



LIONS TASMANIA

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Tasmanian Lions continue to Serve

To all the members of the Lions Family

They say *when the going gets tough, the tough get going.*

That is so true of our dedicated Lions who have been serving on the ground at the coldfront with the **Tasmanian Bushfire Disasters.**

The affected areas across the state have been well served by many Lions completing many duties and they, along with the Fire, SES and Police with all other volunteer groups are **the Heroes.**

My thanks to PDG Ken and his team on a great effort, also to the clubs that have made donations so far. It's been a marvellous response.

I am also very grateful to the committee who are handling the appeal for **Fletcher and Spencer.** They are doing a great job and the boys are on the improve. We will have some more good news on that appeal later.

March membership plans are now finalized and it is up to us to **Deliver.** Across the country our organization is addressing one of our major problems and that is the **Declining Membership.**



Tassie is certainly in the news, sadly for the wrong reasons, (disasters). However, our District Newsletter still remains our number 1 method of delivering our message. Please keep the information coming through to our newsletter editor.

Our Foundations have been of great assistance and we need to continue to support both the Tasmanian Lions Foundation as well as the Australian Lions Foundation.

I attended the Council of Governors meeting in Sydney recently and a lot of issues were covered. I will attempt, through the District Chair People to provide you with the resolutions from that meeting.

One thing that was made very clear is that as we are in the last part of our year we need a very strong finish to enable our organisation to deliver on our motto – **We Serve.**

Thank you one and all for a great effort, keep up the good work.

DG David

Lions respond!!!

It seems to be the “norm” rather than the unusual for Tasmanian Lions to respond so positively to a call for help.

The bushfires that have ravaged our island state in the early part of the year have seen a massive response from emergency services, community groups and ordinary people.

And Lions are ordinary people doing an extraordinary job.

On the financial side of things, Lions have contributed more than two hundred thousand dollars to the Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Appeal and there is more coming in every day.

Clubs have organised appeals and fundraisers (*see story about Perth Lions on page 21*) and have received support from all sorts of places.

The Lions Club of Tasman ensured that the local Regatta and Food Festival went ahead on the peninsula on Australia Day and was well-supported



Archie, pictured with DG David, donated the contents of his money box at the Tasman Regatta

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And in a practical way, Lions have been in the thick of things right from day one.

Lions were prominent in all emergency response centres helping out in whatever way they could.

In the aftermath, Lions are continuing to assist in a practical way.

BlazeAid, a volunteer organisation organising rural fence replacement has many volunteers working on farms in the Derwent Valley and on the Tasman Peninsula and Lions are providing the meals with southern Clubs rostered each evening to cook and serve.

We are waiting on Council approval for a laundry/shower/toilet block to be placed in Dunalley.

The land has been secured, the building secured, the plans drawn up and installation work ready to go ahead as soon as the approval is forthcoming.

This project is relatively long-term with support needed for at least two years.

A "tool library", a shed complete with all sorts of tools, has been sourced from Victoria and will be located in Dunalley.

Lions are continuing to assist wherever they can be providing food hampers and Sorell and Hobart Town Clubs have recently arranged barbecues in fire-affected areas and used this opportunity to distribute hampers.

The Tasmanian Lions Bushfire Disaster Response Group is actively working on identifying areas where Lions can help and Liaison Officers who have been appointed in all fire-affected areas in the state have the role of identifying any need to which Lions can respond.

Perth Lions do it again

The Lions Club of Perth Tasmania with just 21 members is not among the largest in Australia but when it comes to reacting to crises, it takes pride in pulling its weight and more.

After the Queensland floods two years ago members spent a day collecting money from motorists as they passed through the town on the Midlands Highway and collected over \$5000.

The held a similar event on Saturday January 19 to support those affected by the southern Tasmanian bushfires.

On this occasion, members worked in four-hour shifts on the two highways that converge at the town centre.

The public response was overwhelming according to Lion Jason Harris, the co-ordinator. "We were kept busy throughout the day with people of all ages, from the full range of walks of life and from throughout the world stopping to donate".

One lady handed over a \$50 bill explaining that she had endured the 1967 bushfires and could well understand how those affected were suffering. A Japanese couple had just driven from Port Arthur and were pleased to be able to contribute. Another lady had donated five times previously but could not bear to pass without giving again. She emptied her purse of coins. A large number of donors explained that they had not yet been able to donate and appreciated the opportunity to do so in such a convenient manner.



Many people passed over their loose and parking meter change, filling three buckets with coins of various denominations.

"We were overwhelmed by the generosity extended and absolutely delighted with the final tally of \$10 256.40.

We received incredible support from Tasmania Police, the Northern Midlands Council, DIER and corporate sponsors but it was the travelling public who made it all so successful," said Lion Jason.

The Northern Midlands Council was also impressed with the effort and made a donation of \$5000.

The Power Cruise Club held an event at the nearby Symmons Plains race track and donated a further \$3000.

The Club received \$300 from a local carpark company that had designated Lions as its charity for the month of January. It added this to the Appeal bringing the total to over \$18500 – a most commendable effort.

LCI has more than 74,000 fans on Facebook! "Like" LCI and get connected daily to stories about Lions around the world. Click on news links that interest you and stay up-to-date on LCI announcements. Submit your own story or photo too. Search for "Lions Clubs International" to find the page and join the interactive conversation. Be sure to click on the "New Visitors" button at the top of the page to make the most of your Lions Facebook experience

Lions recognised in Australia Day Awards

Brighton Lions member **Wayne Garlick** was presented with the Brighton Council's Volunteer of the Year award at their recent Australia Day Ceremony.

Wayne has been a volunteer in the Brighton Municipality over many years, he was a volunteer paramedic for about 9 years along with many many other things that he volunteered for. He is currently a volunteer supervisor with Pete's Community Workshed at Bridgewater, which is the oldest Men's Shed in Australia. Wayne is a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Brighton and is one of the first to put up his hand to volunteer for service projects and fundraising projects.



*Wayne and his wife Lyn
(also a Brighton Lions Charter member)
with Wayne's award.*

Huon Lions Club President, PDG John Gillham, received that Huon Valley Council's Cultural and Community Builders Award at the Australia Day Awards presentation in Huonville.

The award was received on behalf of the Huon Relay-For-Life Committee which is led by the Lions Clubs of Huon and Port Cygnet



We join with Vics for Convention function

A Combined District Function for Victorians and Tasmanians attending the 61st Multiple District Convention is being arranged. This will be able to cater for approximately 120, so for those interested in attending this fun night the cost is \$25 per person attending and you will have to book and pay up front. RSPV by Friday 12th April - Be Early!

Remittance of Payment by Cheque or Money Order if you and your partner are attending to be mailed to:

Cabinet Secretary
David Triffett
2 Victor Place
Glenorchy 7010

Details for Cheque and Money Order to be made out to David Triffett.

Welcome to New Lions

Brighton

ROSIE HARWOOD

sponsored by Lynette Garlick

TENILLE McNAMARA

sponsored by ...

City of Devonport

JOHN WINTER

sponsored by Deanne Schuurings

Devonport Mersey

PETER CHETTLE

sponsored by Gael Gault

MARGARET FAY

sponsored by ...

Spring Bay

GEOFFREY ANDERSON

sponsored by Elaine Read

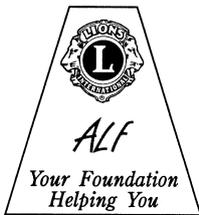
**Membership
as at 1 February
1191**

MARCH is MEMBERSHIP MONTH

and the challenge to each Club in our District is to attract at least one member to your Club during the month of March.

The new "Lions Public Relations Video" will be screened throughout Australia during March





Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretyman
Secretary &
Trustee for Tasmania

All Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs have circulated with the latest Grant and Award Application forms and information. This information has also been sent to all District Governors, Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretaries and District ALF Chairmen .

This communication also gave the Foundation an opportunity to Appeal to Clubs for Emergency Disaster Relief Assistance as disastrous Bush Fires had just occurred in Southern Tasmania and parts of New South Wales.

The Foundation provided \$50,000 to our Cabinet Treasurer 4 hours after the fires and an initial grant of \$10,000 to the New South Wales Bush Fire relief program. A further grant of \$10,000 has since been provided for the NSW relief.

The Appeal for financial assistance from Clubs has now been up graded from a Bush Fire Relief Appeal to a National Disaster Appeal following the floods in Queensland. Your Foundation has now transferred \$50,000 to Q4 for initial relief.

It should be noted that these Disaster/Emergency Grants are made to provide immediate relief for families to purchase the necessities of life and no doubt further Grants will be made when the devastation is known and community needs are assessed for Recovery Grants.

The mail out also included information on the Foundation's Annual General Meeting for Club Delegates who will be attending the Multiple District Convention, Canberra in April.

Community Service Awards:

This is a new Award available to Clubs to purchase for \$250.00 to recognise a member or business in their Community for service to their Club or Community. This Award replaces the old banner patch. It is a freestanding glass embossed plaque 100mm X 150mm with recipients name and Club.

ALF Meeting dates in the next six months are -

22nd – 24th February 2013

24th April 2013

Applications for Grants should be lodged seven days prior to these dates .

Should any Club require assistance with a Grant Application or Awards please contact me either by email at alf.secretary@lions.org.au or phone 6225 2011



Update on District Projects

Lions Youth Network eXpress - LYNX

While dates for the 2013 program have not been set, the Camp at Lake Barrington has been booked for the weekend 16/17 March at which all of the 2012 LYNX participants will attend

Crime Stoppers

Funds provided by Clubs goes towards publicising Crime Stoppers Week.

Crime Stoppers Week 2013 will be held from 29 April to 5 May with the key aim to drive the use of 1800 333 000 and highlight three key areas in the community -

Residential grow room - cultivation of high grade cannabis inside residential property;
Arson, residential and commercial; and
Motor vehicle theft

Sixty Five Roses for Cystic Fibrosis

Dates for the street-corner collection are currently being finalised and information will be sent to Clubs in the very near future

Tassie Devils Project

Following considerable planning and research, the first group of disease free devils hve been released on Maria Island. It is expected that up to fifty will have been translocated to the island by the end of the year.

Asthma Foundation Tasmania Project

Twelve clubs have provided funding to this project to date. Distribution of spacers to schools has been delayed due to an unforeseen variance in the original budget costings. Distribution will commence before the end of February to schools in New Norfolk, Queenstown, St Helens, Sorell, Tasman, Bothwell and Brighton

Newsletter Editor Award presented

Lion John Matic, the newsletter editor of the City of Burnie Lions Club was "chuffed" to receive the 2012 Club Newsletter Editors Award from IPDG Toby Crawford



YOTY finals dates set

Youth of the Year Club/Regional finals are set to begin for another year with most clubs holding club finals at the beginning of March.

Regional finals need to be completed by the end of March in time for the State final on 7 April.

The State Final will be hosted by the City of Devonport/Latrobe Lions club combined and will be held at Latrobe Primary School.

Contacts for the State final are:
Kae Campbell email:
kae.campbell@bigpond.com
Jay McLagan email:
jimmcl@bigpond.com

District Chairman Jenny Trippree reminds all clubs that she must receive Registration forms together with the registration fee of \$130-00 before a club final is held.

Spread the message

The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation is a responsible body that aims to be a vehicle for Lions Clubs throughout Australia to assist with the education of drug and alcohol abuse prevention in our communities.

Students have returned to school, it is time for you to approach schools in your area and offer your support of material etc. if they are holding any "Youth / Health / Sport / Alcohol / Drug" information sessions.

The media at present is having a frenzy with the so called Drugs/ Criminals in sport. Now is the time for Lions Clubs, through ALDAF, to support and educate the young people who may feel threatened and scared.

If you want information or assistance contact Youth Exchange District Chairman Wendy Brady
aldaf@lionstasmania.org
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Lionsonoz, the "Grey Nomads", comes of age

Australian Lionsonoz, the special Lions Club that caters for Lions who have become "Grey Nomads" have recently conducted their District Governors Official Visit on Line.

201N1 DG Deyann McDonnell "spoke" to the Lionsonoz members though the internet during her official visit to that Lions Club.

One of the many topics she raised was the concern that many of the districts have, that if they promote Lionsonoz it will mean that they risk of losing their own Lions members to District 201N1.

Maybe this is so, but isn't it better to have a Lion who has decided to travel become a member of another Lions District rather than lose this person to Lions completely?

In the past Lions retire and take off to see Australia and we lose a great percentage of these members. Lionsonoz allows these Lions to remain a member and to assist communities all over Australia, wherever they visit. When they decide to settle down, they are still Lions and may transfer back to a mainstream Lions Club whenever they want to.

At the recent monthly meeting on the internet, DG Deyann presented awards to Lion Cheryl Buckley (20 years Lions membership); Lions Tony Peterson, Lesley Winters and Stewart Payne (10 year Monarchs each); Lions Barry Gazzard and Allan Prebble (15 year Monarch); Lions Kel Kearnes and Neil Bilney (30 year Monarch award).

Secretary Lion Gwyneth Payne was honoured with an International Presidents Membership Achievements Award.

Lionsonoz is committed to assisting local Lions Clubs in their projects and volunteer to help the local Lions Club whenever they visit a town or city.

Lionsonoz does not have an activity account because they have members in every state of Australia and the only way that Lionsonoz members can notch up service hours is to help mainstream Lions Clubs.

However the Lionsonoz members also gain service hours by collecting used postage stamps and used spectacles, by collecting and recycling ring pulls and by knitting items for local hospitals and other places where knitted articles are needed, such as "Kids on the Streets", overseas orphanages and local needs such as premature babies etc.

Lionsonoz ladies recently spent many hours knitting beanies to be sent to the fire victims at Coonabarabran through the "Blaze Aid" appeal.

Pictured below is Lion Yvie Kearns of Lionsonoz presenting Sister Barbara Schultz of the Midwifery Unit in Moree with 37 caps, 24 pairs of booties, 24 small beanies and 3 small ponchos with caps and teddy bears to be used in the children's ward of the hospital.



Host families needed

Students from many overseas countries will be arriving in Australia during July/August and Lions Youth Exchange has begun the search for host families

All offers of hosting and youth exchange enquiries should be directed to Youth Exchange District Chairman Wendy Brady
aldaf@lionstasmania.org
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Dream shattered!!!!

The dream of bumper sales of Christmas Cakes is well and truly over with sales for the District T1 down 15.4 % compared to the previous 12 months.

In other words we are going BACKWARDS.

District Product Chairman, Viv Cardwell says "Just as well we are all volunteers or we would be under the Hammer!!"

He will be attending a Cake Seminar in Sydney in February and hopes to come back with some bright ideas that might lift sales.

Peace Poster 2013

Peace Poster kits for 2013 are now available from the Lions Club supplies.

Clubs need to order a kit (\$20.00) for each school that they sponsor.

The theme for this year is
"Our World, Our Future"

Drug action week
will be held throughout Australia
16 to 22 June.

The theme for this year is
**'Drugs,
Communities & Families'**

It's a little early to think about Convention but!!!

This year's District Convention is fast approaching, Our District Convention is not until November but the Lions Club of Wynyard, this year's host club, is suggesting that those wishing to attend this year's event should consider making their accommodation bookings now.

The Convention Committee has prepared a list of accommodation houses in the Wynyard and Somerset areas for this year's Conventioneers to consider:

In Wynyard

Waterfront Wynyard Motor Inn – Some rooms already on reserve for Conventioneers
1 Goldie Street Wynyard – (03)64422351

King & Queen Rooms, all with en-suites

Leisure Ville Holiday Centre – Some accommodation set aside for Conventioneers
145 Old Bass Highway, Wynyard – (03)64422291

Superior & Standard Villas – Deluxe & Standard Cabins – Self Contained camping sites -

Beach Retreat Tourist Park

30 Old Bass Highway, Wynyard – (03)64421998

Park Cabins, Motel Style Units, Budget Rooms

Wharf Hotel - Hotel / Motel

10 Goldie Street Wynyard – (03)64422344

Hotel Federal - B&B Family, Double & Twin Rooms

82 Goldie Street, Wynyard – (03)64422056

Golden Embers

98 Inglis Street Wynyard – (03)64424755

Alexandria B&B - B&B Apartments, B&B Egyptian Spa Suite, Oriental Suite
1 Table Cap Road, Wynyard – (03)64424411

Federation Style accommodation – 5 en-suite rooms

Aquila Barn - Luxury self contained B&B. Full Breakfast provisions available
66 Table Cape Road, Wynyard – 0402 083 925

The Winged House - Self contained B&B

400 Tollymore Road, Table Cape – 0413 746 831

Killynaught Spa Cottages (5 Minutes West of Wynyard) - Spa Cottages B&B – 1 & 2 bedroom - 17266 Bass Hwy, Boat Harbour – (03) 64451041

In Somerset (10 Minutes East of Wynyard)

Murchison Lodge - Some rooms already on reserve for Conventioneers
9 Murchison Highway, Somerset – (03)64351106

Queen & Double Rooms

The Mill House - Fully Self Contained

19 Murchison Highway, Somerset – 0427 605 900

Seabrook Hotel Motel - Family – Double – Twin and Single Rooms
Bass Highway Somerset – (03)64351209

Somerset Beachside Cabin & Caravan Park - Park Cabins

15235 Bass Highway Somerset – (03) 64352322

Somerset Hotel - Double & Single Rooms

25 Wragg Street Somerset – (03)64352346

Campervans & Caravans

For those Lions who love their Campervans and Caravans the Lions Club of Wynyard are also going to make available their 5 Acre Home, known as Lions Park, Reservoir Drive Wynyard for Campers and Caravans, at very reasonable rates of \$10 p/p – per day.

Lions Park has plenty of flat grassed areas, water taps and a number of electricity outlets, along with wood BBQ's, Picnic Tables & Sheds and a large Club House suitable for use as a Camp Kitchen with toilets. Those considering this option need to know that Lions Park **does not** have Laundry or showering facilities like the three designated and purpose built Caravan Parks listed above



2013 DISTRICT CONVENTION
hosted by LIONS CLUB OF WYNYARD
8>10 NOVEMBER 2013
Enquiries – wynyard@lionstasmania.org

