



LIONS TASMANIA

Lions Clubs International District 201T1

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Club visits completed BUT work still to be done

We have completed 49 club visits; Spring Bay and Sorell were both enjoyable visits for us in January.

Spring Bay was a casual affair but I needed to fit in with the Club President's request ... a bow-tie was a must for their BBQ meeting



We have quite a few disasters that have happened around our country recently; bushfires in WA, South Australia, Victoria and NSW. In Queensland a Cyclone has just landed up around the Whitsundays, luckily damage was minimal.

A major drought is affecting 65% of Queensland and some parts of northern NSW, livestock are dying due to the lack of food and water. People are struggling and suicide is a major worry. A letter requesting assistance will be sent to each Club in our Multiple District, completely endorsed by all Aussie Governors. Please if you can help them to raise \$1 million by donating even in a small way, it will help I'm sure.

Australia Day celebrations around the state included recognition of some Lions Clubs for projects performed within their community. Congratulations to Latrobe, Sorell and Wynyard that I know of, if your Club was recognised and I missed it I apologise. We also must congratulate Lion Harold Deverell from Latrobe Club for his Emergency Service Medal (SES).

Australia Day for me began with my Club handing out drinks while Forth Valley Lions cooked a thousand sausages and a Rotary Club made the bacon and Egg rolls all FREE. All paid by the Central Coast Council.



... that's me with friend, Rotarian Ron Hunt at work ... all day!!!

Lions Lady Therese and then headed to Tarleton near Latrobe for a garden party (Pianola and Picnic Day) that was organised through Lion John Hughes (City of Devonport) to raise funds for MND. It was a most enjoyable few hours sitting in the shade enjoying the company of other Lions.

We proceeded then to Henley on the Mersey Regatta co-run by Lions and Rotary of Latrobe (and some Council input). It was late when we arrived but we did get to look important for 30 seconds. The crowds that his event attracts are just amazing. It is a credit to a small Club like Latrobe to handle such an event, WELL DONE.

I received notification recently from the MD Cake Chairman, David McKenzie that four Clubs still had not paid Top Taste for the Cakes they ordered last year totaling over \$19500. This will mean we will NOT receive our rebate from that amount. Some of the rebates that our District get goes towards keeping our subscriptions as low as possible. I understand that most Clubs tend to

hold off paying till they can some money back from the sale of their cakes. It is a fine line we have to take to pay our bills but it can also be a costly one.

We recently attended a function that the North East Club asked us to assist on the day with.

The event was a Mountain Bike ride through forest tracks attracting 290 riders.

I was very impressed with the way this small club fed breakfast then lunch on the Saturday and Sunday in two different locations.

On Saturday they set up at Derby where Terese and I attended. Most of their Club members and partners helped in a well-regimented process to feed them, first for breakfast then as they finished their ride at lunch time. Sunday was a repeat at Weldborough.

It was a great effort and I was very surprised to see two young teenagers very eager to assist. Kieren and sister Laura Van Brect played a very big part on the Saturday and Kieren alone on Sunday as Laura had to milk their cows. Two people that I hope will become remote Leos soon so they can continue to be part of their Club in an official capacity.



... prospective LEOs Laura and Kieren at the end of a long day

A letter to the Lions of Australia

from District Governor Gary Kenny, District 201Q2

Hello Lions of Australia

I write to introduce a vital project for Australian Lions Clubs to urgently support our drought ravaged brothers and sister of western Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Your Council of Governors has just endorsed that we approach all Lions Clubs of Australia to consider support of a recently formed drought relief project. Whilst recent bushfires have rightly been foremost in Lions minds across MD201, the current drought is severe and enduring in Queensland and northern NSW.

Our country cousins are resilient and proud people who rarely ask for help but they are in crisis at the moment.

My wife Lion Audrey and I have recently completed a tour of our District's western clubs – west of Townsville through Hughenden, Richmond, Julia creek and Cloncurry out to Mt Isa then north to Karumba. We were shocked by what we saw with the drought very much evident. We have received distressing reports of many families in dire straits.

Currently, approximately 70% of Queensland has been drought declared; this is growing weekly with a similar situation in Northern New South Wales.

One of our NQ clubs, Townsville Castle Hill, has commenced a drought relief project to deliver stock feed and other essentials to those most in need and at the same time, hopefully to minimise the psychological aspects of the farmer's wellbeing, and secure their immediate future.

You might ask, how do we intend to distribute the support rapidly, at minimal cost and to assure ourselves that it gets to the right people?

Our team has joined with a voluntary agency, Aussie Helpers, who are already on the ground specifically set up and with an existing network delivering feed to stock and arranging personal support to families in these areas. Aussie Helpers works all over Australia and over the past eleven years has operated in all States. Aussie Helpers has a fleet of twenty vehicles and operate mainly out of two large bases, one in Charleville in western Queensland and another at Mathoura NSW between Deniliquin and Echuca. They have volunteers in most parts of Australia to call on when the need arises.

I have recently met with Brian Egan, the founder of Aussie Helpers – Brian was named Australia's Senior Citizen of the Year a couple of years ago for his work in setting up Aussie Helpers. Google Aussie Helpers – I did and was impressed

Unfortunately the cost of stock feed and delivery is not cheap. Our Project's target is to raise \$1m; certainly rather ambitious but hopefully we can go a long way towards this with Lions Clubs across Australia perhaps running at least one project each to raise much needed funds for this cause.

Currently the Lions of Queensland have raised approximately \$130000 in a short time. These funds are already delivering direct support.

The Aussie Helpers story on their website <http://aussiehelpers.org.au>. You will see the Lions badge and story on the front page as a result of this project.

I ask for your Club's support of this worthy project and of your "country cousins" who are doing it so tough out here.

Thank you for considering this vital community project. Your assistance would be immensely appreciated by our western folk.

Lions Picnic ends in tragedy

1st International Vice President Joe Preston posted on Twitter on 12 February

"I ask that you take a few moments today to pray or reflect on the 30 Lions and their family members lost in the tragic boat accident that happened over the weekend.

Ten were Lion club members, eight were spouses or family members and twelve were children as young as three.

Three boats were returning from a Lion's picnic. One boat lost their engine and began taking on water. Many panicked and jumped overboard to swim to the other boats. Seventy people on the troubled boat survived.

The accident took place on the largest man made lake in Asia located in eastern India.

The Lions lost were from the three clubs in Sambalpur. All and all it was a nightmare.

Training dates set

Details of training days for Incoming Club Officers are detailed below - please not them in your diary now!!!

North West:

Saturday, 24 May - 9.30am start
Wynyard - St Bridget's Catholic School

Sunday, 25 May - 9.30am start
Latrobe - Latrobe Primary School

Sunday, 1 June - 10.00am start
Zeehan - Zeehan Primary School

North:

10 May - start 10.00am
Scottsdale – at Polytechnic Centre

23 May - start 10.00am

Launceston – at Brooks High School
30 May - start 10.00am

East Coast – at a venue to be advised

South:

Sunday, 25 May - 9.30am

Glenorchy -at West Moonah

Community Centre, 130 Springfield Avenue, West Moonah

ALDAF Boss impressed

"I personally had lots of great discussions during the day and handed out lots of packs to the visitors of all ages" commented ALDAF Chairman, IPDG David Daniels

The **Tune In Not Out** day organised by the Ulverstone Lions Club attracted an interested crowd and certainly got the message across not only about TINO but also about the many youth projects promoted by Lions.

Troy Cassar-Daley headlined a Family Eve Concert that also provided the opportunity for young people to perform on stage with a professional music set-up throughout the day



... ALDAF Chairman, IPDG David Daniels with Youth Services District Chairman Wendy Brady promoted Lions Youth projects at the Tune In Not Out Day

Acronyms in this article:

IPDG = Immediate Past District Governor

ALDAF = Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation

TINO = Tune In Not Out (an ALDAF promotion)

Just a little bit busy

While the experiences of the Latrobe Club reflect the activities of many clubs in the December/January period, they have certainly excelled in their service to their community.

Christmas Parade, Speedway Canteen, Henley-on-Mersey, more speedway canteen – three nights in the one week (200 steaks, 280 burgers, 20 kg hot dogs, bags and bags of donuts, not to forget the pies and pasties and other sundry items, and the sell-out of all soft drink and water then there was a sausage sizzle in between.

All available members have put in an enormous amount of time and effort into making it all work out and we had a but of fun doing it (Tail twister Harold managed to extract a few dollars for a number of misdemeanors as well).

It's been a busy few weeks and there's more to come with Youth of the Year, Relay for Life, MORE Speedway and then hopefully a bit of a break.

Zone Chairman Vere presented 30 Year Chevrons to Lions Mark Campbell and Dudley Parker, 25 years to Lion Harold Deverell and 10 years to Lion Jane Findlay.

District Governor George will present Lions Peter Burk with the Club Excellence award at the next dinner meeting which will top off a great month with the club receiving the Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award and Lion Harold Deverell receiving the Emergency Service Medal for outstanding service to the State Emergency Service.

We have also had positive response form a couple of potential members who we hope to induct in the near future



A Lions Welcome to new member **Glen Richards** who is sponsored by Lyn Richards

**Membership
of District 201T1
1221**

Thought about being involved

Youth Exchange -

Students from Austria, Germany, Turkey, USA, India, Mexico, France, Switzerland, Spain and Romania need hosting from late June through to mid July ...

Peace Poster -

Kits are available now from the Lins Shop - cost \$20. The them for ths year's art work is "Peace, Love and Understanding"

Reading Action -

This programme has been a dopted by LCI as a ten year Project.

Junior Public Speaking -

A competition for students in grades 3-4 and 5-6 that will suit both large schools and small rural schools. Let your club be blown away by the skills of young people in reseach, ideas and presentation. Project kits are available at a cost of \$23.00

Contact District Chairman Wendy Brady for details of any of these Lions Youth Projects

**Hobart will host the
2017 National
Convention
celebrating 100
years of Lions**



Youth of the Year
celebrating 50 years
Be a part of the celebration
of this iconic Lions project

City of Burnie Club celebrates 53 years

The City of Burnie Lions Club was formed in December 1959 and received its charter on 12 February 1960 just 24 hours before the City of Devonport received theirs, and it was a great night for members and visiting Lions from Rocky cape and Wynyard at the 54th Charter anniversary was celebrated.

And to make an even bigger occasion, it gave the opportunity to recognise the 50 years and some odd months of service given to the community, District and Lions Clubs International by PDG F Roger Groom.

Lion Roger has the distinction of being District 201T1s first District Governor in 1980-81 after 17 years as a member of the club. He is a Life member and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Roger has served on numerous district cabinets before and after our district came into existence.

Lion Roger responded to the toast to LCI and the City of Burnie Lions Club proposed by VDG1 Michael MacLaren who delivered an up-to-date account of where Lions, and in particular LCIF are in today's world.

In his response, Lion Roger gave an insight to the times past of projects and the work done by the club over the fifty years of his involvement. He saw a period where the club charter was in danger of being withdrawn when numbers crashed to nine.



PDG Roger receiving awards acknowledging his 50 years as a Lion from VDG1 Michael

However, resilience was in the air and new members were gained.

PDG Roger encouraged the current membership to forget about our past problems and any recrimination that we may have, look to the future and what can be done for our community, country and internationally.

The night also provided the opportunity for PDG Roger to induct the Club's newest member, Scott Dawson, who is sponsored by Club President, John Medwin



New Lion Scott is congratulated by PDG Roger while sponsor John looks on

Acronyms in this article:

PDG = Past District Governor
VDG1 = 1st Vice District Governor
LCIF = Lions Clubs International Foundation



DG George -

"I had the opportunity to inspect 'Radford House' the clubrooms of the Rocky Cape Club and was most impressed"

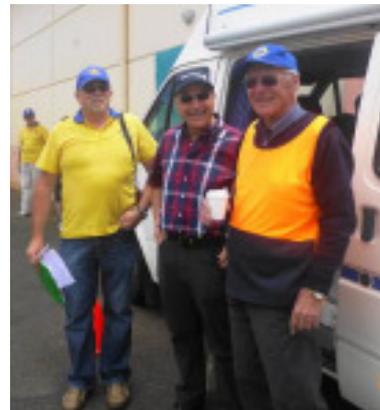
130 Convertibles ...a World Record

The Lions Club of Mersey Devonport made history on Australia Day with their attempt at breaking the World Record for the most open topped (convertible) vehicles in the one place at the one time.

130 convertible vehicles converged on the arena to set a Guinness Book World Record and the Club is now waiting on official word from London that the record has received recognition.

The sight of the 130 vehicles on the grassed area was spectacular and feedback from participants was great with most wanting to do it again.

The almost \$3000 raised from the event will form part of the Club's contribution to Relay for Life



DG George keeps an eye on Mersey Devonport Lions, Peter Nobel and Ken Knowles at the tally up the cars

Crime Stoppers



Crime Stoppers Week

28 April to 4 May



Clubs are to be congratulated on their recent response to Disaster Relief appeals. To the end of December 2013 donations for Disaster Relief have totaled US\$22,820 out of a total of US\$24358 donated to LCF. Disaster Relief donations from the whole of MD201 have totaled US\$305685.63.

So far this year donations have been made by 20 Clubs. This compares most favorably to last year (2012-13) when only 14 of our 50 Clubs made donations.

It is also pleasing to note the 14 Melvin Jones Fellowships or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships have been granted so far this year. Collectively 25 Clubs are holding credits for 60 MJFs with the remainder requiring additional donations to make up enough for an MJF. Just a reminder that LCIF donation for any of the following purposes qualify for MJF credits — Area of Great Need, Disaster, Humanitarian Needs, Sight or Youth. Clubs are to be reminded that an LCIPF donation is required as one of the criteria to qualify for a Club Excellence Award.

Clubs are reminded that the major LCIF appeal is for the “One Shot One Life” Lions Measles Initiative. With this programmed donations also qualify for MJF credits but attract dollar-for-dollar contributions from the UK Department of International Development or the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The international target from Lions is US\$30million which will result in a total of US\$60million. By 2020, more than 700 million children in 49 countries will be immunised against measles and rubella.



Helping make a difference

Each year the various year groups at The Hutchins School in Hobart choose a suitable charity they wish to support with fund raising projects.

The Year One group of students decided on having a stall with fresh produce, flowers and seedlings. They manned their stall, chose to help the New South Wales Bushfire Appeal, raised \$1260 and donated this to the Australian Lions Foundation.

Lions Hester and Lion Alan have put forward a challenge to these young people to help raise funds for the ALCCRF. This challenge was well received so Lion Hester will help them in their fundraising endeavors.



Pictured receiving the cheque is the President of the Lions Club of Kingborough Hester van Niekerk and Lion Alan Pretzman, secretary of the Foundation



Penguin Lions Club President, Daniel Eiszele, handed over a cheque for \$5565 to Coroneagh Park Facility Manager, Judy Brown, for the purchase of a patient hoist and five motion Sensor mats to be used in the care of it's residents. Judy sincerely thanked the Club for its donation and said the items purchased would be of great assistance in the safety of well being of both residents and staff.



... Ulveerstone Lions Peter Redman and Jamie Smith cooking up a feast for Australia Day



... Ulveerstone Lion Bob (Tiny) Wright just enjoying Australia Day

Volunteer organisations: Do you have duties under the new WHS laws?

This article was printed in the December 2013 issue of *Workplace Issues*, a Work Safe Tasmania publication.

The simplest way to determine if you have duties under the new WHS laws is to ask yourself the following question:
Does my organisation employ and pay anyone to carry out work?

Yes?

Then both your organisation (which is a PCBU) and the volunteers it engages (these volunteers are workers under the law) are covered under WHS laws.

You should read the information for volunteer organisations on the Safe Work Australia website. Go to www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au and under the 'popular links' heading, chose 'volunteer guidance' (or search for 'volunteer resource kit').

The Resource Kit contains practical guidance on what you need to do.

No?

Then your organisation is a volunteer association, made up only of volunteers working together for a community purpose. The organisation and its volunteers are not covered under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012, and therefore do not have WHS duties.

However, even though you have no duties under the Work Health and Safety Act, you should seriously consider complying with general WHS duties as a matter

of course. Keeping your volunteers safe is your main priority, and establishing a system that protects them makes good sense.

General and common law duties of organisations that engage volunteers are well established. Australian courts have long recognised that volunteers are owed a general duty of care by the people and the organisations they support. So even if your organisation is a volunteer association and does not fall under the Act, it is a good idea to comply with general WHS duties.

Develop a system

Establishing an appropriate safety management system to ensure the safety of your volunteers (workers) is a simple process.

We have a Safety Management Toolkit which can help you meet your duties under the law if you are a PCBU, or give you general guidance if you are a volunteer organisation. The toolkit steps you through what you need to do to develop and implement a safety system.

You can find it at the WorkCover Tasmania website. Go to www.workcover.tas.gov.au and search for 'toolkit'.

Acronyms in this article:

WHS = Work Health and Safety

PCBU = person conducting a business or undertaking

Words

If there was a shred of doubt the world is totally insane, this will remove it.

This says it all.....

Pythagoras' Theorem - 24 words

Lord's Prayer - 66 words

Archimedes' Principle - 67 words

Ten Commandments - 179 words

Gettysburg Address - 286 words

USA Declaration of Independence - 1300 words

USA Constitution will all 27

amendments - 7818 words

EU Regulations on the Sale of

CABBAGES - 26911 words

Impossibilities in the World

1. You can't count your hair.
2. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
3. You can't breathe when your tongue is out

Put your tongue back in your mouth you silly person

10 Things I Know About You

1. You are reading this.
2. You are human.
3. You can't say the letter 'P' without separating your lips.
4. You just attempted to do it.
6. You are laughing at yourself.
7. You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
8. You just checked to see if there is a No. 5
9. You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person and everyone does it too.
10. You are probably going to email this to see who else falls for it

You have received this because I didn't want to be alone in the idiot category

Have a great Day. Laugh, and then laugh and sing **It's a Beautiful Morning** even when it's not,

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many"



They all have one thing in common???

Sorell Club President, Geoff Gilbert, DG George and PDG Ken Gatehouse were snapped during the DGs visit to the Sorell Club in January