



# Sydney Chinese Lions

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THE LIONS CLUB OF  
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Christmas Party 2007
- Nominations for 2008-9 Board
- Chinese New Year Parade
- District Race Evening
- Charity Ball 2008
- Letters from LC Järvenpää Ainot

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## President's Message

My fellow Lions

I am happy to report that we had a wonderful Christmas Party on 12 December. It was attended by some 260 members and guests. DG Carol and the Hon. Philip Ruddock attended as our Special Guests. The Party was supported by many of our Sponsors, fellow Lions and fellow Community leaders. Winci Guo and Karen Zhang were inducted as our new members and we extend to them our warmest welcome. Please see pages 2-3 for details of the Party.

Nominations for the 2008-9 Board of Directors will be held at our February Members Meeting while the elections will be held at our March Meeting. Due to the Chinese New Year, the February meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, 4 February**. I would like to encourage you to consider taking up a Board position next year. You could be

nominated by either letting the Nominations Committee, comprising Secretary Crystal, Treasurer Robert and myself, know about your intentions and we'll incorporate your name into the Nominations List or nominating yourself at the Nominations meeting from the floor.

On Sunday, 10 February, we'll be participating in the Chi-

just round the corner. It falls on Saturday, 1 March 2008. To date, we have secured a Principal Sponsor — Remy Martin and 11 Sponsors — Zilver Restaurant, Synergy Medical, Shum's Watches & Jewellery, Rita & Arthur Kwan, Qantas Airways, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Liteco Construction, HSBC, Honey Travel, CMC Mar-

kets and BHC. We are still working on others and your help in selling the Ball tickets is vital.

President Terhi



Santa & Michele lead singing Christmas carols at Christmas Party

nese New Year parade organized by the Sydney City Council. We'll be wearing our new yellow club T-shirts which cost \$5 each. Please contact VP Simon if you wish to purchase one.

The District is organizing a Race Evening on Thursday, 31 January. This promises to be an exciting PR event for Lions. Page 24 has the details.

Our own Charity Ball 2008 is

Anttila of LC Järvenpää Ainot, Finland and her fellow members sent us their greetings. See pp. 20-22 for details.

In this Year End issue of the Bulletin, we've included our 2007 highlights. Enjoy! May I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in Lions  
Anthony

# Christmas Party 2007

*On the evening of 12 December, we celebrated Christmas and partied at Zilver Restaurant. We were joined by some 260 members and guests. All of us had a wonderful time.*

Many dignitaries came and supported us. Among them, there were the Hon. Philip Ruddock and Mrs Heather Ruddock, DG Carol Alderson and Lion Dean Alderson, Maj. Gen (rtd) Warren Glenny, Commissioner of St John Ambulance (NSW), VDG Elect Beryl Payne and Lion Ern Payne and others.

Many of our long time Sponsors were also there. They included Mr Henry Tang and Mrs Chillie Tang of Zilver Group, Mr Anthony Shum and Mrs Elsa Shum of Shum's Jewellery, Ms Luci Ozcan of CMC Markets and Mr Ray Michael of Triple 8 Hotel. There were also our own members who generously doubled up as Charity Ball 2008 Sponsors including Arthur and Rita Kwan, Mei Cheng and Andy Tse of Liteco Construction, Sylvia Chong of HSBC, Janet Hung of Synergy Medical and Wendy Lin of Honey Travel. Although Ms Cristy O'Sullivan of Remy Martin could't be

there due to work commitments, the complimentary Remy XO Cognac certainly helped lift the festive atmosphere of the Party.

Many fellow Lions from the District extended family turned up in droves. There were Lions from LC Hornsby, Crestwood, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Innerwest, Sydney North-west, Sydney Waratah and City of Sydney.

The Party began with Ms Michele Wong and Lion Greg Dunn leading the National Anthem. President Anthony welcomed the guests and paid a special tribute to the Ruddocks for their contributions to the Nation and the Australian Chinese communities over the past decades. The former Attorney General gave a warm response in return. Following the Remy Christmas Message, Remy XO cognac was served while an unopened Remy XO bottle went under the hammer for \$1,880, courtesy of LC Sydney Innerwest and Auctioneer Lion Charles Poon.

At the Party, 2 new members, Winci Guo and Karen Zhang were inducted by DG Carol. We promoted our Charity Ball 2008 and our members handed the Ball Invitations to each



*Sydney Chinese Lions with their Special Guests at Christmas Party 2007*



# Favourable Party Moments



*Charles our Auctioneer*



*With Guests of Honour—Philip & Heather Ruddock*

of the guests personally. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr Bill Wong of the Mandarin Club who gave us a \$5,000 donation earlier. There were birthday wishes and cake cutting for those whose birthdays fall in December and January. The climax of the evening came in the midst of the carol singing when Santa graced his presence upon us with bells ringing. Following the "Silent Night", sung with dimmed lights and waving glow sticks, the carols singing concluded with "We

wish you a Merry Christmas". We then found ourselves hugging and wishing each other Merry Christmas.

For those who wanted more action, there was the non-stop disco music. Instantaneously, the dance floor was filled with energetic and cheerful guests rocking and swaying their bodies.

The Party had a packed program that was smoothly run. Thanks to the dedication of many - Lion Howard as MC, Lion Jason as Floor Manager, Lion Tim as leader of the

money collection team, Lion Mei as leader of the XO servers' team, together with all members who supported the various teams.

This collective effort of ours has not gone unnoticed. Dr Michael Campion of St John Ambulance was among 11 other St John Ambulance guests who attended our Party that evening. Being a voluntary medical officer in the Australian army, Michael had seen military action in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. This is how he sums up the Party — it was a precisely executed battle plan.



*Just a few of us*



*Hey there, Santa!*

# Visiting the Elderly at CASS

*On 22 September, some 17 members of Sydney Chinese Lions visited the Elderly at the Headquarters of CASS in Campsie. They were warmly received by CASS' senior management team including Mr Brian Wong, Acting President, Ms Bee Koh, CEO and others. They brought along gift packs and provided entertainment for the elderly there.*

The day was the Saturday just preceding the Mid-Autumn Festival, the second most important festival in the Lunar Calendar. It was rather fitting to have a party for the senior folks on that day. 50 elderly folks came to the party. Among them, there was a senior gentleman who was 90 years of age and an elderly lady who was 88.

The party began with MCs Ivan and Crystal inviting Mr Brian Wong, Acting President of CASS to deliver a Welcome Speech. Then President Anthony of Sydney Chinese Lions introduced the visiting Lions members. He also donated a cheque for \$2,000 to Acting President Brian on behalf of Sydney Chinese Lions as a token of their appreciation of the wonderful work CASS has been performing for the community. Acting President Brian responded by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the Club. Next, Ms Bee Koh gave a Vote of Thanks which was followed by an official group photo.

The entertainment program then commenced. There were golden classics of the 50s', 60s' and 70s' sung by Lions Rita, Belinda, Mei, Sylvia, Crystal and Anthony, 2 Italian Opera numbers performed by Lion Howard, Cantonese Opera favourites by Lions Simon, Rosanda and Mei, interesting Quiz conducted



Sydney Chinese Lions with Senior Officials of CASS at their Campsie Headquarters



# Memorable SERVING Moments



*The Elderly at CASS*

by Lions Janet and Simon. The finale was a song entitled Friends, chanted by all Sydney Chinese Lions present.

Following the entertainment, the Lions presented their gift packs to the elderly and served them snacks and drinks. The elderly thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a great time.

It was a wonderful and rewarding SERVING experience for the Lions. It is something that they cherished and look forward to doing again in the not too distant future.



*President Anthony presenting a \$2,000 cheque to Acting President Brian Wong of CASS*



***SERVING Moments at CASS to be Cherished***

# Sydney Chinese Lions

## Humanitarian Scholarship 2007

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

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

In February, they invited for applications and the response was excellent. A total of 23 applications were received. The quality of applications, compared to previous years, is the highest ever. The reported humanitarian services performed by the applicants included volunteer work for such local charities as St Vincent de Paul Society, World Vision, Macquarie Hospital at North Ryde, Villawood Detention Centre, St Canice's Kitchen in Kings Cross, overseas work for remote and poor villages in Africa, South America, Fiji, Thailand, India, Indonesia, and others. These services are all highly commendable. As such, in addition to the original award of one winner receiving a scholarship of \$1,500, the Club also offered two consolation prizes of \$1,000 each.

The adjudicating panel comprised President Anthony Cheung, Vice President Sylvia Chong, Member-

ship Chairman Wanty Kerr, and Lion Arthur Kwan. They selected 3 finalists, and each finalist made a brief presentation at the Club's dinner meeting on 2 May.

The finalists were 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 vol-

untarily 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.

**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





# And the Winners are...



**Angela Titmuss Presenting her Case at the May Meeting**

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 were invited to the Club's Changeover 2007 Dinner

Meeting on 6 June during which the results were announced. The Scholarship Award Winner was Ms Angela Titmuss while the Consolation Prize Winners were Ms Marianna Leishman and Mr Mark Longhurst.

The Scholarship and Consolations Awards were presented to the winners by President Dr Anthony Cheung, together with members of the Scholarship Adjudicating Panel, during the Changeover Dinner. Also a special letter of appreciation was sent to all applicants commending them for the good and valuable humanitarian work they had undertaken for the community, and encouraging them to keep up the great effort, for the good of the humankind.

Another offer for the Scholarship will be made in February/March 2008.



**Winners of Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2007  
with the Scholarship Adjudicating Panel  
at the Cheque Presentation Ceremony at the Club's Changeover 2007**

# \$3,000 Donation to Campaign SightFirst II



*SightFirst is Lions' most ambitious and most successful initiative ever. Thanks to SightFirst, Lions have restored sight to 7 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 20 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.*

Last Christmas, our Club donated \$3,000 to Campaign SightFirst II to support this very worthy project of Lions Clubs International's. Lion Sam Chu, Coordinator of the Campaign, together with DG Peter Mendl, DG Elect Carol Alderson, Region Chairman Amen Lee attending the cheque presentation at the party on behalf of the Campaign.



**President Anthony presenting a Cheque for \$3,000 to District Cabinet Officers**

## The Give Back to the Country Campaign

**Sydney Chinese Lions donated a sum of \$3,000 to support the current stage of the campaign. A cheque was presented at our February Members Meeting to District Chairman Kevin Coad.**



Recently, the 78 Lions Clubs of Sydney & Norfolk Island have initiated a major appeal to raise and distribute much needed funds to the country people of NSW's most drought devastated areas.

"Lions Clubs from around the state will also commence raising funds for the "Give Back" Project from December to touch the lives of 60,000 farming families and 8,000 rural businesses and their families." Lion Peter Mendl, District Governor of N5 said, "Every single dollar goes to rural Lions Clubs working to alleviate the drought...The aim is that once this project is successful in NSW it will be carried out in other states through the local Lions Clubs,"



**President Anthony of Sydney Chinese Lions presenting a CQ for \$3000 to District Chairman Kevin Coad**



**At the Cheque Presentation Ceremony —  
Lion Greg Dunn, District Chairman Kevin Coad,  
President Anthony Cheung, ID Elect Tapani Rahko and Helena Rahko**

Responding to the call, Sydney Chinese Lions has decided to donate a sum of \$3,000 to support the current stage of the campaign. At their Members meeting on 7 February, a cheque for the said amount was presented to Lion Kevin Coad, District Chairman of the Give Back to the Country Campaign.

Present at the ceremony were also ID Elect Tapani Rahko and wife Helena, Lion Greg Dunn and some 40+ Sydney Chinese Lions members and guests.



# Donating \$41,000 to St John Ambulance

On Tuesday, 29 May, a Press Conference was called by Sydney Chinese Lions during which a cheque for \$41,000 was presented to Maj. Gen. (rtd) Warren Glenny, Commissioner of St John Ambulance (NSW). The amount donated

on a single occasion to a single party is the highest ever in the 12 years' history of the Club. The bulk of the donated fund was raised at the Club's Charity Ball 2007 held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on 31 March earlier this year.

The Ball was attended by some 400 members and guests. It was generously supported by 2 Major Sponsors, 7 Sponsors as well as numerous donors and backers.



**President Anthony Presenting a \$41,000 Cheque to Maj. Gen. Warren Glenny Commissioner, St John Ambulance (NSW)**



**With Sponsors  
At Cheque Presentation Press Conference**



**The Special Plaque  
Presented by St John**

The sum donated comprised a generous donation of \$10,000 made by Manchester Unity through their CEO Mr John Brogden, who made the announcement of the donation when he was giving his speech at the Ball as Guest of Honour.

The donation is to support St John Ambulance and its volunteer community programmes including its highly respected first aid services. Currently, there are discussions at St John at a Board level as to how they might put the overall amount to best use and to recognise the wonderful support of the Club and its members. There are preliminary discussions of naming a brand new ambulance after the Club's name. Even at this early stage, as a token of their appreciation, President Dr. Anthony Cheung was

invited to St John's AGM on 24 May and was formally presented with a Special Plaque. They also subscribed to a full table at the Club's Changeover 2007, led by Mr Sean Gavin, their Acting CEO. At the Club's request, Mr Gavin presented the Special Plaque to them at the Changeover for a second time, witnessed by friends and supporters of the Club and the Chinese community.



**President Anthony receiving a Special Plaque from Mr Sean Gavin Acting CEO of St John**

# Handover Ceremony of an Ambulance to St John Ambulance

On 13 October, a Handover Ceremony was held at the University of Sydney, during which under the auspices of HE Prof. Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW, the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. represented by Club President Dr. Anthony Cheung presented a new ambulance to St John Ambulance (NSW) represented by Commissioner Maj. Gen. (rtd) Warren Glenny. Earlier this year, Sydney Chinese Lions donated a sum of \$41,000 to St John following a very successful Charity Ball held on 31 March at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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*The Ambulance Donated to St John by Sydney Chinese Lions*



# At the Ceremony



**President Anthony Handing the Keys to the Ambulance over to Commissioner Warren Glenny**

Subsequently, the Board of St John Ambulance (NSW) resolved to name a new ambulance after the Club. There would be a plaque in the vehicle acknowledging that the vehicle being donated by the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese inc.

On 13 October, at the Handover Ceremony, the keys to the ambulance were presented to Commissioner Warren Glenny at the front of the University's Great Hall immediately following St John's Annual Awards Ceremony.

Commissioner Warren Glenny comments:



**Sydney Chinese Lions Receiving a Special Plaque at the hands of Governor of NSW**

"We were completely honoured that the Lions chose us to be the benefactor of their ball. Their support and generosity has meant that our volunteers can continue to provide first aid at community events and continue in the tradition of helping the sick and those who are in distress."

St John volunteers provide over 400,000 hours of first aid duty each year in NSW. They treat approximately 31,000 casualties each year and spend over 90,000 hours refreshing their training and advancing their first aid and advanced life support skills.

Over the past 12 years the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese has raised over \$200,000 in aid of various charity organisations including Westmead Children's Hospital, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Sir David Martin Foundation and the Australian Red Cross.



**Sydney Chinese Lions at the Handover Ceremony**

"These achievements come as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, fellow Lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital," said Club President, Dr. Anthony Cheung.

# International Web Site Contest

## Sydney Chinese Lions

### HONORABLE MENTION

*At the 90th International Convention of Lions Clubs International held in Chicago, USA in July 2007, the web site of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. received an Honorable Mention (first runners up in LCI's worldwide contest) for creativity in content and design.*

Throughout the 2006-7 Lions Year, under the leadership of Web Master Lion Jason Zhang and Web Panelists Lion Anthony Cheung and Lion Simon Leung, the team put in much effort in revamping the Club's old site. Interested parties can now access their new site at [www.sydchineselions.org.au](http://www.sydchineselions.org.au) to find out more details about the club such as upcoming events, past events, humanitarian scholarships, awards, photo gallery, etc.



LCI Past International President J. Frank Moore III with Members of Sydney Chinese Lions



# Award Presentation

On 16 September, the Club was presented the Certificate Award by Past International President J. Frank Moore III in Sydney at a Lions function attended by its members and other Lions leaders.

Following their gratifying performance in the 2006-7 Lions Year, the web team has now completed their 2007-8 version



*LCI Past International President J. Frank Moore III  
Presenting the Web Award to  
the Sydney Chinese Lions Web Team*

of the web page. The new page has now been formally launched and published. The team also hopes to enter it into the 2007-8 international contest.



*Sydney Chinese Lions at  
the Award Presentation*



*Certificate awarded by Lions Clubs International*

# Chinese New Year Parade

On 11 February, a number of Sydney Chinese Lions took part in the Chinese New Year Parade organised by the Sydney City Council. They were joined by International Director Elect



Sydney Chinese Lions at CNY Parade

*They were on location soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying themselves ... they had the Club Banner leading the way, then the two lions dancing accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the drum and cymbals, followed by Sydney Chinese Lions members ... All those who were there had a great time ...*

At 10 am, they gathered at Bathurst Street near Townhall. During the time that they were waiting for the Parade to begin, they were on location soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying



ID Elect Tapani Rahko & Family at the Parade

themselves. The Club was among the some 60+ teams participating in the Parade. The team from Guangdong, China was 700 strong. Due to crowd control constraints, the organizers capped the number of participants of each local team at 50.

The Parade started at 11 am. When it was the Club's turn to move, it was already 11:40. They had their Club Banner leading the way, then the two lions dancing accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the drum and cymbals, followed by Sydney Chinese Lions members. They paraded along George Street, turned left into Goulburn Street, then left into Sussex right through Chinatown and finished next to the Entertainment Centre. Some of them even went to Zilver Restaurant to have Yum-Cha afterwards.



Simon & Anthony with the Piggie Van

brought along two dancing Chinese lions, complete with cymbals and drum set.

It was a colourful, happy and exciting event. All those who were there had a great time. President Anthony hopes more members will come to the Parade next year.

They took lots and lots of pictures. While only a few of these can be published here, there are plenty others that can be seen on the Club's website at <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/PhotoGallery.html>.



# Sydney Chinese Lions

## Charity Ball 2007

On 31 March, Sydney Chinese Lions featured their Charity Ball 2007 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. As witnessed by many, the event was an overwhelming success.

Some 400 guests attended the function. It was a fun-filled and colourful event. John and Lucy Brogden were their Guests of Honour, DGE Carol Alderson accompanied by husband Dean were Special Guests, Benjamin Chow AO acted as Auctioneer while PDG Ray Cook took up the key role as Master of Ceremonies.

An award-winning 50-piece strong Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Band, fully sponsored by the Castle Hill RSL Club, performed at the Ball. Their performance added a warm and classy atmosphere to the function and received great acclaim from an appreciative audience. Their accompaniment of the National Anthem, sung by Lion Rita Kwan, started the evening's proceedings with style.

Amongst a good number of prizes and souvenirs given out at the Ball, there were the 36-page full colour 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Booklets. They serve as a lovely memento of the celebrations. There were altogether 4 souvenirs for each attendee, 10 table prizes for each table, 36 raffle prizes, 15 silent auction prizes and 9 open auction items.



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2007 Sydney Convention Centre

These were donated by 2 Maor Sponsors - Remy Martin and OMEGA, 7 Sponsors and many other donors.

Over 45 Sydney Chinese Lions members turned up at the Ball and all had a great time. Many were involved in various teams performing a whole range of tasks that evening including, guests greeting and reception, dinner money collection, raffle tickets selling, open auction ushering, silent auction prizes handling and raffle prizes handling. In addition, Lion Simon Leung's floor management, Lion Arthur Kwan and VP Mei Cheng's trouble shooting, Roger Leung's AV management were instrumental to the smooth running of the function.

The Major Beneficiary of the Ball was St John Ambulance (NSW). They were out in force supporting the function, led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Neil Conn, NSW Chairman the Hon. Peter Collins and NSW Commissioner Maj. Gen. Warren Glenny.

Amongst the big ticket donations, there was a generous donation of \$10,000 made by Manchester Unity, through their CEO - Mr John Brogden.

After collection and calculation of monies pledged, on 16 May, Sydney Chinese Lions announced an amount of \$41,000 to be donated to St John Ambulance (NSW). The formal presentation would be held at a Media Conference on 29 May.

President Anthony Cheung heartily thanks all members of Sydney Chinese Lions for the time and huge effort that they have put into the fund-raising project. He further points out that without this selflessness in Serving collectively as a team, they won't be able to achieve success at this very high level year after year.

More photos of Charity Ball 2007 can be found at the Club's website: <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/>



Some VIPs at Charity Ball 2007

# 雪梨華人獅子會 獵人谷遊記

10月21日的悉尼春光明媚，一掃幾日前的陰冷，在這樣一個萬物復蘇，生意盎然的週末，雪梨華人獅子會會員及其親友們在會長張俊明博士，副會長鄭美霞女士的帶領下，一行四十餘人，從 Chatswood 出發，踏上了往獵人谷的旅途。

一路上，大家談笑風生，好不熱鬧，將近兩個小時的車程亦因此而顯得格外短暫。中午11點左右，我們到達了一個叫 Morpeth 的小鎮，這是一座有著一百五十多年歷史的古鎮，我們在那裡品嚐到了地道的英式早茶，香濃的咖啡，美味的麵包夾果醬和奶油，以及安逸祥和的氣氛都令大家讚不絕口。早茶過後，我們參觀了手工藝品商店，還品嚐到各種不同風味的蜜糖。不但如此，大家還在導遊的帶領下乘車參觀了 Morpeth 古鎮的風貌，領略到百年歷史在這個小鎮遺留下來的各種滄桑的印跡。

接著，我們又驅車前往獵人谷，參觀了他們聞名遐邇的 McGuican 釀酒場，品嚐到了各種不同風味的葡萄酒。大家圍坐在一起，興致勃勃地交流著自己對酒的見解。

接下來的行程更是令人興奮。大家前往 Hunter Valley Garden，這是一座由13個主題花園組成的公園。大家首先在公園入口處一座綠茵蔭籠罩的穹頂式涼棚下稍事休息，美霞副會長拿出了連夜烹製的爽口醉雞，愛心茶葉蛋和大家一起分享，還有由三聯旅遊供應的美味三文治。午餐之後，大家便起身遊覽花園。儘管下午的陽光比較猛烈，未能阻擋庭院美景的誘惑，大家一個個熱情高漲，整裝待發。抵達花園中心的玫瑰園後，大家被眼前的美景震撼了，就好像進入了夢幻的宮廷仙境。從世界各國搜羅而來的品種繁多的玫瑰花擠擠挨挨爭相怒放，紅的像火，粉的像霞，白的像雪。風裡混雜著花香，青草的味道，還有泥土的芬芳，大家沉醉于美景之



參加獵人谷遊的衆團友大合照



# 良辰美景



不知不覺中，已到了傍晚時分。整個 Hunter Valley 在落日的餘暉中顯得無比的安詳和寧靜，大家戀戀不捨地踏上了回程

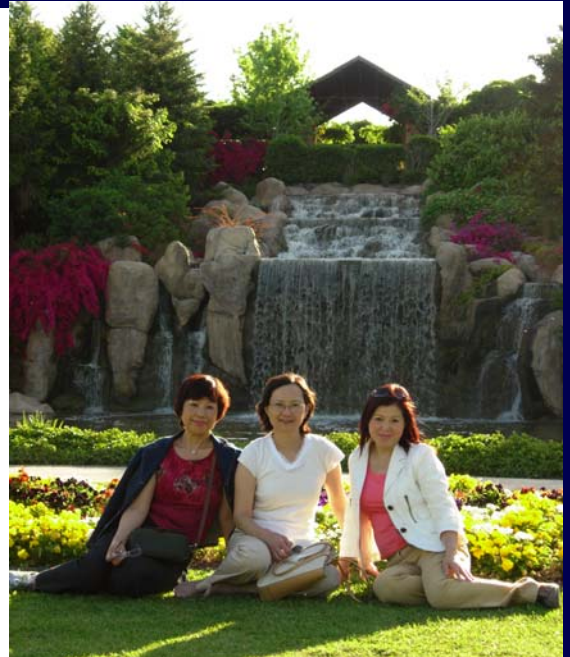
中流連忘返。其他的主題花園也是各個妙趣橫生，精巧別致，有別具中國特色的中式園林，有充滿異域風情的印度花園，還有小朋友們的最愛，以童話故事為主題的卡通樂園……



題的卡通樂園……

的汽車，不知誰喊出了一句“夕陽無限好”。然而，不同的是，我們不會學古人哀嘆“只是近黃昏”，因為我們知道，黃昏來了，離下一個黎明也不會遠了。我們的獅子精神是永遠不會熄滅的。

郭熙玲



各獅友在獵人谷花園內的主題花園合照

瀑布，童話世界 — 疑幻疑真的美景



# International Club Twinning

LC Sydney Chinese, Australia

with

LC Jävenpää/Ainot, Finland

Recently, Sydney Chinese Lions (the Club) received an International Club Twinning patch and a Letter of Congratulations from LCI Headquarters dated 20 June 2007. This signifies that the Twinning process between LC Sydney Chinese (Australia) and LC Järvenpää/Ainot (Finland) had been completed and formalised.

Below is an account of the sequence of events which led to the completion and formalization of Club Twinning between the two



*IDE Tapani Rahko and Helena at Members Meeting of Sydney Chinese Lions in February 2007*

Clubs.

On 21 November 2006, the Club received an email from a Lion Helena Rahko. Helena stated that she is a member of LC Järvenpää/Ainot, Finland and that she had just arrived in Sydney working for the NSW Ombudsman's Office for a few months. She indicated that she would be very much interested in visiting the Club. As

their Christmas Party was just round the corner, the Club invited her to go along as their guest. And went she did but when she turned up at the party alongside 200 other attendees, she was pleasantly surprised and thrilled at what she saw. That evening, she had a great time with the members and guests. She subsequently attended the Club's January Members meeting and exchanged club bannerettes and other niceties with them.

Helena also attended the Club's February Members meeting. But this time she was accompanied by her husband Lion Tapani Rahko. Only when Helena introduced Tapani to the Club, then the members realized that they had an International Lions leader among them. Tapani is an International Director Elect and a Past Council Chairperson of the Finnish Multiple District. They also exchanged bannerettes and badges with Tapani at the meeting.

Chinese New Year this year fell in



*Helena Rahko at Christmas Party of Sydney Chinese Lions*



*Helena Rahko at Members Meeting of Sydney Chinese Lions in January 2007*



# Kung Hei Fat Choy!



*IDE Tapani Rahko, Helena and Minna Rahko  
at Chinese New Year Parade with Sydney Chinese Lions*

early February. On 11 February, the Sydney City Council organized its annual CNY City Parade. It was a colourful event attracting tens of thousands of spectators. The Rahkos, together with their daughter Minna, were invited to march alongside the Club's members. When the time came, they were on location, soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying themselves. When it was the Club's turn to move, the Club Banner led the way, then there were two ceremonial lions dancing in the midst of the rhythmic beats of the drum and cymbals, followed by the Club's members marching alongside their Finnish friends.

A week later, at the request of Minna, who had to conduct a research project on Leos in Sydney, President Anthony organised a dinner meeting with the Rahkos and President Michelle of Oatley Leos during which they discussed a number of interesting Lions issues. Amongst these, they discussed the possibility of International Club Twinning between LC Sydney Chinese and LC Järvenpää/Ainot.

All of them thought it would be a great idea if the two clubs should decide to go ahead with the project to set up a valuable international tie. Helena promised to

raise the matter with her club as soon as she returned to Finland.

So soon after Helena's return to Finland, an email from LC Järvenpää/Ainot reached the Club expressing their willingness to go ahead with the Twinning process. At a meeting of the Club's Board in May, a resolution was passed to go ahead with the project. Following several rounds of correspondence between the two clubs and LCI HQ, the process is now completed and formalised.

The two clubs can now look forward to fruitful social and cultural exchanges ahead.



*The Rahkos, President Anthony and VP Mei  
with Oatley Leos*



*Members of LC Järvenpää/Ainot  
Web address: <http://www.lions.fi/district107-CI/paaAinot/>*

# A Letter from

## Lion Helena Rahko

### LC Järvenpää/Ainot

Dear Lions friends in LC Sydney Chinese!

Best greetings from your twinning club LC Järvenpää/Ainot.

My name is Helena Rahko and I'm sure that many of you remember me because I visited your meetings several times during my working period in Sydney.

In Finland summertime is so short that we all like to enjoy it as much as possible. Therefore our Clubs are not so active from June to August. My own Club had few activities during the summer but now in September we have been very busy.

We made a decision that one of our members will write to your club once a month. I was given the honour to be the first one.

We have 38 members which is quite much compared to the average size of the Clubs in Finland. Our Club is 12 years old and we are very happy that we still have very many charter members. I think that this shows that our Club is very welcoming and we enjoy staying and serving together.

In the middle of August we made a nice trip by old museum train to a very pretty Finnish town, Porvoo. We ate there delicious snails (escargots) in a famous restaurant and had a Club meeting chaired by the new Club President Terhi Anttila. That was a very nice way to begin a new lionistic year.

We are trying to improve the practices for Club meetings so that they are not too long and not too formal. The Club meeting in September was held outdoors on a lakeside. First we walked together round a little lake, and after that lighted a campfire, we fried sausages and had the meeting by the fire.



**Lion Helena Rahko**

In our town we have six lions clubs; four for men and two for women. In addition, we have one Leo Club. Every year all the Clubs in our town have one meeting together. This year it was held in September. Local Clubs do many projects together, and it is important to discuss the distribution of work. From

now on we will also be very active because Campaign Sight First II is going on and we want to achieve our goals.

Best greetings to everyone in your excellent Club.

Helena Rahko  
LC Järvenpää/Ainot



# A Letter from

## Lion Pirkko Naukkarinen

Dear Anthony!

Beautiful winter greetings from Finland!

Many thanks for your last letter. I must say that you seem to be very active and surely you have a nice time together in your club. So we try also. I shall tell you later.

It was nice to read that you prepare the same things like we do for example Christmas party.

In Finland all the shops are full of the Christmas things and people start to wait for that big party. Many people have their "little-Christmas" parties at jobs and in the firms.

We have also got the first snow here in the south. White snow is very beautiful and makes so much light on the black ground. You know that our day is very short in November, 6-7 hours.

In the north, in Lapland, where the real Santa Claus is living, the sun doesn't appear at all in the "black-months". But there is usually so much snow that lightens the environment.

So they are living our same people and our Santa Claus. I have heard that if you write to Santa Claus, he will write back to you! You can try! The address is JOULUPUKKI, SAVUKOSKI, FINLAND. He can speak many



**Lion Pirkko Naukkarinen**

languages!

Now I must write about the real things! I always talk and write a lot! Sorry! We "Ainot" have done quite a lot also in October. In the beginning of October we had our normal annual-meeting and in the same evening "every-month" meeting. Then we had a successful fashion show.

Seven "AINOT" girls were showing in the big area the most fashion clothes from the little under clothes to the warm winter coats. Believe it or not I was that one who had those little things, under-clothes. 53-years old and "round" in bikini! It was me, because I

wanted large bath-robe. I got it, but that firm wanted to show their under clothes also.

So I put them all and I put also long black boots on! So show must go on!!!!

I think I was little gracy, so think you too, but people had a fun time, and the best we got money to our Lionwork! People enjoy also coffee and tea and some cakes, which all did by "Ainot". Next year we 'll make the same fashion show! But someone else can be in the bikini!

One of our members is an actor. Marjukka invited in her big house "Ainot" and we had very nice theater-evening. With the other clubs we had also CSF II walking happening in Järvenpää. Some "Ainot" were taking the old people to the church on one Sunday morning.

Now we are selling the tickets for the concert on the 30th of November. There will sing a famous young Finnish woman and young boys are playing with. We hope that it would be our biggest happening in this year! So you hear later about it!

Many, many warm and lovely greetings to everyone in your energetic Club!

Pirkko Naukkarinen  
President 2003-2004  
LC JÄRVENPÄÄ AINOT



Members of LC Järvenpää Ainito Parading at their own Fashion Show

# A Letter from President Terhi Anttila of LC Järvenpää/Ainot



President Terhi Anttila  
with Santa

Dear lions friends

You can find attached two pictures about our Christmas party.

Another picture is about Maija who is singing when ever it's possible and here she sings to Santa Claus and the other picture is about me sitting at Santa Claus lap.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Terhi Anttila  
President  
LC Järvenpää Ainot



Lion Maija singing to Santa

## An Invitation to Charity Ball 2008 - Sydney Chinese Lions



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THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.  
CHARITY BALL 2008

Saturday, 1st March 2008

The Parkside Ballroom  
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour  
6:30pm Pre-dinner drinks  
7:00pm Function commences  
\$168 per person  
(incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks,  
entertainment, live band and dancing)  
Black Tie / National Costume

RSVP

Saturday 16th February 2008  
Secretary Crystal Siu Ph: 0400 228 823 Fax: (02) 9686 3031  
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Helping to Keep the Flying Doctors Flying

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2008  
Saturday, 1st March 2008

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# Lions Night at the Races

## from DG Carol Alderson

This is your opportunity to be part of our very own Lions Night at the Races at Canterbury Park on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 where we have the chance to sponsor the full 7 races plus the prestigious Camel Cup. Letters will be sent to our Foundations offering sponsorship. This Public Relations project will mean that our name and Logo will be televised to over 1.5 million people nationally, appear in printed material and our name will be heard on radio, but we need your help. We are asking that each club donate a minimum of \$200.00 to this promotion. (*Chq's payable to District 201N5 together with notice that donation is towards Lions Night at the Races*). The PR promotion is in response to your question "What are we doing about PR" so we hope that you all get behind this promotion. We are working hard to ensure this is an exciting and fun filled night, further information will be sent to all Clubs regarding the dinner on the night but for now, please discuss at your next Club meeting as time is short, forward your PR contribution (more than \$200 will be most welcome) to our Cabinet Treasurer and stay tuned for further updates and promotion.

This venture involves Lions Clubs having the naming rights to all 8 races, eg Sydney Lions Handicap. There will be 2 ten metre long signs on the main straight, full page advertisement for our sponsored races, 30 second TV commercials on TVN / SKY channel which reach over 1.5 million people in Hotels and Clubs and another 700,000 in their homes via pay TV. We will also be provided with a sash for the winning horses with our Logo on it.

On the night there will also be a dinner so we can sit in comfort and watch our races while taking part in some auctions, raffles celebrity guests and of course judging of the Best Dressed Couple, Best Ladies Hat and Best Mans Tie for a bit of fun.

This promises to be an exciting and fun night and will hopefully lead to it being an annual event so please show your support for this initiative of your District with the net proceeds going towards the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Please ensure this is notice is tabled at your next board meeting as we need your commitment in December.

### LIONS Night at the Races Thursday 31 January 2008

*The District Governor and the 201N5 Cabinet request the pleasure of your company at our Lions Night dinner and event of 8 races including Camel Cup*

*Place: Canterbury Park, King St  
Canterbury*

*Time: 6.30pm (gates open from 6pm)*

*Cost: \$150.00pp or \$1500.00 for a table of 10*

*Pre-dinner drinks and canapés on arrival, 3 course dinner including drinks.*

*Dress: Lounge suit / after five*

*There will be judging of the best dressed couple, hat and tie by a celebrity guest in addition to fundraising.*

*Proceeds to the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.*

**RSVP: Monday, 14 January 2008.**

*Contact Carol Alderson  
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**Carol Alderson  
District Governor**

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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.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website  
[www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
LIONS Night at the Races District 201N5	Canterbury Racecourse Canterbury Park King Street, Canterbury  Lounge suit/After 5	Thursday 31 Jan. 2008  6:00 for 6:30pm	\$150 per person/ \$1500 for a table of 10  RSVP by 14 January
February Members Meeting & Nominations for 2008-9 Board Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Monday 4 Feb. 2008 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Charity Ball 2008 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre  Formal/National Costume	Saturday 1 March 2008 6:30 pre-dinner drinks; 7:00 function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1680 for a table of 10  RSVP by 16 February

For bookings please contact:  
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