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From the DG...

As this is my last report as District Governor I want to thank the members of our district who have been able to make the last year as successful as it has been.

The District Cabinet members have worked hard to be able to keep in touch with all clubs across the state as either Zone or Regional Chair, Service Chair or in support of one of the many foundations or projects that Lions foster.

In particular, I would like to congratulate Tony Roney (pictured below) who has been recognised in the Queens Birthday Honours List for his untiring efforts over many years for his devotion to Lions.



Tony has been the T1 District Governor twice, the Multiple District Council Chair, a trustee for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation and instrumental with Sight First, Sight First II and Mission 30.

Tony has been recognised within Lions including International Presidents Medals and Appreciation Awards, a Progressive Melvin Jones Award, a

Barry Palmer Fellowship and Life Membership of Lions Clubs International and it is very pleasing to see that he is now recognised nationally for his dedication to Lions projects.

In my visits to the clubs throughout the state I have met many 'Tonys' in the service of their clubs and have appreciated the service that they have given to the club and community in their 'unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed.' I want to thank all club members who make up the T1 District who have been able to make their community a better place.

On the 14th and 15th of May the 70th Multiple District 201 Mini Convention was held in Melbourne and was attended by 24 members from Tasmania. The voting on motions and election of the International Director was held virtually prior and the results are that all motions were passed and the new International Director is Tim Irvine from WA. The MD Council Chair was also voted upon with the incoming District Governors and Steve Boyce from V3 is the Council Chair for 2022/23.



DG Robert participating in the Flag Ceremony

The first keynote speaker was Mr. Stefan Romaniw OAM who spoke on the Humanitarian Support in Ukraine

and gave an insight in the devastation happening and support being provided from neighbouring countries with the Ukrainian citizens seeking a safe haven.

Other keynote speakers were Geoff Evans, the CEO of Disaster Relief Australia and Brad Langdon the CEO of Doing Good Rewards.

The highlights of the convention are the final judging for the Leo of the Year and Youth of the Year.

The T1 contestant for the Leo of the Year was Leada Blackie from the King Island Leo Club and she did very well and was selected as the national Leo of the Year.



Leo of the Year Leada Blackie with Wanda and Robert Mantach

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Our entrant in the Youth of the Year was Eugenie O'Rourke representing the Port Sorell Lions Club who were able to send 4 club members as a support team.

Eugenie (Gigi) presented very well but did not achieve either the Public Speaking Award or the Youth of the Year Award.



Youth of the Year entrant, Eugenie O'Rourke

One of the panel guests during the panel discussion about Inspiring Community Projects had asked what people needed to do to make a difference and the answer was 'to turn up'.

Hence I thank everyone who has decided to 'turn up' and make a difference within their communities.

The T1 District Dinner was held at the Hofbrauhaus Downtown and was enjoyed by all those that attended. Toby Crawford considered that it was the best District Dinner that he had attended for many years with great interaction with the restaurant staff and other patrons who had been to the Geelong / St Kilda football match.

I wish our incoming District Governor Paul, and his team, all the best for the coming year as we continue on the path of becoming the best district that we are able given the resources available and the ongoing limitations of the pandemic.

Regards

Robert Mantach
District Governor



LOCAL LIONS VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING DIABETIC UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Diabetes is a key global focus for Lions Clubs and volunteers in Australia are coming together to support people all over the world including Ukrainian refugees with Diabetes.

An initiative led by the Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation and Type 1 Diabetes Foundation is packaging up medical supplies to send to Ukrainian refugees with Diabetes.



Above: 67 care-packs ready to send to Poland for Ukrainian refugees.

Lions Australia's National Diabetes Coordinator Pat Mills says the packs with vital supplies are being sent to refugees in Poland.

"At Lions, we are dedicated to doing what we can to help those in need both in our local communities and globally. Medical supplies are vital for Diabetics and we know there are many displaced Ukrainians that are in desperate need of supplies so our volunteers here in Australia are packaging up little medical kits to send to refugees. To date, we have sent over 200 packs to Poland."

"Many of us have been watching the devastation in the Ukraine and want to do something to help. It's a simple project for us but we are providing vital medical support," says Pat.

Members of the Lions Club of Shepparton have been assisting on the project, collecting supplies and packing bags to ship to Poland.

Anyone wishing to help support the project can contact and donate to the Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation.

Right: Backpacks containing self-care supplies ready to send to Ukrainian refugees with Diabetes



201T1 43rd District Convention

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Inveresk Launceston

11th-13th November 2022



2022 CONVENTION DISPATCH...#3

THE 43RD CONVENTION EVENTS UP DATE

The District Convention Committee of the Lions Club of Kingborough has been working hard to arrange a Convention that will be different, entertaining and exciting.

ARRANGEMENTS TO DATE...

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS...

Rob Oerlemans... *Lions Clubs Australia, Executive Officer.*
Professor Alex Hewitt... *Head of Clinical Genetics, Ophthalmology.*
Graeme Elphinstone... *MD Elphinstone Engineering.*

About... Rob Oerlemans...

"I believe in the power of ordinary Australians to create strong, caring and compassionate communities, by working together. Lions help the disabled, we back up our emergency services, and we are 100% committed to solving problems.

I am interested in organization's, how they work, and how to grow and improve them. I have worked within government and the not-for-profit sector to develop services, activities and organization's that achieve and deliver, and bring credit to those who work with them.

I want to contribute to organization's that have more to offer than the bottom line (but care about the bottom line), and are positive and future-focused."

Specialties:

- ⇒ Organizational review and change Management
- ⇒ Organisation Management
- ⇒ Public relations, image and branding.

About... Professor Alex Hewitt...

Professor Alex Hewitt graduated from the University of Tasmania in 2001 and obtained his PhD investigating the molecular and phenotypic associations for open angle glaucoma from Flinders University of South Australia in 2009.

He completed formal ophthalmology training at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in Melbourne in 2011. The following year he was the Novartis Research Fellow at the Lions Eye Institute and was awarded a WA Tall Poppy Award from the Australian Institute of Policy and Science.

In 2016 and 2018, he received an NHMRC Research Excellence Awards for the top ranked Practitioner Fellowship application and Program Grant application,

respectively. His clinics at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital specialize in inherited eye diseases.

About... Graeme Elphinstone...

Graeme is a farmer and plant operator by trade, growing up in Highclere in Northern Tasmania and moving to Triabunna in 1971 where he worked for McCulloch Logging as a log feller.

After 13 months he became a logging inspector with Tasmanian Pulp and Forrest Holdings. Whilst working as a feller, Graeme repaired chainsaws and this sideline blossomed into the Elphinstone Saw Centre in 1972.

In 1976 he went into full time small engine sales and service and started importing on-vehicle scales from the USA with his brother Dale. Whilst retro-fitting these and from his days of doing repairs on logging trailers he could see the need for some improvements.

Elphinstone Engineering built their first logging trailer in 1977 and since then have revolutionized the logging transport industry with many unique designs and efficiency gains for the industry. While most development has been with logging transport there have been some specialized trailers built for carrying zinc and special trailers for Antarctica.

Registration form and costs will be published in the next 2022 Convention Dispatch #4, July edition.

TOP CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

**Tasmanian winner -
Rocky Cape Lions Club**

Rocky Cape Lions Club is the Tasmanian Top Club Service Project winner for 2021-22.

Their sight service project involves using a special camera to screen preschool and early childhood students.

Screening services are offered to schools who do not have access to a school nurse.

This project is being carried out under the auspices of the Lions Eye Health Project committee, whose Tasmanian coordinator is Stephen Smith, President of Clarence Lions Club.

P. Vere Cooper GST-D T1

COMMUNITY EFFORT

Students in need at Penguin District School are set for more support.

Report: Advocate Newspaper - Picture: Brodie Weeding

When it come to ensuring our students are getting the support they need, the Lions Club of Penguin knows it takes a whole-community approach.

That's why they've donated \$5000 to the Penguin District School to go towards additional supports for students in need.

This will include funding towards things like covering excursion costs for students who might otherwise miss out, or enabling a teacher's aid to work with selected students when needed.

Penguin District School assistant principal Geoff Davis expressed his gratitude for the club's generosity.

He said this funding would allow the school to add to existing supports in place.

"This gives us more support to be able to do the extra things - like if a student can't afford to go to a particular activity or sporting event... or if it relates to extra uniform supports or whatever it may be," Mr Davis said.

"It's not changing what we're doing, but it's adding to it which is fantastic."

Lions club volunteer Yvonne Dry said it was a no-brainer to support the school, with this round of funding directed to the senior years.

It will be reviewed each year, with hopes of this being ongoing funding.

"All our kids are our future," Ms Dry said. "We went to the school and said 'okay, we've got some money - can we do something?'"

"And this, I think, is a really good plan."

However, Ms Dry was quick to ensure it wasn't the Lions Club that got all the credit.

"Thank you to the community," she said. "Without them handing their money to us, we can't do this. So it's a thank you all around."



Submitted by:
Julie Crawford
Secretary Penguin Lions

VALE

Lion Alan (Al) Burden, a member of the Lions Club of Rosebery passed away from an illness that all were hoping Al would get through but sadly, it wasn't to be.

He is survived by his partner Lion Sharon Goninon, his children and grandchildren.



Our District Count

30 April 2022
(No details for May)

Clubs: 48
Membership: 940

Membership
30 April 21: 990

YTD ADD 89
YTD DROP 137
YTD NET GROWTH -48
YTD NET GROWTH % -4.86%

Status: "Transitional"
(24 mths)



**WELCOME TO THE
LIONS FAMILY...**

IN

MAY 2022

No details available

DELORAINE ATHLETE COMPETES IN THE 2022 BOCCIA STATE TITLES

Deloraine Table Tennis League member Rohan Eastley competed recently at the 2022 Paraquad Boccia State Titles in Hobart. Boccia is one of the fastest growing Paralympic sports.

Rohan made the bronze medal game (BC3 category) against Heath Mollinaeux (Hobart). The match was very exciting. Rohan and Heath tied over the 4 ends. In the tiebreak end, their closest bowls were both the same distance from the white 'jack'. So it went to a second tiebreak end, which Heath won.

The gold medal went to Dana Devine (Launceston), and silver to Eliza King (Hobart).

In the BC1&2 category, the gold medal went to Jason Mayweather (Queensland), silver to Coreena Harrison (Canberra), and bronze to Nick Milner (Tasmania). In the BC4&5&EMU category, the gold medal went to Axil Pavey (NSW), silver to Mathew von Hoek (NSW), and bronze to Minna Blaney (Tasmania).

Rowan was delighted with his first competition, and now has his sights set on representing Australia at the next Paralympics:

"I am a University student at UTAS and I live in Deloraine. I also have Cerebral Palsy (CP). I hope to one day represent Australia at the Paralympics. I'm very happy with my performance and very much looking forward to my next competition."

Competition Boccia is for athletes who require a wheelchair because of their disability. But social Boccia can be played by anyone (as long as they are seated).



Rowan was delighted to discover that he could play Boccia in his home town:

"I am so happy to have discovered that Deloraine inclusion table tennis also includes Boccia".

Inclusion table tennis and Boccia is run by Deloraine Table Tennis League, in partnership with Delgunyah (the Den), and with generous support from the Deloraine Lions club and Westbury Health. It is on every Tuesday from 3.15 to 5 pm, at the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre ("the Little Theatre").

Inclusion table tennis and Boccia is for people of all ages and abilities, who enjoy playing together and having fun.

Left: Deloraine Table Tennis League members cheering on Rohan at the 2022 Boccia State Titles in Hobart. Clockwise from top: Adrian Buis, Rod Eastley, Nicholas Rivett, Rohan Eastley, and Molly Tillack Smith.

Deloraine Table Tennis League, with support from Westbury Health, recently obtained a State Government grant to purchase 8 new wheelchair-friendly table tennis tables, coaching equipment, table sides (made by the Deloraine Community Shed), and Boccia ramps and balls.

Right: Rohan Eastley playing table tennis

Rohan Eastley and Chris Gard,
Deloraine Table Tennis League
delorainetabletennisleague@gmail.com



Above: Rohan Eastley competing at the



LEO OF THE YEAR 2022

The “Roarsome” Australian Leo of the Year is our very own District winner, Leada Blackie from King Island. 17 year old Leada claimed the title at the Multiple District Convention May 13-15th in Melbourne, the first Leo from Tasmania ever to do so.

The 5 State finalists were interviewed on World events, domestic current affairs and their knowledge of the Lions and Leo organisations. Contestants gave a prepared 5 minute speech to the audience – 800+ Lions were present. The content of their application and their general presentation also scored points.

Leada based her speech on the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, “The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.” It was delivered with great maturity and wonderfully clear diction.

The title comes with a cash prize and an allowance to travel by invitation to Australia wide Lions/Leo events. Leada will serve one year on the Leo Advisory Panel with her fellow contestants, then Chair the same panel in her second year. All this whilst she studies at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra from 2023.

We are honoured to claim this title for our little K. Is. Alpha Leo Club and thank Leada for putting herself out there on our behalf. This is one capable and inspiring young lady. We know she will be a great ambassador for the Leo organisation.



Above L to R: Wanda Mantach, State Leo Advisor Kellie Bryan, LOTY winner Leada Blackie, King Island Leo Advisor Linda Payne and DG Rob Mantach.

Below State finalists L to R: Isaac 15yo Victoria, Eliza 18yo Queensland, Ridmee 22yo NSW, Leada 17yo Tasmania and Luke 14yo Western Australia.



WE ALIGN WITH LIONS INTERNATIONAL'S GLOBAL CAUSES

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most.

Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we now have an opportunity to truly change our world.

That's why we're uniting our global service around areas of need.

These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them.

YOUTH

VISION



HUNGER

HUMANITARIAN



THE ENVIRONMENT

DISASTER RELIEF



DIABETES

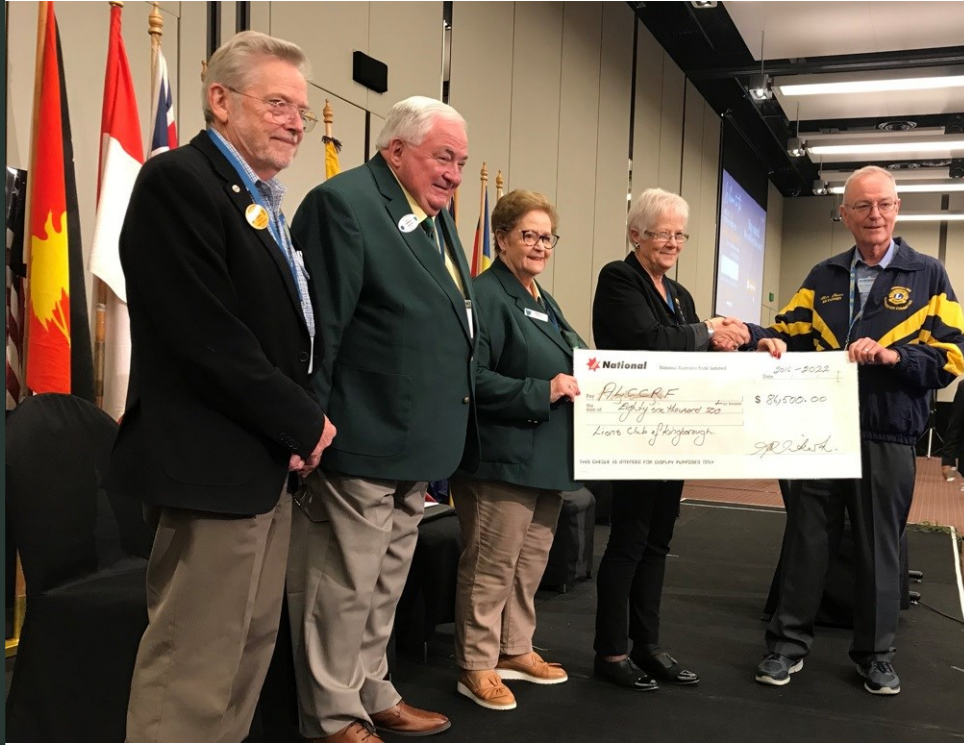
CHILDHOOD CANCER



WONDERFUL CLUB ACCOLADE

The Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation Chairman, PDG Ron Skeen, recognised the Lions Club of Kingborough at the recent MD Mini Convention in Melbourne for the club's contribution of \$86,500 to ALCCRF from 2016 to 2022.

PDG Hester van Niekerk explained that the vast majority of the funds were raised at Channel Court Shopping Centre in Kingston with the assistance of Lions, partners and friends, from activities such as Xmas Gift wrapping, sale of iced Christmas cakes, children's activities and general support of Channel Court Management.



Pictured from right, PDG Ron Skeen, PDG Hester van Niekerk, Lions partner Mary Cairnduff, DGE Paul Cairnduff and Lion Erik Madsen.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LCIF CHAIRPERSON DR. JUNG-YUL CHOI



Changing the world. It's why you became a Lion.

It's also why LCIF is empowering your service through its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history, Campaign 100. As we approach the end of the campaign next month, LCIF needs your support more than ever to reach our campaign goals.

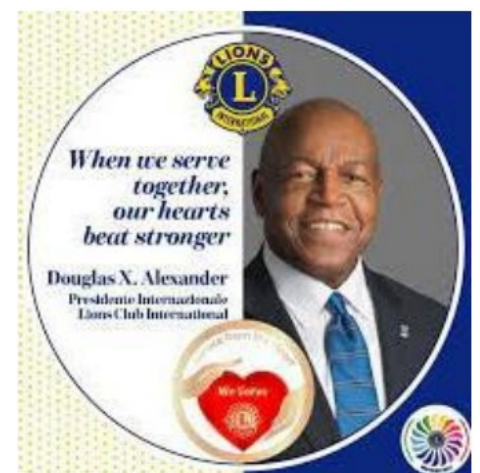
Don't miss your final chance to earn limited-edition campaign recognition while supporting our global foundation. You will find a variety of opportunities to support the campaign and read more about some of the stories of service made possible by your support in our latest newsletter online.

Thank you all for everything you do to change lives and magnify hope around the world.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DOUGLAS X ALEXANDER

Lions are a family like no other. And with our hearts united in service, we will lift up our communities all over the world. Because in times of great need, only a greater passion for service can make the world a better place for all people.

As one of our global causes, protecting the environment is about more than just preserving our world today. It's about building a safer, more sustainable world for future generations. Every tree you plant or garden you sow is a seed of hope that will grow and benefit your community—and our world—for years to come...





'EVERY TIME YOU TEAR OFF A CALENDAR, YOU PRESENT A NEW PLACE FOR NEW IDEAS AND PROGRESS.'

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) has just launched our 2023 Calendar! The calendar, like all before, features adorable 'shoots of our pooches this year.

All our dogs in training are hard at work, preparing for the day when they can get out there and do what they do best: support and change the lives of people who are deaf and hard of hearing!

Our pooches have worked hard and deserve the respect and recognition of our popular calendar.

Happy and poised on the 2023 calendar cover is our beloved Bear, a Pomeranian mix who's a part of the rescue program. He was adopted from Yorke Peninsula Puppy Rescue and joined our team in February 2022. Under Cadet Hearing Dog Trainer Carly's tutelage, Bear has taken all lessons in his stride and mastered almost all his training where he now is on the final and most important step – what to do when the smoke alarm goes off.

ALHD believes Bear will graduate with flying colours as he is a highly-focused and motivated dog, one who rarely takes his eyes off his trainer, and will do almost anything for a treat! With how well things are going, Bear has been scheduled to meet his client in September 2022!

If you're keen to see more adorable faces on your wall, or interested in supporting ALHD, check out the array of merchandise on our website shop at www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/shop

How's that?

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

How's that again?



I went skydiving today for the first time.

This guy strapped himself to me, we jumped out of the plane.

As we plummeted he said, "So how long have you been an instructor?"



Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked.

So, remember...don't sing!



Just saw where the CEO of IKEA was elected President of Sweden.

It's the first time a president ever needed an allen key to assemble his cabinet!



PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Does your Club have an UPCOMING EVENT?

HAVE YOU HAD A RECENT EVENT, PRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

THE BEST PLACE TO PROMOTE, SHARE AND INFORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!

ZONE CHAIRS AND CABINET MEMBERS PLEASE REMIND CLUBS TO PARTICIPATE!

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 201T1

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



ODE TO A LION

Would you like to buy a ticket sir, there's just a few to go?
You ask, sir, what you're going to win; do you really need to know?
Be assured the prize is real and it's really worth the buck,
But tell me, if you will sir, the last time you had luck.

Well, we're raffling a mower and a night in some hotel.
We're trying to help a local lad whose legs don't work too well.
It's possible you've seen him, in his wheelchair in the mall.
Young Sullivan they call him and his smile is ten feet tall.

"Yes! I've seen him come to think of it, but why are you involved?
Don't we have authorities to have this problem solved?
I mean surely there is someone, why is it left to you?"
Because you see we're Lions sir, it's part of what we do.

"Lions, you say, I've heard of them; the sausage sizzle lot.
I've seen them at the local fair, they seem to know what's what.
But while I buy these raffle tickets—of which there's quite a few
Apart from running sausage sizzles, what else do Lions do?"

That's not an easy question sir, it's range is so diverse.
We often think we do it tough but there are lots who do it worse.
And if in some way we can ease their burden or their strife,
Well then the world's a better place for someone's lonely life.

Of ourselves, there's nothing special and when all is said and done,
It's really us who benefit in camaraderie and fun.
We're not the good Samaritans who discard all luxury,
We're normal folks who go to work or raise a family.

You see, as an individual, we don't have too much clout,
But get a few of us together and we'll really knock you out.
We come from many walks of life and thus combined as one,
Our talent is amazing, but primarily aimed at fun!

We enjoy each other's company and we generate new friends
And with Lions Clubs around the world this friendship never ends.

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A Final Thought...

"Finally realize why I look so bad in pictures. It's my face!"