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District Convention ticks all the boxes - and then some

Fellow Lions

The winning formula has paid off for the 33rd 201T1 Convention held in Ulverstone over the weekend of 9-11 November.

That formula, Dedication + Preparation + Teamwork = Excellence, was certainly on display from the official opening on Friday evening until the exchange of flags on the closing of the Convention.

My sincere congratulations to team Ulverstone, led by Chairperson Tony Jefferies and dynamic secretary Don Clifford.

When first meeting the Ulverstone committee, I requested a grand opening, including a professional flag raising ceremony and good entertainment to start the Convention. All of these boxes were ticked with a very high score.

This was followed by a number of high profile speakers who were very informative and well received. The business section was also interesting involving some 13 motions.

The youth content was, as always, **awesome**, when we see our future Lions on display as we did with the **Leo of the Year**. Well done to all our contestants for a great performance.

One of the highlights of the Convention was the Saturday evening banquet function at the

Ulverstone Rowing Centre. A fantastic night was had by all – well done Garth, Brian, Rob and Committee.

I was very proud to have the President of the Legislative Council the Honorable Sue Smith and the Central Coast Mayor, Alderman Jan Bonde welcome us and receive us into their wonderful township with such great respect and thanks towards our association as well as the high respect that they hold for the local Ulverstone Club.

Although I had difficulty looking into the auditorium, I knew we had a full house with a record number of registrations, largest number of first time conventioners and a sell-out dinner on Saturday evening at around three hundred and twenty eight people.

I was pleased to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation on Sunday morning and delighted to be invited to chair the election for Chairperson of the Foundation. Congratulations to Alan Holland on being voted in for another term.

The presentation by Mr Plod and Willy from Wynyard indicates that all roads will lead to Wynyard for 2013. To George and the Committee – all the best.

My congratulations to the successful elections which resulted in George for Governor,



Michael for 1st VDG and Annette Ogilvie for 2nd VDG. I am sure you will form a great team.

Many thanks to our sponsors and everyone who made the Convention a success. We certainly "*Clocked on for a Good Time*" and we all had a good time.

The challenge is still focused on Membership, with us still in a negative position. The committees that have been formed can only do so much; the rest is up to us.

I am looking forward to celebrating the **50th Charter Anniversary** of the Penguin Lions Club on Saturday, 8 December. It is great to be involved with a milestone of this nature.

In closing, again a big thank you to the **1st time Conventioneers** as well a big welcome to our new Lions.

DG David



**Wayne
Madden**
International
President

Our world is a world of service. Never doubt for a moment that you are making a significant contribution and improving the quality of life for millions of people.

Unfortunately needs are increasing all around us, and in all the communities we serve. Thankfully the Lions are there and rising to new challenges. I'm so pleased Lions are supporting our Reading Action Program (RAP) this year. In just the first quarter of this year, more than 21,000 literacy related projects have been reported.

I am convinced our world of service knows no limits because I have seen so much passion and compassion from our Lions. No problem is too big to overcome. If there is a need, we just find the best way to address that need. So even as we celebrate the early success of RAP, I'm asking you to focus as well on our next Global Action Campaign - Relieving The Hunger in December and January. Hunger and food insecurity is a problem throughout the world. Lions are already making a positive impact, but we can do more. You are changing lives, and should be proud. I know I am...of you.

But the road ahead will have its share of pot holes and challenges, like any journey does. I challenge the Lions to be 'agents of change' to make sure our clubs meet the needs of today's member, responding to a continuously evolving world. As our organization continues to evolve, it is important to share our story with new audiences.

**Crime
Stoppers**



... continues
as a
District
Project until
2015

A blast from the past - first District Cabinet



Is this a photo of our first District Cabinet?
It is obviously PDG Roger Groom in the middle of the front row.
Can you name the others - and where are they now?
How many are still in Lions? How many made their mark?

Newlook Lions Network

The Lions News Network (LNN) has a fresh, new look.

LNN is the online resource for all of LCI video programs.

Check out the new LNN page, which includes featured videos related to sight, health, membership, hunger, environment and more.

Watch the latest Lions Quarterly (LQ) or explore the LQ archives.

The Search Videos feature allows you to find videos on LNN using specific keywords.

You can also comment on, "Like," share and download videos.

View Lions videos to learn more about the community service that Lions provide worldwide.

International LEO Day

International Leo Day, celebrated annually on December 5, is the perfect time to call attention to those we hope will one day lead the association.

Consider sponsoring a new Alpha Leo club, or use this day as an opportunity to foster dialogue with current Leo members, thereby creating the type of environment that will encourage Leos to one day continue their service as Lions.

Through Leo clubs, you will have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults - helping them become better citizens and leaders for life.

Asthma spacers for schools - a new Project

The Lions Club of Kingborough has successfully promoted support for the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania with the roll-out of new-style spacers to schools throughout Tasmania as a "new" District Project.

New health regulations require that a spacer can only be used by an individual student.

A new-style spacer replaces a more expensive unit which was required to be disinfected and cleaned for use by more than one student.

The Kingborough Club has successfully trialed the project and will work with the Asthma Foundation and Clubs in the District to implement the project.

A Snapshot of the Convention

There were 41 Clubs represented with ninety-two delegates including thirteen Past District Governors and there were twenty-five alternate delegates

There were eleven visiting Lions including Past Council Chairman Dr Bob Coulthard AM, Past Council Chairman David McKenzie OAM and PDG Lorraine, and Past Council Chairman Tony Benbow

There were eighteen LEOs at Convention.

Three hundred and twenty-eight Lions, Leos, partners and guests attended the Convention Banquet.

Lion George Bugeja from the Ulverstone Club was elected District Governor 2012/13.

Lion Michael MacLaren from the Burnie City Lions Club was elected 1st Vice District Governor.

Lion Annette Ogilvie from the Hobart Town Lions Club was elected 2nd Vice District Governor.

There were four motions relating to changes to the District Convention all of which were passed with little discussion.

There were three general notices of motion listed for discussion and decision.

The first of these proposed an increase of \$2.00 per member per annum in District dues which was passed.

The second proposed that the District newsletter be produced and forwarded to Clubs in electronic form only and this was defeated.

The third saw a motion proposing a forty cent levy to fund the LEO of the Year quest winner's award approved for submission to the National Convention.

Five District Projects were approved by Convention with the sixth, that relating to the funding of Youth of the Year, withdrawn.

Projects adopted included support for Crime Stoppers week, continuation of support for 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis, further participation of Tasmanian Lions in assistance to the 'Devil Island Project', support to the Asthma Foundation for the roll out of a new-style spacer to schools throughout Tasmania and continued support of the Lions Youth Network eXpress.

Clubs will receive full details of the proceedings of the Convention in due course.

The 34th District 201T1 Convention will be hosted by the Lions Club of Wynyard in Wynyard in November next year.

There was no nomination received from any Club to host the 35th District 201T1 Convention in 2014 and District Governor David will be seeking an expression of interest in the near future.



The Remembrance Ceremony was held beneath the Clock in Ulverstone

Jake Crellin from the Glen Huon Primary School was the winner of the Peace Poster Award ...



Jake is pictured with Huon Club President, PDG John Gillham, and the winning entry at the school presentation



Leo Amy Bryan was judged the Leo of the Year at the District Convention

Leo Amy is pictured with Club runner-up Leo Storm-Lee Walker and Burnie Club President, Lion Brian Cole at the Club Award presentation

The Lions Club of the Year 2012
Lions Club of Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches

The Club Newsletter of the Year 2012
Lions Club of City of Burnie
Editor - Lion John Matic

Leos show Lions how to have Fun

Lion Melissa Bell reports “Smithton Leos travelled to Burnie to reciprocate their recent visit from Burnie Leos.”

Burnie Leos learned a valuable lesson at their Charter Night when their Gavel and Gong was “acquired” by a Smithton Leo.

At that club visit, for Burnie to get their prized possessions back, they were challenged to invite Smithton to a meeting at which time Burnie Leos had to perform an original choreographed dance.



Three Smithton Leos, Emma, Tayla and James, accompanied by Lion David Johns, enjoyed a BBQ cooked by City of Burnie Lions, Max Tavasci, Lalee Lagiello and our new Lion Kellie Bryan.



Whilst Leo of the Year interviews were being held, there were all sorts of antics going on in the backyard of 11 Fidler St, Cooe, our new home.

A variety of team games were played encouraging the young people to get to know each other a little bit better. At one stage we had a rather large circle of people, Lions included, linked together palm to

index finger and chocolates were up for grabs for the people that managed to grab a finger when told to “go.” Hopefully, anyone peering over the fence wouldn’t have thought there was some weird cult festival going on!



Inside, tail twisting was rampant, with fines for forgetting people’s names, to making excuses for making excuses.

Then we heard from our two Leo of the Year entrants, Leo Storm-Lee Walker and President Leo Amy Bryan. Amy took out the award for Burnie Leo of the Year.

The finale of the night was the presentation of “The Challenge”. All thirteen Burnie Leos lined up for their performance with the intention of there being a Premiere Event viewing at the District Convention.

It was a great night of fun and laughs and hopefully there will be lots more to come.



Welcome to New Lions

Burnie City

KELLIE BRYAN

sponsored by John Medwin

Glenorchy City

JENNA MOATE

sponsored by Amanda Elliot

Port Cygnet

LAUREL ORANGE

sponsored by Hilge Biehl

Rosebery

LISA O’BYRNE

sponsored by Mathew McCullen

Deloraine

GEOFFREY CHURCHILL

sponsored by Brian Wooler

KERRIE HOWE

sponsored by Bryan Watson

Wynyard

STEPHEN WARWICK

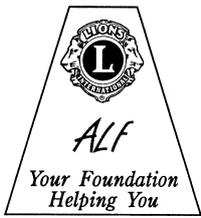
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**Membership
as of 1 November
1214**

In his November newsletter to Club and District Leaders, International President Wayne Madden wrote

“I am happy to report that our membership has grown by 12,865, and we have a more than 284 net new clubs. That is 25,730 more hands to care for a child, to meet unmet humanitarian needs, to serve our communities — whatever the world calls on us to do — as we seek to ever expand “I





Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretyman
Secretary &
Trustee for Tasmania

At our last meeting of ALF Trustees held in October seventeen grants were approved totalling \$97,049. Three applications were deferred awaiting more information or additional funding and two were declined as they did not meet the Grant Application guidelines. There were no applications from T1.

New Award for Citizen/Community Awards:

A new award will be available shortly for Clubs to purchase from the Foundation to recognise a particular member/business/donor of their community who has provided invaluable assistance to their Club. The cost will be \$250.00 and a glass, free-standing plaque will be prepared naming the recipient/business and the donor Club.

50 Year Service Medallions:

To date, six Lions in Tasmania have been recipients of the Foundation's 50 year Medal and more should be presented in the coming year but, should a member of your Club be nearing this great achievement it would be appreciated if you could inform me. The Foundation is dependent on the records held by International which are now accessible by all Club Secretaries. When nominating a member to receive the medallion it would be appreciated if you could down-load the member's LCI record to confirm his entitlement.

Replacement Trustee for T1:

The Dec/Jan Edition of the Australian Lion has an advertisement calling for Lions in Tasmania to apply for the position of Trustee to represent our District. This is one of the most rewarding positions within our organisation. The Trust Deeds of the Foundation prohibit a Lion from nominating for a position after they turn 70 years of age, therefore I am retiring and not seeking re-election. Should any Lion wish to discuss this position with me then please contact me either by phone or in person. Should more than one application be received then an election will be held at the Canberra M.D. Convention.

My next mail out to Clubs will be undertaken in January 2013 which will contain the new Grant and Award Application Forms and information for delegates attending the Multiple District Convention in Canberra. This information is very important to the delegates as they will be required to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation and vote for my replacement. Remembering that each Club attending has one vote in this situation.

Our Meeting dates for the next six months are -
22- 24 February 2013 and 24 April 2013

Applications for Grants should be lodged with me 7 days prior to these dates or sent direct to the Grants Chairman. Grants may now be approved by Trustees through email consultation.

Should any Club require assistance with a Grant Application or Awards please contact me



Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke
Secretary

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation was held on Sunday, 11 November at Ulverstone.

The Foundation Chairman welcomed re-elected Trustees, Alan Holland (62 Region), Jeff Harper (63 Region) and first-time Trustee Ron Prior (64 Region).

Lion Alan Holland was re-elected Chairman, PDG Peter Burke was re-elected Secretary and Lion Phil Robinson was re-elected Treasurer.

Requests for assistance from Clubs in the past year have been constant and we look forward to Clubs utilising us to complete those special projects which may a little outside the Clubs' needs to complete.

Also we invite Clubs to consider us when at times they have surplus funds and donate so that we may continue to assist Clubs with their requests.

Please feel free at anytime to discuss any matter you have with any one of your Trustees.

Recently, you would have received from me a letter outlining Emergency Grants. Please keep it handy for reference as you never know when you may need to make this type of request.

You know you're getting old
when half the stuff in you shopping trolley
says "For Fast Relief"

Heard it at the Convention ...
My sex life is like the Pension...
I get a little twice a month,
but not enough to live on

Lions meet Gates Challenge

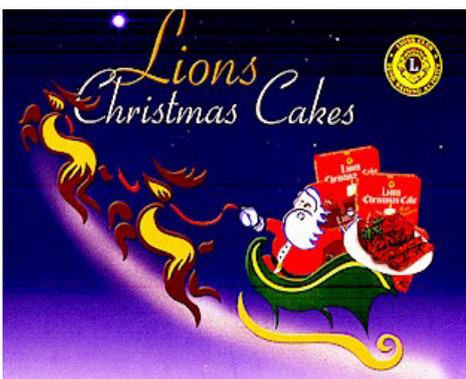
In the past year, all across the globe, Lions came together in support of *One Shot, One Life: The Lions Measles Initiative* by contributing an astounding US\$10 million to help end the death and disease caused by measles. What a spectacular achievement! Of this amount Australian Lions contributed over US\$200,000.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation promised to match every US\$2 raised by Lions with US\$1, if we reached our US\$10 million goal. So, meeting the Gates Challenge means that Lions will be able to contribute a total of US\$15 million this year to help protect the world's children from the brain damage, hearing loss, blindness and death caused by measles. Lions' dedication to combating this deadly disease is a clear demonstration of our deep commitment to protecting the health and well-being of our most vulnerable children. We have shown the world that we are not only Knights of the Blind but protectors of children, as well.

Discussions are taking place to determine the future level of involvement Lions will take within the Measles Initiative.

Donations to the One Shot, One Life - Lions Measles Initiative will continue to be eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit until a determination has been made by the LCIF Board of Trustees.

John Gillham, PDG
District LCIF Coordinator



Lion Jenny embarks on an exciting new adventure

If you are reading this you will hopefully be fortunate enough not to be one of the 300,000 Australians who are either blind or suffering from severe vision impairment.

Jennifer Nickols was born blind and was lucky enough to have been blessed with a wonderful surgeon who gave her the gift of sight for the first 36 years of her life.

Today, after undergoing more than 200 operations and battling agonising pain, she is totally blind and dependent on her Seeing Eye Dog, Zelda, who has become her new eyes.

Despite surgery to have her eyes removed four years ago – a surgery which resulted in her specialist fitting her with prosthetic blue eyes – she has a lifetime of memories of all the beautiful things she has glimpsed during her time as a child care worker, a play therapist and a Governess for the School of the Air in Outback South Australia.

Now she has embarked on an exciting new adventure in which it is her dream to raise \$300,000 which will hopefully give the gift of sight to other young Australians at risk of going blind.

At 39 years of age, she is aiming to become the first blind cyclist to ride a tandem bike around Australia raising vital funds on her 18,000kms of amazing adventure to prevent future blindness and help in the battle to find a cure, particularly in children.

Her mammoth journey begins in April 2013. She will set off from her

home in Hobart, Tasmania, to pedal her way around the country to raise money for the Lions Sight First Project, which has already gained the support of the organisation's 25,000 strong members. They will be cheering her on as she makes her way anti-clockwise around this fantastic country; powering along some of the most remote roads on earth.

Her daunting challenge has already captured the imagination of other keen cycle fans prompting offers to take the saddle on her bicycle-made-for-two, and help her achieve this astonishing dream.

Since losing her vision she is passionate about raising money and awareness and is thrilled that the Lions are equally committed to supporting her on a quest that will give others the gift of sight so they can treasure this beautiful world of which so many take for granted.

She may not be able to see the sun set over the Nullabor or celebrate the dawn rising over the Kimberley's, but she will certainly be able to relish the sun on her face and the wind in her hair, and remember all the beautiful sights she has been blessed with in her life.

Jenny is a member of the Glenorchy City Lions Club and they have donated \$1000 towards her funding. They challenge all other Lions Clubs to meet or beat this amount. Glenorchy has also purchased (through Australian Lions Visual Independence Foundation), a Kaptan GPS. It was given to Jenny to enable her to know exactly where she is.

The End is Nigh

**I hate to be the one to tell you this,
but the world is coming to an end.**

**Scientists have worked out that the planet will be
nothing but a blob of molten lava in 1.1 billion years' time.
Hardly worth getting up in the morning, is it?**