

# District Governor's Message September 2009

Hello Everyone,

I have just started on my long list of visitations to clubs and as I said to my audiences, each night was like opening night of a new show, the butterflies were having a ball!

However, the warm and friendly reception Barbara and I received from all the club members assured us we were among friends and the nerves soon settled down.

It is great to see the amount of time each of the clubs we've visited so far put into their communities and the variety of projects they participate in, from BBQ's to Fun Runs, Adopt a Highway and general fundraising for their local hospital, just to name a few. Williamstown presented a cheque for \$3000 to the Manager of the Hospital for purchase of Dialysis equipment. At Terang I was honoured to present an Alan J Holding award to a very worthy recipient. Another pleasant duty was at Kaniva when I presented two young ladies with their "mascot" badges. What a great way to introduce young people to see the work Lions do in their community.

The International President's theme "Move to Grow" and hopefully my theme "Growth and Awareness" is certainly catching on. The clubs visited have all indicated interest in membership drives.

Since District Changeover I have had the privilege of inducting two new members into Simpson, Lara inducted a past LEO, PDG Terry inducted two into Koroit and what a great effort by Little River, FIVE (5) new members (and wait there's more!) On Wednesday 12th August I attended the formation night of the new Point Cook Lions Club. **A tremendous start to a new Lions year.** My thanks to the Werribee Club for their initiative as sponsor club. Also, special thanks to Extension Chairman Lou for his drive and enthusiasm. It was also good to have Membership and Retention Chairmen Wayne and Valda and members of Werribee in attendance to give their support.

My first cabinet meeting held at Horsham on the 9th August went well with a reasonable amount of business and District and Zone Chairmen reports being attended to. All your cabinet members are very enthusiastic about their portfolios and wish to promote them to the fullest. I would encourage all clubs to use their expertise, invite them to speak at your meetings, so your members can be fully aware of the range of humanitarian projects we as Lions have to offer both locally and nationally.

Motions agreed to:

- The appointment of the Auditor for 2009/2010
- Budget for 2009/2010
- Four (4) Constitutional notices of motion to be put to the District Convention.

The meeting ended on time and we enjoyed the fellowship and the lunch that was provided and served by members of both Horsham Lions clubs.

I have had several enquiries from clubs in our V2 and other districts indicating interest in the International President's "Global Music Competition". Many, as with the "Youth of the Year" believe this is a great way to reach the youth in our communities. Given the complexities as set out in the competition guidelines this project will be discussed fully at the Council meeting to be held in Sydney next week. More details next month.

Can I remind everyone about the upcoming District Convention in Camperdown? Convention Chairman Bill and his committee are working hard to ensure you will have a great time. I encourage all new Lions and those who haven't been to a convention to attend. I am sure it will be a rewarding experience.

Until next month

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Serve

*Bob Gilchrist*  
District Governor

## 'B 2's OBS'

Well, we are up and running! Or that's how it seems. We are certainly seeing a lot of the Western District of Victoria!

Already we have been overwhelmed by the friendship and hospitality shown us during the past few weeks. We have really enjoyed our visits so far and a big 'Thank you' to all who have opened their homes to us.

The partners attending the Cabinet Meeting enjoyed their visit to the Chinese Garden and those of us who had been a couple of years ago were impressed with the amount of work done during this relatively short time. It is going to be a wonderful legacy and a great asset to the City of Horsham. My thanks to President Jan for organising the tour and to our drivers and tour guides, Judy, Howard and Don.

As Bob has said he was thrilled to present Mascot Badges to two young girls at the Kaniva Club visit. We also had a little boy in attendance with his parents at the Cavendish meeting. What a great way to involve and encourage our young people! Keep up the good work, love yourself every day. Remember those who love you. Do good things for others but also give to yourself...

Till next month,

*Barbara Gilchrist*

## District Convention Forums

DG Bob and the MERL Team would like to hear from you, the V2 Members, as to what forums YOU would like to attend at the Camperdown Convention.

Our team can certainly provide forums but it is no good us offering what we think you need rather than what you actually want.

Please contact us now to advise what you would like. Any suggestions may be emailed to [tuniacke1@bigpond.com](mailto:tuniacke1@bigpond.com).

*PDG Terry Uniacke*  
MERL Group Leader

## Lions Mints

### Christmas Mints, Christmas Mints

Lions, now we have an even brighter Christmas with our new **CHRISTMAS MINTS**. The wrapper colours are **RED** and **GREEN** to match the Festive Season. You can combine these sales with your Christmas Cake Sales. Start thinking Christmas and Order your Christmas Mints soon.

I hope by now you have all have your new header boards on displays at your outlets. Remember a bright and well kept display in a prominent position sells more mints.

Make sure you keep your supply up.

All the best for your MINTS sales



Mint Chairman  
*Butch Witmitz*



## Christmas Cakes

Club Cake Chairmen I am sorry about the details page in your manual, this year it was omitted.

Thank you to the Chairmen who have answered my letter regarding your contact details, to those who haven't could you please do so ASAP. Then I can address any further correspondence to you direct.

Lions Members and Partners just because it's not Christmas, you can still buy a Christmas Cake "the best fruit cake on the Market". For every Cake your Club sells, the more money you make, the more money you can give to your community.

You don't have to order all the cakes at once, so why not order some now to take the pressure off the busy time.

If you have any queries about Christmas Cakes please contact me and I will help you as much as possible.

Yours in Lions  
Cake Chairman *Butch*

## Lakes & Craters Convention – 6/7/8 November 2009

To the Lions who have registered, **THANKS!** To those who have yet to get “around-to-it” the time to act is **NOW!** **The closing date of 30th September will soon creep up on us.** As our song, says: “Come to our Convention we’ve a place for **YOU.**” Now for the updates.

**Accommodation** – at the time of writing there is still 2 and 3 BR cottages available in or close to Camperdown, 5 Star B&B at Purrumbete Historic Homestead, and 4 star B&B at Grand Central in Cobden. Motel vacancies exist in Cobden and Terang, and Hotel rooms in all three towns. The website is being regularly updated. Can’t access the web? Call us and we will send an updated accommodation information sheet. Should you prefer “home-stay” please contact our Club.

**Finding your way** – a map of Camperdown will be mailed with registration payment receipts. This will make sure you find the registration desk at the community Complex. Further information in all hospitality bags will enable everyone to enjoy their weekend without getting lost.

**Take in the View** – a sealed road leads to top of Mount Leura from where Conventioneers can fully appreciate our Convention theme “Lakes & Craters.” As mentioned previously, the Rotary Club of Camperdown will open the Clock Tower on Friday afternoon, and again on Saturday for adventurous Lions & Partners to climb the steps to the top and experience a magical view of Camperdown. The exact times will be published in the October issue.

**Shopping & Banking facilities** – Camperdown is serviced by ANZ, CBA, NAB, Westpac, St. George, and Bendigo Banks, all open from 9:30am to 5:00pm on Fridays. ATM’s are available all hours at CBA and Westpac, and EFTPOS services up to 8:00pm daily at IGA Supermarket, and until 10:00pm at Safeway. Pharmacy closes at 5:30pm Friday, and 12 noon Saturday. Three fuel retailers, BP, Caltex Roadhouse and Safeway operate in Camperdown with prices the same 7 days per week. From my experience to top up here on Sunday would save on Melbourne and Geelong weekend prices.

**Food & refreshments** – our Catering Sub-committee is working very closely with caterers for each function to ensure all conventioneers will enjoy good food and efficient service. The Informal reception will be held in the old Stadium (adjacent to opening venue) so it is simply out one door and through another for supper and fellowship. A reminder about Saturday’s pre-paid box lunch, good value at \$10 and gives attendees a little more free time between the morning and afternoon activities and sessions. There are plenty of “munching” places within 200 metres of the Complex that will be happy to accommodate those who wish to seek a wider choice for lunch or Friday evening meal.

**Banquet – verse 4 of our song says:** “Come to Convention Banquet – there’s a thrill for you. Finest food and wine, please come, as Tweedle Dee or Tweedle Dum, the Terrigal Band will spread the fun – **you are welcome, COME.**”

Food arrangements will see an entrée served at tables, three colour coded serving points (colours matching table centre pieces) will operate for mains & dessert. Similar “colour code” will operate at the BBQ. We are determined that everyone will be served in the shortest possible time. Costs of drinks do sometimes cause concern to conventioneers. Please be assured \$12 per bottle will be the maximum price for any wine. All other drinks will be similarly moderately priced.

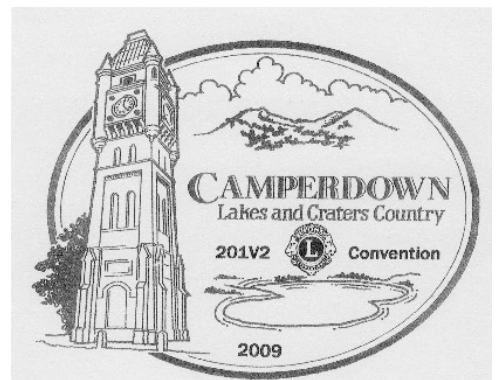
This article, the previous one (August Newsletter) and our website should now have given all Lions and Partners a fair insight into what they can expect at the “Lakes & Craters” Convention. We will catch up on late developments, or items overlooked in the October edition. Meanwhile, **get those registrations rolling.**

**Finally, a message to our Partners – verse 5 of our song:** “Come to our Convention, we will welcome you. Come visit our historic sights, or tour by bus far out of town, sample choc’lates, wine, cheese of renown – **You’ll be glad to come.”**

*Bill Duncanson*  
(Convention Organising Committee Chairman)

### Contact Detail Update

Convention Chairman 2010: **Bob Badham**  
New address: **PO Box 6062 HIGHTON 3216**  
New Email: **2010convention@gmail.com**



## Cabinet Secretary's Report

Greetings all

Thank you to all clubs who submitted their July MMR reports on time, and particularly those who did so electronically. Membership reporting on the WEB is quick, simple and time and cost saving. If any club is having problems with the WEB reporting program please contact me. I have some excellent and user friendly material which will assist. Incidentally, while you have until the end of the month to submit your MMR electronically it would assist me greatly if they could be completed by about the 25th of the month.

By the way – if you have not received your password you can obtain it by going to the WMMR logon page and use the "Need your password" link and then enter your membership number and click OK. Otherwise you can obtain your password from me.

The main problem area to date with membership reporting appears to be the recording of Lions transferring into a club. Please keep it in mind that the member must be dropped by his/her former club before the receiving club can record him/her as a new member. I would still like to receive the printed transfer forms for any transferring member, even if this is done on the WEB, and be sure to forward the transferring members personal Lion record (or a copy of it) to the new club, or to me if in doubt.

Many clubs, too, are using the WEB to submit their activities reports, adjusting to the International format. However, if you post your activities reports to me please ensure that your club name appears on them. I currently have three reports on my desk without club names and where the postmark on the envelope could not be deciphered – and they haven't been signed by the Secretary

Our District Convention is just around the corner and if you haven't already done so please attend to your convention hospitality bookings, we'd like to see ALL clubs represented. It is also important that you respond immediately to any of the essential convention papers sent to your clubs. Remember, your club must be financial to be represented by club delegates at the convention. Encourage your members to attend at least a part of the convention – after all, it is **YOUR** convention and **YOU** are important to any decisions made that may affect the clubs in this district in the future. Remind members that a convention is not just business sessions and policy making – it also has some great forums for extending your knowledge of Lions, some wonderful speakers, and the fellowship is unbelievable.

A special request – if a member of your Lions Family has passed away between conventions please ensure that you can provide us with a photograph of the deceased person, his/her Lion history, and perhaps a copy of any obituary appearing in the media. The Remembrance Ceremony is a very important and essential part of our convention and we want to make sure that we remember all of our past family appropriately and well.

I would like those clubs receiving prior notice and the questionnaire for DG Bob's official visits respond as soon as possible, particularly if an A J Holding Award is to be given during the DG's visit. I want to be able to provide DG Bob with your information and the awards well in advance of his actual visit.

Finally, thank you to all those Presidents and Secretaries who have contacted me, either by telephone or email, seeking advice or information. It's great to hear from you and very satisfying to be able to assist you where I can, or to pass on to someone else who can when I can't.

Keep Smiling  
*Jim Kent*

## District History – Help needed

District Historian **PDG Bryan Woodward** is seeking your assistance to fill in some gaps within the District's records. If you have any information that could help verify Lions who held the **Cabinet Secretary** and **Cabinet Treasurer** positions in the following years, PDG Bryan would be most appreciative of your call – **1963-64 (DG Frank Litchfield), 1964-65 (DG Bill Phillips), 1965-66 (DG Ern Basford BEM), 1966-67 (DG Jim Edward) and 1967-68 (DG Jim Fawns).**

PDG Bryan would also like to know the **Host Club** and **Convention Chairman** for the following District Convention years – **1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1975.**

If you know who the Convention Chairman was for the following conventions, PDG Bryan would also like to hear from you – **1981 Timboon, 1982 Warrnambool, 1983 Torquay, 1985 Portland, 1989 Horsham and 1990 Apollo Bay.**

# V2 Club Corner

## New Members

District Governor Bob welcomes the following new members to the District 201V2 Lions Family

### May

	<b>Altona</b>
<b>Kaye Connolly</b>	Sponsor Maria Connolly
<b>Wayne Jeschke</b>	Sponsor Maria Connolly
<b>Gary Marks</b>	Sponsor T. Thorkildsen
	<b>Ararat</b>
<b>Ross McCracken</b>	Sponsor M. Watson
	<b>Coleraine</b>
<b>Aileen Larkins</b>	Sponsor D. Nancarrow
	<b>Deer Park</b>
<b>Geoffrey Warren</b>	Sponsor Keith Davis
	<b>Geelong</b>
<b>Gregory Duncan</b>	Transfer
	<b>Geelong Hamlyn Heights</b>
<b>David Graham</b>	Sponsor Don Knowles
	<b>Timboon</b>
<b>Kenneth Ackerly</b>	Sponsor S. Trotter
	<b>Torquay</b>
<b>Alan Douglas</b>	Sponsor Peter Thomas
	<b>Werribee</b>
<b>Judith Brown</b>	Sponsor Lyn Crump

### June

	<b>Altona</b>
<b>Vu Tran</b>	Sponsor Graeme Walsh
	<b>Geelong South Barwon</b>
<b>Michael Cake</b>	Sponsor Allan Price
	<b>Horsham</b>
<b>Donna O'Connor</b>	Sponsor Edwin Warrick
	<b>Lismore</b>
<b>George Beazley</b>	Sponsor L. Stammberger
	<b>Portarlington/Drysdale</b>
<b>Roger Sanders</b>	Sponsor L. Haskett
	<b>Simpson</b>
<b>Helen Begely</b>	Sponsor Max Begely
<b>Beverley Hawkes</b>	Sponsor Elizabeth Weel
<b>Barry Steel</b>	Sponsor Robert Lee
	<b>Skipton</b>
<b>Keong Lim</b>	Sponsor Arthur Welfare
	<b>Sunshine</b>
<b>Allen Vladmir</b>	Sponsor M. Hereward

### July

	<b>Footscray</b>
<b>Peter Gordon</b>	Sponsor Albert Jessup
<b>Michelle Yvette Anderson</b>	Sponsor Albert Jessup
<b>Joseph Grech</b>	Sponsor Ian Day
	<b>Geelong</b>
<b>Peter Williams</b>	Sponsor John Findlay
	<b>Little River</b>
<b>Brian Anderson</b>	Sponsor Leon Koch
<b>Raymond Whitman</b>	Sponsor Leon Koch
<b>Keith Ems</b>	Sponsor Leon Koch
<b>Anne Ems</b>	Sponsor Leon Koch
	<b>Macarthur</b>
<b>Elizabeth McNamara</b>	Sponsor Joe Bourke
<b>Tony McNamara</b>	Sponsor Joe Bourke
	<b>Murtoa</b>
<b>John Michael Regan</b>	Sponsor Mark Leischke
<b>Helen Kearney</b>	- Transfer in
	<b>Portland</b>
<b>Gregory Williams</b>	Sponsor Alan Frost

## Lara Leo becomes a Lion

Recently, former Leo Felicia Santaro was inducted as a Lion into the Lions Club of Lara. Felicia or 'Flick' as she prefers to be known was a 'first day' student when the Lara Secondary College was established in 2003 with an initial intake of 112 Year 7 students. 'Flick' now attends Deakin University.

'Flick' held the Leos together by taking on the Secretary role and provided reports, minutes and up to date information to the District and the Lions Club.

Whilst in Leos, 'Flick' put Lara on the map nationally, by winning the Leo Award of Honour in 2008. The Club looks forward to her making a valuable contribution to the community and hopefully, the beginning of more young people joining the Club as 'Young Lions'.

Flick will now take up the role of rejuvenating the Leo Club of Lara by talking to students from year 9 upward in the classroom to get 'expressions of interest' which can be turned into membership. The Club is backing this initiative with resources and support to enable 'Flick' to concentrate on speaking to the students.

(see picture Back Page)

## Youth of the Year

### Expressions of Interest to Host District Final

The District Final for this year's Youth of the Year is to be held Saturday, 27 March, 2010.

Should your Club be willing to host the final please contact me as soon as possible, so District Governor Bob and I may confirm the Venue and Host Club to all District Clubs and State and National Youth of the Year Committees. These details will also be published on the web site.

My details are as follows:

Phone: (03) 9749 3863,

Mobile: 0418 149 514,

Email: mrharlow@primusonline.com.au

Clubs' participating in this year's Youth of the Year please note the following closing dates which have been released. It is imperative these dates are adhered to please.

**Club Finals:** Saturday, 20 February 2010

**Zone Finals:** Saturday, 27 February 2010

**Region Finals:** Saturday, 13 March 2010

**District Finals:** Saturday, 27 March 2010  
(Venue to be advised)

**State Finals:** Saturday, 10 April 2010  
(Venue to be advised)

**National Final:**

Multiple District Convention Mildura – 1 May 2009.

I take this opportunity to wish all Clubs the best for the coming year in the quest.

*Malcolm Harlow*

District Chairman Youth of the Year

### “Be Careful With My Criticism and Liberal With My Praise.”

At almost every Club meeting we all stand while the Lions Code of Ethics is read but how many of us actually listen to the words and, furthermore how many of us abide by them.

The majority of disputes that we encounter at all levels of our Organization stem from individuals and clubs not living by our Code of Ethics.

All of the current interclub rivalries in our District could be solved overnight if each and every member of the Clubs involved would just stand aside and read and think about the Code that they have pledged at their induction to abide by.

There is no problem with people offering constructive criticism but it must be offered in a caring way in order for Clubs and individuals to progress, not in tearing them down.

## Lions Hearing Dogs says Thanks!

On behalf of the deaf and hearing impaired people of Australia we thank you most sincerely for your support. Below is a list of contributions from District 201V2 for the 2008/2009 year. Some of the monies included may be from the previous year where they were received too late to be included in last years detail.

These include donations, sponsorships and merchandise sales.

Lioness Club of	Anglesea	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Anglesea Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Ararat Inc.	\$300.00
Lions Club of	Birregurra & District Inc.	\$150.00
Lions Club of	Camperdown Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of	Colac Inc.	\$310.00
Lions Club of	Dunkeld & District Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Edenhope Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Footscray Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of	Forrest & District Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Hamilton Inc.	\$1,000.00
Lions Club of	Heywood Inc.	\$200.00
Lions Club of	Horsham Inc.	\$600.00
Lion	June Burrell	\$20.00
Lions Club of	Kaniva Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Lara Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Leopold Inc.	\$1,000.00
Lioness Club of	Lorne	\$300.00
Lions Club of	Lorne Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of	Macarthur & District Inc.	\$200.00
Lions Club of	Minyip Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Moriac Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Nhill Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Port Fairy Belfast Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Portarlinton Drysdale Inc.	\$200.00
Lions Club of	Rupanyup Inc.	\$50.00
Lions Club of	Simpson & District Inc.	\$150.00
Lions Club of	Skipton Inc.	\$200.00
Lions Club of	Stawell Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Sunshine Inc.	\$200.00
Lions Club of	Terang & District Inc.	\$299.00
Lions Club of	Torquay Inc.	\$200.00
Lion	Trevor Hirth	\$374.80
Lions Club of	Willaura Inc.	\$50.00
Lions Club of	Williamstown Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of	Winchelsea Inc.	\$250.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,853.80</b>

*PDG Peter Sparnon*

Chairman  
Lions Hearing Dogs



LEHP - Australia  
**Lions Eye Health Program**  
Empowering communities to save sight.



# World Sight Day

*Gender and Eye Health*

**Thursday 8th October, 2009**

On World Sight Day, Lions Eye Health Program – Australia works with Vision 2020 to raise public awareness of eradicating preventable vision loss and blindness.

**We encourage Lions Clubs around Australia to get involved.**

Three quarters of vision loss in Australia is either preventable or treatable. Distribute LEHP-Australia resources during the month of October and help educate people in your community about the importance of regular eye examinations.

### **Suggestions for how your club can be involved**

- Handout out LEHP-Australia brochures when conducting other Lions activities, such as during sausage sizzles, raffles, spinning wheels, manning a gate, or at other fund raising and social events.
- Visit your local medical practices and ensure their waiting rooms and information racks are stocked with LEHP-Australia materials.
- Set up a table in front of your local supermarket or shopping centre and hand out LEHP-Australia's eye health information to passers by.
- Offer to speak and distribute handouts about preventable blindness to local community groups.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the need to eliminate preventable blindness and vision-related diseases.

LEHP-Australia, brochures, posters, flyers and DVD's are free of charge to all participating LEHP-Australia clubs. Contact the National Program Manager, **Ms Leah Evans** on 1800 010 234 or email [LEHP-cera@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:LEHP-cera@unimelb.edu.au) to obtain resources for your community.



## Membership Welfare

The sincere sympathy of District Governor Bob, Lions and Lions Partners of our District 201V2 is with those who's loved ones have passed away.

**Lion Des Hein** (Loss of Father), **Lion Trevor Salmon** (Loss of Mother), **Lion Bill Willcocks** (Loss of Father), **Lion Lloyd Coutts** (Loss of Father), **Lion Ralph Biddell** (Loss of Lions Lady Nina), **Lions Lady Margaret Wallis** (Loss of Lion Alec), **Lion Dot Wilson** (Loss of Lion Bert Fenton), **Lions Lady Genevieve Ireland** (Loss of Father)

Our Congratulations go to **Lion David Lowing** on receiving a Community Award, **Lions Vicki and Ross Wallis** on receiving James D Richardson Awards, **Lion Vicki Wallis** on receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship, **Lion Carol Pritchard** on receiving a Neil Williams Award. Congratulations to **Lions Robert and Rosi Sanders** on becoming Grandparents to Ella Rosalle

Happy Birthday to **Lions Lady Marlene Lowing** (70th). We wish all Lions who have had Birthdays this month Cheers to you all and may you have many more.

To our many Members and Partners who are on the "Sick List" of which we had quite a few we wish them all a speedy recovery. Just think Lions the days are getting longer and warmer at long last. Time to get out in your gardens.

Lions if you know of any member who is not feeling the best call in and see if they would like something done or just sit and chat for a while, it could make all the difference.

To our new Members welcome to this great Organization, you will learn a lot, make many new friends, and have a lot of fun.

Secretaries, I must thank you for your response to my letter which you all would have received. Many thanks to those who have answered.

Welfare Chairman  
*Libby Witmitz*

## District Governor's Itinerary

### September 2009

- 17 Geelong Corio Bay
- 14 Murtoa
- 15 Dimboola
- 16 LakeBolac/Willaura
- 21 Rupanyup
- 23 City of Horsham
- 22 Hamilton
- 24 Torquay
- 28 Sunshine City

### October 2009

- 3 Minyip
- 5 Geelong
- 7 Winchelsea
- 8 Leopold
- 10 Cabinet Dinner Camperdown
- 11 Cabinet Meeting Camperdown

### Please Note the following Changes

The correct telephone number to appear on Official Letterhead for the Cabinet Secretary should be 5568 2837

**District Chairman Environment/Crime/Disaster**  
 Lion Carol Pritchard  
 New Business Phone Number - 5245 8850

## July Membership Report

<b>Members as at 30 June 2009</b>		<b>1476</b>
- New Members	12	
- Transfer in	1	13
Less		
- Dropped In good standing	6	
- Moved	1	
- No payment	1	
- Other reasons	2	
- Deceased	1	11
<b>Members as at 31 July 2009</b>		<b>1478</b>
Increase/(Decrease)		2



Club Secretary and Sponsor, Sue Eyton standing alongside Felicia Santoro as she reads her 'Oath of Acceptance' to become a member of the Lions Club of Lara