lions Club of East Gosford	\$2,000.00
Lions Club of Mosman	\$250.00

**FOUNDATIONS' WEBSITE**

[www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au](http://www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au) is updated with the latest current information. In addition to the latest news, grants etc., most of the Foundations' forms can be downloaded. And, there's also a great deal of general information on the work of YOUR two Lions NSW-ACT Foundations.

## Reminder

*The Foundations should not be considered as the first option for providing funds. Alternative fund raising should be considered and pursued*

## FOUNDATION CONTACT DETAILS

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PDG Kerry Williams Home 02 6968 1977

PDG Bob Moore Home 02 6963 3333

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## **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**

**N1** - Lion Brenda Shepherd Mobile 0427 693 142

**N2** - still to be appointed

**N3 (Regions 1 & 2)** - Lion Paul Mutton Home 02 4392 2039

**N3 (Regions 3 & 5)** - Lion Keith Stewart Home 02 4982 9132

**N4** - Lion Jan Napier Home 02 6926 2133

**N5** - still to be appointed

**"We need you to help us, so that we can help you, so that you can help them."**

## GRANT APPLICATION FORM

The maximum 'ordinary' grant that may be applied for has now been limited to \$15,000.00 and the minimum contribution that is expected to be found by an applicant is 50% of the cost of the project. The global economic downturn has seen a significant decrease in investment income available to fund grants and the changes have been introduced so that as many clubs as possible may be assisted.

The Grant Application Form can be obtained upon request from any Director whose details are on this page or our website [www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au](http://www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au)

## THE LIONS NSW EYE BANK

The Lions NSW Eye Bank can provide you with figures for the number of donors and transplants, how well we are preserving the tissue for transplantation and technological advances. However, this information is more about people and humanity. It is about people making a generous decision at a very difficult time to help give the most wondrous gift, the Gift of Sight.

The recent practice of corneal endothelial transplant surgery provides a glimpse into the future of corneal transplants. Since 1905 when the first successful corneal transplant was performed, the basic approach to corneal transplantation has largely remained unchanged; the full-thickness of the cornea is replaced with a full-thickness transplant.

More recently, for some patients, changes to this technique means that only the layer of the cornea that needs to be replaced has to be transplanted. Outcomes are much improved with faster recovery times and less need for re-transplantation at a later date. It is a huge milestone that we have reached that the 100 year anniversary of the first corneal transplant. It is still considered one of the most successful transplants performed, and one of the most common, with over 450 transplants done in New South Wales annually.

The Lions NSW Eye Bank is the centre for collection, storage, preparation and distribution of corneas in NSW and the ACT. It also provides eye material to a number of tertiary education institutions for valuable research into the causes of eye disease in the community.

If you or your family chose to be a donor then the question of whether the tissue can be used for other eye surgery or research into the causes of blindness is raised. Research will only be an option if your family has consented to it. Other parts of the eye including the sclera may still be used for retransplantation, largely to rebuild the eye shape and is used in reconstruction surgery.

The Lions NSW Eye Bank enjoys a great working relationship with transplanting surgeons, the hospitals and coronial institutions that supply the donors and the community which we serve. We encourage community members who are interested in donation and those people who may be on our waiting list to contact the Lions NSW Eye Bank on 9382 7288 for any additional information.



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE RECEPTION FOR PROF. FRANK BILLSON



**MATTHEW LYNN'S PORTRAIT FLANKED BY PROFESSOR FRANK BILLSON AND HIS SUCCESSOR PROFESSOR PETER MCLUSKY**

On 16th October 2009 a Reception was held at Government House, in the presence of Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO Governor of New South Wales.

The occasion was to specifically thank all donors to the Save Sight Institute and was attended by three of our Foundation Directors, Jean-Claude Legrand, Max Holmes and Kerry Williams accompanied by their respective spouses.

As a tribute to the dedication and long service of Professor Frank Billson, Mrs Marno Parsons, a friend and donor to the institute commissioned Mr Mathew Lynn to paint a portrait of Professor Billson. During the evening Mrs Marno unveiled the portrait and presented Professor Billson with a replica drawing.

The portrait was donated to the institute and is to be hung in the Save Sight Clinic.

Pictured above Professor Billson proudly displays the portrait to all present and to his successor, Professor Peter McClusky MD, FRANZCO, FRACS - Director of the Save Sight Institute and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Sydney.

Professor Frank Billson, Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology since 1978, had been Director of the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney continuously since 1985 until his retirement in August 2008.

As foundation Director of the Save Sight Institute, he was responsible for the formation of fundraising for the commissioning of a laboratory and recruiting over 50 scientists and support staff for this facility. The Institute has attracted extensive research grants from the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation and national and international

sources including government, industry, and support from the community. A new laboratory was commissioned in 1997 which is amongst the most modern and best equipped in Australia.

He was the Director of the Lions NSW Eye Bank and a member of the staff of the Sydney Eye Hospital and both children's hospitals in NSW. He is Hospitaller for Australia serving the Order of St John and the Jerusalem Eye Hospital and was instrumental in the establishment of outreach programs with St John Ambulance Australia, working with Aboriginal communities in Katherine NT and Dubbo NSW.

His enthusiasm and leadership are seen in his international commitments to the World Health Organisation and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, where he was the first Chairman of the West Pacific Region and has worked in the Asia Pacific Region for more than 20 years. His work in Bangladesh led to the establishment of the Chair of Clinical Ophthalmology in the University of Chittagong, building an eye hospital and training complex and developing a program to train eye doctors and paramedics for eight base hospitals throughout Bangladesh. He has also helped develop ophthalmic training programs in Sri Lanka, India, China, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, Solomon Islands and Eye Banks in China and Vietnam.

In November 2003, he was awarded the International Blindness Prevention Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He is an Officer of the Order of Australia and the first recipient of the Weary Dunlop Asia Medal "for selfless leadership in the service of both his profession and his country". He was made a Life Governor of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation and is an Honorary Lion.

## NEW CHAIRS MAKE DIALYSIS MORE COMFORTABLE

Story reprinted from "Maitland Mercury"  
By Emma Swain

Maitland Hospital's dialysis unit has celebrated its 10th anniversary with a \$38,000 boost.

The generosity of seven local Lions clubs means dialysis patients will now have access to seven new electric treatment chairs, providing treatment to 41 patients three times a week.

Nurse unit manager Patrice Dobbs said the specially designed chairs offered improved comfort and independence for patients.

"This is a very generous donation from Lions and we really appreciate their support for the unit and our patients. It's a great birthday present," Mrs Dobbs said.

"This has given us the opportunity to update the remainder of our treatment chairs all at once."

Zone 9 Lions chairwoman Rosalea Sellers said the donation was a combined effort of the Lions Clubs of Branxton, East Maitland, Kurri Kurri, Maitland, and Rutherford and East Maitland/Beresfield and Rutherford Lioness Clubs.

The clubs were assisted by the Australian Lions Foundation and the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundation.



PATIENT RUTH LAVIS ON THE DIALYSIS MACHINE AND IN ONE OF THE NEW CHAIRS. LOOKING ON ARE AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION DIRECTOR PAUL LOGUE, NURSE UNIT MANAGER PATRICE DOBBS AND ZONE 9 CHAIRWOMAN LION ROSALEA SELLERS.

"We are very pleased that we have again been able to support the Maitland Hospital and have helped people in our local area who really need our assistance," Ms Sellers said.

The Maitland Dialysis Unit opened on December 3, 1999 and initially operated three days a week. It now operates 10 dialysis chairs with two treatment sessions a day, providing treatment to 20 patients a day, six days a week.

## ELECTRIC BARIATRIC BEDS FOR BELLINGEN HOSPITAL

The warmth that comes from giving and helping the less fortunate in the community was felt by a group of Lions from the Lions club of Bellingen on Friday 11th December 2009.

Not only did they feel that warmth but the hospital treated them to a scrumptious afternoon tea. Why!



LIONS CLUB OF BELLINGEN PRESIDENT KEN SMITH TRYING OUT ONE OF THE NEW BEDS IN FRONT OF SEVERAL CLUB MEMBERS AND NURSE MANAGER CAROLYN HEISE. AT EITHER END OF THE GROUP ARE FOUNDATION DIRECTORS BRIAN MC WHIRTER AND CHRIS ELFORD.

The members of the Lions Club of Bellingen got word that their local hospital was in need of some new electric beds and special mattresses. The beds and mattresses were going to cost almost \$11,000. The hospital had close to \$3,000 but needed some help with the balance.

Not afraid of a challenge the Lions Club mobilised their resources and set about raising the balance of the funds.

After raising an amount equivalent to the hospital's amount, the club applied to the Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation for a grant.

The grant, if approved, would enable the purchase of the three Low Height Electric Bariatric Hospital Beds, complete with accessories and three Bi-Density Mattresses for the Bellingen River District Hospital.

With the objectives of the Lions NSW-ACT Health Care Foundation being "*To promote, advance and assist the research into the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of illness, sickness and afflictions of all kinds suffered by humans.*", the Foundation had no hesitation in approving the grant application and providing for almost \$5,500 to add to the funds raised by the Hospital and the Lions Club of Bellingen.

This is just another fine example of the community assistance made possible by the Foundation of the Lions Clubs of NSW and the ACT.



**APPLICATION FOR HONOUR AWARD**

*of*

**LIONS CLUBS NSW-ACT SAVE SIGHT & HEALTH CARE LIMITED**

ABN: 25 001 232 659

*the trustee company of*

**§ Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation Charitable Trust**

ABN: 57 536 782 464

*and*

**§ Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation**

ABN: 75 575 730 056

*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 and a special lapel pin.*

*\*I / The \*Lions / \*Lioness / \*Leo / \*Club of / \*District 201 N..... nominate 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)

*Presented by* .....  
*[details for inclusion on plaque]*

*\*For / \*In Recognition / \*In Appreciation* .....  
.....  
*[details for inclusion on plaque - maximum 40 characters including spaces]*

*I / 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.*

*Contact's Name:* ..... *Phone No.:* .....

*Postal Address [for receipt of plaque]:* .....

..... *Date:* .....

*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**

*\*Strike out those parts that do not apply*

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Form Revised March 2009

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Foundations Website: [www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au](http://www.lionssavesightfoundation.org.au)