



Lara Lions Bulletin

MD201 V2 Region 2 Zone 3

November 2009

Twinning with Lions Clubs of Holderness, UK

Convention Notes

The most important thing for Lara was that the motion to take the Children's Charity Network project to the National Convention in Mildura in 2010 was passed. This presents a very real opportunity to take the project Australia wide.

The 33rd MD201 V2 Convention was a great event in Camperdown. A lot of work had gone into it (congratulations to Camperdown Lions) and the true spirit of Lionism was on clear display. 54 Clubs were represented with just over 400 attendees. There were over 60 first time conventioners, our own Flick Santoro amongst them.

Cinders and the Stupendously Ugly Sister won the award for most seductive costume (Cinders aka Bob) and most scary costume (Stupendously Ugly Sister aka Dennis) which was a bit of a worry in Cinders case!!! It was amazing how many people referred to one or both of them during the Sunday business session! Congratulations also to the Lions Club of Simpson who came up with the idea of a very large book that characters stepped through to an appropriate tune. Stunningly simple and effective and they took 1st prize. International Director Ken Bird was the keynote speaker on Sunday.

The closing flag ceremony was poignant with DG Bob and Lions Lady Barbara Gilchrist closing the convention singing 'Now is the Hour'.

**Dinner Meeting
23 Nov 2009**

Lara Sporting Club

Fun and Games Night

19:00 for 19:30

We will have a smorgasbord. Laurie and team promise an interesting night.

Please let Lion Tamer Alan Smedley know if you will or will not be attending. You can phone him on 5282 1651. His email address is in the Club Directory.



Ugly sister Dennis, Flick, Carol, Sue, Cinders Bob and Shirley Grant



The magic coach



Convention's closing Flag Ceremony



Cinders with the most seductive costume prize



We Serve

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From the Business Meeting. . .

- The awning is to be fitted to our catering caravan before Christmas and repairs carried out.
- **Australia Day Breakfast:** 5 or 6 Lions will be required on 26 Jan 2010 from 7 – 11 am to cook food.
- A time capsule was buried at the conclusion of the first Heritage Festival in 1982 and is due to be dug up some time in March.
- **Audi Week:** The roster of shifts over 4 days is now available – please register names with Don Robinson to cover the shifts.
- **Camp Koala** – This year’s attendee Chris Caruana is to be invited to speak about his experience at the November dinner meeting.
- **Projects:** At the Business meeting on 11 Jan 10 time will be allocated to have discussions to try and identify projects for Lions to work on.
- **Omni ID Mate:** Carol Lennon will extend an invitation to the demonstrator, Bernie, to attend our dinner meeting in November to give a demonstration of Omni ID Mate: This is a bar code reader for the visually impaired – the bar code is scanned and the machine reads out the description of the item.



President’s Ponderings The final Business Meeting for this year was held on Mon 9 Nov 09 (how time flies!), and the next Business Meeting will be held on Mon 11 Jan 10. The Executive, which will meet through the festive season, will make any necessary decisions.



Now that Susan Eyton has indicated her preparedness to become the 41st President of the Club, she could be the first female President when we celebrate our 40th anniversary in July next year.

During my first term as President of this fine Club in 2003-04, I attempted to gain more female members but found that the Lara community saw the Lions Club as a male orientated organisation. But the seed was planted and today we can be proud to have five female members.

With Sue willing to come in as President, it is hoped that this will break down remaining barriers and encourage female members of the community to join our entrepreneurial and innovative Club.

The community is growing, developing and changing and I believe we will require many more good people on board to assist us with our programs for the benefit of the community.

Please consider and join us for a brand new decade, a decade of change and fulfillment.



Congratulations to Max Oberlander who was voted in as our next Lions 201V2 District Governor.

Roster for Clean-up, Raffle and Barbecue

Nov 09	Dec 09
Stewie Walker	Joe Walshe
Jon King	John Wilson
Peter Kuchenmeister	Jen Wilson
Don Robinson	Michael Daffy
Lawrie Plowman	Peter West
	Byron Willey

Reminders

- Raffle Dates: 28 Nov 09, 27 Feb 10.
- Centreway BBQ: . 5 Dec 09. 16 Jan 10.
- Next Dinner Meeting: Mon 23 Nov 09 at Sporting Club.
- Next Executive Meeting: Mon 2 Dec 09 at the Sporting Club.
- Next Business Meeting: Mon 11 Jan 10 at St John Facility.
- **Please let Lion Tamer Alan Smedley know on 5282 1651 if you will or will not be attending the Dinner meeting ASAP.**