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DG George says Convention was a great success



What a great weekend those Wynyard Lions put on

I have just arrived home after the conclusion of our District Convention in Wynyard.

Friday night began with the Mayor's reception at the Golf Club. Mayor Robbie Walsh welcomed us into his town, I tried to get him to give me the key to his town without luck.

Our convention began with the flag ceremony followed by a welcome from Mayor Robbie then the official opening by the Hon Ruth Forrest MLC.

This was followed by the St. Brigid's Choir, very entertaining.

Our Meet & Greet was a great way to catch up with fellow members.



District Governor George presides over Convention

Saturday was a real rollercoaster ride for most of us, starting with our Lions International representative Past International Director (PID) Cliff Heywood from New Zealand. He spoke to us on a range of topics, membership, a message from International President Barry Palmer and some uplifting ideas.

Our second and Key Note speakers were Kerry & Sharon Upchurch and the topic was Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and how they are coping with it as a family. Kerry has been living with this disease for 17 years since being diagnosed; he was only given 3 years to live. Kerry was lifted onto the stage in his wheelchair and Sharon spoke to us. I can guarantee that there were not many dry eyes in the hall after their talk, me being one of them. We all felt that their courage and determination to continue with their lives and to live as normal a life as possible while raising three boys was outstanding.



Sharon Upchurch enlightened Conventioneers about Motor Neurone Disease

Our third Guest speaker was Dale Elphinstone - he was a great motivational speaker at best. He started his working life with nothing and now owns so many businesses here and overseas turning over approx AU\$1.3 billion annually. He was very easy to listen to and a down to earth fellow. I did suggest that as his principals were similar to Lions that there may be room for Lions in his

organisations, food for thought.

Sunday saw our last speaker, PDG Bob Korotcoff talk to us on Insurance and how and what we need to be aware of. As usual Bob kept us very well informed and his speech was entertaining especially the videos.

We moved after morning break to the Wynyard's Lions Park for the Remembrance service, followed by fellowship and entertainment over lunch.

Thank you so much to Chairman Derek Putt and to all those hardworking Lions who made this the best Convention ever....I hope everyone got something from the weekend, I did.

We raised \$630 on the Saturday night function from Lions who liked seeing me handcuffed and made to beg for my release. Wynyard Lions decided on the night to up the tally to \$1,000 as all funds will be going to the MND Association.



District Governor George found himself a "sheila" at the Convention Dinner

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October has been a busy month for Lions Lady Therese and I visiting more great Clubs in our District as well as attending the Council of Governors meeting in Port Douglas. On arriving home I also attended the Past District Governors weekend in Strahan. The Queenstown Club put on a great meal on Friday night which kicked off a great weekend of fellowship.

November will again take us around our District meeting as many members as possible, and showing our support for the fine work each and every Lion is doing to improve our Communities.

We are now getting closer to Christmas when we need to be mindful of the many people who are less fortunate than ourselves and whether there is something that we can do to make their lives a little better this year.

By donating of a few Christmas Cakes or Puddings to hospitals, nursing homes or shelters, can go a long way to giving them a brighter Christmas.

Do you know of anyone who is living alone with no family around them?

Please support each other and look after those who are finding it tough at the moment, we have a few in our District.

DG George & Therese

The DGs itinerary

November

18	St Helens
20	St Marys
22	Glamorgan
25	Tasman
26	Huon
28	Launceston Windmill Hill

December

4	Bothwell and Districts
9	City of Launceston
17	Ulverstone
18	Clarence

January

11	Spring Bay
15	Sorell
25	Devonport Mersey

PID Cliff passes on the message

Past International Director Cliff Heywood concluded his address to the 201T1 Convention with the words

“Always choose the path that moves in the direction of your dreams.

Though your journey may be filled with many winding roads, when you are inspired to follow your dreams, you eventually find success and discover it is less about the destination and more about the manner in which you traveled”.

In his key-note address to Convention, PID Cliff espoused International Barry Palmer’s theme to “Follow Your Dream”, calling on conventioners to “kick back a little, sit a spell, dream a little and have some fun as the Night Dreamers and the Day Dreamers come together.

Cliff spoke of the three R’s that President Barry’s Dream centres on :

Responsibility - think of the responsibility as seizing what in front of you, exerting choice, taking control and having the ability to respond and take action;

Recognition - it’s a key component of member satisfaction. Recognition is a behaviour deeply rooted in the Lions heritage - timely recognition of the achievements and contributions of all members keeps club life fresh and members motivated;

Reach - member satisfaction is key to our ability to retain our members and also key to expanding our service capacity and global Reach. Lions know what it means to reach out to other people after all we have been reaching out to other people through service since 1917.



Past International Director Cliff Heywood, resplendant in his “All Blacks” scarf (Yes, he’s a Kiwi) addressing Convention



PID Cliff presents the International Presidents “Certificate of Excellence” to Lion Hester Van Neikerk



PID Cliff presents the International Presidents “Certificate of Excellence” to Lion Mark Whittle



PID Cliff presents the International Presidents “Certificate of Excellence” to Lion Nigel Sheahan

Ulverstone is top club for 2012/13



Immediate Past District Governor David Daniels OAM said that the Lions Club of Ulverstone ticked all the boxes when he sat down to decide which Club in District 201T1 was the "top club" in the 2012/13 Lions Year.

IPDG David presented that Top

Club award to Ulverstone Lions Club members (Including District Governor George) who attended the District Convention at Wynyard.

IPDG David also announced that the award from the top Club Newsletter had been won by the Lions Club of Kings Meadows and its Club Editor, Lion Phil Robinson

Welcome to the Lions Family

George Town

SUSAN HOLME

sponsored by Vivien Elwin

Smithton Circular Head

ANNA TYSON

sponsored by Sheryl Robson

JAMES TYSON

sponsored by Sheryl Robson

Sorell

CHRISTINE LANG

sponsored by Ken Gatehouse

Westbury

PHILLIP STEERS

sponsored by Anthony Harris

Wynyard

PATWYN SANDERSON

sponsored by Margaret Carter

**Membership
of District 201T1
as at 14 November
1212**

Our first DG clocks up Fifty Years

Roger Groom joined the City of Burnie Lions Club on 7 September 1963 - 50 years ago - and was elected as our District's first District Governor in 1980.

During that many years of dedicated service to Lions Roger has filled many positions in the Burnie Club including: Club President on three occasions, Vice President and Director. In 2008 he was Chairman of the organising committee for the District Convention.

At District level, in addition to his year as District Governor, Roger, at various times, filled the roles of Zone Chairman; Extension Chairman; Youth Exchange Chairman and Christmas Cake Chairman

Roger was made a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1993 and in 2004 was presented with Life Membership of Lions Clubs International.

In 2005 Roger was presented with the Grooving Award

Some 20 years of Roger's membership was perhaps hampered by his career as a politician – Roger was a very successful and influential politician being an elected member from 1976 until his eventual retirement in 1997.

In the course of a couple of elections Roger was given a record number of approval votes second only to those gained by the then Premier Robin Grey.

In his time he was The Minister for Health, Minister for Police, and Minister for Transport and was involved in the commissioning of new ferries for Tasmania on the Devonport –Melbourne crossing.

Having such a high profile State politician as a member of Lions brought much prestige to the Organisation.

Roger and Lion Gay retired to Greens Beach to live but he still shows great dedication to his Club by travelling some 130 kms to regularly attend meetings.

Off to Japan

Jason wright is the latest Tasmanian student to head off overseas and a participant in the Lions Youth Exchange programme.

Jason leaves Tasmania on 1 December and will spend the next six weeks in Japan.

The West Tamar Lions Club is sponsoring Jason and he is pictured below receiving his Youth Exchange jacket and backpack from West Tamar Lions Club President, Nigel Barwick





Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke
Secretary

Lion Alan Holland has been re-elected as Chairman of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation.

Alan, together with Peter Burke (Secretary) and Phil Robinson (Treasurer) were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation held during the District Convention in Wynyard in early November.

The Foundation Trustees are:

62 area - Alan Holland; PDG Jack Allen; PDG John Gillham

63 area - PDG Peter Burke; Phil Robinson; Jeff Harper

64 area - Philip Viney; John Medwin; Ron Prior.

The Annual Report of the Foundation for the 2012/13 year was presented to the Convention and showed that the Foundation had a busy year with both donations from Clubs and grants increasing over previous years.

During the year twenty Clubs donated \$10830 towards the capital fund which now totals \$881830. The aim of the Foundation is to reach a capital fund total of \$900000 this financial year.

Grants distributed during the year totalled \$57650.

At the meeting of Trustees following the AGM, further grants were made to:

District Governor's NSW Fire Relief appeal - \$5000;

Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk - \$1800 - to complete purchase of blood monitors for Holman Clinic (total cost of project = \$7000+);
Lions Club of Burnie Emu Bay - \$2500 - to purchase equipment for a disabled playground;

Lions Club of Penguin - \$2950 - to assist with park improvements;

Lions Club of Rocky Cape - \$2000 - to assist a young family with incidental expenses not covered by Medicare and other areas of help for their six-month old baby's liver transplant;
Lions Club of Glamorgan - \$1000 - emergency grant to assist a spinster who lost all her belongings in a house fire.

Dear Lions

Before LYNX I was smoking cigarettes, smoking drugs, getting with boys. I didn't have a very good relationship with my mother, I despised my father and blamed him for everything because he lived in W.A. and was never there for me. My education was slipping. Now, after only a year, through your financial support and LYNX Leaders' guidance I am no longer doing any of the above things. Instead I help others overcome their issues. I am the secretary of my school council; I forgave my father and am building a relationship with both my parents. So I thank you all so very much, my life and future will be good because of your support.



Postage Stamps turned to gold

For many years the Lions International Stamp Club (LISC) has been collecting used stamps from clubs and individuals in Australia and overseas and selling them to raise funds for the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.

Year after year, kilo after kilo the search goes on. Yet many clubs and individual Lions still don't know of this project.

At this year's National Convention in Canberra, a cheque for a record \$4617 was handed over representing the results of stamp sales over the previous 12 months. This brings the total since 2005 to \$22500. LISC handles in excess of 200 kilos of clipped stamps every year and each year the project grows a little larger as more and more clubs and individuals join in.

The Lions Club of Riverside oversees the project in Tasmania, processing

stamps collected through Clubs in our District and then forwarding them on to the LISC.

The stamps collected by Tasmania Lions last year resulted in a contribution of \$800 to the total donation to the Children's Mobility Foundation.

PDG Peter Burke, through whom all stamps can be directed, has challenged all Lions in our District to participate and contribute.

PDG Peter says everybody receives a stamped envelope as some time and it involves very little work to cut/tear it from the envelope and deliver it to the contact person in your club ... and it gives you the satisfaction of knowing you are helping someone less fortunate than yourself.

Stamps can be delivered to the Riverside Lions Club through any Zone Chairman or District officer attending a Cabinet meeting.

Glamorgan Club speaks up

Glamorgan Lions Club President, Shirley Flack, has gone public to tell the local community how the local Lions Club contribute to its community.

She has written:

“As a small local Lions Club we are so pleased to let the community know of the assistance that we have given to members of the public in this district.

In the past few years we have given assistance through our Club and Australian Lions Foundation, with guidance and help from their representative Lion Alan Pretzman to the following causes:

Furnishings for 2 rooms at May Shaw Nursing Centre
4 Local residents that have lost their homes through fires
Bicheno Bush Fire relief (accounts paid for victims for first few days)
Our local “Son in Crisis” Jayden Coleman

We are an active organisation who works not only for the benefit of our locals in need but also worldwide, monies raised through our fundraisers are all given back to the community and no benefit is taken by members of our Club.

We thank everybody who has assisted our Club and would like to encourage any person who would like to join us to contact any of our members to join us at Lions to assist us further with our help to the community.



Sorell Lions to celebrate 40 years

Sorell Lions will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the granting of the Club's charter at a gala dinner on 30 November and have produced an E-Book which shows of some of the wonderful projects that the Club has undertaken over the past forty years together with an extensive pictorial record of its achievements.

The celebratory dinner caps off an eventful and confronting year of activities for the Club, it being at the fore-front of the Lions response to the Recovery programme following the disastrous bushfires that struck Dunalley and surrounding areas in January,

Sorell Lions were active in the Emergency Centre at Sorell right from the start assisting with just

about everything on those first days following the Dunalley fires.

The club members have continued to actively assist in the Recovery process and will bring a little bit of Christmas cheer when they distributed Lions Christmas puddings throughout the area in December.

And they have still provided support in their own community - In October the Club catered for a Seniors Luncheon as part of Seniors Week. The luncheon, held in the Sorell Hall provided soup and sandwiches, sausage rolls and cakes, all home-made by the members.

And the Club is supporting the local School in its quest to provide uniforms for children at a School in Cambodia.



Sorell Lions ready "to serve" at a Fire Relief Barbecue at Dunalley

They dressed for the occasion

The theme for the District Convention Gala Dinner was “Busrangers and Sheilas” and conventioners were asked to dress the part.

The enterprising quartet (pictured right) certainly dressed for the night and took the theme seriously.

But ... who was Ned Kelly?????



Philippines Disaster

LCIF Chairman, Wayne A Madden seeks support for relief for victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

He says: "By now I am sure that you have heard much about the recent disaster in the Philippines.

Many communities in the path of Super Typhoon Haiyan will have a long road to recovery.

Initial estimates indicate that as many as 10,000 individuals lost their lives, and many thousands more have lost their homes.

It is important for you to know what LCIF is doing to support our fellow Lions and their communities. To date, LCIF has approved US\$130,000 from the LCIF Disaster Relief fund. During their recent forum, the Lions of OSEAL (Orient and South East Asia Lions) also committed an additional US\$370,000.

In addition to these funds, LCIF is encouraging Lions to donate to the **general Disaster Relief fund** at the Foundation. These donations will support disaster relief in the Philippines and be MJF eligible.

Please encourage Lions in your districts and MDs to give to this area, which will give LCIF the flexibility and resources to best respond.

As we receive more reports from the Philippines, we will continue to update you on any changes in the situation or additional disaster.

In the meantime, I know you will work hard in your districts and MDs to ensure that we have the resources available to help our fellow Lions in the Philippines.

It should be noted that for MJF credit donation cheques should be only be made payable to the **LCIF Disaster Relief Fund**



It's Carol singing time

Clubs throughout the State know that Christmas is fast approaching because they are gearing up for the Carol singing season.

So many of our Clubs have taken on a major role in organising Carols by Candlelight in their local community.

For the Lions Club of Brighton, Carols by Candlelight in their community takes on a special meaning.

The first Carols by Candlelight for quite a few years, and potentially the largest ever held in Brighton is being organised by the Lions Club of Brighton in partnership with the Citywide Baptist Church.

The initiative, driven by the Brighton Lions, will be held at the Thompson Oval at Pontville on Sunday, 8 December and will feature the Derwent Valley Concert Band, the Citywide Band, Twice Bitten, School Choirs and a visit from Santa Claus.

Tamworth Convention 2014

The National Convention will be held in Tamworth, NSW - 2>5 May 2014.

Early registrations are pouring in and if they keep going at this rate, Tamworth 2014 will be one of the biggest Multiple District Conventions ever.

The organising committee says that the organisation of the convention is going along smoothly, the venue is booked, the catering is under control and bus transport to and from accommodation places has been arranged.

Details and registration forms can be downloaded from the Lions Australia website www.lionsclubs.org

Free samples on offer

Shortly all clubs will receive three boxes of mini Cakes at no charge.

Merchandising District Chairman, Viv Cardwell asks that you please use them to promote the product along with the promotional material.

Viv says that the promotion of the cake portion should enhance the possible sale of Christmas Cakes and Christmas puddings now in full swing with the lead-up to Christmas



Fiona and Viv Cardwell thank all those who supported the raffle at the Products stand at the District Convention.

Prize winners were:

1st prize - K Radford (Rocky Cape)

2nd prize - Chris Munro (Burnie)

3rd prize - Margaret Whitmore (Launceston)

Three hundred dollars raised by the raffle is being forwarded to Alzheimer's Research Australia.



Abbreviation Corner..

What do the letters stand for?

LEHP - Lions Eye Health Program
ALCCRF - Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation
ALCMF - Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation