

# AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION



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Newsletter – March-April 2016

## Changes to the structure of the Australian Lions Foundation

Dear Presidents and Members,

This notice serves to advise all Clubs in MD201 of some proposed changes to the Australian Lions Foundation. These changes do not affect the operational processes of the Foundation but are being implemented to meet the changes in the Legislative requirements now in place for managing a Foundation like ours. Effectively, it is “housekeeping” to make the Foundation’s operations fully compliant with current laws.

Over the past twelve months, the Foundation applied in all States and Territories to have approval to fundraise in the public area. It is now able to accept donations through the “Donate Link” portal on the Foundations Website to support our Disaster Appeals.

While obtaining these approvals, a number of States requested some changes to the Foundations “Deed” under which we operate. With the assistance and advice of Legal Officer PCC David Skinner OAM and Moore’s Legal, (who have also been assisting the Foundation), we have been advised that to meet all new requirements, the Foundation must change from being managed by a “Trust” to become a “Company Limited by Guarantee” which falls under the requirements of ASIC and Companies Law.

This will not change how the Foundation provides its Awards or manages the Grants program, but will change the internal administration structure to allow for Gift Deductibility for our Disaster Appeals and ensure that all Lions Clubs in the Multiple District will still be members of the Foundation.

As these changes are mandatory for us to comply, the Foundation has commenced through Moore’s Legal the transition and hopefully this will all be in

place at the Multiple District Convention in May where we will present all this information at our Annual General Meeting, so that you are fully aware of what has been done.

The only impact on Clubs to remain members of the Foundation will be the need for each Club to complete a form confirming their intention as Members. This form requires all Members (which are the Lions Clubs) to guarantee, that in the event of the Foundation being wound up, they would be limited in liability to an amount of up to \$1.00 per Club. As the Foundation does not have any liabilities the likelihood would be rare. This meets the requirements of a “Company Limited by Guarantee”.

Some of the changes that will be seen for our Administration is that the name of the Foundation will become the “The Australian Lions Foundation Ltd.”, “Trustees” will change to become “Directors” and the Disaster Appeal support will be managed as a separate entity (known as The Australian Lions Foundation) within the overall structure. Our financial reporting will now have two components which will roll-up into a consolidated financial report and Balance Sheet.

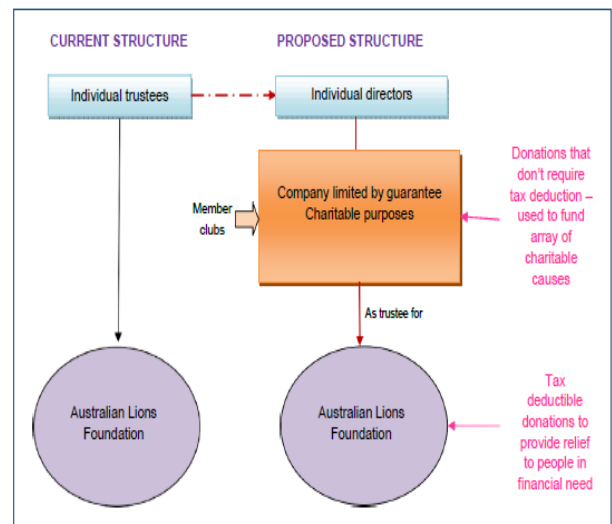
Although this may seem a big change for the Foundation, it only impacts on our administration and legal requirements. The good thing is that it **does not** impact on how we operate with Clubs and will continue on the same basis to support all Clubs with their Awards and Grants.

*All of the proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the Trustees at the last Trustee meeting and a new Constitution was completed which included all the operational aspects of the previous “Deed” under which the Foundation has operated. Moore’s Legal have now been instructed to proceed and have all Legal matters completed by the MD Convention*

If you have any questions about the changes or the process, please do not hesitate to contact your local State Trustee or myself, we will be more than happy to assist you.

Yours in Lions,

Glenn Herbert  
**CHAIRMAN**



## Grants approved and ratified at the February Trustee Meeting

**GENERAL GRANTS NEWSLETTER REPORT. PDG Ken Hallam - Grants Chairman.**

### GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS APPROVED (OR CARRIED OVER) AT ABOVE MEETING

Grant No	Club	Dist	Project	Amount Approved	Action
1603	Busselton	W2	Busselton Foreshore Adventure Improvements - <i>Changes Req'd</i>	n/a	Carried Over
1628	Altona	V2	Wheelchair for man with disability & seizures health condition	\$2,926	Ratified
1629	Tea Tree Gully	C1	Soundfield System to assist child with hearing difficulties	\$908	Ratified
1630	Port Lincoln	C1	Improvements to Port Lincoln Lions Hostel	\$3,548	Ratified
1631	Dalby	Q3	Two Smartview Units for Vision Impaired Students	\$2,734	Ratified
1632	Nundle District	N1	Floor coverings for Nundle Courthouse Museum	\$2,736	Ratified
1633	Forest Lake	Q3	Bathroom modifications for 11 y/o with Angelman Syndrome	\$3,938	Ratified
1634	Clarence	T1	Tactile Activity Panel for Uniting AgeWell Nursing Home	\$825	Ratified
1635	Austinmer-Thirroul	N2	Support Chair & Feeder Tray for child with spinal muscular	\$1,846	Ratified
1636	District 201C1	C1	Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Project - Part buy Trailer <i>AIP--&gt;FF</i>	\$15,000	AIPRatified
1637	Woodford	Q3	Large Cut Mower for Lions Camp Duckadang	\$4,649	Ratified
1638	Atherton	Q2	iPads & Special Software for Autistic Children <i>AIP--&gt; FullCostings</i>	\$10,000	AIPRatified
1639	Murray Bridge City	C2	Equipment to assist special needs person sporting activity	\$747	Ratified
1640	Margaret River	W2	Security fencing for Mirrambeena Aged Care Facility	\$5,058	Ratified
1641	Inverleigh-Leigh Valle	V2	Lions Community Catering Trailer	\$2,500	Ratified
1642	District 201C2	C2	Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Project - Part buy Truck <i>AIP--&gt;FF</i>	\$15,000	AIPRatified
1643	Cowell	C1	Lions Community Bus	\$15,000	Ratified
1644	Charlton	V1-4	Coolroom & Storage Equip &c for Lions Distribution Centre	\$6,100	Ratified
1645	Charlton	V1-4	Lions Defibrillator for use by Charlton Community	\$1,500	Ratified
1646	Launceston	T1	Softfall areas for Stage 3 Royal Park Project	\$7,867	Ratified
1647	Walla Walla	V6	Sun Protection for Lions Park Walla Walla (Stage 2)	\$2,982	Ratified
1648	Richmond	C1	Cystic Fibrosis Treatment Equipment for Cystic Fibrosis SA	\$15,000	Ratified
1649	Port Macquarie	N1	Vehicle for Neighbourhood Centre L2P Education Program	\$2,500	Ratified
1650	Wollongong	N2	Physio Equipment to assist mobility of brain injury sufferer	\$1,328	Ratified
1651	West Beach	C1	School Fees support for disabled 8 y/o child	\$1,340	Ratified

**\*\*Total \$ GAs Approved/Ratified at last Meeting \$ 126,032**

\*No. of new General GAs rec'd = **24** (excl. invalid Applns). \*No. of GAs Approved/Ratified at Meeting = **24**

**\*\*\$Average\$ of GA Approved = \$ 5,251**

PDG Ken Hallam  
Grants Chairman

## Reminder...Change to how Awards are ordered and processed

All **AWARD APPLICATIONS** should be forwarded to PDG Kent Wilcox who is the new Awards Chairman for the Foundation.

**Awards Chairman - PDG Kent Wilcox**  
**26 Waterville Drive, THORNLANDS. QLD. 4164**  
**(Email) - [alf.awards@lions.org.au](mailto:alf.awards@lions.org.au)**

## Who are your Trustees?

In this newsletter we profile our Chairman – PDG Glenn Herbert.  
Glenn has served as a Foundation Trustee representing “C” Districts for ten years with the added responsibility of being the Awards Chairman until May 2012 and since then the Foundation’s Chairman.

Glenn is a charter member of the Lions Club of Bute and District (C1) with 40 years membership to his credit and is a Life Member of the International Association. He has held many various positions at Club level (including President four times), and at District level (including Youth of the Year Chairman, Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, ALF Chairman, Vice District Governor and District Governor.

Glenn has been a member of two M.D. Convention committee’s and four District Convention Committees, once as Convention Chairman.

Glenn’s working life has been spent in rural and engineering occupations and he has qualifications in these areas. He and son Kerran operate their own (Kerran is also a member of Bute Lions Club ) rural and general engineering and manufacturing businesses, Riteway Farming Aust. and Wallaroo Metal Fabricators. Glenn is a keen sports person, having been an athlete, played football, tennis, cricket, basketball and golf competitively and is now a keen lawn bowler.

Glenn is married to Lions Lady Helen and they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.



## Club projects supported by the Australian Lions Foundation



Members of the Lions Club of Wheelers Hill (V5) together with ALF Trustee PCC Tony Benbow at the presentation of a sound screen for Ashwood School with School Principal





Tea Tree Gully Lions Club (C1) presenting a soundfield system to assist Eva at her school

One of two Teleschool Units presented by the Lions Club "The Entrance" (N3) to the RIDBC Hunter



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