



LIONS TASMANIA

Lions Clubs International District 201T1

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DG George "blown away" by Club projects

We have been privileged visiting ten Clubs in August and Lions Lady Therese and I have been made most welcome. I very much appreciate the friendliness and warmth shown to us so far and I know it was genuine.

Yes, we do have quite a few small Clubs in our District but in support for our communities we can all stand proud.

We have been blown away at the variety of projects and the donations made within our state. From King Island who are restoring the old Reekara Primary school and turning it into a community complex, to Glenorchy City who raised \$25,000 organising train rides and a display. Our Lions are there to assist and take on any challenge to better our community.

Me and my shadow (Therese) have hit September running and members have continued to make us very welcome, gee it's great meeting you all.

Thank you to Zone Chairman Leigh who helped me pull off a surprise birthday party for Lions Lady Therese at the Westbury Club recently, he supplied the cake and choir (Westbury and Hadspen South Esk lions). She supplied a very red face and a punch to my side.



It is getting to that time of the year when we start ramping up our Youth of the Year program by those Clubs that have taken up the challenge. I have seen the change in these young people in the past from being reserved when they first speak, and then seeing them twelve month later as confident young adults. And it isn't just the youth who get a buzz from this program; it also gives a few adults a warm fuzzy feeling knowing that they have given back to our youth.

I know of one Lion who has had a few setbacks and had to take Lion at Large, only to put his hand up within a month so he can participate in the YOTY program, that's commitment.

We have a similar thing going with the Leo of the Year program, and if any of you attended the Ulverstone Convention last year you would remember a young Leo who froze when it came to public speaking on stage. His name is Jacob and I recently met him at his Club and the confidence of this young man is so different, confident, and cheeky also.

Speaking of Conventions, if you haven't been to one and want to experience it, Wynyard is for you. It will be fun and laid back and I know the committee have been putting a lot of effort into making it one to remember, or they will have me to answer to. It is on from the 8th – 10th November.

We need aspiring District Governors to consider putting their hand up for 2nd Vice Governor. It can be very rewarding and a great experience, you have to make it happen.

Have you an idea that can improve your Lions Club or District? Put it to your Club as a late Notice of Motion and if passed by them it will progress to our Convention to be voted on and may become law.

We held our "Train the Trainer" Seminar recently and I am so proud at the amount of attendees.

This is the first time that we have brought the Trainer (PDG Carlene King) to our state; usually we nominate a few to head to the big Island to do some training. It is just too costly doing it that way, now; by bringing the Trainer to us we can offer it to as many members who want to attend. We had 36 attend.

I had the great honour of presenting a "Certificate of Induction" recently to our senior Lion Donald Hazell MBE (Kingborough) who was inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame. He is the third Lion to achieve this in Tasmania. Donald, thank you for your service to our great organisation and our community.



I know we have members who are finding it tough at the moment, please be sure to give them your support if you know of someone. I also ask that we keep those members in our thoughts and prayers.

DG George

DG George on the move

District Governor is on the move in the coming weeks and probably visiting a club near you. His itinerary is -

September

- 16 Kingborough
- 17 New Norfolk
- 18 Port Cygnet
- 23 Penguin and Penguin Leos
- 24 Queenstown
- 25 Rosebery and Rosebery Lioness
- 26 Zeehan

October

- 1 Deloraine
- 2 Lilydale
- 3 Hadspen South Esk
- 14 Scottsdale
- 15 Burnie Emu Bay
- 21 Bridport
- 22 Bicheno
- 28 Rocky Cape
- 29 Ulvestone
- 30 Port Sorell

World Sight Day ... Thursday, 10 October

World Sight Day is on Thursday, 10 October and the **Lions Eye Health Program** say "Be wise and save your eyes" and list ten things you need to know;

- 1 Over the age of 40? You are at risk of vision loss and blindness
- 2 Do you have Diabetes? You are at risk of vision loss and blindness
- 3 Family history of Glaucoma? You are at risk of vision loss and blindness
- 4 You may be completely unaware that irreversible damage is being done to the back of your eyes
- 5 The only way to find out is by having an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist
- 6 Eye examinations need to be conducted every 2 years and are funded by Medicare
- 7 Getting a stronger pair of glasses from the chemist is not the answer!
- 8 Thinking it won't happen to you is not the answer!
- 9 Vision loss is not an inevitable part of ageing! 75% of vision loss is avoidable or treatable!
- 10 In many cases, once vision is lost it cannot be restored.

Presentations Made

Lion Donald Hazell MBE has been inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame in recognition of forty-five years service as a Lion and his significant contribution to his community.



Lion Don is pictured with ALF Secretary, Alan Pretzman and Tasmanian ALF Trustee, David Triffett

Lion Philip Gleeson has been recognised by the City of Devonport Lions Club for his outstanding and selfless dedication to his community with the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship



Lion Philip is pictured with District Governor George following the presentation

Lion Ron Gregory, unable to be present at the District Appreciation Dinner, was presented with a Zone Chairman Appreciation Award at a Port Cygnet Club dinner meeting



Zone Chairman Hester Van Niekerk presented the award on behalf of IPDG David Daniels OAM

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

The time for Nominations for all Elected Positions, Notices of Motion, and any other Business has now passed.

Nominations have been received for the positions of:

- District Governor 2014-15
 - 1st Vice District Governor 2014-15
 - 2nd Vice District Governor 2014-15
- and for
Tasmanian Lions Foundation Trustees for South (02 phone area), North (03 area) and North West (04 area)

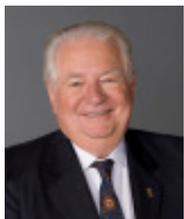
NO Nominations have been received for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor 2014-15 nor from a Club to host the 2015 District Convention.

Nominations for the position of 2VDG may be lodged from the floor of the Convention as can a nomination to host the 2015 District Convention

All relevant information can be obtained from:
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Lion David Triffett
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**34th District 201T1
Convention
8th – 10th
November
2013
at
WYNYARD**
*ask your Club
Secretary for a
Registration Form or
download it from the
Lions Tasmania
website*



Welcome Women into Lions - IP Barry Palmer

It's easy to be awed by athletes and entertainers, but the most impressive people I know are the women who have been part of my life. My dear mum, now 97, was loving and caring and a great role model as well, volunteering at church and school and for Scouts. As a Realtor, I hired and counted on women. I quickly learned they were particularly determined to grow their skills and be successful.

As a Lion, I've been amazed by the generosity and gifts of women. As just one example, Australian Lion Pauline Henebery has run the remarkable *Education Builds Bridges*, enabling Lions to help disadvantaged children in Indonesia.

Perhaps the greatest move ever made by Lions Clubs International was to admit women.

Probably the second-best initiative would be to swell our ranks with them. We're lagging behind in this regard. Fifty-two percent of the world population is female, yet only 24.5 percent of Lions are women. My dream is to increase female membership by 5.5 percent this Lions year to bring us up to 30 percent and then to achieve a 50/50 ratio by our centennial year in 2017.

We don't want more women so we can puff out our chests and boast of membership equality. We need the gifts and talents of women. They bring a different perspective, a different skill set and a new bundle of can-do energy and enthusiasm. *They set goals, take on tasks and accomplish objectives in a way that men can't or don't or won't.*

I don't want to stir up trouble by saying women are our better half, but they certainly are half of humanity and carry the same talents and capabilities.

Be sure to make your club welcoming to women. Seek the out and invite them in.

The Day that Joe went down on us

Ken and Joe and I at Coles last Saturday Set up our BBQ to get underway We needed Joe of course because he's pretty good at cooking But Ken and I got worried bout the way that he was looking. He said he was OK but didn't look too good Next thing Joe was laying there like a piece of old driftwood. Well ladies came from Coles and others passing by they fussed around old Joe as if he was goin' to die. They fed him drinks and things that might help the lad While Joe enjoyed it all, most attention he ever had. But the BBQ must go ahead, there can be no delay so Geoff, then Bruce, jumped in and really saved the day The ambulance lady was there too, making sure everything was done For Joe, who didn't give a stuff how we were getting on. For mouth to mouth Joe was hoping, from the women all around But when Bruce Beattie offered, he jumped up off the ground. His recovery was amazing and the next thing he was seen being driven off in splendor, in the presidential limousine.

The poem, shared from *The Lions Bluff*, the newsletter of the Devonport Mersey Lions Club was composed by Club poet, Gael Gault.

It was in response to an incident in which Lion Joe Johns need medical attention and was one of two recent instances where an ambulance was needed at club barbecues.

Ed.

Mens Health is an issue that could be taken up by all Clubs!!!!

See story on page 4 of this newsletter about a Mens Health Expo run by the Lions Club of Riverside

Welcome to the Lions Family

Bicheno

BOB McCREADIE

sponsored by Robert Breier

GARY SPARSHOTT

sponsored by Douglas Renshaw

Clarence

SUSAN LOWRY

sponsored by Lavinia Pike

Devonport Mersey

PETER CHETTLE

sponsored by Christine McGee

Forth Valley

JOHN BAKER

sponsored by JTim Peirce

King Island

TIMOTHY BENNETT

sponsored by Ira Cooke

FIONA DAVIS

sponsored by Glenda Rae

DIETER HABERSATT

sponsored by Berberlyn Davis

DALE WHATLEY

sponsored by Jan Strickland

Launceston Windmill Hill

LINDA ATKINSON

sponsored by Allison Bassano

COREY DIXON

sponsored by Derryl Hill

**Membership
of District 201T1
as at 11 September
1226**

October is Membership Month

New members are the key to club health and growth, and they increase your ability to serve the community.

The months of October and April are dedicated to inviting new members.

Begin thinking about your recruitment plan for next month, and earn recognition for your club's growth!

Lions who sponsor a new member in October will receive a Silver Membership Growth Award pin. Gold pins are available for Lions who sponsor a new member in October as well as April.



Hearing Dogs say Thankyou

Lions Clubs in District 201T1 contributed \$9350.00 to Lions Hearing Dogs through dog sponsorship, purchase of merchandise and donations in to 2012/13 Lions Year.

Lion Peter Harrison, the Chairman of Lions Hearing Dogs Inc says THANK YOU for the support from your Clubs during the 2012/2013 year and we trust we can look forward to your support in the future.

Contributions from Clubs in District 201T1 for the 2012/2013 Lions year were:

LC Bothwell & Districts	\$50.00
LC Bridport	\$200.00
LC Clarence	\$2,000.00
LC Deloraine	\$200.00
LC Forth Valley	\$200.00
LC George Town	\$100.00
LC Glenorchy City	\$200.00
LC Hadspen South Esk	\$300.00
LC Hobart Town	\$500.00
LC Huon	\$50.00
LC Kentish	\$200.00
LC King Island	\$100.00
LC Kingborough	\$250.00
LC Latrobe Inc	\$250.00
LC L'ton Windmill Hill	\$200.00
LC Lilydale	\$150.00
LC Perth	\$100.00
LC Port Sorell	\$500.00
LC Sorell	\$500.00
LC St Helens	\$500.00
LC Ulverstone	\$200.00
LC West Tamar	\$400.00
LC Wynyard	\$300.00



PDG Jack Allen has changed his email address - it is now, kintishman41@southernphone.com.au

Men's Health in the Spotlight at Expo

"The best gift that a man can give his family is to be around for the next Father's Day"

On Tuesday, 3 September (just after Father's Day), the Riverside Lions Club held it's inaugural Men's Health Expo at The Tailrace Centre in Riverside with over 85 men in attendance.

The event was held from 4.00-7.00pm and was a combination of guest speakers, health professional and health organisations as well as a number of sporting and recreational groups, which showcased opportunities for a healthy lifestyle.

The event featured guest speakers including A/Professor George Razay (Dementia); Peter Colgrave (Prostate Cancer), Tim Smith (Mental Health) and Richard Guy (Diabetes), as well as Dr Frank Madill, the Cancer Council, the Heart Foundation, Kidney Health Australia, Riverside Capital Chemist, Island Optical, Hearing Australia, Australian Red Cross Blood Service and CPAP Connect (Sleep Apnea). Promoting a healthy lifestyle were



Guest Speakers Richard Guy, Peter Colgrave, Tim Smith and Dr Frank Madill



Lions Gus Green and Phil Crowden (co-organisers) with A/Prof George Razay and Dr Frank Madill.

the West Tamar Bike Users, School for Seniors, the Riverside Tennis, Bowls, Badminton and Golf Clubs, the Swing Patrol Dancers, Experience Plus, New Direction Community Church and Fitness4U Gym.

Although numbers were not as good as what the Riverside Club had hoped for, it was a very successful first foray into the very important area of men's health and was a great launching pad for an even more successful event next year.

Co-Organiser Lion Phil Crowden, in promoting the Expo said "The thing with men is that they won't do something until they can't ignore it any more or their partner can't put up with it any more"

He said "the Club was spurred on to organise the expo due to the illnesses that had touched its members throughout the past twelve months"

He said members of the club had recently been diagnosed with such illnesses as prostate cancer and diabetes, sleep apnoea, skin cancer and thyroid cancer.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

PDG John Gillham
District Coordinator 201T1
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Fight Against Measles continues

At the Hamburg Convention Lions announced their commitment to continue our program to eliminate measles and rubella – “the One Shot, One Life Lions Measles Initiative”.

Last year Lions completed the raising of \$10 million. Every \$2 was matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation with \$1. The total \$15 million is enabling Lions to vaccinate 157 million children in Africa and Asia against measles.

The new challenge is for Lions to raise \$30 million by our centenary year 2017. Lions have entered into a partnership with the GAVI Alliance, whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in the world's poorest countries; an organisation formed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The GAVI Alliance was formerly known as the 'Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation'.

Lions \$30 million will be **matched dollar for dollar** by the Department of International Development U.K. or the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, giving a total of \$60 million in the fight against measles and rubella.

Measles and rubella are highly infectious diseases that kill an estimated 430 people every day, mostly children under five. Those who survive can be left with loss of sight, hearing impairment or brain damage.

This new partnership will enable Lions to continue to save lives with a simple inexpensive vaccine. Lions will play a key role in social mobilisation efforts by working with local leaders, co-ordinating community level publicity and serving as volunteers at vaccination centres.

Please help Lions save lives by sending your donation cheque (personal or Club) made out in Australian Dollars to 'LCI/LCIF Lions Measles Initiative' to the Cabinet Treasurer, or preferably to myself to record and forward to the Cabinet Treasurer.

Your donation is eligible to go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF).

For any information on LCIF please contact me - PDG John Gillham



**Tasmanian
Lions
Foundation**

Peter Burke
Secretary

A Grant of \$1000 has been made to the Lions Club of Scottsdale to assist with the purchase of a walker for a cerebral palsy sufferer.

The grant was approved at the most recent meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation. At the same meeting two other grants were deferred pending receipt of additional information and they will be considered when this information is provided.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*The Annual General Meeting
of the
Tasmanian Lions Foundation
will be held during the
forthcoming District
Convention to be held
at Wynyard in November*

Any Club wishing to submit a Grant Application please feel free to do so as a meeting of the TLF will be held after the AGM to discuss any requests as well as any other matters clubs may wish to put forward. Please ensure that all requests are in the hands of the Secretary prior to 1 November

Many thanks to all Clubs who have donated to the Foundation during the past 12 months, your efforts are most appreciated and your Foundation looks forward to your continued support.

To the Clubs who have not made a donation for sometime we seek your consideration by making a donation so that we may continue to assist Clubs with grants so that they may complete their project.

Any club is eligible to apply for assistance. After all it is your Foundation so please assist it and use in need.



Left out in the cold!!!!

Region Chairman, Ann Fagg wondered who had made the travel arrangements when she accompanied DG George to King Island recently



Thanks for Stamps

- ... **250,000 stamps** were collected in our District in the past twelve months
- ... **\$4600**, collected from the sale of stamps in participating District was presented at the MD Convention
- ... the **Stamp project is easy**, simple and requires very little effort
- ... **please consider collecting stamps this year**

"Freezin for a Reason" gets chilly reception

The Hobart Town Lions Club held its inaugural mid-winter fundraiser, "Freezin for a Reason" on 18 August.

The event challenged people to get sponsored to take a dip or a paddle in the Derwent River and, for a bit more fun, it was fancy dress too.

People taking part could nominate a charity or cause to fundraise for as partners with the Lions Club of Hobart Town. 70% of the money they raised went to that nominated charity and the profits from the event will support the projects of the club.

Fifty three people took part and among them were a fire brigade crew who ran into the water in their fire-fighting gear, clowns, pirates, a team from Hutchins school, a team outfitted as pregnant women, a number in their swimwear and an Australian opening batsman (he thought he would dress as that because he knew he wouldn't be in the water long).

Over \$12,000 was raised with the top fundraiser being Lions Lady Penny Gaunson (wife of club secretary Phil) who raised dollars for Radio for the Print Handicapped.

Hobart Town president, Rex Burdon, also plunged in and, through his sponsors, raised almost \$1800 for the club.

Planning is underway for next year's event and most of the teams from this year have indicated they will be back to top the amounts they raised for charities this year.

Hobart Town President Rex said "It would be great to see lot of Lions Clubs represented as it is a fantastic way to raise money for your club or for a charity or cause your club supports".

Photos of the event are online. Just go to www.freezinforareason.com.au and follow the links.



**"Our World
Our Future"**

Lions International Peace Poster Contest



For 25 years, more than eight million children across the globe have participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

This year's theme is "Our World, Our Future." Purchase your Peace Poster Contest kit by October 1, 2013 and encourage children in your community to express their feelings of peace through art.

Each kit includes an official club contest guide and rules, participant flyers, certificates and more.

Order kits through Club Supplies (item search: Peace Poster Kit) or download the order form.



District Merchandising Chairman Viv Cardwell is saying "Hands and more hands make many jobs easier" and that he would appreciate some assistance from Lions members in the North West, North East and East Coast to assist with **INCREASING** the sales of cakes puddings, mints and Fudge.

As District Merchandising chairman, Viv says "I'm sure you will understand the difficulties for one person to cover the whole of Tasmania, and to do justice to the products we sell. Any help I am able to give, in anyway, I will be happy to assist, BUT help is needed if we, as a state, are going to lift the sales.!!!