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Editorial

The District 201 N5 Lithgow Convention was successfully concluded and we bid farewell to International President Wayne Madden and Lion Lady Linda Madden on the Monday following. Inside this issue is an excellent report with lovely photos of Sydney Chinese Lions at the Convention. Next year the District Convention will go further west to Bathurst before it returns to Castle Hill, Sydney in 2014. Sydney Chinese Lions will be the host Club of the 2014 District Convention.

The Second Sydney Chinese Lions Wealth Management Forum 2012 conducted exclusively in Putonghua was very well supported and received. Inside this issue there are a couple of excellent reports on the Forum.

As the year is drawing to a close, preparation work for Charity Ball 2013 is underway in earnest. St John

(NSW) will, for the third time, be the Major Beneficiary of the Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball. To support St John and Charity Ball 2013, all Sydney Chinese Lions are encouraged to help out by donating or sourcing donations for auction items, raffle prizes and/or table prizes. Invitation flyers to Charity Ball 2013 and Sponsorship Packages will also be available at the Christmas party. Sydney Chinese Lions please also help out by selling the Charity Ball tickets. After Charity Ball 2013, the venue, the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre, will be pulled down for re-development. This is probably the last chance to enjoy the facilities of the Convention Centre as they are and as they have served us so well since 2004.

The Christmas Party this year is scheduled on Wednesday, 19 December at the Zilver Restaurant. This

enjoyable and fun-sharing function is usually so well supported that reservation is a must. Those who have not secured their tickets will have to try earlier next year as all places have now been fully booked out.

The Christmas Party ushers in the New Year. On Australia Day - Saturday, 26 January 2013, the leaders of our Club will join the Australian Chinese Community in a commemoration service at the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument on the corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets. All members wishing to attend should contact the President or the Secretary.

President Mei and all the members of the Bulletin Editorial Panel wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Successful and Prosperous New Year.

By Lion Henry Leung

Special points of interest:

- > SCL Wealth Forum 2012 proves to be a success
- > at the District 201 N5 Lithgow Convention, SCL made a successful bid to host N5 Convention 2014
- > SCL AGM held on 7 Nov 2012
- > Dinner with International President Wayne Madden on 19 Nov 2012
- > SCL Christmas Party on 19 Dec 2012
- > 2013 Australian Day Memorial



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Sydney Chinese Lions at N5 Convention 2012 in Lithgow making a bid to host Convention 2014

Message from District Governor Greg Dunn



**District Governor
Lion Greg Dunn & wife Judy**

Sorry about the time gap between this Sydney News and the last edition. There was a slight change of management and a bit of high ranking interruption to standard schedules.

High ranking? Well they don't come much higher in Lions than our International President. President Wayne Madden and his lovely wife Linda arrived on schedule emerging through the Customs and Immigration gate at around 8:00am Wednesday 14th November. There to meet them were International 1st Vice President Barry Palmer, Council Chairman Lou Onley and his wife Kaye, 2nd Vice District Governor Anthony Cheung and wife Emma, Cab. Secretary Jennifer Touzel and husband Peter, Judith and I.

A convoy of baggage carts soon saw us headed for the hotel. Following lunch and a water taxi ride they enjoyed a much needed rest before the welcoming reception at NSW Parliament House that evening hosted by the Speaker of the House, The Hon. Shelley Hancock.

The next day we were fortunate to be able to treat our VIP couple to a tour of the Save Sight Institute Research Laboratory with Prof. Peter McCluskey and crew, and of course Prof. John McAvoy for explaining the finer points of the research equipment. They also grabbed the opportunity for Wayne to unveil a newly constructed sign depicting Lions Strong involvement with the Save Sight Institute. Our party then moved next door for lunch in Parliament House with members of The NSW Parliamentary Lions Club in the Presidents Dining Room hosted by the President of the Legislative Council, The Hon. Don Harwin. Our own President and Linda were recognised from the floor of the house during question time along with Council Chairman Lou and Kaye as well as Judith and myself. A short rest back at the hotel before travelling to the home of Crestwood Lions Helen and Bob Rose for an informal Bar-B-Q with my own Club of Crestwood. Our 84 year old Club member Kevin still believes IP Wayne was there specifically for his birthday, and rightly so.

Next morning, the entourage had a scenic descriptive and imaginative tour through the Blue Mountains to Lithgow. I say "imaginative" as the pea soup fog obliterated any possibility of catching a glimpse of the scenery. Finally arriving at Lithgow we all changed for the Civic Reception with Mayor Maree Statham. I would make mention here about the "Secret Creek Restaurant". A private conservation involved in breeding endangered wallabies and other fauna. If ever you are looking for somewhere to go for a wonderful but different meal in Lithgow, look no further. Meanwhile the conventioners were enjoying an abundance of really good food at the Meet, Greet and Eat back at the Civic Ballroom prior to the Opening Ceremony.

From all reports, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the Convention. It did have a happy atmosphere which could only come from those in attendance. My deep appreciation goes to my own Club of Crestwood led by our Convention Chairman, John Ebbott and also to Lion President Robyn Rule and her ever obliging band of Lithgow Lions. Where do I stop, The Vale Ladies, The Quota Club, The Pianist, The Bush Poet, The Pipe Band, The visiting Lions and even the local Pub which provided staff to service both the alcoholic and soft drink needs of those in attendance. And hearty congratulations to DG (Elect) Warren Latham, 1VDG(Elect) Anthony Cheung 2VDG(Elect) Joanne Sim, SS&PHC Foundation Director Gwenda Sim and Nurses Scholarship Director, Sheryl Buffett for their success at the Elections.

Message from DG Greg Dunn (cont'd)

But I guess my special thanks go to all who attended and contributed to what I believe was a truly great and happy atmosphere. Thank you.

After trying to retrieve our International President from being stuck in a small cave atop Hassan's Walls (I think he felt he was still down the Coal Mine which he visited after the convention), we headed over the mountain again via the Bells Line of Road to another Bar-B-Q held at the home of Hawkesbury Bells Line Lions Club member, Max Denton. Hats off to Max and the H.B L. Club members for a wonderful informal interlude and also to everyone who took the time to attend and make this a very special occasion. Wayne had previously mentioned that there are not many opportunities for informal gatherings. The Farewell and Thank You Dinner at Zilvers Restaurant gave everyone the opportunity to meet and have photographs with President Wayne and Linda. A special thank you to Lion Lin Abbott and President Betty together with the members of Sydney Waratah Lions for their effort in putting this together as well as supplying all of the raffle prizes. It was really gratifying to see so many Clubs represented on one occasion at a District function. I was truly overwhelmed at the support shown to our International President Wayne and I know both he and Linda appreciated your attendance.

I'm not sure who partnered who at the Golf on Tuesday morning at Moore Park but I did overhear Wayne say he was selling his Clubs. Our group of Council Chairman Lou, DGE Warren and I followed the illustrious team of IP Wayne and Lions Amen Lee, Reg Wallin and Tim Daley. They were assured that as long as they stayed on the fairway, they would be safe from us hitting them from behind. While Wayne was enjoying his Golf, Linda (Madden) and Kaye (Onley) were getting a guided tour of various parts of Sydney by Judith including touring the Opera House. We all came together for lunch and proceeded to the Airport where we shipped them all off to Queensland.

Judith and I immediately headed off to another District Governors Visit to Hawkesbury South Lions Club at Windsor. Exhausting? Yes! But a truly wonderful experience to be able to host a great President who was informative, patient, inspiring, humorous, - and has now "Been to Lithgow" My thanks to all who have assisted Judith and myself in this momentous event including CC Lou and Kaye Onley, Peter and Jennifer Touzel, Bede and Trish Long, Ray and Carol Cook and many others. Wayne and Linda Madden will remember District 201-N5 (and Lithgow).

All of this has not overshadowed the excitement and gratitude at the welcome extended to Judith and myself as well as Cab Secretary Jennifer during our Club Visits. I am constantly heartened to hear of the dedication and commitment of our members to try to make this world a better place for the community and for those less fortunate. So far we have visited 38 Clubs and still going strong. May all of you experience the joy and happiness of Christmas with family and friends from two very appreciative people who you have chosen to play a prominent role within your District. Thank you for being our friends.

Merry Christmas to all

Greg Dunn
District Governor



SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS AT LIONS DISTRICT 201 N5 CONVENTION IN LITHGOW



From Friday, 16 to Sunday, 18 November 2012, District 201 N5 of Lions Club International held their Annual Convention in Lithgow. The Convention was an official gathering of Delegates of Lions Clubs in the District. Each Club is entitled to one Delegate for every ten members on its roll. The Convention was chaired by Lion District Governor Greg Dunn and hosted by the Lions Club of Crestwood at the recently refurbished Civic Ballroom at the Tony Luchetti Showground in Lithgow.

The Opening Ceremony was on Friday evening and the Convention concluded after lunch on Sunday. During that time, Lions debated many matters of importance, including projects to be supported and amendments to sections of the Constitution. The theme for the Formal Dinner on Saturday night was "Red and Black". Over 200 Conventioneers attended the Convention with many accommodation providers reporting solid bookings for the weekend.

Special Guests at the Convention were Lion Wayne Madden, International President of Lions Clubs International and his wife Lion Linda from Auburn, Indiana, USA. This was their first ever trip to the west of the mountains in Sydney.

There were two key note speakers. The first was Mr Richard Appleby, Chief Executive Officer of Can Assist. He spoke about the importance of supporting the funding for cancer patients from rural Australia in order for them to receive suitable treatment in metropolitan areas. The second was Mr Graeme Hosken from the Dubbo School of Distance Education who spoke about the education services they offer.

The Business Sessions of the Convention otherwise passed various motions regarding (a) Can Assist Building Appeal;

(b) Amendment to sections of the District Constitution and (c) Lions reading action program.

Then it came what was to me the highlight of the Convention - the nomination and election of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor for 2013-14. Lion Warren Latham, the only candidate for DG and our own Lion Dr Anthony Cheung, the only candidate for 1st Vice DG easily won the hearts of the Convention and the vote of confidence with their passionate speeches. There were two nominations for 2nd Vice DG; including Lion Dennis Halpin and Lion Joanne Sim who both gave inspiring speeches. There were 2 nominations for the 3 available positions of the 3-Year Directorships of the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Board, including Lion Michael Butler and our own Lion May Wong and they were elected automatically. The third position was opened to the floor, for which there were two contenders - Lion Cate Turner from Sydney Host and Lion Cheryl Buffett from Norfolk Island. The voting was conducted in earnest after the speeches. Similar to previous N5 Conventions, the results were held in suspense until the following morning. Then it was announced that the 2nd Vice DG went to Lion Joanne Sim and the third Director's position of the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Board went to Lion Cheryl Buffett.

This convention saw Sydney Chinese Lions deeply involved in the three

following areas:

- (1) Lion Dr Anthony Cheung's successful election as First Vice District Governor of N5 (2013-14)
- (2) Lion May Wong's successful election as a 3-Year Director of the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Board (2013-2015)
- (3) Our Club's successful bid to host the N5 Convention in November 2014 at the Castle Hill RSL Club.

At the Bidding, Convention Bid Chair Lion Dr Danform Lim and Deputy Bid Chair Lion Emily Hung gave a humorous and informative presentation and proclaimed what our Club could bring to the Lions District. The session ended with the enthusiastic exclamation by Sydney Chinese Lions members "Danform, we are all behind you!" which drew a round of roaring applause from the crowd. This presentation helped raise the profile of Sydney Lions Chinese among the Conventioneers. We look forward to hosting the Convention in 2014. We are fully committed and determined to work really hard towards making the Convention a huge success.

Next year's N5 Convention will be held in Bathurst on 15-17 November 2013. It will be hosted by the Lions Club of Epping -Eastwood. It will surely be an exciting event and Sydney Chinese Lions are welcomed to join the Convention so that we can get a taste of the proceedings before we host our own in 2014.

Reported by Lion May Wong



Sydney Chinese Lions with International President Madden at N5 Lithgow Convention

Congratulations

***to the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Lions Inc
for winning their Bid
to host the N5 District Convention 2014
at the Castle Hill RSL Club
on 14-16 November 2014***

Congratulations

***to Lion Past President Dr Anthony Cheung
for being elected as
First Vice District Governor (2013-2014)
of District 201 N5***

Congratulations

***to Lion Dr May Wong
for being elected as
a 3-Year Director of
the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Board
(2013-2015)
of District 201 N5***



Sydney Chinese Lions

Wealth Management Forum November 2012

A Financial Forum that is free and non-promotional just sounds too good to be true. But, it did happen on Saturday, 24 November, 2012. Sydney Chinese Lions organised this very successful Forum at which five high profile financial specialists interacted with some 100 members of the general public. At the conclusion of the Forum, nobody wanted to leave. The audience all congregated around the speakers asking questions and seeking more information. For those who attended, it was such a wonderful and educational experience.

"Unspoken Secret" was from Raymond, who is a business partner of RBS-Morgans. He explained how Investment Banks, Fund Managers and Stock Brokers operate and the risks when dealing with them. As he unveiled the reasons why Facebook's share value plummeted by 50% in less than six months after its IPO earned a loud round of applause from the audience.

Dr Wang is a Professor from the University of Technology and Science. His findings are most intriguing - in terms of long term return in the stock market: those with high IQ and good educational background have an advantage; single females perform better than males (excluding P.R.C.); individual buyers cannot win over finance companies or Foreign Funds. I was so glad that I always hold that opportunism does not pay - so individuals like myself do need to think twice before taking a plunge into the stock market.

Cindy is a CPA from Tax Master. She touched on many topics regarding taxation and negative gearing. Most members of the audience own investment properties or are planning to



At Sydney Chinese Lions Wealth Forum November 2012

purchase some more. Cindy was made to work extra hard as there were numerous questions from the audience in her FAQ segment. She also stressed that it is important to keep an eye on any possible changes in negative gearing policies imposed by the government.

Steven Yu is the Managing Director of Sunstar Capital/Longton Properties and an experienced lawyer. He focused on a major topic: Sino-Australia Cross-Border Investments. To our delight, he presented in a most interesting and easy-to-understand manner. Thanks to Australia's stable economy, its friendly multicultural environment, its well established and legal system, Australia continues to attract Chinese investors. Steven shared with the audience a couple of Mining and Property Development cases. He gave suggestions on how to avoid misleading input as well as demonstrated ways to minimise risk and maximise return.

Financial Planner Diana works for AMP. She identified common errors in personal wealth management: some people do not have a

good knowledge of their personal assets, others have poor journal or budgeting while some others neglect long term planning. Diana suggested that the last thing you want to do is when you see others have a promising return and follow suit without considering your personal financial circumstances.

The highlight of the Forum were the Panel Discussions. The five speakers sat down together with MC Duncan and Elaine on the stage, sharing their points of view on the stock and trade markets, funds and personal assets management, tax and legal matters as well as the Australian economy. At the conclusion of the Forum, as stated above, the speakers were surrounded by the audience who swamped them with questions.

I am so grateful that Sydney Chinese Lions has organised such an impressive educational event for the public. The Lions' motto is "We serve". My tribute to these dedicated Lions is, "Go Lions go! The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose."

Reported by Lion Sophie He



雪梨華人獅子會

2012 投資理財百家談

二十四號週六，雪梨華人獅子會主辦了一個面向家庭和個人的教育性投資與理財論壇，完全免費、無銷售、而五位講師則來自五個不同的領域和公司，客觀上做到了立場的中立；容納過百人的場地座無虛席。講座結束後觀眾們久久不肯離去。這次活動的成功，也離不開龍騰地產、WaiWai雜誌、City Lexus和TaxMaster的鼎力支持，大家的合作和努力功不可沒。

來自 RBS-Morgans 的陳浩庭 Raymond 是投行高級合夥人，他的「投行不能說的秘密」一開篇就完完全全折服了我。臉書五月十八日轟轟烈烈的上市，到目前股價百分之五十的縮水的例子，生動地解釋了基金經理、股票交易的運作方式和隱性風險。聽眾們恍然大悟為什麼 Facebook IPO 之前輿論一面倒，沒有人敢於說他的市值被嚴重高估。

雪梨科技大學的王建新金融系副教授帶來了他有趣的研究發現。散戶購入的股票未來回報績效走差，而金融未來回報績效走強；高學歷或高智商以及女士個人投資者傾向更好(中國除外)。即便大家都懂得賣漲持虧的道理，研究顯示持一兩隻股票比持更多股票回報更好等等。王教授的講說也證實了：股市雖精彩，入市須謹慎。



雪梨華人獅子會 2012 投資理財百家談主持人和演講嘉賓主題討論

Cindy 是 Tax Master 會計師，她解釋了合理避稅，負扣稅的應用和誤區。因為她的話題與大家生活息息相關，因此對她的提問也最多。大家對於投資房自住與空住的一些疑問，以及折舊在負扣稅中的作用她都一一耐心解答。她也提醒大家要留意政治變化可能對負扣稅造成的潛在影響。

于佳一 Steven 是龍騰地產的管運董事、律師。熟識中澳跨境投資的法律和法規。他讓聽眾從一個高度去瞭解除了相對低廉的設立成本，豐富的資源和能源，澳大利亞憑藉什麼持續吸引來自中國的投資以及跨境投資中國政府審批標準。Steven 也以礦業和房地產業為例子，說明了中資企業在澳洲投資的常見問題，以及個人在購買房地產時候如何才能不被誤導，做到精買精賣。

來自 AMP 的劉俊 Diana 是位理財規劃師，她點破了個人理財上的幾大誤區：目前已有資產不

明確；對收支不做紀錄、預算、現金管理不當；不重視人生長期規劃；缺乏正確的保險意識；人云亦云盲目跟風投資或不投資等等。行家說的好：你不理財，財不理你。

最後幾位行業精英與同樣有金融行業背景的兩位主持人 - Duncan 和 Elaine 配合默契，從不同的視角與聽眾們共同探討了現今澳洲及全球經濟、理財策略、交易心得和與投資理財相關的稅務和法律問題，真正做到了全方位、多視角、敢披露。活動結束後，絕大多的聽眾都還在圍著幾位演講嘉賓繼續探討問題，絲毫沒有要離去的意思。他們意猶未盡，這種場面并不多見。

這裡和大家分享幾位演講嘉賓都涉及到的一個共同話題：大家在進行投資理財時候，都需要理智思考，認清形勢，團隊合作，做好最壞的打算，向最好的方向努力。

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We Serve

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is a member of Lions Clubs International, an international non profit community service organization, upholding a common motto "WE SERVE". Today, there are Lions clubs in 207 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 71 clubs with around 1,650 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past seventeen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & 2nd Vice District Governor Dr Anthony Cheung and other Past Presidents, in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, and on top of all these, the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the club has donated over \$500,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, Lions Clubs International Foundation, CareFlight, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands have reaped the benefits. The club is also mindful of the well being and good health of our community, hence they have in place their annual health seminars, teal ribbon scholarships and traditional Chinese Medicine Research Scholarships.

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Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Sydney Chinese Lions Christmas Party and December Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant (Full House — no further bookings can be taken)	Wednesday 19 December 2012 7:00 for 7:30pm 7:30pm	\$50 per person
Sydney Chinese Lions Monthly Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant (no meeting on 3 January 2013)	Wednesday 9 January, 2013 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Australian Day Memorial	the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument on the corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets.	Saturday 26 January, 2013 10:30am	Free of Charge

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