



# LIONS TASMANIA

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## Tasmanian Lions respond to disaster - we can deliver

To all the members of the Lions Family.

As we start this year, make a resolution to finish the year strong! If you want to be successful it's just this simple:- "Know what you are doing, love what you are doing and believe in what you are doing".

### **Tasmanian Bushfire Disasters**

We have started this year with an unbelievable challenge around our District.

As you are aware, from information sent to your clubs by secretary David and Chairman Robin, Lions around the state were very quick to respond and the disaster team, under the Chairmanship of PDG Ken Gatehouse, swung into **full action**.

As part of Ken's team at the Sorell Evacuation Centre, I witnessed some amazing scenes and later touring the devastated area of Dunalley, with International 1<sup>st</sup> VP Barry Palmer and MD Council Chairman Lou Onley, it became very apparent to me why **I was so proud to be a Lion**. It was an unbelievable experience to talk to survivors and share their very sad stories. But it was wonderful to see the smiles on some faces when we provided them with very much needed goods.

Firstly, I must say how **proud I am to be your leader** at such a time of disaster and I can assure you we are already making a difference. Whilst VP Barry and Chair Lou attended our disaster meeting, we made some firm commitments and these will come to you via the **District Governors Bush Fire Disaster update**.



I am blown away by the support of the Tasmania Lions as individuals and our clubs across the State. There have been some outstanding donations from our clubs across Tasmania as well as our Family of Lions from Interstate.

The offers of support across the country have been unbelievable. My thanks to you one and all.

Also, best wishes from the Lions of Australia and overseas was conveyed to me at the Council Meeting I have just returned from in Sydney (Jan 18-20<sup>th</sup>).

**A progressive update will be sent to the clubs.**

While still on tragic matters, I congratulate the committee and team from the North West Coast that is in charge of the **Fletcher and Spencer Appeal**.

Fletcher and Spencer are the grandchildren of Lion Bill Lander, President of the Forth Valley Lions Club. Bill and Jeannette's grandsons are still in the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. The children's mother and grandparents are still giving great support, as well as some individual Lions like **Norma Barnard** from the V Districts. Lions, let's not lose sight of the needs of this family, they are very much a part of our **Big Lions Family**.

As we begin the new year, I'm asking club presidents to take a few moments to reflect inward. Have you achieved what you resolved to achieve at the start of your year?

Have you been as effective as you had hoped to be as a club leader? If you have, that is great; but you are far from finished. If you are falling short, there is still time.

### **March Membership Month**

Thank you to all involved with the Membership Drive planned for March

Sadly we, like many other Districts in MD 201, are in a very negative position.

Across the world Lions membership has achieved a great deal this year, but with six months to go there is still so much more that we can achieve.

So far this year we have 94,750 new members and 646 new clubs. That equates to thousands of hours community service.

During the fire period I had many people come up and say to me that Lions are great, **they do make a difference**.

I invited them to become a Lion and I believe out of this tragedy we will gain new members.

**As Australia Day approaches** we have another perfect opportunity to promote our wonderful organisation. We have proven that **we can deliver**.

Please keep up the great work with the most challenging months still to come.

DG David



11VP Barry Palmer and District Governor David see the remains of the Dunalley Hall and RSL

## Lions Respond

Lions have responded positively to the disaster response that followed the devastating bushfires that ravaged many parts of Tasmania in early January.

District Governor David has launched the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal and has set up the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Disaster Response Group.

PDG Ken Gatehouse, the District Disaster Relief/Lions Alert Chairman will lead the Response Group.

There was an immediate response to the appeal for donations from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Australian Lions Foundation, the Tasmanian Lions Foundation and from our own District emergency funds.

Clubs from throughout the State and from the mainland have contributed to the Appeal and directly to the Lions Club of Sorell

Lions Clubs have organised many fund-raisers and have assisted community groups in their fund-raising efforts.

As has been reported to Clubs, after the initial response to assist at Emergency Recovery Centres, Lions in the south of the State have taken on the role of catering for the many volunteers restoring rural fencing and are well on the way to providing a community laundry/shower/toilet facility in Dunalley.

In the days following the fires on the Tasman Peninsula, International 1st VP Barry Palmer and Council Chairman Lou Onley visited Tasmania and the fire-ravaged areas and provided valuable assistance to the Lions disaster response.



11VP Barry, DG David and Council Chairman Lou told what is was like by local resident



CC Lou, 11VP Barry and DG David get their supply of baby nappies from Katrina to deliver



**Wayne  
Madden**  
International  
President

### The World's Most Powerful Tool: A Book

I heard once that smart people learn from their own experience, but wise people learn from the experience of others. In other words, our own lives, however rich and varied, is a drop of water in the ocean of human experience. What others undergo and understand is definitely worth our knowing, too. We can only sit down and talk to so many people, hence the greater value of books – the compilation of human experience.

As you know, this year I am encouraging Lions to promote literacy. The ability to read is crucial to getting ahead in life. It's the key to a good job and a decent life. Every child is a reservoir of potential. Reading propels children and adults toward attainment, opportunity and enrichment.

Literacy gives us the tools to take our place in society as informed and active citizens. Reading also helps us cultivate a deeper and better appreciation of ourselves. "Think before you speak. Read before you think," said the writer Fran Lebowitz. We learn about ourselves and form our ideas through reading. Literacy is the window to self-knowledge, the fulcrum for solid thinking and the lever to effective action.

Lions have responded to my Reading Action Program. In the next six months let's continue to donate books to schools and libraries, tutor and read to children, mentor illiterate adults and otherwise fill the world with books and stamp out illiteracy. In a World of Service, our roar as leaders among readers can be as powerful as any act of service we do.

### Overheard

"A lot of Lions have been members for a long time. We have to show that we're not just elderly guys who meet for a beer and decide to clean a park" –

David Moen of the Burnsville Lions Club in Minnesota in a story on service clubs in the *Star Tribune*

### YOTY tour a Winner

District Chairman Jenny Triptree tells us that the annual tour for the Youth of the Year state winners was again a resounding success despite the visit to Port Arthur being cancelled because of the bushfires.

The quest winners travelled the food trail along the North West coast, visiting Ashgrove Cheeses, Anver's Chocolate and the Raspberry Farm sampling as much as they could.

Onto Latrobe to visit Reliquaire in which they were all blown away by this shop.

Kentish Lions club provided us with a much welcoming lunch, then all had a look at the Murals.

Then onto another experience for them Tree Top gliding at Hollybank and Beaconsfield mine in which Nigel Barwick met us and took us all on a tour of the mine.

The third day was a layback day with only a visit to the Gorge and walk through the Seaport into the Launceston City Centre.

Their final day was spent in the south with a visit to Salamanca Market and MONA before flying out.

District Chairman  
John Medwin  
has a new mobile number.  
It is 0437 229 781

### Welcome to New Lions

#### Brighton

WENDY BARBER

sponsored by Aaron De La Torre

#### Hobart Town

VINCENZO BOCCHINO

sponsored by Benedict Leung

#### St Helens

ALAN BALL

sponsored by Ann Taylor

#### Burnie Emu Bay

NOELENE HUMPHRIES

sponsored by John Matic

JEANETTE SOWIAK

sponsored by Cheryl Wells

JEFFERY SOWIAK

sponsored by Cheryl Wells

#### North East Tasmania

LEON QUILLIAM

sponsored by Bruce Muirhead

#### Penguin

ALISON CAMPBELL

sponsored by Glenys Clarke

LIANE EISZELE

sponsored by Daniel Eiszele

PETER EISZELE

sponsored by Daniel Eiszele

Membership  
as of 1 January  
**1213**

### Editor's Apology

Unfortunately, due to other more pressing Lions activities, this newsletter is reduced in content and size.

Items that were not included will be included in the next issue





## Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretzman  
Secretary &  
Trustee for Tasmania

The next meeting of the Australian Lions Foundation will be held on the weekend of 23-24 February 2013.

New Grant and Award Application Forms and information for delegates attending the Multiple District Convention in Canberra is in the mail to Clubs.

Again, I would remind Clubs that their delegates to the National Convention in April will be required to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation and vote on the Trustee they wish to represent them on the Foundation.

Should any Club require assistance with a Grant Application or Awards please contact me either by email at [apretzman@bigpond.com](mailto:apretzman@bigpond.com) or phone 6225 2011



## Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke  
Secretary

The next meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation will be held on Sunday 24th February 2013.

Any Club wishing to submit a Grant Application or any other matter please have it in the hands of the Secretary by 17 February 2013,

Since the last meeting the Foundation has approved grants to the following Clubs

LC Penguin - \$2500 to assist with a child Keratoconus treatment.

LC Forth Valley - \$2500 Emergency Grant to assist two young boys who suffered serious burn injuries in a car explosion in Burnie

LC Rocky Cape - \$5000 - A loan to enable completion of Stage 1 of their community development.

WE are pleased to have been able to assist these Clubs.

Remember, it is your Foundation so please we look for your support so that we can continue to assist Clubs.

**The Australian Lions Foundation has supported the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal with a grant of \$50,000**

**The Tasmanian Lions Foundation has supported the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal with a grant of \$20,000**



## Lions Clubs International Foundation

John Gillham  
District Coordinator

### A message from LCIF Chairman, Wing-Kun Tam

Dear Lions of Multiple District 201  
On behalf of millions of children and the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative - thank you.

As I know you are aware, LCIF has met the Gates Foundation's challenge goal of raising US\$10 million to support measles vaccination campaigns. This achievement was reached within one year through the hard work of committed Lions and the generosity of thousands of around the world.

I would especially like to congratulate the Lions of MD 201 for your generosity. Your efforts have raised US\$218,735 to help underserved children from measles and the many significant complications associated with this deadly disease. Please take great pride in this remarkable achievement.

Lions and LCIF serve communities both locally and globally. For many, you may never see the individual whose vision has been restored or meet the families who were helped following a devastating natural disaster. You may never see the smiling face of a mother whose child has just been vaccinated through the Measles Initiative. Know that because of your generosity and service as a Lion, you make a difference in the lives of many both near and far.

Thank you for responding to the challenge and for your daily service to others.

### A District Cake Chairman's Dream

**All** clubs sold twice as many as last year.

**All** clubs are able to hold the same Cake chairperson for the coming year, they have done a great job, and do not need any training.

**All** clubs have remembered Product Sale's is the 2nd most important job in their club. The most important is Membership and Retention.

And now I have woken up !! the new year is starting badly for many people and Lions can help, sale of our products all year round, helps to give us the money for many project in which Lions will be able to assist. Keep up the good work, maybe my dream will come true.

Now for the heavy handed "bit"  
Accounts must be paid by January 31