



# LIONS TASMANIA

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## A New Year - New Challenges

Happy New Year to you, your family and friends

Therese and I have enjoyed the time at home over Christmas catching up on our chores around our home. We were also blessed having family and friends to share the festive season and... no suitcases to pack for a week or two.

We will be heading to Sydney mid January to attend the Council of Governors meeting. This is also the weekend when our District Governor elect and his Cabinet Secretary attend training sessions and it will be good to meet up with District Governor elect Michael and Cabinet Secretary designate, PDG Robin Pulford at the social events held in conjunction with the Council meeting and Training programme.

March is Lions Membership Month and we need to work together to give us the boost to find new members, possibly a neighbour or friend you may know. We are well below the goal I promised Lions Clubs International that we, as a District, can achieve, a net growth of fifty members; we are not even half-way. Remember, PLUS ONE.

Twelve months ago we were in the grip of a massive hot spell which produced those terrible bushfires particularly around Dunalley but in other parts of the State and we hope and pray that

this year will not be a duplication of last year. We also need to remember the tremendous efforts our members, particularly those nearest to the stricken areas and those who supported them and who worked as one to feed and assist firstly in the immediate response and then in the ongoing projects such as the amenities unit at Dunalley and the Tool Library. And that effort continues, particularly through the Sorell Club but also the Lions Bushfire Response Group who continue to provide assistance and to represent Lions on the various committees that have responded in a positive way firstly to the 2013 fires but also to future involvement in disaster response.

Our District, over the past six months has, on top of what we contributed to our District disasters, also managed to donate to some \$34746 to date to the National Disaster Fund (NSW fires), and has donated to the Philippines Typhoon disaster and we have assisted in contributions to the Motor Nuerone Disease fund that I have spoken about on Club visits. THANK YOU to all Clubs that have contributed.

Please remember to let me know if you have anyone in your Club or a spouse who is sick or in hospital. I would like to send them a card to cheer them up or, if at all possible, go and visit them.

DG George

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to Jessie Upton-Greer for winning the 201T1 District Peace Poster Competition for 2013-14.**

Jessie's painting was sent to the MD201 finals, but unfortunately the painting was not chosen to represent our Multiple District. The winning entry was from the Casterton Lions Club in District V2.

Many thanks to those clubs that supported the Peace Poster Project.

Entry forms and kits for the project in 2014 will be available on-line from late January.

## Top Guest Speaker

The Lions Club of Sorell has, for a number of years, held an annual dinner that has attracted Lions from all clubs in the south of the State and some from further afield.

This year's dinner, to be held in the Sorell Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 5 February, will have, as its guest speaker, Australian Historian Lynette Ramsay Silver OAM, the author of "Blood Brothers" and "Sandakan - A Conspiracy of Silence"



State winners of the Youth of the Year 2013 were rewarded with a visit to a Youth Camp in Opotiki, New Zealand

## Going to Tamworth?

The National Convention will be in Tamworth, New South Wales in May and the Tamworth District Lions are going to showcase their town with a FREE show at the Tamworth Equine Centre.

The show would include a number of events involving horsemanship and will undoubtedly be very entertaining. It will be held on the Sunday of the Convention – 4 May – and would take the place of the usual District Function.

The venue, the Tamworth Equine Centre – is big enough to accommodate all Lions and partners attending Convention and has cafes and bars able to provide food and beverages.

District Governor George says the idea would be a first as he does not believe the such a combined function has been held before and with the venue next door to the Convention Centre is within easy reach of anyone attending.

District Governor George asks that those who might attend email him so that possible numbers can be assessed and the appropriate arrangements made.

The Ulverstone Lions have 500 yellow Lions that are surplus to their requirements and offer them for sale.

The have been known to float down the Leven River as "Float a Lion".

Best offer for the lot ... means you name a reasonable price!!!

FOB Ulverstone ... means you need to organise to pick them up!!!

Interested???

Phone Brian McKenna on 0428 293 2599 or email [brianjul1@bigpond.com](mailto:brianjul1@bigpond.com)

## Ella gets a Nimbo Walker

The Hadspen South Esk Lions Club has responded in a positive way to Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation Trustee, Kae Campbell when she sought their assistance in providing a Nimbo Walker for Ella De Zoete.

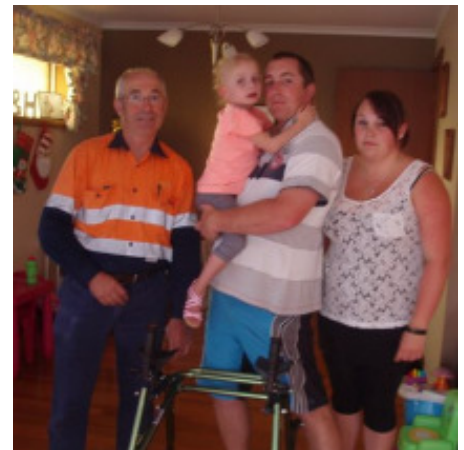
Ella who is four years old is from Hadspen and has been using a Nimbo Walker at St Giles with some success and needed one at home to further her progress.

The Hadspen South Esk Club raised funds through its car boot sales, gate duties at Carrick Speedway and V8 Supercars and the sale of Lions Cakes and Mints to provide the \$838 cost of the Walker

Club President Robert Scott and Lion Jenny Tripptree visited Ella's home recently and met with parents Hayley and Ryan who said they could not thank the Lions Club enough for purchasing the walker for Ella. Ella was using the walker very well when they left and will benefit more this year with the walker when she starts school at Newstead Heights.



*Ella tries out her new Nimbo Walker*



*Club President Robert with Ella and her parents, Hayley and Ryan De Zoete following deliver of the walker*

## Election time is looming!!!!

### and we don't mean the State Elections ...

Cabinet Secretary David reminds us that the time is fast approaching for Clubs to consider who their officers will be in the 2014/15 Lions Year

Nominations for Club Officer positions need to be held in March with the Club Election of Officers to be held no later than 15 April 2014.

CabSec David will be forwarding the PU101 Club Office Reporting Form to Clubs by both email and snail-mail in late February and says that the reporting of newly elected club officers is extremely important as it ensures that the new officers receive information and material that they will need for the coming year.

## March is Lions Membership Month

Continuous membership Growth is critical to the survival of Lions in Australia and the aim is to recruit an additional 649 new members across the nation due to our efforts of March Membership Month 2014.

It is proposed that March 2014 will be March Membership month with every club in every district asked and encouraged to conduct a minimum of one pro-active recruitment campaign which will be supported by PR activity at all levels – National, District, Zone and Club, that will focus on and raise awareness of “Who are Lions and What we do” right across our Nation.

One of the key components is to get maximum PR exposure over the period to create awareness of “Who” the Lions are and “What” we do. We expect there will be an increase in the number of enquiries. “Enquiries” treated correctly become “Prospects,” and a large percentage should be converted to new members which is our ultimate aim.

The “two hands” TV Ads will continue to run in support of Club and District initiatives. Lions at all levels (DGs, Zonies, Club Presidents and others) are encouraged to contact their local radio outlets for “live” of pre-recorded” interviews to promote their Club’s initiative and Recruiting activities.

Clubs are requested to complete a minimum of one pro-active recruiting activity that will introduce new members to their clubs. This can range from shopping centre displays, free raffles, a ladies “High Tea” afternoon, recruiting in conjunction with existing activities eg Sausage Sizzles, “Bring a Friend” Club night or anything else you can think of.



## Welcome to the Lions Family

### CLARENCE

CHRIS TILYARD

*Sponsored by Christine Miley*

### FLINDERS ISLAND

HELEN CASSIDY

*Sponsored by Margaret Wheatley*

### PERTH

JOHN JACKSON

*Sponsored by Brian Shephard*

### PORT CYGNET

AMBER LEIGHTON

*Sponsored by Hugo Connor*

### ROCKY CAPE

MATHEW MORGAN

*Sponsored by Kevin Radford*

MINERGA MORGAN

*Sponsored by Kevin Radford*

Membership  
of District 201T1

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## Riverside Club says “Thanks for the Stamps”

The Riverside Lions Clubs aims to raise \$1000 from the sale of used stamps and to contribute this to the Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation.

The Riverside Club has acted as the collecting agent for all contributing clubs in Tasmania and says this project which takes up very little time and effort can be expanded if we all ask our family and friends and collect. on our behalf.

Other innovative ways of collecting can also be explored, perhaps by approaching schools in your area and involving the schoolchildren in

the project.

Lion Ian Main from the Riverside Lions Clubs says that all stamps collected are checked for quality and therefore command the highest prices at auction.

Ian says “If you wish to help in the quality control, please follow these basic rules:

... if cutting off the excess paper, leave 3-4mm around the stamp – it is not necessary to soak the paper off;

... discard any stamp that is torn, has any of the perforations missing or is creased;

... discard any stamp that is heavily postmarked, particularly through the subject of the stamp eg a person’s face – however, send higher face value stamps anyway because these may be sold separately as there are fewer of them in circulation;

... if in doubt, just include them and we will make a decision.

And don’t worry if you haven’t the time to cut off the excess paper, we will do that – it keeps us off the streets”.



## Measles Initiative major effort in 2014

The major effort of the Lions Clubs International Foundation this year is to continue the Lions Measles Initiative.

The challenge for Lions worldwide is to raise \$30 million by our centenary year 2017. Lions \$30 million will be matched dollar for dollar by the UK Department of International Development or the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, giving a total of \$60 million in the fight against measles and rubella.

Bill Gates Snr, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation said "We are grateful for the continued and generous commitment of Lions to improve the health of the world's poorest children. This partnership will help to urgently reach all children, no matter where they live, with the vaccines they need."

"Giving the measles vaccine to children is one of the simplest things to do to protect them from the disease and its dreadful consequences," said the Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, the UK's Secretary of State for International Development, "The funds raised by Lions members and matched by the UK or the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation will mean that millions of children will have healthier and happier lives, able to better contribute to their communities."

Measles is a highly infectious and deadly disease, killing an estimated 430 people daily, according to the WHO by weakening the immune system, making young children vulnerable to pneumonia, blindness, diarrhoea, hearing loss and brain damage. We've had recent scares here in Australia where measles has been brought back from overseas by travelers.

But, measles can be prevented with a safe and inexpensive vaccine. The measles-rubella vaccine costs less than \$1 per dose.

LCIF District Coordinator, PDG John Gillham says donations, all of which are eligible to go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, should be made to the **LCI/LCIF Lions Measles Initiative** and forwarded to the District's Cabinet Treasurer.



## Australian Lions Foundation

David Triffett  
Trustee for Tasmania

Does your Club require financial assistance to undertake a community project?

Your Foundation, the Australian Lions Foundation, offers small grants for projects that meet the criteria and your Tasmanian Trustee, Lion David Triffett can provide details of this.

Once an application is approved, funds are paid directly into your Club's account and your project can proceed.

Also, don't forget the Special Purpose Grant programme available to Clubs. Again, David Triffett can provide details.

Trustee David has also reminded us about awards available from the Australian Lions Foundation to recognise or acknowledge a Lion or a member of your community.

These awards are –  
William Tresise Fellow Award  
James D Richardson Honour Award  
ALF Community Service Award

Details of these awards, their costs and criteria are available from Trustee David.



## Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Peter Burke  
Secretary

The Tasmanian Lions Foundation will hold its next meeting on Sunday, 2 March and is inviting clubs to submit applications for grants.

TLF Secretary, PDG Peter Burke says the Foundation is there to assist you and encourages Clubs to submit a request for assistance to undertake a project that might be outside the financial scope of your club.

Grant applications should be forwarded to Secretary Peter by 26 February 2014.

## Crime Stoppers

