



March 2016

Dear President,

On behalf of the MD201 PNG Membership Development Committee I trust that you have had a successful year and, that in considering your annual funding allocations you give thought to providing financial support to our fellow members in PNG. This is an annual request of financial support, to assist Papua New Guinea Lions members to achieve our shared goal of enabling the Lions Organisation in PNG to become self-reliant within their own national identity.

A brief update on achievements over the last year:

- PDG Gary Kenny has been instrumental in bringing a Birthing Mothers Project (1st stage) to fruition. This project aims to reduce the number of women who (5) die in childbirth every day. This is achieved by the provision of bush huts that are culturally acceptable accommodation adjacent to remote health centres and “baby bundles” as an incentive to come to a supervised delivery.
 - Future consideration will be given to, solar power, (maybe water supply) in health centres.
 - Consideration to the provision of a Maternity Care Upskill Training Centre subject to grant applications and other funding issues.
- PGD Gary Kenny as Project Coordinator has been active in bringing to fruition the Lions PNG National Resource Centre for Eye Care Development project. This project redeveloped an existing building at UPNG School of Medicine, into a Centre of Excellence (NRC) for ophthalmology, eye care training, and a low cost spectacle and LV aids distribution hub. Without the support of an LCIF Grant to value of (approximately \$400,000.), this project would not have been possible.
- PDG Doug Winterflood as the Liaison and Training Office maintains a good rapport with the PNG membership. Clubs are active with the exception of Tabubil that remains in recess due to the OKTedi mine suspension of production and consequent displacement of its members to other parts of PNG.
- Three very new members and one long-time member from Port Moresby attended the Q2 2015 Convention.
- Consideration is being given to asking PNG members to commit to a long weekend training session in a central location that is hoped to take place in the next Lions Year.

As you would appreciate, due to the tyranny of distance and isolation all of this work comes at a cost and as previously mentioned these Workshops and Training Visits are funded by the MD 201 PNG Assistance Fund and its source of revenue is a constitutionally, **voluntary payment** of 50 cents per member called for on an annual basis that is paid into the fund.

If you are disbursing your end of year funds please consider a donation (May we suggest a \$100 or more) to allow us to continue helping the Lions in PNG. Through your donation, the Australian Lions family will continue to demonstrate its commitment to our fellow members in PNG who are at a distinct disadvantage.

Should your club wish to commit to an annual contribution of \$100.00 or more over the next three years we will, on your advice to myself at (randjradford@bigpond.com) keep your club up to date with activities in PNG via newsletters etc. and be pleased to send a reminder direct to your clubs nominated email address.

If you require any further information on this vital work being done in PNG please do not hesitate to contact me via email: randjradford@bigpond.com.

Yours in Service
Bob Radford

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Please find attached our cheque payable to Lions Australia for \$ _____ being our donation for the MD 201 Papua New Guinea Assistance Fund

Date: _____ Signed: _____

President/Secretary

From: Lions Club of _____

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Thank You