



LIONS TASMANIA

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First Pit Stop successfully completed - but there are three to go

WE SERVE - Is a term we use quite often. However, I am pleased to report that after visiting more than 50% of our clubs this statement is so true.

I congratulate all of the clubs that have strong **Connections with Communities**; this has become very evident to me on project visits with different Club Presidents and members.

HOW ONE CLUB CHANGES LIVES - Again, we often hear that **one person** can make a change, well, **one club** can certainly deliver on that statement.

In our district we have many clubs that are making a change and I have not only witnessed that, I also have written confirmation that without the Lions support in the Communities, local councils have struggled to meet the needs. Well done all.

We have recently been receiving letters from politicians from all sides. I have personally contacted them and advised them of our **purposes** and they have been very understanding and have **apologised**.

We have completed our first **"Pit Stop"** where we were able to assess some of our weaknesses and hopefully address them.

A combined GMT (Global Membership Team) and GLT (Global Leadership Team) met recently to review our plan and address the issues of the current position of a negative growth in our community.

On my recent visits I have been able to award the long serving members with the Chevron Monarch Awards, one club recently received awards totalling **"hundreds of years of service"**.

Congratulations to all of those members - you and your clubs can be very proud of the significant effort that you have put into our communities.



DG David presents PDG Alan Walker with a 40 year Monarch Award

At the time of writing this report, I have just met (once again) with the convention team from Ulverstone and I must say that at this stage I am **overwhelmed** with the preparation and planning.

In addition, my cabinet has been working behind the scenes and, with the Cabinet Secretary and CBL Chairman, have reviewed and approved all matters relating to the business side of our convention,

All details of the various nominations and the notice of motion that have been proposed have been forwarded



to Clubs. For a precis of the business that will be conducted at the Convention please read details on page 6 or his newsletter.

Strong attendance is well indicated and with just weeks to go at the time of writing, the **Saturday evening function** looks like a sell out. I take the opportunity to welcome one and all – and a great night of entertainment is assured. The entertainment anticipated will be ongoing during the evening and will vary from formal items to member's skits and acts from **"Slipstream Circus"** which will be dispersed during the evening and a fire show at the end of the evening.

I hope you all made the cut off date.

Whilst on conventions, there has been a change in the MD starting date of the Canberra Convention in 2013. **Due to Anzac Day on the 25th the convention will now start on Friday 26th April 2013.**

See you all in Ulverstone.

DG David



Reading Action Program a challenge for Lions

As part of this year's "In a World of Service" theme, **International President Wayne Madden** is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service.

International President Madden has again challenged Lions Clubs to get involved in the Reading action Program writing "twenty-six percent of the world's population is considered illiterate - unable to write their name or read as well as a 10 year old child. This problem not only exists in developing countries but developed countries as well. In my own country - the USA - one out of seven is considered to be illiterate by the aforementioned definition"

District Governor David invited District Chairman Wendy Brady to introduce the Reading Action Program to Clubs and she writes -

In 2006 the Australian Government conducted the *Adult Literacy Life skills Survey*

Throughout the States and Territories. The results of this survey are not flattering to Tasmania:

According to the survey the literacy skills of Tasmanians aged 15-74 years were consistently assessed as being below the national average in all areas.

Only about 27% of Tasmanians were assessed as having sufficient problem solving skills to meet the complex demands of everyday life work.

I was encouraged to note that when the figures were compared with the 1996 survey there has been an improvement in Prose Literacy (reading for pleasure) and Document Literacy (reading for information). Level 1 (the lowest level) had a slight improvement), but Levels 4&5 (the top levels) had a very favourable improvement.

The survey also compared income with Literacy levels

Level 1 -2	\$300-400 weekly
Level 3 -4	\$550-600 weekly
Level 4-5	\$850-900 weekly

I believe that the facts above must encourage us to assist people to improve their literacy skills.

We, as Lions, have a responsibility to accept the challenge by our International President Wayne A Madden, and try to assist young people in Tasmania, so that they are not in the statistics listed above.

I am listing some ideas that your club might like to take part in to help improve Literacy skills in Tasmania.

Adopt a School

If there is more than one Primary school in your area, I would like to suggest that you adopt the school with the lower socio-economic population, or adopt more than one school depending on which programme you would like to participate in. Ideas for activities are:

Present a book to each grade six student as they are exit Primary school (December 2012) and, or, present a story book to each student as they begin their school life (February 2013). Each book should have a label stating that the book was donated by the _____ Lions Club as part of an International Lions Programme to increase literacy skills.

Volunteer to listen to individual students read. Unfortunately many parents, particularly those of low education backgrounds are not prepared to, and do not understand, the importance of listening to their children read. Your reward will be noting the difference, just thirty minutes (per week), of your time could make to five or six young students.

Local Libraries are often looking for volunteers to read stories at informal story time within the library.

Babies

Donate a picture story book to each baby who is born in your area, during this Lion's year. This can be achieved by either contacting the anti natal section in hospitals near your club, contacting the local Medical Centre or just by word of mouth.

Driver's Licence

Many young people who are trying to get their Driver's Licence do not have

a suitable mentor to assist them. The Red Cross at Burnie run a programme called A2Ps, where volunteer mentors work with a young person trying to get his "L" Plates and then the "P" plates. I believe that Red Cross has other programs in Tasmania that run on similar lines. You could become a mentor and assist a young person to learn the road rules and assist them with the fifty hours of driving that is required. Contact your local High School or College and become a driving mentor.

Reading and Writing Hotline

Become a volunteer for the Reading, Writing Hotline. This is a very rewarding activity where you could make a real difference to some one's life. It would take just one hour per week to tutor an adult, who through circumstances beyond their control may have missed out on a regular education when they were young.

Book Drive

This can be done in several ways : Call for donations of books to be either sent to a third world country or given to Aboriginal communities, or to Refugee/Detention Camp, or to a local school; or In conjunction with a school, invite a book wholesaler to a school of your choice, to display books for sale. Commission for the book sales would go to the Lions Club organising the book sale and your profits could then be used to purchase books to donate to the school library

I ask you and your club to seriously take part in this Lions Reading Action Programme. If each club was to assist just one person with their Literacy what a difference we could make to the lives of fifty people living in Tasmania.

Spacers aid Asthma programme

The Lions Club of Kingborough has been working with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania (AFT) in an effort that they hope will eventually see all schools in Tasmania provided with new disposable spacers.

A "spacer" is essential for the effective delivery of the life-giving drug salbutamol to a child suffering an asthma attack and at the moment schools only need one spacer per asthma first aid kit.

This spacer can be used by a number of patients as long as it is disinfected between each use.

Within the next few months though, due to changes to national infection protocols, schools will be forbidden from allowing any one spacer to be used by different patients.

The AFT is therefore advocating that schools should possess disposable spacers, which can be used up to six times by the same patient.

To ensure every school is aware of these new changes, and that all asthmatic school children are protected by having ready access to a spacer during an asthma attack, the Lions Club of Kingborough is funding the purchase of 10 spacers for all 16 schools in the Kingborough municipality as well as training and information for teachers.

This pilot program is being trialled in Kingborough with several schools having so far received their spacers and training,

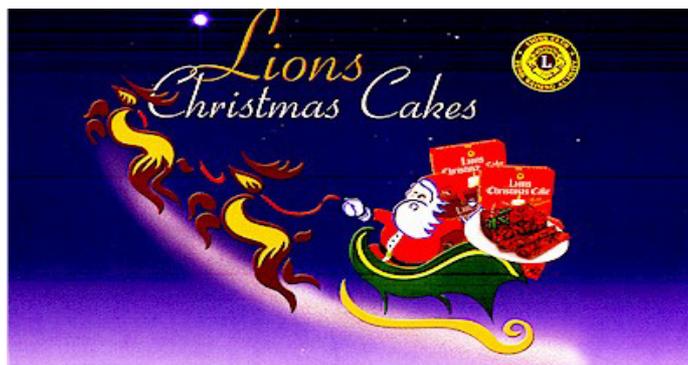
Over the next few weeks, the program will be implemented in all schools in the Kingborough area.

It is hoped this trial will eventually lead to all Lions clubs throughout Tasmania taking on the project, which will see all 286 schools in Tasmania receiving the new life-saving device and training.

The Lions Club of Kingborough has provided \$1900 for the initial trial.



AFT Trainer Linda Sams and Kingborough Lion Bruce Wells introduce Steve Robinson, Principal Bruny Island District School, to the project



District Merchandising Chairman, Viv Cardwell tell us its

45 days to Christmas

Now that is frightening, particularly if your projects are not up and running smoothly, ales of cakes puddings mints and fudge bring in the \$\$\$ to assist with this.

Lion Viv is hoping to meet up with as many Lions as possible at the convention at Ulverstone where he will be showcasing new products.



Leo the Singing Lion

Leo is an entertaining soft toy and great as an attention getter or a fundraiser.

Leo sings "The Lions Sleeps Tonight"

Available from the Lions Club of Sandy Bay - \$10.00 each (Club orders) or \$15.00 (recommended retail)

Contact Frank Lawrence on 6222789 12 or 0427278012 or email franklawrence@bigpond.com.

Leo can be delivered at Convention or by mail (postage extra)

Lions Rose Pin now available

Following the successful launch by the Australian Lions Childrens Cancer Research Foundation of the Lions Rose, (see article in The Lion magazine) ALCCRF now offer your Club and/or members the opportunity to assist the foundation by purchasing a Rose Lapel Pin



The pin can be purchased for \$5 each from ALCCRF Lapel Pin, PO Box 615 Buninyong Vic 3357

A Rose between Two Thorns ...



Latrobe Club Lions Alan and Wayne Riley "a rose between 2 thorns" at Springfest, the Club's first fund-raiser for Relay for Life

Smithton Lions Club call for help answered

Zone Chairman Heather Johns, a member of the Smithton Lions Club tells us

"Yes, we needed help and asked for it., There was no fuss or bother, with the initial request going to Region Chairman Anne Fagg, who then co-opted Lion John Medwin and 2VDG Michael MacLaren to carry out a workshop at the Smithton-Circular Head Lion's Den. This was conducted Saturday, 29 September.

Although down in numbers for various reasons, some work related others because of pre-planned commitments, five dedicated members and a similar number of our Leo's attended. There was some fun as Lion John arrived with a roll of white paper that seemed to go on for ever; but we soon found out what that was all about.



Each person was asked what we thought our problems were no matter how small or how silly they may sound at the time, to get them on the table written with markers provided. The brief given to us initially was that there were no accusations or recriminations allowed. Just factual problems as we saw them. From what we wrote on the paper was to become headings of the discussions that followed.



With guidance from our facilitating Lions we all worked through each subject heading and found that really we all knew the answers, but just needed prompting to get them out in the open in a workable format and on record. The work now is to implement each point and bring the club back from the brink.

All three facilitators suggested that we seriously consider going through the Club Excellence Program in the New Year, so that idea will be put to the club members and hopefully implemented.

Our Lions club thanked Lions Anne, Michael, and John for making time to come to Smithton to assist us and our Leo's, all young people who are our Lions of tomorrow, who contributed to the workshop in no small way.

Vale

George "Geordie" Cook

20/4/1945 - 17/9/2012

Member of the Lions Club of
Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches

Welcome to New Lions

City of Launceston

PATRICIA CROWE

sponsored by Kevin Styles

SUE MOIR

sponsored by John Daikin

Flinders Island

GAYLENE BURNS

sponsored by Margaret Wheatley

RUSSELL JUDGES

sponsored by Margaret Wheatley

SHANE RUMNEY

sponsored by Margaret Wheatley

Latrobe

KIM BRAIN

sponsored by Mark Campbell

Port Sorell

LYNETTE McMURRICH

sponsored by John Brook

Scottsdale

LEONIE CHILCOTT

sponsored by Mervyn Chilcott

MALCOLM CHILCOTT

sponsored by Mervyn Chilcott

JOSHUA GOSS

sponsored by Mervyn Chilcott



DG David inducts Kim Brain into the Lions Club of Latrobe

**Membership
as of 1 October
1221**



Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke
Secretary

The Annual General meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc

will be held on Sunday, 11 November 2012
(the Sunday morning of the convention)
at the Beachway Motel, Heathcote Street,
Ulverstone commencing at 8.00am

A light breakfast is available

and all Lions are invited to attend,

Anyone wishing to avail themselves of breakfast please advise the Secretary no later than 5 November 2012.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on 11 November 2012.

Any Club with a Grant Application it will need it to be in the hands of the Secretary by 5 November 2012. We invite all clubs to consider making an application for those projects which may need some assistance to complete.

Following our last meeting in September 2012 a Grant of \$1250 was made to the Sandy Bay lions Club to assist with a special bicycle for a child with cerebral palsy.

Looking forward to seeing you at the District Convention.



Thanks for Stamps

Peter Burke
LC Launceston Riverside

Thanks to those who continue to support this project and we invite other Lions to take part in this simple project. It is with the efforts and generosity of your time that help to make a difference to someone's quality of life.

Stamps can be sent direct to me at 11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250 or handed to a Cabinet Officer who will arrange delivery to me through PCC Tony Roney.

With the oncoming Festive Season many people will have extra stamps and this gives us all a chance to find new outlets.

Thanks for your continued support and keep up the good work.

I will be at the Convention and can collect any stamps that you may have.



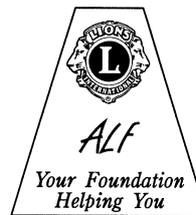
Penguin Lions Club

50th Charter Anniversary
Penguin Baptist Centre, Ironcliffe
Road, Penguin

Saturday, 8 December 2012

Cost - \$40 per person *includes meal, commemorative glass and booklet (this venue is BYO)*

Dress - Gents - Lounge suit; Ladies - after 5
RSVP to penguin@lionstasmania.org by 27 November



Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretzman
Secretary &
Trustee for Tasmania

The Australian Lions Foundation is introducing a new award to recognise a particular member/business/donor in a local community who has provided invaluable assistance to a Lions Club. The Award will cost \$250 and will be in the form of a glass free-standing plaque naming the recipient/business. Hopefully a model of the Award will be on view at our District Convention.

Meeting dates for the Foundation over the next nine months are 26-28 October 2012, 22-24 February 2013 and 24 April 2013.

Applications for Grants should be lodged at least seven days prior to these dates and please take note of my previous request to Clubs to only use the recently forwarded application forms for grant applications

Attention Club Treasurer a note from Cabinet Treasurer Erik Madsen

As you no doubt already know, Lions International send a monthly statement to clubs who have an outstanding balance on their account,. The actual amount may differ a little from month to month, depending on the international exchange rate, which is set on the first day of each month.

My request to you is that you should pay your club's international dues promptly as soon as you receive the first invoice and this will ensure that your account is paid in full.

The practice of accumulating three or four invoices and then paying the one that shows the smallest AU\$ amount, unless that was the last received, is just fooling yourselves into believing that you have made a good deal. The residue will remain on your account.

The club who posted an international Dues payment with an invoice dated July 31st to me today will have a small residue on their account and as they will be in the 90-120 day overdue category, the District Governor may get queried as to why this club should not be prevented from fielding delegates at the upcoming district convention.

It would make my life much easier if you followed the District guidelines which clearly state that International and District dues should be paid immediately on receipt of the initial semi annual invoice and then ratified at the next board meeting.

Convention Business at a Glance

Among the primary tasks to delegates to the District Convention is the election of those who will lead our District in the 2013/14 Lions Year.

Lion George Bugeja from the Ulverstone Club has been nominated for District Governor

Lion Michael MacLaren of the Lions Club of City of Burnie has been nominated for 1st Vice District Governor.

No nomination has been received for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor and nominations will be called from the floor for qualified candidates.

No election will be required to fill positions for Tasmanian Lions Foundation Trustees for the 62 and 63 Areas. Lion Alan Holland from the Lions Club of Kingborough and Lion Jeff Harper from the North East Lions Club are the only nominees for these positions. No nomination has been received for a Trustee from the 64 Area and again, nominations to be called from the convention floor.

No nomination has been received for a Club to host the District Convention 2014.

There are four **Constitutional Notices of Motion** that can be said to be of a "housekeeping" nature and include -

- Proposed motion inclusion of Article 18 relating to Foundations
- Article 5. Section 20 G and H - Changes to the wording
- Article 5. Section 21 H - Changes to the wording o
- Article 16. District Records section 3 of the Constitution be deleted
- Article 9 District Convention Expenses section 4 be amended

There are three **General Notices of Motion**.

General Motion 1 proposes an increase in District dues of \$2.00 per member

General Motion 2 proposes that the District newsletter be electronically sent to all Clubs and that the District no longer have any newsletters professionally printed and posted to Clubs and that the current amount charged in the member's dues for the newsletter is reduced to 30 cents per member yearly to cover any in house production costs.

General Motion 2 proposes that our District proposes a notice of motion for the 2013 Multiple District Convention to institute a 40c per member per annum levy to fund the MD LEO of the Year Quest Youth Camp for State LEO of the Year winners

There are six **Project Notices of Motion**.

Project Motion 1 proposes a continuation of the support for Crime Stoppers Week for a further three years with a voluntary levy of \$10 per member

Project Motion 2 proposes a continuation of the 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis project for a further three years

Project Motion 3 proposes a continuation of further participation in the volunteering of assistance to the "Devil Island Project" and other projects aimed at sustaining viable populations of Tasmanian Devils in Tasmania for a further three years

Project Motion 4 proposes financial support through a voluntary \$10 per member per annum levy for two years for the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania with the roll-out of new-style spacers to schools throughout Tasmania

Project Motion 5 proposes a continuation of the LYNX (Lions Youth Network eXpress) Project for the next two years by funding, through a \$5.00 per member per annum levy, four workshops and one camp in each year

Project Motion 6 proposes a continuation of for the next two years of a voluntary levy of \$4.00 per member per annum to assist in the funding of the District Youth of the Year quest.

Full details of all Notice of Motion have been forwarded to Clubs



33rd District 201T1 Convention 9 November - 11 November 2012

... for all details of venues, programme and costs go to
<http://lionstasmania.org/convention>

Know a Likely Volunteer

Since 1994 the **Peel Valley Lions Club** has sought out and honoured a country music personality who has given voluntary service to the community through his/her connection with the genre.

Over the 19 years of the Award, recipients have included singers, songwriters, musicians and those who work tirelessly behind the scenes – and invariably they are quiet achievers who have never sought recognition or superlatives for their charity or community efforts.

President Terry Hill has announced that nominations for the 2013 award are now being accepted and anybody may nominate someone who they think is deserving of the recognition.

"Anyone with a country music connection who has given of their time and talent is eligible," Mr Hill said.

"It may be someone who entertains older members of their community, works on major country music fundraising events, or even something as simple as giving their time for free to help out in caring and support programs."

Nominees don't have to be Lions Club members but nominations need to be made through your local Lions Club in writing to: The Secretary, Peel Valley Lions Club, PO Box 957, Tamworth, NSW, 2340 by December 18, 2012.

A panel of country music identities and members of the LC Peel Valley will sift through the nominations and the 20th Peel Valley Lions Club Australian Country Music Service Award will be presented during the 41st Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2013. The recipient will receive a trophy crafted by respected artist Fred Hillier and will be given the opportunity to nominate a charity to receive \$500 on his/her behalf from Peel Valley Lions Club.