

# Lions Clubs International

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## District 201T1

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## District Governor's Thoughts.....

Our continued visits throughout the district have been fruitful and Lion Dawn and I thank all club members for their welcome.

I have inducted new members to some clubs which is always a pleasing task bringing more hands into our team of service minded people. Keep up the good work for the benefit of your communities. This membership growth ensures that there are more people out there working on public projects and spreading people's awareness that we work with "Hands together in Friendship and Service."

On 27<sup>th</sup> October, I had the privilege of being one of the judges for the **Leo of the Year competition** at the Glenorchy Club. This was a great experience and I congratulate Glenorchy for providing this opportunity to their young people. There are no losers in this contest, all who participate are learning and gaining confidence.

Congratulations to Rhys and the other contestants and winners in our District. We have the opportunity to hear from them at the convention.

On our visit to Port Sorell Club we were lucky that they were being visited by a Victorian Lion Couple. Lion Bill Milner 201 V5 District Disaster Relief Trust chairman from Tatura was on holiday with his wife. He was able to tell us how the generosity of the Tasmanian

people had been appreciated. He described some of what had happened since the fires and explained how progress was being made to return communities to the devastated areas.

I am writing this before the Burnie Convention and by the time you read it the Convention will be over. I hope all those who attended found it worthwhile, interesting and enjoyable. On my visits I have learned that this is a very busy weekend for many clubs with many important projects keeping members from the convention.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Tasmania Day Celebrations will also be over. I hope your club took the opportunity to receive a grant and had a successful event within your community.

The organizing committee for the MD Convention in Launceston in April 2011 have asked me to let you know that there is an AFL football match in Launceston that weekend so it would be wise to book accommodation early.

Information has been sent to clubs about the ANZI Pacific Forum on the Gold Coast in September 2011. If you need more information please contact IPDG John Gillham who is the Ambassador for our District. All Lions and partners are encouraged to book early as there are early bird prizes.

"Hands together in  
Friendship & Service"



DG Ken



## CHANGES & APOLOGIES!!

IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE WE GOT VDG1 TOBY'S PLANNED DATES TOTALLY WRONG! APOLOGIES TO ALL CONCERNED FOR THIS GLITCH!!

These ones are correct!!

Training dates for the North West Coast for 2010/ 2011 are as follows:

- \* 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010
- \* 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011
- \* 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011

All 9.30am start at the Penguin Lions Centre, Ironcliff Road.

New member induction session

\* 28th November 2010 at

Rosebery Lions Clubrooms at 10am

Incoming officers Training Seminars,

\* 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 at Penguin

\* 29th May 2011 at Rosebery

Please put these dates in your diary.

All Lions old and new are most welcome to attend, the more the merrier.

The interaction between Lions members and clubs is very worthwhile with all attendees gaining new knowledge.

Sessions generally finish at 12 noon with morning tea provided.

This training is for all Lions young and old no matter how long you have been a Lion.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact

Toby on  
0418141236  
or email:

[VDG1@lionstasmania.org](mailto:VDG1@lionstasmania.org)



Please make it worthwhile for the trainers who will travel down from the North West

Coast to deliver some much needed information to the West Coast Lions.

## OUR DISTRICT COUNT

30 Sept 2010

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1258

Status: "Established district"

31 Oct 2010

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1259

Status: "Established district"

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**59<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
 Launceston "Have a Devil of a time"  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Complete a **SEPARATE FORM** for **EACH MEMBER**  
 Or Online at [www.lionsclubs.org.au/launceston2011convention](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/launceston2011convention)

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ATTENDING ANY HOSPITALITY EVENTS**

Registration closing dates: Early Bird - 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2011. All - 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2011.

**MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER PARTNER DETAILS**

	Title PDG etc	Surname	Given Name (as it will appear on your convention badge)
Lion			
Partner	Non-member		
Lioness			
Leo			
Guest			
Club		District	

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes  No  (Please circle)

Do you have any specific requirements of a dietary or ability nature? Please explain:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL DETAILS**  
 Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flight No \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS**  
 Where will you be staying? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you require a transfer from the airport? Yes  No  (Please circle) See next page for costs.

**ACCOMMODATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH REGISTRANT**  
 Accommodation can be booked through the Launceston Travel & Information Centre  
 Phone: 1800 651 827 Online: [www.VisitLauncestonTamar.com.au](http://www.VisitLauncestonTamar.com.au)



**HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS - Indicate if member and/or partner are participating in any event.**

EVENT / FUNCTION	Day	Date	Time	Cost	Member	Partner	Total Cost
1 Morning Golf Competition	Thursday	April 14	9:30am	\$12			\$
2 Morning Bowls Competition	Thursday	April 14	9:30am	\$12			\$
3 Lioness, Partners & Friends Dinner	Thursday	April 14	7:00pm	\$40			\$
4 Conventioneers Boxed Lunch	Friday	April 15		\$15			\$
5 Meet and Greet	Friday	April 15	5:00pm	\$15			\$
6 Key Members & First Conventioneers Breakfast	Saturday	April 16	7:00am	\$25			\$
7 Conventioneers Boxed Lunch	Saturday	April 16		\$15			\$
8 Partners Luncheon	Saturday	April 16	12:15pm	\$25			\$
9 Conventioneers Boxed Lunch *	Sunday	April 17		\$15			\$
10 Barboque Lunch *	Sunday	April 17	12:15pm	\$15			\$
11 PDG's Dinner	Sunday	April 17	7:00pm			Own Arrangements	
12 Conventioneers Boxed Lunch	Monday	April 18		\$15			\$
13 PID, PCC & Partners Get Together	Monday	April 18	12:00pm	\$25			\$
14 Past & Present Cabinet Secretaries, Treasurers and Partners Luncheon	Monday	April 18	12:00pm	\$25			\$
15 "Have a Devil of a Time" Banquet	Monday	April 18	7:30pm	\$60			\$
16 Leo Convention and functions - Contact MD Leo Chairperson for details							

**OTHER ITEMS**

17 Convention Pin (40x40mm) Limited Edition				\$5			
18 Bus transfer: City to/from Banquet Venue	Monday	April 18		\$5			
19 Bus transfer: Airport to City				\$10			
SUB TOTAL				\$			
Less Early Bird Registration. Receipt No. _____							- DEPOSIT PAID \$
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT DUE</b>							\$

\* Sunday Lunch: Choose only one of #9 Boxed Lunch or #10 Barboque Lunch

**PAYMENT**  
 Cheque Attached: Payable to LIONS 59th MD 201 CONVENTION  
 or  
 Credit card: Master Card  Visa  Expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**FORWARD REGISTRATON AND PAYMENT TO:**  
 Lions 59<sup>th</sup> MD Convention "Registration"  
 P.F. Burke  
 11 Camina Court  
 Riverside TAS 7250  
 For more details visit the 2011 Convention website  
[www.lionsclubs.org.au/launceston2011convention](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/launceston2011convention)

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad. Once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went." His wife sympathizes.

As they sit down, she has a suggestion: "Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Arthur. "Your brother is a hundred and three. He can't help." "He may be a hundred and three," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law.

He tees up, takes an almighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

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"Of course I did!", says the brother-in-law.

"I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Arthur.

"Can't remember!"





Australia - New Zealand Indonesia - Pacific Region

**A REFRESHING VOYAGE INTO TOMORROW**  
**GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA 9 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**ANZI-PACIFIC FORUM**

By the time you read this Newsletter all Clubs will have received a copy of the second Forum Newsletter and most will have their Registration Forms.

To be in the draw for the major early bird prize registration applications will need to be received by 31 December : *see the full details in the Forum Newsletter.*

Remember that registration forms are also available on the web-site for either on-line registration or downloading for postal registration.

Both the Forum website and the Newsletter contain programme details.

**FORUM WEBSITE : [www.lionsanzipacificforum.com](http://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com)**

Your local contact is –  
**PDG John Gillham, 201T1 Forum Ambassador.**

1970 **40 YEARS OF SERVICE** 2010



The Lions Club of Kings Meadows celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October at its Clubrooms at 18 Merino Street.

The afternoon celebration was attended by over seventy (70) distinguished guests. Included in this number were members, past members, friends of the Lions family, together with representatives of the other Lions Clubs in the surrounding areas and representatives from the business community.

The Lord Mayor of Launceston, Mr Albert Van Zetten and wife Lindel, Past Council Chairman, Tony Roney and Sally, Charter President Al Gee and Marilyn, Charter Secretary John Preece and Colleen, together with current Club President Derek Willis and Christine, all helping the Club during the formalities of the celebration.

The Lions Club of Launceston South was Chartered by the Lions Club of Launceston Windmill Hill on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1970, with its first meeting being held at the Wellington Hotel.

The Club changed its name in 2000 to more appropriately represent the area around the site of its Clubrooms at 18 Merino Street.

The Club currently has 28 members, and looks forward to many more years of service within the community.



Above Left: (L to R) Club President Derek Willis and the Lord Mayor of Launceston Albert Van Zetten planting the 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary tree at the front of the Clubrooms.

Above Right: Zone Chairman and member of the Lions Club of Kings Meadows, Derek Fellows and Alderman Rosemary Armitage with Lion David Brooks (in background) celebrating.



Above Right: (L to R) Lions Partner Susie Chellis, Club President's wife Christine Willis and Lady Mayoress Lindel Van Zetten.

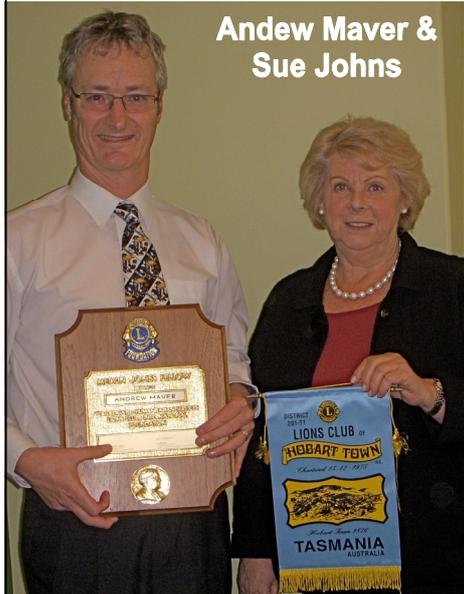
**Phil Robinson**  
Secretary - Lions Club of Kings Meadows



**New Grants Approved at LCIF Board Meeting**

At the October 2010 Board of Directors meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, thirty-six (36) standard grants were approved for a total of US\$1,765,614. A complete list of approved grants is available on-line at <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/grants/lcif-recent-grants.php>

**MELVIN JONES  
FELLOWSHIP  
PRESENTATION**



Andrew Maver & Sue Johns

At a recent meeting of the Lions Club of Hobart Town a Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to Andrew Maver, BScOptom, PGDipACO, GCOT, FACO.

Andrew has been working tirelessly for over 20 years in Low Vision Clinics in Tasmania actively promoting low vision skills to all the optometrists in the State and freely gives of his time assisting with visually impaired children and their parents.

*He has attending three World Low Vision Conference bringing back information and ideas which he has shared with his patients and colleagues.*

For many years Andrew has worked as the co-ordinator of the East Timor volunteer optometry program and has made many trips there with the Eye Team.

His commitment has been huge assisting with over thousands of East Timorian people, who because of poor eye health, could not work or look after themselves.

*The honour was humbly received by Andrew.*

Sue Johns - President Hobart Town LC

Bringing Our Community Together

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## BUSY LIONS PROUDLY SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY

Things have been 'pretty busy' at the George Town Lions Club in recent weeks. Lions Carla, Andrew and President Ray, manned the bar at the Hospital Ball and as a result, \$500 was donated to the local hospital.

The Club has also participated in a roadside clean-up, a collection and sale of "Lamb Lollipops!", a BBQ at "Celebrating Men's Day", a donation of a wheelchair to the George Town Hospital, a Merry-Go-Round and BBQ at "George Town On Show" celebrations, as well as, selling tickets in the giant Christmas stocking.

Wishing all Lions a very safe and Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Margaret & Harvey Gibbons  
Publicity George Town LC



## Fundraising Dinner

THIS IS A REMINDER OF THE NEXT SOUTHERN LIONS CLUBS ANNUAL DINNER HOSTED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF SORELL.

THIS FUNDRAISER IS BECOMING MORE POPULAR EACH YEAR AND SOME CLUBS ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT DINNER.

THIS WILL BE HELD IN SORELL ON WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2011 6.30pm for 7pm

Further details are available from: Geoff Clow District Chairman - Health - 03 6245 9176 or 0408 281 176



Don't forget...

## TRICYCLE FIT FOR A KING...

**"IS JUST AWESOME"**

Sam King is a cheerful little boy and full of energy, he was born on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 with severe Haemophilia and hence developed paraplegia from his chest down.

Whilst Sam gets around in his wheelchair like a professional, he would dearly like to join his older brother Dylan in bike riding.

When Sam's plight became known to the Lions Club of Kingborough, they put their collective thinking caps on, with the result that the club with the help of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation and the Australian Lions Foundation purchased a hand powered tricycle for Sam which was presented to him on October 30<sup>th</sup>, a little early, for his fourth birthday.

It makes all the hard work of selling chocolate wheel tickets at the Hobart show worthwhile when he saw Sam's happy smile as he tried his new tricycle, President Alan Holland said, to which Sam replied, "This is just awesome!".

Lion Erik Madsen - LC of Kingborough



Above: Young Sam trying out his new tricycle, and

Below: Sam with his parents, older brother and LC of Kingborough President, Alan Holland



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# 59th MD Convention 15th April 2011 to 19th April 2011 Launceston

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OF A TIME!"**



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Please direct any queries to:

Peter Burke - Convention Secretary  
[judyburke@bigpond.com](mailto:judyburke@bigpond.com)

P.S. For programme see on-line or last issue of this newsletter and/or for a Registration Form (please see copy on page 2 of this issue) go on-line at either:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/launceston2011convention/>  
or  
<http://www.lionstasmania.org/convention>

## TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

### THE NEXT MEETING

of the Foundation will be held in

### FEBRUARY 2011

and any Clubs with application requests, please have them to the Secretary by 31st January, 2011 at 11 Camina Court, Riverside TAS 7250.

Following the October meeting of the TLF the following grants were made available to Clubs:

- Port Sorell \$1000.00 to assist with purchase of outdoor furniture;
- Port Cygnet \$1250.00 to assist with the purchase of a defibrillator for the area; and
- City of Devonport \$5000.00 to assist with purchase of Shed.

We are pleased to have been assistance to the Clubs, and as previously advised, we encourage all Clubs submit an application to complete a project that they may not have adequate funds to complete themselves.

### REMEMBER

it is your Foundation please feel free to use it, and if you have any surplus funds consider us, so that we can continue to help clubs in their efforts to make life a little easier less fortunate that ourselves.

Finally, as this will be my last report for this year on behalf of Chairman Alan and Trustees of the Foundation, I wish you all a Happy and enjoyable Festive Season and hope that 2011 will be a happy and rewarding one.

Drive carefully. See you next year.

Peter Burke Secretary

CHRISTMAS IS NOT A SEASON OR A HOLIDAY... IT'S A BIRTHDAY!!



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### REMEMBER THESE IN NOVEMBER?

- 2005: Makybe Diva won a record 3rd successive Melbourne Cup.
- 1992: Bill Clinton was elected 42nd president of the United States.
- 1861: Melbourne Cup was run for the first time and won by Archer
- 1975: Prime Minister Gough Whitlam was sacked by the Governor -General Sir John Kerr .
- 1948: Australia's first Holden motor vehicle was launched by GM

### DANIEL NEEDS OUR HELP!

Daniel is the young boy who featured in our last issue (full report) to announce the **TAS LIONS AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS** programme by the LC of Rocky Cape.

For those at the Burnie Convention who saw the presentation on Sunday morning will need no convincing of the worth of this wonderful project

"TASMANIAN LIONS AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS" is a club project initiated by the Lions Club of Rocky Cape.

We would be grateful for the assistance of Tasmanian Lions to help Daniel. If your club would like to contribute, please make your cheque out to TASMANIAN LIONS AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS and forward it to the Cabinet Treasurer.

We recommend your club delegates visit the Righteous Pups Australia stand at the Burnie convention to meet the team who train these beautiful dogs.



## Australian Lions Foundation Helping Lions, Help Their Communities

Donations to the Foundation's General or Emergency Fund are also greatly appreciated.

The next meetings of Trustees are scheduled for  
**12th-13th February 2011**

Please note that any pending Grant Applications by Clubs must be signed by the District Governor/Vice District Governor or Cabinet Secretary prior to sending direct to me or to the Grants Chairman PCC Ian Kelly, PO Box 5522, FALCON, WA 6210. Applications need to be received at least seven (7) days prior to the above dates.

Alan Pretzman  
Secretary and Trustee for Tas



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# New Lions



Name	Sponsor	Club
Stuart Mac Pherson		Bicheno
Sheree Archer	John Packham	Burnie City
Jacqui Fishwick	Rosemary Fishwick	Burnie City
Carmel Williams	Maxwell Wood	Burnie Emu Bay
Eleanor Williams	Dorothy Sweet	George Town
Christine Oldfield	Jennifer Marshall	King Island
Rod Oldfield	Jennifer Marshall	King Island
Ann Goodwin		King Island
Barbara Cook	Hugo Connor	Port Cygnet
Alan Child	Colin Noonan	Kingborough
Kathleen Flood		Kingborough
Hester Van Nieker	Norm Ayres	Kingborough
John Dargaville	Bernard Bellgrove	New Norfolk
Mark Marshall	Tamara Marshall	New Norfolk
Vickie Greig	Dale Crawford	Penguin
Frank Tull	Geoffrey Eastwood	Rosebery
Steven Vant	Charles Mawer	Rosebery
Sonia Vant	Ruth Kearney Mawer	Rosebery

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED  
SKYDIVING IS NOT FOR YOU!**

**DON'T FORGET THIS DATE**  
*One for Your Diary!*

Launceston Windmill Hill Lions Club  
will be celebrating their  
**50th Anniversary**  
next year with an Anniversary Dinner  
planned for  
**Saturday 12 February 2011**

More details will be available closer to the event.  
Invitations will be sent to all clubs.

**Linda Dilworth**  
SECRETARY

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## Diabetes and Sight

Diabetic retinopathy and macular oedema are two common eye diseases associated with diabetes. If either is left untreated, deterioration of vision and even blindness can result. Laser treatment has successfully slowed or stopped deterioration, but generally does not restore vision already lost.



Diabetic retinopathy refers to the blocking of vision resulting from fluids and tissue leaking into the retinal tissue or into the vitreous, the clear gel that fills the back cavity of the eye. It is caused by the weakening of small blood vessels brought on by high blood glucose and high blood pressure. Even if new vessels form, they are often weaker than original vessels and even more susceptible to breaks and leakage of blood. Patients usually experience severe blurring of vision. Formation of scar tissue will sometimes cause detachment of the retina resulting in blindness.

Macular oedema refers to sudden deterioration of central vision when fluids enter the macula, causing it to swell. As the macula fails to function properly, central vision, key to reading and driving, diminishes. Without successful treatment, vision loss generally occurs within three years.

## 2011 International Convention



More than 12,000 Lions attended our 2010 convention in Australia. And now, we're looking forward to our 94th annual International Convention in Seattle, Washington, USA. Lions from around the world will come together from Monday, July 4, 2011 through Friday, July 8, 2011, to enjoy this exciting four-day event filled with fellowship, learning and fun.



# Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship

A Category B Activity of Lions Australia

Managed by The Lions Club of Wellington-Latrobe Inc

www.lascf.org.au

Reg. No.A0040250AA

## Recycling with Sims Metal Management

You have all been extremely patient waiting for us to get this partnership up and running and at last we have done it. Now you will be able to recycle practically all your old metal through Sims Metal Management and the proceeds will be deposited directly into the Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship account.

When you take your ring pulls or any metal into Sims, all you need do is to quote the applicable Vendor Number and the staff will record the transaction accordingly.

- **Victoria and Tasmania** LION02
- **Queensland** LION04
- **South Australia & Northern Territory** LION04
- **Western Australia** LION03
- **New South Wales & A.C.T.** LION16

An indication of the market value (\$'s) of a number of typical household items is as follows:

- Stainless steel sink [twin bowl] approx 15k 15.00
- Lead Acid Automotive battery 5.00
- Stove [approx 60kg] 9.00
- Refrigerator [approx 70kg] 10.00
- Dryer [approx 30kg] 4.00
- Washing machine [approx 50kg] 7.00
- Aluminum cans / ring pulls [can tabs]1kg 1.30



Please note that these are examples only, based on current market prices in August and delivered to Sims metropolitan depots.

In addition to these items, the following items are also recyclable –

- Brass taps, copper tubing, insulated copper wire, aluminum pots and pans, steel roofing iron, hot water systems, bath tubs, old cars, bikes, farm machinery, and so the list goes on ...but at least it gives you some idea of what can be recycled; instead of being dumped into the tips.

There are also many metal recyclers who are allied to Sims, but we don't yet have a list of them and will forward it on as soon as it becomes available. Their prices will be slightly lower as Sims can only encourage them to pay us the same rates, but the decision will ultimately be theirs.

If required by a club, Sims will also deliver a bin to you, for a small charge. This would be ideal if a club wished to conduct a scrap metal drive, a drink can collection or it could be utilized at a property clearing sale for example...all this project needs is your imagination.

David Oakley, 03.9544 1161, [oakheat@bigpond.com](mailto:oakheat@bigpond.com)



## LION TALES

Ten things overheard as the tail twister collects fines.

10. You're doing a "fine" job.
9. I could say I didn't do it but I'd be Lion.
8. Here's \$2. Now leave me alone for the rest of the year.
7. How come you lowered the fines? It gives me paws for concern.
6. Do you want fellow Lions to accept you as you are or would you rather they like you?
5. Here you are mister Honourable Lion Tail Twister sir.
4. You're the greatest Lion on the planet. Too bad you couldn't be human.
3. Did your parents ever ask you to run away from home?
2. Is that the real reason you raised the fines, or are you planning a trip?
1. Here's a 50c. Call all your friends and bring me back the change.



All the highlights (lowlights!??) from a very successful and well attended convention with lots of food!! and much, much more next issue, together with all the photographic evidence!!

Well done everyone involved in Burnie (and beyond) -

**GREAT SPEAKERS  
GREAT FOOD  
GREAT FUN  
GREAT FELLOWSHIP**



Just a 'picture' of things to come!



**We Serve**



**HOLDEN**



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# Thought for the Month... "The best things in life are not things!" Anon.

## STAMPS! STAMPS!



Firstly, let me thank you to all those Lions and Clubs who forwarded stamps to me via the last Cabinet Meeting.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Also to others who have supported the project throughout the year - **THANK YOU!** We look forward to your continued support and I look forward to all assisting with the collection over the forth coming Christmas Season.

All can be sent direct to me (see address below), or via the club or your Cabinet member. In conclusion thanks for your efforts, and I would like to wish you all a wonderful Festive Season and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope it is a good one for you all. I will look forward to working with you again on this project.

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

They can be sent to me direct at 11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250, or care of the Launceston Riverside Lions Club.

Cheers and please keep the good work going over the break!

Peter Burke - Riverside LC



## Lions Clubs International Foundation

In my home country of Germany, it is autumn. The leaves on the trees are vibrant in colour. For some of you, it may be the beginning of summer. No matter what corner of the globe, you are experiencing the sensation of the seasonal changes in nature. Seeing these changes brings to mind the way that we Lions change lives through our Foundation.

Below you will read about a young girl - Amber - who has gained mobility. Mobility that would have been lost, had it not been for the belief of us Lions in her abilities. Lions in Australia and LCIF gave her the tools she needed, and even brought a smile to her face. For Amber, the change meant she no longer lived in a wheelchair but instead can use a walker. She calls it her "magic stick."

There are so many more people in need, like Amber. They need us, Lions. They are counting on us. We can provide them with opportunities to learn life skills. Opportunities to again experience the joy of independence. Opportunities to see for the first time.

And our Foundation also needs us. I'm asking you to give this opportunity to so many others like Amber. You can make these opportunities a reality. During this season of change, you can create a positive change in the life of someone in need.

If every Lion in the world became a Contributing Member, just think of the impact we could have globally. Can I count on you to become a Contributing Member?

**Eberhard J. Wirfs**  
Chairperson, LCIF



### A Playground for Amber

Just one year ago, seven-year-old Amber Farlow was unable to walk and confined to a wheelchair. Today, Amber is experiencing the joy of walking. Her mobility would not have been possible without Lions. A new playground was constructed at Amber's school, supported by LCIF and Lions from Multiple District 201, Australia. Now, Amber is enjoying the playground, just like all her classmates.



### Become a Contributing Member - Support Someone in Need

What do nearly 100,000 Lions have in common each year? They become Contributing Members by donating at least US\$20 to LCIF. The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support: US\$20, US\$50 and US\$100. Donations support our humanitarian efforts, with 100 percent of every contribution going to LCIF programs. Become a *Contributing Member* today and help someone in need.

### Partnership with Special Olympics Grows

During the 2010 Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia Regional Games, Lions screened the 200,000<sup>th</sup> athlete through the *Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program*. To continue and expand this program, LCIF recently awarded a grant of US\$1.12 million. To date, LCIF has contributed more than US\$12.2 million to support the partnership, which is celebrating 10 years of service to disabled athletes. More than 12,000 Lions have volunteered in the program.

**OK...**

*Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the lounge room and I said to them, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle.*

*If that ever happens to me, just pull the plug.'*

*They got up, unplugged the computer, and threw out my wine. The little b.....s!*



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