



AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS.

40th Anniversary.
1980 - 2020.

This year would have been a memorable year in South Australia, the Lions Multiple District Convention was booked to be held in Adelaide. But, 2020 was very significant for another very special reason, the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Centre was celebrating “40 Years” of training and delivering Hearing Assistance Dogs to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people of Australia, therefore what better way than to coincide our celebrations with the Multiple District Convention.

With Lions & partners from all over Australia and beyond arriving in Adelaide for Convention, we had the perfect opportunity of showcasing our Hearing Dog program and Training Centre to the Conventioneers.

Guided tours of the Training Centre were included each day in the partner’s tours, our CEO David Horne was to address Conventioneers on the Opening day, plus our Convention Display Stand was set for an eye-catching display with Trainers and Hearing Dogs, Foster Puppies with their Carers plus plenty of our merchandise and the launch of our 2021 Calendar – which is always released at MD Convention.

On Saturday Night the Gala Dinner, provided us our chance to celebrate together, so several tables were booked to accommodate Staff, Volunteers and attending Board Members. We were so sure that this Convention in Adelaide was going to be the one to remember. It was - but not for what we expected it to be remembered for.

Just weeks prior to the Convention, the whole world turned topsy-turvy. Suddenly our world as we had known it had changed. All events, meetings etc. cancelled. Confusion and uncertainty was all around us, as our respective State Governments implemented restrictions and lockdowns, attempting to combat the spread of the Covid19 virus. A dreadful time was upon us.

But Lions are resilient, they don’t like to sit doing nothing, and neither do the Management and staff at the Hearing Dogs Centre. So with the staff practicing social distancing it’s been “business as usual” & Dog deliveries only to South Australia, Western Australia, & Queensland. Deliveries to Eastern States ceased because of locked borders, although we have several ready and waiting to go to NSW and Victoria. Currently 20 dogs are in training and all need to be exercised, fed, cared for, etc., nine puppies are in “Foster Care”(private homes around Adelaide till they are about 8 months old).

Our Goal is to deliver 30 dogs for this year, and to mid October we have delivered 23. We will beat last year’s record of 23.

ALHD Lapel Pins. \$5.

For those who like to collect our pins (usually white background). This is the Ruby pin we had made to commemorate our 40th Anniversary and dated 1980 – 2020.

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Pins are available from our Office Manager Belinda Henschke:-

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