



201W2 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DG's DESK:

Three gain Guiding Lion certificates

I have just been advised that PDG Darrel Mainard, second VDg and CBL chairman Peter Lamb and Lion Allan Cooper have all been awarded their "Guiding Lion" Certificates by Lions Clubs International. Well done to these three as we add them to an already impressive list of Guiding Lions in our District.

It is important to have dedicated Lions who will take on the role of guide and mentor to new clubs. There is so much involved with the setting up and getting started of a new club that a well trained, dedicated Guiding Lion is essential.

As PDG Bruce Hearman pointed out during the recent MERL workshop, some of our better performing clubs are the ones that received a good grounding from their Guiding Lions.

Congratulations go to Lion Les Hill, President of Pinjarra Club. Les recently received his 2008-2009 Club President Excellence Award. Disappointing that more club presidents from 2008-2009 did not receive an award as well. Did they apply? Any president may apply for the 2009-2010 award provided they meet the requirements of LCI.

Club secretaries should have the application forms, if not they can be downloaded from the LCI web site. Club presidents, have a go, you have been busy all year helping your club, why not give yourselves a pat on the back?

Well done to the West Australian Lions, 58 in

total, who attended the second MERL workshop for this Lion's year. Unfortunately a couple of late apologies dropped us below the magic 60.

Our presenters, seven from WA and one from Victoria, did us proud and it was a great showcase for the skill and depth of talent that these Senior Lions have.

New and old Lions if you get the chance to attend any training, or workshops, conducted by these skilled presenters it is truly worthwhile.

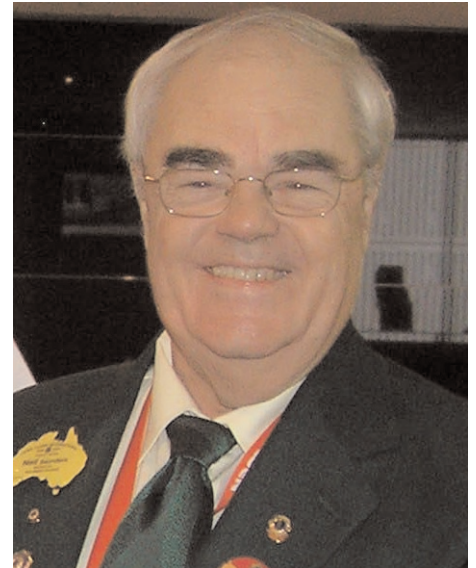
Very good to see that incoming cabinet members from both Districts felt the workshop was important enough for them to attend as did W1 DG Pam Baird and myself. We were there as Lions wanting to learn, not DGs.

NEW MEMBERS

I am overwhelmed at the amount of new members being inducted into Lions Clubs in our District.

I can not offer enough congratulations to the existing members who are inviting friends and family to join them in our wonderful organisation. However, club presidents, I must caution all clubs with new members. Make sure they are given proper orientation into the club and Lions.

Why not ask senior members of your club to give short, possibly five minute, presentations on the history of Lions in your town?



Neil Saunders.

Ask a new member to research the role of ALF, or LCIF, or our foundations, or the history of Lions etc. and give a short presentation at a club meeting?

Make sure new members are involved with projects and why not even encourage them to put their hands up for a position in next year's Board of Directors? Our future leaders are amongst our current and incoming members.

ELECTIONS

Been in a position for a long time? Why not step back and encourage and train a newer member in your role? Spread the knowledge and the load.

Best wishes to the newly elected Board Members of the clubs. Remember there are many experienced people, not only in your club, but the District, Lions Australia and Lions International who are more than willing to give you as much help and advice as you need. Just ask.

-Neil Saunders, W2 District Governor.

DG Neil's visitation list

March 9: Mandurah Lions & Leos

March 11: Baldivis and Serpentine-Jarrahdale (Joint)

March 15: Nannup

March 16: West Arthur

March 23: Fremantle

March 24: Northam

March 27, 28 Cabinet meeting

April 8: Dunsborough

April 12: Rockingham

April 13: Port Kennedy

April 21: Busselton

April 22: Cowaramup and Margaret River (Joint)

April 27, 29 MD Council Meeting

April 30-May 3: MD Convention Mildura

June 19: Awards Night, Mandurah

June 20: W2 Cabinet Meeting Mandurah

June 27-July 2: Internatinal Convention Sydney

It's time to consider your entry into the best club bulletin award

I know that many clubs produce their own club newsletters and bulletins and some are kindly sending them to me, however I know there are many more around which I don't get to see!

In June, I will be asking clubs to submit samples of their club bulletins from this Lions year for judging for the District annual award.

Dont say I didn't warn you - you still have time to put something together.

Whether your bulletin is weekly, monthly, or annual (as some clubs are) all entries will be considered.

-Karen Molcher, W2 Publications Chairperson.

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Pictures above is from the left District Governor Neil Saunders, Lions Australia Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans, Albany City Holden Dealer Principals Scott Leary and John Cannon, Albany Lions Club President Jamie Mawer, Holden WA Assistant District Manager Bianca Mundy.

Albany City Holden wins national award through Lions Australia

Albany City Holden's ongoing support for Lions Australia has delivered an unexpected benefit with the local business winning national recognition and a \$500 prize for Albany Lions.

"At a national level, Holden has been an incredible supporter of the work of Lions Australia and Scott Leary and the team at Albany City Holden have been magnificent in helping us promote Lions Australia and the work of local Lions throughout the state's south west," Lions Australia's Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans said.

"The active partnership between Albany City Holden and local Lions which resulted in tremendous promotion of, and support for our District Convention in September 2009, is proof positive of a genuine community spirit."

Rob will present the national prize and trophy for the Best Holden Dealer/Lions Convention promotion to Mr Scott Leary, Partner of Albany City Holden and W2 District Governor Neil Saunders during a recognition ceremony held at Albany City Holden, on Wednesday February 10.

The Lions International organisation which has 1.3 million members around the world,

contributes millions of volunteer hours, and hundreds of millions of dollars each year to medical research, youth leadership and programs, disability support and conquering preventable blindness.

The climax was photographs taken by W2 Publications Chairman Karen Molcher. The pictures were featured in the February edition of the West Lion. Congratulations Albany City Holden and Karen. Well done.

Baldivas Lions pitch in to support Toodyay fire victims



A special pat on the back to Baldivas Lion Grahame Niven and all the members of Baldivis Club, for their quick and generous support to the fire victims from Toodyay. See picture above.

Through the efforts of Grahame, the club has paid for the delivery of a B Double load of hay (44-50 rolls) from Baldivis to the Toodyay Showground's, as well as a generous cash donation to the 201W2 District Appeal.

Lions involved in 2010 Red Sky Ride

Lions Clubs across District 201W2 are getting behind the Red Sky Ride event which has 20 dedicated cyclists testing their physical and mental endurance over 1,000 kms in 8 days "Riding to Cure Cancer" and to raise funds and awareness for SolarisCare Cancer Support Centres.

The event is being held from March 7, 8. Help us to help them.

Cancer affects 1 in 3 Australians.

If you would like to be involved or to make a donation, please contact Lion Wendy Mathews on 0433 528 325 or

Email: wendy.mathews@solariscare.org.au.

The target to be raised is \$400,000 and so far they have raised \$206,000. A big thank you to all clubs who have already put up their hands to assist. It is greatly appreciated.

Do you need the Lions Hearing Foundation's bus and screening facilities?

Do you have a function where you would like to have the Lions Hearing Foundation's screening bus attend? If the answer is 'Yes', please read on.

We will need to know specific dates, time and place, so that we can make enquires for an audiologist to do the screenings and drivers for the bus. Please note that electricity will be required and the bus situated in a quiet spot, i.e. not next to the music!

It would be helpful if your club could arrange for some of its members to attend on the day, to stand outside the bus and tell passers-by about the free hearing screening. You could even set up a stall to advertise membership.

The Lions Hearing Foundation will meet all the bus's relevant expenses (fuel, etc), but if the venue is held in regional Western Australia, it would be greatly appreciated if your club could assist with accommodation costs, as any donation is greatly appreciated and allows the Lions Hearing Foundation to continue to provide this service free of charge.

This is a terrific service that is provided to members of the public wishing to have their hearing tested. During the last financial year, 529 people were referred for further investigation into their hearing, many of whom probably did not realise that they had a problem.

So, please do not hesitate to contact Lion Chris Smelt if you wish to take up this offer on: Tel: 9344 4796 (H) Mob: 0417 170 058 Email: Ianandchrissmelt@bigpond.com

Barbecue-with-a-view for Eaton residents

The local Eaton community and visitors from far and wide will now have the chance to barbecue-with-a-view thanks to hard work by members of the Eaton Lions Club.

The project, many months in the making was completed recently and club president, Rob Harrison said that although it was a huge task, it was very worthwhile.

"It was a lot of hard work but as Lions we are here to enrich our community and I'd say we have achieved that," he said.

"We had support from local industry and a \$1,000 donation from



Our picture above is some of the Australind Lions that took part in the BHP Billiton activity with Lions Andrea and Tim Hodder, Jeff Buckett, Jeff Blunt and Bob Stevens missing from the snap. President Super Mac is seen sampling the "goods"

Australind Lions working for the community

On the weekend of the February 19-21 the Australind Lions took part in three fund raising activities.

On Friday 19th club members participated in Helping Camp Quality with their Annual Golf Day which raised \$49,000 net for "Kids with Cancer" this was held at Sanctuary Golf Course.

Then on Saturday the 20th Lions were on show at the local Bunnings site selling hot dogs and cool drink with these funds going towards Relay for Lif 2010. Funds raised from this

activity totaled \$1500.00, which by November 2010 members are hoping to increase. (All donations gratefully accepted.)

Sunday the 21st Australind Lions rallied once more to Serve the Community and take part in an Open Day for BHP Billinton where the club catered for approximately 1500 to 1600 Hungry and Thirsty visitors. The money raised from this activity, is set down to purchase a converted vehicle for Miss Jane Hutch who had a bad accident and now has been left paralysed.



Doral Mineral Sands was a great boost to the project."

The two new built-in gas barbeques have since been in constant use and have already proved to be an additional drawcard to the area.

PICTURE BELOW : Eaton Lions Club president, Rob Harrison receives a \$1000 donation from Doral Mineral Sands general manager, Mike Ferraro.

BELOW LEFT: Eaton Lions Geoff Goddard and Vic Kisler christened the new facilities and sizzled the first sausages for shire ranger, Dan Guson and manager community services, Phil Rowe.



TOP: Murray Piggott, Peter Brown and Brian Easton with their awards. TOP RIGHT: Mark Talbot, Craig Carbone, Les Robinson, Len Rodwell and Kevin Harnett. BOTTOM RIGHT: John Fry, Danny Norton and Joe Obal.

Brunswick Lions celebrate Aussie Day Brekkie

The Brunswick Lions Club annual Australia Day breakfast continues to grow in numbers. This year 320 people enjoyed a cooked breakfast on the Brunswick show ground. The pre-

miers award was presented to lion Murray Piggott, and the group award to the Brunswick River Restoration group. Lions president Peter Brown congratulated the awardees for their

contribution to the Brunswick region. He also thanked Lions and their ladies for all their assistance in helping to make the breakfast the success it was. —Judy Talbot.

Children of Courage project not far away

This wonderful event is now less than a month away so I hope all clubs are working on identifying their 'Children of Courage'. Again it is being held at St Mary's Anglican Girls School, Karrinyup on Sunday, April 18. We are also lucky in that Louise Momber and Matt Tinney from Channel 9 have agreed to attend.

We also need the support of clubs for the provision of food for luncheon and personnel for help on the day so please contact me if you or your club can help. Monetary donations are also very welcome.

So, come on clubs, let's make sure that our brave children receive an award in 2010.

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Save Sight football tipping competition is back bigger and better

This year we are hoping for a record number of entries and thus raise more funds than before for our Lions Save Sight Foundation. The competition has raised over \$5,000 for Save Sight since it was commenced 10 years ago.

The Football Tipping Competition is open to everyone. We especially encourage entries from non Lions as this brings in new money and helps spread the word of Lions. So get your friends, family and work colleagues to join in the fun and enter.

To take part simply complete the Entry Form and return it with your cheque for \$50-00 made payable to Lions Club of Forrestfield High Wycombe to PO Box 455 Forrestfield WA 6058. Upon receipt an information pack will be sent to you.

EACH WEEK:

Send your weekly tips to the Co-ordinator by email, snail mail or phone. Entries are to be received by 4pm (West Australian Time) on the day of the first game for each Round (Normally Friday).

ENTRY FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Post entry form together with your cheque for \$50 made payable to Lions Club of Forrestfield-High Wycombe to Coordinator, PO Box 455, Forrestfield WA 6058

The competition is being coordinated by the Lions Club of Forrestfield-High Wycombe on behalf of the Lions Save Sight Foundation.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010.

Lorna Dodd receives Australia Day Citizenship award

Manning Lions Club stalwart, Lorna Dodd, received the City of South Perth Active Citizen Award at a ceremony on Australia Day, 26 January 2010.

Part of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards, Lorna was overwhelmed to receive the Award from the Minister for Transport and Disability Services, the Hon Simon O'Brien MLC and the Mayor of the City of South Perth, James Best.

The unstoppable 85 year old was chosen from a large field of very worthy nominees, Lorna's longstanding commitment to our State and our community shining through. Lorna's service stretches back to 1959 when as Secretary to the WA Medical School Fundraising Committee she was instrumental in raising £23,000 (over \$2.5M in today's money) for a Chair of Medicine at the fledgling University of WA Medical School.

Lorna's long involvement with the Manning Lions Club and her dedication to the Lions Help to Hear Foundation earned her the praise of many guests at the Awards ceremony, include the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC.

Lorna's daughter Loraine and members of the Manning Lions Club cheered loudly when Lorna's name was announced. Fellow Manning Lion, Ken Skinner, who won the 2008 City of South Perth Active Citizenship Award, was thrilled to offer Lorna his congratulations.

Lorna has been part of the Lions Club of Manning since its formation in 1974. Her late husband, Arthur, was a member of the Manning Lions Club and in the days prior to female membership of Lions Clubs, Lorna, as a "Lion Lady" worked tirelessly on club projects in the local area. In 1994, Lorna became a full member of the Manning Lions Club.

Lorna's life has been dedicated to helping others, starting in her home town of Norseman, where she was heavily involved in fundraising for the local Church and in particular helping the Church of Christ Aboriginal Mission.

She is a life member of the Orchid Society of WA, the Norseman and WA Amateur Swimming & Diving Association and the Goldfields Ladies Golf Association.

She was the Lions District 201W2 Help to Hear Chairwoman for 10 years and has been a Director of the Lions Help to Hear Foundation since 1995. Her work with the Help to Hear Foundation has contributed to raising money for the Chair of Otolaryngology at the University of Western Australia and the building of the new Hearing Institute in Subiaco, due to open in April 2010. She has worked with people with disabilities, senior citizens, at-risk youth and homeless people. Lorna was one of the group of Manning Lions members who helped to fit-out and furnish the Manning Senior Citizens Centre when it was built and



Mrs Julie Michael (left), His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, Governor of Western Australia, Lion Lorna Dodd, Mr John McGrath MLA, Member for South Perth

has sold thousands of Lions Christmas Cakes to fund projects in Manning and surrounding suburbs.

This year, Lorna volunteered to help at the Meath Care Melbourne Cup Lunch, preparing meals and washing dishes, as she has for a number of years. It struck many Club members that she was volunteering her time for senior citizens, many of whom are in fact younger than Lorna. Lorna is the main organiser of the

Manning Lions Christmas Sleigh runs through the streets of the City of South Perth, selling cakes along with students from Como Secondary College. These cake sales help to fund the Como Secondary College Hockey team and almost all the projects and donations undertaken by the Manning Lions Club in the local community.

—Andre Shannon,
Secretary Manning Lions Club.

A new decade of LEHP—Australia

Thank you to the **two Lions Clubs** within the 201-W2 District who made donations towards the Lions Eye Health Program – Australia in 2009. We received a total of **\$350** from your District.

During 2009, your contributions assisted us with updating many of our valuable Lions and community resources, including new brochures, flyers, posters and information manuals. It also allowed the implementation on numerous training days, community road shows and information stalls.

With a busy year ahead here is an example of what you can expect from LEHP-Australia in 2010. New LEHP-Australia presentation with voiceover. New LEHP-Australia website.

LEHP publications. Even more training days.

Booth at the MD Convention in Mildura. Booth at the International Convention in Sydney.

Although we strive to provide the latest information through all of our resources, our primary focus will continue to be to work with you the Lions community, in spreading the message about avoidable vision loss and the importance of regular eye examinations within your own community and families.

With your enthusiasm and our resources, together we can fight against avoidable vision loss and blindness and make a real difference.

Contact the National Program Manager, Ms Leah Evans today and find out how you can get involved.mPh: 1800 010 234mEmail: LEHP-cera@unimelb.edu.au

We take sight for granted – until we are directly affected by it.

Sheila Howard back in the saddle again

Hi, my name is Sheila Howard and I am a Lion from the Bunbury Wollaston Lions Club. I intend riding to the Convention and District Governor Saunders suggested I write to you re my ride.

In 2008 I cycled to the Darwin Convention, covering 4,400 kms in 5 weeks. As I intended volunteering for the International Convention in Sydney, I decided to ride as I enjoy the challenge. I have been a member of Lions for some years and appreciate the good work that Lions do and when riding people always ask "who are you collecting for" so I thought it a good opportunity to raise some funds for the Lions Cancer Institute in Perth. I also did this in 2008 on my ride to Darwin.

I will include my itinerary so hopefully any clubs who would like to catch up with me on the way can do so. It is lovely when the clubs acknowledge me and it is a break from the tedium of the white line up the centre of the bitumen. As it is not a good time to be cycling, I

have allowed extra days in the event of rain, flooding or storms so my itinerary is not exact but may vary a day here and there. I would like any club who is organising an event or fundraiser or even a meeting, to let me know and I can work myself around the days mentioned. Perhaps some clubs may have an enthusiastic cyclist who would like to join me in a few kilometres on the road, it would be great to have the company. I will be cycling on my own and my husband will be my support to carry gear and provide water, food etc. on the way.

I intend travelling Perth to Norseman, across the Nullabor and the Barrier/Mitchell/Great Western Highways to Sydney.

Leaving Bunbury on Friday, May 14 at 8am.

Sun 16th May: Perth - Northam (I will be leaving from the Perth Belltower at on Sunday at 8am)

Mon 17th:	Northam - Kellerberrin
Tues 18th:	Kellerberrin - Merredin
Wed 19th:	Merredin - Southern Cross
Thu 20th:	Southern Cross -
Fri 21st:	Kalgoorlie
Sat 22nd:	Rest day in Kalgoorlie
Sun 23rd:	Kalgoorlie - Norseman
Mon 24th:	Norseman -
Thu 3rd June:	Ceduna
Mon 7th:	Kimba
Tues 8th:	Port Augusta
Thu 10th:	Orroroo
Fri 11th:	Orroroo, Petersborough, Yunta
Sun 13th:	Broken Hill
Thu 17th:	Cobar
Fri 18th:	Nyngan
Sat 19th:	Nyngan, Dubbo, Wellington
Sun 20th:	Wellington
Tues 21st:	Bathurst
Wed 22nd:	Lithgow
Thur 23rd:	Katoomba
Fri 24th:	Sydney.

W–Districts mourn the passing of Lions stalwart Joe Mason

The following is a eulogy read by a Lutheran minister and friend of the Mason family at the memorial service held for Joe Mason at the Bowra & O’Dea chapel in Mandurah on February 12.

“Welcome to long time friends and recently made ones and thank you to those who have travelled many miles to be present today to say their good-byes to Joe. Above all of his attributes he was a unique “people person” otherwise you would not be here.

“The first photo in the family album is a little brownie black and white of flames. In Dad’s writing below are the words FIRE OF LOVE. This photo symbolised the love of his life – Mum. Only a few weeks ago he laughingly grabbed Mum drew her close to his hospital bed and quite loudly said – “can we get Louanne to go up to the shops for a while, and you slip into bed with me?”. Their lifelong love affair began when Mum was 18 and Dad, in the Australian Army, was 21. It has endured and bloomed and grown giving all his family a fine example to try hard to emulate. There have never been harsh words or conflict of any manner in their home.”–Louanne Mason.

What a man, what an incredible life, what a wonderful love story, what massive achievements, what a wonderful patriarch. He taught us tenacity, honesty and integrity. If every person who walked the earth lived Joe’s life there would be no wars, no hunger, no poverty and no hate.

Joe Mason was born in Tasmania in 1919 and had three older sisters. His mother had another baby when Joe was two years old and mother and baby both died soon thereafter of diphtheria following a misdiagnosis of the condition. His grandmother came to assist the family and Joe spent a lot of his early youth in the Battery Point waterfront area, fishing and playing truant from school.

As a teenager he went to live in Melbourne with relatives and began his first job in the Cadburys chocolate factory thus giving him a lifetime love of all things sweet.

With the outbreak of WW2 he joined the A.I.F. in 1939 and sailed to the Middle East on the Queen Mary thereafter he returned to Australia for jungle training. While in Caboolture, Queensland on his way to New Guinea he met the love of his life Sylvia. Following the Kakoda Trail he was promoted to Captain and at wars end his rank was Major. Joe and Sylvia married in 1944 and Berric was born in 1945 cleverly enough on Joe’s birthday – so for 65 years father and son have celebrated their birthdays together. After six years in the army, Joe and Sylvia ran a grocery store in Queensland but the effects of malaria, caught while in service, were to remain with him. The family moved to South Australia where Joe

went into the paint business with two other returned service men. They built a home on the beach in Semaphore and Louanne was born in 1948. The family moved to Perth continuing within the paint industry. Joe joined Lions in 1962 and was the Representative for Lions International, travelling over a million kilometres. Sylvia was able to join him on some of the trips and they visited places such as Japan, Mexico, S.E. Asia, Hawaii and UK to attend conventions and on personal trips. The world was their oyster. The area that he covered with Lions International was Australia and the Pacific Islands. He retired from Lions International following a severe boating accident in which his back was broken and he was hospitalised for 22 months.

Doctors had told him that he would never leave his wheelchair but over a period of six months he went home, learnt to crawl, walk and eventually drive his car again.

In WA there were numerous house moves and the years in Roleystone are fondly remembered by Berric and Louanne. When both children married Joe and Sylvia began unit living in West Perth and South Perth, and then moved to Mandurah to live closer to their children.

Joe’s life in Lions spans 48 years. He was awarded the Melvin Jones Award, Supreme Extension Award, two International Presidents Awards, four International Presidents Extension



Joe and Silvia Mason.

Awards, was inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame in 2002, was District Governor 1983 in 210W1, had Life Membership, was a Charter Member of the City of Perth Lions, won the William Trisise Fellowship Award and the James Richardson Award. He was the founder of the Children of Courage Awards. Lionism was a huge part of his life and he was totally dedicated to its forward progress.

Within the span of 48 years he had made a myriad of friends and inspired an untold number of new members. He will be remembered with fondness by them all and will be a hard act to follow.

In the year 2000 Joe ran a leg of the torch bearers’ marathon around Australia carrying the Olympic torch through the streets of Halls Head – in the dark, in the rain and cold proudly in his blue and white uniform. He was encouraged from the sidelines by his family to slow down and use his puffer.

Probably the highlight of Joe’s life’s accomplishments was being awarded an Order of Australia medal from Queen Elizabeth II in the General Division last June for Services to the Community through Lions International. The Governor Dr Ken Michael kindly travelled to Mandurah to present it to him personally as he was too ill to travel to Government House.

Berric and Louanne can remember their parents keen interest and participation in social tennis dressed in all whites while living in Mount Pleasant – Joe had a dynamite serve to be faced at your peril.

He had an active enquiring mind, always writing prolifically and could be classed as an “ideas man”. His sense of humour and fun within the family was legendary – he unashamedly was responsible for the first full-on belly laughs of a grandchild, was always prepared to wear hats and funny glasses – all in the name of frivolity.

Everybody in this room will be a richer person by having known Joseph William Henry Mason and he will be deeply and significantly missed.



PDG Clive Reid and VDG Terry Gray with the late Joe Mason’s pin display that was donated to the Mandurah Lions Club.