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FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

DESK



Fellow Lions and friends

This is my final newsletter report for 2022-2023.

It has been an honour to serve as District Governor 2101T1.

When you come to the end of a great experience there is also some regret that it is finalising, but on the other hand there's a sense of satisfaction knowing that the District is beginning to forge ahead, new members, a new online club, revitalisation of struggling clubs, service, and just persistent work by a number of dedicated Lions to see fruition of their valuable time and efforts, thank you.

The District GAT Team, the Executive team, the Regional and Zone Chairs have worked diligently to maintain a high standard of District support, thank you.

There are so many dedicated Lions I would like to personally thank and I intend to catch up with them individually to pass on my gratitude over time.

A special thank you to my wife Mary for her support, advice and patience. Mary has been my "rock" during our journey. My Advisor team thank you for your support and expertise it has been much appreciated.

Where would we be without the District Secretary Phil Robinson, Phil's outstanding service, support, advice to all of us, it has been most appreciated. Thank you Phil.

Fellow Lions it is your dedication to community service that makes this District strong and progressive, I am proud to be part of this momentum. **I appreciate the efforts of each Lion and Leo.**

"...there's a sense of satisfaction knowing that the District is beginning to forge ahead..."

Continue to believe in what you do. You do make a significant impact. Just keep moving forward and if you think you are not

making a difference, know that you are.

Because of your resilience, we are succeeding in ways we could not have imagined with the advent of electronic social media platforms.

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Our District Count

31 May 2023

Clubs: 48

Membership: 943

Membership @ 31/05/22 : 937

YTD ADD 113

YTD DROP 100

YTD NET GROWTH 13

YTD NET GROWTH % 1.40

**Status "Transitional"
(24 mths)**

Sadly I do my best proofreading after I hit send.

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We are beginning to open that "box" and discover new approaches to service, clubs and communication. We need to embrace this technology it is the future.

The percentage of clubs reporting on MyLion has increased significantly. I thank you for sharing your stories on social media, it does make a difference.

Together we are making great strides, and we are proud of who we are as Lions and Leos of District 201T1. So tomorrow, and the next day, and in the future, recall your achievements and ask for support when needed through your Region/Zone Chairs and the GAT/GMA team. Let them make you hungrier to succeed.

A special thanks and recognition of the District Newsletter Editor John Salmon. John, your editorial expertise and producing a comprehensive Newsletter monthly has been much appreciated.

Finally thank you all for your support, excellent work and your commitment to District service.

District Governor Elect Rob, Lions Lady Jill and your team, our very best wishes for the year ahead and I am sure the District will progress further under your dedicated leadership.

Mary and I wish you all a very happy and rewarding 2023-2024 Lions year.

Yours in Lionism

Paul Cairnduff / District Governor 201T1

See the need... Take the lead'

For your collaboration

Thank You!
From your Newsletter Editor

From the Incoming 1st VDG Victoria Cochrane

My name is Victoria Cochrane and I am a proud member of the Rocky Cape Lions Club.

Joining in 2014, it never crossed my mind that, one day, I would be addressing the 201 T1 membership as 1st VDGE! I just wanted to help sell raffle tickets. That's where leadership starts though, isn't it, at the grassroots level, with people who just want to make a difference and who take the lead when the need arises.

As the new year approaches, the Tasmanian Lions district seems to have had a big, enthusiastic shift and our membership numbers are on the rise. The clubs I have been lucky enough to visit, while all different in their own way, have all epitomised Lionism in their active, community-based service activities.

The fellowship and comradery in these clubs was evident. However, most of them shared similar problems –

1. attracting new, younger members,
2. understanding and/or embracing the changes coming down from Lions International through our cabinet and,
3. avoiding the same members rotating around leadership positions.

Leadership does not come naturally to all people, but one of the wonderful things about Lions is how it develops leadership, even in the most fearful public speaker! Looking at the stats for the year, something that T1 clubs have not done well at is sending their club officers to training.

If attending training is not an option, then please look at the Lions Learning Centre and make sure your officers are

upskilled and ready to go.

My biggest concern as I continue this journey is lack of communication, both in clubs and between clubs and cabinet. The next year, with incoming DG Rob Batchelor's new Global Membership Approach structure, will see the Zone Chair/ Club Support Officer roles being more important than ever.

It's one thing to have a Big Audacious Mission and district goals towards building membership and strengthening service in the district.

It's completely another thing integrating strategies and goals into clubs that have different demographics, cultures and needs. Change for the sake of change achieves nothing but angst!

The GMA is not a one size fits all – there will be goals and strategies that are relevant to your club and others that aren't. I am really hoping that our district can be open-minded, patient, supportive and respectful as we all navigate our way through new, if not totally unfamiliar, waters.

As I enter into the year where my life gets taken over by travel, Zoom meetings and trying to put a cabinet together, I still want to be actively involved in district training and being an active member of the DG and GAT teams. There is no 'I' in team and there is no 'them' and 'us' in Lions. We will achieve nothing by working in silos or putting our heads in the sand.

We have a perfect opportunity now to create a new chapter in Lionism in our state, and I am excited to be a part of it, but we all have to work together.

**Victoria Cochrane
1st VDGE**

Club News & Activities

Vehicle to assist local family

This year Penguin Lions have embarked on a project to help a local family purchase a wheelchair-able vehicle to enable them to easily transport their 3-yr-old son who has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy.

We have held garage sales, Bunnings BBQ, Raffle and our latest fundraiser in May, was an evening with a local entertainer, Gina Timms, with a raffle, silent auction and a live auction of donated goods and services.

This event (including donations) raised \$18,000.

Our thanks goes to the many people and businesses who donated items for the auctions and raffle and to all those who attended to make this such a successful event.



Photos:

(Above) Entertainer Gina Timms with Isaac and Maddi thanking all those who attended the function and donated to help this cause.

Table of donations for the auctions.

***Noeleen Stringer
Secretary / LC of Penguin***

DON RIVER RAILWAY

On the 3rd of April 2023, a devastating fire caused extensive damage to buildings and irreplaceable railway artifacts being restored at the Don River Railway.

Resulting from this fire, the Members of the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport wanted to assist with the recovery program.

On Sunday the 16th of April 2023, the Tax Centre Great Train Race, hosted by Every Day Lions, was held at the Don River Railway. The Lions Club of Mersey Devonport food van was also in attendance. Lions Club Members promoted the event by



Cheque presentation. From left, Lion Dennis Applebee, Don River Railway President Lyn Laycock, Lion Pam Dodd, Don River Railway Manager Aemann Seddon, Lion John Ackroyd, President Lion Noeleen Maxwell, Lion Peter Noble, Lion Noel Bilson.

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Club News & Activities

Bicheno Lions Bonfire

Lions Club of Bicheno recently held their annual Bonfire /Cracker night. This free event was a huge success with approx. 600 people in attendance.



Free food and drinks was available for those who attended.



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advertising that all proceeds from the food van on the day would be donated to the Don River Railway to assist with the rebuilding.

Resulting from that event, the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport presented the sum of \$1,000 to the Don River Railway to assist with the rebuilding.



Lions Club of Mersey Devonport Food Van on site.

The phone my sister has (she's six)



The phone I had when I was six



While visiting a friend who was in the hospital, I noticed several nurses were wearing a pin designed to look like an apple.

I asked one nurse what the pin signified.

"Nothing," she said with a smile. "It's just to keep the doctors away."

LIONS STAMP CLUB HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Another stamp club year came to an end in April and they have again been able to make a substantial donation to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation (ALCMF).

In accepting the cheque for \$60,000, ALCMF Chairperson Richard Williams thanked the stamp club members and commented on the huge number of children who have benefited from more than \$300,000 raised and donated over the last 20 years.

Stamp Club Secretary, Lion Ross Paine advises that this years donation was affected by the covid crisis as one of the 3 annual auctions had to be cancelled and the volume of stamps donated declined significantly. Still, we were able to sell just under 500 kilos of stamps to get to this figure.

The stamp club is always looking for philatelic items to sell - not just the stamps coming in to homes and businesses on incoming mail, but they also have a big market for unwanted collections, first day covers - in fact anything to do with philately.

There is still a market for these items and everything that comes in is added to their auctions and listed for sale and every cent received is passed on to ALCMF.

Please keep them coming!

If you would like to assist with this project or obtain further information, Ross can be contacted on rosspaine@bigpond.com or 0419 449 881 or just send your stamps to PDG Peter Burke, 11 Camina Court Riverside Tas 7250.

Stay safe

Lions Ross Paine OAM

Secretary

Lions International Stamp Club

Lions youth of the year 2022-23

The Lions Youth of the Year Program for 2022-23 concluded on Monday, 1st May at the Lions Australia National Convention at the Gold Coast, Queensland. This year, ten Lions Club from our District participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Program and sponsored competing students. I would hope that more Clubs will participate next year in this very worthwhile project.

This year's National Finalist for Tasmania was Kulani Somarathna, a year 11 student at Scotch Oakburn College. Kulani was sponsored by the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk.



Kulani won the Hadspen South Esk Youth of the Year Club Final on 15th March, then the North Region Regional Final, at Westbury, on 22nd March, before taking out the District and State Final at Port Sorell on 2nd April.



Attendance at the National Convention and Youth of the Year National Final is sponsored by Lions Australia for each State Final Winner plus one parent/guardian. In this case, Kulani's whole family decided to accompany her to the Gold Coast.

Lions who are familiar with the Lions Youth of the Year Program know that the Public Speaking section of a YOTY Final at all levels comprises responding to two 2-minute impromptu questions and then delivering a 5 - minute

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prepared speech to an audience.

This year's National Final audience numbered approximately nine-hundred (900) people.

At this year's National Final, Kulani and the other five other National Finalists were asked to respond to "Artificial Intelligence – Friend of Foe?" and "If you were a global influencer for a day, what would you do?"

Kulani's 5-minute prepared speech topic was "Dolls".

Congratulations, Kulani.



Australian Lions Hearing Dog's 2024 Calendar is finally out!



Take a look at the cutest, bravest and most handsome Australian Lions Hearing Dogs and Medical Alert Dogs for the year 2024. The front cover page features Pansy, a sweet labradoodle from our very own Breeding Centre! Pansy is now in official training to become a Hearing Assistance Dog that changes someone's life for the better.

In recent years, the increase in demand for Hearing Assistance Dogs and the sharp increase in the price of puppies through the global pandemic has forced Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) to turn to other options to ensure a consistent supply for the training programs.



2021 marked the start of the organisation's Breeding Program when ALHD whelped its first litter of Labradoodles from a Brood named Winnie. Since then, the program has expanded to include not only Labradoodles but also Border Terriers in an attempt to keep the tradition of having dogs of different sizes for clients with varied preferences.

This Autumn, you can support our programs with the purchase of our 2024 calendar.

All proceeds of our merchandise sales directly support our Assistance Dog programs. Merchandise can be purchased either online or, for those locals, in person at our National Training Centre in Verdun.

Check out the rest of our merchandise range on our website:

<https://lionshearingdog.com.au/shop/>





The TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION Incorporated.

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May, 2023

To - The Lions Club President

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION INC

The Tasmanian Lions Foundation was set-up in the late 1970's as a result of the Hobart fires, where Tasmanian Lions wanted to help, but didn't have the necessary finances. It was from this scenario, that Clubs (and the newly formed District) banded together to donate to a disaster relief fund. To ensure continued funding, Tasmanian Lions Fellowships were able to be purchased (\$500) to ensure the fund continued to increase to a level where it could be of substantial assistance should it be needed.

The Foundation members are the District Governor or his nominee and the First Vice-District Governor together with elected members, made up of 3 Lions from each area (62, 63 and 64 Area Codes), with each member serving for a 3-year term. One Lion from each of these areas is up for election each year, and to nominate, Lions must be in good standing of any Tasmanian Lions Club (within that area), and only one Director from each Club is allowed.

The current TLF members are:-

District Governor – Paul Cairnduff		
First Vice-District Governor – Robert Batchelor		
62 Area	63 Area	64 Area
Sue Johns	Derry Hill	Dee Dawkins
Brian Forster	Reuben Newman	Robert Scott
Peter Goldstone-James	Phil Robinson	Phil Viney

The election process is about to commence (in line with the District Rules), such that the 3 members (**shaded**) are due to retire (but are eligible to re-nominate). **This note is to formally advise you that nominations are being sought to fill these positions.**

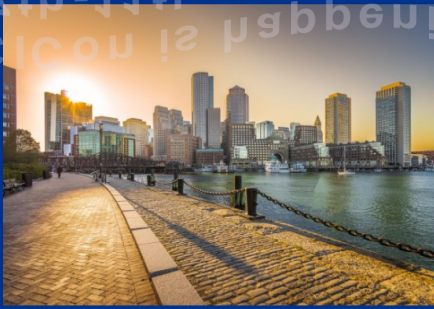
In compliance with the Rules of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc., **"...nominations shall be made in writing by a Tasmanian Lions Club in good standing in the Area concerned and shall be delivered to the Cabinet Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of the District Convention together with the written consent of the member nominated"**.

While there are other clauses concerning the election process, **the most important issue is that nominations should be made by the Club in compliance with the above**. If you have a member in your Club that is interested in nominating, please follow the above procedure **NOW**.

Sue Johns
Secretary - Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc.



LCICon is happening
7th-11th July 2023



Explore historic Boston & more

Boston isn't just the place to celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos at the 105th Lions Clubs International Convention. It's the place for the trip of a lifetime, so don't miss out!

We are

Ordinary People
doing
Amazing Things

Come join us.



When you can't remember
what something is called.



LCIF.ORG



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

As we approach the end of another Lion year next month, I am thrilled to announce that LCIF is well on its way to achieving this year's fundraising goal. This accomplishment is made possible by the generosity of Lions and Leos like you, who continue to recognize the need to support the foundation that helps lead our global service. While we are getting very close to our goal, we need your help to cross the finish line. Every donation brings us one step closer while enhancing Lions' service impact in communities worldwide. As Lions, we always achieve our goals, and I am confident we will succeed. I'm so confident, in fact, that I recently announced a stretch goal, and challenged Lions and Leos around the world to help LCIF not only meet this year's US\$50 million goal but exceed it by 10 percent and raise US\$55 million. I have no doubt that we can achieve this together. Thank you to everyone who has made a personal contribution to LCIF this year. Funds raised are already making a difference to those in need.



We Serve



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Making a difference in your community takes time, creativity and a whole lot of hard work. But most importantly, it takes leadership. And for more than a century, Lions have been the leaders that communities all over the world have counted on to get the job done.

Our clubs are so much more than a home for community volunteers. They are a training ground for community leaders. So take advantage of the training available to you as a Lion. Find opportunities to put your leadership in action. And be sure to invite the people around you to serve so they can help lead the change in your community.

We are leading the way forward, every day we serve, every time we give.

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President



WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY

FOR MAY 2023

Kingborough

GENEVIEVE TANNER – Sponsor Robert Hazell

Westbury

KANE DEVINE – Sponsor Daniel Dienes

Total 2 New Members

Welcome

FRIDAY FORUM

Every Friday morning we'll post a question. During the week that follows, share your thoughts and ideas with other members and clubs in our district by commenting below



Have you seen our weekly Friday Forum on the Lions Tasmania FB Page?

Every Friday, one of our admins posts up a discussion question to help members to learn more about latest events and to share their knowledge.

To get involved go to
www.facebook.com/Lions201T1

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VALÉ

It is with sadness that we
note the passing of the
following Lions...

PDG Bill Dyson

Lions Club of Ulverstone

Passed away on Monday May 15th.

Lion Kerry Williams

Lions Club of Kingborough noted the passing of Kerry Williams.

Kerry was a member of Kingborough many years ago, after transferring from Queenstown to Kingborough.

He later transferred to City of Hobart Club due to work commitments.

He finally moved to Griffith in NSW and transferred to the Griffiths Club, becoming very involved with the V4 Cabinet, firstly as Cabinet Secretary and later in 2004-05 was District Governor.

Lion Hedley Whiteley

Lions Club of Smithton-Circular Head

Passed away on Wednesday May 24th.

Lion Gael Gault

Lions Club of Mersey Devonport

Sad passed in the early hours of Friday May 26th.



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 20111

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 then submitted for publication by e-mail.

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

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

Deadline for next issue is: JULY 10th



A Warm Welcome

PID Tony Benbow OAM
Host Committee Chairperson

The countdown is officially on for LCICON24 and it's time for the convention committee and our ambassadors to start spreading the word. It is such a privilege to be the host of a Lions International Convention which attract more than 14,000 delegates from all around the Lion world each year.

For any Lions or Leos in Australia who have never attended a National or International Convention, LCICON24 in Melbourne is the perfect time to do so.

This is a unique opportunity for our members to connect with Lions leaders, members and Leos from across the globe. Attendees are sure to be inspired, entertained and meet new friends.

The last time an International Convention was held in Australia was in Sydney in the year of 2010. Those of you who attended you will know first-hand the unique experience and privilege it is to host an event of this kind. We are sure our convention in Melbourne will be bigger and better than ever and an important part of this success is the support of you, our wonderful ambassadors. *In coming weeks and months we would love it if you could start spreading the word within your districts and networks particularly with new members who may not have been to a Lions convention before.*

There are some real opportunities to get

involved. This is an incredibly exciting time for Lions in Australia and all Australians as we prepare to welcome guests from across the globe and come together to celebrate the magic of community service.

Myself and the host committee will continue to share updates with you along the way and cannot wait to work with you all on what we know will be an incredible event.

Thank you for your support.

Convention Details

Save The Date

Friday 21st June 2024 – Sunday 23rd June 2024

Host City: Melbourne

Creativity and innovation come together to deliver real change and great events, exciting places to explore and cutting-edge advancements that are globally acclaimed. Explore Melbourne on foot or via its extensive transport network and discover its creative culture, expressed in its food, fashion, events, arts and music scene. For those wanting to explore further afield, the unique natural beauty of regional Victoria is just a short trip away.

Venue

Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre



Our Global Causes



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



CHILDHOOD CANCER

My cat wakes me up every morning.
This morning I woke her up:



Eight-year-old Susie came home from school and informed her mother that today in class they had learned how to make babies. The mother, rather shaken by the development, called the teacher to complain.

After listening to the mother complain for a few minutes, the teacher responded, "Did you ask her to explain how it is done?"

"No," said the mother.

"Then ask her and call me back," replied the teacher.

"So how DO you make babies?" the mother asked her daughter.

Susie responded, "You drop the 'y' and add 'ies.'"

members 30K by 2030 50K by 2050

We, the Lions undersigned, commit to growing Lions to achieve the goal of the Big Audacious Mission:

30,000 Lions in Australia by 2030...
50,000 Lions in Australia by 2050...
...and a new start for Lions in PNG.

Our Pledge

The Last Word...

"I don't understand why people have to "get ready for bed." I'm always ready for bed!"