



Sydney Chinese Lions

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Editorial

Take note, Sydney Chinese Lions all, 2014 is an exciting year for us and more.

To begin with, it has now been announced that the highest honor for Lions Clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the South Pacific Islands has been awarded to our Club. For the fifth time in eight years we have won the "Flag Set Award" for Membership Growth Excellency. As any Australian who wants to join a Lions Club can choose to join any Club we are not only competing with the some 10 Chinese Australian based Clubs in Sydney but with all other Australian based clubs as well.

Lions Club International has awarded our Immediate Past President Lion Mei-Ha Cheng, JP the 2012-13 Club President's Excellence Award. Lion DG Warren Latham will present this award to IPP Lion Mei at a coming Club function. Lion DG War-

ren sends his congratulations to IPP Lion Mei as well as to all members of the Sydney Chinese Lions Club for supporting IPP Lion Mei in achieving this most prestigious award and in further enhancing the image of the Sydney Chinese Lions Club.

In March, our Club will be hosting our Charity Ball 2014 at a new venue. To bring this Charity Ball to another level of excellence, the support of all Sydney Chinese Lions to promote ticket sales at the moment is essential.

In July, Sydney Chinese Lions will be hosting an unprecedented Joint Changeover of Chinese Australian Lions Clubs in Sydney on Saturday 19th. Watch this space for more details on the Joint Changeover Party.

The District Convention in Bathurst confirmed by election our Past President Lion Dr Anthony

Cheung to the position of District Governor 2014-2015. This is the first time a Sydney Chinese Lion is elected to this top position in our District. We'll also be hosting the District Convention at the Castle Hill RSL Club in November this year. We are looking for your whole hearted support in the hosting of the Castle Hill District Convention in November 2014.

Nominations of the 2014-2015 Board of Directors will take place on 5 February and elections on 5 March. We welcome members putting their names forward to serve at the Board level.

The office bearers of the Board of the Club and the Editorial Panel of this newsletter wish you all a happy, prosperous and exciting year in 2014.

By Lion Henry Leung

Special Points of Interest:

- > SCL has won the "Flag Set Award" for Membership Growth Excellency
- > Past President Mei-Ha Cheng has been rewarded the President's excellence Award
- > The 2014 SCL Charity Ball will be held in at the All-phones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
- > The Joint Changeover party to be hosted by SCL in July
- > Dr Anthony Cheung has been elected as District Governor 2014-2015



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Group photo at Sunday 20th members meeting

A Message from International President

Lion Barry J Palmer AM

Just wanted to share my January email to club presidents with you...

I am encouraging clubs to host a special event during Family and Friends Month in April. It's an opportunity for Lions to share their clubs, their service, and the difference they are making in the community with the people they love. Remind your Lions to host a Family and Friends event in April!

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President



Dear Lion Leader,

No one is more important than family and friends, but many of the people we're closest to don't know about the important work we do as Lions. That's why Lions clubs around the world are inviting family and friends to join them in a special Family and Friends Month event in April.

Family and Friends Month is an opportunity to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. It's a time to show family and friends how much they mean to you, and how much your Lions club means to the community. It's a moment to show your Lions' pride - you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!



***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted
Lion Barry J Palmer AM as Associate Member on 5 August 2009***

Message from Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lion

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for all of your admirable service work through your clubs and through Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF would not be what it is without your support and dedication to service. This can easily be seen through your disaster relief response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. As I was shown the devastation and wreckage during my visit recent visit there, I was humbled and saddened by what I saw. But I also saw Lions' efforts to provide aid, including where other organizations could not. This filled me with great pride. Lions on the ground have made a huge difference in the month following the typhoon. Lions around the world are helping to amplify typhoon relief efforts through more than US\$ 1 million in disaster relief donations to LCIF. The Lions, Multiple Districts and countries that have made large contributions and commitments for the Philippines can be found on the LCIF website. Along with Lions, our partners at VSP Global should also be recognized for their commitment – they are matching every dollar that VSP Global employees donate to LCIF for disaster relief in the Philippines, up to US\$10,000. We are grateful for everyone's support – every dollar helps and can restore hope when someone has lost everything. I witnessed more of Lions' dedication to supporting LCIF at several recent fundraisers. Contributions made at local golf events in Japan and MD 300 Taiwan will strengthen humanitarian programs. And I am looking forward to attending a Lions golf fundraiser and tournament in Spain this March. Lions must register by January 31, 2014. The tournament proceeds will support LCIF's efforts to stop measles worldwide. Lions around the world are truly making a difference. I am excited to see what the next few months hold for Lions and LCIF as we continue our humanitarian efforts to change lives. Sincerely,



Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted
International President Wayne Madden as Associate Member on 7 July 2011***



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Invitation to the Commemorative Ceremony on Australia Day

Dear Fellow Lions

Similar to previous years, a Chinese Australian Community Commemoration at the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument (corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets) will be held on Australia Day 2014 - Sunday, 26 January 2014 at 11:00am sharp.

This event is the only Australia Day Event organized by the Chinese Australian Community. We take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Chinese Australian men and women who have served/ are serving Australia in the armed forces.

In 2014, we will have CAPT. A Lam, LT P Chin and LT K Shi from the Army Reserves unit in uniform proudly bearing our National Flag for us. We will also have Lion Dance support by the Australian Chinese Youth League and singing by Chinese Parents Association - Children with Disabilities Inc.

Traditionally, the function has been supported by Chinese-based Lions Clubs of N5. For this purpose, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am writing to you to invite you and your members to attend the function. Do feel to pass this Invitation on to your members and encourage them to come along on that day.

Dr Victor Tsang, Event Organizer, has suggested a few points regarding the event:

1. Coming with your family and show your pride for our nation at the Flag Raising Ceremony (When the Australian Flag is raised, all present should face the Flag, men should remove their hats and all should remain silent. Those in Defence uniform should salute.
2. Singing the National Anthem led by Children of CPA and witness a Military display by the Australian Defence Forces and the impressive salute by the Australian Chinese Youth League Lion Dance.
3. Paying tribute to Comrades and laying of flowers - Lions members should be in their Club Uniform, all Clubs attending please prepare their own flowers.
4. Catching up with old friends.
5. Taking photos with District Governor Warren Latham and fellow Lions - All Clubs please bring your Club Banner along for the occasion.
6. Staying back for Lunch at the Arisun Restaurant at \$15 per person.

We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony. Meanwhile, if you have any queries, do feel free to drop me an email or give me a call on 0414 330 887.

Regards

Anthony Cheung

Message from Charity Ball 2014 Chairman

Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2014

**Saturday
15 March 2014**

*Grand Ballroom
Allphones Arena
Sydney Olympic Park*

My Fellow Members of Sydney Chinese Lions

As you are aware, our Charity Ball 2014 will be held on Saturday, 15 March at the Grand Ballroom of the Allphones Arena in the Sydney Olympic Park. This is a new venue as the previous one that we have been using at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre will soon be demolished to make way for an ultra modern facility. The reconstruction is expected to take 3 to 4 years and in the interim, we are planning to run our annual Balls at the Allphone Arena instead.

If you have not visited the venue before, I assure you it is an excellent venue, comparable to the Parkside Ballroom that we have become accustomed to. Parking is available at a multi level car park located next door to the venue involving just a 3-minute walk. Amongst other things, the Ball Organising Committee is looking at lighting and audio facilities at the venue, aiming at creating a festive atmosphere during the function.

Silent Auction Prizes

We encourage each Board/Committee Member to donate a prize for Silent Auction of a retail value of \$300+.

(please bring these to Board Meeting on 20 November)

Raffle Prizes

We encourage each Club Member to donate a prize for Raffle of a retail value of \$50+.

(please bring this to AGM on 4 December)

Sponsors

Sponsors are critical in contributing to the success of the Ball. Please refer prospective Sponsors to Anthony for following up.

**19th
Anniversary
Celebrations**





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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 208 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 70 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 eighteen years, under the leadership of President Jason Zhang, Past President & District Governor Elect Dr Anthony Cheung, Past President Mei Cheng 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 \$550,000 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 the community, hence they have in place their annual health seminars, teal ribbon scholarships and traditional Chinese Medicine Research Scholarships.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Sydney Chinese Lions February Members Meeting + Chinese New Year Celebrations	Zilver Restaurant- Wednesday	Wednesday 5 February 2014 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2014	Grand Ballroom, Allphones Arena Sydney Olympic Park	Saturday 15 March 2014	\$168 per person \$1,680 for a table of 10
Australia Day Remembrance Ceremony Australian Chinese returned servicemen & Lions	Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument Crn Dixon & Liverpool Streets	Sunday 26 January 2014 10:30am	Free of Charge

For bookings please contact:
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