



LIONS TASMANIA

Lions Clubs International District 201T1

July 2012 - Volume 37 - No 1



A word or two from our District Governor, Lion David Daniels OAM



Fellow Lions

May I take this opportunity to thank you one and all for the support over the last 3 years and assisting me in finally rising to the position of District Governor for 201T1.

As I have stated many times, the introduction of the system of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors ensures a succession plan that is invaluable in the preparation to take on such a position and should encourage other Lions to take on leadership roles.

Following PDG Toby is a hard act to follow and I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Toby and his team are to be congratulated on a great effort for 2011-2012. Unfortunately the membership numbers at the end of June do not reflect the hard work undertaken by Toby and his team – **well done all.**

The International Convention completed my training. It was full on but very worthwhile and I was pleased to graduate at the end of it all. My training wheels are off and I am ready to go.

Still on the International scene, our International President, Wayne A Madden's theme for this Lions year is "**In a World of Service**". He calls on all Lions to not only celebrate our World of Service but to expand our impact, rising up to meet new challenges.

Coming from Indiana, he is a fan of the Indianapolis 500 auto race. A lot of his references are based on "Teamwork" around the race car teams. Successful race teams employ a well thought out strategy and devise a formula for excellence. The winning formula I will be adapting as well in 201T1 is: Dedication + Preparation + Teamwork = **EXCELLENCE.**

Some great programs are listed as part of the global plans; I will cover them as we move on.

I would like to thank all the incoming Cabinet Members who have accepted the challenge for 2012-2013 and also congratulate all incoming club officers after the recent elections.

I believe our Leos are our next pool of future Lions and encourage all members to support the Leo programme as well as our Youth activities.

My theme, "**Connections with Communities**", will be based on a project that will allow us to work closer with our communities with a more positive outcome.

There are many resources available to help all members to **Be a Lions Leader** and I will provide the latest resources to our Global Leadership Team to forward on to all clubs.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute will be held in Sydney, March 2-5th 2013. This is designed to build the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them to assume leadership responsibilities at the club level. We will be looking for Lions who are interested in attending.

I would like to welcome all new Lions and look forward to meeting you all personally.

Once again a big thank you to one and all.

District Governor David

please note!!!

Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk now meets - First Thursday of each month - Carrick Inn, 1 Bass Hwy, Carrick 6:30 for 7:00 (Dinner meeting) - and Third Thursday of each month - Uniting Church Hall, Main St Hadspen 6:30 for 7:00 (Supper meeting, Light meal)

Riverside Lions Club dinner meeting for Monday 16th July will be held at the Launceston Football Club, Windsor Park, Riverside, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

Burnie City Lions have moved into their Lions Den at 11 Fidler Street at Cooe. They now meet there on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month and the Burnie Leos meet there on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

The next meeting of the **Tasmanian Lions Foundation** is on 9 September 2012.

Grant applications long with any other items Club wish to bring to the notice of the Foundation must be in the hands of the Foundation Secretary, PDG Peter Burke, 11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250 no later than 1st September 2012

Wayne A Madden International President

Wayne Madden, of Auburn, Indiana, USA, was elected President of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.

President Madden is an insurance agent and a certified insurance counselor.

A member of the Auburn Lions Club since 1984, President Madden has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, state council chairperson and district governor. In addition, he is a past president of the Indiana Lions Foundation. He served as a District Governor-elect Seminar faculty member five times and as Campaign SightFirst II sector coordinator for Multiple District 25.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Madden has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, Life Membership in the Association, the Senior Master Key Award, four Extension Awards, an International President's Leadership Medal, nine International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Kentucky Colonel, a Duke of Paducah, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



In 2008, he was recognised for his humanitarian service by the Governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the Governor can bestow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Madden has been active in numerous professional and community organisations.

President Madden and his wife, Linda, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Clock on for a Good Time

at the
33rd District 2011T1 Convention
hosted by the
Lions Club of Ulverstone
at
ULVERSTONE
9 November - 11 November 2012

... for all details of venues,
programme and costs go
the District website at
**[http://lionstasmania.org/
convention/](http://lionstasmania.org/convention/)**

... download a registration form
from the website

... registrations close last mail
15 October 2012

Early call for Convention nominations/notices

Nominations for all elected positions, Notices of motion, and any other business must be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary no later than the close of business on **Friday, 7 September 2012**.

Nominations are called for the following positions -

- District Governor 2013/14
- 1st Vice District Governor 2013/14
- 2nd Vice District Governor 2013/14

(No person shall be entitled to be elected as District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor unless he/she is qualified in accordance with the provisions set out in the International Constitution and By Laws of the Association)

Nominations are also called for Tasmanian Lions Foundation Trustees for South (02 phone area), North (03 area) and North West (04 area)

Nominations are invited from Clubs to host the 2014 District Convention

Clubs are invited to propose motions for consideration at the Convention however should note that any motion relating to a District Project must contain full organisational details of the project and the financial responsibilities of the Clubs within the District which decide to participate in the project.

Tribute for a job well done

Lion John Salmon has been the District Newsletter Editor for the past six years and only relinquished the position on "doctor's orders".

The Lions Club of Sorell has recognised John's significant contribution with a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented at the Club's recent Changeover dinner



Past District Governors for whom Lion John undertook the role of District Newsletter Editor commented ...

Looking back, the appointment of John as newsletter editor was perhaps one of the most significant appointments made to the 2006/07 District Cabinet. John attacked the role with enthusiasm and produced a newsletter that evoked complimentary comments from Lions throughout our District
PDG Robin Pulford

It is said that a good Editor makes or breaks a Newsletter. John's Power of Words and his vocabulary will take a lot to beat, a few lines of scribble from me during my Governorship, turn into a pages of interesting reading. John, you have done the State proud and many thanks to you and Ruth.

PDG Leigh Jones

I found John to be a good guy to work with, as he was always obliging, and tried to fit everyone's request into the latest editions, and he certainly took an ordinary Newsletter to an extra-ordinary Newsletter - *PDG Tony Roney*

The quality of the Newsletter was outstanding and recognised as such by my fellows in the Council of Governors.

PDG John Gillham

John produced a Newsletter which I read with pride. He promoted Lions Club activities and presented information from International services to a high standard. He also brought fellowship and humour into the twelve months he had for me. He was always very mindful and skilled with the production layout. - *PDG Ken Gatehouse*

I sincerely thank John for the time and dedication he has put into the editing, writing and publishing of our newsletter. He has truly lifted the bar of our newsletter to see it as one of the best productions in the Multiple District -

IPDG Dale "Toby" Crawford

John, we all say thank-you and wish you and Ruth the very best for the future

Youth portfolios up and going

District Chairman Wendy Brady is making positive moves in introducing her programme of youth orientated activities to Clubs. Wendy is willing to attend Club and/or Zone meetings to promote Lions youth projects and can provide publicity and information material on any of the youth programmes.

Drugs and alcohol are having an increasing negative effect on the lives of the vulnerable youth in our society.

How can we change this??

Education regarding the harm that can be done by the over use of alcohol and drugs is more meaningful than pushing the idea of young people becoming total abstainers.

Education is the most powerful tool that we have.

Please consider your club participating in the TINO BBQ in November, where we as Lions can make a positive presentation to the youth in our society regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The **Lions Quest Programme** now comes under the banner of Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation.

Lions Quest programmes are social and emotional learning programmes aimed at children and young people aged from 5 to 18 years of age. This is a world wide programme that is rapidly spreading into Asian and European countries.

The life skills and social skills are aimed at developing the children's' positive social behaviour:

- value and respect themselves and others
- be able to manage conflict constructively
- be able to make positive and responsible decisions
- learn to use medicines and other legal drugs responsibly
- to avoid harmful drug use.

There is a great deal of information available in brochure form and poster form.

The Lions Quest programme does not appear to be well received in Tasmania. It is hoped to get enough schools interested in Lions Quest so that we can have a Professional Development day for a group of teachers in Tasmania.

Please consider if your club is interested in supporting a school in your area.

This is the 25th year of the **Peace Poster** competition.

The theme for this year's competition is *Imagine Peace*.

The cost is just \$20.00 per school. Kits can be ordered from the Lions shop online by September. Posters will be on display at the Ulverstone Convention in November.

Please consider sponsoring a school near you.

Unfortunately we hosted just one **Youth Exchange** student from overseas this year. Many thanks to the Lions Club of Ulverstone for being a host club and to Lion Harold Smith and his family for being the host family to Gabriella, a young girl from Italy. Gabriella was in Tasmania for one week, but the Smith family made sure that she saw a great deal of the North West area. Gabriella attended a Lions Dinner meeting where she gave an excellent presentation about her country. Would your club would like to host an overseas student next year, or you might like to sponsor a Tasmanian student to be an ambassador overseas - please consider

Try Hugs Not Drugs



Tasmania's newest LEO Club

Tasmania's newest Chartered LEO club came to Smithton on the 9th June 2012 when 13 charter members celebrated at the Smithton Country Club.

Jesse Jackson has been elected to serve as the first president of the new club, Shae Collis will serve as the first secretary, along with Tom O'Laughlin as Treasurer. The Lions club of Smithton are very proud to sponsor this very enthusiastic, and energetic youth from our community.



Lions Donation acknowledged by Royal Hobart Hospital

The following article was printed in the May edition of "Infocus" the newsletter of the Royal Hobart Hospital

Low Vision Clinic

Thanks to a donation of \$10,000 from Tasmanian Lions Clubs the Lions Low Vision Clinic now has a world class range of electronic magnification aids (hand held, portable, large screen, small screen).

Patients with low vision now have the opportunity to "test run" these to determine the most suitable device to provide sight support solutions to meet their individual needs.

Paul Greaves, Optometrist, recently gave Lions members a hands on demonstration of the donated magnification equipment. Paul said that our patients now have the opportunity to determine which vision aids, if any, could help them at home. "The knowledge can make the difference between a patient staying in the comfort of their own home or going to a nursing home as they can determine if they are able to read their medication labels, look up telephone numbers and read bills. If needed, staff will take the equipment to the patient's home to make sure that it is suitable in the home setting."

"It is really important that clients are able to try the equipment and

receive guidance in using it," Paul said. "They can spend as much time as they need to." Patients can also bring work documents to be sure the equipment suits their purpose before purchasing, instead of guessing over the internet and spending thousands of dollars on equipment that is not appropriate. "They can try before they buy. This is a first for Hobart and this would not have been possible without the support of Tasmanian Lions Clubs.

Paul thanked the members of Lions Clubs of Tasmania for their fundraising efforts and Quanturn and Pacific Vision International who provided the equipment at a significant discount. Through their generosity we got double value for our money!

"This is a new chapter in the history of the Lions Low Vision Clinic which has grown enormously since its inception and which has developed a reputation as a model for low vision clinics, Paul said. "Thanks to the generosity of Lions Club members a large number of people from all over Tasmania have found ways of working around their disabilities to maintain their independence.

Inviting New Members

Because the future of our association depends on a steady stream of new members, inviting high-quality individuals to join our clubs should be a priority in every season.

In particular, inviting more women and young people to become Lions will ensure that our clubs will have a diversity of talents and insights as well as a wealth of energy with which to serve our communities even better in the future.

We welcomed new members in June

Burnie City

SHARON WOOD

Forth Valley

PETER BAYLEY

sponsored by Dale Roberts

Latrobe

PHILLIP JEFFREY

sponsored by David Jarman

Launceston Riverside

KEVERALL STRURGESS

sponsored by Alf Cox

Rosebery

AARON BRANNIGAN

sponsored by Charles Mawer

LEE TURLEY

sponsored by Wayne Woolley

**Current District membership is
1232**

**Current global membership is
1,372,726**

A first for Kingborough Lions

The Lions Club of Kingborough have inducted the Club's first ever female president.

The new board under the presidency of Lion HestE Van Niekerk was inducted by Lion Robert Batchelor at a dinner function at Brookfield Vineyard Margate on 23 June.

Lion Hester is the wife of past Lion Michael Van Niekerk, who was president during the 1992/93 Lion year

Out-going President Bruce Wells presents the symbols of Office to Lion Hester



Honoured by the Queen

Tasmanian Lions who received awards in the Queens Birthday Honours List in June.

The Honourable David Edward Llewellyn

For service to the Parliament of Tasmania, particularly through contributions in the portfolio areas of planning, resources, primary industry, Police and emergency management and health to the community, and to the Anglican Church in Tasmania.

David is a long-time member of the Lions Club of Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches

Terrence John Mather

For service to the community, particularly through fundraising roles for the ABC Giving Tree.

Terry was a member of the Lions Club of Hobart Town in the mid-1990s and rejoined the Club last year

The Honourable Donald George Wing

For service to the Parliament of Tasmania, to the transport, tourism and conservation sectors, and to the community through a range of educational, sporting, multicultural and humanitarian endeavours

Don joined the Lions Club of City of Launceston in 1966 and was an active member for 30 years. He was Club President in 1972-73

Don retired from active membership in 1966 however was made an Honorary Member and remains that to this day.

100,000 and counting

Thanks to the great work of collecting used stamps by many Lions and their friends and businesses, we are set to send over 100,000 stamps this Lions year to the Lions Stamp Club for sale to buy mobility equipment for young children. The value of these stamps is about \$400.

Every stamp sent in is checked for saleability and about 30% are discarded as unsuitable, due to heavy postmarking, being torn, corners missing, covered in sticky tape or perforations missing (often due to cutting too close). During sorting, stamps known to be in demand are set aside and sold separately to a dealer. This provides some of the necessary funds to cover the postage for sending stamps to the stamp club in Queensland. So the project is self-funding to a certain degree.

Overseas stamps are sorted into countries and eventually sent on for sale. Early Australian stamps (Kangaroos and King George) are checked for perforation and watermark variations in the hope of finding a rarer variety which could be sold as a single stamp. Australian International postage stamps are always in demand; lightly postmarked stamps command a premium and stamps other than the standard rate are much sought after. Gummed stamps are generally more sought after than peel and stick stamps.

Stamps don't have to be soaked off the paper. Unless all the glue is removed from the stamp (and in particular the peel and stick variety) they tend to stick to other stamps and often both are ruined. If you cut the excess paper from around the stamp, make sure that you leave about 3-5 mm of paper so that perforations are still complete. If you are unsure whether or not a stamp may be saleable, just send it along with the others and We will make the decision for you.

Thanks to one and all for their contribution to this project.

*Ian Main
Riverside Lions Club*

VALE

Lewis James (Lew) Fletcher

7.11.1917 - 7.6.2012

Lew joined the Lions Club of Kingborough on 1 April 1974 and over the ensuing years held many board and committee positions. He was awarded Life Membership of Lions Clubs International in 1992 for his untiring services to the Kingborough community. Lew was one of the main forces behind the building of the Club's three senior citizen units (Karlew Court) onnel Highway hence, on completion, they were partly named after him.

Lew's high standing in the aKingborough community was clearly evident with the large number of people who were not able to find a seat at his funeral service

Bernard Bellgrove

26.5.42 - 11.6.2012

Bernard joined the Lions Club of Huon in 2003 and transferred to the Lions Club of New Norfolk in 2007

At the time of his passing he held a director position on the board, He instigated the Club's "Letters to Father Christmas" programme and was chairman of this programme for the past four years

Margaret Maynard

15.9.27 - 30.6.2012

Margaret joined the Lions Club of Hobart Sullivans Cove in April 1990 and was President in 1996-7 and 1997-98

Margaret transferred to the Lions Club of Hobart Town in 2004 and was President in 2007-08 Margaret served in several positions on the boards of both Clubs.

She was a dedicated Lion and actively participated in Club projects and activities.

Margaret, for her service to Lions, was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship and the James D.

Richardson Honour.

She was married to Lion Max Maynard a member of the Lions Club of Glenorchy City.

Nevelle Jetson

Nevelle passed away recently in his ninety-first year Nevelle was a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Launceston Riverside and was a member for six years.



Lions provide shoes for Sri Lankan schoolkids

The Lions Club of Clarence has engaged in a partnership with the Lions Club of Galle in Sri Lanka to provide shoes for under-privileged school children in Sri Lanka.

The President of the Clarence Club, Stephen Smith, proposed involvement in the project after being approached by the President of the Lions Club of Galle, Lion S A H Lahir.

Lion Stephen had met Lion Lahir when the Sri Lankan Lion visited the Lions Club of Boroondara Gardiners Creek in Victoria where Stephen was a member before returning to Tasmania in 2010.

The aim of the project was to provide shoes for the great number of Sri Lankan children who were going to school barefoot.

The Clarence Club first investigated the idea of purchasing shoes in Australia and shipping them to Sri Lanka, however found that there are a number of shoe factories in Sri Lanka and that the import of shoes into that country would not be practicable.

The Clarence Club decided to contribute financially to the project and subsequently, in partnership with the Galle Lions, was able to fund the project.

As the photographs indicate, vouchers for shoes were given to students at two schools and it is proposed to extend the project in the future.

The partnership in this project has led to a proposal that the two Clubs should twin and the Clarence Club is now going through the twinning process.

Galle (pronounced Gawl in English, and gaar-le in Sinhala) is a living time capsule. It has a vibrant commercial district that's also shambolic and often charmless, but pass through one of the Fort gates and you are transported back to the Dutch colonial era.

Built by the Dutch beginning in 1663, the 38-hectare Fort occupies most of the promontory that forms the older part of Galle and remains a working community.

