

MEMO

From: Sunil Amaratunga, Cabinet Secretary
To: District 201N5 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs and Cabinet Members
Date: Dec 21, 2017
Subject: **MONTHLY COMMUNICATION – Nov / Dec, 2017**

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

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS – LCIF -2016/17 - CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the 11 clubs who won LCI Club Excellence Awards for 2016/17. Here are the clubs who won these awards -- **Blacktown City, Carlingford Dundas, Crestwood, Emu Plains, Kings Langley, Lugarno, Manly, Oatley, Parramatta, Sydney Indian, West pennant Hills / Cherrybrook**. We hope that more clubs would apply for this prestigious award next year.

PEACE POSTER MD 201 CONTEST – winner from our District

Our DG Ron Gattone advised that the national winner was **Eloise Prince who was sponsored by Arthurs Vale Lions Club**. Congratulations to Eloise and Arthurs Vale Lions Club.

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – Application closes 28-12-2017

Develop your leadership skills and share experiences with others. Eligibility—preference will be given to Lions who have not completed a full term as Club President and any Leo (over 18 years). Lions who have been Club President are also eligible to apply and will be offered places depending on availability. Application forms available from your District GLT Co-Ordinator Chris Bowles or download form MD website www.lions.org.au. Already few Lions have applied for this course. The course is scheduled to be held in 23rd to 25 Feb 2018 in Brisbane. Hurry Applications close on **28th of December 2017**.

MEMO TO CLUBS FROM CAB TREASURER – Authority to fund raise / ABN / Incorporation

Recently, the Cab Treasurer Peter Touzel wrote to clubs who have got problems with any of the above indicated matters. We hope the officials of those clubs have taken appropriate steps to rectify those issues.

FORM A12 ANNUAL SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS – TIER 1 & TIER 2 INFORMATION

The Public Officer has the important role of ensuring your club is compliant with the regulations under the Department of Fair Trading through the lodgement of an Annual Return. Tier 2 (small) associations are required to lodge an Annual summary of financial affairs within one month after the holding of the AGM and not later than 7 months after the end of the financial year of the association, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of time for holding an AGM or to lodge an annual summary has been approved. The Associations Incorporation Act 2009 establishes a two-tier reporting regime for associations registered in NSW. An association is a Tier 2 association if: The gross receipts/total revenue (income/money collected) of the association for the association's financial year is less than \$250,000, and the current assets (cash/bank accounts/shares) of the association for the association's financial year is less than \$500,000. The fact sheet titled 'Associations financial reporting' on www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au provides information on the reporting requirements for Tier 1 and Tier 2 associations.

NOTE: The association's financial statements must be presented to the AGM BEFORE the form can be lodged. The following fees apply for the lodgement of an Annual summary of financial affairs - Tier 2 (Form A12 - T2): If lodged not more than one month after the annual general meeting - \$44.00. If lodged more than one month but less than

two months after the annual general meeting - \$71.00. If lodged more than two months after the annual general meeting - \$78.00.

An association in a Tier 1 association: The gross receipts/total revenue of the association for the association's financial year exceeds \$250,000, OR the current assets of the association for the association's financial year exceeds \$500,000. The fact sheet titled 'Association financial reporting' on www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au provides information on the reporting requirements for incorporated associations. The following fees apply for the lodgement of an Annual summary of financial affairs - Tier 1 (Form A12 - T1): If lodged not more than one month after the annual general meeting - \$187.00. If lodged more than one month but less than two months after the annual general meeting - \$277.00. If lodged more than two months after the annual general meeting - \$302.00. For further details contact Department of Fair Trading on (02) 6333 1400 or 1800 502 042 or email registryinquiries@finance.nsw.gov.au **(Please note that the above information was extracted from Last Years' Dec 16 Cab Sec Memo – Thanks Jen)**

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR YOUR DINNER MEETINGS & GRANTS FOR YOUR PROJECTS – for next six months.

Please get Chairpersons from Lions Foundations as Guest Speakers. This will enable your members to learn about these Foundations, besides your club can obtain Grants from ALF, LCIF and Save Sight Foundation.

Here are the contact details for 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, **NSW/ACT Save Sight Foundation** – Jean-Claude Legrand – 0414 556 725, **Diabetes Awareness** – Geoff Ingram – 0412 969 651.

MEMBERSHIP Nov 2017

As at 31st of Oct 2017, our membership was 1,601. The membership number as at 30th Nov 2017 was 1,598. A slight net loss of 3. The YTD Nov 2017 net gain was 38.

CLUB REPORTING MMR – NOV 2017 – 100% reporting

Once again, we managed to achieve 100% completion rate. Congratulations to all of you. Hope you will do the same in Dec 2017.

ACTIVITY REPORTS – NOV 2017 – a slight disappointment

Regrettably, the number of clubs reported their Activity Reports in Nov 17 was 48, compared to 52 in Oct 2017. Your club can still report Jul 17 to Nov 17 activities in MyLCI. Should your club secretary need any assistance in this regard, please let us know.

DISTRICT 201N5 NEWS

1) RESIGNATIONS & NEW APPOINTMENTS -

Adam Jones Project Chair for Organ Donor Awareness has resigned due to ill health. We wish him for a speedy recovery. Zone 9 Chair Mohan Nanayakkara has volunteered to take over this portfolio. PDG Anthony Cheung has been appointed as an Assistant GMT to assist the GMT team in the next six months. Best wishes to new appointees.

2) 66TH MD 201 CONVENTION – TOWNSVILLE – 4TH MAY 2018 TO 6TH MAY 2018

We hope some of our members are planning to attend this convention. Already, there are about 15 members who are planning to attend. The registration forms are available in the MD201 website. The Registration Form is in Lions Australia Magazine Dec/Jan 2017/18 edition as well. Please note the registration closes on Friday the 20th of April 2017. The Sydney 88 has organised a wonderful tour covering Townsville, Cairns. Sydney 88 will fly you to warm & sunny Townsville with accommodation and breakfast for 8 nights during the 2018 MD Convention Followed by 5 nights in tropical Cairns with accommodation, breakfasts, tours & many dinners included All for a great price that only Sydney 88 can offer See future editions of Sydney News for further details please contact Secretary Peter Touzel 0478 090 784 peter@touzel.id.au.

ZONE NEWS - Nov & Dec 17

ZONES 4 & 6 CLUBS – “WE ARE ONE LION” JOINT FUNCTION - MONDAY 4TH DEC 2017 & SAT 9TH DEC 2017

Both events were very well organised. Congratulations to Zone 6 Chair Karin Cheung and Zone 5 Chair Vin Pang.

CLUB NEWS – Nov & Dec 2017

1) WORLD DIABETES DAY -14TH NOV 2017 & WEEK 13-11-17 TO 19-11-17

Bondi, Sydney Inner West, Crestwood and few other clubs participated in various ways such as guest speakers at their meetings, distribution of leaflets among members.

2) PARRAMATTA – SOLOMON ISLANDS – COLLECTION OF TOOLS & OTHER ITEMS – DROP OFF 25-11-17

It was pleasing to see that many clubs assisted Parramatta club by way of providing tools, equipment, books, cash and many more.

3) BLACKTOWN PONDS – CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO MOUNT DRUIT HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD

Club members visited the Children's Ward with many Christmas gifts. The visit was published in Mt. Druitt Children's Hospital Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1) Sydney Chinese Annual Charity Ball – Saturday 3rd of March 2018 – keep the date free

The club is celebrating its 23rd Birthday with a Big Celebration Charity Ball. It will be held at Grand Ballroom, International Convention Centre, Sydney, Darling Harbour. For further details please contact President PDG Anthony Cheung - tonycmcheung@hotmail.com / 0414 330 887 or Lion Stella Song - stella.song@revolancelegal.com / 0415 620 459.

I will be sending a Flyer to all clubs in due course.

2) Blacktown Ponds – Annual Fund- Raising Dinner Dance – Saturday 17th of Feb 2018

The dance is to raise funds for awards to be given to disadvantaged children of high school age for their commitment to advancing either their own potential and /or their commitment to the wider community.

PUBLICITY OF YOUR EVENTS AMONG OTHER LIONS CLUBS OF OUR DISTRICT

Please note publicity of your club events / projects among other clubs in our District is very important. It helps your club to achieve two things, a) It will publicise your club b) members of other clubs will participate / contribute to your event. As such, if you wish to publicise your event please send me the details, I will email to all clubs (with the approval of our DG), place your notice in my Monthly Memo, Send to Webmaster to upload to our website and send to SN Editor for publicity in Sydney News.

COMING EVENTS

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

I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR – Make the season bright with joy, peace, love, and hope. May your 2018 be bright and beautiful.

STAY SAFE DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON

I hope you enjoyed reading my 5/6 Cab Sec Monthly Memo.

Kind regards,
Sunil Amaratunga
Cabinet Secretary



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