



# Lions Clubs International District 201T1

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**John Gillham District Governor**  
2009-2010

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### District Governor's Notes

At the time of writing 15 clubs have been visited and by the end of the month the total will be 23. During these visits it is pleasing to see both the diversity of Club activities and the spirit of Service. As the communities in which we live are diverse so are their needs. Clubs therefore have many ways of meeting these needs. A feature of some visits is the pleasure of being invited to induct new members to their Clubs and to the family of Lions. (Please see New Members photos at right).

*Congratulation to all Clubs who have inducted new members and to all new members who have accepted the invitation to become members of the Lions family.*

Congratulations are also in order to PDG Don Brady on his appointment as Tasmanian committee member for Hearing Dogs Inc, and to Louise Crawford for her appointment as the Tasmanian State Coordinator on the MD201 Leo Committee until 2013. I am sure PDG Don will serve the District well in his continuing MD role as well as District Project Chairman for Hearing Dogs. Lion Louise has progressed from her previous role of Assistant State Coordinator and will, I'm sure, continue to be a credit to this District.

Lions will have noted in the last 'Australian Lion' that a new international youth music competition is to be held with the final at the Sydney 2010 International Convention. This is a particular project of our International President, Eberhard Wirfs. A similar competition has been operating overseas for several years with judging at Constitutional Area Forums. Due to the very short lead up time and their not being an Area Forum in our area this year, it is proposed to invite the recent winner of a prestigious national violin competition to be our Australian entrant.

It is not yet known if New Zealand or Indonesia will have entrants to compete for a place in Sydney at the International final. The 2011 International final in Seattle will feature the classical guitar.

Kingborough Lions are busily preparing for our 2009 District Convention. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> convention since the establishment of our District. The University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay, is an ideal location with plenty of space for our needs. I encourage as many Lions as possible to attend, particularly those who have not previously considered conventions as part of their life in Lions.

It will be a great opportunity to meet old and new friends in the Lions Family, and to participate in learning about Lions activities and in the decision making for our District.

### "Satisfaction through Service"

DG John Gillham



#### New Member photos:

Above: Clarence - Lion Katie Tchia

Below: City of Burnie - Lion Cheryl de Beer

Below left: City of Launceston - Lion Lyn Sutherland



### OUR DISTRICT COUNT

30 July 2009

Clubs: 50  
Membership: 1227

Status: "Established district below 35/1250 over two years."

30 Aug 2009

Clubs: 50  
Membership: 1232

Status: "Established district below 35/1250 over two years."

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# The City of Devonport Lions Club is 50!

The City of Devonport Lions Club is celebrating 50 years of Lions service to our Community, District, Multiple District and International – during the 2009-2010 Lions year. In recognition of this achievement, the Devonport City Council will be hosting a Civic Reception for Club Members and Partners and invited guests, on Friday Evening – 18th September.

**The Club feels honoured that the Council decided to recognise 50 years of community involvement and proud service.**

The Club Charter was presented on 13th February 1960 and will be holding our main Celebratory Dinner on 13th February 2010 – 50 years on from Charter Night.

Invitations will be sent to Past Lions and Partners and guests for what will be a night of stories, toasts and renewing friendships formed over 50 years of wonderful service and fellowship.



*The Club has been responsible for forming the Lions Clubs of Ulverstone, Penguin, Deloraine, and Kentish and in Devonport – the Lions Club of Mersey.*

These 5 Clubs are wonderful Lions Clubs serving their communities with great distinction. The City of Devonport Lions Past and Present Members are proud they have instigated Lionism into these communities.

**Being a Member of a Lions Club has many challenges including attending Dinner Meetings, working bees and being on the Club Board, including positions that require leadership i.e.: President, Secretary and Treasurer.**



The City of Devonport has one (1) Member – Lion George Russell, who is a Charter Member, two (2) Past District Governors in Lions Bill Slater & John Hughes and nine (9) Life Members: Syd Wright (d) George Russell, Maurice Maloney (d), Arnold Richardson (d), Fred Rose (d), PDG Bill Slater, Geoff Phillips, Ian Wild and PDG John Hughes. These Lions have made and are still making a wonderful contribution to our Club, community and Lions in



general. They make us proud to be Members of City of Devonport Lions Club with their knowledge, leadership and dedication to our organisation.



**The Club has and will continue to provide the Community, Lions District T1 and International our support with new and ongoing projects.**



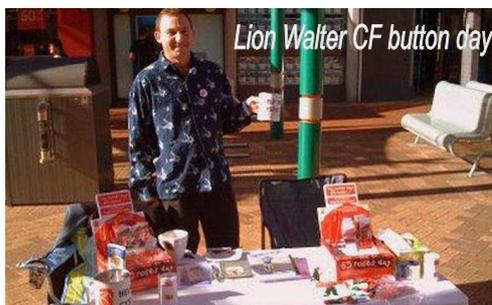
During our 50 years of service we have achieved great things supporting many local charities, organisations and individuals, too many to mention, but those that come to mind are: Karingal, Meercroft, Melaleuca and Orana – these are all Elderly Peoples Homes, Devonfield - with many

different projects, wheelchairs for individuals, annual bursaries for High Schools, Meals-on-wheels, Carols by Candlelight, Taste the Harvest, Spirit of the Sea, Over 90's party, Park development and beautification, PCYC support, Salvation Army and purchased cars for Red Cross.

Having been a Member for only 17 years, I'm amazed at the work undertaken during the early years of the Club. Membership was certainly larger and members had more time for fellowship.

The Club has always been fortunate to have Lions Partners to assist with Club projects, social activities and many other roles that keeps the Club strong, vibrant and enthusiastic for the future.

**Philip Gleeson – 50th Anniversary Organising committee**



# CABINET SECRETARY

The 2nd Cabinet Meeting will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. All Cabinet officers are reminded to have their reports to the Cabinet Secretary by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

The District Convention will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November hosted by the Lions Club of Kingborough at the Sir Stanley Burbury Theatre, UTAS, Sandy Bay. All Clubs should by now have the Delegate Registration and Remembrance Forms. **These forms must be returned to the Cabinet no later than 30<sup>th</sup> October**

It is hoped that all T1 Clubs will have representatives at part or all of the Convention by showing their support for the business sessions and the social events.

**Some clubs are still not completing the T1 Membership and Activity Forms.** It has been requested of Clubs to complete these forms and forwarded them to your Zone Chairman, even if you are using the WMMR System.

Annette Ogilvie  
Cabinet Secretary



**PLEASE NOTE  
NEW EMAIL ADDRESS  
& MOBILE NUMBER FOR  
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN  
DAVID DANIELS OA**

New email address:  
[david.daniels@internode.on.net](mailto:david.daniels@internode.on.net)

New mobile number:  
0400 118 666



## PROSTATE PETE'S UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2009

Hi Tassie Lions Members

**All ingredients for the kits have finally come together. The delay in proceedings has actually proven to be a bonus.**

Very early in the program I was contacted by a Jo Fairburn from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Their main focus is centered around raising awareness, followed by support and thirdly fundraising. Jo, had seen our web site and has pledged the Foundation's support wherever possible. Jo recently fulfilled her promise and came from Melbourne and gave a very informative presentation on the workings of the Foundation.

She also spoke about their *Ambassador Speaker Program* which covers men's health in general as well as prostate cancer. The program is funded by the Federal Government and its target is to talk to 50,000 people nationally.

The Government is prepared to provide a guest speaker to all the Lions Clubs in Tasmania should they require one. All you have to do is call them on 1800 206 700.

You will find further information on this when you receive the Kits. I suggest you get in early and take advantage of this offer. The Foundation has a blue ribbon pin which comes in a presentation box similar to our Lions mints. The pin sells for \$3. This is a joint venture between Prostate Pete and the Cancer Foundation with all proceeds going to the Menzies Research Centre in Hobart.

**Our new Prostate Pete suit will become available after 28th of this month. We have included a photo of him in the Kit. The suit will be available on loan to all clubs with information on usage, pick up and delivery.**

*Last month I mentioned the undies line challenge. I urge you to take up the challenge as the Grand Prize is definitely something well worth your club winning. I will keep you informed when we finalize everything.*

Yours in Undies  
**Lion Jan Bakker**  
Project Chairman



Vale

**PDG Jack James**

Passed away on Saturday 15th August 2009

PDG Jack was a member of Glenorchy City Lions Club for over 40 years. He missed out being a Charter Member by one meeting.

Jack was a very caring and outstanding Lion. He mentored many of the mid-aged Lions into their 'Lionistic' career. He was one of the forward Lions that helped construct the district of T1 in 1980-1981 and was District Governor in 1982-1983.

PDG Jack will be remembered for his willingness to serve, his ability to lead, and for the service he gave to his Community, his Club, and Lions International.

Lions Lady Rene is in residence at St, Ann's in Davey Street, Hobart.

**PDG Jack was 92 years of age when he passed away.**

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# LIONS HELP TO SAVE THE TASMANIAN DEVIL FROM EXTINCTION

The Tasmanian Devil Island Lions District project got underway at Bicheno on the weekend of 20, 21<sup>st</sup> August last.

to the 32 acre isolation enclosure that is housing 6 female devils and their young



The comradeship and fun made the work proceed at an alarming rate even though muscles were found that had not been used for sometime.

Lions and partners from the Kingborough and Spring Bay clubs (*pictured below*) spent the weekend building a research hut (*pictured above right and next page*) from the ground up. It was completed ready to the stage where the DPIWE computers and monitoring equipment could be installed. It is at the entrance

joeyes. The males are in an adjacent enclosure

**Nature Nic 11 years old (Nicholas Bonnitche)** fund raised the \$3000 for the materials to build the research hut assisted with donations from **Scottsdale Timber, Gunns Limited and Dowell Aluminium Windows.**

These proven successful isolation sanctuaries where the devils have minimal human contact will be needed in other locations around the State, so that devils free from the fatal facial tumour disease coming from unaffected areas of the State and from zoos-sanctuaries



The Lions enjoyed accommodation and breakfast through the courtesy of Ms Jan Cameron at Silver Sands Hotel Motel, her donation and help to the Devil Island project is overwhelming and much appreciated.

in other states, this will diversify the gene pool so that they can survive in a wild environment.

**This district project needs participation from several clubs**

# LIONS HELP TO SAVE THE TASMANIAN DEVIL FROM EXTINCTION

as the devils extinction is becoming increasingly close at hand-it is thought that some 70 percent of the population is already lost, thus the district needs to prioritise our participation in an effort to save our State icon.

Projected isolation colonies are in the process of being assessed by the Government along with the Devil Island Project Group with sites in consideration at Bridport, south of Ulverstone and Mona Vale at Ross, Freycinet.

considered.

Lions of the District are asked to commit to provide free labour and clubs participation could be with organized working bees, where Lions could follow trench diggers that have cut 400 mm deep trenches and



Project is the only State Government recognised project that is receiving government financial assistance and with further public support it is possible that we can prevent Tasmania losing its Devil

Many kilometres of double fencing material (see below) has been subsidized and some donated with the help of firms such as Gunns, Blue Scope Steel and the State government and as public donations grow further sites will also be

volunteers will place the iron fencing against posts and rails and then with fastening them together, tamp down, filling the trench over several metres of the enclosures. Following this 5 metres outside of the iron fencing a cyclone wire fence 2.4 metres high provides double security from any intrusion into or out of the isolation sanctuary.

icon.

The high public profile of the campaign in saving the Tasmanian Devil from extinction in having Lions from the Tasmanian District participating not in a monetary sense, but with free labour bodes well for the profile of Lions within the community.

**DAVID HOPKINS**  
(pictured below - top photo!)  
District Project and Programme  
Co-ordinator



It is projected that a major working bee weekend would be organized for late November when the logistics of the materials and the contractor will be able to commence at the Freycinet Peninsula site 18 km from the turn off to Coles Bay.



Co-ordination of this project is with the Lions Club of Kingborough and it is envisaged that once confirmation of further Devil Island under State Government jurisdiction are free to proceed, other groups of clubs around the State can take charge of constructing the infrastructure in their area.

The Tasmanian Devil Island



## Tasmanian Lions Autistic Assistance Dogs



District Governor Dr John Gillham, has given his approval for the name of this project undertaken and sponsored by the Lions Club of Rocky Cape Inc.

The Righteous Pups Australia program is a training facility for dogs to become assistance "carers" for a child with Autism. These dogs bond with the child and can lead to improvement in behaviour and "autistic sessions", details of which room doesn't allow explain further.

*To this end, the Lions Club of Rocky Cape is organizing a special dinner to launch the project and asks that each club in the North West Region consider altering their usual first dinner meeting date for the month to:*

**Wednesday the 7th October 2009**

*to be able to attend.*

*Here is an excellent opportunity for inter-club visitation and learn what this is all about.*

Guest speakers will be Ms. Joanne Baker from Righteous Pups Australia. Also a speaker from Autism Tasmania, either Rose or Mick Clark.

### **Venue to be announced.**

Secretary Michael, or Assistant Secretary Garlene will have more information when it comes to hand.

**Let us show our support for a worthy local project.**

**John C Medwin**  
NW Regional Chairman



## 2011 CONVENTION 2009

Dear Conventioneers

It is time that you start planning for this important annual event, and just in case you did not get one of the registration forms that were sent to your club with the August issue of the District newsletter, you can download it from the district Web Site at [www.lionstasmania.org](http://www.lionstasmania.org)

The website also contains a list of Hotel/Motel's in the immediate area of the convention venue.

For any other queries relating to the convention, please do not hesitate to contact me on 6229 6554 or [convention2009@lionstasmania.org](mailto:convention2009@lionstasmania.org)

Erik Madsen  
Convention Co-ordinator

## USED STAMPS COLLECTION

Please continue to support this project your support is always appreciated. To those Lions who support me with stamps through Cabinet, please continue to take them and Lion Alf Cox or PDG Tony will pass them onto to me.

**With the Christmas Season fast approaching, I am again seeking your efforts to collect the stamps of your family, friends and work colleagues and so on. If all of us participate, I am sure we can fill a 3 kg packet (approx 15,000 stamps).**

For those of you who may not be aware of what we collect the stamps for, they are for the Lions Mobility Foundation thereby helping to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Keep up the good work

**Peter Burke** - Riverside Lions Club

## City of Burnie Welcome New Lion

Lion Maureen Howard (*pictured below*) was inducted at our Dinner Meeting 11th August 2009. Ms. Maureen Howard joined us to add even more colour to our growing ranks.

Maureen is a Social Worker with the Salvation Army at Oakleigh House and her expertise will be invaluable where community welfare is concerned with all its facets of homelessness, alcohol and substance abuse, abuse in all its forms, not to mention the breakdown of family relationships. **The members offer her a warm sincere welcome.**

The club is looking forward to the transfer of a fellow Lion from King Island who is transferring his employment to the Burnie City Council. Contact has been made with his current club for details and paper work which has now been received. Lastly another new lady Lions member is likely to be inducted in the coming weeks.



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TASMANIAN LIONS  
at Website**

<http://www.lionstasmania.org>

## Sight for Kids Screens 10 Millionth Child

In September, **Sight for Kids**, a program of Lions Clubs International Foundation and partner, Johnson & Johnson, will screen its 10 millionth child. The program, established in 2002, screens children for refractive error and other vision problems, including myopia (nearsightedness), which causes significant vision loss in more than 15 percent of children under the age of 15 in many Asian countries.

**Al Brandel**  
LCIF Chairperson



**MOVE TO GROW**



# I CAN HEAR CLEARLY NOW!

Lions Hearing Dogs started their Sound Systems for Primary Schools program in 2007. This program is funded SOLELY by a legacy we received from a lady called Beth Klugh.

Not one single cent of the funding for this program comes from the donations made by the Lions, Lionesses or Leos Clubs of Australia in response to our annual appeal. Those donations are used exclusively for the provision of Lions Hearing Dogs.

The demand for this service has grown considerably since we began and we now offer a number of systems as follows:

- Front Row Pro:** an infra red system hard wired into the classroom, needs expert installation;
- Front Row Tempo:** a FM system hard wired into the classroom, no expert installation required;
- Front Row To Go:** a fully portable system with rechargeable batteries both for the speaker unit and both microphones (one headset and the other hand held);
- Personal FM unit:** as the name suggests this is a one on one system between the teacher and the student.

Who benefits from these systems? The children involved in the use of one of these in their classroom.

They have great benefits for the following groups:

- Deaf and hearing impaired children;
- Children suffering from one of the attention deficit disorders. That includes dyslexia and other learning, comprehension disorders;
- Children suffering from what is termed as audio processing disorder.

It must be made quite clear that Clubs who present the equipment on our behalf are not asked to contribute anything towards the cost of the system. Having said that there are a number of Clubs who have purchased a system where we could not meet the demand from the local school because of funding. We do all of the arranging of orders, installation and delivery. All the Club has to do is make the formal presentation to the school involved. We even send the Club a plaque which states presented by the Lions/Lioness Club of \*\*\*\*\* for the Club to attach to the unit.

**So how many systems have been supplied? So far, three hundred and eight (308) right across Australia.** In January 2010, we will place a further seventy-six (76) systems with the possibility of that increasing depending on funds availability. We already have those applications on hand. We aim to supply a minimum of four (4) systems per District each year. Some of the Queensland Districts have fifteen (15) plus applications currently on hold. Unfortunately, some of those schools will have to wait for some time before we can supply.

The feedback we are getting from schools and parents is extremely positive. A typical response from a parent reads *"my son has made more progress in the last six months than he did in the previous two years"*

*The photo right shows Lion Doug Robinson, President of the Lions Club of Bracken Ridge Central presenting a Front Row To Go system to student Alana Clark of the Genesis Christian College and Principal Karen Camplin.*

Most Clubs presenting on our behalf get very good local publicity at no expense to the Club involved.

District Governors, District Chairmen and Clubs who are getting 2010 allocations will receive mail regarding those systems shortly.

**PCC Bill Holmes OAM**

Centre Manager - Lions Hearing Dogs



Got any jobs?" a man asked the circus manager.

"I need a new assistant tamer," the manager said.

Just then, the beautiful head tamer ran into the lion cage, flashing the man an eyeful of her spandex body-suit. The lion slunk over, licked her ankles and rested his head at her feet. "Could you do that?" the manager asked.

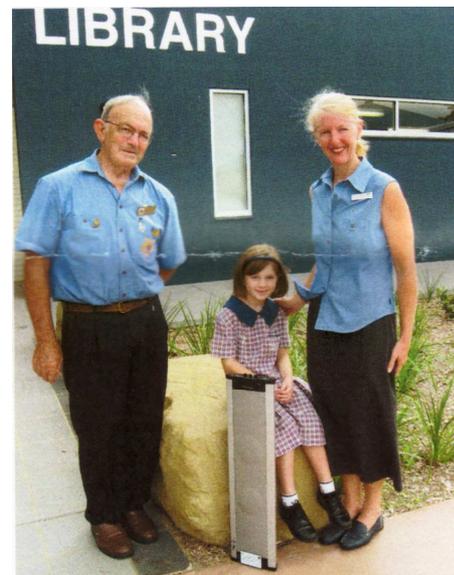
"No worries," said the man. "Just get that lion out of the way." "Courtesy Latrobe "The Valley Lion"

# New Lions



NAME	SPONSOR	CLUB
Cheryl De Beer	Michael Maclaren	Burnie City
Maureen Howard	Michael Maclaren	Burnie City
Judi Prince	Diane HILL	Burnie Emu Bay
Jai Mountney	Donal Binns	City of Launceston
Lyn Sutherland	Kevin Styles	City of Launceston
Andrew Hardman	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
Janet Mackenzie	Sandra Medwin	Zeehan

# WELCOME



## Thought for the Month...

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

### TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

Annual General Meeting  
of the Foundation will be held on

**Sunday 15th Nov, 2009**

at Lazenby's Restaurant  
(University Campus)  
commencing at 7.30am.

Any Lion Member who would like to  
attend the breakfast prior to AGM  
will be most welcome.

If you are attending the breakfast  
which will be served at  
7.30am please advise me not later  
than 31st October, 2009 either by  
letter or e-mail at:

[judyburke@bigpond.com](mailto:judyburke@bigpond.com)

Hope to see some of you come along.

I would also like to advise that the  
Foundation is always encouraging  
Clubs to submit grant applications, as  
we are able to assist in some way.  
Remember, it is your Foundation,  
please feel free to use it.

Until next month  
**Peter Burke** - Secretary



What's small and cuddly and bright  
purple? A koala holding his breath!

There was a zoo that was not having a  
good day. In the morning, the Head Bird  
Keeper found two dead finches in the  
Aviary. Things were worse in the  
Primate House; there were two dead  
chimpanzees. The Lion Keeper, wanting  
to be efficient, made his rounds and  
collected the dead animals. He then  
unceremoniously threw them to the lions.  
One of the lions, on observing what was  
for lunch, said, "Oh no! Not Finch and  
Chimps!"

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND JANUARY 22-25 2010

The purpose of the Faculty Development Institute is to develop and expand the pool of skilled Lions faculty for use in training at all levels. Ideal participants are Lions who have had some experience serving as instructors for Lions training events. Those with extensive training experience with Lions or professionally are not recommended for this program.

### PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidates for this institute must be from the constitutional area of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & Islands of the Pacific Ocean.
- Candidates must be Lions in good standing.
- Candidates must be willing to commit to a four day institute, including group mealtime activities, and understand personal time is extremely limited. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.
- Graduates of this institute are expected to utilize their skills in training events at all levels of Lionism.

Expressions of interest are sought from Lions who have not previously participated in such a training programme and would like to be considered for this programme.

Due to the high number of applications expected not all will be able to be accepted.

Further details and forms are available from DG John Gillham.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE: NOV 13, 2009**

## World Sight Day

*Gender and Eye Health*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2009**

On World Sight Day, Lions Eye Health Program – Australia works with Vision 2020 to raise public awareness of eradicating preventable vision loss and blindness.

We encourage Lions Clubs around Australia to get involved.

Three quarters of vision loss in Australia is either preventable or treatable. Distribute LEHP-Australia resources during the month of October and help educate people in your community about the importance of regular eye examinations.

Suggestions for how your club can be involved

- Handout out LEHP-Australia brochures when conducting other Lions activities, such as during sausage sizzles, raffles, spinning

wheels, manning a gate, or at other fund raising and social events.

- Visit your local medical practices and ensure their waiting rooms and information racks are stocked with LEHP-Australia materials.
- Set up a table in front of your local supermarket or shopping centre and hand out LEHP-Australia's eye health information to passers by.
- Offer to speak and distribute handouts about preventable blindness to local community groups.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the need to eliminate preventable blindness and vision-related diseases.

*LEHP-Australia, brochures, posters, flyers and DVD's are free of charge to all participating LEHP-Australia clubs.*

PDG Helen Moir



**District Newsletter 201T1 - Deadline for next issue is: October 10**

*Copy for the newsletter is required*

*on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication.*

It is preferred that articles be typed and submitted for publication by e-mail or otherwise by CD.

Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

**Scanned images should be of high quality (300dpi).**

