



MEMO

From: Sunil Amaratunga, Cabinet Secretary
To: District 201N5 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs and Cabinet Members
Date: Sep 30, 2017
Subject: **MONTHLY COMMUNICATION – Sep, 2017**

DEAR CLUB OFFICERS – PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS AND LEO CLUBS, SO THEY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT.

DISTRICT CONVENTION AT NORFOLK ISLAND – 3 to 5 NOVEMBER 2017 – Rawson Hall, Taylors Road, Norfolk Island.

Hope that Lions and their partners who are attending the Convention have sent their Registration & Hospitality Requirement Forms to Convention Committee (DG Ron Gattone / Graham White).

Registration Form is on our District Website.

If anyone keen to join us, I am sure there are still seats (flights) and accommodation available in Norfolk Island. All details are on our website. www.lionsclubssydney.org.au

DELEGATE FORMS FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION AT NORFOLK ISLAND SENT TO CLUBS

Delegate forms have been emailed to all Clubs early Sep 2017. Please fill them in and return to the Cabinet Secretary **by Friday the 27th October 2017**. If your club has had member/s pass away since the Cessnock District Convention held in November 2016, please include their names on the form. If not sent previously, please send photos and statement of service for inclusion in the Remembrance Ceremony. **So far very few clubs have sent their Delegate Forms. Please do rush as we have got only three weeks.**

GET YOUR ABN NUMBER – VERY IMPORTANT

I have been advised that every Lions Club should have a ABN. No organisations can apply for a Government Grant (State or Federal) without an ABN. If a Sponsor (sponsor of one of your events) requests an Invoice, your club cannot raise a Valid Invoice without a ABN. For further details on this issue please contact Cabinet Treasurer Peter Touzel.

GET BEHIND YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST -2017-18

All clubs should try to organise YOTY Quest. If your club is interested please contact District Chair Gavin Ridley (youthyear@lionsclubssydney.org.au). Important dates to remember – All club rounds should be completed by 28 Feb 2018. Regional (Area) Rounds 12 Mar 2018. District Final 24 Mar 2018 (Bankstown Sports Club). State Final 7 Apr 2018 TBC (Bankstown Sports Club). National Final 7 May 2018 (Townsville).

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR YOUR DINNER MEETINGS

The District Coordinators / Chairpersons of various Lions Foundations are waiting for invitations from your club to attend your monthly meetings as Guest Speakers.

Here are some of them – **LCIF** – Genevieve Jeny – 02 9948 444, **Lions Hearing Dogs** – John Chate – 0438 704 188, **ALF** – PDG Anthony Cheung – 0414 330 887, **ALMF** – Greg English – 0411 045 148, **ALCCRF** – Rod Bowman – 0488 254 499.

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS BY LCIF – PLEASE HELP

Our thoughts go out to all those affected by hurricanes and earthquakes in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, the Caribbean Islands and Mexico. In times of crisis, Lions are often among the first to offer critical supplies of food, water, temporary shelter, and clothing.

Your generous donations to LCIF enable them to respond swiftly wherever and wherever the need exists. Please consider making a **donation to LCIF's disaster fund**.

A Big Thank You to Lions Club of Frenchs Forest and its members for the donation of \$5,000.00 to LCIF in the month of Sep 2017.

ALF – GRANTS 2017

When disaster strikes the Australian Lions Foundation is amongst the first to offer disaster relief. Our District, Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs can apply for ALF Grants. Applications, Instructions are in ALF website or the best way to get to know about grants, eligibility of projects, etc.: for grants by contacting our ALF District Coordinator PDG Anthony Cheung. In July 2017, PDG Anthony Cheung wrote to all clubs offering to attend club meetings as a guest speaker to talk about ALF.

Here are some of our N5 clubs who were successful in obtaining Grants from ALF in 2017 – a) Kellyville – Wheel Chair \$4,227 b) Blacktown Ponds - Sensory Equip to Ponds Special School \$15,000 c) Lugarno – Sofa Beds Children's Hospital \$5,497 d) Epping Eastwood – Anesthetic Machines Ryde Hospital \$15,000

ALCCRF – LIONS VIRTUAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE – SEP 2017 – CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

We hope that your club has contributed to ALCCRF fund raiser (Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project) from collections of your Sep 2017 BBQs. September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

ALCCRF has already paid \$500,000 to the Garvan Institute and needs a further \$800,000.

MEMBERSHIP SEP 2017

As of 31st of Aug 2017, our membership was 1,589. The membership number as at 30th Sep 2017 was 1,596. A slight net gain of 7. The YTD Sep 2017 net gain was 36.

CLUB REPORTING MMR – SEP 2017

Very few clubs could not attend to MMR for Sep 2017. The Cabinet Secretary completed the MMRs of those few clubs, hence we could reach 100% completion.

ZONE NEWS

TRAINING

Another training Session was held on the 30th Sep 2017, at DG Ron Gattone's residence for those who missed out the last Training Session.

ZONE 10 PROJECT - ALHD SODA – HEARING DOG FOR DIEDRE HO

The Zone 10 clubs lead by Zone Chair Elizabeth Lessels have organised a hearing dog for Ms. Diedre Ho from Castle Hill. She will be receiving the dog in early October. Elizabeth will be attending the presentation of the dog to Diedre and extend an invite to any interested members of the Zone to join her. It would make an excellent opportunity for PR both on Facebook, Sydney News and the local papers. It costs \$35 000 to prepare and train a hearing dog. The total cost, however, to the Zone is \$2 000.

ZONES 4 & 6 CLUBS – JOINT FUNCTION - MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

A joint function has been organised by Zone Chairpersons Zones 4 & 6 for clubs of the said zones. The main objective of the function is to increase the relationship between the Clubs of these two Zones, to enhance the awareness of the power of cooperation and unity, to attract new members and to think of a project that can be carried out collectively by all 12 Clubs in the two Zones.

CLUB NEWS

1) HAWKESBURY LIONS CLUBS – CHARITY RACE - SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017

The Lions clubs of the Hawkesbury, are organizing a Charity Race Day to support build a Serenity Garden at the Hawkesbury Hospital. A peaceful, healing garden for palliative, aged and dementia patients. It is an action-packed day with four ways of participating. a) Race Sponsorship including table of 10, b) Tables of Ten, c) Individual Tickets, d) In-kind Sponsorships. You will enjoy a hot & cold buffet, tap beer, wine, silent auctions, prizes for fashions, raffles and many more. For sponsorships and tickets Ron Coleman 0409 033 696 or PDG Roger Sherrington 4577 7914.

2) WINSTON HILLS – OKTOBERFEST – SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017

Once again, the Lions of Winston Hills are organising their annual major fund-raising event The Oktoberfest on Sunday the 8th of Oct 2017. It is a family oriented entertainment event. There will be plenty of Kids Entertainment events, BBQ, a small market, etc. It is held at **Lions Park, Winston Hills, 22 Churchill Drive, and Winston Hills. The event is scheduled to commence at 9.00 am and will conclude around 4.00 pm.** All funds go to club's various charities. Around 4,000 visitors are expected.

3) PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY HOST – DOWN SYNDROME NSW STEP UP DAY – BBQ – SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017

Each year Down Syndrome NSW conduct a family fun day in Sydney. For some years, the event has been held in Parramatta Park and the Lions Club of Parramatta have ensured that the event has been supported by Lions. This year the event has been moved into the Domain as it was felt to be more central for families to travel to with the hope of a bigger turn out. Sydney Host, Parramatta and few members of other city based clubs are running the BBQ.

4) EPPING/EASTWOOD – RYDE HOSPITAL ANAESTHETIC MACHINE PRESENTATION – THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2017

With the help of ALF, NSW/ACT Save Sight Foundation and couple big fund-raising events, the club has managed to collect \$49,000 to upgrade these machines at the Ryde Hospital. The presentation ceremony of these machines will take place in the morning of Thursday the 12th October 2017.

5) LIONS KINGS LANGLEY VILLAGE FAIR – SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017

Pearce Reserve, (cricket Grounds) **Whitby Road, Kings Langley NSW 2147. Open: 15/10/2017 - 9am - 3.30pm**
Kings Langley Village Fair is being run by Kings Langley Lions Club in conjunction with Blacktown City Council. It's ongoing for over 20 years, over 4000 people in attendance, with over 100 food Stalls, Motor Bike rides, Stage entertainment. All profits go to local Community projects. Ample street parking for the public. Please contact: Sarju Shrestha, 0422 636 428, sarju_shrestha1@hotmail.com. Manickam Thiagarajan, 0425 278 003, manickam99@yahoo.com. Sharfraz Rahim 0416 438 568, sharfraz.rahim@cgu.com.au

6) OATLEY VILLAGE LIONS FESTIVAL –SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2017

40th Oatley Village Lions Festival will be held on Saturday 21st Oct 2017. It is the biggest event of this club. Various Markets, Entertainment for kids (rides, show bags), Music festival and plenty more. Worth visiting this gala festival. It is one of the biggest events held in the St George area. The festival is held at Oatley Memorial Gardens, Oatley. If any Lion wishes to volunteer this great event please do contact the **President Brian thru– festival@oatleylions.org.au.**

7) WEST PENNANT HILLS/CHERRYBROOK – INALA SPECIAL SCHOOL FETE – SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2017

The chocolate wheel will be run by West Pennant Hills / Cherrybrook club at the Annual Fete of Inala Special School. Inala Special School is a school for physically and mentally handicapped children for Year 1 to Year 12 kids. All proceeds will go to the school.

8) LIONESSE CLUB OF SUTHERLAND SHIRE–39TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DINNER–THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2017

The 39th Charter Anniversary of Lioness Club of Sutherland Shire will be celebrated with a Gala Dinner on Thursday the 26th Oct 2017 at Dolton House, Belgrave Avenue, Sylvania Waters commencing at 7.00 pm. Delicious 3 course dinner for \$30.00 p/h – Theme – wear a funny / happy hat.

9) PARRAMATTA – SOLOMON ISLANDS – GILBERT CAMP IN HONIARA -- COMMUNITY PROJECT

This project is set about building a social enterprise that can generate an income stream for the Gilbert Camp and help their community in a variety of ways: -- Pay for the tuition fees for the children to attend school, employ local community members to run the tool library, Increase the employment prospects of locals by gaining trade like qualifications through the timber mill and TAFE like teaching facilities. The club seeks a) funds from other clubs, b) used tools (the list was sent to all clubs earlier) from members of other clubs. Contact Leeanne Hurren 0429 435 960 Or Jon Copson 0403 232 101.

CLUB NEWS – SEP 2017 – THE NEWS I MISSED IN MY SEP 2017 MEMO

1) LIONESSE CLUB OF SUTHERLAND SHIRE – FASHION PARADE – FRIDAY 1ST SEP 2017

The Lioness Club of Sutherland Shire held a luncheon and a fashion parade at the Cronulla Sutherland Leagues Club on Friday, 1 September to raise funds for The Beauty Bank. 160 ladies welcomed in Spring, viewing clothes provided by Bay Road Clothes in Gympie. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Sutherland Shire-based organisation, which aims to support women, men and young people with donations of little luxuries such as toiletries and other products. President June Orsman said that the Lioness Club has been serving the community since 1978. The members work tirelessly to help raise funds for worthy local causes, such as The Beauty Bank. This past year alone they have donated over \$30,000 to organisations such as Project Youth, Kookaburra Kids, Total Mobility and St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation.

2) SYDNEY SELECTIVE – SENIOR CHARITY LUNCH TUESDAY 19TH SEP 2017

Senior Charity Luncheon was held on Tuesday 19th Sept 2017 at Marigold Restaurant, Sydney. 660 Senior (Elderly) people participated of this Annual Charity Luncheon. Seniors age between 65 to 103 years attended. This event has been held for 12 consecutive years. The event was sponsored by Dadee Investment Pty Ltd and supported by Lions Club of Sydney Selective.

LEO CLUB ACTIVITIES

1) CLUB REVIVAL – BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

DG Ron Gattone, with the help of Leo District Chair Gail Hart and Burwood Lions Club President Ravi Anandarajah is trying to revive the Leo Club at Burwood Girls High School.

2) ZONE 10 LEOS 8 A SIDE CRICKET TOURNAMENT - FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 24TH SEP 2017

The Leos of Zone 10 organised a Cricket Tournament on Sunday the 24th Sep 2017. It was well represented.

COMING EVENTS

Remember to check the 'Coming Events' page of the District Website www.lionsclubssydney.org.au for the latest upcoming events.

I hope you enjoyed reading my 3rd Cab Sec Monthly Memo.

Kind regards,

Sunil Amaratunga
Cabinet Secretary



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