

# Lions Tasmania 201T1



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## DG Vere's Thoughts

### Club visits

During October, Cheryl and I visited North East Tasmania, Kings Meadows, Lilydale, Hadspen, Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches, Latrobe, and Kentish Clubs, and also attended the 50th Year Anniversary Celebrations at George Town Club. All the clubs are very busy making a difference in their communities. Lilydale is involving the community by providing a Santa suits to local people to stuff and display for Christmas.



*Kentish Lions have a new food van that was partly funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund*

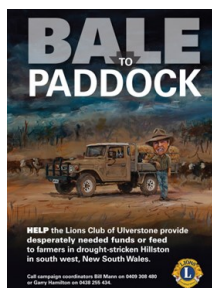
### District Convention

I was very pleased with how smoothly the two day Devonport T1 District Convention went. No convention goes this well without a hard working committee to make things happen. The committee comprised representatives from Devonport Mersey, City of Devonport, Port Sorell, and Latrobe Clubs. A special thank you to Convention Chair Dennis Applebee, Convention Secretary Christian McGee and Lions Partner Pam Applebee, for making this event the success it was.

David Triffett is now District Governor (elect), Byron Dilworth is 1st Vice District Governor (elect) and Rob Mantach is 2nd Vice District Governor (elect).

The elected TLF representatives are Paul Cairnduff (South), Geoff Tripptree (North) and Zone Chair Stuart Ritchie (North West). The model district constitution, which includes changes adopted by Lions Clubs International at its last two international conventions, was adopted. The Lions Youth Network EXpress (LYNX) and Crime Stoppers District Project have been extended for another three years to 2021.

Convention was addressed by a range of speakers who spoke about membership, club renewal, diabetes, drug education network, the mainland drought (ALF appeal, GMT Ann's drought area report, and Ulverstone's Bale to Paddock animal feed project).



Multiple District (MD) Membership Area Leader PDG Ann Eldridge spoke on 'Current Trends in Australian Lions Membership' and on 'Over the Horizon - New Voices'. International speaker Nicky Abdinor spoke about her tag line - 'Born without arms but not without attitude'.



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Drug Education Network (DEN) CEO Shirley-Ann Varney spoke about the local drug scene. Rev. Colin Gureen spoke on Club renewal and Caroline Wells spoke about Diabetes. *IPDG Hester van Niekerk presented the top club award to the Brighton Club and the Newsletter award to the Clarence Club.* District and /or MD Chairpersons spoke about Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Youth of the Year, Leadership, LYNX, Childrens Mobility, and Childrens Cancer. **The Remembrance Ceremony** for deceased Lions and partners was conducted by Lion Rev. John Tongue. Convention Chair Dennis Applebee said the Ode for the 100 year World War 1 remembrance ceremony, and was the MC for the banquet dinner on the Saturday night.

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## DG Vere continued....

Nicky Abdinor addressing conventioners  
Convention Youth activities included speeches by 2018 National Youth of the Year (YOTY) Winner Tom Rockcliff, 2017-18 Tasmanian Leo of the Year Dakota Gallagher and 2018-19 Tasmanian Leo of the year Anthony Wright (AJ), plus a Leo forum. Tom was the Kentish Club YOTY representative. Tom's speech was brought forward to the opening session because he was spending Sunday assisting Kentish Lions with the Triple Top Mountain Run.



*A key point of Carol Wells' diabetes speech was that diabetes is like being pregnant - - you either have diabetes or you don't. There is no such thing as being slightly diabetic. There are thousands of people in Australia who have diabetes and do not know it, and as a result some of their organs are slowly breaking down. Rev. Colin Gureen made a similar point in his speech on Club lifecycle and the need for mature clubs to embrace renewal, so that they don't just die out. Clubs need to know where they are on their club life cycle so that they can assess whether change is needed or not.*

During the time I have been a Lions member, Lions Clubs at St Marys, Campbelltown, Dover, Moonah, Lenah Valley and Lindisfarne have all faded away. Other clubs that have gone through a renewal process, and I consider that this would include - City of Burnie, City of Devonport, City of Launceston, Launceston South and Devonport Mersey. For some clubs the renewal process was assisted by women joining the club. Key indicators for club long term survivability are the average membership age and the age range of members in the club. *How would you rate your club for survivability?*

## DG Vere Cooper ADVANCE CHANGE



## UP COMING EVENTS

### DG Vere's Club Visits



- Nov 19 Riverside
  - Nov 20 Legana
  - Nov 22 City of Devonport
  - Nov 26 Tasman
  - Nov 27 Spring Bay
  - Nov 28 Forth Valley
  - Dec 5 Bothwell & Districts
  - Dec 10 Penguin & Leos
- (Dates taken from District Directory and may be subject to change Ed.)*



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Application deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

May 4-6 2019  
Geelong MD Convention  
May 7 2019  
Community New Voices Forum

## Peace Poster Competition

Winner of the 2018 201 T1 Peace Poster Competition is Hayley Chatwin from the Table Cape Primary School sponsored by the **Wynyard Lions Club**.

Congratulations to all concerned!

Last year we had two finalists, this year we had three. Hopefully next year we will have a greater increase.

It is difficult to get schools to become involved but when they do the teachers usually find it a worthwhile activity. If you can display posters publicly perhaps in the local library and have afternoon tea and a prize-giving event, it can be satisfying and raise the profile of all concerned.

*It is not too early to approach teachers and plan for 2019.*

**Dawn Gatehouse,**

**201 T1 Peace Poster Chair.**



## \$17 000 IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS FROM SALES AND AUCTIONS

Christmas is coming—we all receive cards—now is a good time to get involved in this easy, important fundraiser for our Children's Mobility Foundation.

Bring your stamps to Convention or post to me at

11 Camina Court, Riverside, Tas 7250

**Peter Burke Cordinator**



#newvoicesmembership

My name is Victoria Cochrane and I have been a Lion for four years and President of the Rocky Cape Lions in Tasmania for 2 and a half. After a year of being 'pestered' by my sponsor to join, my husband, who is now 1st Vice-President, and I became active members straight away and were appointed to the board of directors a year later. The next year I became President in October due to conflict the club and was duly elected the following year.

Since then I have worked very hard to make sure all existing members feel included and welcome, despite any personality differences that exist between members. I have also become an active recruiter for the club, and am now notorious for asking, "Would you like to join Lions?" at every opportunity! When I became President we had lost a few older members and were down to a membership of 20 at one stage. With the club in crisis, it was either build or fold, simple as that. In two years myself, the board and other active members have recruited 16 members and the club is now, with a few dropping out for different reasons, are up to a membership of 31 with three potential members in the pipeline.

In the second year of being eligible to apply for a Club President Excellence Award, with one already awarded and the second applied for, I am proud to say that at least half of our membership are women, with at least 7 of our recruits in the last two years being women.



Photo credit: The Advocate

Lions International wants to hear your story, as do we here in Tasmania.

Tell us how you have supported women in your area, and you may just be invited to attend an exclusive seminar with IP Gudrun in Milan!

Visit [weserve.org/newvoices](https://weserve.org/newvoices) for details.

Three of those women were elected to the board in their first full year, and one in her second.

In the last elections I worked with past president of our club, former GLT leader and current new voices leadership chairman, Anne Fagg, to look at creating a solid structure in the board that will lead a solid foundation for leadership and growth that will continue many years down the track. Changes included adding a third vice president position and electing a young, first year female member as membership chair. Unfortunately, she was unable to take up the position, but our board currently consists of four men and five women who work consistently well together to provide leadership and mentoring to experienced and new members alike.

I am encouraged by the active membership in my club and District leaders who declare faith in my leadership. My voice was heard recently by 70 GAT members at a national meeting in Melbourne when Past DG Dale Crawford read out part of my President's outgoing/incoming speech; what an honour.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be President in a club that is open to new ideas and the equality of men and women in membership, leadership and service. I am always mindful to respect the traditions of our club and of Lions International, but I am also doubly mindful that positive growth will not come about if we stay stuck in tradition and closed off to the opportunities that younger members will bring with their fresh ideas and enthusiasm to serve.

The women membership of Rocky Cape Lions do not just serve food and feed the men! We split and load wood for our wood chop working bees, help make furniture to sell and are major contributors to the organisation and running of the club. At Rocky Cape, the Lionesses roar as loudly as the Lions, and we are heard, respected, valued and proud!

Oh, and would you like to join Lions?!

**Victoria Cochrane**  
**President of Rocky Cape Lions Club**

## Welcome to our Lions Family...

### GEORGE TOWN LIONS CLUB

ALAN MEWHA  
Sponsor: JOHN ERWIN

### KINGBOROUGH LIONS CLUB

GORDON J MCLARDY  
Sponsor: ERIK MADSEN

WENDY J SPINKS  
Sponsor: HESTER VAN NIEKERK

### QUEENSTOWN LIONS CLUB

JOEL GREY  
Sponsor: SHANE ANTHONY PITT

JAMES WEBSTER  
Sponsor: TERRY SHEA

ST HELEN'S LIONS CLUB  
BRENDA E WALTER  
Sponsor: PETER CECIL

WESTBURY LIONS CLUB  
STEPHEN GEORGE BENNETT  
Sponsor: PAUL KILROY

GEOFF HARVEY  
Sponsor: PAUL KILROY

ZEEHAN LIONS CLUB  
DAVE SORELL  
Sponsor: MICHAEL PHELAN



WE SERVE

ORDINARY PEOPLE  
AMAZING THINGS

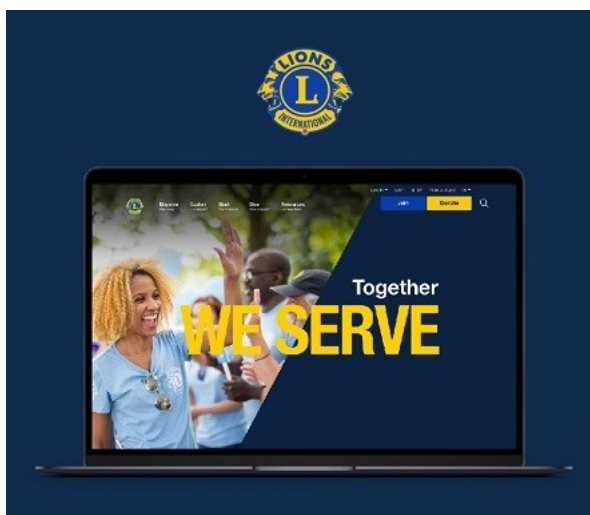


PDG **Robin Pulford** was awarded the International President's Award at Convention. This is great recognition for many years of outstanding service in so many Lions Projects. One of his many talents is producing the *Clarence Clarion* Club Newsletter, which was awarded Best Club Newsletter for IPDG Hester's year in office.

**Peter Goldstone James**  
Zone 8 Chairman

Can you host International Youth in your home/Club?

[www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye)



New website coming . Mark your calendar! The all-new **Lions Clubs International website** is on the horizon and set to launch at the end of October 2018.

## Our District Count

31st October 2018

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1156

Same Time Last Year 1201

YTD ADD 31

YTD DROP 36

YTD GROWTH -5 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**

## Fabulous Functions on Flinders

**LC Flinders Island** may be down on numbers, but the club is still managing to do great things for the community. Even without regular access to computers and the internet, a couple of members still manage to get these stories to the District Newsletter Editor for sharing. (Well done Margaret and Alison!) Ed.)  
 The Flinders Island Show was held on October 19th and remains one of the biggest fundraisers for the Club.

*Pictured below are Lions Linda Evans, Carole Crute and Bill Cook—still smiling after many hours of service.*



Also pictured below are Lions Ken Stockton & Carolyn Dawe busy keeping those hot chips coming.



The next big event is "**Le Tour de Flinders**"

- a bike ride to raise money for *Lions Sight First Campaign* coming up on Sunday 4th November. This year's ride is dedicated to Lion Barbara Rorison who passed away in December last year. (SEE PAGE 9 Ed.)



## Young Achiever Award

Lion Peter Rhodes is pictured with the winner of this year's Young Achiever Award—Harry Lines. Harry goes to Flinders Island District High School. This is an annual award to the student who best shows Lions ideals and comes with a certificate, a letter and a cheque for \$100.



**Margaret Wheatley and Alison Johnson**  
 LC Flinders Island



# Rocky Cape Comradery

Our major ongoing fundraising project this year has been raising money to buy defibrillators for our local community. Fundraising activities included an Alternative Therapies, Health and Wellbeing expo, raffles and an Automotive Car Swap meet. Our efforts were greatly assisted by a very generous donation from a local business man of \$1000, plus another donation of \$500 from a patron of the swap meet in September. In October we installed our first defibrillator at the Rocky Cape Tavern.

Our second table-making session was held at the Prior's shed with a large crew attending to cut, drill, assemble and sand two more picnic tables and a second bench seat. Not only is this project a good fundraising activity, it is also a great chance for our members to get together and socialise while creating functional furniture!



Pictured above:

**Victoria Cochrane**

**President**

**Rocky Cape Lions Club**



## CAKES

It is now peak selling time for our Christmas Cakes and Puddings. All is going well and most Clubs will have received their supplies or at least supplies are on the way.

Remember it is up to your Club to decide what price you wish to sell the Gold Centenary Tins. There is still time to get your Club's entry into the Incentive Prize raffle based on the number of cartons ordered. The order must be over 5 cartons (30 tins) to be eligible and the **closing date is for the orders to be placed is 7<sup>th</sup> December.**



All the very best with the placing of cakes in your outlets and the selling of our merchandise .



## MINTS

The Mint factory will be closed for two weeks over Christmas and New Year. **The closing date for placing orders is before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.** Orders after Friday 14<sup>th</sup> will be dispatched when the factory reopens in 2019.

**Sue Johns**

**District Chairman – Merchandising (Christmas cakes, puddings and Mints)**

## LCIF Campaign 100 — Part 3 Grants

Project funding by LCIF is by way of grants. Grants are made on application within the four major categories -

- Humanitarian grants
- SightFirst grants
- Disaster relief funding
- New grants

There are specific criteria for grants within the above categories.



**HUMANITARIAN GRANTS** are divided into the following groups -

- *Matching Grants* : large scale provision of Lions service to meet unaddressed humanitarian needs by way of supplying capital construction and equipment, and where a portion of the funding is matched by local Lions contributions.
- *Lions Quest* : for education based life skills programmes for youth [aged 5 - 18] including workshops, materials for instructor development, also requiring matching local funding.
- *Diabetes* : for large scale Lions led projects which support expansion and enhancement of diabetes prevention, education and improved access to treatment for underserved populations. Key initiatives include screenings, diabetes camps, and facility expansion and equipment acquisition. A proportion of the required funding to be provided by local Lions.

### **SIGHTFIRST GRANTS**

These grants support the development of comprehensive eye care systems that provide preventative and diagnostic services and treatment for all relevant eye diseases as well as rehabilitation for those with irreversible blindness or low vision, with priority given to underserved populations. No matching provisions apply but priority is given where local Lions or other co-funding is available.

**DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING** : as currently applied.

- *Emergency Grants* : to provide immediate relief for natural disaster victims, food, clothing, temporary shelter, but not long term shelter or rebuilding activities and applied for by DG within 30 days of the disaster event.
  - *Disaster Preparedness* : for disaster and emergency preparedness training for Lions, applied for in advance of a disaster and used within 6 months.
  - *Community Recovery* : for assistance after a disaster but does not include construction projects, applied for up to 60 days post disaster and to be used within 60 days.
  - *Matching Grants* : for longer term reconstruction projects with matching local funding.
  - *Major Catastrophe* : for extended immediate relief or reconstruction after major natural or civil calamities.
- These grants are given and administered directly by LCIF and cannot be sought on application.

**NEW GRANTS** : full details are yet to be provided for grants to Leos, and for District and Club community impact grants.

Remember that LCIF can provide that extra funding needed to make a project achievable.

*John Gillham*

LCIF District 201T1 Coordinator



## Latrobe Laments Its Losses—in good spirits!



Just when you think things a quiet it all gets going again. Our club completed our **assistance to the Football Club** with a day of catering. Members provided “manpower” for a food van and kiosk, the weather was appalling, but we managed to put in pretty good effort and raise a few dollars for the footy club.



A short break anticipated before the start of the Speedway season, but alas, not to be, suddenly our **old canteen was to be demolished**, so, a working bee or two to move all our equipment. Then a frantic move again two days before the start of the season to relocate our things to the new canteen. In the meantime members **provided assistance to a young lass who showed initiative in organising a fund raiser for Cores**, in aid of Suicide prevention and mental illness. We are doing our cake stalls and **value adding mini cakes**, and a raffle or two to raise fund for the Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. And.... We have just spent three days **assisting the Latrobe APEX Club** with their Craft Fair. More to come with the Christmas Parade and Henley and our regular Speedway Canteen days!

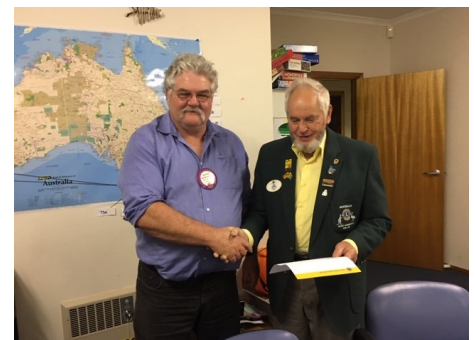


***District Governor Vere and Lions Partner Cheryl visited our club and fooling his address to the club Lions Mark Campbell and Dudley Parker were presented with a 35 Monarch, Lion Harold Deverell 30 years and Lion David Jarman 10 years.***

After having proudly displayed the Club of the Year Award in his butcher shop for the last 12 months Lion Peter sadly passed it over to be presented to the next recipient of the award (Brighton)



**Kae Campbell**





## Le Tour de Flinders

Le Tour de Flinders which was held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November was dedicated to the memory of Lion Barbara Rorison who passed away in December last year. Barbara and her husband Gordon started the ride for Lions Sight First Campaign in 2005 and it has been an annual event ever since.



*Lion Gordon Rorison (Heyfield Lions), David Bailey and Guy Ireland lined up to start.*

This year's event had a smaller starting line-up due to bad weather stopping a contingent of riders from Tasmania and Royal Victorian Aero Club members getting here. At the BBQ after the ride Gordon gave a very moving speech. **A mini auction of a range of items was held at the BBQ and raised \$830.00 – a great effort.** With this and the entry fees the Club will have a decent amount to send.



*A group of supporters with Lion Carole Crute sending off the starters*



## A Little Bit of Launceston in Launceston

As part of their Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebrations, the Lions Club of Launceston (Cornwall) recognised their Twinning with Launceston Windmill Hill (Tasmania) and Gibraltar!

As the original owners of the name 'Launceston' the Cornish Club (MD105SW) honours both "our" Launceston Windmill Hill and Gibraltar – and that co-incidence does not end there as the park bench is located in Coronation Park in their 'suburb' of Windmill Hill!



Launceston in Cornwall, UK is pronounced as Lanston – being derived from the Cornish (Kernowek) Gaelic name "Lann Stefan" which means "The yard of St Stephens (Church)".

**Byron & Linda Dilworth**



### Save The Date

Tuesday 7th May 2019

Following MD Convention

Community New Voices forum in Geelong

All Welcome

Influential guest speakers

Further details to be advised

PDG Pat Mills

MD 201 New Voices Speaker

0408 753 266

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## Mersey Devonport Community Awards

At our Oct 18 Dinner Meeting, it was once again a joy and privilege to be able to recognise others who do so much to support our community.

This year, rather than an individual, **the Mersey-Devonport Lions Community Award was presented to the Don River Railway Volunteers.** The group of dedicated volunteers give countless hours of their time to maintain, staff, and promote this wonderful local tourist attraction. Well done all.

The Award was accepted on behalf of the group by Paul Templar and Niels Brun .



*Lions Club of Mersey Devonport Community Award being presented by Lions Peter Noble and Gael Gault to Paul Templar and Niels Brun of the Don River Railway Volunteers Group*

John Tongue      Editor      The Lions Bluff

A plea from the Editor.....

My internet connection is unreliable and downloading large files can be difficult. If you are sending me photos, and you know how to reduce their size, this would help me. If each photo could be 1MB or less I would appreciate it . Thanks in advance....Linda

## Support Your Upcoming Leaders

### Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Location: Adelaide, Australia

Application deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019



*The Regional Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills required to become leaders at the club and district levels, and having been a club President does not automatically exclude selection. This programme is targeting newer Lions & Leos who wish to develop their leadership skills for the future & who may be considering taking on a club or district leadership role. Candidates must be Lions or Leos (of adult age).*

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The skills gained by attending either of these Institutes would certainly be of advantage to your club and contribute to the personal growth of the applicant who no doubt will continue to use those skills to benefit all members.

Completed applications should be returned to the **GLT Co-ordinator** at [glt@lionstasmania.org](mailto:glt@lionstasmania.org)

James Saville GLT Co-ordinator 2011

**Anne Fagg      New Voices Leadership      2011**

## District Newsletter 2011



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