



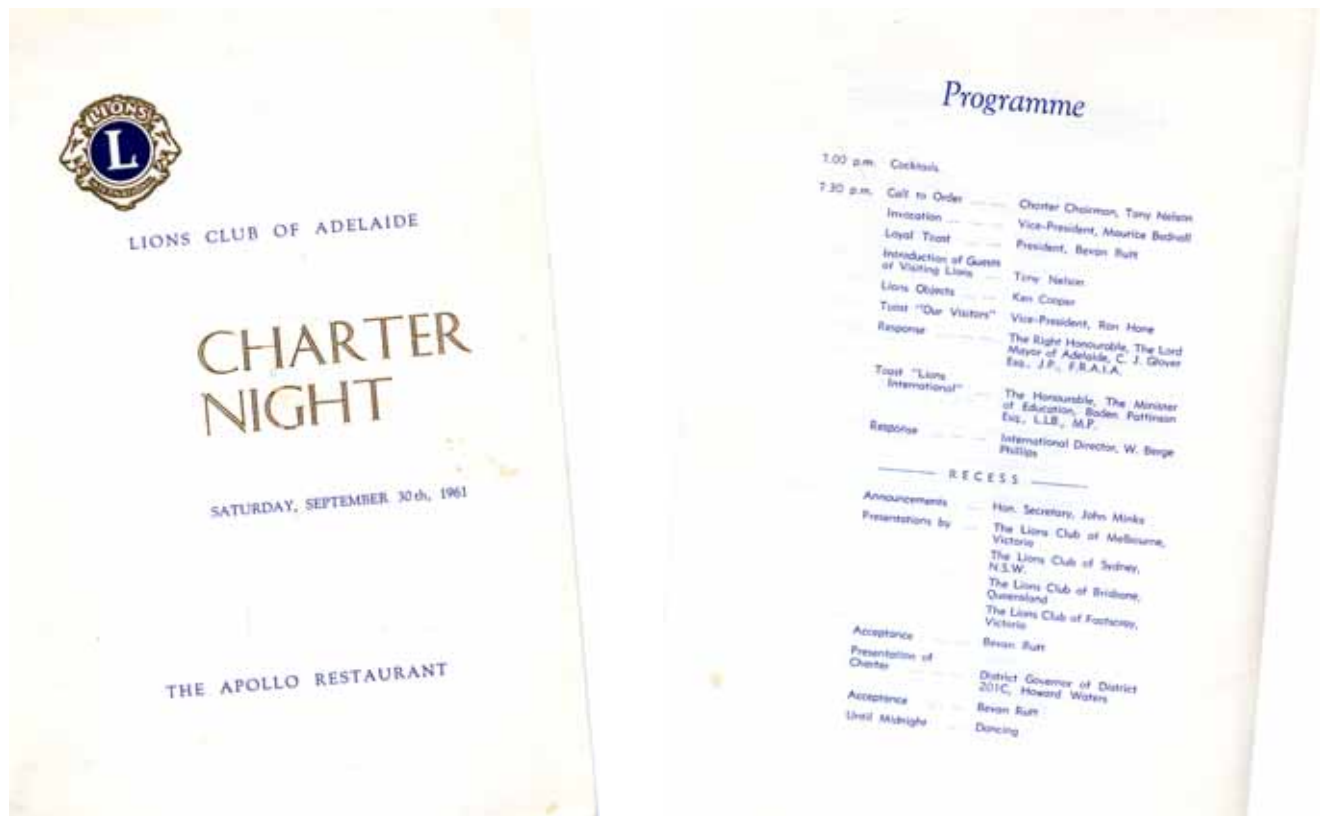
FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY

*A review of 50 years of continuous
service to the community*



The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide

THE CHARTER – September 30th, 1961



The Charter of the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide being presented to Charter President Bevan Rutt (centre) by the District Governor of District 201C of Lions International, Dr Howard Waters (right), while International Director, Bill Berge-Phillips (left) looks on.

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Our Lions and LLs promoting the 1986 District Convention to delegates attending the 1985 Barossa Convention.

OUR HISTORY

How the Association of Lions Clubs International commenced in America in 1917, through the efforts of Melvin Jones, is an interesting historical story told extremely well elsewhere.

Also, how the Association of Lions Clubs International commenced in Australia at Lismore, New South Wales in 1947, through the efforts of Bill Tresise, is another interesting story told elsewhere.

How the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide, the first Lions Club in South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory and the 201st in Australia, was established in 1961 and what has been achieved over its 50 years, is what this historical review is about.

In the 1950s, Bill Tresise spoke to a number of his former colleagues in Apex concerning the establishment of a Lions Club in Adelaide. In the late 1950s, Terry Fairbain, the Secretary of Lions International, came to Adelaide from Sydney and actually left a box of supplies with Harry Garth, but there was no follow-up, so nothing eventuated.

Just prior to Christmas 1960, John Minks had business dealings with a German named Henning Harders who, during his two years in Australia, was a member of the City of Sydney Lions Club. John asked him what was the significance of the purple and gold badge with the letter "L" he was wearing on his lapel and was promptly told what Lions was all about. Henning, on returning to Sydney, advised the newly-appointed Australian Secretary of Lions International, Jim McLardie, of his contact with John. Jim then obtained letters of introduction from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Lion Harry Jensen, to the Premier of South Australia, Sir Thomas Playford, and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Jack Glover. Another important contact was obtained from International Director Bill Berge-Phillips, a member of the Australian Swimming Federation, to Walter Bridgland, the President of the South Australian Swimming Association and a member of the Adelaide City Council.

After interviewing the Premier and the Lord Mayor, who pledged support to the formation of a Lions Club in Adelaide, Jim McLardie and John Minks compiled a list of potential members. It became obvious that Bevan Rutt could be of a great assistance – a City Architect, recently retired from Apex, through which organization he had served as World President of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs and a current Member of the Adelaide City Council. Jim and John recruited at meetings held at the Kensington Park RSL and at Coopers Brewery, on invitation from Ken Cooper, who, with Ron Hone and Charles Mueller, signified their intention of joining.

On Wednesday 26th April 1961, a formal luncheon meeting was convened at the Hotel Richmond in Rundle Street. Those present were: Jim McLardie, Bevan Rutt, John Minks, Ken Cooper, Joe Everett, Keith Foreman, Tony Nelson, Walter Stamm, Ted Sturm and John Willis. It was decided, after Jim had outlined the aims, objects and activities, that a further luncheon meeting be held at the Hotel Richmond on May 31st and that each present should bring another possible member.

At this second meeting, Bob Costello, a former member of the Lions Club of Melbourne, acted as Chairman. Those present were: Bob Costello, Bevan Rutt, John Minks, Graham Carrick, Ken Cooper, Keith Foreman, Roy Hambour, Ron Hone, Jim Kimber, Roy King and Tony Nelson; there were three apologies. Bevan Rutt and John Minks were appointed Acting Chairman and Acting Secretary respectively, and discussion resulted in arrangements for a June Formation meeting. So this minute is recorded: "That the Lions Club be formed and named: 'The Lions Club of Adelaide'; that it be officially formed this day 28th June 1961; that the constitution be of Lions Clubs International be adopted; and that we apply for Charter as soon as possible." Lieutenant Colonel Wally Delves, the Immediate Past President of the Lions Club of Melbourne and the International Representative of Lions International, inducted Bevan Rutt and John Minks as Members and office bearers, and also 20 other men: Colin Becker, Maurice Bednall, Colin Borthwick, Graham Carrick, Joe Everett, Harry Garth, Bev Lewis, John Manthorpe, Tony Nelson, Jim Polson, Ken Secker, Roy Hambour, Gerald Handasyde, Ron Hone, John Kimber, Charles Mueller, Ray Paley, Eric McCann, Bert Stacey and Joe Walker.

The meeting also decided that luncheon meetings would be held twice per month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at the Hotel Richmond. In September of 1961 it was decided to change the meeting dates to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, and this is still the case.

The Charter presentation dinner was held at the Myer Apollo Restaurant on the 30th September 1961 with an attendance of two hundred and thirty six (236), including 130 Lions and their Ladies from 19 Eastern States' Lions Clubs.

The Charter was presented to Charter President, Bevan Rutt, by District Governor of District 201C, Dr Howard Waters. The Toast to Lions International was proposed by the Hon. Baden Pattison, the Minister for Education, to which International Director, Bill Berge-Phillips, responded. First Vice President, Ron Hone,

proposed the Toast to the guests and the response was given by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Mr C J Glover.

A table flag set was presented by the Lions Clubs of Melbourne, our sponsor Club, and other presentations were made by the Lions Clubs of Sydney, Brisbane and Footscray.

The function was superbly organised and so began the reputation for our Club to organise and host many functions with a high degree of excellence.

The Club was part of District 201C for 1961/62 and then 201F for 1962/64. A decision was made at the 1963 Multiple District Convention that a new District should be established with its base in Adelaide. On 1st July 1964 the Club became an inaugural member of District 201J with our Charter Member, Bevan Rutt its first District Governor. The District included all Clubs in South Australia and Western Australia and Broken Hill.

The Club remained in District 201J until 1979, when a redistribution of boundaries created Districts 201S1, S2, and S3. Our Club was in District 201S1 and remained there until 2001, when a further redistribution of boundaries was carried out and the Club became part of District 201C1.

A prime responsibility as first Club in South Australia was to form new Clubs, and within a space of three days, in April 1962, four new Clubs were formed: Marion, Burnside, Edwardstown and Adelaide Light, in that order.

In 1963 we became the mother Club of the City of Perth, and in the same year we formed Mount Gambier. Tea Tree Gully, Renmark and Loxton were formed in 1964, Stirling Districts in 1966 and Kangaroo Island in 1969. Eleven Clubs were formed in our first eight years, and all but two are still active in Lionism.

The Club formed the City of Adelaide Lioness Club in 1976, the first Lioness Club in Australia. Although the Lioness Club has folded, many Lioness Clubs are still active within the Multiple District; also the Club formed Adelaide Central in 1976, the Adelaide Police Club (the first of its kind in Multiple District 201) in 1984, and Adelaide Sunrise in 1991, Queen Adelaide Lions Club in 1992 and Adelaide Community in 2000. All of these Clubs have returned their Charter, but during their existence provided very worthwhile support to their communities. A number of their members are now active Lions in other Clubs.

The Club was formed with forty three (43) Charter Members, of whom only one (1) is still a member at the time of writing this history.

Prime movers in the establishment of the Club in 1961



Above: ACC Councillor and Charter President, Bevan Rutt.
Below: Businessman and Charter Secretary, John Minks.



Others prominent in the Club's early development were...



Ron Hone



Maurice Bednall



Roy King



Ken Cooper

OUR MEMBERS

From the Club's inception, members have been involved at Club, District and Multiple District level, and many have made a significant contribution to Lionism.

Appendix 1 lists our Charter Members, Club Presidents and Members involved at District and Multiple District level.

Many Club members have also been very active in their community, as well as their involvement with Lions, which gives credence to the adage "ask a busy man to help." In a review such as this the achievements of all our members cannot be highlighted.

The Club is indebted to every one of its members which has allowed it to reach fifty years of dedicated service to the community. However, we would be remiss if particular mention is not made of some members who have made a significant impact on the Club and Lionism in general. In our early days the efforts of; John Minks, Bevan Rutt, Maurice Bednall and Ron Hone, in not only establishing our Club, but expanding Lionism throughout South Australia. After the initial establishment it was the like of Norman Lewis, Jim Freeman, Jack Gerard and Bob O'Neil who provided the impetus for a solid financial basis.

In our middle years, the Club benefited from the dedicated efforts of Bill Bowden, Alex Tanner, Brian Carter, Maurice Minervini, Dean Scott and Allan Sloan, to name but a few. In more recent years, in most cases still active members, Martin Baily, Graham Higgs, Geoff Wilson, Warren Wood and Ray Dix have provided significant support and knowledge in maintaining the strong community support that highlights our fifty years of service.

The community at large should be thankful for the dedication of these outstanding members, many of whom have received significant rewards from Lions, as shown in the appendix to this review.



Charter Member, Bob Wade, receiving an Award from President Bill Bowden.



Happy member trio, Gerald Gask, Meng Wong and Tom O'Dea

Below: Lions Award winners pictured with DG Pat Mells.





Ken Cooper, Noel Gully and Gar Hone formally attired.



Alex Tanner receiving an Award from President Dean Scott.



Incoming President John White (centre) and members at the Club's 1988 Handover Meeting.



The Adelaide Bowling Club bar, often frequented by members following luncheon meetings.

OUR LADIES

The Lions Club and its members have been blessed with a magnificent working relationship with their Lions Ladies since the Club's inception.

Initially, their support was to help with Charter Night and other activities until the Ladies' Auxiliary was formalised on 6th September 1962, with Lions Lady Josephine Lewis as its first President and Lions Lady Mary Ray as the first Secretary.

But it was not all smooth sailing in those early days as some Lions referred to their ladies as "Dandelions", which evoked a letter which read:

*Sir,
From time to time we ladies are likened to flowers, my little tulip, my black Irish rose, even lily of Laguna. Now, I don't contend that we girls are fresh little violets, but why should we be labelled as Dandelions? - a pleasant little flower to be sure, but often downtrodden and weedy and more accustomed to gracing cowpats than banquet tables. Surely, the fertile imagination of those Lions can grow a better bloomer than this? Be warned you Lions: if you call us Dandelions we may yet turn out to be poison ivy!
- A Lions Lady*

It can be clearly seen why members and ladies have enjoyed a great working relationship!!!

At the first meeting, Lion Jim McLardie, Australian Secretary and Regional Manager of Lions Clubs International, was present and kindly explained the function of Lions Clubs and of their Ladies' Auxiliaries. He also helped the ladies with suggestions for future projects and fund-raising ideas, reminding the ladies that they were a Committee of the City of Adelaide Lions Club, and as such, all projects would require approval from the Lions Board.

From that time, the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Lions have had a very happy relationship and have participated in many fundraising activities and projects together. One of the main projects to benefit from joint interest has been the building and formation of The Adelaide Lions Senior Citizens Club, Coglein Street, Adelaide. The Auxiliary has retained great interest in this Club and its members since its inception in 1965. The Senior Citizens have, from time to time, been taken on drives, and also have been entertained in the Club Rooms with Bingo, Birthday and Christmas parties.

The Melbourne Cup luncheons began in 1963 when Lions Lady Hazel O'Neill opened her home to the Auxiliary for this activity. It has since become the most successful fund-raiser and is an annual project.

With Board approval, the Ladies Auxiliary has had many fund-raising activities, such as morning teas, luncheons, trading tables, jumble sales, raffles and film mornings. The Ladies of the Auxiliary have derived a great deal of satisfaction from the knowledge that their activities and fund-raising efforts have helped so many less fortunate. Helping people personally has a greater impact and gives more meaning, therefore bringing greater response, as was found when helping an orphan in Sri Lanka and children with cardiac problems.

The effort of the ladies in supporting Lions to stage one Multiple District and three District Conventions can only be said as magnificent. The many hours needed for decorating venues, providing food for attendees, packing of satchels and all the other tasks needed for a successful Convention was given willingly. The camaraderie between the Ladies has always been fantastic, making it so much easier for the Club to provide a great show.

Over the 50 years of the Club, the Lions Ladies have raised many thousands of dollars for Lions activities. Although there is no longer a formal Ladies' Auxiliary, the ladies continue to actively support the Club in all of its endeavours, a support that members know will continue in the years ahead.



LLs Phyl Minks, Mary Ray, Pam Bantick, Trudy Cox and Doreen Manthorpe. **Below:** Mary Ray and Dot Sloan selling sweep tickets at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.





Clockwise from top left: LLs Maxine, Pam and Shirley serving at one of the Club's many BBQs; Mary, Maxine, Mary Conway, Yvonne, June, Dot, Pat and Shirley preparing sweets; Tomiko, Angela and Jennie at the District 2010 Convention; ready and willing catering teams were also needed for the annual Elderly Citizens' Outings, as pictured at Tanunda in 1990; and at the early, successful Melbourne Cup Ladies' Luncheons in The Royal Show Theatre at Wayville.

OUR CITY AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE

From reading the history of the Club you will see that the City of Adelaide provided significant support in the establishment of the Club and, since the Charter, there has been a very close relationship between the Adelaide City Council and the City of Adelaide Lions Club.

The Club was honoured to be allowed to use the City of Adelaide crest on its bannerettes and, subsequently, other publications. This is an honour that is not bestowed on many Lions clubs.

Some of the projects and services the Club has carried out within the Adelaide City Council area include:

- Planting trees in East Parklands (two areas)
- Planting roses in Brougham Gardens, North Adelaide.
- Providing gardening and maintenance for residents.
- Taking the elderly and the under-privileged on outings.
- Assisting with the planting of trees and shrubs in the external gardens surrounding Himeji Gardens.
- Providing labour for the establishment of the Peace Park opposite Memorial Hospital.
- Supporting the Council in the development and promotion of the Sister Cities Programme.
- Continuous support for the Over 50s Seniors and Coglin Street Wednesday Clubs since building Adelaide Lions House in Coglin Street.
- Liaison and working with the Welfare Department of the Adelaide City Council.
- Entertainment provided for Seniors' Week.

In addition to the above, the Club has provided ongoing support for organisations, including Adelaide Day Centre, Hutt Street Centre and Westcare, providing service to the elderly, the homeless, Street Kids and many in need within the City. Many of these services will be covered elsewhere in this review.

With changing laws and legal responsibilities, many of the services provided by the Club to residents of the City of Adelaide have had to be cancelled or curtailed, or it has become necessary for the Club to support the Organisations that are licensed to provide the services; however, the Club continues to support the City of Adelaide wherever and whenever it can.



Top: The plaque commemorating District 201S1 Lions, within the grove of trees planted with Club support between North Terrace and Rundle Street; **centre:** Lions Grant, Allan, Noel, Warren and Martin planting shrubs in North Adelaide's Peace Park; and **above:** Lions Noel and Brian pictured with Lord Mayor, Steve Condous.



Clockwise: Lions Noel and Brian pictured with Fred's Van at the front of Lions House, Coglin Street, Adelaide;

Club gardeners all, planting rose bushes in the Brougham Gardens, North Adelaide;

Preparing a BBQ lunch in Victoria Square, welcoming Adelaide's newest citizens;

The plaque commemorating the unveiling of restoration work and paving, accomplished by our members at the West Terrace Cemetery;

and a view of Club members, RSL and government dignitaries at the formal opening on November 11th, 1986.



SOME MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the fifty years the Club has carried out some very significant projects. Below are highlighted just six.

Perhaps the most significant of these was establishing the first Elderly Citizens Club rooms in the City of Adelaide. To attempt such a project within the first three years of the Club was a tribute to the spirit and belief of the Club's members. In early 1965 the clubrooms, in Coglein Street, built on land leased to the Club by the City of Adelaide for a peppercorn rental, were officially opened. The building now known as "Adelaide Lions House" still houses the Wednesday Club and Lions still have the right to use it, free of charge, until our lease runs out in 2017. The all-up cost was £24,726 of which £6,000 were funded by a grant from the SA Government, with the balance raised by the Club. On today's values, what would it cost to build now?

A second major project was the writing, printing and distribution of an "anti molestation" leaflet warning young children of the dangers and how to act. The initial print was 110,000 copies and, through the support of the Education Department and South Australian Police, distributed to young children throughout the State. A few years later a further print of 100,000 was distributed. The leaflet served as a model and in later years other bodies adopted it for similar projects.

A third major project was support for the Lions Eye Care Research Foundation. Although the Foundation no longer exists, it did make significant progress in the research of eye diseases. The Club, through its own resources, contributed in excess of \$120,000 to the project and, through its membership and their contacts, a further a sum in excess of \$1million was also contributed.

Perhaps another major project, spread over five years, was support given to the Channel 9 Telethon Appeal. The collection, counting and receipting of donations to the appeal required a massive amount of time. In conjunction with Telethon was the sorting and checking of entries for The House of Hope competition. Although time-consuming and, at times, hard work, the members were pleased to be involved in an annual event that raised many hundreds of thousands of dollars for very worthy causes.

The Arthritis Foundation requested our help to produce a leaflet for distribution to children on issues and problems for children with asthma. This was the first time the Organisation had attempted to communicate with children, and the Club felt the

project, The Juvenile Arthritis Handbook, was worthy of support. The ultimate cost to the Club was \$32,500.

Another project of note has been Fred's Van. We first became involved in 1990, when St Vincent de Paul Society requested help to replace an aged vehicle used to feed the homeless and the "street kids" in Currie Street, Adelaide. By negotiation with a local motor dealer and gentle persuasion to some business houses associated with members, a worthy replacement was found and presented to Fred's Van. In 1997 the need for a kitchen became a necessity as the service provided by Fred's Van had grown enormously. An application was lodged with LCIF to provide a significant grant and, with local support, a brand new kitchen was established in the suburb of Hawthorn. After a visit from an International President, the Club was encouraged to make another application to LCIF to purchase Fred's Van No 4. With the grant and additional resources from the Club No 4 van was soon in use. Fred's Van is a project that we continue to support on an annual basis because it fulfils a significant need within the City of Adelaide.



Governor of the day and Hon member, Sir Eric Neal, at the formal opening of Fred's Van kitchen, Hawthorn, March 8, 1998.

Identikid was a project assumed after the Adelaide Police Lions Club handed back its charter. The annual Royal Adelaide Show was the Club's major source of taking **Identikid** pictures, until rebuilding at the Showgrounds and re-allocation of space resulted in the Club having to discontinue the service. Throughout the year, visits were made to schools, kindergartens and day care groups in the City and country areas. Over the many years of operation thousands of **Identikid** photos were taken.



Clockwise from top left: The cover of the anti-molestation leaflet; Lions Graham and Gordon selling the benefits of Identikid at the Royal Show; Lions House, Coglein Street, Adelaide; Lions Ray and Dean outside the Fred's Van kitchen at Hawthorn; and the presentation of ophthalmological equipment to Prof. Doug Koster of Lions Eye Bank, Flinders M.C.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS AND PROJECTS

The Club, since inception, has been actively involved in supporting Lionism throughout the world.

The Club has twinned with Lions Clubs in Penang (Malaysia), Christchurch (New Zealand), Himeji (Japan) and Singapore. Formal twinning with Austin (Texas) has not occurred, although from time to time we are involved in joint projects.

Our relationship with the twinned Clubs has given rise to numerous joint projects, but the two most significant being with Penang Lions Club: "Hole in Heart" Operations. Two Malaysian children were operated on, with a third, deemed inoperable, being sent home. A few years later another young Malaysian child arrived for major surgery performed by the Cranio Facial Unit in the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

A project held jointly in 1989 with Himeji Lions Clubs was a massive logistical headache – an "Aussie" Barbeque in the grounds of the world-heritage-listed Himeji Castle. Initial planning was for 1,000 attendees but this grew like topsy and eventually over 2,600 attendees enjoyed a typical "Aussie" Barbeque, with all the food and drink shipped from Adelaide. This event featured on national television in Japan and Lions enjoyed considerable publicity throughout Asia

Listed hereunder are some of the natural disasters that have occurred and projects the Club has supported.

1. Medical equipment to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
2. School books to a number of countries in the South Pacific, South East Asia and South Africa.
3. School Art exchange between Adelaide and Penang.
4. Providing funding for the establishment of a hospital and children's facility in East Timor (jointly with The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation).
5. Regular annual commitment to LCIF with significant special donations for natural disasters (eg Asia Tsunami, Haiti Earthquake).
6. Joint project with the Lions Club of Singapore Host to fund significant ophthalmic equipment for the Children's Hospital in Singapore.
7. Paying student fees for less-privileged children from Africa to attend secondary school and University.

8. Supporting a resident from Christchurch (NZ) in Adelaide for prolonged medical treatment.
9. Clothing and other children's needs sent to victims of the Chernobyl Nuclear disaster.
10. Providing support to many overseas students arriving in Adelaide.

The above shows a broad range of projects the Club has supported. Add to this the many used spectacles collected and dispatched to many under-privileged people overseas; the welcoming of many Lions, Lions Ladies and friends from our twinned Clubs; and the numerous minor projects carried out, the Club has made a very significant contribution to the International World of Lionism.



From top: publicity for the "Aussie" BBQ in Himeji; Lion Dean enjoying lunch Japanese style; and Lions David, Maurice and Warren escorted by Malaysian LLs atop Penang Hill, during the Sister Club visit in 1981.



Clockwise: Students of the Solomon Islands' Chung Wah School unpacking books donated by the Club following the 1981 tsunami; one of the many Asian children sponsored by the Club for corrective surgery at Adelaide's Cranio Facial Unit; PDG Jeffrey Quah and his visiting Penang Lions in song, and latterly being entertained at the home of Lion Martin and Kath Baily; and Sister Club, Singapore (Host)'s Lions Home for the Elderly being visited by some of our members and their ladies in 1982.

SUPPORT FOR LIONS PROGRAMMES

During the fifty years of our existence, many programmes have been initiated through District and Multiple District (MD), but two International programmes have been around much longer. These two programmes, Save Sight / Sight First and Lions Clubs International Foundation, have enjoyed considerable support from the Club.

The Club, through the efforts of PDG Brian Carter, supported the establishment of the Lions Hearing Dog programme, which has now been operating with great success for some twenty years from its National Headquarters at Verdun in the Adelaide Hills. The Club has sponsored three recipients for Hearing Dogs and has made regular annual donations to the programme.

Another MD project which has received significant support from the Club is the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. From its incorporation the Club has sponsored a number of walkers and upgrades to them. To date more than \$24,900 has been provided by the Club.

The Australian Lions Foundation was established to provide funding for emergencies and worthwhile projects anywhere in Australia. The Club has been a regular contributor for many years, and when a call is made for disasters that have occurred in Australia, further significant contributions are made.

The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation, Cord Blood Foundation and Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation have been regular recipients of funds from the Club. In more recent years the Lions Medical Research Foundation has also received funds.

The Youth of the Year programme has been supported by the Club every year since District 201J adopted the Quest in 1967/68. Not only have we provided candidates, but have regularly been involved in Regional District and State finals. It was not until 2009 that we had our first State winner.

Youth Exchange has also been well supported by the Club, both in hosting young people from Asia, Europe and North America, as well as sending young people overseas and around Australia. In more recent years the programme has had to be held over because of an ageing membership, but we are hopeful that resumption will occur within the next year or so.

District Conventions from time to time approve many programmes, some short term and others of longer duration (eg funding for Food Bank SA) and the Club has, to the best of its ability contributed. In some instances, after the District programme has been completed, the Club has continued its support.

The National and District programmes are an integral part of Lionism and they are able to provide significant support for a cause that would be beyond the resources of anyone Club. For this reason the City of Adelaide Club has been a willing financial supporter.



The Club's first Youth of the Year State winner, Richard Hayman of Immanuel College, pictured with YOY Chairman Brian Coggle at Mildura.

Year 9 students of St Dominic's Priory School being addressed by Club members at an anti-drug presentation.





Youth Exchangee to Japan, Sarah Dix.



LLs Pam, Shirley and Maxine hosting 3 of our Asian exchangees on a day out.



Lion Ray and PDG Bill Holmes hosting state Youth of the Year finalists on a visit to the Hearing Dogs Centre at Verdun.



Lion Gary receiving some TLC from LL Pat, during a Club visit to the Lions Eye Bank at Flinders M.C.



Lions Hearing Dogs: Roxy with her owner, Vladimir Jurcik; and Mia, with her recipient, Tom Steeples, accompanied by Hearing Dogs trainer, Luiza Ziembicki.



Hannah Fabig thanking the Club for her Kaye Walker.

SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUNG AND OUR YOUTH

Very early the Club decided that a main objective would be to provide support for the young, and the members can be proud of what has been achieved and given to help these young people.

Some major projects supporting the young have been highlighted elsewhere in the review, but there are many others worthy of comment. However, space will limit mentioning them all, but hereunder is a summary of the many organisations helped since our inception.

- Novita Children's Services (formerly Crippled Children's Association) from year 1 and ongoing
- Mentally Retarded Children's Services, now Orana Inc, from year 1 and ongoing
- Women's & Children's Hospital (formerly Adelaide Children's Hospital and Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital) from year 1 and ongoing
- Minda Inc.
- Gilles and Sturt Street Schools
- Christmas Toys
- Sponsorship of Children's Camps – ongoing
- Riding for the Disabled
- Sunshine Homes for Children
- Street Kids (ongoing)
- Children of Courage Awards – ongoing
- Pre Schools – various
- "Identikid"
- Cora Barclay Centre for Deaf Children
- Children's Film Festival
- Christmas Pageant – various projects
- SAPOL "Kind Lions"
- Aeroplane Rides
- SA Youth Parliament – ongoing

Working with the young is always an enjoyable experience, at times tinged with sadness, at times filled with laughter and happiness, but always with the knowledge that the Club has helped young people in need.

Lions serving complimentary drinks and sweets at the Club's 1995 Children's Film Festival.



H.E. The Governor, and our Hon Lion, Kevin Scarce, with one of the 2009 Children of Courage Award winners.



The Club's sponsored delegate to the 2009 SA Youth Parliament, Blake Parham, flanked by the Hon Tom Koutsantonis, left, and President Robin.





Clockwise from top right: Lion Graham happily shooting another of his many **Identikid** photos at the Royal Show; LLs Joy and Pat accompanied by Lions Brian, Geoff and Graham with “Twiggy” the horse the Club donated to the Riding for the Disabled association; Lady Neal pictured with the 1998 Children of Courage participants at Government House; H.E. The Governor, Marjorie Jackson-Nelson with one of the 2003 Children of Courage nominees; President Noel and members presenting “kind lions” to SAPOL officers; and Lion Ray introducing recipients of various Walkers and their parents.

SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY

The demands that are made on Service Clubs cover many needs, but the elderly and frail seem to be those that need most support. The Club has provided considerable support to these citizens, much of it directly, but also through the many organisations who are there to help the elderly and frail.

Again, space does not permit an extensive review of all projects, so just some are mentioned. Many of these projects were started long ago and are still ongoing, but may have changed a little to meet current requirements:

1. Medical Equipment - various hospitals
2. Elderly Citizens' Outings
3. Large Print Books
4. Supporting Mothers' Association
5. Meals on Wheels
6. Lions Over 50s Club and Coglin Street Wednesday Club
7. St Raphael's Home for the Aged Blind
8. Easter Hampers
9. Christmas Hampers
10. Cancer Research
11. Asthma SA
12. Repatriation Hospital, Daws Road
13. Diabetes SA – Education Programmes for the Elderly
14. Glaucoma Screenings
15. Eye Health Programmes



SAPOL bandmen entertaining our Lions Over 50s Club guests at a seniors' party arranged at the Adelaide Gaol.



Elderly Citizens enjoying the entertainment provided at one of the annual outings to the Seniors' Club at Yankalilla.

Below: President Joe and our senior guests leaving the Yaldara Function Centre at Lyndoch, destination of another of the Club's many annual Elderly Citizens' outings.





Clockwise from top left:
 Lion Kuang helping a guest alight from the bus; the seniors being entertained at Yankalilla; Lord Mayor Alfred Huang surrounded by Christmas Party guests of the Coglin Street Club; members of the Over 50s Club at their wind-up luncheon; LL Tomiko leading the Conga Line at Yankalilla; an early Elderly Citizens' outing to the Tanunda Oval and grandstand where some of our guests enjoyed outdoor games; and LL Chris serving one of our Elderly Citizens during lunch.



OTHER PROJECTS WORTHY OF MENTION

When one reads the Annual Reports of the Club over fifty years, it is incredible the number of projects undertaken, both large and small.

Elsewhere in the review many of our major projects have been highlighted, but there are many more worthy of mention. However, space precludes every project being highlighted, so hereunder are some which show the range and diversity of the help given by the Club.

1. Development of the Kent Town workshop for the Mentally Retarded Children's Society (now Orana Inc.) in the late 1960s, at a cost of \$30,000.
2. The establishment of a holiday camp at Normanville (on land owned by a member) for use by disadvantaged families.
3. Providing funds to establish the Supporting Mothers' Association, and also to continue ongoing support with both money and administration services.
4. Helped establish the Service to Youth Council and to provide ongoing support by representation on their Board.
5. Ongoing support for Guide Dogs for the Blind.
6. Lions Club of the City of Adelaide and South Australian Police Bravery and Citizenship Awards, which is still a current programme.
7. "Father of the Year" and "Mother of the Year" annual Awards which were run in conjunction with the Retail Traders' Association. The project was conducted by the Club for many years, until a restructure of the retail industry seriously affected the viability of the project. Over the years the Awards were held, many thousands of dollars were raised and donated to a range of deserving causes in the City of Adelaide.
8. Migrants and Refugees – through the Migrant Resource Centre and the Australian Refugee Association the Club has provided support in many ways to help these new residents settle into their new life in South Australia.
9. EMT Ambulance – The EMT organisation was established to provide a voluntary, free-of-charge ambulance service for those citizens not otherwise covered by the State Ambulance Service. To get them established, the Club financed their first ambulance (a second hand one from Victoria). Their service is fulfilling a growing need for the disadvantaged and unemployed.

10. Asthma Foundation – The Club has provided funding for the development of an education programme for both adults and children. The programme has been very successful in making citizens aware of the problems associated with this ailment

11. Barbeques – Since inception the Club has been involved in barbeques for a wide and diversified range of charitable and other organisations. By no means all, but listed below are some of the organisations we have supported.

- Downs Syndrome Society
- Ryder-Cheshire Foundation
- Overseas Students organisations
- Adelaide University and University of South Australia
- Australian Refugee Association



Top: 1995 "Mother of the Year" Dianna d'Este with her Award from President Noel and flowers from LL Dot.

Above: 1988 "Father of the Year", Senior Constable Tom Adams and sporting "Father of the Year", Michael Nunan, receiving their Awards from President John White.



Clockwise from top left: winner of the 2005 Citizen's Award, Robert Wheare, pictured with his wife, Nan, President Don and SAPOL Commissioner, and Hon Member, Mal Hyde; Lion Graham with fellow members and LLs at the 2011 Ryder-Cheshire Gourmet Dinner; hard-working, early-rising Lions preparing breakfast in the Hutt Street kitchen; Lions Martin, Gordon, Ken and Noel packing Easter Hampers; Lion Greg delivering Hampers to the Adelaide Day Centre; President Robin and fellow Lions Warren and Greg with SAPOL officers considering the 2009 Citizen of the Year nominees.





HOW WE HAVE FUNDED PROJECTS

Reading this review you will understand that the Club has paid out very significant amounts of money to finance the projects undertaken

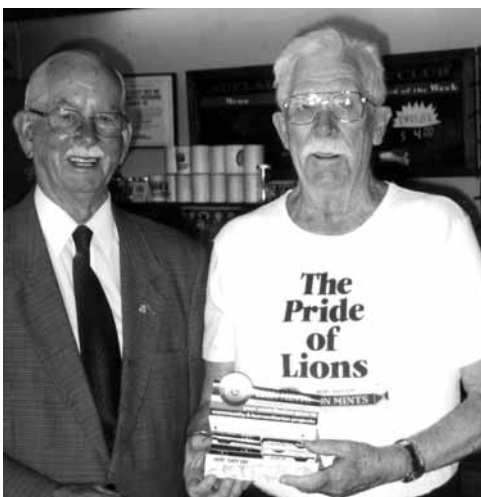
Raising monies is never easy, and today demands from not-for-profit organisations are far greater than in 1961 when the Club was chartered. Over the years, the members of the Club have developed a fantastic range of ideas to achieve the Club's financial goals – most successful; some ordinary, for the work involved; and a few disasters – but whether successful or not, a fantastic camaraderie has developed between members and their Ladies over our fifty years. Again, so many fundraising activities have been held, but a few stand out and have raised significant funds for the Club.

1. In the Club's earlier years, through the generosity of Bob O'Neill, many functions were held in the grounds of the O'Neil's magnificent Belair gardens and many thousands of dollars, so much needed in the early days, were raised.
2. Children's Film Festivals in excess of \$100,000 was raised from these very enjoyable events.
3. Melbourne Cup Luncheons were started by the Ladies Auxiliary in 1963, and this fun and very worthwhile event continues to be run. Nearly \$100,000 has been raised from this annual event.
4. Club wine bottling commenced in 1968 at the TST Winery at Stepney. A Wolf Blass blend of Shiraz and Mataro was the Club's first bottling, and over the next forty years, regular bottlings have proved very successful fund-raising events. Good wine is always in demand.
5. In 1966 The Club established a Charitable Trust and obtained tax deduction status from the Australian Taxation Office. Since its inception the Fund has developed a significant investment portfolio (through bequests and donations) the income from which now forms a major portion of the Club's annual income.
6. Lions Christmas Cakes have been a major project of the Club since they were first introduced by Multiple District. The Club has always been the District's highest seller of Cakes. Our best years were in 1975/76 and 1976/77 when 500 dozen cakes were sold in each year. Today, not as many Cakes are sold by the Club, but at current prices our turnover is in excess of \$35,000 and profits in excess of \$5,000.
7. Lion Mints have also been a great seller since their introduction, and contribute in excess of \$5,000 per year to our income.

8. Some extra special events made lots of money, and one was a disaster:
 - a) Elvis Presley's Golden Cadillac – the Club was given the rights to promote this car in South Australia as part of its Australian Tour. A fun occasion which raised lots of money.
 - b) French Hell Drivers – again the Club was given the right to conduct this event which was held at Wayville Showgrounds. The novelty of the event saw massive crowds and, after all promotional and other costs, a nice profit was paid to the Club. An enormous amount of work, but a worthwhile monetary result.
 - c) "The Water Follies 1968" was a real "folly". The Club was offered the rights to this event and on the information and projections provided by the promoters, a good profit appeared achievable. But at this early stage of the life of the Club it was not to be and the Club incurred a trading loss in excess of \$7000, a lot of money in 1968. Fortunately, eleven Club members guaranteed a loan with the Club's banker and two years later the debt was repaid. The reversal did not deter the Club from being entrepreneurs as a) and b) were held after this event.
9. Barbeques have been an integral and fun part of the Club's activities from day one. Many have been held for deserving organisations and, in most cases, done as a community service. However, for a great majority the Club has been able to raise significant funds to support its ongoing projects
10. Lastly, by no means least, has been the Club's Ladies' Auxiliary who have raised thousands of dollars from a range of fun(d)-raising events. Their contribution to the Club has been truly magnificent and without doubt has funded many of the projects the Club has undertaken.



Lions loading goods donated for a garage sale.



Clockwise from top right: Lions Gordon, Noel and Gary helping out on the filling line at the Club's wine-bottling day at the Chapel Hill Winery; several of our Ladies and their guests all dressed up for the Hat Parade, a feature of the annual Melbourne Cup Luncheon; one of several BBQs the Club was requested to prepare for the students of the University of Adelaide; Lion Mints have always been a profitable fundraiser for the Club – Mint Chairman Bill Othams displaying an Award with Lion Gordon; President Noel delivering a stack of Christmas Cakes to the Manager of Henderson's Automotive; and Lion Graham and Cake Chairman Geoff make another happy sale from the Gawler Place stall.

IT'S NOT ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Over fifty years many changes have occurred in the world in which we live. In today's life we accept as normal things that fifty years ago were not invented (eg mobile telephones). The advance in medical science and the advent of so many technological changes is resulting in the average age of people in our country increasing.

However, there is one thing that has been with the Lions Club for fifty years – the ability to have a good time and lots of fun in pursuit of the objectives of the Club.

Elsewhere in this review mention has been made of the fantastic working relationship that exists within our membership and with our Lions Ladies. This wonderful relationship has been enhanced by having just fun days, when members and their families and friends can get together and enjoy each others' company.

A review of our fifty-year history would not be complete if no mention was made of some of our social activities:

1. During his membership of the Club, Bob O'Neill opened his glorious hills' home and garden for members and friends to enjoy. These days were always well attended and were an indirect source of obtaining new members.
2. Family picnics at the historic Reynella Winery were also fantastic fun- filled days and always with lots of attendees. It is regrettable the "progress" of society has seen this great venue no longer available to the Club.
3. Bantick Pool Parties at their Burnside home were also wonderful social outings enjoyed by members and their families. After the sale of their Burnside home, the Banticks moved to a beautiful property out of Aldgate in the Adelaide Hills. Many pleasant family and friends outings were held at this delightful hills property with children particularly enjoying the donkey rides and other rural activities.
4. Christmas Parties have been a feature of the Club since inception, often highlighting the musical, theatrical and other talents of members.
5. Many social functions have been held when entertaining visiting Lions from our twinned Clubs. Most have been picnics with a barbeque in Adelaide's beautiful parklands, but a very memorable one was held at a well-established Southern Vales Winery (wine exports from South Australia were very good that year).

6. The occasional formal night, where the ladies have to have an excuse to dress up, have also been great social occasions for members and Lions Ladies.



A pair of Cornish gents – alias David and John – in song!!



Our Maori bus driver instructing a group of Lions in the art of performing a Haka, part of the entertainment at Yankalilla.



Lions Bill Monks, Bill Bowden, Brian Provis, Bob Britten-Jones and Charter Member, Roy King, hamming it up.



From top: Lion Alf playing Santa; Lion Meng as "Miss What Went Wong" and Lions Graham, and Colin as "Miss Laid", in a Club fashion extravaganza.

Clockwise: Lions Geoff and Graham in a French skit; Lion Meng and LL Lois; Lions Martin and Noel playing soldiers in the Banticks' armoury collection at Aldgate; LLs Shirley and Maxine "tripping the light fantastic" at one of the Elderly Citizens' concerts; all aboard for a cruise on West Lakes; Lion Graham tail-twisting Lion Jack; and LL Shirley and Lion Graham with their version of the "Indian Love Call" from "Rose Marie".

APPENDIX

CHARTER MEMBERS

Russel Beal	Roy King
Colin Becker	Hal Langdon
Maurice Bednall	Jack Langley
Peter Berry	Bev Lewis
John Borthwick	Norman Lewis
Graham Carrick	John Manthorpe
Bill Clayton	Rod Martindale
Ken Cooper	John Minks
Harry Coulls	Charles Mueller
Alf Cox	Tony Nelson
Joe Everett	Bob O'Neill
Keith Forman	Ray Paley
Jim Freeman	Hedley Pascoe
Harry Garth	Jim Polson
Roy Hambour	John Rundle
Gerald Handasyde	Bevan Rutt
Bill Haslam	Erik Sandelin-McCann
Gar Hone	Jack Sergeant
Ron Hone	Bert Stacey
Philip Jacobson	Thorny Thornquest
	Bob Wade

CHARTER OFFICERS

President:	Bevan Rutt
1st Vice President:	Ron Hone
2nd Vice President:	Maurice Bednall
Hon. Secretary:	John Minks
Hon. Treasurer:	John Manthorpe
Lion Tamer:	Ken Cooper
Tail Twister:	Hal Langdon

PAST PRESIDENTS

1961-62	Bevan Rutt (dcd)	1985-86	Bill Monks
1962-63	Ron Hone (dcd)	1986-87	Chris Hunter – Martin Baily (dcd)
1963-64	Maurice Bednall (dcd)	1987-88	Grant Minervini
1964-65	Norman Lewis (dcd)	1988-89	John White (dcd)
1965-66	John Minks (dcd)	1989-90	Jack Phelps Richards (dcd)
1966-67	Jack Gerard (dcd)	1990-91	Warren Wood
1967-68	Bob O'Neil (dcd)	1991-92	Joe Grande
1968-69	Mick Connelly (dcd)	1992-93	Gary Loxton (dcd)
1969-70	Tom O'Dea (dcd)	1992-95	Noel Brown (dcd)
1970-71	Roy King	1995-96	Gordon Pickhaver (dcd)
1972-73	Alex Tanner	1996-97	PDG Brian Carter
1973-74	Gar Hone (dcd)	1997-98	Geoff Wilson
1974-75	Gerald Gask (dcd)	1998-2000	Ray Dix
1975-76	Brian Carter	2000-01	Geoff Fox
1976-77	David Noblett (dcd)	2001-02	G Fox/A Sloan (dcd)
1977-78	Graham Higgs	2002-03	Allan Sloan (dcd)
1978-79	Bill Girdler (dcd)	2003-04	Robin Coleman
1979-80	Allan Sloan (dcd)	2004-05	Ray Dix
1980-81	Bill Bowden (dcd)	2005-07	Don Germein
1981-82	Dean Scott	2007-08	Geoff Wilson
1982-83	Roger Haydon	2008-09	Ray Dix
1983-84	Noel Gully (dcd)	2009-10	Robin Coleman
1984-85	Maurice Minervini	2010-11	Dean Scott

MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED ON MULTIPLE DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Bevan Rutt	Ben Gray
Maurice Bednall	Maurice Minervini
Brian Carter	Dean Scott
Brin Clarke	Jack Tank
Robin Coleman	Alex Tanner
Ray Dix	Ed Warren
Brian Gould	Warren Wood

CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED ON DISTRICT CABINET

Bevan Rutt	Bill Bowden
Ron Hone	Roger Haydon
Brin Clarke	Bill Hand
John Minks	Graham Higgs
Peter Klugh	Dr Meng Wong
Maurice Bednall	Noel Gully
Alex Tanner	Robin Coleman
Maurice Minervini	Grant Minervini
Dean Scott	Ray Dix
Harry Green	Ben Gray
Brian Carter	Brian Gould
Warren Wood	Ed Warren
Tom Jackson	Jack Tank
Colin Hogan	Colin Barrett
Allan Sloan	Bill Marsh

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

Martin Baily	Maurice Minervini
Brian Carter	Ray Najar
Robin Coleman	Bevan Rutt
Ray Dix	Dean Scott
Graham Higgs	Jack Tank
Ben Gray	Ed Warren
Noel Gully	Geoff Wilson

WILLIAM R TRESISE FELLOWSHIP

Dean Scott

JAMES D RICHARDSON HONOUR AWARD

Dean Scott	Bill Marsh
Ben Gray	Ray Dix
John Minks	Geoff Wilson
Brian Carter	Jack Tank
Colin Barrett	Ed Warren
Noel Gully	Gordon Pickhaver
Jack Gerard	Bill Othams
Graham Higgs	Warren Wood

LIFE MEMBERS

Martin Baily	Ben Gray
Noel Bantick	Graham Higgs
Maurice Bednall	Bill Marsh
Brian Carter	Bevan Rutt
Alf Cox	Dean Scott
Norm Drogemuller	Allan Sloan
Jack Gerard	Ed Warren
Jack Tank	Warren Wood

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*The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide has a long tradition of successfully organising Conventions, both MD and District – none more spectacular than the opening of **Adelaide Five 0** in 2010.*



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