

Anthony's Tidbits

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My Fellow N5 Lions, Lioness' and Leos

It gives me great pleasure to report that on 5 January 2015, yet another Lions club was chartered in our District - the Sydney Indian Lions Club with 22 Charter members. This is the third club chartered in N5 in the current Lions Year. Congratulations to all the Charter Members and those who contributed their time and effort to make this happen!

In the wake of the disastrous damages caused by Cyclone Pam, LCIF has given a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to assist the Lions of Vanuatu with both immediate and long-term relief efforts. This is the second grant given following the initial Emergency Grant of US\$100,000.

Many of you may be aware that on Sunday, 12 April 2015, another Lions Skills Sharing Expo for 2015 will be held at the Castle Hill RSL Club from 2 to 6 pm. This will be followed by a Get Together dinner. This Skills Expo is the second one of its kind in the current Lions Year, following the very successful inaugural Expo held on 6 September 2014 in the presence of International President Lion Joe Preston. On 12 April, there will be sessions of 25 and 55 minute durations in which Lions share their skills with their fellow Lions. So far, we have lined up over 20 presenters. I encourage as many of you to come along to support, to share and to learn on the day. If you are interested in finding out the skills topics to be presented, please go to the District website and check the Draft Program out.

Our Incoming Club Officers Training or Clubs Development Forum this year is scheduled on Sunday, 17 May at the Bankstown

Sports Club. All incoming club officers PLUS interested Lions are urged to come along and be kept abreast of the latest trends and developments of Lions, both locally and internationally.

As foreshadowed in the January 2015 issue of Anthony's Tidbits, a twin DVD pack of the very successful Convention 2014 has now been released. One is a video DVD. It comprises selected video footage of around 70 minutes. The other DVD includes hundreds of photos taken by our four official photographers. Each club will be sent a complimentary pack. If required, feel free to make duplicate copies for members. A free pack will also be made available to each of the participants of the Lions Skills Sharing Expo on 12 April. More good news! Despite all this additional expenditure, Convention 2014 has returned a handsome profit in excess of \$5,000 due to the pleasing level of sponsorship and sound financial management.

If you still haven't read any of the articles collected under DG Anthony's Treks yet, I would encourage you to do so right now. It is a web link on the Home Page of our District website - www.lionsclubssydney.org.au. It is a collection of articles that I have written since July 2014 describing the various facets and highlights of my job as District Governor, things done and places visited. To date, there is a collection of 19 articles complete with photos. The number is still growing.

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