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Greetings Fellow Lions & Leos!

Welcome to this my final report and thank you to all Lions in District T1!

The past year has seen many challenges and restrictions at the start of my term as your District Governor. Whilst the menace of COVID-19 has not yet passed, we are finally getting back to what we do best – Serving our communities.

The pandemic has encouraged us to look at our activities and challenges, including the subsidizing of inactive members by some clubs, which has resulted in some loss of numbers.

However, this rationalizing of club membership (or trimming back the dead wood) means that we can now progress forward into the new Lions Year with incoming DG Robert at the helm.

In the past Month I have been able to visit several clubs:

Brighton Lions Club - is turning out to be very successful in their rebuild and they also have an excellent mix of member age groups – something we can all learn from. They also enjoy very good support from their local council and community.

City of Burnie – this club recently faced the prospect of closure as members were not forthcoming to fill club executive positions.

Following my visit along with ZC Rod Jordan, who offered support when the club requested it, the members have decided to continue

serving their community and help rebuild a well respected club with a long heritage.

St Helens Lions Club - sadly, the members of the club have decided that they are unable to continue due to age and other commitments.

The club never recovered from COVID restrictions members lost their drive and enthusiasm during this period. We thank all those Lions who contributed to this club since 1972!

PLEASE SEE HERE SOME **ACTIVITIES OF THE** ST HELENS MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS...





Their Club memorabilia has been placed into storage and the door is still open to the possibility of reforming a club in the area.

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Several years ago, we also lost the St Mary's Club, so there are now no clubs in the Break 'O' Day region.

Unfortunately, there are still a few clubs that I have not visited due to work commitments, early COVID restrictions and changed to club meeting dates.

I sincerely apologize to those Clubs and members – if these club presidents can contact me, there may be a possibility of having a visit in June.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those Lions (both inside and outside of Cabinet) for their assistance throughout the past year.

I reserve a special thank you to my wife Linda (a Lion in her own right) for her undying support and assistance to me personally as well as being District GMT Chair.

One of the first things you learn as a District Governor is the need for your partner's assistance before, during and after your term as District Governor.



Byron DilworthDistrict Governor/MD201T1

A snail was involved in an accident that resulted in his shell being torn completely off.

Hearing about the accident, one of his friends rushed over (as much as a snail can rush) to his friend's house.

"I heard about your accident!" he exclaimed, and then asked, "How are you feeling?"

The recovering snail answered, "Sluggish."

__Club News_

SCOTTSDALE

Long Serving Member of Scottsdale Lions Club presented with Melvin Jones Fellowship.

On Saturday evening of 5th June, District Governor Byron was invited to present Lion Wayne "Squirty" Harper with his well deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship during their changeover dinner, conducted by PDG George Bugeja.

Wayne is a Lion of 39 years good standing with five (5) terms as President and several years as Tail Twister. Scottsdale Lions Club celebrates 51 years since chartering.



Wayne is presented with his MJF Award.

The night also had a special significance for DG Byron, as his late father, Gordon, was a member of Scottsdale Lions, being a part of the first new member intake following Chartering, along with PDG John Gillham.

Recipe for iced coffee: Have kids, make coffee, get distracted and forget you made coffee, drink it cold 3 hours later!

"Latte" is French for "you paid way too much money for coffee."





Tasmanian Lions Foundation

9 Queens Parade

KINGSTON, Tas 7050

May 2021

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 - Byron D	ilworth
	District Governor elect - Ro	bert Mantach
62 Area	63 Area	64 Area
Paul Cairnduff (not re nominating)	Geoff Tripptree	Stuart Ritchie
Peter Goldstone- James	Phil Robinson	Phil Viney
Sue Johns	Deryll Hill	Dee Dawkins

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, <u>the most important issue is that nominations should be made by the Club in compliance with the above</u>. If you have a member in your Club that is interested in nominating, please follow the above procedure <u>NOW</u>.

Paul Cairnduff

Secretary - Tasmanian Lions Foundation

VACANT POSITIONS ON NEXT YEAR'S CABINET

The vacancies that we have at present are:

- Zone Chair for Zone 4 Devonport Mersey, City of Devonport, Latrobe, Port Sorell & Kentish
- <u>Disaster Relief District Chair</u>, and
- Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation representative.

All applications or expressions of interest to be forwarded to me at <u>dge@lionstasmania.org</u>

Regards
Rob Mantach
201T1 District Governor Elect

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

June 19th

Club Development Day – Officers and members Launceston

Venue Kings Meadows Clubrooms Arrive: 9.15am and finish 3.30pm.

RSVP for Northern members...

Please advise <u>glt@lionstasmania.org</u> <u>ASAP</u> if not already booked.

June 20th

Club Development Day – Officers and members North West. The Club Development Day program for North West Lions Clubs will be held at the Penguin Sports & Services Club, 11 Sports Complex Ave, Penguin.

The attendance of incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs and other club members interested in learning more about key board positions, and the online resources available to them, would be appreciated. It is also an opportunity to network with incoming officers in nearby clubs.

Attendees should attend by 9:15 am to sign in, and enjoy a hot drink prior to the program commencing at 9:30 am. Lunch will be provided, and the program will conclude at 3:30 pm. Any dietary issues should be advised.

RSVP 16th June 21 for NW Tasmanian Members - to Zone Chair PDG Vere Cooper (email: vere.cooper@gmail.com or phone 6427 9763).

Leigh Johnstone District 201T1 GLT Co-ordinator0418 138 035

WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY...



IN MAY 2021

BRIDPORT

SHERIDAN GERKE

Sponsor: ROSLYN GERKE

RHONDA WRIGHT

Sponsor:

JEANETTE HALSTEAD

Sponsor:

CITY OF LAUNCESTON

SOPHIE KOEHNE

Sponsor: SHAE COLLIS

DEVONPORT MERSEY

CHRISTOPHER MEDCRAFT

Sponsor:

GLENORCHY CITY

PETER JACOBSON

Sponsor: JAMES FISHER

HUON

KAREN COOPER

Sponsor: KENT WELLS

KING ISLAND

SARANART KEERATIYAKOON

Sponsor: DIETER HABERSATT

KINGBOROUGH

JULIE HANSSON

Sponsor: ROBERT HAZELL

KINGS MEADOWS

JONATHAN NEWELL Sponsor: DENNIS MANN

DEREK PORTER

Sponsor: DENNIS MANN

SHELLEE NEWELL Sponsor: DENNIS MANN

SCOTTSDALE

LUKE SEEFUSS

Sponsor: PETER KUNTINSCH

RIANNA STAHL

Sponsor: PETER KUNTINSCH

SORELL

ANGELA BULL

Sponsor: GEOFF CLOW

HARRY BULL

Sponsor: SUE PRITCHARD

WESTBURY

RYAN ROBINSON

Sponsor: MAXWELL BADCOCK

WYNYARD

BRETT STEWART

Sponsor: TREVOR EASTLAKE

Club News-

LATROBE

Manger Dans le Noir - Dining in the Dark!

Planning all done - Project complete

Sixty-nine (69) patrons enthusiastically embrace the idea of dinning with a mask on for the Dining in the Dark experience.

Not a fundraiser - an opportunity to understand in some small was some of the difficulties faced by people who are vison impaired or blind. Although we did have a raffle, the proceeds will go to the Lions Eye Health Project.

Some of the diners we very innovative in their approach to eating blindfolded and some of us were very messy, even those who were initially reluctant had a go. Interestingly the noise factor diminished significantly once people were masked!

To lighten things up we had a couple of games which were either tactile or

visual followed...









A couple things we take for granted which he would like to do; choose off the menu and to be able to see what he is eating.

One thing he said he often finds frustrating is when people greet him, not identifying themselves.

We have had some very positive responses back from community members who attended on the night.

So, maybe next year...









Club News-

HUON CLUB

RECOGNITION FOR HUON MEMBER





PDG John Gillham was recognised in the Huon Valley Council's Volunteer Awards programme during the **National Volunteer Week in May** with a **Lifetime Volunteer Award**. The award was presented by the Huon Valley Mayor, Bec Enders (pictured above) in recognition of volunteer service in organizations including Lions and the Australian Veterinary Association.

HUON LIONS CLUBS NEW MEMBER

Club President Kent Wells (at right), inducted the Club's newest member, Karen Cooper in May.

Karen is the third new member for the Club this year (2020-2021).





CLARENCE

PRESENTATION TO MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TASMANIA (MDT)

At our Club meeting on Wednesday 19th May 2021, President Stephen Smith proudly presented the President of Muscular Dystrophy Tasmania (Mick Peters, pictured below on the left) with a CPaP machine.



CPaP machines are used for patients with sleep apnea and the donated machine will be available for use by MDT patients in need of this type of support.

Our District Count

31 May 2021

Clubs: 48 Membership: 997

Membership 30 Apr 2020: 1098

YTD ADD 81 YTD DROP 150 YTD NET GROWTH -69 YTD NET GROWTH % -6.47%

Status: "Transitional" (24 mths)

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201 – CONVENTION 2021

Linda and I have just arrived back from out MD convention in Canberra ACT. The convention was in doubt up until March this year when the decision was made to proceed with the event, despite some ongoing concerns about COVID-19 and any possible future restrictions. This was proven to be the correct decision as the Council of Governors and the convention proceeded without any incident and was enjoyed by all those present.



DG Elect Robert, IPDG and Council Chair David, DG Byron and 1VDG Paul at Convention

Prior to the Convention was the Council-of-Governors meetings, chaired by Council Chair David Triffett.

Your T1 District Governor Byron Dilworth. DG Elect Robert Mantach and 1VDG Elect Paul Cairnduff attended their specialist training and the next day Cabinet Secretary Amanda and Incoming Cabinet Secretary Phil Robinson attended their respective training.

These events concluded on Thursday, prior to the start of Convention.

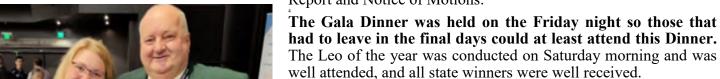
Council of Governors 2020-2021

Because of COVID-19 travel restrictions, until the Convention week, all Council of Governors (CoG) meetings were conducted electronically via Zoom. This was the first chance for the entire CoG to meet face-toface for the first time!

We saved the best to Last!

The Convention proper commenced on Friday 7 May with the "Call to Order" and the usual administrative procedures, This was followed by the Welcome to Country and the Flag ceremony, with the afternoon session containing the Financial

Report and Notice of Motions.





On Saturday there were several special presentations, including the launch of the 75th Anniversary of Lions in Australia which will be in the Year 2022.

A sad moment was the announcement of LCI winding up the Lioness Program from 1st July 2021 – All Lioness Clubs are invited to become Lions Clubs in their own right, or join existing Lions Clubs.

All international reports and presentations were presented as Audio-visual on large screens as no International travel was possible, this affected our Constitutional Area 7 of Australia, New Cont'd page 8...



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Zealand, Indonesia and the Pacific.

One of the highlights of Sunday (and the whole convention!) was the Keynote Speaker, Ms. Deborah Hutton, who spoke on her modelling and promotional career and the affect that two bouts of skin cancer on her mouth area on her professional life.

Sunday was highlighted by the Youth of the Year presentations, where Tasmania was represented by William Scott of Scotch Oakburn College, sponsored by the Lions Club of Riverside.

DG Byron
Dilworth,
Tasmanian
YOTY Entrant
William Scott
and T1
District YOTY
Coordinator,
Russell Cairns



Report by Byron Dilworth, District Governor 201T1.

SCHOOL RAISES FUNDS FOR ALCCRF

The Student representative Council (SRC) of the Sorell Primary School set about raising much needed funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation in April by holding a 'paddock to plate' lunch.

This together with a BBQ held earlier in the month for ALCCRF made it a very profitable project for the Lions Biggest BBQ club commitment for this current year.

We usually hold a BBQ at the school each year but couldn't this year, you guessed it, due to Covid!

This week a cheque was presented by the SRC to PDG Hester Van Niekerk, Niekerk for ALCCRF.



It is pleasing to note that Clubs have been supporting LCIF with donations this year.

As at the end of May 14 Clubs have contributed a total of US\$6819 to LCIF. While this is the smallest amount since 2008-09 is apparent that a significant factor has been COVID-19 both the reduction in fund raising and the local needs of our communities, taking priority for available funding.

Currently only 14 Clubs have recorded a donation for 2020-21, an essential component for a Club to qualify for the Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award.

This will be my last contribution to our District Newsletter as District LCIF Coordinator.

From July 1 this role will be taken on by PDG Annette Ogilvie. All LCIF matters should be directed to Annette.

Over the many years as District Coordinator it has been pleasing to note the generosity of Clubs in supporting the activities of our International Foundation be they local or international.

Please keep up the good work of our organisation.

John Gillham, PDG District LCIF Coordinator.



Sorell Lions provided mini cupcakes for the childrens 'sweets' for a donation, plus a further donation from each lunch order on the day.



NEW ZEALAND

STEAM TEAM REVIVES LOST LOCO

It took the advanced engineering skills of dozens of volunteers and more than 30 years of meticulous work, but the restoration of an old steam locomotive train is now complete, thanks in big part to Lions in Renwick, New Zealand.

Restoration began with a collection of steam train enthusiasts, retired engineers, and Lions. They called themselves "The Steam Team" and spent long hours dedicated to the project.

The origin of the steam engine's name has long been lost, but "Donald" was used at the Puponga Mines in Golden Bay, New Zealand, from 1901 to 1931, when it was replaced with two larger engines. Left by the side of the track to sink into the mud and deteriorate, Donald was rescued in the late 1990s by the Lions Club of Renwick and transported to the Blenheim Riverside Railway Society's workshop at Brayshaw Historical Park in Blenheim.

Restoration involved first dismantling the engine entirely and sandblasting every piece. The broken chassis needed to be rewelded and strengthened. The boiler was beyond repair and replaced. One of the biggest challenges was drilling new rivet holes and riveting them in a blacksmith's forge. Another huge undertaking was fitting the 64 steel boiler tubes, along with fitting the new axles, wheels, smoke box, and funnel.





Would you like to recognize an outstanding Lion in your club with national recognition, acknowledgement and the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship?

As part of the Campaign 100 program, Lions Australia is looking for 201 Heroes within Australia and Papua New Guinea. Lions nominated by clubs will be recognised by:

- 1. Presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
- 2. Acknowledgement on our Lions Australia website on a dedicated page that highlights the contributions of the Lion.
- 3. Acknowledgement at the District Convention.

How can you make this happen? Click here for more information!

If you would like to recognize your club hero, please follow these instructions.:

- 1. Make your donation of US\$1,000 to LCIF in the usual way.
- 2. Complete the information below to let us know why your Lion is a hero.



The entire cab was mocked up in plywood and transported to a manufacturer where a new steel cab was built. The boiler was adapted to burn diesel instead of coal, and a third trailing axle was added to reduce track wear on the Blenheim Riverside Railway track where it was destined.

Air brakes and lights were added for the safety of passengers.

Finally, custom-built carriages in the style of the early 1900s were made for Donald from the chassis of two discarded carriages, and the Steam Team built fully enclosed cars with opening doors and windows painted to match the original Donald.

The project cost NZD\$62,000 (US\$40,000) of which NZD\$35,000 (US\$22,000) was provided by the Lions Club of Renwick.

The revived locomotive passed inspection and has been certified to carry passengers up and down the line between Blenheim and the Aviation Heritage Centre at Omaka.

All aboard!

From the "LION" Magazine October 2019



MEDICAL ALERT DOG PROGRAM UPDATE—MAY 2021



On Open Day in April, Walter and I did a demonstration in front of a large crowd outside on the front lawn. After a speech about the new Diabetic Alert Dog Program, Walter showcased some of the skills we had been working on. Upon smelling the tube containing a sample from a low blood glucose level, Walter alerted me by sitting and touching me with one paw. I then gave the command to retrieve the Hypokit from the table a few metres away and he brought it to my hand.

Walter did me proud and worked very well despite high levels of distractions including the smell of a BBQ, lots of people and Hearing Dogs watching on. It was a successful first demonstration!

Walter

Betty and I attended the National Lions Convention at the start of May which was a great success. I was able to talk to lots of people about the new Program get the word out there. We did a demonstration on stage in front of hundreds of people as well as demonstrations to smaller groups in front of our stall. Betty worked perfectly and located the sample tube amongst two other tubes not containing the scent and sat in front of it to indicate. Betty was a star and everyone loved her! She was a highlight of the Convention for many attendees.



Leo Sal



Betty, CEO David Horne and I at the National Lions Convention

New additions, Leo and Sal, will be attending training one day a week for the next three months. During this time, I will be making an assessment as to which puppy is best suited to become a Diabetic Alert Dog. The two puppies already have very different personalities and I am excited to see how they go with their training.



Mawson enters the Training Program full-time this week. He has matured a lot and is doing well with his Diabetic Alert training so far. He is highly motivated and enthusiastic!

National Diabetes Week is from the 14th—20th of July and I am currently organising an event to help raise awareness for Type 1 Diabetes and promote the Program. Follow Australian Lions Hearing Dogs on Facebook for more details in the coming weeks!



STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART BY LION GAEL GAULT

Been sitting here thinking of 9 years ago, when Those little chest pains I had now and then.

Ignoring the problem was what I first tried,
But as they got worse could not be denied.

My G.P told me right from the start, I reckon it's something to do with your heart.

Sent me for tests that proved he was right, The extent of the blockages sure gave us a fright.

Then down to Hobart where professional team, Clearly explained what the operation would mean.

Wheeled into surgery where this mighty fine mob,
Went to work on my heart and did a great job.

From the first day I saw my own local doc, Until well after having my bypass OP.

Such kindness and help to my wife and I, To think of it now brings a tear to my eye.

Now eating good food, much less salt and fat, And so to my wife I say thanks for that.

I'm 66 now and keeping quite fit, And of physical work I do more than a bit.

So from my trusty G.P to the man with the knife, To all concerned 'THANKS' for saving my life.

Gael Gault is a member of the Devonport Mersey Lions Club

FELLOW LIONS MEMBERS...

New members are essential to the success of our District Clubs.

Without a continuous flow of new Members our District Clubs will stagnate or even seek to not exist.

New members inject new energy, new enthusiasm, and new ideas into the Clubs.

New members provide an opportunity to mentor and to pass the torch of the Club to others.

The more new members we have in our District Clubs the easier we can fill Club roles and try new activities and projects.

New members also represent financial stability for the Club.

We each learn from each other, so new Members represent each of us to stretch and grow.

As Clubs are always looking for ways to grow and recruit Members, there are many ways Club Members can do in order to attract new Members.

We all know that there is no silver bullet when it comes to growing membership.

It will always take a combination of resources to achieve success. Hopefully, the following list will provide your Club with a number of ideas to help reach your membership goals...

Here, you'll find a hundred viable approaches that Clubs could use in order to recruit more Members.....

- 1. Ask someone
- 2. Bring a guest to meetings
- 3. Advertise in newspapers & cable TV
- 4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
- 5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
- 6. Contact with Chamber of Commerce
- 7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
- 8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc
- 9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
- 10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
- 11. Host an Open House
- 12. Hold a club assembly only on membership
- 13. If you have a Service Club, ask their alumni to join
- 14. Give the Membership Chair one minute at every club meeting
- 15. Make the Membership Chair a Club Director
- 16. Put together guest information packets
- 17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
- 18. Invite family members to join
- 19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the Club
- 20. Print club business cards with Club meeting location and time
- 21. Distribute extra copies of magazines that relate to your club in waiting rooms, etc
- 22. Hold high-profile meetings
- 23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
- 24. Ask for help from the District Cabinet/Regional Chairs/Zone Chairs
- 25. Have a special guest day
- 26. Send club members to district membership seminar
- 27. Make prospective members feel important
- 28. Honour outstanding community members with awards
- 29. Don't take age into consideration
- 30. Make some meetings social events
- 31. Build a Club web site
- 32. Use group email to promote your Club
- 33. Put posters in public areas
- 34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
- 35. Have a reward program for those who bring in new members
- 36. Create more <u>FUN</u>
- 37. Give a money back guarantee if after 3 months a new member does not want to be a Club member, return their fees
- 38. Invite the media to cover well known speakers
- 39. Use word of mouth
- 40. Network with co workers, friends, and family
- 41. Follow up with guests
- 42. Place a coloured dot on the watch of every member to remind them to bring a guest
- 43. Lead by example—how many members have you recruited?

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- 44. Have members give talks at other organizations
- 45. Provide guests with free meals
- 46. Update your Clubs classification survey
- 47. Look for members in ethnic groups not represented in your Club
- 48. Provide brochures for new employee packets in members companies
- 49. Advertise at sports events
- 50. Ask the district for help
- 51. Hold joint meetings with other groups
- 52. Share your Club experience with others
- 53. Participate in community events
- 54. Write letters to the newspaper about the campaigns your Club is working on
- 55. If a prospect can't attend your meeting due to time, suggest another club
- 56. Publicize Club successes, elections, events, in local newspapers
- 57. Circulate the Club newsletter widely
- 58. Design a Club brochure
- 59. Hold recruiting events with two or more Clubs
- 60. Form/join a speakers' bureau
- 61. Wear your club's pin
- 62. Mention your Club at meetings of other organizations during announcements
- 63. Send newsletter to guests
- 64. When asked about your leadership skills & career success, tell them about your
- 65. Ask the DG to attend a board meeting to talk about membership
- 66. Ask every member to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair
- 67. Make it FUN
- 68. Give every member a Club decal or bumper stickers for their car
- 69. Give testimonials about your Club while guests are at the meeting
- 70. Repeatedly invite prospective members
- 71. Practice selling your club at Club meetings have a one minute elevator speech ready
- 72. Conduct a Membership Satisfaction Survey
- 73. The club president asks three club members as a personal favour each recruit one new member
- 74. Bring your boss to a club meeting
- 75. Make direct contact with women's business associations
- 76. Bring your co-workers to a club meeting
- 77. Bring your subordinates to a club meeting
- 78. Have new member kits
- 79. Use books, brochures, videos and posters from Lions
- 80. Hand out invitation cards for a "Free" lunch (breakfast, dinner)
- 81. Have members constantly promote and rave about your club
- 82. Meet at a good location
- 83. Assign every member to a 5 person recruitment team—each team brings in a new member every six months
- 84. Develop a strategic plan membership is a year-round priority and needs to be planned
- 85. Have incentives for recruitment
- 86. Have a large poster that lists all the members who have sponsored a new member in the past year
- 87. Select a missing classification and work on filling it
- 88. Display a thermometer showing progress towards club goal
- 89. Feature a member's "benefit of the month" in the club newsletter
- 90. Induct new members formally & invite spouse/partner/family
- 91. Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members
- 92. Contact all members who have resigned in the past 3 years
- 93. Use billboards at bus stops and road sides
- 94. Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks
- 95. Recognize new members in newsletters
- 96. Regularly check the Lions web site for ideas
- 97. Subscribe to a website
- 98. Invite spouses to social functions
- 99. Ask recipients of service or donations to speak
- 100. Pass out pamphlets to remind members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members"

Yours in Lionism

Paul Cairnduff 1VDG





You will love the logic of this one ...

The US standard rail gauge is 4ft 8.5ins. The odd number is used because that's the way they were built in the UK.

Why did the English use that measurement?

The first rail lines were built by the same people who'd built the pre-railroad tramways.

They used that gauge using the same tools and jigs they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

The wagons had that particular wheel spacing so they wouldn't get caught in between the ruts in the road.

Who built the old rutted roads?

The Romans of course! They built the first long distance roads across Europe and their war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels.

So the next time you are handed a specification, procedure or process and wonder: 'what horse's ass came up with this?'

You may be exactly right because Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses! Cont'd over...



The Lions Youth of the Year programme 2020-2021 concluded on 10th May, on the final day of the Lions Australia National Convention in Canberra.

Nine Tasmanian Clubs sponsored a total of 24 Youth of the Year student contenders from 20 schools this year: two in the North Region – Hadspen South Esk & Riverside; four in the North-West Region -Emu Bay, Devonport Burnie Mersey, Kentish & Latrobe; and three in the South Region -Clarence, Hobart Town Kingborough.

The total audience for the Club, Region and State Finals was 475 and 40 volunteer judges donated many hours interviewing and assessing the students.

Our State Final was held at the Lions Club of Kings Meadows clubrooms on 18th April and the Overall Winner on the day was William Scott from Scotch Oakburn College, sponsored by the Lions Club of Riverside. William then went on to represent Tasmania against an extremely strong field of students in the National Final which was eventually won by Zoe Peters from District N4.

Last year (2019-2020), of course, Youth of the Year was abruptly cancelled following the onset of COVID-19.

This time, the committee comprising National YOTY Chair Ken Bradford and the six YOTY State Coordinators put a lot of work into developing a pandemic policy designed to enable the Youth of the Year programme to proceed through all levels to its proper conclusion regardless of COVID-19.

As it turned out, all States were able to hold all levels of the programme without our having to invoke the pandemic policy.

This would not have been the case, of course, had the programme been running a month later — we would have had to run some programme levels via Zoom and some State Finalists would not have been permitted to travel to Canberra.

Tasmanian Lions Clubs have been participating in the Youth of the Year programme since 1967-1968 and we have, so far, had nine National Winners – 2% of the National population delivering around 18% of YOTY National Winners.

That's a pretty impressive performance!

I hope more Tasmanian Lions Clubs will sponsor students in the 2021-2022 Lions Youth of the Year programme. **How about it?** The cost of running a Club Final is around \$500 and, being an official Lions Australia Youth Programme, all costs go to Clubs' Activities Accounts.

Attending a Youth of the Year Final at any level, listening to young people (15 to 18 year olds) speak on topics about which they are passionate as well as responding to impromptu questions that require them to "think on their feet" is a very rewarding experience.

If you are a member of a Club that hasn't recently participated in the Lions Youth of the Year programme, please consider doing so in the 2021-2022 programme. There's a lot of information about Youth of the Year on the Lions Australia website and I will be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Russell Cairns
Youth of the Year
District T1 Coordinator.

Email yoty@lionstasmania.org.

"Why be a Volunteer?"

It's not for money, it's not for fame and it's not for any personal gain. It's just for love of fellow man. It's just to lend a helping hand. It's just to give a tithe of self. That's something you can't buy with wealth. It's not the medals worn with pride.

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It's just for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in your heart.

It's feeling that you've been a part of helping others far and near.

That's what makes you a VOLUNTEER.

Steps on how to make the World a better place:

- 1. Join a Lions Club.
- 2. Stay in Lions Club.
- 3. Get others to join Lions Club.





A farmer was milking his cow. He was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a bug flew into the barn and started circling his head.

Suddenly, the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it until the bug squirted out into his bucket.

It went in one ear and out the udder...

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

ONE DEDICATED LION - AN EXAMPLE TO ALL!

WHO IS THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVING LION IN AUSTRALIA?

He's in our Q1 District

He's a member of the Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby.

He's 92 years old and still attending meetings

He's in his 67th year as a Lion

LION NOEL JAMES

What a great example of dedication.

Noel joined The 5th chartered Club in Australia the Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby in 1952, he had two brothers in the same club. He was the joint owner with his family of James Electrical and Hardware store in Mullumbimby, later sold to Mitre 10.

He was a keen pilot, he flew Tiger Moth and Wirraway aircraft out of a small local air strip.

He Fondly remembers his early Lions membership working with

James D. Richardson BEM. who was the Charter President of the

Brunswick Mullumbimby club, and with Ray Phippard OAM.



Noel's Loins activities throughout his many years were mixed and varied and too many to list in this space, suffice to say he is a "Life Member"

Club members keep a close watch on Noel as he adds more years to his already impressive resume, they pick him up and drive him to meetings and other venues. He is looked on as a Legend.

Noel was once asked "What was the best part of his Lions Career"

He said "The day I joined Lions"

He is held in high regard within his club and Lions District

Article submitted by PDG Tony Cornell

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Now the twist to the story:

When you see a space shuttle sitting on its launch pad, you will notice there are two big booster rockets on either side of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters (SRBs).

The engineers who designed them would have preferred to make them a bit larger, but the SRBs have to be shipped by train to the launch site and the railroad line from the factory runs through a tunnel in the mountains and the tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track (as you now know) is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So... a major space shuttle design feature, of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system, was determined over 2000 years ago by the width of two horses' asses!!



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Definitely

THE END...

The Final Word...