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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in Queensland and Northern New South Wales, and welcome to the May edition of our newsletter.

Having recently returned from the Multiple District Convention, my enthusiasm for all-things Lions received an incredible charge. What we do, and how we contribute to our communities matters enormously. In serving others, we are reminded of the importance of Lions in the community.



Our stand was well positioned in the Exhibition Hall at the Convention and we were able to reach out to many people. One of my favourite recollections from the convention was when **Norma Barnard from Victoria came by and bought 20 Roses of Life to take back to her club members in V6.** A simple but extremely thoughtful gesture. We had a visit from **Jesse Pascoe**, the outgoing Australian Leo of the Year. A very impressive young man who will maintain his involvement with Leos into the new year. And of course lots of supporters and interested convention delegates dropped by to offer donations, buy Roses of Life and receive an update on the Foundation.

A great event that came out of the Convention was the 'Ride for James' that was supported and promoted by the Lions Club of Ayr. Mike Coleman rode his bike from the Townsville Convention Centre to Brisbane in an effort to raise funds for his son James who is wheelchair bound. **I met Mike and the support crew, including James, at the LMRF office in Spring Hill on the final day.**

Our visit to the Translational Research institute (TRI) was a tremendous event and we received great support from Lions Clubs far and wide. Almost 100 people were present on the day and all enjoyed updates from our researchers and The University of Queensland. Stay tuned for details of the next one.

And it's been a busy time with awards. The office has been receiving a lot of requests for **Awards and Medallions**, so thank you all for your support. Thanks also to those clubs that have donated throughout the month, including my own club of Ashgrove/The Gap.

Yours in Lions Service.

Allan Turner
Chairman

TRI VISIT UPDATE

On Sunday 29 April 2018, Lions Medical Research Foundation, in partnership with The University of Queensland, presented an opportunity to the the Lions Clubs of Queensland and Northern New South Wales to enjoy **a presentation at the Translational Research Institute (TRI).**

On the day, we heard from researchers (past and present - Dr Tracey Bjorkman, Dr Nadeeka Dissanayaka and Prof Paul Colditz), and representatives from the Diamantina Institute, SPARQ-ed and the Foundation. Clubs around Queensland and Northern New South Wales attended, and many travelled long distances to experience an informative and enjoyable day.

To round off the day, Ray Sinclair from the Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby presented Sue Thomson and Allan Turner from the Foundation with a \$3,000 cheque. This Club has always been a great supporter of the Foundation, and we acknowledge this very generous gesture. Our sincere thanks to everyone for taking the time to attend and demonstrate support for Lions Medical Research Foundation, and our world class researchers.

And of course a shout out to the Lions Club of Teneriffe for catering on the day and providing staff to assist with registration, set up and pack down.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Lions Medical Research Foundation Senior Research Fellow, Dr Nadeeka Dissanayaka is working on a new research project entitled **"Novel Interventions to Reduce Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms in Dementia: Virtual Reality, Video-conferencing & Good Neighbour Program"** and to support this research, an application for funding is being developed by **The University of Queensland**. A core part of this application is engaging members of the community affected by dementia, so if you or your club are interested in being involved, please **READ ON**



We have received some early interest from clubs and individuals but hope to generate more support for Nadeeka and her amazing team.



TOWNSVILLE CONVENTION

Lions Medical Research Foundation was well represented at the Multiple District Convention in Townsville. Chairman Allan Turner was joined by a number of Directors and Ambassadors on the stand throughout the convention. He also had numerous visits from supporters of the Foundation, and enjoyed a special visit from Jesse Pascoe, the outgoing Australian Leo of the Year. Both Jesse and Isaac from the Aspley Leo Club have been nominated for the Leo Leadership Presidential Award for showing excellence in their community in the areas of service, membership and leadership.

We were also very grateful to receive 2 donations during the convention from **the Lions Clubs of Townsville Ross Valley** and **Ayr**. Sincere thanks to both these clubs.

LMRF Director, John Holliday was an integral part of the Foundation's profile at the convention, and **HERE** he shares his MDC Musings...

Left Photo - Jesse Pascoe and Allan Turner

Right Photo - John Holliday Q3, Tim Hannay Q4, Donna Hedges Q3, Allan Turner Q3, Diane Pyers, Q2, Max Gehring Q2 ,Carmel Goldsworthy Q3, Bob Goldsworthy Q3

FAREWELL FOR TRACEY

Dr Tracey Bjorkman has been a much-loved and respected Lions Medical Research Foundation Senior Research Fellow for 7 years - but sadly all good things must come to an end, and her fellowship concludes on 30 June. To mark the occasion and acknowledge her tremendous work, the Board of Directors invited her to an informal get-together at the office.

Before she goes though, Tracey has one last request of the Lions community. She's asked if anyone has any photos of her with club members at a convention or event?



If you have any photos, please send them through to the Foundation office at info@lmrf.org.au

ROSES OF LIFE

Thanks to those clubs who support the Foundation through the purchase and sale of Roses of Life. This month, **the Lions Club of Mackay Northern Beaches will be out at local shopping centres selling roses.** Many thanks to this club for their generous support.

Mother's Day may have been and gone but you can still place orders via the website **HERE**.



Image:- Kaye Petersen at Caneland Shopping Centre

IN THE NEWS..

Congratulations to Professor Ian Frazer AC who has been honoured by the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He has been made a Corresponding Fellow in acknowledgement of his high international standing in the disciplinary domains of the Royal Society. **[READ MORE HERE](#)**

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