



LIONS TASMANIA

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Tasmanian "Lions Pedal to the Metal"

"MARCH MEMBERSHIP MONTH CAMPAIGN"

As we rush headlong into our March Membership Campaign I congratulate all that are involved and only hope that with the effort that has been put in by the team, the result is rewarding.

Stand by, you will be impressed with the result.

As our third Pit Stop (the 3rd Cabinet Meeting) has been completed, it is now time to accelerate our efforts in recruiting new Members, hence the March Membership drive.

On the International scene, one of our most significant service achievements this year has been the **Reading Action Program (RAP)**.

So far this year there have been over 46,000 RAP projects completed. An excellent achievement. Also, well done to Chairperson Wendy Brady for her work on this project in T1.

As I have moved around the clubs I have been promoting our MD Convention in the ACT in April/May 2013. This will be an excellent convention, so I encourage all Lions to make a serious attempt to visit Canberra for our major event. We will have a ball.

DG David

To all the members of the Lions Family

As I write this report members of the District Disaster Team and I have just met with Government representatives in an attempt to resolve some minor issues with the projects we have committed to in the Fire Disaster Areas.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this report we will be preparing a major media statement with all the good news and what we are doing.

They say **In a World of Service, "We Serve"** in every climate, that is so true of the Tassie climate of late.

March is proving to be the most demanding of our service requirements right throughout the District of 201T1, and as I visit the clubs, I am proud of the way we are responding.

Clubs in all parts of the District have been called upon to provide many services this month.

Can I also thank the clubs that have made donations to the Fire Disaster Appeal, we will announce the total raised at the end of March. Would any club still sitting on money collected for this appeal please forward direct to Cabinet Treasurer Erik Madsen, who will receipt the donations. Once we have this information, clubs and districts as well as Foundations and individuals, where possible, will receive a thank you letter.

Drug Action Week
will be held throughout Australia
 16 to 22 June.
"Drugs, Communities & Families"


2013 DISTRICT CONVENTION
 hosted by
LIONS CLUB OF WYNYARD
 8-10 NOVEMBER 2013
 Enquiries –
wynyard@lionstasmania.org

MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH
and the challenge to each Club in our District is to attract at least one member to your Club during the month of March



Wayne Madden International President

In the northern hemisphere, the month of March is a transitional period. The snow has stopped falling, the temperatures are warming, and plants and trees are once again beginning to blossom. It is spring.

A time many people refer to as rejuvenation.

The same can be said for Lions Clubs International.

March is the perfect time for clubs to invite new members, and for districts to charter new clubs to close out the year with a strong finish.

This month, clubs and districts will be holding the third of four pit stops.

This is the time for clubs to review their accomplishments so far this year, and plan your calendar for the remaining four months – to include activities in support of the fourth Global Service Action Campaign *Protecting our Environment*.

There is also time to participate in the *Reading Action Program*, or do your second or even third RAP project.

And clubs can still qualify for the Club Excellence Award.

New LEO inducted



Fiona Amphlett was inducted into the LEO Club of Smithton by DG David during a recent visit to the Club

Fishing on Flinders

Flinders Island Lions Club Fishing Competition was a very successful day with very good weather conditions – a bit windy to begin with and overcast for most of the day but we ended up with a great day's fishing by weigh in time.

The 26.5 kg stingray caught by Trish Roberts trumped Marshall Clarkson's 76.5cm, 2.81kg flathead.

We would like to thank all the people who sponsored this event – we wouldn't be able to do it without your generous support.

Our club would like to say thank you to Thane Brady – Chairman of North Launceston Football Club who also gave us footballs, hats, drink bottles, tee-shirts etc which were given to the under 16s who registered.

We earned \$500.00 from entry fees, \$80.00 from donations and \$266.75 from the raffle a total of \$846.75 so after expenses we will be able to send close to \$500.00 to Lions Cord Blood and Childhood Cancer Research Appeal.

Charter Anniversary



District Governor David is pictured (centre) with long-time St Marys Club members John McGiveron, Len Miles, Brian Forsyth and Kevin Faulker at the Club's Charter Anniversary night. The Club was chartered on 15 February 1975

The Lions Club of Spring Bay will celebrate its 20th Charter Anniversary at a function in Orford on Saturday, 13 April

Welcome to New Lions

Forth Valley

KEVIN GOODWIN

sponsored by Graeme Sharman

JOCK LITTLER

sponsored by Peter Miller

Glenorchy City

JOHN RADCLIFFE

sponsored by James Fisher

Penguin

GORDON BAKER

sponsored by Louise Eiszele

LINDA BAKER

sponsored by Louise Eiszele

West Tamar

TONY ARMSTRONG

sponsored by Gregory Amos

ROBERT HILL

sponsored by Susan Rhodes

NARELLE MARTIN

sponsored by Gregory Amos

Wynyard

CASSANDRA OGDEN

sponsored by Anthony Allen

Membership
as at 1 March

1191

VALE

Les Hingston

Lions Club of Mersey Devonport

Les joined the Lions in 1999, and since that time he held a number of positions in the Club.

He was a man of commitment and truly loved his Lions.

VALE

Kevin Bell

Lions Club of Hobart Town

A long-time member of the Club who will be sorely missed

Rest in Peace

Lions continue to assist in the fire disaster recovery process

Lions continue to participate in a number of projects that are assisting in the bushfire disaster recovery process.

Some difficulties have been experienced in the project to provide a community shower/toilet/laundry facility at Dunalley however, it would appear that the hurdles have been addressed and the unit should be installed within days.

The major project of feeding the fencing volunteers working out of Pembroke Park at Sorell continues with six southern Clubs continuing to cater for evening meals. The fencing project operating out of Hamilton has been completed and New Norfolk and Bothwell Clubs have turned their efforts to other local projects.



Sorell Lions cook up a storm and a meal for fencing volunteers



A BlazeAid crew at work on the Tasman Peninsula

The Sorell Lions Club has continued to be at the fore-front of activities and have spent in excess of \$11,000 on hampers and gift cars for fire victims.

The Club has recently decided to fence a children's playground at Dunalley at an estimated cost of \$20,000 following consultation with the local community. The playground, which will be upgraded in conjunction with the Sorell Council, is adjacent to the Dunalley school and will provide an additional play area for the school as well as being for community use.

The Dunalley community has recently received a Government Grant to assist in the revegetation of the area and a Tool Lending Library (a fully equipped toolshed used by Lions in the Victorian bushfire recovery process) is in transit from Victoria and may be used to assist in the Revegetation Project as well as being available for local residents trying to reinstate their own gardens.

Money continues to be donated to the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal.

The Fund has now received more that \$250,000 with the greater part of this coming from Tasmanian Lions Clubs.

Many clubs are continuing to organise fund-raising events and are being assisted by their local community organisations.

The St Helens RSL ExServicemen's and Citizens Club organised a Barbecue, Raffle and Auction in conjunction with the St Helens Lions Club and raised \$5225. The Club added this to other donations and have forwarded a cheque for \$12,000 to the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal

St Helens Club Treasurer Ann Taylor (centre) receives a cheque for \$5225 from the St Helens RSL Treasurer, Marie Wilkinson and President Ross Le Fevre



Lion Anita Cohen from the Smithton Circular Head Club hounded local businesses for donations and the subsequent auction raised \$1820

Lion Anita presents District Governor David with the proceeds of an auction



Come Together Concert raises funds

The Lions Clubs of Ulverstone and Forth Valley have arranged a Come Together Concert to be held at the Ulverstone Sports & Leisure Centre on Saturday 20 April at 8.00 pm. The star attraction will be Jessica Mauboy from the recent film, The Sapphires.

Funds raised will go to the Trust Fund established by the Fletcher & Spencer Support Committee. Monies will be released as required to assist with medical and other expenses that Fletcher and Spencer will accrue during their long-term recovery.



Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretyman
Trustee for Tasmania
and Secretary

Within 24 hours of the disastrous bush fire that virtually destroyed the township of Dunalley and some other seaside villages in January the Trustees of the your Foundation approved an Emergency Grant of \$50000.

These funds are now being used to assist with providing community services ie toilet, shower and laundry facilities while the residents live in caravans and tents.

A similar story can be said for the bush fires at Coonabarabran in western New South Wales where \$20,000 has been provided to date and as the rebuilding takes place further funds will be provided through District N4.

The never ending rain in central and south east Queensland has resulted in many towns sustaining considerable flood damage and to date \$70,000 has been sent to the District Q4.

When the Foundation launched the initial Bush Fire Appeal for T1 most Clubs in our Multiple District responded and following the bush fires in NSW and floods in Queensland the appeal became a National Disaster Appeal and to date over \$650,000 has been received by the Foundation. Some of these funds have been designated for T1 Bush Fire Relief.

Last month the Foundation provided an Emergency Grant of \$3,000 to a young family in Scottsdale who had lost all their possessions in a house fire. The Scottsdale Club is assisting this family.

At the meeting of Trustees held last month 34 Grants were ratified or approved totalling \$236,844. The Trustees approved the first grant that I recall to a College based Leo Club of \$500 to assist with the purchase a defibrillator for their College. There were no applications from Clubs in T1.

This year the Trustees have streamlined the approval of Grants and in most instances Grants are approved within 7 days with the introduction of a portal system within the internet. Any doubtful applications are referred to the next quarterly meeting. Should any Club within T1 require assistance with a Grant Application or an Award please contact me either by phone 6225 2011 or email apretyman@bigpond.com



Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke
Secretary

At the February meeting of the Foundation we approved grants and donations to:

LC St Helens - \$2000 to assist with cost of a replacement mobilised wheelchair

LC Scottsdale - \$2000 an Emergency Grant to assist a young couple and family for essentials following the destruction of their home by fire

LC Riverside - \$5000 to assist with completion of toilet and hot water facilities at their property which houses the Mobile Kitchen and transport facilities.

We are pleased to have been able to assist these Clubs.

Foundation also ratified a donation of \$20000 to the District,s Fire Appeal.

It is getting around to the time that Clubs will be considering awards and I ask that you consider making TLF Fellowship awards to those Lions or community members who have helped your Club.

Lions are asked to donate or contribute to various Foundations and the most important of these are:

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF) - the charitable arm of Lions Clubs Internatioinal and supports the compassionate service work of Lions around the world.

AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION (ALF) is very similar to LCIF in that it provides Emergency Grants to Districts throughout Australia along with providing grants for Club and District community based welfare projects.

TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION (TLF) was set up to provide assistance to people within the District through the Clubs. Grants for emergency relief such as fire/flood etc. Many different projects come under the Foundation's funding umbrella so a grant need only to be submitted for us to determine the outcome.

I appeal to Clubs to look seriously at your disbursements and consider making Foundations a priority so as to enable them to continue our work and help to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held in late May and any Club with Grant Applications or other matters they may wish to raise should have them in the hands of the Secretary no later than 15 May

Drug Action Week

Drug Action Week (DAW) is a week of activities held nationally to raise awareness about alcohol and other drug issues in Australia.

The organisation running this event is Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA), it is funded by the Australian Government.

This year's theme is "Drugs, Communities and Families". The theme and its objectives sit very comfortably with what we are trying to promote through ALDAF.

Some ideas that you as a club might like to do are:

- run an art competition at your local school.
- hold an information session at a public place in your area and show the DVDs **Alcohol and your Brain** – your body belongs to you get the facts and ICE – "The Party on Ice? It's not life." OR I would like to encourage clubs to organise a viewing, at your local High School or Secondary College, of these two short but to the point DVDS produced by ALDAF.
- organise an information booth in a local shopping centre where you could show the DVDs. Brochures are available from ALDAF for parents and young people to inform them of the facts about drugs and alcohol.

Ideas being promoted by ADCA can be found on the website www.drugactionweek.org.au

The more clubs that are able to participate in DAW with its theme "Drugs, Communities and Families" for the week of 16th to the 22nd June the more people we will be able to reach and inform about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Thanks for Stamps

Many thanks to those Lions who sent stamps to Cabinet last month.

Your efforts are most appreciated and look forward to your continued support.

I am sure there are many Lions out there who could support this easy and simple project.

It only means asking people to save their stamps and from time to time post them to me.

Through your generosity of time and effort this will help make a difference to someone's quality of life

A big THANKS to all those Lions who participate.

Keep up the good work and keep those stamps rolling in.

Peter Burke

11 Camina Court Riverside.

Peace Poster

Peace Poster Kits are now available through the Lions shop, the cost is \$20.00 per school that your club sponsors.

Please approach schools now so that they can set the theme "OUR WORLD, OUR FUTURE" into the syllabus for this year.

Youth Exchange

Club secretaries should have received an email listing the names, age, sex and country of young people wishing to visit Australia on the Youth Exchange Programme.

If your club is eager to host an International student, please contact me and I will explain the steps that you need to follow. At this stage I have two Lions Clubs wanting information regarding sponsoring a Tasmanian student to be an ambassador for Lions overseas. This is a rewarding experience and was my first introduction into Lions.

Wendy Brady

Product Sales

Enough of the recriminations of the past — lets start looking forward.

- No price rise in cakes and puddings for 2013
- If you have a number of cake's not sold, think outside the square and try every avenue,
- Christmas in July for one, people eat fruit cake all year round, we just have to find the best places to sell.
- At BBQ's and raffle selling days' why not have some cakes and other products on display
- Include membership leaflets with your sales items; we need more feet (members) on the ground.
- Remember, I am only a phone call away, and will do my best to give help in anyway needed.

Viv Cardwell

District Project update 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis

The annual street corner "tin-rattle" for funds to assist in raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania will be held on

Thursday, 30 May in the Hobart area and southern Tasmania; and on

Friday, 31 May in the North and North West of the State

This project is hosted by the Lions Club of Burnie City

Some changes to note

Change of Mailing Address

Lions Club of Riverside Inc
PO Box 102 RIVERSIDE Tas 7250

Change of Meeting Venue

Lions Club of Port Cygnet
now at Cygnet Hotel (top pub)

Change of Meeting Venue

Lions Club of Clarence
now at Lindisfarne Guide Hall on 1st
Wednesday of month and Willows
Tavern, East Risdon Hwy on 3rd
Wednesday of month

A Tale of the "Tail Twister"

The tail twister, as we know the term today in Lionism has long been a part of the history and lore of the organization.

There was one point in time, however, that certain Lions wanted did not like this title and wanted the person holding this office to be called a "Spizzerinkter."

It has been said that no lexicographer has successfully challenged the Lions' claim to have thought or dreamed up, this term all by themselves. Thus, the best authority on its origin would seem to be the Lions Official magazine. In July, 1936, this source said:

"Some readers may be wondering about the word "Spizzerinkter" used in conjunction with "tail twister."

Spizzerinkters began to pop up in clubs throughout the Association some months ago. They are close relatives of tail twisters – blood brothers, in fact, and there is a definition – not be Webster – of their name. "Spizzerinkter:

1. a fire-eater; a live wire; a gouger; a snapper; a cutter; a pusher; a trail blazer; a wisecracker.
2. a Lion with the qualities of dynamite, pepper, ginger; great heat, T.N.T.
3. an official in a Lions Club who is redheaded, sharp, witty, alive, awake quick sizzling; speedy, high-stepping, gate-crashing. Implies reckless partiality.
4. one who is in a great state of perpetual eruption, as a volcano.

"The Spizzerinkter has also been variously described as worse than a revolution, more 'touching' than your most shiftless relative, and about as subtle as an avalanche, and as a new name for an old-fashioned affliction – tail twister."

Originally, any type of "merriment" at a meeting took the form of "pep committees" who were supposed to prod members into the spirit of the occasion. The pep committee eventually took the form of a single personality who came to be known as "tail twisters."

It was said that only Melvin Jones recalls exactly how this name came into being.

"Back in the early twenties we were trying to find some way to liven up Lion meetings," Jones said. About this time, membership on the pep committees had begun to dwindle and the survivors got the idea that they should be the only ones to do the fining.

"One Sunday afternoon three or four of us were discussing this matter of putting pep into meetings. One fellow who had been born on a farm said that what we needed was to do what used to be done on the farm. When a cow refused to go through the date, someone would grab her by the tail and twist. We all laughed but one of the boys said, "Why isn't that a good name – tail twister?"

We already had decided on the

name "lion tamer" for the sergeant-at-arms, so it seemed logical to confer the title of "tail twister" on the chairman of the pep committee."

The International Board, in a huff of offended dignity, issued an edict of the clubs against use of the low-comedy term.

"I remember," Melvin Jones says, "how the issue came to a head late in 1920 in Columbus. The Board was there for ceremonies.

Word came out from the room that the Board was in session before luncheon that the term "tail twister" was prohibited.

The rank-and-file membership took matters into their own hands by passing a motion in favor of tail twisting.

The Board agreed to reconsider the question which was batted about at Board meetings for years after that.

Other names were suggested like "Spizzerinkter." However, the consensus of the Board remained pretty much the same – that the terms "tail twister," "cub" "lion tamer," and "den" should be dropped from Lionism – until Ray Riley (International President 1929-1930) got up at a session and told them they were taking themselves too seriously. Besides, Riley added, he suspected the clubs were going to go right on having tail twisters whether the Board liked it or not."

So, this is the "tale" of how the term tail twister came into being.

A Club Project that is a little bit different

This one was reported in the newsletter from District 1=A in the USA.

It reads:

The final phase of this year's campaign for the Lions Service Project may seem a little odd to you. I have named this project "Fleas be Gone".

In my discussions with a group of women known as the "Twisted Sisters", who work together to gather, pack and mail care packages to our service

personnel serving in combat zones, they suggested that with summer fast approaching, it would be a good thing to collect flea collars for our soldiers.

Flea collars you say! Yes, flea collars. They are fighting in the desert and the fleas are a huge problem to them, they are bitten constantly.

When you purchase a LARGE flea collar, they strap them around their

ankles on the outside of their boots and this helps to alleviate the flea problem.

Why a LARGE flea collar. Because every soldier's needs are different and they can trim them to size and I suppose that the cut off part can be clipped to yet another part of the uniform.

So please stop by your local pet store or food stores pet aisle or even the dollar store and buy a couple of LARGE flea collars to donate at the convention.