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OAK BROOK, IL, USA, July 9, 2013 – Barry J. Palmer of Berowra, NSW, Australia, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention, held in Hamburg, Germany and is the first Australian citizen to be elected international president of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian and community service. President Palmer is a retired real estate company director and is active in many government and community organizations.

President Palmer will lead the 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 207 countries and geographic areas around the globe. He will also help set the direction for Lions Clubs International Foundation and the foundation's SightFirst Program to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness.

"We are first and foremost a humanitarian organisation – members join because they want to help improve their community at a local, national or global level, says Barry. As a network of nearly 1.4 million members around the world, and because we all wear the badge, we have an instant connection to each other.

"We are in the business of making humanitarian dreams a reality. When you explore our organisation, you can see thousands of examples of how everyday Lions recognise a problem then work with others to find a solution. I'm a part of this organisation because I want our members to follow their dreams for a better world."

Since joining Hornsby Lions Club in 1976, Barry Palmer has held many offices within Lions, including Club President, Multiple District LCIF chairperson, and Coordinating Lion and Host Chairperson for the 2010 Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney. His many awards include the Friend of Humanity Award, Life Membership in the

Association and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a recipient of the Australian Medal (AM) for services to the community, particularly in the area of disadvantaged children, the Australian Childhood Cancer Research Award and the Spastic Centre of NSW Award.

The Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation created the Barry J. Palmer Recognition Award to honour his involvement with the Hart Walker Program in Australia.

He was a Pioneer Volunteer at the Sydney Olympics, a member of the New South Wales Paralympic Committee and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Barry's theme as President of Lions Clubs International is "Follow Your Dream".

This year, International President Barry Palmer is encouraging Lions everywhere to follow their dreams. Take Responsibility by serving your community through programs like the Global Service Action campaigns and the Reading Action Program.

Reach out to other service-minded individuals by recruiting new members and helping your club perform at its highest level. Earn the Recognition you deserve through Membership Awards, Excellence Awards and Dream Achiever Awards.

Now is a great time to decide how you will join in the fight against diabetes! Opportunities abound for you to spread awareness throughout the year. Plan now to be a part of World Diabetes Day on November 14 in the fight against diabetes!

One of the best ways to strengthen communities is to engage our youth in service. Young people need to learn the value of service. And they need experienced Lions like you to show them how it's done.

I am asking you to invite Leos and local youth to organize and carry out a service project.

When you involve youth in service, you play an important role in shaping the next generation of volunteers, leaders, and Lions.

The Goal for the Year ... PLUS ONE

District Governor George Bugeja



My thoughts at the moment are with Brian and Veronica Howden, Brian I hope you make a speedy recovery from your setback, Therese and I, and I am sure the whole Lions Family, wish you a speedy recovery.

DG George

I am writing this while sitting in a bus travelling to Venice in Italy.

Therese and I are having a holiday prior to getting down to keeping you entertained as your Governor.

I do not want to bore you with big reports each month, but, I am sure I will have "big brother" requesting I keep you informed on what they are doing.

I would like to know and want to have reported anything that your Club is doing that you may find worthy of sharing with others.

Please share your story through our District newsletter so we can all appreciate it.

My one and only goal that I have listed with Lions Club International for this year is "PLUS ONE".

Plus One to increase our membership by at least 50 new members overall for our District by the end of June 2014.

My ask of you and your Club is to add just one member more overall for the year than you started with as of the 1 July 2013. So if you had a membership of 20 members on 1st July, lose 5 over the year you would aim to add at least 6 to give you "PLUS ONE".

Your Clubs' aim, first and foremost, is to work to RETAIN the members you have which will make your goal that much easier. Treat all members as an extension of your family, listen and assist where it is needed. To achieve this we need to all work as a team for our District.

I have been pressured by "LCI" to look at adding new Clubs, but I cannot commit our District to goals that I feel is not achievable in the short term.

Our District is in transition and we are being looked at closely to get membership back up by both Lions Australia and LCI.

Some years ago we had a Governor who was in the same position as we are now and challenged us to do the same, and we did.

PCC (Past Council Chairman) Tony Roney with the help of all Clubs in our District got us back on track.

I need your help again to prove that we Tasmanians do not want to be controlled by another state.

We have a great team on Cabinet to help achieve these goals, please use them. Your Zone Chairman should be an extension of your Club, use them to work with you.

This year I have decided to do away with Regional Chairman, instead we now have "Club Development Officers" to work with you also, should you need them to achieve your goal.

As we will have one in each region if I am not available to attend to a situation I can request their assistance, as well as our two Vice Governors.

I am a hands-on type of person and I will endeavour to be there to assist as required or make sure if I cannot be there, to have someone who can ...quickly.

I am proud to be a Lion as I know you are also, let's not be afraid to let others know what we are all about, and what we do for our community.

I am now on the bus this time heading to Budapest in Hungary as I close off, Hamburg here we come.

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

Register Now!!!!!!

Registration forms have been mailed to Clubs

- ask your Club Secretary for yours
or download one from the
Lions Tasmania website

Completed forms can be mailed to
Lions Club of Wynyard
PO Box 213

Wynyard Tasmania 7325

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two more hands - new promotion video launched

“two more hands” the new promotional video produced by Lions Australia was launched at the National Convention and has been distributed to Clubs throughout Australia.

It is yet to be seen on Tasmanian television stations

Meanwhile our District is experiencing a surge in new members with twenty-seven Lions inducted in the past several weeks. The membership figure for the District now stands at 1223 and indications are that this will continue to improve.

International President Barry Palmer made some interesting comments recently when speaking of his induction into Lions. He wrote:

“You know, I became a Lion quite by accident.

Back in 1976, I was running a retail business, and I stocked fruitcakes that the Hornsby Lions Club, my local club, was selling in the community. After selling 20 cartons of the cakes, the club decided to honor me with a certificate of appreciation.

After the ceremony, Lion Bill Atlas finally asked me to attend the next club meeting.

I said, “Bill, why didn’t you ever ask me to join?”

And he said, “I thought you were too busy.”

“As Lions, it’s our duty to ask community members to join our clubs. How many friends, family members, community and business leaders would say “Yes” if asked to join?

There’s only one way to find out—just ask!

Welcome New Lions to the Lions Family

Glamorgan

JULIE BRITTON

sponsored by Barbara Hill

ALAN GIFFARD

sponsored by Murray Hill

RON DAWSON JORDAN

sponsored by Christine Amos

ANITA PIKE

sponsored by Shirley Flack

Glenorchy City

AMANDA MOATE

sponsored by Jenna Moate

Hobart Town

ANNETTE LODEWIKUS

sponsored by Sue Johns

WAYNE MOORE

sponsored by Benedict Leung

Kings Meadows

MIKE MEYMAN

sponsored by Colin Hingston

HEATHER SIMMONS

sponsored by Glennis Fox

New Norfolk

DIANNE MARY

sponsored by Sandra Carmichael

Port Sorell

PHILLIP HAWLEY

sponsored by Grenville Bellchambers

LYNNE RICHARDS

sponsored by Rodney Bramich

DAVID ROWLINGS

sponsored by Grenville Bellchambers

Sandy Bay

JOY FLETCHER

LESLEY FLETCHER

both sponsored by Richard Forcey

Sorell

JOHN SALMON

sponsored by Graeme Evans

TODD SMITH

sponsored by Ken Gatehouse

Scottsdale

SAM CASH

JANICE CHILCOTT

both sponsored by Mervyn Chilcott

KARLENE CUTHBERTSON

sponsored by Stephen Cuthbertson

CHANTELLE JORDAN

sponsored by Travis Launder

TRAVIS LAUNDER

sponsored by Wayne Harper

Sandy Bay

LESLIE JONES

sponsored by Ann Taylor

Tasman

CLIFF BENNETT

sponsored by Martin White

LEON LISSON

sponsored by Martin White

Wynyard

JAYDEN GREENFIELD

sponsored by Alanna Hubbard

KERRY ARTIS

sponsored by Derek Putt

Saw it on the Web

South Sudan is the 208th country/territorial area to be involved in Lions

Lions Club of Devonport

Mersey will stage an attempt on the most sports cars in one place at one time in the grounds of Devonport High School on Saturday, 2 January 2014

Lions Club of Kentish

will celebrate thirty years of Music Hall when the Kentish Lions Music Hall opens its 2013 season on Friday, 16 August

Lions Club of Brighton,

with the assistance of the staff at Brighton Council have purchased an iPad for a young boy, Zee Jay, who has many brain tumors, to assist him with his school work

Throughout the year, Lions, Leos and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional **Lions Eyeglass**

Recycling Centers

(LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescriptin strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.

Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day,

Holman Clinic patients benefit from donation of Blood Pressure Devices

The Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk donated six Welch Allyn Blood Pressure Devices to the Holman Clinic Oncology Unit at the Launceston General Hospital on 28 June 2013.

Lion Heather Malerbi proposed the donation after attending the Holman Clinic and hearing of the need to upgrade obsolete equipment.

The Holman Clinic Oncology Nurse Unit Manager Andy Brown was pleased to receive the hand held Blood Pressure devices saying "The mobility and flexibility that these units offer enhances the work undertaken by the nurses".

The units are up to date and decrease the impact on the patients who attend the Holman Clinic" Andy stated.

Nursing staff at the Holman Clinic Oncology service advised that they were grateful for the donation and the support of the members of the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk.

Club President Robert Scott advised that the members of the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk worked hard throughout the year to raise the funds to purchase the monitors.

The Club is involved in providing labour for events at the Symonds Plains Raceway and at the Carrick Speedway.

"We undertook significant duties at the V8 Supercars event in April this year, providing labour for ticket sales, entry gates, and pit entry sales. There were up to forty people supplied by The Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk for this event over the four days", Lion Heather Malerbi, project co-ordinator said.

The club also runs car boot sales at the Hadspen Lions Park. "These events provide the Club with income so that we are able to actively support the community" President Robert said.

... the lives of all Club's members and their families have been touched by the experience of Cancer and we wanted to make a significant contribution to the work that is undertaken at the Launceston General Hospital in the care of people with Cancer
- Outgoing President Leigh Johnstone



Clinical Nurse Consultant-Oncology Dawn Richardson happily received the updated Blood Pressure devices from Lion Leigh Johnstone and Club President Robert Scott

"The devices can electronically update the patient record and hold patient information for nursing staff to check and compare variations"

- Nurse Unit Manager Andy Brown



Clinical Nurse Consultants - Oncology Fiona McEwen, Georgina Connelley and Dawn Richardson check the well being on Lion Leigh Johnstone while President Robert Scott looks on

Publicans Take to the Streets ...

Once a year pub owners and their regulars in Dover take their fun out into the streets.

Dressed up in silly costumes and making a racket, they march along the seafront to raise money for the Dover Lions Club in England.

The Annual Publicans Walk has been a cherished tradition in Dover, famous for its White Cliffs, since 1974.

A few Lions have been known to frequent the pubs on occasion. But the club holds its meetings in a social

club, and members have no special connection to the city's dozens of bars. "As with most Lions' fundraising I think it was just an idea that was conceived and tried. It worked, so we've held it every year since," says Marion Baker.

Walkers raise funds by signing up sponsors. The club uses the funds for a christmas lunch, including door-to-door transport and entertainment, for seniors.

Last year the first place winner in the group fancy dress category was Old Endeavour Pub. Its patrons pulled a replica of the *HMS Endeavour*, commanded by James Cook on his epic voyage of discovery to Australia and New Zealand in 1769

Lions Shower Kindness on Dunalley

Fire-affected residents of Dunalley and the surrounding area do not have to drive to Sorell any longer to do a load of washing! And a warm shower is available just around the corner.



That's because the Lions Community Amenities Unit is now up and running.

Located in Bay Street, Dunalley, the unit provides free showers, toilets, washing machines and clothes driers (which are proving a huge bonus during the winter months).

The building is located on Tasmanian Fire Service land adjacent to the Dunalley Fire Station, which is an ideal location for easy public access whilst still offering security.

It is expected that it will be used mainly by locals who are living in temporary accommodation on their land while others who will

make use of the facility are those returning to the district on weekends to prepare their blocks for rebuilding and those involved in house construction in the area.



The Hazel Bros Group provided a demountable modular building and the Housing Industry Association undertook the job of refurbishing the building. The work of designing and managing the refurbishment was undertaken by Mirowski Design and Construction and the necessary funding was provided by Lions from donations to the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal.

The facility is managed locally by volunteer residents and it is anticipated that Lions Tasmania will maintain the facility in Dunalley for at least two years.

Tools within reach

A Tool Library began operating in Dunalley last month, courtesy of Lions,

Fred Steele, a local resident, is the volunteer "librarian" and says "we can lend you many of the basic tools that you need to get you back on the road to recovery".

The Community Tool Library concept was developed in Victoria following the disastrous bushfires there in 2009. Five units were developed and "given" to Lions to manage. Some of these libraries are still in use in Victoria.

The "library", now located at The DISH in Dunalley, was re-directed from the Lions Club of Warrandyte and transported from there to Dunalley by Linfox Linehaul.

Lions will service the library for as long as it is needed in the area.

Lions keep in touch

While continuing to maintain current fire-response projects and seek others with which we can help, the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Disaster Response Group is represented on Government Taskforce Groups.

This enables the TLBDRG keep in touch with what is going on in the wider area of recovery activities and respond in whatever way possible where areas of concern are identified

Sorell Lions Keep on Keeping on

Starting on Day One, Sorell Lions have been at the forefront of bushfire response activities in the community.

Starting by assisting to set up and man the Emergency Response Station in Sorell, continuing by distributing hampers, vouchers and just about everything else - and continue to do so.

The latest project is to build a fence around the Imlay Street Playground in Dunalley and put some money towards new playground equipment.



Sorell Lions provided the barbecue at a recent Vinnies "Market Day" in Dunalley



Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke
Secretary

The next meeting of the foundation is to be held on Sunday, 8 September 2013.

Any Club wishing to submit a TLF grant application please have it in the hands of the Secretary no later than 30 August 2013.

Any other matter that you may wish to be discussed please see it in hands of the Secretary by the above date.

By the time you receive these advices you will have had one month in your new year. I wish you all the very best for a successful and rewarding year, and we look forward to your continued support and hope we can be of assistance to you.

Keep up the good work in your communities in helping to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Thanks for Stamps

Peter Burke
LC Launceston Riverside

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to new supporters coming on board.

All stamps collected can be given to a Cabinet Officer and I will arrange to collect via cabinet through PCC Tony Roney.

They can also be posted direct to me at 11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

... if at first you don't succeed,
avoid skydiving

The Make-up of District Cabinet in 2013/14

There are a couple of new faces on the District Cabinet, however most have been there before although not necessarily in the role they will undertake this year.

District Governor George has a new Cabinet Treasurer in Lion Phil Robinson from the King Meadows Club although Phil has been on Cabinet in other roles for a number of years.

Cabinet Secretary Lion David Triffett continues in the role of Cabinet Secretary as does PCC Lion Tony Roney as Constitution and ByLaws Chairman.

Lion Annette Ogilvie (LC Hobart Town) returns to Cabinet after a twelve-month break, this time in the role of Second Vice District Governor following her election to the position at the most recent District Convention.

DG George will not have Region Chairmen this year however will have a Club Development Officer in each region, these positions being held by Lion Anne Fagg in Region 1, Lion Amanda Olson in Region 2 and Lions Sue Johns in Region 3.

Lion John Medwin (LC City of Burnie) will continue as Global Leadership Team coordinator while Lion Amanda Olson (LC Lilydale) will take over the role of Global Membership Team coordinator.

The number of District Chairmen on District Cabinet has been reduced however most represent more than one area of Lions activity within our District.

PDG Lion Robin Pulford continues as Newsletter Editor; Lion Wendy Brady continues as District Chairman for Youth Services however, continues to represent the activities of ALDAF, Youth Exchange and Peac Poster; Lion Heather Johns is the

District Chairman for LEOs; PDG Toby Crawford for Lions Youth Network eXpress; Lion Alan Holland continues to represent the interests of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation while PDG John Gillham continues as the District Coordinator of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. IPDG David Daniels will hold down the position of District Chairman-District Projects on Cabinet.

Zone Chairmen in 2013/14 are:

Zone 1 (*Queenstown/Zeehan/Rosebery/Rosebery Lioness*)

- **Lion Brian Wilcox** (LC Wynyard)

Zone 2 (*Smithton Circular Head/Rocky Cape/Wynyard/King Island/Smithton LEOs*)

- **Lion Sue Johns** (LC Smithton CH)

Zone 3 (*City of Burnie/Burnie Emu Bay/Penguin/Forth Valley/Burnie & Penguin LEOs*)

- **Lion Michael Walsh** (LC Ulverstone)

Zone 4 (*City of Devonport/Devonport Mersey/Latrove/Port Sorell/Kentish/Ulverstone*)

- appointment to be confirmed

Zone 5 (*Deloraine/Hadspen South Esk/Perth/Kings Meadows/Westbury*)

- **Lion Leigh Johnstone** (LC Hadspen South Esk)

Zone 6 (*City of Launceston/Launceston Windmill Hill/Riverside/West Tamar/Lilydale*)

- **Lion John Maxwell** (LC City of Launceston)

Zone 7 (*Flinders Island/Scottsdale/Bridport/George Town/North-East Tasmania*)

- **Lion Mervyn Chilcott** (LC Scottsdale)

Zone 8 (*St Helens/St Marys Bicheno/Glamorgan*)

- **Lion Jeff Harper** (LC North-East Tasmania)

Zone 9 (*Bothwell & Districts/New Norfolk/Glenorchy City/Brighton/ Glenorchy & New Norfolk LEOs*)

- **Lion Keith Alcock** (LC Bothwell)

Zone 10 (*Clarence/Hobart Town/Sandy Bay*)

- **Lion Keshni Thaver** (LC Sandy Bay)

Zone 11 (*Kingborough/Huon/Port Cygnet*)

- **Lion Hester Van Niekerk** (LC Kingborough)

Zone 12 (*Sorell/Spring Bay/Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches/Tasman*)

- **Lion Bill Fraser** (LC Sorell)