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My Fellow N5 Lions

20 June 2015

As I write this message, I have about ten days left to complete my tenure as your District Governor for the 2014-2015 Lions Year. I wish to take this opportunity to briefly report on some of the highlights of my Lions Year:

- Club visitations have always been very pleasant experiences. With every club I visited, I can honestly say I made a new group of friends. My visits to Norfolk Island Lions Club where I took part in their 50th Anniversary celebrations, to Cronulla Lions attending their Seafest and to Emu Plains Lions where I was presented with a wooden artefact hand crafted by President Ian West were amongst some of the most memorable ones. The various Civic Receptions arranged by Balgawlah, Kogarah, Riverstone and District and the Convention 2014 Hosting Committee were also unforgettable.
- A net growth of over 40 Lions members to date, an increase from 1,666 on 30 June 2014 to over 1,700 at present.
- Three new Lions clubs and three Leos Clubs have been chartered although we have sadly lost two clubs. We did, however, manage to save three clubs from the brink of closing and help lift six clubs from Status Quo.
- We had a successful and glamorous and District Convention 2014 with highlights unprecedentedly captured on a twin DVD pack distributed to all clubs. The \$5,000+ net profit of the Convention was duly banked into the District's accounts.
- There were two Skills Expos organised, with over 40 presenters sharing their skills with fellow Lions. We had the distinct privilege and honour of having International President Joe Preston and wife Joni present at the September 2014 Expo.
- A District-wide Public Relations Team comprising over 15 members from a range of clubs was set up, under the exemplary leadership of Lion Derek Margerison. The team shared invaluable PR know how and contacts.
- My team has handled the untimely resignation of Lion Joanne Sim as DGE in late April and the subsequent withdrawal of the Norfolk Island clubs from hosting Convention 2015. We were meticulous in following required procedures by LCI to bring about the speedy appointment of Lion Elvio Munzone as DGE for 2015-2016.
- Throughout, with the assistance of Cabinet Treasurer Trevor, we have been cautiously and responsibly managing the District's accounts. I expect to see a break even bottom line at the close of the Lions' Year.
- I have composed 24 articles complete with pictures, providing a detailed account of the highlights of my journey as District Governor. These are posted on the District website under *DG Anthony's Treks*.

May I thank you sincerely for your trust and support which afforded me the opportunity to be your District Governor for this Lions Year? Looking back, I am happy that many of you followed my lead and collectively, we did *Serve in Dedication!* It has been a most pleasant and gratifying journey for me indeed - something that I will dearly cherish for the rest of my life!

Finally, I cordially invite you to come along and join us at the District ChangeOver on Saturday, 18 July 2015 at the Castle Hill RSL. This will be an opportunity for me to say farewell to you in person and for us to celebrate our accomplishments of my year. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to extend a warm welcome to DGE Elvio and his team. I look forward to seeing you there - please remember to RSVP Cabinet Treasurer Trevor at trevbat10@bigpond.com by 10 July.

Yours in Lionism

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