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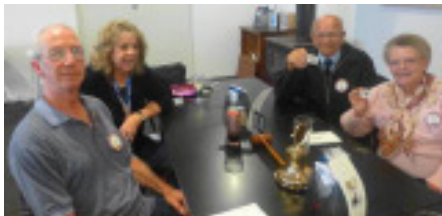
Lions Clubs International District 201T1

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Clubs continue to impress District Governor

At the time of writing this report Lions Lady Therese and I will have visited 46 Clubs in our District. Clarence will be our last Club to visit before Christmas, followed in the New Year by Sorell and Spring Bay in January, and then we travel overseas to our last visit, Flinders Island in February.



Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches Lions when I visited them

I am extremely proud to see firsthand how each club is working within their community. Also, the warmth we have received from all of you is something we will cherish forever.



With Club President Shirley Flack at the Glamorgan Lions Club

Therese and I would like to try and come back again on a social basis over the next six months, but only if we get an invite. I am happy to give you a day if you wish to put me to work at one of your projects.

We recently attended the City of Launceston 56th Charter Anniversary and Christmas

Dinner Meeting. We had a great night at Fitzpatrick's Inn in Westbury with a jolly Santa who couldn't keep his pants up, Mrs Clause kept pulling them back up. Just some facts They were the first Lions Club in Tasmania to be chartered back in 1957.



With Club President SPeter Troode at the St Marys Lions Club

PLUS ONE Going around each Club I mentioned that we are currently in transition and need each Club to look at increasing just one new member more than where you began your year. We currently stand at PLUS 13 for our District which relates to **0.26 new members per Club. (Our target is PLUS 50)**

We dropped 53 serving members since the 1st July, including seven of our great members passing into our Lions heaven.



With Club President Keith Allcock at the Bopthwell Lions Club



With Club President Keshni Thaver at the Sandy Bay Lions Club

Over the past month we have also visited members in hospital, each having a battle with various illnesses or injury, we pray for your healing, body and soul.



With Club IPDG David Daniels and 2VDG Annette Ogilvie at the Hobart Town Lions Club

Please look after those members who at this time need our help and a friendly smile.

May this Christmas bring your own families together to share in the love and well wishes for each other.

**Therese and I
wish each and every Lion
and your families
a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a safe and healthy
NEW YEAR.**



VALE

Lion Brian Howden
Lions Club of
Devonport Mersey

District Governor George wrote:

It is with deep regret that I advise the passing of Lion Brian Howden yesterday the 10th December after a long illness.

Brian was asked to join my Cabinet as a Zone Chairman and on the GMT (membership) Committee. Unfortunately before he could take on that position he had a major stroke and has been hospitalised ever since.

I have been visiting him weekly and was hoping that he would have at least recovered enough to go home but, his spirit was low of late and his body gave up.

We pass on our sympathy to Lions Lady Veronica and her family at this time from all Lions in Tasmania.

He is to be privately cremated as per his wishes.

Crime Stoppers



Obituary - past Lion Reginald Bingham

City of Burnie Club President John Medwin writes:

The article in the November issue of the District newsletter about PDG Roger Groom's 50 years as a Lion prompted me to suggest that their might be some recognition of the contribution made to Lions in Tasmania by past Lion Reginald Bingham.

Reg Bingham was a long-serving member of the Burnie, later City of Burnie Lions Club and was, for many years, an experienced member of the Club's board of management. His organisational skills were legendary and valued by his fellow members.

Reg Bingham was inducted into the Burnie Lions Club on the same night as PDG Roger in 1963. He undertook many positions within the Club including that of President in 1968. He was Secretary in 1965 and 1981 and Treasurer from 1971 to 1974. He was a Board member in various positions between 1964 and 1989.

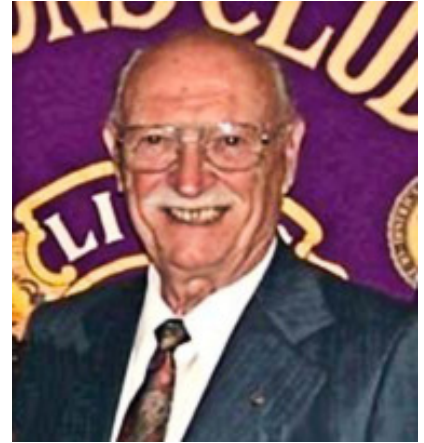
In 1983, together with PDG Roger, Reg established a perpetual shield, "The Grooving Award", to be awarded to the most outstanding Lion for the year. This became a prestigious award within the Club and is much valued by any recipient.

Reg was Zone Chairman in 1969 and Deputy District Governor in 1971 in District 201M (Tasmania was part of that district at the time).

When Tasmania became a District in its own right in 1980 Reg put his hand up to take on the role of Cabinet Secretary for Roger Groom, our first District Governor.

Reg was Deputy District Governor of District 201T1 in 1985 and Administration Chairman on three occasions between 1986 and 1991.

Here was a Lion who, although sceptical of the value of mixed membership within the Club structure, accepted the inevitable and, in fact, warmed to it as he saw that the new ideas being advanced by the ladies joining broadened our horizons.



Reg had been an employee in the finance department of the APPM paper mills in Burnie and was seconded to Burnie Board and Timber Pty Ltd in the 1960s. He was to leave there and become the bursar of the new Hellyer College employed by the Education Department.

His interests included the Burnie Highland Pipe Band of which he was a foundation member and piper and remained a member until his death. He was a keen Jazz music follower and was a member of the Jazz Action Society on the North West coast for a period of time. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church congregation travelling to Ulverstone to attend church on a Sunday. He was a Justice of the Peace and a Coroner and a member of a Masonic Lodge. Reg had a fantastic garden and was self-sufficient with vegetables all year round till he had his first stroke.

Unfortunately Reg had to resign as a member of his beloved Lions Club due in part to the failing health of his wife Iris as he became her full-time carer. Reg's health was failing too and he suffered a stroke that left him all but disabled.

Although not a member in the 'legal' sense, Reg and Iris were regular attendees to Changeover dinners and Christmas functions and to special Ladies nights. Both were considered to be special friends and guests of the Club and Reg was called on on many occasions to present the "Grooving Award".

Reg Bingham passed away on 22 May 2013.

6 Lions graduate

Six Tasmanian Lions have successfully completed Lions Leadership Institutes in recent weeks.

Lions Sheryl Robson and Christine Walter from the Smithton Lions Club attended and successfully completed the Regional Lions Leadership Institute

2VDG Annette Ogilvie, GMT Coordinator Amanda Olson, Regional Club Development Chair NW Anne Fagg and Zone Chair Hester Van Neikerk successfully completed the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

The next Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for the Lions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and The Islands of the South Pacific Ocean will be offered in Wellington, New Zealand on March 15-17, 2014.

The recruiting of qualified Lion participants for the institute is currently being undertaken.

It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the club level.

The institute in Wellington, New Zealand is designated as an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and is targeted to **Lions that have not yet been club president.**

The success of this institute depends on the participation of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area.

More information is also available on the LCI web-site

Plus One update

Fifteen Clubs have recorded a positive response to District Governor George's call for all clubs to endeavor to achieve an increase of at least one member for the year in the first six months of the programme.

Figures as at 8 December are detailed below:

	Membership 1 July 2013	Membership 8 Dec 2013	Increase/ Decrease
Bicheno	10	14	4
Bothwell & Districts	11	11	0
Bridport	20	20	0
Burnie City	19	19	0
Brighton	25	25	0
Burnie Emu Bay	22	22	0
City of Devonport	27	29	2
City of Launceston	14	14	0
Clarence	25	24	-1
Deloraine	31	31	0
Devonport Mersey	31	32	1
Dodges Ferry Sth Beaches	9	9	0
Flinders Island	27	24	-3
Forth Valley	36	37	1
George Town	22	22	0
Glamorgan	12	16	4
Glenorchy City	41	35	-6
Hadspen South Esk	19	18	-1
Hobart Town	26	24	-2
Huon	11	11	0
Kentish	34	34	0
Kingborough	43	43	0
King Island	35	35	0
Kings Meadows	28	27	-1
Latrobe	21	20	-1
Launceston Windmill Hill	14	19	5
Lilydale	19	18	-1
New Norfolk	29	28	-1
North East Tasmania	19	19	0
Penguin	52	54	2
Perth	20	20	0
Port Cygnet	14	18	4
Port Sorell	34	35	1
Queenstown	13	13	0
Riverside	52	51	-1
Rocky Cape	26	24	-2
Rosebery	28	25	-3
Sandy Bay	19	19	0
Scottsdale	22	24	2
Smithton Circular Head	26	29	3
Sorell	19	22	3
Spring Bay	28	26	-2
St. Helens	16	17	1
St. Marys	11	11	0
Tasman	19	19	0
Ulverstone	49	49	0
Westbury	25	24	-1
West Tamar	14	15	1
Wynyard	38	40	2
Zeehan	10	13	3

Welcome to the Lions Family

BICHENO

MARK FRASSON

Sponsored by Lyn Mansfield

JEANAGH VINEY

Sponsored by Lyn Mansfield

BURNIE EMU BAY

KERRY BRITTON

Sponsored by Jennifer Britton

TRUDY DAVIES

Sponsored by Carmel Williams

CITY OF LAUNCESTON

ASTRID LEWIS

Sponsored by Margaret Whitmore

STEVE WILLIS

Sponsored by Jason Maxwell

LAUNCESTON WINDMILL HILL

YVONNE COOK

Sponsored by Linda Atkinson

JENNIFER CONTT

Sponsored by Allison Bassano

PENGUIN

DEANNE DAWKINS

Sponsored by Glenys Clark

JONATHON DAWKINS

Sponsored by Wayne Clark

RACHEL MUNDY

Sponsored by Louise Eiszele

PORT CYGNET

BUD DRIVER

Sponsored by Hugo Connor

RONALD MURRAY

Sponsored by Hugo Connor

MEGAN HELMER

Sponsored by Hugo Connor

SCOTSDALE

PETER COLLINS

Sponsored by Robyn Collins

ROBERT PYWELL

Sponsored by Robyn Collins

RAY MARTIN

Sponsored by Wayne Harper

SORELL

BELINDA OLIFFE

Sponsored by Geoffery Clow

ST HELLENS

PETER BEATIE

Sponsored by Derek Chapple

ULVERSTONE

STEPHEN JACKSON

Sponsored by Howard Smith

WEST TAMAR

ANNA SCHOFIELD

Sponsored by Greg Amos

JOHN SCHOFIELD

Sponsored by Greg Amos

**Membership
of District 201T1**

1230

Sorell Club celebrates a significant milestone

The Lions Club of Sorell was chartered in 1973 and celebrated its 40th Charter Anniversary at a Gala function in early December.

The function was attended by members and friends of the Sorell Club, past members including charter members, and members of Clarence (sponsoring club), Hobart Town, Glenorchy City, City of Burnie, Kingborough and Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches Lions Clubs.

Features of the night were the cutting of the Anniversary cake by Charter President, PDG Cliff Walters; the presentation of an honour board listing the Club Presidents over the past forty years and the presentation of Life Membership to charter member, PDG Ken Gatehouse and the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Dawn Gatehouse.



Just for the record
What happens next? President Geoff Gilbert awaits direction from MC Ken Gatehouse



Just for the record
above - Charter President, PDG Cliff Walters, cuts to Anniversary Cake
below - Club Secretary Leon Spencer presents the Presidents Honour Board to Club President Geoff Gilbert



District Governor George pictured (right) with members of the Lions Club of City of Launceston at their 56th Charter Anniversary Dinner



District Governor George wants to know -
Do you recognise this Westbury Lion????



and District Governor George asked the question of IPDG David Daniels
"Where did you pick up that dress I saw you in in the Glenorchy Club's November Calendar????"



Australian Lions Foundation

David Triffett
Trustee for Tasmania

On behalf of this Lions District of Tasmania and Members of Lions, I would like to express our greatest appreciation for the tireless work and commitment that Lion Alan Pretyman as retiring ALF Trustee for Tasmania and Secretary for this Foundation has given.

Over many years Lion Alan has made happen and supported Australian Lions Foundation Grants Assistance to many Tasmanian Lions Clubs for projects providing financial assistance and support in cases of National Disaster, Emergency and Community Welfare.

Over the past 12 months the Australian Lions Foundation has played an important role in assisting this District with Disaster Grants, General Grants and the newly acquired Compassionate Grants that has been made available from the kind generosity of \$1,000,000 to the Australian Lions Foundation from Mr. Dick Smith AO and his wife Pip at our recent Multiple District Convention. These funds will assist Lions Clubs to support many families in crisis because urgent medical

treatment, support for people with a disability and crisis services of all descriptions.

The ravaging bush fire that nearly destroyed the township of Dunalley and the outlying communities in January of this year was assisted by \$50,000 from an Emergency Disaster Grant from the Trustees of the Australian Lions Foundation. The Foundation forwarded 2 more payments in March and June totalling \$270,000 to continue Lions support in this area. Some of these funds have been used to provide an Amenities Block for the residents of Dunalley and the outlying community. The Amenities Block consists of 4 showers and a laundry facility and is maintained by Lions and Volunteers.

During the past 12 months the Australian Lions Foundation was able to approve 3 grants to Tasmanian Lions Clubs:

L/C of King Island - \$10,000
Repair and upgrade of the Reekara Community Centre (approved in principle)

Lions District T1 - \$10,000
Star Tasmania support of replacement beds and cots for Respite Centre, Lutana
L/C Kings Meadows and Riverside - \$15,000
(combined project of both clubs)
Wheel Chair Vehicle Conversion

for a Child with Cerebral Palsy
Over the past 5 months there has been 3 Compassionate and Disaster Assistance Grants that have been requested from the following Lions Clubs of Wynyard, West Tamar and Glamorgan. Total of these grants were \$19,500 with all 3 clubs. All 3 of these Grants were ratified within a couple of hours and payment was made to these clubs within a few hours.

It is pleasing to see that Clubs have supported your Foundation with the following ALF Awards at their Annual Club Change over the year:

William R Tresise Fellow - 3;
Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award -1; James D Richardson Honour Award -12; Community Service Award - 5

It was a great pleasure to attend the Lions Club of Kingborough 45th Charter Anniversary Dinner early September to witness the presentation and induction of Lion Donald Hazell in to the Foundations Hall of Fame by District Governor George. Lion Don Hazell who is a charter member of the Kingborough Club was recognized by the many hours of service and commitment that he and his family business have given to Lions and the Community throughout.

Get in Tune for the 62nd Lions National Convention in 2014

Known as the "First City of Lights" because, in 1888 it became the first place in Australia to use electric Street lights, Tamworth is now best known for hosting the second biggest country music festival in the world.

Straddling the Peel River in the New England region of New South Wales, it's just about midway between Brisbane and Sydney. It has a population of about 47,595 and is nearly as well known for its horses as its music.

Dubbed the "National Equine Capital of Australia", it hosts an extraordinarily high number of equine events and boasts the biggest horse complex of its kind in the southern hemisphere, the world class Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre.

Tamworth is calling all Australian Lions to attend the Lions Clubs National Convention in Tamworth from May 2 to 5, 2014 at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

Early registration are already pouring in and if they keep going at this rate Tamworth 2014 will be one of the biggest MD201 Conventions ever.

With a blue guitar as its logo, the 2014 Convention is set to be something special with interesting speakers, fantastic entertainmetn with a country music cabaret and The Bushwackers appearing at the Denim and Lace Shindig, plus a partner's tour with a difference.

March is Membership Month

There is a March Membership Month next year in March.

It is along the same lines as last year with all clubs in the District being asked to have an activity in March to promote Lions.

Multiple District have have produced a power point presentation "Selling and Promoting Lions" which it is planned to have presented to all clubs by mid February.

This presentation is about ways of promoting Lions, and how to sell Lions as a product and is a very motivational presentation.

Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator, Amanda Olson, plans to distribute information to Clubs early in the new year and asks that Clubs start planning for the March promotion.

An apology

Merchandising District Chairman, Viv Cardwell asks that you please accept his apology for incorrectly advising that Clubs would receive free boxes of mini cakes; he writes:

"In the last news letter, I incorrectly said, every club would receive three boxes of Mini cakes, free. This was a BIG mistake on my part, for not reading the email correctly, my most sincere apologies for this "

He adds: "Fiona and I would like to wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a safe and happy new year and I am hoping our sales of cakes, puddings, mints and fudge are above expectation for the year"

But reminds Clubs: "Remember, all accounts must be paid no later than January 2014"

Abbreviation Corner..

What do the letters stand for?

IP - International President
 PIP - Past International President
 CC - Council Chairman
 PCC - Past Council Chairman
 DG - District Governor
 IPDG - Immediate Past District Governor
 PDG - Past District Governor
 RC - Region Chairman
 ZC - Zone Chairman
 DC - District Chairman

Lynden's Service to ALDAF recognised

*ALDAF
 Chairman,
 IPDG David
 Daniels presents
 Lion Lynden
 Pennicott
 with this
 Life Membership
 of ALDAF
 at a meeting of
 the Hobart Town
 Lions Club in
 December*



The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation has conferred Life Membership on Lion Lynden Pennicott in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the cause of Drug Awareness primarily in his role as Trustee for Tasmania on the ALDAF Board of Management.

Lions in the Headlines in December

What Lions are doing that maing headlines around the world - and its listed on the home page of the Lions Clubs International website:

Dec 10 - L 5ta Pata

Lions in Argentina plan library to help vision impaired

Dec 13 - Wausau Daily Herald

Wisconsin Lions team up with LCI to provide new technology for childrens vision screening

Dec 14 - The Hindu

Lions in India celebrate 50 years with the launch of new service projects

Dec 14 - WBOY-TV

West Virginia Lions help Santa make surprise visit to local children

Dec 14 - Covnews

Georgia Lions and LCI team up to make donations to local field

Dec 14 - The Daily Telegraph

Lions in Australia coordinate fund-raising efforts to help young boys injured in fire

Dec 14 - This is Cornwall

Lions in UK help provide life saving equipment to community

Dec 13 - The Beacon

Ohion Lions see continued success through Project Lifesaver

Dec 13 - Schieswig Holsteinisder Zirtungsverlag

Lions in Germany provide holiday gifts for needy students