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Tassie Lions Team - a Clear Winner

To all the members of the Lions Family.

We have completed the last lap of the "Great Race 2012 – 2013".

The magnificent effort by the Bushfire Disaster Recovery Team, and the crew from the Fletcher/Spencer Team who put in a great effort with their major fundraiser.

As a result of these great team performances, team 201T1 picked up the chequered flag and your District Governor is a very proud Lion.

The prize money for the winning team is the satisfaction and a rewarding feeling as we deliver on our Motto – **We Serve**.

Team 201 T1 - Job Well Done

You have all achieved in 2012-13 because you have worked hard – many thanks to you one and all.

Throughout the year I have been very impressed with the projects that your clubs have completed. Keep up the good work and together we welcome all new Lions in the District.

International President Wayne's projects throughout the year have been very successful, in particular the Reading Action Program which our District participated in. Many thanks to Lion Wendy.



On the Multiple District scene, our team has met all requirements and reporting schedules. Unfortunately it has still, on occasions, been difficult for the District Cabinet members in obtaining information from some clubs.

It was very pleasing to see a strong contingent of Lions from our District, at our MD Convention in the ACT. I have had plenty of members who attended, coming up to me and telling me how much they learnt and what a good time they had.

Still on Conventions, we want to make the Wynyard Convention a great one for DG George and Therese. Please clubs, encourage your members to attend.

We have had our final Cabinet meeting and I personally thank Lion Phil and the Kings Meadows Club for their hosting of our meetings over the year.

Overall our training session feedback has been very positive and, although a huge effort was put in by the teams for March Membership Month, the result was not there – but, well done to the clubs that had a positive result, keep up the good work

The Winning Year 2012- 2013

Lions, we have had several major challenges this year and I believe we have met them head-on and achieved much more than I would ever have expected.

Our first major challenge was in December 2012 with the tragic happenings involving the grandsons of Forth Valley President, Bill Landers, Fletcher and Spencer.

After a discussion with the Forth Valley Club Secretary, Mark Whittle, I endorsed an appeal state-wide and, in speaking with Club President Bill, offered the support of Lions for the boys and families.

Initially, in talking to Bill, I mentioned a figure of around \$50,000. At the time of writing this report, I have just spoken to Mark who has informed me that the figure, including the major fundraiser, is now in excess of \$100,000. A magnificent effort that will certainly help the boys and families.

The major contributions have come from the Lions Foundations, TLF/ALF, plus clubs from Tasmania and

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Victoria, with other Community and Corporate support. Well done to George, Mark and the Support Committee. The committee will be acknowledging all donations with a thank you letter.

Our second major challenge was the Fire Disasters that started in the Southern Districts first and spread to other parts of the state.

As reported on previous occasions, our members were on the ground day one. The Lions response was immediate and effective. The major operation centered around the response centres at Sorell and Nubeena, where our Lions were feeding people and assisting our Lions Disaster Team and local Councils.

As your District Governor I launched a State wide appeal on Sunday 6th January and followed up with a call to Lions Clubs International for emergency funding. We were granted US\$10,000 and it was in our account with 36 hours.

The Disaster Team, under the Chair of PDG Ken Gatehouse, were in full swing and after visits to the fire affected areas by Council Chairman Lou Onley, International 1stVP Barry Palmer and myself, it was quickly assessed this was going to be a big job and would take years for the recovery.

Areas that were immediately identified by all the team after consultation with the Local Community and other committees, was the need for a Laundry/Toilet/ Shower block.

Lions have delivered on commitment number one and Showered Kindness on Dunalley situated in Bay Street, Dunalley adjacent to the Dunalley Fire Station.

Commitment number two was to provide a Tool Library with a massive range of tools to help the local residents on clearing and landscaping their block.

Both the Lions Amenities Block and Tool Library have teams managing the operations of these units. They are local community people who are very supportive of Lions.

Lions responded to a call for assistance in catering for the many volunteers who answered the call from the Blaze Aid organisation to restore rural fencing. In the fifteen weeks that Blaze Aid worked in the South Eastern Tasmanian area, Lions from all clubs in Southern Tasmania cooked and served up more than 3000 evening meals and funded the other catering requirements during that time.

We are continuing to assist the farming community by supporting the Farm Rehabilitation Program. Lions have funded fencing equipment to be used by Prison gangs re-fencing in effected areas.

After the district and MD appeals were launched, there were fires in NSW followed by floods in Q'ld. I was told that this may impact on our appeals significantly. However, I am proud to report as at the end of June, in excess of \$700,000 has been raised by donations from clubs in Tasmania and throughout Australia as well as overseas.

With contributions from the Australian Lions Foundation, Tasmanian Lions Foundation, Communities and Corporate



Sponsors. The Hazel group, who provided the demountable modular building, and the Housing Industry Association who undertook the job of refurbishing the amenities block, designed by Mirowski Design and Construction, with the necessary funds provided by Lions.

Lions, as I said at the beginning, we have achieved a lot with the two projects, we have raised in excess of \$800,000 DOLLARS within six months, this is an UNBELIEVABLE achievement. This from a state that represents only 2.9% of the National population, I am so Proud, a big thank you to one and all.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of Julie and I to thank Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs for their generous and warm welcome on our visit to your clubs and combined meetings – it's been a great time.

Congratulations to Governor George and Therese – we wish you a successful year and offer our total support.

DG David





**International
President
Wayne Madden**

As I near the end of my term as International President, I want to first say thank you to the district governors and club presidents around the world for the tremendous support you have given me throughout the year.

This year I challenged you to expand your community service by including a new initiative – the Reading Action Program (RAP). Your response has been overwhelming. To date, Lions have participated in over 65,000 RAP projects, impacting the lives of 6 million people around the world. RAP has been so successful, the Board of Directors has extended it as a major service project for the next 10 years. That is personally gratifying to me not only as a Lion but as a former educator.

You embraced my theme “In A World of Service” in so many ways. I had the opportunity to visit many of you this year, and witness first-hand what Lions are doing to change people’s lives. And that is exactly what we are doing. We are changing people’s lives. We are giving the underserved a chance for a new beginning, and we are doing it each and every day of the year.

I never imagined growing up in a small town in Indiana that I would one day not only have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of others, but to lead the world’s largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian service – Lions Clubs International. I am forever grateful and sincerely humbled by the outpouring of love and support.

Our world is truly a world of service and this year you have helped make the world better through your selfless acts of kindness shown to others.

The Year Ahead

DGelect George Bugeja



I am writing this before I depart for the Canberra Convention then Europe prior to my installation as District Governor.

I have had the opportunity to visit a few Clubs over the past few months to observe how they are functioning, and I must say all Clubs seem to be having similar problems.

The main problem as I see it is that the long term Lions and the newer members have trouble communicating with each other. This appears to be a major reason why we have had a large drop out of members.

Lions Clubs are changing in the way they operate and we need to be prepared to accept it. I am not one though for an overnight change but a gradual one, we the long term members must listen to our newer members and be prepared to bend and admit when good ideas are presented.

However, newer members cannot expect to have their ideas acted on overnight, but, work with the diehards to find a compromise.

Another problem is the lack of socialising amongst members and partners away from the meeting room.

Good families work together and play together. We need to get to know each other away from the hum drum of our meetings and include our partners in our Lions work.

I know some of us are getting too old to kick a football with our grandchildren now, but we are still able to enjoy watching our younger members and their families having fun. We can still bend the elbow with a glass of red or a beer, cook a good steak on the BBQ and just “chill Out”.

Remember also, your Club’s Board is answerable to you the members on all aspects of your Club’s operation, if you are not sure of what is happening in your Club ask. You are entitled to see board minutes, be involved in how your fundraising is spent, and be part of the team.

My goal for our District is to see us taking care of our current members first and foremost, look after those who are sick, troubled or lonely. Make our meetings enjoyable with plenty of fun and laughter.

My theme for the year is “WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE”.

We are all different, no two people are the same (thank goodness) but we all have one thing that is the same, we wear the same badge, the Lions Badge.

Lions Lady Therese and I are looking forward on our return from Hamburg, to meeting each and every Lion in our District and working with you to make our District a family as one.

Regards
George Bugeja

We are Many, We are One



Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke
Secretary

Firstly, I would like to thank all those Clubs who donated to the Foundation throughout the year and those Clubs who purchased TLF Fellowship Awards..

Following the foundation meeting held on 26 May 2013 Grants were made available to -

Low Vision Clinic, Hobart -

\$12900 to purchase aids to assist people with low vision and who attend the clinic.

Lions Club of City of Burnie -

\$4000 to assist the purchase of a hand bike for disabled person

In conjunction with a District Contribution of \$5000, a Tasmanian Lions Foundation \$5000 grant and an Australian Lions Foundation grant of \$10000, \$20000 has been made available to the District Governor to purchase beds and cots for a Respite Centre at Lenah Valley.

The Foundation has agreed to assist the Rosebery Lions Club with a grant when additional information is supplied.

We invite all Clubs to utilise the Foundation to cover any shortfall that is just outside the Club's capability to complete.

The next meeting of the Foundation is listed for 8th September, 2013 and any Club with Grant Applications please forward to the Secretary no later than 28 August 2013 or any other matter they may wish to be discussed.

The Foundation looks forward to your continued support, and please consider us when you may have some surplus funds. The more we receive the better we are placed to meet all requests received.

Long-time Lion "retires" Welcome New Lions

Jack Lowe reckons that, after fifty-two years as an active Lion, it is time to step down and "retire".

The Lions Club of Sandy Bay "farewelled" Jack at a dinner meeting of the Club at the beginning of June and presented him with a plaque recognising his fifty-two years of service to Lions.



Lion Jack Lowe is pictured with Sandy Bay Club President, Lion Keshni Thaver

Jack Lowe joined Lions as a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Windmill Hill in 1960,

He transferred to the Lions Club of City of Hobart (Host) in 1967 and presided over its demise in 2006 but not before being involved in the chartering of the Lions Club of Kingborough and continuing involvement as Guiding Lion of that Club.

With the winding up of the Hobart City Club, Jack transferred to the Lions Club of Sandy Bay and has continued actively with that Club to the present time.

Jack Lowe is a Life Member of Lions Clubs International

*Humor is contagious ...
Laughter is infectious ...
Both are good for your health*

Glenorchy City

MAUREEN DUFFY

sponsored by Katherine Baker

JODY WATT

sponsored by Amanda Elliott

Latrobe

HEATHER WARNER

sponsored by Peter Burk

Queenstown

GREG WHITTINGTON

sponsored by Robert Ebert

Smithton Circular Head

SUSAN HOLLAND

sponsored by Sheryl Robson

MORGAN STONE

sponsored by David Johns

Tasman

PAMELA HANLEY

sponsored by Martin White

West Tamar

SALLY VAN DER WEGEN

sponsored by Robert Hill

Wynyard

VIRGINIA HOLMES

sponsored by Cassandra Ogden

ALLANA HUBBARD

sponsored by Cassandra Ogden

**Membership
of District 201T1
as at 18 June
1201**

VALE Raymond Willis

passed away 8 June 2013
.. a valued member of the Lions
Club of Riverside for 44 years
Life Member and Melvin Jones
Fellow

.. an affable member who
dedicated much of his life to
young people and his community

VALE Philip Harris

2/4/1937 - 20/5/2013

Charter Member and Life
Member of the
Lions Club of Spring Bay

Twenty years of dedicated
service to Lions

Leos head for Fiji

Penguin Leos, James Crawford and Nic Van Essen are travelling to Fiji in July to do volunteer work in a Fijian village building houses.

The boys have joined a team from the Rotary Club of Salamanca and will be assisting with the Model Towns project at Koroipita.

The Rotahomes project is focused on building cyclone proof housing for destitute people and the team are hoping to build two complete kit homes during their two-week stay.

The duo are required to self fund the trip and are being assisted by the Penguin Leos and Lions in fund-raising activities to cover the costs.

Any donations towards the venture will be greatly appreciated.

The results of the venture will, no doubt, make interesting reading in future editions of the District Newsletter.

Youth of the Year - 50 years on

The coming new Lions Year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Youth of the Year Quest and this milestone will be marked by a display of photographs of previous winners, both State and National, at the National Convention in Tamworth.

District Youth of the Year Chairman, Lion Jenny Triptree is seeking photos of past Tasmanian State winners for inclusion in the display and would appreciate contact from anyone who can provide such a photo.

State Winners were very excited at meeting Dick Smith and his wife at the Canberra Convention

L to R; Julian Lambert T1, Katerina Blekic C2, Laura Gollant V5, Dick Smith, Tom O'Donnell W1, Jesse Trecco-Alexander Q2, Front: Molly McInerney Q3 (2011-2012 National Winner), Mrs Smith, Molly Campbell N2 (National Winner 2012-2013)



Lions Bushfire Disaster Response - an update

Lions Community Amenities Unit

... The unit, located in Bay Street, Dunalley now operational - being managed by local volunteers. Lions will continue to maintain the Unit for the next two years.

The play-park next to the Unit has been fenced and pine-barked and it intended to install a shade cloth, seating and play equipment.

Farm Rehabilitation Project ...

Lions is represented on the State Government Taskforce that is addressing rehabilitation of fire-damaged farming properties.

Her Majesty's Prison is providing work parties to continue the restoration of farm fencing and Lions have funded the fencing tools required and trailers to carry them in.

Lions Club of New Norfolk has donated funds to five Rural Fire Brigades in their area to repair and replace damaged equipment



Lions Bill Fraser, Ken Gatehouse and Graeme Evans from Sorell Club "restore" the playground fence at the Community Amenities Unit

Lions Club of Sorell is funding the erection of a fence around a playground in Dunalley at a cost of \$20000.

Lions Club of Bothwell is assisting farmers in the Ellendale area who suffered fire damage

Lions Club of Glamorgan has completed the distribution of \$5000 worth of assistance to local residents burnt out in the fires.

Lions Club of Tasman has replaced equipment damaged in the bushfires for the local Fire Brigade.

Lions Community Tool Library ..

The tool library, a collection of tools of various types and uses, housed in a shipping container, has been located in Dunalley and is now available. The tool library is managed by a local resident with Lions support. Lions will service and maintain the tools in the library.



Yes, that is DG Dickie "supervising" the placement of the Tool Library at Dunalley

Training Leaders Wanted



Training and Information forums are of critical importance within Lions.

Lion John Medwin, the District's Global Leadership Team Coordinator, is seeking Lions with an interest in, and want to become involved in, the Leadership, Information and Training programme in our District.

Lion John is seeking interested Lions to participate in a "Train the Trainers" weekend programme in Launceston in September/October this year.

If you are already involved in training in your Club and want to hone your skills, or if you are not already involved but would like to give it a go, you are invited to register your interest by advising:

Lion John Medwin
District 201T1 GLT Coordinator
1 Ritchie Avenue, Burnie Tas 7320
Email: jayemonline@gmail.com



Words of Wisdom

Before you speak, ask yourself, is it kind, is it necessary, is it true, does it improve on the silence? - Sai Baba

Drive and Park - a Masters Tradition

Aussie Adam Scott put on the green jacket, Tiger Woods doomed himself with an illegal drop and Lions raised enough in parking fees to send 175 blind children to camp.

That all took place at the US Masters Golf Tournament in Georgia in April.

The National Hills Lions Club raised about \$US16,000 from charging patrons \$20 to park five minutes from the gates of Augusta National.

A Pep Boys and Jiffy Lube donated the lot to the club.

In return, Lions monitor the lot for the businesses. Some using the lot are Lions who often give an extra donation, says PDG Cecil Geddlings, Club Secretary.

The Lions' parking - a tradition unlike any other - is 23 years old.

*A smile increases your
face value*

Pancake Flap - because of sign

A small-town diner in Pennsylvania, USA raised a ruckus by claiming its breakfast was better than the Lions'.

The Red Plate Diner in Werneersville posted a sign that read: "Our pancake and sausage breakfast is better then (sic) Lions Club".

After one day and nearly 40 irate emails to the owner, which Lion Kevin Snyder was copies on, the sign was taken down.

The diner later posted a message saying it supports charity and Lions clubs.

The Club's pancake breakfast a few days later "served double about what we typically do," says Snyder



**District 201T1
LIONS TASMANIA**

**DISTRICT
CHANGEOVER
DINNER**

"Christmas in July"

*DG David's
Appreciation Dinner
and the induction
of DG George's
District Cabinet*

**Ulverstone
Surf Club**

Beach Road
Ulverstone

**Saturday
27 July 2013
6.30 for 7.00pm**

Dress -

Gents - Lounge/Dinner Suit
Ladies - After Five
**but with something
celebrating a
Christmas theme**

Cost - \$45 per person

RSVP

by 19 July 2013 to
Cabinet Secretary

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**ALL ROADS LEAD TO
WYNYARD**

"You've see the rest now see the best"

2013

DISTRICT CONVENTION

hosted by
**LIONS CLUB OF WYNYARD
8>10 NOVEMBER 2013**

Registration forms have been
mailed to Clubs.
Completed forms ccn be mailed to
Lions Club of Wynyard
PO Box 213
Wynyard Tasmania 7325