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DG George on the move and following his dream

Therese and I are now back home and looking forward to having a different change of clothes after living and washing and living and washing the same clothes for three months while travelling Europe.

The Convention in Hamburg Germany is over; I am now your humble Governor after a ceremony which lasted ten minutes. After three days of training and another three days of Convention it came down to an "I do", pull of the "elect" tab and all 750 Vice Governors from around the world turned Governors. Then the convention was suddenly over.

On arriving home it has been head down and bum up as I prepared for our District Club visits and the Convention. All the planning prior to leaving for Europe was tested and luckily everything was in place.

The following Saturday night we celebrated IPDG (Immediate Past District Governor) David's year as well as installing our District's new Cabinet. I thank past Lion Don Wing AM who kindly performed the installation, which he did with the assistance of PCC (Past Council Chairman) Tony Roney, thanks mate.



Lion Don Wing AM installing the District Cabinet accompanied by PCC Tony Roney, DG George and IPDG David

I thank all those who made the effort to drive to the North West town of Ulverstone for the celebrations. I hope you all had a great night; I believe the menu presented was well received. I was a bit worried when the gong and gavel disappeared though. I thought those Wynyard Lions were to blame.



Outgoing District Governor David hands over the symbols of office, the gong and gavel, to incoming District Governor George

On Sunday morning we held our first Cabinet Meeting and I was handed back the gong and gavel, thanks to Zone Chairman Jeff Harper who had taken it home for safekeeping. I had apparently placed the gong in a green shopping bag that I thought was ours, but no it wasn't - it belonged to Boof and he decided to retrieve his bag as well as the contents (tell someone next time Boof).

We have a smaller number on Cabinet this year. I felt the larger number was dragging our meetings out. We are now a great team of 28 Cabinet members. The 8 non-cabinet members will only be required to attend Cabinet as their portfolios are activated.

Our first meeting started and finished almost on time. (PCC Tony

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If we DREAM boldly and pursue our dreams, we will achieve more than we ever believed possible.

This is our time to LEAD. This is your time to ACHIEVE

International President BARRY J PALMER



DG rewards service

District Governor David Daniels in acknowledging the achievements of Tasmanian Lions in the past year, recognised his Cabinet members at the District Appreciation Dinner held in Ulverstone in late July.

The most significant award of the evening, that of the International Presidents Award for Leadership was made to PDG Ken Gatehouse who has led the Lions Bushfire Disaster Response Group following the devastating fires in January.



District Governor David presents PDG Ken Gatehouse with the International Presidents Award for Leadership



DG George, LL Julie, IPDG David and LL Therese at the Appreciation Dinner

DG follows his dream

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had one more question which put us 2 minutes over).

My first Club visit was to Mersey Devonport followed by a weekend in King Island to do training and Install their Board.

Mersey Devonport have a project happening in early next year, to assemble 1000 convertible sports cars into one venue and set a new world record. We wish them every success in breaking the record. I am not able to assist with my Mustang as it has a fixed roof, and no, an angle grinder will not be used to modify it for the event.

Lions Lady Therese along with Club Development Officer Anne Fagg and I had a great weekend on King Island. Although we had a very wet and windy welcome to Currie we were made most welcome by their members, especially Secretary Linda Payne. Anne and I conducted a very informal training session that afternoon which I believe was well received by the islanders. Their Changeover held at their RSL Club was also well attended.

I had the pleasure of inducting five new members into their Club, a great achievement. We welcome Fiona Davis, Tim Bennett, Dale Whatley and Dieter and Paz Habersatt as our latest Lions on King Island.

The BBQ on Sunday and the parcels of cheese supplied by Lion Gary was also very well received, just like the smooth trip home on the plane. Therese you made me proud not leaving them a deposit on that plane on Saturday.

We have begun the path to achieving our dream.

I ask each and every Lion to please make that extra effort this year and look after each other. A phone call or a visit to someone sick will mean a lot to them. I would also ask that you let me know so I can also do the same.

DG George.

Convention Bid ...

Tasmania could host the 2016 National Convention if talks in Hobart later in August are successful.

No nomination for host club was received at the 2013 National Convention in Canberra, and expressions of interest were sought.

The 201T1 District Cabinet put forward an expression of interest that Hobart be considered. Subsequently a further expression of interest was lodged from a mainland District.

Multiple District officers will be in Hobart in August to consider submissions from District Officers and to assess the suitability of proposed convention venues.

The National Convention was last held in Hobart in 2003 while the last National Convention held in Tasmania was that hosted by the Lions Club of Riverside in Launceston in 2011

DG George on the move

If you might be wondering where I District Governor is, or may want to catch up with him in the next month or so, his itinerary is -

August

- 19 North East Tasmania
- 20 Ulverstone
- 21 Port Sorell
- 22 West Tamar
- 26 Fletcher & Spencer Committee
- 31 City of Burnie - C/O Dinner

September

- 2 Riverside
- 3 Kings Meadows
- 4 Westbury
- 5 George Town
- 6 Kingborough - 45th Charter
- 8 TLF Meeting
- 9 Kentish
- 10 City of Burnie
- 11 Forth Valley
- 12 City of Devonport
- 16 Kingborough
- 17 New Norfolk
- 18 Port Cygnet
- 23 Penguin and Penguin Leos
- 24 Queenstown
- 25 Rosebery
- 26 Zeehan

34th District 201T1 Convention 8th – 10th November 2013 WYNYARD

Nominations for all Elected Positions, Notices of Motion, and any other Business must be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary no later than the Close of business on Monday 11 September 2013.

Nominations are called for the positions of:

- District Governor 2014-15
- 1st Vice District Governor 2014-15
- 2nd Vice District Governor 2014-15

Nominations are also called for Tasmanian Lions Foundation Trustees for South (02 phone area), North (03 area) and North West (04 area)

Nominations are also invited from Clubs to host the 2015 District Convention.

Clubs are invited to propose motions for consideration at the Wynyard Convention however they should note that any motion relating to a District Project must contain full organisational details of the project and the financial responsibilities of the Clubs within the District which decide to participate in the project.

All enquires to:
Cabinet Secretary
Lion David Triffett
cabsec@lionstasmania.org
Mob 0418 544 836

Lions Club of Kingborough 45th Charter Anniversary Dinner

Southern Lights Restaurant
Kingston

Friday
6 September 2013
7.00 for 7.30pm

Cost - \$42.00 per person
RSVP

Alan Pretyman
Email - apretyman@bigpond.com
Phone - 03 6225 2011

Service recognised

The Lions Club of Zeehan has recognised long-time Lion Phillip Clark by making him a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Phillip was presented with his Fellowship by David Daniels as one of his last official functions as District Governor.

Lion Phillip has been a stalwart of the Zeehan Club and has served as its President as well as holding many other positions in the Club.

Phillip has also served on a number of District Cabinets as a Zone Chairman



New Lion Inducted



The Lions Club of St Helens made their Changeover Night a real fun night with a dress-up them of Christmas in July.

And they inducted a new member on the night.

New Lion Jodie Young is pictured above with Club President Joan and her sponsor, Secretary Sheryl following the induction

Welcome to the Lions Family

Brighton

AMANDA CORDTS

sponsored by Courtney De La Torre

City of Devonport

TRACY BRUCE

sponsored by Geoff Phillips

KURT HILL

sponsored by Horst Koerner

NANCY HUGHES

sponsored by John Hughes

Smithton Circular Head

JODIE YOUNG

Sorell

JOHN SALMON

sponsored by Graeme Evans

TODD SMITH

sponsored by Ken Gatehouse

**Membership
of District 201T1
as at 13 August
1222**

Lions' bridge of Friendship crosses the world over

The Glenorchy City Lions Club has recently completed an international project with a twin club in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Back in 2010, the club was invited by the Kathmandu "Gliese" Lions Club to enter a twinning arrangement to foster an international relationship.

The Glenorchy Lions accepted this invitation and since then, have enjoyed the opportunity to share many stories and activity reports hailing from Kathmandu.

"We have learnt about the lifestyle of this country and the customs of their people," Lions Club chairman Jack Allen said.

One of the most interesting projects conducted by the Lions of Nepal was a soccer match to raise funds to assist the homeless people in Nepal.

In 2010, the club was approached by the Gliese Lions to contribute

to the building of a bridge that would assist a local village to access their plantation across a small stream and harvest their crops.

Named "The Slab Bridge", the project involved the combined efforts of several other clubs around the world, including the Lions Club of Wynyard.

The Glenorchy Lions Club aim was to raise \$1000 as its contribution to the project. Through club raffles and other initiatives, the target was successfully reached.

In November 2012, the Kathmandu Lions Club advised the Glenorchy Lions that construction was ready to commence.

"Through email and Facebook correspondence we were kept up-to-date with the day-by-day workings of this truly international project," Mr Allen said.

Mr Allen said progressive photos and descriptions of the working parties were exchanged between the clubs across the world who had contributed to the Slab project.

In February this year, an opening ceremony was performed upon final completion of the project.

"The final pictures showed us how pleased the people of this small village in Nepal were," Mr Allen said.

"They can now access their plantation with the safety of an "international bridge" and not have to journey across sagging planks while pushing their carts," he said.

"On behalf of the Lions Club of Glenorchy City, I am proud of our achievement in helping our twinning club, the Kaathmandu Gliese Lions."

This article appeared in the Glenorchy Gazette recently and was reproduced in the Lions Club of Glenorchy City newsletter in the July 2013 edition - Ed

Reading Action - a Lions programme for the next decade

“The more you read, the more things you know.. The more you learn the more places you will go.” (Dr. Seuss, author of Childrens Books.)

International President Wayne Madden introduced the “Reading Action Programme” as a major project in his year of office in 2012/13 and it was taken up throughout the world.

International President Barry Palmer has continued the programme and it will continue for the next decade. He commends the programme to all Lions Clubs

Accepting the challenge in 2012, the St Helens Lions Club decided that they would donate a reading book to new babies born in their area.

With the help of the local Child Health Nurse, the Club promotes the importance of parents and children reading together.



Receiving his new book, is Robbie, who is 2 weeks old, with Mum Selina Macleod, Child Health Nurse Sue Gofton, and Jan Chapple representing the Lions

Youth Exchange programme up and running

The Lions Club of West Tamar is sponsoring local student, Jason Wright, to represent Tasmanian Lions in the Youth Exchange Programme with a stay in Japan.

Jason will be visiting Japan during the months of December and January.

The Penguin Lions Club recently hosted Jacob, a student from America.

Jacob's host parents were Louise and Daniel Eiszele, and Jacob was with them for three weeks.

Jacob's report in the Penguin club's newsletter was full of

praise for his time in Tasmania and for the Youth Exchange programme.

Youth Services District Chairman, Wendy Brady, says “Please consider taking part in the Programme during 2014, it is beneficial to both the young people who we host and also to our young Tasmanians who travel overseas as ambassadors for Lions and Australia.illustrate this theme”.

Full details of the programme can be obtained by emailing Wendy: wendon.12@bigpond.com



“Our World Our Future” is the theme for this year's theme for the Lions International Peace Poster competition.

Youth Services District Chairman, Wendy Brady, says “This is a wonderful way that we can engage young people, through their art work to illustrate this theme”.

Peace Poster Kits are available online from the Lions shop, the cost is just \$20.00 per **school** that your club sponsors.

One of the posters, that will be on display at the T1 District Convention at Wynyard, must go to the Multiple District to compete with district and state winners throughout Australia with the best-judged poster going on to the international judging.

If Your Dog Were Your Teacher ...

You would learn things like ...

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm

Be loyal

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, digu until you find it.

And MOST of all... when someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently

Lions Support Low Vision Clinic

The recently relocated Lions Low Vision Clinic in Hobart is now one of International Standard thanks to the continuing support of, and donations of equipment from Tasmanian Lions.

Patients are referred to the Clinic from all parts of Tasmania.

In 2011 funding was made available for a range of new equipment, including electronic devices, for low vision sufferers to evaluate in the Clinic.

There is a very wide range of vision aids suitable for the needs of sufferers of low vision.

The devices available vary considerably in cost so it is very important that patients can evaluate the devices available to find the one best suited to their conditions.

As the result of a request in May 2013 from the Clinic for a further funding grant, the Tasmanian



Photographed with one of the new equipment items is staff optometrist, Paul Graveson and 2nd VDG Annette Ogilvie

Lions Foundation approved funding of \$12,900 for additional equipment for the Clinic.

Lions members from the Tasmanian Lions Foundation, the Lions Low Vision Clinic Steering Committee and Second Vice District Governor Annette Ogilvie recently attended an afternoon tea in the new rooms of the Clinic along with staff of the Clinic.

Lions help disabled Tasmanians

Tasmanian Lions, supported by the Australian Lions Foundation and the Tasmanian Lions Foundation have donated \$20,000 to STAR Tasmania - a specialised, community based organisation providing supported tenancy, accommodation and respite services for people with disabilities.

"We heard about STAR in the media, and recognised that this was both an important and urgent need," said David Daniels on behalf of Lions.

The donation assists STAR Tasmania to purchase up to 13 replacement beds for its Children and Adult Respite centres. STAR also raised further funds at a recent corporate quiz night



IPDG David Daniels, CabSec David Triffett and TLF Chairman Alan Holland present a cheque to StarTas CEO Ralph Doedens

attended by more than 100 members of the Tasmanian business community.

For people with a disability, beds aren't just beds. They're vital components of life. STAR Tasmania will have some of the existing beds available, soon to be replaced thanks to Lions.

Record Attempt

An open invitation to a possible once in a life time event - we need your help.

The Lions Club of Mersey Devonport is asking for your assistance in achieving a Guinness World Record in January, 2014.

The World Record attempt, sanctioned by Guinness World Records, London, is titled; **"The most convertible cars in one place at the one time with their roofs off."**

The Official Guinness World Record definition for this record: Convertible is described as having no roof covering the passengers in the vehicle. The cars may be permanently open, or have folding roofs, or roofs which may be temporarily removed. Cars with a sun roof are not included.

It is hoped that any Lions Club member who owns a convertible car will assist us by participating. If Club members do not have the appropriate vehicle, they may know people who have, and pass on this request to attend.

The event, to be held in the grounds of the Devonport High School on Australia Day 2014 is a major fundraising project of the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport with the majority of money raised allocated to our Club team in next year's *Relay For Life*, with a donation going to the *Tasmania Cancer Council*.

The event will have other entertainment and automotive displays, will have local and interstate media coverage and hopefully a place in the Guinness World Record Book.

Contact Lion Peter Noble if you might be interested. His email address is - rikki52@bigpond.com

Convention on top of the Agenda

ALL ROADS LEAD TO WYNYARD ALL ROADS LEAD TO WYNYARD

This year's District Convention is fast approaching, and those wishing to attend this year's event should consider making their accommodation bookings now.

Bookings should be made direct with providers or with the assistance of the Wynyard Visitor Centre (03)6443 8330

For those Lions who love their Campervans and Caravans the Lions Club of Wynyard is going to make available their 5 ccre Home, known as Lions Park, Reservoir Drive Wynyard for Campers and Caravans, at very reasonable rates of \$10 p/p – per day.

Lions Park has plenty of flat grassed areas, water taps and a number of electricity outlets, along with wood BBQ's, Picnic Tables & Sheds and a large Club House suitable for use as a Camp Kitchen with toilets. Those considering this option need to know that Lions Park **does not** have laundry or showering facilities.

Those seeking this option please request a site in writing with your Convention Registration Form.

And for the partners

A relaxing and enjoyable partners program has been planned and will include a Saturday morning fashion parade and afternoon film show at venues located within the heart of the main street, to also allow opportunities to explore the local shops and many café's, parks and river walking tracks.

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

Accommodation - where??

Accommodation is still available:

In Wynyard

Leisure Ville Holiday Centre –
145 Old Bass Highway, Wynyard –
(03)64422291
Superior & Standard Villas – Deluxe & Standard Cabins – Self Contained camping sites

Beach Retreat Tourist Park
30 Old Bass Highway, Wynyard –
(03)64421998
Park Cabins, Motel Style Units, Budget Rooms

Wharf Hotel

10 Goldie Street Wynyard –
(03)64422344
Hotel / Motel

Hotel Federal

82 Goldie Street, Wynyard –
(03)64422056
B&B Family, Double & Twin Rooms

Golden Embers

98 Inglis Street Wynyard –
(03)64424755
B&B Apartments, B&B Egyptian Spa Suite. Oriental Suite

Alexandria B&B

1 Table Cap Road, Wynyard –
(03)64424411
Federation Style accommodation – 5 en-suite rooms

In Somerset (10 Minutes East of Wynyard)

Murchison Lodge -

9 Murchison Highway, Somerset
(03)64351106
Queen & Double Rooms

Seabrook Hotel Motel

Bass Highway Somerset –
(03)64351209
Family – Double – Twin and Single Rooms

Somerset Beachside Cabin & Caravan Park

15235 Bass Highway Somerset
(03) 64352322
Park Cabins

Somerset Hotel

25 Wragg Street Somerset –
(03)64352346
Double & Single Rooms

I saw it!!!!

in a magazine ...

i have learnt ... volunteers aren't paid - because they are priceless

in a daily newspaper ...

Bosses should stop calling migrants "ethnic" and instead use the politically correct term "CALD", or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

on television ...

The new Lions "Two Hands" advertisement

in an old copy of "Readers Digest" ...

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all"

in a Cabinet report

Nine clubs rattled tins for 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis and raised \$7829.60. Another sixteen Clubs made donations amounting to \$2150. A total of \$9979.60 was donated to Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania.

in another Cabinet report ...

Bendigo Bank is a sponsor of the District Convention in Wynyard

in an email

Youth Week will be held in Tasmania in November

in another email ...

the Peel Valley Lions Club is again seeking to honour a country music personality who has given voluntary service to the community through his/her connection with the genre.

in the ALDAF newsletter ...

New DVD "Drugs and Depression" now available

In my mail box

plenty of room for articles from Clubs for inclusion in the next newsletter