



# LIONS TASMANIA

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## Six months gone - six months to go - let's Make it Happen



To all the members of the Lions Family, best wishes from Julie and I. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. For those of you who are travelling, a safe journey to one and all.

It is almost unbelievable that six months of my term has been completed. With 60% of my clubs visited, I am still blown away with the work that our Lions Clubs have committed to their Communities.

I am very proud to be leading such a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers – **you are simply the best.**

On a much sadder note, at the time of writing this report, I am busy arranging support and assistance from our District as well as the V District.

For those who don't know, the two young boys who suffered serious burn injuries in the car explosion on the North West

Coast recently are the grandsons of the Forth Valley Club President, Bill Lander and his wife Jeannette. As you can appreciate, this is a traumatic time for the Lander family.

I have endorsed a club request for assistance as well as assistance from my co Governors in the V Districts and I am again blown away by the support that is being indicated by our wonderful Family of Lions across our Nation.

The feedback is still coming in from across the country on what a great Convention Ulverstone turned on and early indications are that it was also in the positive area financially (to be confirmed).

Some recent club visits have indicated to me that clubs are prepared to change and on one visit I witnessed a complete turnaround from a negative to a positive. This means that by all of us working together, we can **Make it Happen.**

Also, as we go to print, both the Leadership and Membership Teams have been under pressure to report on actual performances against the

forecasts that were made at the beginning of our year.

I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary of the Penguin Club earlier this month and what a grand occasion it was.

I stated to the Penguin members that anniversaries help us note the **Milestones** in our lives.

They also give us the opportunity to celebrate, commemorate and reflect. It is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the clubs achievements and plan for the future – **In a World of Service** – congratulations Penguin.

Lions, again, thank you for your support and I look forward to the next 6 months with the same passion and commitment as the last 6 months.

Before completing this report I have made a phone call to President Bill who is in Melbourne with his wife and they are overwhelmed by the support that they have received from the Lions Family. They have asked me to pass on their personal thanks to all of our members and supporters.

*DG David*

We wish All Lions a very  
**Merry Christmas**

and a

**Happy, Healthy. Safe and Prosperous New Year**

from

District Governor David and Julie - District Governor Elect George and Therese



**Wayne  
Madden**  
International  
President

It's easy to get discouraged. Just open up the daily newspaper. It's the shootings, the wars and the abject poverty we hear about. But there is something about the human spirit that always rises above wrongdoing and abysmal situations. People in the worst circumstances can still see a glow in the human heart. Listen to this young girl: "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." Yes, that was the great Anne Frank.

I've meet Lions from all over the world, and honestly, they are mostly like anyone else. Some talk a lot. Others are quiet. Some are careful planners. Others dive right in. What Lions have in common is a desire to serve. They want to make the world a better place. I believe that nearly everyone does. So we are fortunate to have found an association like Lions where we can exercise our deep-seated impulse to help others.

For many, this is the holiday season, a time to reflect, to count our blessings, to make resolutions to do better. I ask you to appreciate the opportunity we have to serve others. We are surrounded by Lions like ourselves who believe deeply in our service mission. Don't look at the TV news to shape your outlook. Just look around at your worldwide Lions' community. The English poet John Keats said it best: Scenery is fine, but human nature is finer.

Linda and I wish each of you the very best during this holiday season. May your hopes and dreams, both as a Lion and within your family, come true in 2013.

## Tragedy brings call for help from the Lions

Lions in Tasmania and Victoria have responded to a call to help two young boys who suffered serious burn injuries in a car explosion in Burnie early in December.

The boys, Fletcher and Spencer, are the grandchildren of Lion Bill Lander, President of the Forth Valley Lions Club.

Bill and Jeannette's grandsons are now in the Royal Childrens Hospital in Melbourne, both in an induced coma, and both requiring extensive skin grafting and plastic surgery.

The children's mother supported by Bill and his family are in Melbourne to be near the boys.

It is likely that the boys and their mother will face substantial costs over many months for accommodation, air fares and medical costs and while much of this cost will be covered, there will still be other costs to the family.

Already Lions have rallied and made donations and Clubs are organising fund-raising activities.

The Lions Club of Forth Valley has set up a bank account in which donations can be lodged. The account name is: Lions Club of Forth Valley- Connelly Family Appeal, and the account details are: BSB 017553 Account Number 188019757

## Another Award for ALDAF in busy month

The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation opened its *Tune In Not Out to Youth Health* campaign in November with the news that [www.tuneinnotout.com](http://www.tuneinnotout.com) had won yet another international award, this time a silver trophy for its health website.

November also saw the release of a major redevelopment of how information on TINO is presented - making it even more user friendly.

ALDAFs biggest ever marketing campaign, TINO:YH2012, featured over 55 community fundraising and awareness BBQs with over 40000 promotional items handed out, combined with a major competition was another ALDAF success in November.

The event not only helped raise funds through the support of Lions Clubs nationally who held these BBQs, but also saw young people write heaps of new blogs and leave a wide range of real stories to feature on TINO to help other young people navigate life's challenges.

## ALDAF DVDs now selling in New Zealand

Alcohol and Ice DVDs produced by the Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation are now being marketed and are selling well in New Zealand.

The DVDs both take a look inside the human body to study the effect that alcohol and Ice have.

## Penguin Club celebrates its 50th Lions help to bring Christmas Cheer

The Lions Club of Penguin was formed on on 14 March 1962 and was chartered later that year. The Club celebrated its fiftieth Charter Anniversary early in December and marked the occasion with a gala dinner.

As part of the celebration the club recognised the contribution of five of its members with one member being granted Life Membership of the Association and four members being presented with Melvin Jones Fellowships.



Lion Stewart McNeair is pictured receiving his certificate of Life Membership of The Association of Lions Clubs International from District Governor David as Club President Stuart Greig looks on.

Lion Stewart who turned 80 this year, has spent 51 of those years in Lions service at various clubs and is a charter member of the Lions Club of Mackay.



Lions Wendy Brady, Noeleen Stringer, Julie Crawford and Maureen Jones, all very active members of the Lions Club of Penguin received Melvin Jones Fellowships at the Club's 50th Charter Anniversary night. Three of the ladies have served as Club President and between them the four have clocked up 59 years of Lions service.

They are pictured after receiving the MJ Fellowships with Club President Stuart Greig on the left of the photo and District Governor David on the right.

*Man blames fate for other accidents,  
but feels personally responsible  
when he makes a 'hole-in-one'!!!*

Lions Clubs throughout Tasmania continue to play a part in community celebrations of Christmas.

The Lions Club of Riverside again organised a most successful Carols by Candlelight in Launceston, the Lions Club of Glenorchy City did all the right things in organising Glenorchy Carols but couldn't control the weather and got rained out.

And there were the Christmas parades .... The Lions Club of Burnie's Santa's Sleigh (pictured below) took pride of place in their city's parade.



It was not only the parades and the carols where Lions contributed.

Almost every Club in our District has donated something, whether it be in cash or kind, to the many appeals being made at this time for assistance particularly to the less fortunate in our communities.

Christmas time is a time of giving and Lions lead the way in giving at Christmas time.

**Leo the Lion  
says  
Thankyou**



The "Leo the Lion" sales project was an outstanding success and Leo says thanks to all who supported the project.

Lion Frank Lawrence of the Sandy Bay Club has told us the more the one thousand dollars was raised from Leo sales and the money raised will be put to good use by the Four Winds Project in Cambodia, especially on the education and health needs of local village children.

## Youth of the Year tour

The National Australian Tour begins in Launceston on the 8<sup>th</sup> January to the 13<sup>th</sup>, host club City of Launceston have been busy organizing the tour to date, which will include a trip to the Launceston Cataract Gorge, surrounding area of the Seaport, tour of Beaconsfield Gold Mine, Tassie Zoo, down the coast to the Raspberry Farm, Ashgrove Cheese factory, Anver's Chocolate, Latrobe and onto Sheffield to view the Murals. Travelling south to visit Port Arthur, Salamanca Market and Mona. Ghost tours have been arranged at both Port Arthur and Launceston. During their travels they will be shown along the way the projects that Lions have been involved in.

Schools resume on the 5<sup>th</sup> February and this is the time to contact schools once again for completed entry forms for those clubs that have not already received them. Most club finals begin the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March with the Regionals completed by the end of March.

The State Final will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013, tentative venue Latrobe Primary School, host clubs will be City of Devonport/Latrobe combined. Contacts for the State Final will be Lion Jay McLagan (City of Devonport) and Kae Campbell (Latrobe Lions Club)

Registration form plus \$130-00 registration fee needs to be forwarded to me ASAP.

Lion Annette Ogilvie (Hobart Town Lions club) and Lion Jay have extra stationery if required.

*Jenny Triptree*  
D/C State Coordinator  
Youth of the Year

## Peace Poster 2012

My thanks go to the Lions Clubs, for their participation in the Peace Poster Competition and encouragement given to school children in our great district.

I had several positive remarks at the Ulverstone Convention regarding the high standard of the entries.

It was wonderful to see King Island, Huon and Ulverstone Clubs compete this year for the first time for several years.

Congratulations must go to all students for their wonderful art work.

Unfortunately there can be only one winner for our District.

The 2012 Peace Poster Winner for Tasmania was Jake Crellin, a student at Glen Huon Primary school and representing the Lions Club of Huon.

Jake's painting went to MD for judging, unfortunately he was not the winner at this level, but his work will be on display at the MD 201 Convention in Canberra in April 2013.

The poster that will represent MD 201 is from a student from District Q1, representing the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain.

*Wendy Brady*  
Peace Poster Chairperson T1

## They've changed their name

According to *The Riverside Roar*, Lions Clubs International have acknowledged the change of name to the Lions Club of Riverside Inc.

But the Club seems to be having some trouble in recognising the change - the *Roar*, the Club's newsletter still carries the name :The Lions Club of Launceston-Riverside on its cover

## Welcome to New Lions

### Glenorchy City

KATHERINE BAKER  
*sponsored by Amanda Elliot*  
GREGORY TYGRYS  
*sponsored by Rosemary Crowle*

### Kingborough

PHILIP FRENCH  
*sponsored by Bruce Wells*  
MICHAEL WOOLLEY  
*sponsored by Alan Pretzman*

### Rocky Cape

GRAHAM WELLS  
*sponsored by Kevin Radford*  
MAXINE WELLS  
*sponsored by Kevin Radford*

### Hadspen South Esk

CHRISTOPHER WEARE  
*sponsored by Bethany Beales*

### Lilydale

ROSS CUNDALL  
*sponsored by Stephen Griffin*

### Sandy Bay

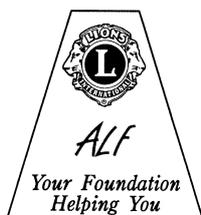
SALLIE-ANNE CRONAN  
*sponsored by Keshni Thaver*

**Membership  
as of 1 December**

**1218**

Fellowship ... good times ...  
meeting people ...  
building lasting friendships ...  
service to the community ...  
learning new skills ...  
leadership and personal  
development  
- these are just some of the  
benefits of being a member of  
Lions, the world's largest and  
most active service club  
organisation.





## Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretzman  
Secretary &  
Trustee for Tasmania

My next mail out to Clubs will be undertaken during January and 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 from T1 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.

ALF meeting dates in the next six months are 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### New Award for Citizen/Community Awards:

Our new award is now available 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 is \$250.00 and a glass free standing plaque will be prepared naming the recipient/business and the donor Club.

Please refer to our new and updated website for more information on the Foundations Awards.

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 promptly and before the above meeting dates by Trustees through new email process.

Should any Club require assistance with a Grant Application or Awards please contact me either by email at [apretzman@bigpond.com](mailto:apretzman@bigpond.com) or phone 6225 2011

## 70% of Lions Clubs support LEHP

... from LEHP in Action

The Lions Eye Health Program would like to thank the 957 Lions and Lioness clubs who have financially supported our program since its endorsement as a Lions 'category B' project in 2006. Your support has enabled us to continually develop the program and create new avenues to spread our important preventative messages.

If all of these clubs were to also distribute our brochures and posters amongst their local community imagine the impact we could have on reducing the number of Australians living with vision loss and blindness



## Lions Clubs International Foundation

John Gillham  
District Coordinator

The LCIF Contributing Membership program is a great way for individual Lions to make a contribution to LCIF.

Many Lions would like to contribute as individual Lions, particularly when their Club is unable to do so. For US\$20, donors receive a bronze pin, for US\$50 donors receive a silver pin, and for US\$100 donor receive a gold pin.

To encourage Lions to make an annual contribution, the pin changes every year.

As with Club contributions your entire donation goes toward an LCIF grant; LCIF's administrative costs are paid for by earnings on investments.

Contributing Member donations cannot be applied toward designated accounts and are ineligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition.

A **Contributing Member Form** is available on the LCIF web site : OR I can email one to you.

Forms should be sent to me for forwarding to LCIF. If contributing by cheque ensure that the exchange rate is correct and I will arrange banking by the District Treasurer.

Individual donations of any amount can also be made for general purpose grants or designated programmes which do qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit. In this case use the **Single Donor Contribution Form**, and forward it to me for processing.

All contributions, great or small will help your LCIF in its international work.

## How smart is your right foot?

You have to try this please, it takes two seconds. It is from an orthopaedic surgeon .... This will confuse your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but, you can't. it is pre-programmed in your brain!

- 1 While sitting at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
- 2 Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so

## Lions prove that they will have a go at anything - even the *Lady Nelson*

It was not the adventure of a lifetime but it ranked somewhere near it when eight would-be intrepid sailors, eight Lions, one Leo and one "shangheid" stowaway put to sea in the good ship *Lady Nelson*.

Lion Ant Dry tells us of his first impression of the *Lady Nelson*. "It is tiny. You can pace from one end to the other in twenty paces and across the deck in five".

"There were no cabins as there is insufficient space. Our bunks were extremely utilitarian, once you were in there was no room for movement. Bad luck if you were a restless sleeper, you were guaranteed a miserable night. Sit up in bed - Impossible, even if you were a baby. The galley is diminutive, we had to eat in two sittings and even then we were very squashed up. The cook was a genius to produce what he did let alone meals at all".

The *Lady Nelson* put to sea out of Hobart. The weather was shocking. It blew and it rained. The ship listed and rolled. The sea spray thundered up from the bow and sprayed the deck. It was invigorating and exhilarating. It was wonderful.

As guests, the intrepid eight assisted with the sailing of the ship. the sails are all controled via ropes, so, under direction, they untied, pulled, released and retied rope after rope, unfurling sails and refurling them, turning them one way and the the other. Thank goodness omeone knew what rope was for what function or else everything would have ended up in a mess.

They even got to hold the ships wheel and steer along a set course.

And there was a serious challenge to complete.

The cunning old cook wanted his veggies peeled so he sorted the intrepid eight into two teams with a peeler each and offered a prize to the first to finish. The crew cheered the combatants on. There were allegations of cheating with one team appearing to have more vegies to peel than the other ... and there was no prize.

Climbing the mast was a pretty daunting challenge hanging on six to nine metres above the deck. The most difficult part was learning how the safety harness worked, how to attach the line and what to attach it to. The view from the top was spectacular!!!



The sailors in olden days used to shimmy up and down the same ropes but with no safety harnesses, sometime in terrible weather.

And we ate... Despite the size of the galley, the cook produced splendid food. He had made and brought with him a selection of cakes and cookies. He served soup, a main course and pudding, and on the Saturday night served up a roast.



And there was the drinking and the singing.. Three of the crew members were young and on the second night on board led the intrepid eight astray. An iPod was produced and the singing of sea shanties resounded throughout the ship. The ship's Captain called a halt to the frivolities at midnight and sent everybody to bed. Perhaps if the singing had been kept to "16 men on a dead man's chest" and not let range through Meatloaf's "Paradise by the Dashboard lights" to the Beatle's "Hey Jude" the singing may have gone longer.

The last day brought its rewards!! The Captain, disturbed by being kept awake the previous night, orded that the worst offender be flogged on deck. The Captain decided the the "victim" would be Lion Toby whose voice, the Captain said, could be distinguished above all others.

The Cat-o-nine -tails was produced and Lion Julie was recruited to administer the punishment of ten blows with the cat - a she undertook with delight. It appears that she was kept awake by the singing too.



*Interested in getting a group together to go on a trip on the Lady Nelson? contact IPDG Toby Crawford on 0418 141 236 or [djcrawford2001@yahoo.com.au](mailto:djcrawford2001@yahoo.com.au)*