



LIONS TASMANIA

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Membership Month aim is at least PLUS One

We are well into our March Membership drive and hopefully are all working towards the goal of fifty new members or, as I preached, PLUS One.

We have a lot of work to do, more so with retention. I have mentioned during my visits to your Club that it is MORE important to look after our present members; they are an extension of your family. As of 9 March, we have slipped back to just PLUS 2 in growth. This means we brought in eighty-five new members but ... LOST 83 of our current members. I am pleading with everyone; please make an effort to look after your Club members first and foremost.

Coming up in May is the Tamworth Convention and we will have approximately forty-five Tasmanians attending – what a great effort to see so many there. This year instead of each district holding its own function, the Governors of all nineteen districts have agreed to allow the Tamworth and Manly Lions to host an enjoyable evening for all conventioners to enjoy. The Tamworth Equine Centre will be the venue for the entertainment, food and drink will also be available on site. We are still waiting for finalisation of the event format.

Over the past month we visited the fiftieth and last Club, Flinders Island, a very windy welcome was experienced on arrival.

Therese and I were made very welcome beginning with a dinner on our first night. I inducted a returning member, Carol Crute back into the Club – welcome back Carol.



That's me in the middle pictured with Lion Carol and Club President Alan Wheatley

Meals served on Flinders Island could feed two people.



This was the only time I saw President Alan with his mouth closed

Great fellowship was had on Sunday when they held their Fishing competition on the North East River. Plenty of giant flathead were caught but none no bigger than the one Club President Allan Wheatley caught, or so he kept telling us.



Getting a close-up view of the fishing with Skipper John

Things are moving with the formation of a new club at Legana and I would like to thank GMT Chair Amanda Olson and PCC Tony Roney for their hard work in getting this off the ground.

A working party has been formed and it is planned to call a meeting of residents in the Legana area near Launceston with the idea of setting up a new Lions Club.

We will be doing a letter drop this month followed by the public meeting in April and hopefully from that we may get enough interest to work towards chartering a new club.

The long weekend was spent in Bicheno where Therese and I had a really fantastic Sunday working with the Bicheno Lions.

Each year on this long weekend they hold a Rock Pool Concert, the biggest fundraiser that they do; this year attracting well over one thousand men, women and tons of children.

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The DGs Diary continued



Some of the hundreds who attended the Rock Pool Concert

This was a very well organised and for a small Club of just thirteen members was a credit to them all.



Security kept a close eye on Therese's drinking choices

They may be small but they have good group of locals they can call on to offer their time for the day.



NO, Bicheno Club member, Lion Mick Fisher was not trying to tell how big was the fish that he caught, he was trying to tell us the size of the crowd at the Concert

WELL DONE BICHENO, we will be back next year to do it all again.

It is always pleasing to re-visit clubs and we have been invited back to quite a few. It is more pleasing when we have the opportunity to induct new members and to make presentations to club members.

I was able to do both at a recent meeting of the Latrobe Club where I was able to present a 100% Club Award and a 100% Presidents Award to President Peter Burk and to induct new Lion, Kirsty Fulton



Inducting new Lion Kirsten Fulton into the Lions Club of Latrobe



With Lions Lady Trudy and President Peter Burk following award presentations

Finally, Clubs will be in the finals stages of electing their Board for the next Lions Year.

Thank you to those members who have put their hand up to help make up your new board for the coming year.

I encourage all new club officers to attend the training forums that have been arranged for you and I wish you a successful year.

DG George



Lions World Lunch Relay is on April 4

“Host your Lions Lunch on April 4 and join me in wishing my wife, Anne, a happy 70th birthday” says International President Barry Palmer,

The Lions World Lunch Relay kicks off at noon on April 4. The event is part of Family and Friends Month to promote membership and interest in Lions.

The Relay will begin in New Zealand and move from time zone to time zone worldwide.

Contests include most participants, best theme and biggest food drive.

REMINDER!!! Club officer training dates

Incoming Club Officers training forums are detailed below - please note 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 - at a venue to be confirmed

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 confirmed

South:

Sunday, 25 May - 9.30am

Glenorchy -at West Moonah

Community Centre, 130 Springfield Avenue, West Moonah

Lynden recognised with ALDAF Life Membership

The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation has recognised the contribution of retired Tasmanian Director of ALDAF, Lynden Pennicott, with a Life Membership Award.

ALDAF Chairman, David Daniels presented the award to Lion Lynden at the Drug Education Network which was also supported by Lynden in his term as a Director for ALDAF



PDG David Daniels presenting the Award to Lion Lynden watched by Lynden's son, Lynden Pennicott Jr.

YOY State Final at Kings Meadows on 13 April

The State Final of Youth of the Year will be hosted by the Lions Club of Riverside and will be held at the King Meadows Lions Clubrooms in Merino Street, Kings Meadows on Sunday, 13 April.

Club finals have been held by many clubs and Region finals are scheduled in the coming weeks

Youth of the Year celebrates fifty years as a Lions project this year and a motion to be debated at the National Convention is proposing the Lions Clubs International considers it as an international Lions project.



Hayley Crack is being congratulated after being named the Latrobe Lions Youth of the Year winner

Glenorchy City Lions celebrate Fifty Years

On 1 April 2014 the Lions Club of Glenorchy City will celebrate fifty years of service to the community.

The Club was chartered in 1964 with a handful of members whose ambition was then, as it still is today, to carry on the tradition and motto of Lions Clubs International of "We Serve".

The Club has a proud history of helping those less fortunate in the immediate area and wider communities with donations of much needed funds to help those less fortunate as well as the many charity

organisations that often slip through the net of Government assistance.

The Club currently has thirty-three members.

The Glenorchy City Council will be hosting a Civic reception for the club to be held at the Civic Centre for invited guests of the club and the local business community.

As well as the Civic Reception the club is planning a members picnic at Tolosa Park and also a celebration dinner at Cascades Gardens.

Hobart to Host National Convention in 2017

Tasmania has successfully nominated to host the National Convention in Hobart in 2017, the year that Lions Clubs International celebrates a Century of Service to the World.

Tasmania was the only nomination made to the Multiple District to host the convention and the interim organising committee under the chairmanship of PDG David Daniels now only needs the endorsement of the Tamworth Convention

before setting the Convention Organising Committee in place.

One of the first positions identified for appointment to the COC is that of an experienced and enthusiastic Lion to develop and maintain an active presence on facebook and on a Convention webpage and any interested Lion is invited to make their interest known to the COC Vice Chairman, PDG Robin Pulford at pulfordrobin@bigpond.com.



Burnie City
SCOTT DAWSON
sponsored by John Medwin

Latrobe
KRISTON FULTON
sponsored by Kae Campbell

New Norfolk
LLEWELLYN FROST
sponsored by Dianne Lincoln

Riverside
COLIN SMITH
sponsored by Kerry Shepherd

St Helens
JANICE JASPER
sponsored by Ann Taylor

West Tamar
MICHAEL KNOWLES
sponsored by Gregory Amos

**Membership
of District 201T1
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VALE
Rudi Thomas

The Lions Club of Sandy Bay is saddened by the passing of Lion Rudi Thomas on Saturday, 8 March 2014

Lion Rudi will be greatly missed by all members

The significant contribution he made to Lions and to the local community will be forever valued.

Forces combine to buy a bike - a Quick Shark S cycle

A joint effort by Tasmanian Lions Foundation, Tasmania Police Charity Trust and City of Burnie Lions Club has resulted in Robert Humberdross of Ridgley finding a new, healthier lifestyle.

Fifty-year-old Robert had his right leg amputated thirty years ago. Robert had been riding his motor cycle when a vehicle being driven by an intoxicated driver collided with him.

Until recent times, Robert has managed his independence using crutches but has become more reliant upon his wheelchair due to gaining weight and associated health issues.

In October 2012 VDG Lion Michael MacLaren and Lion Melissa Bell from City of Burnie Lions met with Robert to discuss how the Club could help him with mobility and exercise. Many emails, internet research, exercise physiologists reports and the great assistance given by Clive Poulden from Aidacare resulted in the delivery of a new three-wheel hand-crank cycle, a Quickie Sharks S, being delivered to Robert. The unique cycle allows Robert to use his upper body strength to pedal and increase his cardiovascular exercise and hopefully, lose weight. As this is a scripted product, it wasn't as simple as ordering he \$3000 one found on the internet from the US where they appear to be a very popular item.

The Quick Shark S cycle was purchased with a \$4000 grant from the Tasmanian Lions Foundation, \$1750 donated from the Tasmania Police Charity Trust and the balance from the City of Burnie Lions Club. Constable Richard Douglas (who works with Lion Melissa) formed the Tasmania Police Charity Bike Ride in 2006. The Tasmania Police Charity Trust provides the opportunity for Police Officers and State Service employees of the Department of Police and Emergency Management to fundraise to support



Constable Richard Douglas, Robert Humberdross, LC Burnie President Lion John Medwin and VDG Michael MacLaren inspecting the Hand-cycle at a recent dinner meeting in Burnie

charities and disadvantaged individuals in Tasmania. Lion Melissa contacted the Trust and was able to secure their support for this worthwhile project. If you have a worthwhile project that you think TPCT might be interested in supporting, please visit the Tasmania Police website or talk to a member of Tasmania Police. You never know what possibilities may eventuate.

Robert, though proudly independent, now has the freedom to enjoy physical activity outside of his home environment and has been passed on the road to Riana a few times already by Lion Melissa. Robert recently attended a dinner meeting with the City of Burnie Lions and already the benefit of this type of exercise is having a positive impact on Robert. If you happen to see him, just give him a toot though don't wave. With the hand cranks turning quickly in unison, it is a bit dangerous to take a hand off to wave back.

Lions Eye Health Programme has moved!!!

New contact details

PO Box 433

WAHROONGA NSW 2076

Phone 1800 010 234

Email enquiries@leph.org.au

Website www.leph.org.au

When did you last have your eyes tested?

Crime Stoppers



Crime Stoppers Week
28 April to 4 May



PDG John Gillham
District Coordinator 201T1
Lions Clubs International Foundation

This year the Lions of Tasmania have made considerable generous and most appreciated donations to the LCOF Disaster funds. The following details how such funds are used when disasters occur

Over the past 10 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has provided more than US\$100 million for disaster-relief programmes worldwide. When a major catastrophe happens, like the recent typhoon in the Philippines, Lions around the world are quick to support fellow Lions and their communities.

When you give a donation to LCIFs Disaster Relief fund, your contribution may be used by many different types of needs. Not every disaster is the same but typically there are three different phases of a major catastrophe

Immediate Needs

Donations for Lions and friends around the world provide immediate basic needs such as water, food, clothing and medicine to the affected area. Lions Clubs in the local area begin applying for Emergency Grant assistance to fund immediate needs projects such as food distribution at a community centre. Many times Lions will work alongside religious institutions and fire stations to deliver these basic needs.

Mid-Term Needs

Once recovery planning begins, a local committee of Lions is established to begin the process of evaluating the mid-term needs and identifying appropriate relief projects to implement. Following SuperStorm Sandy that hit the East Coast of the United States in

2012, the Lions of New Jersey received funding from LCIF to make basic home repairs to low income individuals who did not have insurance and did not receive any Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to make homes habitable again. Donations may go to fund a mid-term project such as this when you give to support Disaster Relief.

Long Term Needs/Rebuilding

Once a clear plan for recovery has been put in place by the government, local communities and other community organisations, Lions begin participating in the rebuilding process. Lions have been very instrumental in the rebuilding process in Haiti following the earthquake in 2010. LCIF provided US\$1.4 million to construct new homes for 600 Haitian families who were initially housed in Lions tent cities following the earthquake. Donations may fund rebuilding projects like this significant project in Haiti. Other examples of long-term needs are rebuilding of schools and construction of hospitals and health centres. Financial support provided by Lions and friends around the world is disbursed to the affected area incrementally. Funds go directly to the Lions Relief Committee to support their disaster related projects. Financial reporting is required with each grant and must be submitted to LCIF following a project.

Support following disasters and major catastrophes around the world are funded through LCIFs Disaster Relief area of giving. For more information about disaster relief efforts by Lions and LCIF please visit www.lcif.org



**Tasmanian
Lions
Foundation**

Peter Burke
Secretary

The Foundation is in the process of building a history record of its activities and is seeking the cooperation of ALL CLUBS

We are asking all Clubs who have had a Grant Application and assistance over the past years to the current time.

We ask you to search your Club history files for photos and press cuttings/reports in relation to the project that the Foundation have assisted.

I know you will give me your early response by posting photos and press cuttings, etc so that we can undertake our history records. Please post to 11 Camina Court Riverside Tasmania 7250. Thanking you in anticipation of your support and cooperation.

The next meeting of the Foundation is to be held on 1 June 2014 and any Club with a grant application please have it in the hands of the Secretary by 20 May 2014 along with any other matter you may wish to be raised.

Following the meeting of the Foundation held 2 March a grant of \$4000 was made to Flinders Island to assist the purchase of a disabled lift to get disabled people on and off aircraft. A grant request from Tasman Club has been deferred pending receipt of further information to support the request.

By now all Clubs will have received a letter from me. Please consider the contents and we do hope we can be of assistance to you. Remember, it is your foundation so please support it so that we can carry on our work and assist Clubs to complete their projects.



Tassie Lions help "turn on the taps" for Tanzanians

Turning on the tap for a glass of fresh, clean water is something we in Tasmania take very much for granted. Not so the people in outlying villages of the Tarime region in Tanzania, East Africa where there is a high level of poverty. It is not uncommon for village women to walk sixteen kilometres each day to collect and carry water supplies for their families. Much of the water is shared by animals and is not clean and safe to drink having high levels of E.Coli, typhoid and other disease causing bacteria. As a consequence, the incidence of preventable disease in the population is high, particularly among infants.

In 2006 Diana Butler, a trained nurse from Launceston, visited the community, saw the need, and was determined to try to help the people. Together with a team of dedicated volunteers including the late Dr Peter Hewitt, the Care for Africa Foundation was formed. Since that time much has been achieved. The foundation has funded the digging of two deep-water wells which now provide fresh, clean water for the communities. Many other projects are underway to help the people become more healthy and self-sufficient. With the assistance of an Australia Aid grant plans are now in hand to dig more deep-water wells and to pipe the water to make it more accessible.

Diana and her diverse team of volunteers travel to Tarime each year at their own expense, donating their skills to help with the work of the foundation.

Many Tasmanian schools, organisations and individuals have contributed to the project. A



Past President John Dakin representing the City of Launceston Lions Club presents a cheque for \$2000 to Aid for Africa Foundation CEO Dina Butler

reconditioned ambulance from Tasmania has found a new home in Tarime, where it is being used as a mobile clinic. Shipping containers have been sent from Tasmania loaded with donated school furniture and learning materials to equip some of the schools that have minimal resources. English is taught in schools and spoke, particularly in secondary school, colleges and universities.

Diana visited the City of Launceston Lions Club in 2013 to tell us something of the work being done in Tarime. We were keen to help and our club agreed to provide \$2000 for the purchase of English/Swahili dictionaries which will be distributed among the schools of the region. We hope these dictionaries will assist more children to learn English and therefore be able to continue their education beyond primary school level.

Open Your Heart

I do often wonder what is the number
of people alive in this nation
who enjoy life today because of the way
they were saved by the Heart Foundation.

From all walks of life, a husband or wife
enjoying the time they now treasure
whether working away or fishing all day
it still brings a great deal of pleasure

Because I was one who had bypasses done
I know how lucky I've been.
there isn't a doubt I would not be about
if not for the surgery team.

Now you might be due (or someone near you)
Needing help from the Heart Foundation.
So do not delay – Why not make it today?
To send them a generous donation

*Gaul Galt
Mersey Club poet*