



# LIONS TASMANIA

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## DGs project raises \$10400 for MND

Mr Tim Hynes, the President of Motor Neurone Disease Tasmania has asked me to thank each and every Club in our District that donated to the MND fundraiser that I promoted in Clubs during the past year.

In the past year as I visited our Clubs I mentioned my wish to promote MND. In doing so I requested that Clubs might consider donating to the cause should they wish. The outcome of this culminated in the presentation of a cheque for \$10,400 to Tim Hynes in Hobart in May and we should all be proud of our effort.



District Governor George presenting a cheque for \$10400 to MND Chairman, Tim Hynes

This is my last report as your District Governor: the twelve months have really gone so quickly. Therese and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all and in some cases working with you on projects.

I am happy to report that I am handing over our District a little better than where we started. Membership has grown slightly, we had no disasters this year, thank God, and we have made so many friends in Tasmania and the rest of Australia.

Looking back on our visits to Clubs, some of the highlights that come to mind are:

**Bicheno** – the fun weekend we had helping at their major project, the Rock Concert; we have already booked for next year; another small club doing great things in their community

**Bothwell** – a Christmas theme night with local guests to make it another enjoyable night

**Bridport** – the casserole meal we shared as part of our meeting, such good fellowship

**Brighton** – a great but different meeting from the nor and, it works for you. Supper was great also

**Burnie Emu Bay** – seeing so many books in a confined area and how you managed to raise so much from the project is commendable

**City of Burnie** – disappointed that there weren't any Leos at the meeting. Another good meal prepared by Joan

**City of Devonport** – started the year a little shaky but has finished strong with good fellowship

**City of Launceston** – a cosy meeting room with a great mix of members and happy

**Clarence** – a family club event met all the rellies and had a relaxing and enjoyable hot night

**Deloraine** – another good mix of members, young and old, male and female, a great night

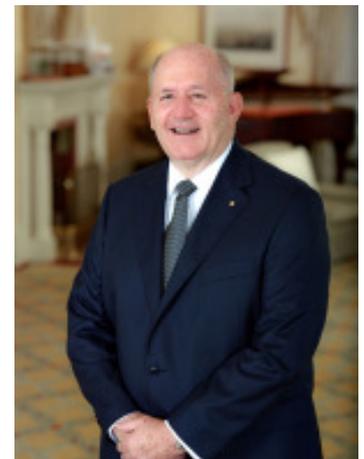
**Devonport Mersey** – memories of deceased Lion Brian Howden, but life goes on and it does here, some great projects happened this year

**Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches** – a very small meeting but with a very passionate and determined group, very pleasant night had

**Flinders Island** – a president who kept saying ... "George, let me finish". They are a great bunch of hardworking Lions working for their community .... *continued page 2*

## Governor General now Lions Patron

His Excellency General the Honorable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) has accepted the role of Patron of Lions Australia.



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Lions Australia Executive Officer, Rob Oerlemans said, "We are privileged the Governor General has accepted our invitation to be Patron.

His patronage is reflective of the work of Lions in diverse areas such as humanitarian service, disaster relief, sight, medical research and youth programmes.

The Governor General is an inspiration to all Australians and will similarly inspire Lions in their work within their communities," Mr Oerlemans said.

Prior to taking up his position as Governor General in March this year, His Excellency had a highly distinguished military career.

**DG George** *continued from page 1*

A great weekend had and I found some diamonds

**Forth Valley** – kept their gong and gavel tied together to stop thieves, who me?

**George Town** – nice to see a club named after me. A Club that needs to consider recruiting younger members in the near future to continue the great work they do

**Glamorgan** – a strong community minded club with great fellowship. Shame I left my golf clubs at home

**Glenorchy City** – a rowdy mob of Leos who make you dress up in drag for fun. They have outgrown their clubhouse. They need to follow up on new membership enquiries asap

**Hadspen South Esk** – who for got the meeting – and a cabinet member as well?

**Hobart Town** – a lunch meeting, a handicap if they are to invite younger members to join

**Huon** – a club with a small but very switched on group we had an enjoyable night

**Kentish** – a moving night to meet a family member touched by MND. What a lot of mummies, toilet paper was flying everywhere

**King Island** – inducting five new members and the wet welcome given us on arrival, also the work being done at Reekara turning a dilapidated school into a community centre

**Kingborough** – celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Charter night and presenting an ALF Hall of Fame to Lion Don Hazell was an honour for me. A president who kept me informed of the health and wellbeing of their club regularly

**Kings Meadows** – a club that is strong and we were made to feel very welcome and a great meal also

**Latrobe** – the massive work a small band of Lions can achieve in the community, one being the Henley on the Mersey, we only caught the tail end this year so

plan to get back next year

**Launceston Windmill Hill** – what a wet night it was, but, warmed to how the club performs  
**Lilydale** – a mixed night, started great with good fellowship, finished on a slightly sour note  
**New Norfolk** – a good group of Lions with great fellowship and big clubrooms

**North East Tasmania** – great to see nobody wearing ties, got mine off quick. A great working club that even make the DG work for his supper

**Penguin** – welcomed back to my first home club, great to see the Leos and made to feel welcome  
Perth – a wet night, the club do a lot for their community but needs to look closer to their neighbouring towns

**Port Cygnet** – a great bunch of members who made us feel so welcome, sorry I didn't get back for a second visit

**Port Sorell** – teaching me to Rock-n-Roll on one of their social nights. A hard-working group of Lions

**Queenstown/Rosebery/Zeehan** – three clubs in the remote west that made Therese and I most welcome. A BBQ was organised by Queenstown at Strahan when the PDGs met there. The combined dinner meeting the Lionesses and Lions at Rosebery, and the friendship given by Zeehan (including the "wombat" in stone I was given) was much appreciated

**Riverside** – missing members due to the travelling nomads that night but still made very welcome

**Rocky Cape** – have Lion Kevin spin so many sick fines just to extract a lot of gold coins from me. They achieved excellent membership growth this year

**Sandy Bay** – a club that needs help to rebuild if it is to survive in the next year or two

**Scottsdale** – a comfortable feeling club with very good working members some back for the wrong football team though

**Smithton Circular Head** – quite a pleasant night with the Leos attending, and inducted two new members, made to feel very welcome

**Sorell** – still getting over the Dunalley fire, a great fellowship and cosy clubrooms

**Spring Bay** – meeting was on a Saturday with a BBQ and a very relaxed afternoon was had

**St Helens** – inducting a remote Leo and making him an honorary Lions member of that Club was a great feeling for me. Only meeting without Therese there, she was sick

**St Marys** – a small band of Lions doing a power of work especially with conveyor belting. We had great accommodation also

**Tasman** – a club that is set in its ways but still manages to do a power of projects

**Ulverstone** – a club that turned around and is no fun to attend again

**West Tamar** – the combined clubs meeting held under the Batman Bridge bring many northern clubs together for a social function, great idea. A wallaby topped it off on the way home in my Jeep though

**Westbury** – attending their Feast Fest, men in drag ... my idea of good fun. Also their Charter night later in the year, and the regional YOTY they organised

**Wynyard** – Have made me feel very welcome and did a great job with the Convention last year

I have, with Therese's support, managed to give my all to this District. This District may not have broken any records but we can hold our heads up high on how we look after our communities.

I thank each and every one for allowing us into your lives for a short time and we do hope to come back and visit you all again one day.

**We are Many, We are One**

*DG George and Therese*

## New Lions welcomed into Clubs



*Three new members were inducted into the Rocky Cape Club on the same night*

*Three new members, Royden Milner, Anthony Clarke and Justin O'Reilly were welcomed into the Smithton Club on the same night*



*... and Smithton Club was presented with a Club Excellence Award by Region Chairman Anne Fagg on that same night*



## For the Record ...

As of March 31, Lions Clubs International had 1,389,751 members in 46,430 clubs and 757 districts in 208 countries and geographic areas.

Also as of that date, there were 361,169 Melvin Jones Fellow and 68,518 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow recipients.

And a new Club, the Hartford Saint Lucian Lions Club in Connecticut was formed with 103 Charter members

***Volunteers don't necessarily have the time,  
they just have the heart***

## Welcome to the Lions Family

### **Bridport**

MATTHEW BAYLES

### **Glenorchy City**

EMILY GRAINGER

*sponsored by Amanda Elliott*

RHYS HARDMAN

*sponsored by Amanda Elliott*

### **Huon**

CAROLINE FRANCES

*sponsored by Robert Gillham*

SHELLEY JACQUES

*sponsored by Kent Wells*

### **Kingborough**

JANE BIONDICH

*sponsored by Hester van Niekerk*

CHRISTINE MAYNARD

*sponsored by Hester van Niekerk*

PETER TROY

*sponsored by Erik Madsen*

### **Kings Meadows**

DARREN TALBOT

*sponsored by Judi Gorham*

### **New Norfolk**

JAMES TAYLOR

*sponsored by Barry Adlard*

### **Port Sorell**

MANDY QUIRK-MEEKS

*sponsored by Christopher Smith*

### **Rocky Cape**

LEE BOYS

*sponsored by Ronald Prior*

### **Smithton**

ANTHONY CLARK

*sponsored by Sheryl Robson*

JUSTIN O'RIELLY

*sponsored by Anthony Hine*

ROYDEN MILNER

*sponsored by Sheryl Robson*

## VALE

### **Lion Gayle Hilyard**

**Lions Club of Kingborough  
succumbed to her battle**

**with Cancer on  
24 May 2014**



## Foundation supports club projects

Following our recent meeting we are pleased to advise that a grant for \$5000 was made to Burnie Emu Bay club to assist with a purchase of a mobilised wheelchair for a MS patient. Also confirmed at this meeting was an Emergency Grant of \$1000 to the City of Burnie to assist a young couple who recently lost their possessions in a fire. We would like to thank all clubs who supported us with donations or purchase of TFL Fellowships and your efforts are most appreciated. Keep up the good work. It is through your efforts that we can continue to assist Clubs with their grant requests.



The next meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation will be held on 14 September 2014. Any Club with a grant application or any other matter they may want raised please have it to the Secretary by 31 August.

## We are looking for the records of past projects

The Tasmanian Lions Foundation is currently archiving its records and are seeking the help of Clubs to do this as quickly as possible.

We ask that all Clubs who have had a grant/grants from the Foundation to peruse your records and if you hold photographs or newspaper cuttings of recipients and/or the item purchased could you please forward them to the Foundation so that they can be scanned for our file and yes ... we will return them to you. Foundation Secretary, PDG Peter Burke says "I know you will give your full cooperation in this regard and I thank you for it".



## Has your Club tried the Club Excellence Programme?

Has your Club considered undertaking the Club Excellence Programme. Rocky Cape Club have done it and have already realised some of the benefits that can be generated from it.

Members of the Club are pictured hard at work and completed the programme in one night.

Worth considering?????



## Riverside Lions Club says "Thankyou for the Stamps"

Many thanks to all you wonderful Lions who supported us in this project. Our numbers are on par with the previous year. We are always looking for new helpers and look forward to you supporting this easy project.

Stamps can be given to your Cabinet officers who will arrange to get them to the Club or they may be posted direct to the Club Secreatry at 11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250.

Together we can make a difference to someone's quality of life.

We look forward to your continued support



## New faces on District Cabinet



District Governor elect, Michael MacLaren has invited a number of new faces onto his Cabinet for the 2014/15 Lions Year.

The elected members of the District Cabinet for the next Lions year are District Governor Michael MacLaren, 1st Vice District Governor Annette Ogilvie, 2nd Vice District Governor Michael Walsh and Immediate Past District Governor George Bugeja.

Changes to the Executive Officers of the District include newcomer Lion Stuart Ritchie from the Latrobe Club who will undertake the role of Cabinet Treasurer.

PDG Robin Pulford has been appointed Cabinet Secretary and former Cabinet Treasurer Lion Erik Madsen from the Kingborough Club will be Constitution and By Laws Chairman

There are six new Zone Chairmen although two of these have held the position in previous Cabinets.

Newcomers are Lois Cole (Zone 1), Derek Putt (Zone 2), Stuart Grieg (Zone 3), Stephen Smith (Zone 10), Kent Wells (Zone 11) and Shirley Flack (Zone 12).

Zone Chairman who will continue in that role for another year are: Vere Cooper (Zone 4) Leigh Johnstone (Zone 5), Jason Maxwell (Zone 6), Mervyn Chilcott (Zone 7), Jeff Harper (Zone 8) and Keith Allcock (Zone 9).

There are a number of current and former Cabinet members who will make up the 2014/15 District Cabinet although some will be in new roles.

Lion Amanda Olson has taken over the role of Global Membership Team Coordinator from David Triffett while Lion Anne Fagg has succeeded John Medwin in the role of Global Leadership Team Coordinator.

Lion John Salmon returns to the role of Newsletter Editor after a two-year break while Lion Louise Eiszele, who is the State representative on the National Leo/Youth Outreach Committee will be the District Leo Chairman.

Lion Sue Johns from the Hobart Town Club who was previously the Region Chairman in the South of the State is the new District Merchandising Chairman.

Others to continue in District Chairman roles on Cabinet are: Wendy Brady (Youth Services), Allan Holland (TLF), PDG John Gillham (LCIF), PDG Ken Gatehouse (Disaster Relief) and PDG David Daniels (District Projects).

Others holding District portfolios but who are non-cabinet members are: David Triffett (ALF), Helen Chick (Health Projects), Kae Campbell (ALCMF), PCC Tony Roney (ALCCF), Geoff Clow (Lions Hearing Dogs), John Medwin (LEHP), Jenny Triptree (Youth of the Year), and Maurice Jones (IT Communications and Webmaster)

*an invitation ...*



**Lions Clubs International  
District 201T1 Inc**

**DISTRICT DINNER**

*incorporating  
APPRECIATION*

- IPDG George Bugeja  
*and*

**INTRODUCTION/  
INDUCTION**

**District Cabinet 2014/15**  
-DG Michael MacLaren

**Burnie  
Arts and Function  
Centre  
Saturday, 16 July 2014**  
6.30 for 7.00pm

Cost: \$45.00 per person  
Dress: Dinner/Lounge suit -  
Ladies - after 5  
Awards to be worn  
Dietary requirements:  
please advise  
RSVP by 16/7/14  
to Cabinet Secretary -  
email  
cabsec@lionstasmania.org  
or phone 0418 126 797

**Celebration of  
Lions New Year**

**Burnie  
Regional Uniting  
Church**

Cnr Mount and Ladbrooke  
Streets, Burnie

**SUNDAY  
27 July 2014  
9.30am**

## Volunteers applauded

An article in the June edition of *The Tasmanian Business Reporter* says:

Tasmanian gathered to celebrate the power of volunteering during National Volunteer Week from May 12-18.

Volunteering Tasmanian chief executive Adrienne Picone said National Volunteer Week celebrated those individuals who gave up their time, and was a timely reminder about the societal benefits of volunteering and its impact on the Tasmanian community.

“According to national statistics, more than six million Australians volunteer their time and expertise, and what these volunteers achieve on an annual basis is worth more than \$200 million to the Australian economy,” Ms Picone Said.

“As part of the State of Volunteering Report Tasmania 2012, Professor David Adams pointed to \$450 million in costs saved in Tasmania each year alone, due to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers.”

## Dates for your Diary

### July 2014

#### District Changeover Dinner

The District Governor's Appreciation Dinner and the Induction of the District Cabinet for 2014/15 will be held at the Burnie Arts Centre on Saturday, 26 July

#### Celebration of Lions New Year

Burnie Regional Uniting Church, Cnr Mount and Ladbrooke Streets, Burnie on Sunday, 27 July at 9.30am

#### District Cabinet Meeting

Burnie Regional Uniting Church meeting room, Cnr Mount and Ladbrooke Streets, Burnie on Sunday, 27 July at 11.00am

### August 2014

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

### September 2014

#### Lions Education Day

Launceston, 13 September

*an opportunity to learn more about Lions*

Latrobe will host the national launch of **Walk for an Aussie Kid** in Latrobe on 21 September

### November 2014

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



**Barry J Palmer**

- Your Lions Clubs  
International  
President



As I traveled the world as international president I was inspired by Lions' programmes and projects that feed the hungry, give sight to the blind and teach youths responsibility. I urged Lions to Follow You Dream this year. It's been humbling to fully realise and see for myself that Lions have been achieving dreams in innumerable ways and places year after year.

I hope my voice of encouragement aroused into action even more dreamers and motivated engaged Lions to keep moving ahead past new milestones and toward new dreams

As my presidency winds down I realise more than ever the importance of dreams and the exalted role of Lions in serving our communities. We Lions are not made for ordinary stuff. Too often we encounter in society a "me-first" mentality. In the Lions kingdom others come first. In our world, dreams become reality, and dreamers triumph over cynics, naysayers and pessimists.

My best advice is to keep carrying on. *Our formula has worked for nearly a century. Let's not fix what is definitely not broken.* But I do urge a certain vigilance, a determination to think positively. Watch you thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Anne and I are deeply appreciative of the hospitality and warmth Lions have shown us. No matter where we traveled, we encountered kindness and caring. To speak as an Australian, "I dips me lid" to all of you. Continue to Follow Your Dream and may we meet at the other end of the stars - happy and fulfilled as Lions who relentlessly serve.