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FROM THE DESK OF DG MICHAEL

Congratulations are extended to the following Lions who have received a **Monarch Chevron Award** honouring them for their dedication to community service as a Lion.

- Lion Eric Stone**
45 years – Bridport Club
- Lion Peter Burke**
40 years - Riverside Club
- Lion David Hopkins**
40 years - Kingborough Club
- Lion Ian Lancaster**
35 years – City of Burnie Club
- Lion Barry Alard**
20 years –New Norfolk Club
- Lion Alan Boyce**
20 years - Kentish Club
- Lion Ian Barnes**
20 years –Kentish Club
- Lion Cleveland Churchill**
20 years – Hadspen Sth Esk Club
- Lion Sandra Carmichael**
15 years – New Norfolk Club
- Lion Glennis Fox**
15 years –Kings Meadows Club
- Lion Alan Miley**
15 years – Clarence Club
- Lion Beverley Purdon**
15 years – Tasman Club
- Lion Michael Seen**
15 years – Ulverstone Club
- Lion Rex Hyland**
10 years – Wynyard Club

A wonderful effort by you all, as your involvement throughout the years have been recorded as you have assisted so many people within your communities. **Well Done!!!**

Another month and what a great experience it was to meet so many Lions and learn how their Clubs operate and hear of the many wonderful projects they are involved in.

My first visit for the month was to Westbury, an active Club of twenty (20) members who were working hard getting ready for their annual *Fish Feast*. Other activities included manning the Show gates, and their Van for clearing sales, a Fun Run and Truck show, barbecues, wood cutting for local community members, supporting the local Flower show, local School prizes and the list goes on!

The next Club was Riverside with a large membership of 53. A very active Club that are involved with sausage sizzles, spectacle recycling, manning the Footy gates, Christmas cakes and mints and involvement in golf days.

Then travelled South to the Dodges Ferry & Southern Beaches. I found a small Club but a very active one with raffles, assisting at Christmas and Easter at the Sorell Aged Persons Complex. Members assist a young disabled person within the community plus sell Christmas cakes and hold a Father's Day raffle. Even being a small Club, members are so enthusiastic and working hard within their community; so well done!

West Tamar was the next Club to visit and I attended their Business meeting with one new potential member. A membership of nineteen (19) and extremely active with projects comprising: Helping Hands, garden and house maintenance, Exeter Market, Eating with Friends, and attending functions with their barbecue trailer. Primary School Calendar competitions were held plus the sale of Christmas cakes and puddings.

Perth Lions were the next Club visited, and again I found another very active

Club with nineteen (19) members. They are involved with a local Golf Day for Cancer Council, local cemetery maintenance, as well as being involved with local schools donating prizes, as well as support of Chaplaincy, and assisting financially the Community Children's Christmas Party and local Hospice. Assisting at Woolmer's Open Day, the gates at Rock 'N' Rods and the list goes on!

Travelled next to Circular Head and attended Smithton Club for a dinner meeting. This Club has thirty-one (31) very active members plus a Leo Club. It was great honour for me as I inducted one new member into the Lions Club plus inducted one new member into the Leo Club.

The Leo Club is involved in assisting the Lions Club, Ten Pin Bowling and Beach Watch. The Leo President is a competitor in the Leo of the Year.

Lions Members are involved in Highfield House garden spectacular, Grocery Grab, Save Your Bacon breakfast, Stanley Show, Christmas Parade, Lighting of the Christmas Tree and assisting with Smithton Primary School. Very active and very well done!

Convention meetings in Scottsdale were next, with two (2) meetings attended and finding everything coming together very well.

Ulverstone was next visited for a Dinner and Partners Night. A strong Club of forty-eight (48) members with numerous projects on the go including:

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the Opportunity Shop - a great way to raise funds and also be involved within the community.

A Lucky Dip at the local Show, Letters to Santa, Spectacle collection, Scouts Yankee Auction, MS Mud Dash, Christmas cakes and mints, supplying a Wheel Chair Lift plus a special vehicle for a person with a disability in the community.

Down the West Coast to Zeehan to visit a small Club but, full of active members involved in the Christmas Parade, barbecues for the Bike Club and Golf Day, Mineral Fair barbecue, and local Resident's home maintenance.

Then to Scottsdale and a Club of thirty (30) members and a very happy and active Club with projects including - Scottsdale Show, bagging of sheep manure, collecting and distributing firewood for members of the community. Looking after past Lions partner's gardens and home maintenance, the Community House/Play House - a joint project with Rotary, manning football gates, Men's Shed, showers at caravan park, plus Convention and sale of cakes and mints keep members very occupied!

Down the West Coast to Queenstown where I found a Club with a membership of sixteen (16). Currently they are involved with a very large project of the Memorial Park Fountain, which is a great project and something the entire community will be very proud of. Other activities include: barbecues, the Gala Ball (bar work) and Community Help.

The Club has also been involved in the formation of a new Club in Legana. An Extension Workshop was held at Kings Meadows with a very positive result. Lion David Triffett, the New Club Development Officer successfully conducted the three (3) day exercise.

The NW Orientation Day was conducted in Burnie by Regional Chairman PDG Lion Toby Crawford and Lion Andrew Midgley. A very worthwhile few hours assisting some of our newer members.

Clubs in our District are certainly very busy and all working very well Congratulations go out to all Clubs as they are all trying extremely hard with Membership.



Remember Ask 1

"Together Towards Tomorrow"

DG Michael Maclaren



Around the Clubs with our District Governor

- From the top row left to right:
 Ralph Mcgee -10Yrs Member.
 Matthew Richardson -15Yrs Member.
 Perth President Selwyn Church, excepting Michael's pins and giving Michael a bannerette of his club.

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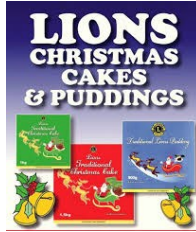
REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS

When making a payment by PayWay make your cheque out to Top Taste or George Weston Foods. Payments can be made at any Post Office or Agency throughout Tasmania.

When posting a cheque to Top Taste and you enclose a copy of your order please put **COPY** on the order form or put a line through the copy - this will ensure no confusing as it could be mistaken for another order.

Always note your delivery date on the order form along with your detailed instructions of your delivery address.

Sue Johns
District Chairman
Merchandising Cakes, Puddings, Mints & Fudge
Mob: 0409 442 593



NEW LION IN KINGBOROUGH

Pippa Fong – Lim

being inducted by President Kevin Brown under the watchful eye of past President and Sponsor, Hester van Niekerk



**TASMANIAN
LIONS
FOUNDATION**

Since my last report an Emergency Grant of \$1500 has been made to Tasman Club to assist a couple who recently lost their home to fire.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held during the forthcoming Convention at Scottsdale.

Any Club who has a grant for consideration, please have it to me by **20th November**.

Nominations will be called from the floor to fill the vacancy of late Alan Holland.

We will have a display stand at the Convention. Please call and see us and our display of some projects we have assisted.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Convention.



To enable us to continue to meet your needs we ask that you consider making a donation to the Foundation when surplus funds are available.

Until next month.

Peter Burke Secretary



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Lions Ebola Aid for Orphaned Children

Dear Lions

Lions are working to eliminate measles and rubella. However, many Lions in Australia have asked me whether Lions can help with the terrible outbreak of Ebola in West Africa that has taken over 5,000 lives and orphaned 4,000 children.

Behind the scenes LCIF has discussed the situation with the Lions of Africa and our LCIF Chairperson IPIP Barry Palmer has announced a US\$150,000 Grant for Ebola Aid.

The funds will assist the 167 Clubs and more than 8,000 Lions who live in the affected areas to care for the orphaned children. These children, having lost both parents to Ebola, and subsequently are on the streets, hungry and without basic health needs.

Lions will help these orphaned children to gain shelter, receive food, health checks and education. There are growing food storages in the affected countries.

This is a start, but so many more donations are required to meet the basic needs of these orphaned children.

LCIF Chairperson IPIP Barry Palmer is asking Lions in Australia to help. *Send your donation cheques in Australian Dollars made out to LCI/LCIF – Ebola Aid to the District Cabinet Treasurer for banking.*

As this is a LCIF designated project, donations are NOT eligible for the Melvin Jones Fellowship program.

Remember, 100% of your donations go to help save the lives of these orphaned children.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Jeny
MD201 LCIF Coordinator
and
John Gillham
201T1 District Chairman

Our District Count

31 September 2014

Clubs: 50
Membership: 1217

30 October 2014

Clubs: 50
Membership: 1218
YTD ADD 28
YTD DROP 46
YTD GROWTH % -1.46

Status: "Established district"



DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

Thank you all for your support throughout the year. I would like to advise you as this program supports a registered Lions project, postage costs can be reimbursed to you from your Clubs Activity account. I hope this will make it easier to continue your support.

I appeal to all Lions to save their stamps and take part in this project, so that we can continue to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Stamps can be posted direct to me at:

**11 Camina Court,
Riverside, TAS 7250**

or given to a Cabinet Officer and I will arrange to pick up.

Keep up the good work!

Finally, as this will be my last newsletter for this year I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Enjoyable Festive Season and that 2015 will be a satisfying and rewarding one. ENJOY.

Merry Christmas.

Peter Burke - Riverside Lions Club



City of Burnie Lions Club

proudly presents

Christmas Breakfast on the Bay

When: Friday 19th December 2014

Where: Hilder Parade (on the grass next to Fish Frenzy)

Time: 6.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

A great opportunity for a staff end of year gathering

or get together with friends to celebrate Christmas.

- \$30 per table (tables and chairs provided)
- A delicious breakfast is available for purchase from Lions, or BYO (This is an Alcohol Free event)
- This is the 3rd annual Christmas Breakfast on the Bay and we appreciate your support. All proceeds will go towards our NW Cancer Centre project.

Bookings taken up to 12th December 2014, include payment for tables, number of people in your group and preferred dining time, plus contact name & phone number.

Post your cheque and information to:

City of Burnie Lions Club, P O Box 265, BURNIE TAS 7320



or for further details, contact Lion Max Tavasci

(0447311416)

Flying the 'flag' in New Norfolk

Below is one of two (2) banners (one yellow, one grey) which are hung on the poles that the business alliance and Council have erected in the main street of New Norfolk.

"These poles have only been used at Xmas time. So, I approached my Club to use them to put the big 'L' out in public to give Lions visibility", said Viv.

"The Club went with it and so did the business alliance.

Following their agreement, I was able to put it all together after many phone calls and the help of a good friend. Also, as a bonus, I was able to get the banners made in Tasmania."

Lion Viv Cardwell



**Lions Club
of
New Norfolk Inc.**

Caring for our Community
since 1968



Help us to help others

For more information:
Free Call: 1300 920 181
www.lionstasmania.org
We Serve

Vale

LION JAMES LEVIN

Lion James passed away during the first weekend of November following a long illness. He was in Lions in Victoria for a number of years before moving to Flinders Island.

He was a charter member of Flinders Island Lions Club and served in a number of ways including as Club Treasurer for a number of years.

His wife Helene was a member until recently as well. They have both contributed a lot of time and energy to our Club and he will be sadly missed and remembered fondly by all of us.

Margaret Wheatley



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2. **Second row left to right:**
*DG Michael and Anton Ebbelar, President of Scottsdale exchanging pins and banners.
 President Chris Peachy of Zeehan and DG exchanging pins and banners.
 President Andrew Midgley of Ulverstone and DG exchanging pins and banners.*
 3. **Third row right to left (plus underneath):**
DG at the Queenstown North Lyell Disaster Memorial Park and various plaques erected by Lions over the years.
 4. **Fourth row left to right:**
*Ian Neilson President of Smithton Lions Club and DG exchanging Pins and Banners.
 DG and Jeffrey Britton, 45 yrs service to Lions.*
 5. **Fifth row left to right:**
*DG inducting Hanna Watling into the Smithton Leos Club, with her sponsor Joan Krause, Leos Adviser.
 DG inducting Margaret Joan Blacklow into the Smithton Lions Club with her sponsor Sheryl Robson .*
 6. **Final row:**
Freeloader or hitchhiker??
- Thanks to Lion Max Tavasci for all the photos from DG Michael's club visits.*

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services.

He gasps, "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator says "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence, then a shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says "OK, now what?"



Reminder - it's just around the corner!

Just in time for the approaching bush fire season the Tasmanian Fire Service contacted us and Lesley King, Community Development Officer Community Education, came as a guest speaker.

She will also hold talks with other Lions Clubs in the district.

A subject which concerns us all and we were very grateful for the information received.

Karin Bluemmel - Secretary (LC of Port Cygnet)



MEMBERSHIP PULSE
 Vital Information from the Executive and Membership Division

Ask One!

Imagine if every one of our 1.35 million Lions asked one person to join their club.

Imagine the huge impact that would have on membership growth and the amount of service we can perform. **It starts by inviting your friend, neighbor or co-worker to your club.** Get them involved and let them see the benefits of being a Lion first-hand.

What we accomplish today and what we accomplish in the future depends on building and strengthening our membership.

The current issue of Membership Pulse has a number of great tools and resources to help you get started plus the story of one club's experience.

Go to: **Lions Clubs International**

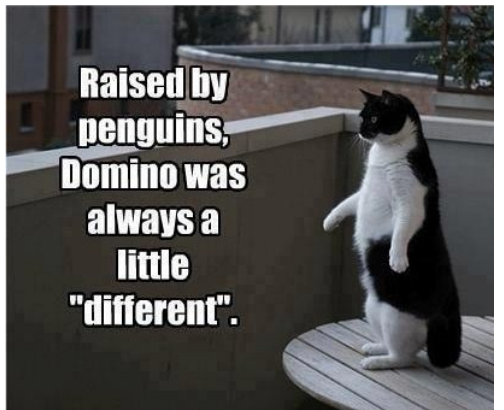
then click on the Membership Plus tag.

JAZZ by the SEA

Sunday 18th January 2015
 Dodges Ferry Boat Park
 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Gold coin donation supporting CAMKIDS
 Sorell Lions BBQ & drinks or bring a picnic

SUPPORTED BY: Lions Club of Sorell
 Sorell School & Clarence City Band



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 2014

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 CD/DVD.

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

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

Deadline for next issue is: DECEMBER 10th



I am desperately seeking a Southern Coordinator to assist in the running of the Youth of the Year Program in the South of the State; most of the hard work has been done already with contact to seven (7) schools/colleges informing them about the program together with entry forms/brochures and a flyer to place on their notice boards. **If you are interested in assisting the program for the South please contact me.**

I also need the support of clubs in the South to rethink about participating in this Lions Youth Program by holding a club final. There will be media coverage in the Mercury hoping to attract students to enter. **Could you please let me know if your club will be interested in the event of receiving contestants from schools/colleges/media coverage?**

Kae Campbell (Latrobe Lions) has accepted to take on Coordinator for the North West Coast, and myself in the North.

Dates of finals are set as:

Club finals to be completed by:
22nd March 2015

Regional finals to be held by:
29th March 2015

State Final to be held on:
12th April 2015
(TBA where held)

National Final held at MD Convention
Newcastle on the 2nd May 2015.

Please support this great Lions Youth of the Year Program

“you just can't lose”

Jenny Trippree
DC/State Coordinator



22 facts about Australia

- 1) Australia is as wide as the distance between London to Moscow.
- 2) *The biggest property in Australia is bigger than Belgium.*
- 3) More than 85 per cent of Australians live within 50km of the coast
- 4) *In 1880, Melbourne was the richest city in the world.*
- 5) Gina Rinehart, Australia's richest woman, earns \$1 million every half hour, or \$598 every second.
- 6) *In 1892, a group of 200 Australians unhappy with the government tried to start an offshoot colony in Paraguay to be called 'New Australia'.*
- 7) The first photos from the 1969 moon landing were beamed to the rest of the world from Honeysuckle Tracking Station, near Canberra.
- 8) *Australia was the second country in the world to allow women to vote (New Zealand was first)*
- 9) Each week, 70 tourists overstay their visas.
- 10) *In 1856, stonemasons took action to ensure a standard of eight-hour working days, which then became recognized worldwide.*
- 11) Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke set a world record for sculling 2.5 pints of beer in 11 seconds. Hawke later suggested that this was the reason for his great political success.
- 12) *The world's oldest fossil, which is about 3.4 billion years old, was found in Australia.*
- 13) Australia is very sparsely populated: the UK has 248.25 persons per square kilometre, while Australia has only 2.66 persons per square kilometre.
- 14) *Australia's first police force was made up of the most well-behaved convicts.*
- 15) Australia has the highest electricity prices in the world.
- 16) *There were over one million feral camels in outback Australia, until the government launched the \$19m Feral Camel Management Program, which aims to keep the pest problem under control.*
- 17) Saudi Arabia imports camels from Australia (mostly for meat production).
- 18) *Qantas once powered an interstate flight with cooking oil.*
- 19) Per capita, Australians spend more money on gambling than any other nation.
- 20) *In 1832, 300 female convicts mooned the governor of Tasmania. It was said that in a "rare moment of collusion with the Convict women, the ladies in the Governor's party could not control their laughter."*
- 21) Australia is home to the longest fence in the world It is 5,614 km long, and was originally built to keep dingoes away from fertile land. Strangely, it's known as "The rabbit proof fence"
- 22) *Australia was one of the founding members of the United Nations.*

LCIF Awards Humanitarian Grants

More than US\$4.4 million was awarded in Lions Clubs International Foundation grants during the October 2014 Board of Trustees meeting in the US. With these funds, 56 grants will support life-changing projects around the world. Lions will expand an orphanage in South Africa, support volunteer emergency services in the United Kingdom, provide children's vision screening equipment in the United States, MD300 Taiwan and Japan, equip a home for the elderly in Portugal, fund a food program for women in Burkina Faso, and much more. Lions will help millions of people worldwide through these grants, which were made possible through your support. **Thank you for your contributions to LCIF!**

Barry J. Palmer Chairperson, LCIF

The Last Word...

'Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?'