



# LIONS TASMANIA

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## Yep, I bought a Jeep!!!!!!!

Another month has passed and Therese and I have continued to spend some time with our Lions families during March. The JEEP yep "I bought a jeep" has clocked 9000 km over the past three months and a cracked windscreen.

In last month's newsletter I mentioned that we had spent a great weekend at Bicheno. From there we traveled to Hobart and attended both Hobart Town's lunch meeting followed that night at the Sandy Bay meeting. It was great to be able to catch up again and great fellowship was had.

We attended the Wynyard Show the following weekend where we put in a few hours working with the Lions at the Show. With the weather being on the wet side I decided to work behind the counter and allowed Therese to stand outside selling tickets. It was great to see so many Lions helping on the day ... well done Wynyard.



Lions and Leos working as one at the Wynyard Show



Lion Colin and LL Leanne run off their fee at the Wynyard Show

Youth of the Year has been happening up the North and North West of the State – we were unable to have any from down South which was a pity. A 50<sup>th</sup> year banner patch was presented to each Club that had entrants as this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of Youth of the Year in Australia.

We attended our own Club's night, followed the following night by a visit to the Westbury Club who hosted the Northern Regional final.



Youth of the Year Regional finalists at Westbury

On the 30<sup>th</sup> we attended the a North West Regional Final hosted by Burnie Emu Bay.



North West Youth of the Year Regional finalists at Burnie

We have a great finals competition to be had at Kings Meadows clubroom hosted by the Riverside Club. All five finalists impressed both the judges and the audience in regional finals so it should be a great afternoon for the finals.

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## Some dates for your diary

### May 2014

Multiple District Convention in Tamworth, NSW from Friday, 2 May to Monday, 5 May

### July 2014

District Appreciation, Cabinet Induction Dinner at the Burnie Arts Centre on Saturday, 26 July

### August 2014

ANZI Forum in Adelaide, South Australia on 29/30/31 August

### November 2014

District Convention 2014 will be held at Scottsdale on 21/22/23 November

### In May and June 2014

Incoming Club Officers training forums

#### 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 Fire Station

#### 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

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Therese and I hosted a barbecue for the Committee who organised our last Convention in November, a thank you for their great effort (Nigel missed out on dinner that night so we took it for your supper). We also visited the Rely for Life fundraiser that night at Penguin to give our support to those Lions who were there.

The following week we returned to the Sandy Bay club and had a barbecue as part of their meeting. Congratulations on filling your positions on the Board. The following night we attended Glenorchy City's meeting and they were kind enough to assist me in completing a short survey, thank you Lions.

The following night I attended the Central Coast combined service dinner with representatives from two Rotary Clubs, an Apex Club and three Lions Clubs from the district attending.



*DG George presenting Lion Geoff Phillips, City of Devonport, with the Ulverstone Lions Golf trophy they won in February at the Combined Clubs dinner*

April 1<sup>st</sup> regrettably saw the passing of Lion Ron Rudd of Burnie Emu Bay club. RIP Ron, you had a hard battle these past few months. A true gentleman at rest.

Therese and I will depart on 23 April to travel to Tamworth for the Multiple District Convention. We decided to drive up so we can have some fellowship with some of the Governors along the way, and some R and R.

Till next month, take care of your family and keep safe.

**DG George**

## Family says Thankyou MND Fund growing

Dear Sir/President

I am writing to you to express my family's appreciation of one of the aspects of the good work you do in our community.

Recently my mother, Mrs xxx suffered a stroke. She was operated on and has since returned to her home in Penguin. Prior to the operation Mum, who is 86 years old, led an active, independent life working her own vegetable garden, driving and enjoying many hobbies such as cross stitch, leather work and woodwork.

We were fortunate that Mum has recovered sufficiently to return to her beloved home in Penguin, a town she has called home for the past 58 years. During this time both her and Dad (now deceased) contributed in many ways to the whole community.

Mum is now somewhat unsteady on her feet and apprehensive about having a mishap whilst home alone, but still wished very much to maintain her independence. Through your wonderful Care Alert program, she is able to do this. Lion Tony B.... came to her home, explained and trialed the alert system with Mum. He took his time with her, and with us, her children, answering the many questions we had. He had recorded the message prior to coming and advised us on the best positioning of the device. All of this must have taken at least four hours. And it was a Saturday! We are very grateful to Lion Tony.

Mum, and indeed the whole family, now have peace of mind and Mum can maintain her independence. We believe that this is a wonderful program and are extremely grateful for the support you have given us.

Thank you sincerely from J, A, J, C, N, N, T, P, and especially mum

Currently Lions statewide have \$9200 raised for MND (Motor Neuron Disease).

District Governor George says

"I know we can do more. May is MND fundraiser month and my wish was to raise at least \$20000 to be able to present to the Association here in Tasmania around mid May."

"Many Clubs have a bucket list of request for funds and I am asking each club to seriously consider a contribution to MND via our Cabinet Treasurer Phil if your Club has not yet donated".

"Please consider a contribution and help them to find a cure"

## Where is it now?????



Lion Peter Thompson made a Memorial Board for the Forth Valley Convention but nobody knows where it is.

The Memorial Board, pictured above, was used at the Forth Valley Convention and perhaps at one or two later conventions, but now cannot be found.

It should be housed in a wooden crate made for it and clearly marked with the name and address of the Lions Club of Forth Valley and should be accompanied by a steel support pole.

If you know where the board is now, please contact Lion Peter at pthompson@gmail.com or on 0408 140 113, or contact the Lions Club of Forth Valley

## Glenorchy City Lions Club - 50 years young

Glenorchy City Lions Club was formed on 1 April 1964 and was the 317th club formed in Australia.

During the first weeks of April the Club has celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter.

The celebrations began with a Civic Reception hosted by the Glenorchy City Council.



*Glenorchy City Lions at the Civic Reception hosted by the Glenorchy City Council*

This was followed by a family fun day at Talosa Park in Glenorchy where present and past club members enjoyed the traditional Lions barbecue with their kids and grand-kids.



*Glenorchy City Lions at the Family Day Barbecue*

The celebrations culminated in the 50th Charter Anniversary Dinner attended by more than a hundred members and former members of the Glenorchy City Lions Club, along with members, partners and friends from Clubs from all parts of Tasmania.

The commemoration was recognised with a 50 year Charter pin and an engraved glass to mark the occasion.

## Welcome to the Lions Family

The induction of twenty-four new Lions into clubs in the past few weeks has lifted District membership to 1234 Lions.

King Island has led the way with six new members while Scottsdale Club inducted four new members



### Glenorchy City

SHARON BAYLES

*sponsored by Amanda Moate*

### King Island

COURTNEY HOLLOWAY

*sponsored by Glenda Holloway*

TONY BAYRON

*sponsored by Beberlyn Davis*

MARIVIC BAYRON

*sponsored by Beberlyn Davis*

NATALIE CRACK

*sponsored by Beberlyn Davis*

WADE ROSKAM

*sponsored by Ira Cooke*

PAM ROLLEY

*sponsored by Ira Cooke*

### Kingborough

RHONDA CHURCHILL

*sponsored by Hester Van Niekerk*

RACHEL LEHMAN-WARE

*sponsored by Erik Madsen*

ROSEMARY ANNE MILLER

*sponsored by Erik Madsen*

### Latrobe

GEORGE IVORY

*sponsored by Peter Burk*

### Windmill Hill

PHILIP LYNCH

*sponsored by Linda Atkinson*

### New Norfolk

GLENN WOODS

*sponsored by Viv Cardwell*

### Port Sorell

DIANE KELLY

*sponsored by Keith Holliday*

### Rosebery

ANDREA BURDEN

STEPHEN DOE

WENDY ODGERS

### Scottsdale

ELIZABETH CHATWIN

*sponsored by Wayne Harper*

KATHRYN KIERNAN

*sponsored by Wayne Harper*

JOHN MCKAY

*sponsored by Mervyn Chilcott*

MAE MCKAY

*sponsored by Mervyn Chilcott*

### Sorell

JUDY YOUNG

*sponsored by Dawn Gatehouse*

### Ulverstone

JOHN GIBBS

*sponsored by Rex Smith*



**VALE**

**Lion Ron Rudd**

Lions Club of Burnie Emu Bay

1 April 2014

## Aussie Guest Speaker in Toronto

Aussie Olivia Newton-John topped the charts with "Have You Never Been Mellow", "You're the One I Want" and "Physical", starred in the most successful movie musical of all time, "Grease" and graced countless magazine covers and talk show couches as a top-tier celebrity.

But, she also publicly shared her battle with breast cancer and zealously promoted the importance of early detection,

earning her the sympathy, attention and respect that transcend pop stardom.

Newton-John will be the keynoter July 8 at the 97th International Convention of Lions in Toronto, Canada.

She'll sing, as well as talk, entertaining and edifying, an apt representation of what's in store for the thousands of Lions who will descend on Canada's largest city.

## Lions support Relay for Life in the Huon Valley

Lions from the Port Cygnet, Huon and Kingborough Clubs pooled their efforts to staff the barbecues and feed the walkers in the Relay for Life in the Huon Valley.

As in years past, the event was again a success with the Luminary ceremony on the Saturday night a very moving experience and a highlight of the weekend.



*... the lull before the storm ... Lions take a spell before the on-rush of Relay walkers front up for a feed*

## Georgetown Lions make hearing easier for local lad

George Town schoolboy, Brad Nicholas, had a problem with his hearing but the local Lions Club have been able to help by providing him with a personal FM hearing system with the assistance of Lions Hearing Dogs.

Brad's mum Peta, his teacher, Susie Romein and Star of the Sea College Head Mistress, Tricia Phillips were present at the school when George Town Club President Margaret Gibbons presented the hearing system to Brad.



*... I can hear clearly now ... Brad Nicholas receiving his FM hearing system from George Town Club President, Margaret Gibbons*

## Youth Expo chairman recognised by ALDAF

The Lions Club of Ulverstone recently held a very successful Youth Expo featuring the "Tune In, Not Out" programme promoted by the Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation.

The project under the chairmanship of Lion Peter Redman was acclaimed nationally by ALDAF and the Club has been awarded an Achievement Certificate



*Lion Peter Redman receiving the ALDAF Achievement Certificate from ALDAF Chairman, PDG David Daniels*

## District Officers better trained to do the job

Zone Chairmen appointed for the 2014/15 Lions Year should be better equipped to undertake their roles following training forums held in all three regions of the state in recent weeks.

District Governor elect, Michael MacLaren has initiated the forums to provide the opportunity for Lions who have accepted his invitation to serve on District Cabinet to understand the requirements of their position



*DGE Michael with GLT Coordinator Anne Fagg, GMT Coordinator Amanda Olsen and Zone Chairmen (d) Merv Chilcot, Vere Cooper, Jeff Harper and Leigh Johnstone at the Launceston forum*

## Stamps an ongoing project that benefits Childrens Mobility

Riverside Lions Club would like to thank all Lions and Clubs who support our request for stamps and we look forward to continued support.

There is little work as you wonderful Lions currently collecting them would know. Stamps can be sent direct to 11 Camina Court, Riverside or handed to any cabinet officers who will arrange delivery to the Riverside Lions Club



*Stamps processed by the Lions Club of Riverside are sold with the proceeds going to the Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation*



Just a reminder to Clubs wishing to recognise their members with a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) to get their applications and appropriate donations to LCIF in as soon as possible.

As end-of-year Change Over functions are ideal times to present such recognition there is a big demand for processing applications. Please get your application in as early as possible.

During April contributions by Lions to the LCIF Measles Initiative will attract additional matching funds.

In addition to the dollar-for-dollar by the UK Government's Department of International Development or the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the family of Abhey and Aruna Aswal will match every Lions donation up to a cumulative total of US\$500,000. Therefore during April Lions donations to *One Shot, One Life – Lions Measles Initiative* will trigger a quadrupling of the original donation. **Your \$1 = \$4.**

Note that the original donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (PMJF) but to qualify the donations to LCIF must be banked in April.

PDG John Gillham  
District Coordinator 201T1  
Lions Clubs International Foundation



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## Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke  
Secretary

### The next meeting of the Foundation is to be held on Sunday, 1 June 2014.

Any Club having a Grant application to submit it will need to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 20 May and any other matter you may wish to raise by 25 May.

I would like to thank the Clubs who have responded to my recent letter and made donations or purchased TLF fellowship awards. Your efforts are most appreciated.

I am sure other Clubs will follow your lead. After all, it is your Foundation and for us to continue our work in assisting Clubs with approval of Grant applications we need the support of all clubs.

Keep up the good work in your communities and help to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Tony Jeffries is the Immediate Past president of the Ulverstone Club and is the most recent recipient of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Fellowship.

Tony Jeffries is pictured receiving the Club presentation of the Fellowship Award from IPDG David Daniels

## You Say Brian, I Say Lion

Names are often appropriate to a person. Sports are a prime example. Baseball has Matt Batts and Bob Walk. Football includes Takeo Spikes and Mac Speedie, Don't forget golfer Chip Beck, high jumper Nathan Leeper and sprinter Usian Bolt. So what are the best names of Lions? With 1.35 million Lions, there are plenty of aponyms, names suitable to their owners.

There are also plenty of names, period! The membership database at Lions Clubs International lists no less than 11,057 Smiths. John Smith is the most common name with 216 listings. William Smith is right behind with 214. But Lions take pride in being informal and casual so it's no surprise another 64 Lions identify themselves plainly as Bill Smith.

The Smiths of the world must tire of being confused for someone else but their name problems pale in comparison to the Kims. That's the most common Korean surname comprising about 20% of the population in Korea. The Lions' database counts exactly 55,237 Kims. Most but hardly all are from Korea.

If you're a Lion, it's not easy to keep up with the Joneses; all 5441 of them. Start with Aaron Jones of the Daleville Lions in Alabama and finish with Zelda Jones of the Vera and Distric Lions in Spain.

Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions, died in 1961. But Melvin Jones Jr (no relation) is alive and well in Georgia. In fact, he's the president of the Camilla Lions. Definitely related to him is his father, Melvin Jones Sr, also a member. Ture to the leadership skills of his famous namesake, Melvin Sr once served as Club President.

## Lions lend a helping hand

Phyllis, the widow of Past President of the George Town Lions Club, Dave Trivett, needed a hand to clean up her property at Mount Direction.

Club members rallied to the call for help and have demolished garden beds and shed and left the way clear for the future remake of a garden.



*Phyllis watches on (left) while Lions Sue Holme, Ray McColl, Margaret Gibbons and Eric Cook and helper Andrew Holme make short work of the old shed*



## Lions register for ANZI

With less than six months to go the Host Committee for the Australia New Zealand Indonesian Pacific Forum are very excited about the number of registrations to date. Host Committee Chairman, PDG Don Pritchard says "All of these, together with the Early Bird Registrations will go into the draw a the MD Convention in Tamworth.

The ANZI Forum will be held in Adelaide, South Australia from Friday, 20 August to Sunday, 31 August.

The Forum attracts Lions from all areas of the Pacific Region however, because it is in Australia this year, it will primarily attract Australian Lions.

The International President, along with members of the International Board will be in attendance.

The programme offers a wide range of discussion forums.

All details of the forum can be accessed on [www.lionsclubs.org.au/anziforum](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/anziforum).

## New Club chartered in PNG

Recently PDG Bill Ahearn and PDG Doug Winterflood of the Papua New Guinea Member Development Committee along with MD Membership Coordinator PDG Bob Radford and 201Q2 Distrit Governor, Gary Kenny, travelled to Papua New Guinea to present the Club Charter to a new Club formed in Madang. The Club chartered with 39 new members and transfers from the Babullil Club.

The function took pace at the Madang Starr Resort and was attended by eighty guests including two original members of the former Madang Club as well as members of the Lae Lions Club and two Lions from the Rockingham Club in Western Australia who were visiting Clubs in PNG to help with orphanages in various parts of the Country.

The Madang Club Charter Presidnet, Lion Joseph Natea, accepted the Charter on behalf of the Club and expressed the Club's gratitude to the Lions of Australia for helpwith with getting things organised and for atending this momentous event.

The Development Committee members also took the opportunity to meet with members of the Port Moresby Club during their visit and to conduct an Informtion and Training School for Madang and Lae Lions.

## Crime Stoppers Week 2014

Crime Stoppers Week is a campaign to encourage and empower Tasmanians to join Crime Stoppers Tasmania in its mission to assist and support crime solving and will run from 28 April to 4 May, 2014.

The campaign has two key aims:

1. to drive usage of the 1800 333 000 Crime Stoppers number to anonymously report crime; and
2. to highlight three current priority crime categories.

This year's themes are Residential Arson, Methamphetamines and Firearms Offences.

Crime Stoppers Week is the largest campaign run each year by Crime Stoppers Tasmania, and this year it will see the launch of another series of Crime Stoppers Week specific advertisements across television, radio and press.

Lions Tasmania is a Key Event Sponsor of Crime Stoppers Week.