



Lions 105M Centennial Newsletter

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We are entering the prime period for celebrating and publicising Lionism, both worldwide and locally. There is one shot at this Centenary – obviously – and I'm pleased that it is being embraced by so many Clubs across the District.

Centennial Service Challenges

The four main Challenge areas – Youth, Environment, Hunger and Sight – cover much that is carried out at a local level by Clubs.

MD105 has, within each of those Challenge areas, set out suggested goals, covering YLIS, Battery Recycling, food projects and Spectacle Recycling; the whole list is quite extensive, and also goes that little bit beyond (such as a Hearing Dog for the Deaf for each District) whilst still staying within the scope of what we, as Lions service, do on a daily basis.

The MD Centennial Committee are exploring a nationwide day of action on Hunger. We know that Christmas is a crisis time for the homeless and those dependent on foodbanks for occasional support; but we suspect that that is also the time of year when most donations are made. We want to find out whether there are particular times of the year when donations and supplies fall short of the ongoing need, and to arrange a national programme to help.

Incoming Club Officer courses

Our friends on the Global Leadership Team put on courses each year to get incoming Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers to meet each other and to give them a grounding in the things that will help them to be most effective in their roles – even (or sometimes especially) when they've done the job before!

The first of this year's courses has taken place and the feedback from attendees was excellent; it should be, they are a very good team! There's still time to book into a course (but only just).

Why am I covering this in a *Centennial* Newsletter? Because they show you how to use MyLCI; and I need all those Centennial Activities to be recorded on MyLCI.

Club and Zone Visits

DG Elect Ron and I (as 2VDG Elect) will soon be planning, with Chris Burrows, our meeting schedule for the year; as Ron and I both have Centennial hats as well we would hope to continue to receive invitations to Zone Meetings to hear from you about Centennial matters, to answer questions, and to help everyone make the most of this unique opportunity.

Centennial Legacy Projects

One of the more recent Centennial releases laid a further challenge – to identify, within your Club's locality, some project (probably to provide some tangible and enduring facility) that would endure well beyond our Centennial year, as a longer-term reminder of the service that Lions have given and continue to give. I would love to hear about any Clubs who have already identified a possible Legacy Project.

And finally...

I still need to hear from the Chairmen of Club Centennial Committees with their contact details asap, please, to make it easier for me to liaise with Clubs.
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Many thanks for your continuing support

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