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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MUSINGS

Welcome to the New Year!

I hope you all took my advice and had a bit of a breather over the Christmas period; I know all clubs have been very busy leading up to Christmas. Once over though, it gives us a time to reflect on what would happen at Christmas without Lions Clubs! We are out there selling Cakes and Puddings, running Carols by Candle light, participating in or running Christmas Parades, and helping out those who are in need, or sick, and just helping make Christmas a special time for every one in our communities.

We are simply being Every Day Hero's, like we do year after year. It is also a time when we all get good publicity and good exposure in the community, but early in the new year we need to capitalize on that exposure, and turn it into new members.

As our International President Al Brandel has pointed out, what does it take to perform Miracles through Service?

Again simply the three **"H's"** namely **Head, Heart & Hands.**

Every new member we induct brings those attributes to our Club, a head with which to dream, one heart with which to care, and two hands with which to serve, need I say more?

While on membership, my goal for this Lions year was to get the District out of transition, by increasing our membership by at least fifty members, which is all we

had to do to get out of transition and to prevent us from being redistricted - a nett gain of one new member per Club. Sadly this is not happening. The first three months of this Lions year we had a nett growth of 18 new members and being on target to reach our goal.

**But what a disaster October, November and December have been. Not only did we not have a nett gain but we lost 10 of the 18 we gained in the first three months!**

**In spite of some great initiatives by some clubs to increase membership, the first 6 months of this Lions year has been great for inducting new members, with 57 inducted and 3 transfers, for a total of 60 new members. At the same time though, we have dropped 52 members in 6 months and at this rate re-Districting will come quicker than we think!**

*If we allow this to continue happening, then let me ask you fellow Lion:*

*Do you want to belong to a Victorian*

*District? Don't you want to be governed by your own District Cabinet with you own District Governor, having your own projects, together with your own District Foundation?*

If you answer yes, to one of those questions, then **DO** something about it.

Congratulations to those Clubs that have a nett gain in members, a special mention to **Smithton-Circular Head**

**North East** a nett gain of 3 members.  
**North East Latrobe** a nett gain of 4 members  
**North East Latrobe** a nett gain of 5 members  
**North East Forth Valley** a nett gain of 7 members

**Our Membership stands at 1,214 as of the end of December.**

We started the year with 1,206 a nett gain of 8 so far.

Welcome to all our New Members who have joined over the last six (6) months, I hope you enjoy helping others less fortunate than we are.

I also hope you can pass on to others the gift of Service, by inviting them to become a member of the greatest of all Service Clubs - Lions International.

Kindest Regards

District Governor Tony Roney & Lions Lady Sally



**"REACH FOR THE STARS"**



**"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing."**

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

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# CLUB SECRETARY'S INFORMATION 2009

In mid December 2008 Lions Clubs International changed the Activity Reporting Forms.

The Clubs who do their reports online will have noticed the changes to the Activity Reports Forms.

The Clubs who forward me their Monthly Activities Reports to be entered on line will now need to enter more information.

The Clubs who have not entered Activity Reports from July to December (08), have been notified and requested to either enter them on line or send me hard copies to enter for them, by the end of January.

**Information required on all Activity Reports:**

- The number of Lions service hours donated by your club,
- The amount of money donated by your club,
- The number of Lions who participated in Club activities,
- The number of persons who directly benefited from your club activities,
- New Activity Highlights to report service accomplishments.

Please do not include information concerning club meetings or fundraising activities.

**Thank you for your assistance and in so doing, helping to create a global overview of Lions service activities.**

**Lion Annette Ogilvie**  
Assistant Cabinet Secretary



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## Activity A-Plenty in the NE



**Lion Jeff Harper (left)** helping the local children celebrate Christmas Eve. The Ringarooma Christmas Street Parade is a on somewhat smaller scale than the other places in Zone 8, however the Lions enjoy seeing the happy faces of the children enjoying this special evening. Santa found time to drop by during his busy schedule.

**Lions Club of St Helens President Derek Chapple (right)** on the lead float for the St Helens Christmas Pageant. The Club has been organizing this event for many years, drawing large crowds to watch the parade of decorated floats. With the captive crowd other Lions managed to run a chocolate wheel, a BBQ and sell more raffle tickets as the floats were being prepared.



The participants take the job of decorations very seriously, this year there were twenty or so floats from 15 entries all of which has set a high standard for the judges to select the winner. **I believe the local Net-ball team entered the winning float.**



The Lions Club were very busy in the lead-up to Christmas, assisting at the local High School-Leaver's Ball, putting on a Christmas Party for a local Age Care Centre, also selling raffle tickets for the Christmas Stocking. At the same time preparing for the very successful Christmas Eve festivities.

Its a serious business making people happy, **Lion Brian Forsyth, Lion John McGiveron (Secretary)** both of Lions Club St Mary's and **ZC John Perks (right)** look on as the children's party gets underway on Christmas Eve. Even the party goes look apprehensive, however Santa came to the rescue. Lions Club St Marys have been giving a Christmas party for the local children for many years, the festivities follow on to a Christmas Pageant, also organized by the Club **(above left)**.



A happy time was had by everyone, the weather looked threatening at times but seemed to go around us!. The organizing Lions heaved a sigh of relief as the event went like clockwork.

The person nominated to control traffic disappeared at a well orchestrated moment, I was press-ganged into the roll **(right)**. **All was forgiven Lion Brian had 'popped' over to the pub, to sell raffle tickets.**



ZC John Perks

## ***Cabinet Secretary's Report***

I hope all Lions within the District had an enjoyable Festive Season and Happy New Year to you all and I hope that 2009 is good to you.

### CHANGE OF VENUE

Lions Club of Windmill Hill advise that effective from this advice that their meeting place will be: **East Launceston Bowls Club - Adelaide Street - East Launceston.**

Meeting times etc, remain as previously advised in MD Directory. Please note in your records.

### 57th National Convention

This will be held in Melbourne at the Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, Melbourne, from Friday 1st May until Sunday 3rd May 2009.

Accommodation venues are filling fast and if you are going, we recommend that you reserve your bed.

*I have a supply of registration forms and any Lion requiring one (or more), please contact me and I will forward them to you.*

### 59th National Convention

This Convention is to be held in Launceston and will be hosted by Riverside Lions Club with assistance from all Clubs within the Zones.

We anticipate a good roll up and suggest if you are making up a party to attend you look to make an early accommodation booking. It is to be held from 15th - 19th April 2011.

We look forward to Lions within the District supporting this Convention, as it will give all Lions the opportunity to attend a National Convention. So please talk about Convention at your Club and make up a party to attend this wonderful event. You will be assured of an enjoyable time, while sharing the camaraderie and friendship of other Lions from throughout Australia.

### PU 101's

These forms will be forwarded to ALL CLUBS during the month of MARCH. I would ask that you return them as soon as you are aware of all incoming officers i.e. President, Secretary and Treasurer, along with the Membership Chairman. I will be on a tight time-frame and will seek your full co-operation in this request when the time arises.

Until Next Month

Kind Regards

Peter Burke Cab Secretary



## **“CELEBRITY” JOINS LIONS**



***“The District Governor, Lion Tony Roney, ‘unofficially inducting’ Prostate Pete as an honorary Lions member at the Lions Club of Forth Valley Christmas Dinner & Induction Ceremony.”***

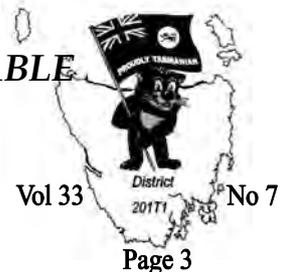
## **YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE?**

We are providing an opportunity for businesses to advertise in this Newsletter. So, if you have a business/enterprise you would like to let other Lions know about or know someone else who wants very reasonable advertising on either a regular or ad-hoc basis, then please contact the Editor on 62653840.

VERY

REASONABLE

RATES.



*(LEO/LION Megan Mundy is on youth exchange to Norway for 6 weeks - it is cold but sounds good.... here is a recent email.....)*

*Subject: Megan's trip to Norway: an on-going moose hunt!  
Hei hei!*

*Ok, I think that I should start of all my emails this way: it is veryyyyyyyyyyyyyyy COLD!!! Ha-ha, but I am slowly, slowly, getting used to it. It has been snowing a lot these past few days and it expected to get a few degrees colder in the coming days. It seems that for it to be a lovely clear day, where you can go outside and take photos etc, it has to be in the minus temperatures! For anyone who has seen the photos that I have posted on my Face book, the nice ones with the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, the temperature was -2, -4 degrees!! ah...the price we pay...*

*I'm also having a great deal of trouble adjusting to the hours of light and day time. That is, the sun rises at 10am and it well and truly sets by 3pm...I'm so used to home, that I wake up and think, oh, the sun is rising, it must be about 6am, and then I realize where I am and that I have yet again, overslept! Hahaha. My family is absolutely awesome and I feel very, very at home here. I've now been in Rørvik for a week and I feel like I have lived with my family for years! Here are some things that I have been doing:*

*Sight seeing - Rørvik is a beautiful area, it really is, and the I see of it the more I feel as though I am back in Tassie! Anne Grete and I have been trying very, very hard to see a moose, as they are very common in this area, but do you think that we can bloody find one?? uh NO. hehehe. We went on a Sunday drive for sight seeing and a bit of moose hunting, but do you think that we would find one? Of course not! Then when we got home, Vegard, my host brother, said that on his way to play hand ball, he had seen several of them!!!! 6 to be exact and I can't even see one!!!!!!!*

*Anne Grete and I have also been doing a lot of baking, she is showing me a lot of traditional Norwegian food and has been encouraging me to both eat and bake it. Anne Grete is particularly passionate about keeping the 'traditions alive', and the other day we made a traditional flat bread. It was a tradition in olden days, for the farming women to come together and make a bread called flat bread, as a way to socialize (obviously ha-ha) and maximize production. So... Anne Grete, her friends Ingun and Romne and I got together for the evening and made HEAPS of flat bread. It was fantastic. We also spent a day baking Xmas cakes and I showed her how to make, wait for it, LAMINGTONS!!!*

*I am going deer hunting on Sunday with Vegard and Frank's brother...so that will be VERY interesting and I think that we are going out on the boat sometime maybe to get some scallops...*

*Today, several other students came to Rørvik and over the next few days we will be doing some activities together. I think that we are going to Vegard's school and seeing the museum etc together, so that should be good.*

*I miss you all and cannot wait to catch up when I come back.*

*I love you all*

*Megan xox*

## YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Youth of the Year club finals are approaching fast, and around 21 clubs have indicated participation in this years Quest. A reminder to clubs that have not as yet forwarded their Registration fee could they please do ASAP.

At the October committee meeting of the Youth of the Year held in Melbourne it was discussed at length to review the scoring system, as over a number of years we have received comments that this could be better. As club finals are about to commence, we believe the best people to comment are the judges and anyone that has had any YOTY experience – with positive and practical suggestions regarding improvement.

I have sent copies of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest Scoring System Review to all clubs that are entering the Quest and ask Club Chairman to pass onto the judges at the finals for their comments. The YOTY have a compendium on display on the website a versatile gift for contestants at a reasonable price, the YOTY biro can be purchased separately and added to the compendium.

The National Tour of the State Winners will be arriving in our State on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 until 1<sup>st</sup> February, host club Riverside have many places of interest for them to see while here, with a visit to Cataract Gorge, Beaconsfield Mine, Sea Horse Farm, Platypus Centre, the Tamar Bird Sanctuary, the Wildlife Park at Riverside where they will be able to handle our Tasmanian Devils, on the Saturday will travel to Hobart to visit Salamanca Market an overnight stopover before catching flights home after 35 days travelling around Australia. Our own State Winner Michael Holder was very much looking forward to the trip.

The State Final will be hosted by the Glenorchy City Lions club on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Riverfront Motel Berriedale, contact details are on the YOTY website.

I wish all clubs every success with Club, Regional and State Finals.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

Leo Megan Mundy from Penguin left on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008 for an experience of a lifetime under the Youth Exchange programme to Norway.

Megan has been enjoying her new home immensely over the last six (6) weeks. Megan will be returning to our shores on the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

I am sure we will hear from Megan of her travels when she returns, but if you cannot wait until then please see an email from Megan at left!

**Jenny Tripptree**  
District Chairman  
Youth Projects



**Photo of Exchange Student Megan Mundy centre, Lion Wendy Brady on left and myself on right**



## TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

With the New Year now in full swing, and all Clubs now working within their Communities to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves, we invite Clubs to utilize the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc to complete that project you may not quite have sufficient funds to complete. Grant applications can be obtained from myself or from the web site. It is your Foundation so please use it either, by making a Grant application or donating funds to enable us to continue our work for your Club.

Since that last Newsletter, we have made a grant of \$3500 to the Lions Club of Kingborough to assist them with a purchase of a boat for the Sea Scouts in the North West Bay area.

*The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on:*

**Sunday 23rd March 2009**

*Any Club wishing to make a Grant Applications need to be in the hands of the Secretary please, by 10th March 2009*

*along with any other matter you may wish to bring before the Foundation.*

I look forward to your responses

Yours in Lionism  
Peter Burke Secretary



The ALF Meeting dates for 2008-2009 are as follows:

6th & 7th February 2009

28th & 29th April 2009

Applications should be with Grants Chairman, PDG Robin Dixon, 109 Chessell Drive, DUNCRAIG WA 6023, 14 days **prior** to these meeting dates.

The Foundation has a web site at:  
[www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf)

Emergency Grants can be dealt with expeditiously should the need require following immediate contact with the District Governor or myself.

Alan Pretyma  
Secretary & Trustee for Tasmania  
Home: 6225 2011, Fax 62251859,  
Email: [apretyma@bigpond.net.au](mailto:apretyma@bigpond.net.au).

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!!

Do you ever wonder why you keep doing the sausage sizzles, running Christmas Parades and Christmas Carols, raise funds for this and that and the myriad of other things we do in the community?

When you get an invitation to the local Adult Day Care Centre because they want "to give something back to the Lions, or you deliver a decorated Lions Christmas Cake to the elderly recipients of Meals on Wheels and they say, "but what have I done to deserve this?" with tears of gratitude in their eyes and a card come the very next day thanks "The Lions," or a young child, only an ankle biter, girl, unkempt sandy hair, gap in the front teeth who lisped, " fanks you verry much for the fairy flosses," then you know why you keep doing the things you do.

**You just can't put a price on the joy we are able to bring to others.**

Our club has "embraced" the Peter's Undie line, Lion Peter; our local butcher started the ball? rolling with a pair of very racy undie's. Mayor Mike Gaffney and David Foster of wood-chopping fame, came to the party and we are accumulating quite a few others, so, we're off to a good start. It's been heartening to see the local response.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Tracey Dickson will be guest speaker at the Axeman's Hall of Fame on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30 for 7.00pm. Clubs in Zones 2, 3 and 4 are invited to come along and any other interested Lions are very welcome. **Bookings must be confirmed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.** For further information/bookings please contact Kae Campbell on 64261442.



**Photos:**

Mrs. Jones delivering a cake to Mr. Len Dixon (left)

Some of the decorated Christmas cakes delivered to Meals on Wheels (below)

Lions Lady finds Santa in the Bush, you never know where he'll turn up!! (right)



## New Lions



**Name:**

Paul Chilcott  
Helene Grace  
Janina Macauley  
Rita Power  
Frank Brooks  
Margaret Brooks

**Sponsor:**

Stuart Macauley  
Ken Baird  
Stuart Macauley  
Ken Baird  
John Martin  
John Martin

**Club:**

Forth Valley  
Forth Valley  
Forth Valley  
Forth Valley  
Hadspen South Esk  
Hadspen South Esk

# WELCOME



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## Thought for the Month...

"You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely!" - Ogden Nash

### Relay For Life



**GET INVOLVED IN  
YOUR AREA IN  
FEBRUARY/MARCH '09**

**HOBART:**

Saturday/Sunday 28 February-1 March 2009

**LAUNCESTON:**

Saturday/Sunday 14-15 March 2009

**PENGUIN:**

Saturday/Sunday 21-22 March 2009

**EASTERN REGION:**

Saturday/Sunday 28 February-1 March 2009



## Lions Club of Sorell DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDRAISING DINNER ALL WELCOME

Sorell Memorial Hall

Wednesday

4<sup>th</sup> February 2009

6:30 for 7:00pm

\$25 for 3 course meal

*RSVP*

Geoff Clow

0408 281 176

Graeme Evans

0418 462 591

Donation received towards  
the Sorell Lions

### ***DROUGHT RELIEF***

Tasmanian Lions Foundation  
Convention Raffle proceeds

LC of Wynyard

LC of Kingborough

LC of Clarence

LC of Sandy Bay

LC of Sorell

LC of Spring Bay

LC of Kentish

LC of Huon

LC of Burnie Emu Bay

LC of Hobart Town

LC of Westbury

Proceeds from

other projects

LC of City of Launceston

LC of Devonport-Mersey

LC of Bridport

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR GENEROSITY**

### **STAMPS CHALLENGE**

How did we go with challenge I hope you all did take up the challenge and our mail box will be full over the next couple of weeks. It is a good easy project takes little time and I'm sure you all have friends in business etc who just dispose of stamps in the rubbish. We can use them and put them to good use and at the same time assist the Mobility Foundation with much needed funds to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please support our request.

All stamps can be posted to:

PO Box 370, Launceston, Tas 7250

*Sign  
of the  
Times??*



"Didn't you get my e-mail?"

## **DROUGHT**

**TASMANIAN  
FARMERS AFFECTED  
BY THE DROUGHT  
NEED HELP!**

**\* JUST A  
REMINDER**

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PO Box 66,  
SORELL TAS 7172**

**TOTAL TO DATE:**

**\$23,670.00**

**Thank You**

**District Newsletter 201T1 - Deadline for next issue is: February 10**  
**Copy for 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 photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

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