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# Sydney Chinese Lions

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## President's Message

My Fellow Lions

Following a very successful Charity Ball held on 31 March, at which over 45 of our own members and some 400 guests attended, we raised a sum of \$43,000+. This amount includes the \$10,000 donation made by Manchester Unity through Mr. John Brogden. At our May Board Meeting, we decided to donate an unprecedented amount of \$41,000 to St John Ambulance (NSW). The Cheque Presentation Ceremony will be held at a Media Conference on Tuesday, 29 May at 12 noon at Zilver Restaurant. Do come along to witness this happy event, a delightful fruition of our collective effort throughout the past year and a remarkable outcome that we, as Sydney Chinese Lions, can all be proud of and cherish for a long, long time.

At our May Members Meeting, we also made a donation of \$2,000 to the Lions Club of Sydney Innerwest to support their Family Charity Day. President Patrick Chok together with a good number of their members were there to receive a cheque from us. Also at the meeting, we invited the 3 Finalists of Humanitarian Scholarship 2007 to make short presentations on their

humanitarian work. The quality of this year's finalists and their work is exceptionally high. (See Page 2 for details.) The result will be announced on 6 June at our Changeover 2007 at Zilver Restaurant.



**Presenting a \$2,000 Cheque to the Lions Club of Sydney Innerwest to Support their Family Charity Day Initiative**

By the way, if you still haven't sent in your RSVP for the Changeover dinner, please do so soon so that we can gauge the numbers for catering purposes.

The Multiple District 201 National Convention was held at Darling Harbour during 13-20 May. We played our small part supporting the event. Among the 250 Lions banners flying around the Convention area, there's one bearing our Club's name which we had subscribed to. VP Elect Simon and I attended several sessions at the Convention and broadened our Lions network. We attended the Gala Ball and even managed to squeeze in a quiet lunch with President Halina Young and VP

Tony Pallotta of the Lions Club of Perth City Host, the first Lions Club chartered in Perth.

Our Club had 2 hits in the April-May 2007 issue of the LION magazine. There's a full page coverage of the Chinese New Year Parade on p.24 and a report on our \$3,000 donation to the "Give Back to the Country" drought relief campaign on p.27.

You may recall we had 3 guests from Finland at our Chinese New Year Parade. They were International Director Elect Tapani Rahko, his wife Helena and daughter Minna. At our request, upon her return to Finland, Helena worked on having her club, LC Järvenpää Aiot, to establish a "Club Twinning" relationship with us (See Page 3 for an explanation of this Lions terminology) Recently, we received an invitation from their President Soili Kiuru for this purpose. At our May Board Meeting, the matter was considered and we have decided to go ahead with the twinning process. We believe this twinning will be a valuable international tie for our Club and look forward to the completion of the process in due course. Clearly, I'll keep you posted of the developments.

Yours in Lions  
Anthony

# Sydney Chinese Lions

## Humanitarian Scholarship 2007

**This is the 5th consecutive year that our Club is offering our Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship. The purpose is to encourage and recognise humanitarian services undertaken by university students.**

Throughout these years, this scholarship has received excellent recognition and acknowledgement from the public.

In February, we invited for applications and the response was excellent. The quality of applications received this year, compared to previous years, is the highest ever.

The adjudicating panel comprises President Anthony Cheung, Vice President Sylvia Chong, Membership Chairman Wandy Kerr, and Lion Arthur Kwan. They selected 3 finalists, and each finalist made a brief presentation at our dinner meeting held on 2 May.

The finalists are Marianna Leishman, Mark Longhurst and Angela Titmuss. The following is a brief description of their humanitarian work.

**Marianna Leishman** is from the University of Sydney. Whilst studying, she undertook numerous pro-bono tasks. She volunteered with 'Mahboba's Promise', a charity that provides food, shelter and education to widows and orphans in Afghanistan. She also served at Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre working on domestic violence and sexual assault cases. She drafted submissions for the 'Refugee Advice and Casework

Service' and 'NSW Young Lawyers for Human Rights'. She published articles on experiences of Muslim women as victims of discrimination and harassment. She has also voluntarily assisted in projects for the 'Homeless Persons Legal Service', the 'Stolen Wages Project', the 'Sydney Children's Hospital' and 'Cana Communities Darlinghurst Shelter'. Next year, she is travelling to remote rural Australia for the Aurora Native Title Internship.

services to stateless Vietnamese refugees. In the next 10 months, he will be travelling to Washington DC to continue volunteer work in refugee-resettlement and counter-trafficking of Vietnamese nationals. He will also be actively involved in a university society's humanitarian project in Uganda.

**Angela Titmuss** is from the University of New South Wales. She has been extensively involved in humanitarian activities over the past 10 years. In 2002, she was President of Rural Allied Health and Medical Society, a university society with the objective of increasing the health workforce for remote rural Australia. Since 2003 she has been involved with the National Rural Health Network, undertaking rural school visits, health programs promotion, running workshops for Indigenous school students and others. In 2005, she worked

as a volunteer in Walungurru, a remote Australian town, coordinating youth activities that aimed at diversion against petrol sniffing, as well as training local youth there, and promoting health programs. Earlier this year she received the Janie Dade Smith Award for Outstanding Contribution to Rural, Remote and Indigenous Health. She also undertook Night Patrol and youth program development for the 'St Vincent de Paul Society'. In the next 12 months, she will continue to perform humanitarian work with the National Rural Health Network and St Vincent de Paul Society.

The finalists are invited to our Change-over 2007 Dinner Meeting on 6 June during which the results will be announced and cheques presented to the winners.



**Angela Titmuss, a Humanitarian Scholarship Finalist Presenting her Case at our May Meeting**

**Mark Longhurst** is from the University of Sydney. In 2004, while he was still in high-school, he single-handedly ran the World Vision Forty-Hour Famine at Newington College, raising over \$6,000. He worked in South Africa for six months, caring for 93 Zulu children who were affected by HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. He volunteered as Assistant Manager of the 'Koori Kitchen Project', assisting Aboriginal teenagers in Redfern to learn about meal preparation and healthy eating habits. He spent some three months in Manila, volunteering as Regional Office Manager of an organisation named 'VOICE', providing legal

# Multiple District 201 National Convention

**Over 1,000 lions from all over Australia met at the 55th Multiple District 201 Convention at Darling Harbour during 13-20 May...**



**In any given Lions Year, 3 different kinds of Lions Convention are held.** There's the International Conference held in July, the District Convention held in October and the Multiple District Convention held in May.

This year, the Multiple District 201 National Convention was held during 13-20 May at Darling Harbour. Over 1000 Lions from all over Australia attended. Our Club was represented by President Anthony and VP Elect Simon.

The Organising Committee secured an agreement with the Darling Harbour Foreshore Authority to

display banners on all the flag poles within the precinct, 250 in total for the week of the National Convention. It is generally thought that Lions are not getting exposure at Conventions. So this National Convention was a good opportunity to flood Darling Harbour - a major tourist and business area in Sydney with Lions messages and make our presence felt. With Lions flags at all the entrances to the area and the mass on the old Pyrmont Bridge, the sight was certainly most spectacular.

The flags are 4.5mtrs long x 1.5mtrs, made for indoor or outdoor use, printed with individual Club names. After the Convention, they will be returned to

Clubs for their own future use.

Our Club has subscribed to a banner. After it is returned, we will certainly put it to good use in our future functions.

During the Convention, President Anthony and VPE Simon made full use of the occasion. They met up with fellow Australian Lions and helped widen our Lions network.



**President Halina of LC Perth City Host Presenting a Club Bannerette to President Anthony & VPE Simon at the National Convention**



**IPDG David Molcher of 201W2 With President Anthony & VPE Simon**

## International Club Twinning



**The International Club Twinning Program is a reciprocal program between clubs of different countries.** Its purpose is to give Lions and Leos of different cultures an opportunity to learn about one another. Upon reporting the first twinning to international headquarters, clubs receive a twinning patch or twinning certificate. Clubs receive no further award or recognition for that

twinning relationship.

If the club initiates another international twinning during another year, the club may then apply for another patch or certificate for the second twinning. Whether a club twins once or 20 times during a fiscal year, it still receives only one award. Clubs are advised to limit the number of twinings in order to develop those twinning relationships.



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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 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 80 Clubs with around 1,800 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 thirteen years, under the leadership of President 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 raised and donated over two hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, 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 had reaped the benefits. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, since 2003, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships.

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## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Changeover 2007 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Club Uniform or Lounge Suit	Wednesday 6 June 2007 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$45 per person or \$450 for a table of 10
Charity Family Fund Day Sydney Innerwest Lions	Belmore Park Central	Saturday 26 May 2007	
Changeover 2007 Sydney Pacific Lions	Fook Yuen Restaurant Chatswood Club Uniform or Lounge Suit	Saturday 9 June 2007 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$75 per person
Charter Night Lions Club of Redfern Waterloo	NSW Masonic Club Club Uniform or Lounge Suit	Friday 22 June 2007 7:30pm	\$40 per person
25th Anniversary Chinese Catholic Community Inc	Marigold Restaurant Club Uniform or Lounge Suit	Sunday 24 June 2007 6:30 for 7:00pm	\$60 per person

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