

Bill Vaughn



District Governor's Thoughts

HAPPY NEW YEAR, to all

Just around the corner we will be saying Happy Easter (hot cross buns are all- ready out!).
 I am very pleased to inform you all, we are back over the 1200 mark at writing this 1213 and we are holding our present members, plus our two new Leo Clubs and the possibility of another one, what a good start for 2008.

It doesn't cost anything to say G'Day or Hello, to the ones you have not seen for a while, drop a newsletter in, pick up the phone (communication is the answer to most of our problems), once we get over this, through thoughtfulness, consideration and listening to our members, we will move forward and accept the "Challenge to Change".
 (One more member per Club, can we do it before June and be out of Transition? It's a goal I would wish for).

Soon, your Club will be appointing a **Nomination Committee**, to select your NEW Board for 2008-2009. Please, Lions, select the ones who you know will take your Club forward into the future and who will increase public awareness of the fun, fellowship and satisfaction that Lions can offer.
 (Not just a list of names to fill the holes).

Lions Cakes – if you had any problems, orders, deliveries etc, please email all details to me before the 10th February Cabinet Meeting.

Youth of the Year NAB Tour - thanks must go to **Lion Jenny Trippree and Annette Ogilvie** for a well organised event.

So Lions, march into the new year of stewardship with the zeal of a true LION, having an absolute steady focus and faith in yourself and your abilities to achieve.

Positive results will then have to follow, May God help us truly meet this "Challenge to Change".

Must go things to do,

Regards
Leigh Jones
 District Governor

PS - James has a few words - "Dogs are not our whole life but they make our lives whole."

PPS - I was reading the book "Quotations, Speeches and Recollections" and I would like to share with you, these few paragraphs below -

WITHOUT YOU

Without you, there would be no Lions, without you, there be no Lions Clubs, without you, there would be no Lions District, without you, there be no Lions Clubs International Association.

You and you alone are the most important part of this great worldwide organisation. You weren't picked out of a hat to join your club. You were selected! You were chosen! WHY? Because if you read your Constitution again, it says, and I quote in part, "of Legal majority, of good moral charter and good reputation in his or her community."

You stand out as being a person who is needed in our Lions family. To me you are very precious. I don't think that I am speaking only to the converted, because among us there are some who really don't believe they ARE important?. Why don't they think that they are important? Because Lions and Ladies, WE haven't involved them enough in what you and I are doing, as a Club. Involvement provides satisfaction, and when you are satisfied with what you have done, you will want to advance another step forward.

We all have leadership abilities, but with some of us it is has to be encouraged. I have heard many in this organisation say, there is no way that I would got up to speak about anything before I joined Lions Club. Many of you would have heard that said I'm sure.

Lions, you must try very hard to nurture this wonderful organisation, to care for it, to value it by encouraging each other, by informing each other, by showing each other, for this will give you strength. Strength of character, strength of unity and strength of purpose.

Les Rogers PDG (V2) (Quotations, Speeches and Recollection - 1992)



The Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc.

The next meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc will be held on

Sunday 27th January 2008

Any Club wishing to make an application for a Grant, should do so, with details forwarded to reach the Secretary **on or before**

Friday 18th January 2008

This also applies to any other matter/s Clubs may wish to bring to the Foundation's notice.

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 TAS 7250
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OUR DISTRICT COUNT

28 Oct 2007	28 Nov 2007
Clubs: 50	Clubs: 50
Membership: 1182	Membership: 1200
Status: Transition	Status: Transition

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Raising a Sweat and Awareness

Advocate article by Eliza Grey



Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation

"Walk with Pride"

Australia, Papua New Guinea, Norfolk Island

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Raising awareness of cerebral palsy within the community is the aim of the Lions Club of Latrobe. Making it a fun lesson was the key and any funds raised along the way would be a bonus, Lions Club of Latrobe member Kae Campbell said.

The Lions club has resurrected the novelty charity celebrity race which saw State parliamentarians Jeremy Rockliff and Brenton Best, along with local mayor Mike Gaffney and Devonport lawyer Reg Richardson run a 40-metre course in gumboots or work boots and hindered by an additional handicap including a bucket of manure and lawnmower! Held in 2002, the race raised funds for the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation (ALCMF), as it will again this year.

"Basically the ALCMF provides walkers to get those with cerebral palsy up and walking," Mrs. Campbell, who is the Tasmanian trustee for the ALCMF, said.

"Walkers enable the children to walk around and also allows their organs to develop better, increasing their overall health.



The charity race was held in November during a lunchtime break at the Latrobe High School athletics carnival. "We hold the event in conjunction with Latrobe High. School because the students are at a stage where it is really important they understand what some people have to live with."

READY, GO: Practising for the race are (from left) Latrobe Council general manager Gerald Monson, Latrobe speedway caller Martin Agatyn, Mayor Mike Gaffney, Lions Club of Latrobe president Stuart Ritchie and Lions member Apollo Birch. Picture: Jason Hollister - Advocate.



Latrobe High School students and those competing in the race were asked to sell wrist bands in a bid to raise funds for the foundation.

The Lions Club of Latrobe called for suggestions on which local "celebrities" could compete in its charity race. Handicap suggestions were also called for.

Students at Latrobe High School suggested David Foster, carrying a piece of wood, Latrobe youth worker Adele Rist, running in her high heel shoes, local cyclist Nathan Clark, carrying his bike and Latrobe High teacher Tim Jolly with his canoe. *The students not knowing at the time actually succeeded in selecting the eventual race winner (see below).*

Glamour queen wins race with stiletto style

Advocate article by Tracey Papiccio

When running a race in high heels, one must have some dirty strategies to win, according to Latrobe Council youth development officer, Adelle Rist. But it turned out her special heels and strong legs were enough on their own to win the recent Latrobe Lions Club celebrity race!

The novelty race, in which local "celebrities" run with a handicap, raises awareness of cerebral palsy.

"I had some bling on the front of my very glamorous heels and I wanted the sun to be out so I could blind the other contenders but it wasn't," Ms Rist said. "When I won the boys said it was too easy for me so next time I'm challenging them to run it in high heels."

The Advocate's general manager Rod Tremayne ran wearing fishing waders and carrying a fishing rod, Latrobe Mayor Mike Gaffney read a book as he trotted along, while the Latrobe RSL's David Richard juggled his handicap - a tenor horn and a Drumstick ice-cream.

It was a close race as Ms Rist strutted to the finish line – Mr. Tremayne got close on the outside but he was no match for the lady's animal print heels and determination!



Winner: Latrobe Council youth development officer Adelle Rist celebrates her race win with Roha Eastley, of Deloraine.

Picture: Katie McDougall - Advocate





BE A GOOD SPOKE

Ladies and gentlemen - sheilas, blokes and folks - members of a club - all vital spokes in revoking wheel.

The executive - President, Secretary and Treasurer - get glory or the raspberry. They are the club hub, linked to the laity run by a circle of spokes.

Look at your bicycle - probably in retirement on flat tyres in the garage? Remember when someone poked a stick or broke a spoke? You twisted the casualty onto another spoke and the bike wheel didn't seem to notice.

But when two or more spokes lost touch with the rim, things got grim. A slight wobble demanded remedy. How many more spokes would be lost before the wheel collapsed?

One bicycle spoke is more than a special piece of wire. It has a head on a bent neck and a slim long body to slip through a hole in the outer rim.

Each stainless steel spoke stretches full length to secure the rim with a tiny thread - just enough tension for the spoke to support others in a radius of combined strength. Spokes absorb shocks, to create joyous harmony.

Compare old time wagon wheels. No iron spokes to hold a laden dray. The wheelwrights cut tough timber and adzed spokes straight and strong.

The ends were chiseled and notched into robust axles, segments of timber held wedged ends cradled hard against a steel tyre.

Resisting stresses of creek beds, wagon wheels rolled to the steady pull of draught horse or bullock teams. Tortured on heavy twisting tracks, every spoke held its share of a struggling wheel.

Not one spoke broke. Spokes can merge to become disc wheels; discs are popular - but elite sports cars prefer individual spokes.

Good club members (often seldom-spoken of spokes) form unity, participants in achieving club objectives. No need for disloyalty, or being critical of the elected President or sniping at the Secretary.

A good spoke is helpful with every turn of the wheel. An early arriver to open doors, prepare table and chairs, check coffee urn - the broom may need exercise and other duties done?

Every successful club needs cheerful, helpful, happy sheilas and blokes - 'fair dinkum spokes!'

Neil McDonald

Gift a storage solution

The Latrobe Adult Day Centre now has room to move.

The centre has been in need of extra storage space since moving into the Uniting Church hall two years ago.

Much of its equipment, such as barbecues, was stored in a back room until last week when the Lions Club of Latrobe presented them with a new shed.

"It's given us a room back," centre coordinator Susan Hynes said.

The centre can now run two different activities at the same time.

Miss Hynes said the Lions club was supportive of the centre, having provided three arm chairs, a small greenhouse and donated meat for barbecues.

"They're always there when we need them, she said. "It's made a huge difference."

The centre relies on the generosity of organizations such as the Lions club and their volunteers, Miss Hynes said.

With the help of these organizations they can take clients on trips to the movies, McDonald's and on picnics.

They can also run card games, singalongs and other activities at the centre.

It cares for about 15 seniors and younger people with a disability each day.

Many of the clients live alone and it is a chance for them to get out of the house and socialize. For other clients, it gives their carers some respite.

Photo above: UNDER COVER - celebrating the installation of a new storage shed at the Latrobe Adult Day Centre are representatives of its donor, the Lions Club of Latrobe, (from left) Alan walker, Mark Campbell and Wayne Riley and centre coordinator Susan Hynes.

Both article (by Sarah Nicol) and photo (by Katie McDougall) from the Advocate newspaper

January - LIONS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH In the US Thursday March 6th 2008 - WORLD GLAUCOMA DAY

What is Glaucoma?

Known as the "sneak thief of sight," glaucoma is a specific pattern of optic nerve (the nerve that sends visual messages from the eye to the brain) damage and visual field loss caused by a number of different eye diseases. Most of these diseases are characterized by increased pressure within the eye. This pressure destroys the optic nerve. Without the optic nerve, tunnel vision and then blindness occur. **Glaucoma is one of the most common and preventable causes of blindness.**

What are the Symptoms of Glaucoma?

In most cases, there are no symptoms during the early stages of the disease. As glaucoma progresses, it slowly damages the optic nerve fibres of the eye and the field of vision narrows. Often, "blind spots" within the field of vision aren't realized until optic nerve damage has occurred.

Who is at risk?

Although anyone can get glaucoma, some people have a higher risk, those with:

- a family history of glaucoma,
- diabetes or migraine,
- short sightedness (myopia) or eye injuries,
- blood pressure or past or present use of cortisone drugs (steroids).

People in these groups should have their first eye check no later than the age of 35. For most people, it is recommended to have an eye check for glaucoma by the age of 40. Over 300,000 Australians have glaucoma.





LEO Club Charter

The LEO Club of New Norfolk was chartered on the 14th December 2007 at a function in the Lions Club of new Norfolk rooms.

The meal was prepared by members of the Lions Club of New Norfolk with the surplus funds from the meal charge being used to establish the 'LEO Administration Account'.

The charter dinner was hosted by LEO Tamara Marshall. Special Guests included District Governor Elect Robin Randall, Zone Chairman Jan Crump, District Chairman LEOs Andrew Connor, TLF Chairman Toby Crawford, Development Chairman (South) David Triffett.

This is now the fourth LEO Club in the District with hopefully more to follow.

The LEOs had chosen a uniform of maroon and gold and this was displayed in public for the first time as the members wore them for the first time.

Inductions and officer installations were carried out by District LEO Chairman Andrew Conner. Unfortunately two members of the club were unable to attend and will be inducted at the next meeting.

Viv Cardwell, President of the Lions Club of New Norfolk, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Lions Club.

Chairman of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation presented the club with a cheque for \$500. This money is provided so that the new club will have funds in its activity account and can therefore start working in the community.

One LEO Treasurer Tamara attended the recent District Convention. Unfortunately she was the only LEO there. However, she had a great time and wants in particular to thank Andrew and Agneszka Connor for their hospitality. On the Friday evening she came back to LEO Advisor Barrie and said she had met this great dude from New York! It turned out to be the First International Vice President Al Brandel.

She obviously made an impression as 1st VP Al wanted to present her with the International President's pin (one of only three presented), however, she had to leave the convention early (to enable Barrie to meet club commitments) and was not there to receive it. LEO Chairman Andrew presented Tamara with the pin on his behalf.



(L) Viv Cardwell, President Lions Club of New Norfolk.



Above (R) LEO Secretary Kalinda is installed in office by District LEO Chairman Andrew Connor



(L) LEO Club members following presentation of charter.



Above (R) The new members of the LEO Club of New Norfolk following their induction.



(L) LEO President Daniel receives the cheque from TLF Chairman Toby.



Above (R) Tamara receiving the International Presidents pin from LEO Chairman Andrew.

The Leo Club of New Norfolk now has its own post office box and all correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

The address is:

LEO Club of New Norfolk
PO Box 414
New Norfolk Tas 7140

Contributions for the period 1 July – 30 Sept 07 amounted to US\$9795.77, the majority being for CSFII and from 7 Clubs.

Individual Club contributions ranged from US\$84.75 [A\$100] to over US\$4000. For the first 2 years of CSFII the following amounts were contributed by Tasmanian Clubs –

2005-06	US\$ 1,182.48
2006-07	US\$ 21,229.27.

With the current increase contribution attracting Melvin Jones Fellowship credits, it is appropriate that Clubs give thought to those Club members and members of their communities who may be recognised with an MJF.

Remember, that a member honoured some years ago with a MJF, can, because of their subsequent dedication as a Lion be again so honoured with a further MJF.

John Gillham
LCIF District Chairman



Lions Club of
Smithton Circular Head
will be changing their meeting venue
from the **14th January 2008**
to **Tall Timbers Smithton**

The Half-Wit

A man owned a small farm in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Wage & Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him. "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to - the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the farmer.

PCC Tony Roney



Geeveston Branch Activity

DC John Gillham



The Geeveston Branch of the Lions Club of Huon in spite of the small numbers again arranged and coordinated the Annual Geeveston Christmas Pageant on Friday evening December 14.

In 2004 the Branch revived the communities Christmas Pageant which had lapsed for a number of years.

The 2007 pageant was again a great success with community support for the floats, the prizes for the best floats and for the sausage-sizzle which followed the pageant.

Photos: above The winning float, & (R) Lions feeding the masses.



BBQ WITH A DIFFERENCE!

"Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk President Leigh Johnstone and his partner Lion Sandy Huett extended an invitation to our Lions members to join them for a BBQ on Saturday 1st December, to celebrate Leigh's 40th Birthday.

On arrival some of our members noticed other guests looked a little overdressed for a sausage on the 'barbie.' The gazebo in the corner was decorated with pink and white tulle, which one could assume had been decorated for Leigh and Sandy's daughter Bethany and her young cousins to play in.

However this was not the case - the 40th Birthday celebration was actually a guise for Leigh and Sandy's Wedding Day! When we perused the mix of birthday guests, the presence of a photographer complete with a professional camera and lens, plus a marriage celebrant in the background gave it away. The immaculately groomed hair with ribbons in pastel shades sported by Leigh and Sandy's daughters and female relatives was another sign there was more to this day than backyard birthday bash.

We thank Leigh and Sandy for inviting us to celebrate their special day and wish them a long and happy life together."

Meredith Churchill
Secretary

Photo (L) family & friends celebrate with Leigh & Sandy



1st International Vice President Al Brandel and Doctor Maureen Murphy, send Season Greetings and Thanks for the wonderful hospitality they received while in Tasmania. Sincerely - Al and Maureen

(DG has extended an invitation to them to drop in again if time permits to see the rest of the State. At the 09 Melbourne Convention, Al will be in Australia.)

Cabinet Treasurer's Bit

Hello to all the Club Treasurers!

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and are now recovering.....

Semi Annual Dues

Treasurers, you will be receiving the bill for the second semi-annual dues in January - please pay this promptly and ratify it at your next meeting.... for those of you with family members, check that you are passing the discount on to those members who are eligible.

Also included with the dues bill is the opportunity to support LYNX (Lions Youth Network eXpress) - help to keep this worthwhile T1 District project running successfully.

Club Email Addresses

Treasurers, you may also have received a letter from me offering your club a district email address that looks like - "yourclubname@lionstasmania.org" - please read this letter carefully and pass it on to your club secretary.

Club Secretary - please respond to this letter!!

Campaign SightFirst II

Donations are progressing well, but we still need more for this great project. Make your cheques payable to "Lions District 201T1" and send them to me with a note indicating it is a CSF2 donation. All donations to CSF II will earn your club Melvin Jones Fellowship credit. If you wish to give one of these prestigious awards, send the application to me with your payment. I will handle it from there.

Please call or email if you have any questions on any of the above items!

Maurice Jones - Cabinet Treasurer
cabtreasurer@lionstasmania.org

Lions Christmas Cakes Shipped to Australian Troops

Lions Australia has donated 1,000 1kg Christmas cakes to Australian Defence Force Personnel serving across the globe on operations.

Lions Australia Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans said "Although we can't always do much to make their Christmas as pleasant as the one they would have at home with their families, at least we can give them a treat, and a reminder of Christmas at home.



Number One NGO Advertisement

Lions Clubs International Foundation was recently ranked the number one non-governmental organization (NGO) in a study by the Financial Times (*see report page 10, Lions Tasmania DG Newsletter, August 2007*).

To announce this major achievement, Lions Clubs International has placed advertisements in national daily newspapers around the world, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, London Times and Delhi Times.

Following on from this, Lions are encouraged to download the black and white or colour half-page ad to place in their local newspapers. (*see http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_ngo.shtml*) Also, see adv below. To localize the information, include a local phone number and local Lions Web site. Most newspapers can easily make this change, and many offer a special advertising rate for not-for-profit or service organizations.

Another way to include this information in a local paper is to mention the number one NGO within a story on your local club. When promoting a fundraiser or service project within your community, highlight this international achievement.

This is free publicity that is good for everyone.

2007 - busy, busy but very fulfilling

Thanks to PCC Tony Roney for the great write up in the last DG newsletter!

It's been a very busy few leading up to the end of 2007, following on from our fund raising for Campaign Sight First 11, members erected a garden shed at the Latrobe Adult Day Care centre and organised a successful Christmas Parade.

A request for assistance from a local resident resulted in the purchase of a motorised scooter to make his life a little easier.

Members held a working bee to clean up some municipal garden beds and we assisted with food preparation for Gran's Van.

The Driver awareness Pilot program completed in December appears to have been very successful and those running the various sections seem to be keen to go on with the program in 2008. The final part of this year's program, a car maintenance was an interesting experience, when students were invited to have a go at checking oil and water, changing a wheel, checking tyres etc, the first to put their hands up were three 15 year old girls. None of them worried about getting their fingernails dirty all wanting to know how to do basic maintenance.

One of the high lights was delivering decorated Lions Cakes to Meals-on-wheels recipients and the Strathdevon Nursing Home. For many years our club has donated the cakes, which are decorated by the North West Cake Decorators, but until this year had never actually been part of the delivery. The gratitude expressed by the senior citizens almost had us in tears. One couple couldn't understand what they had done to deserve "a special treat!"

It's the little things that make it all worth while.

Now for a well earned break for a couple of weeks and then back into it again!!!

**Note: President Stuart Ritchie's new address and phone number
S Ritchie 55 James St, Latrobe, 7307. Phone: 6426 2878**

Lion Kae Campbell
Secretary LC of Latrobe & ALCMF Trustee



Lions Clubs International Ranked Best NGO



In July 2007, companies ranked Lions Clubs International and its foundation the best non-governmental organization (NGO) worldwide with which to work. This top ranking was according to ratings compiled by the *Financial Times* in association with Dalberg Global Development Advisers and the United Nations Global Compact.

The rankings assessed 34 global organizations ranked by 445 companies involved with NGOs and international agencies. **Lions Clubs International was rated most highly and ranked first for program execution, communication, adaptability and accountability in the fast-growing world of non-profits.**

The assessment, published in the *Financial Times*' Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy special report, highlights companies' growing interest in long-term partnerships to tackle an expanding range of social issues.

—Financial Times
July 5, 2007

Name of Organization	Country of HQ	Total Avg.
1 Lions Clubs International (ranked in 200 countries)	United States	4.6

QUICK FACT

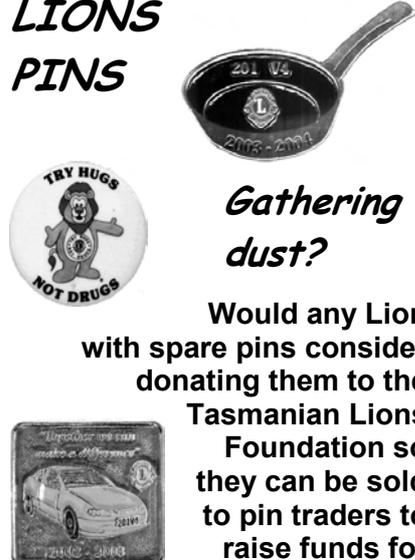
100% of all funds donated to LCIF reach people and places in need. All foundation administrative costs are paid by interest on investments.

Lions' signature program, SightFirst, fights preventable and reversible blindness around the world. Support Campaign SightFirst II today and give sight to those who would otherwise live in darkness.

Please contact Lions Clubs International Foundation at 630.571.5466, ext. 404 or go to www.lcif.org to donate online.

(All contributions to LCIF are tax deductible to the extent allowed under the Internal Revenue Code)

LIONS PINS



Gathering dust?

Would any Lion with spare pins consider donating them to the Tasmanian Lions Foundation so they can be sold to pin traders to raise funds for the Foundation?

Any pin donations can be forwarded to:

**TLF Secretary
Peter Burke
11 Camina Crt
RIVERSIDE 7250**



RECYCLING RING PULLS ARE NOT A SHAM

Over the past few months, we have had many reports of people declaring that collecting ring pulls was a sham. Well, here is the picture to prove otherwise!

Clarinda Lions take a year's collection of ring pulls [433k] to a metal recycler who gave us \$1.65 per kilo and we brought home a cheque for \$741.45; this will be forwarded on to the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship to benefit research into a cure for spinal cord injury.



Drink can ring pulls are - clean and easy to store - (store them in "Keep Australia Clean" bags or similar) - all your neighbours/schools will gladly collect them for you the only work involved is loading them onto a trailer.

In V5, the country clubs send them down to us in the city via the District Governor when he visits

or when they come down to visit family or whatever.

If you have a metal recycler in your town, then you may wish to put the funds towards one of your own projects, or, just send the cheque on to the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship.

David Oakley PDG (V5 Public Relations Chairman.)



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"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."
Melvin Jones

The ALF Meeting dates for 2007-2008 are as follows:

2nd & 3rd February 08

14th & 15th May 08

Application should be lodged 14 days prior to these dates, but the Foundation has a very prompt mechanism to deal with emergency grants.

Should any Club wish to discuss any application with me my details are as follows:

Home: 6225 2011, Fax 62251859,

Email:

apretyma@bigpond.net.au

Alan Pretyman
Secretary &
Trustee for Tasmania



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District Chairman Merchandising
Alf Cox Phone 6391 9379
or **Fax 6391 8758**

New Lions

WELCOME

NAME:	Sponsor:	Club:
Henry Jenner	Helene Levin	Flinders Island
Bernice Jenner	Helene Levin	Flinders Island
Teresa Bellinger	Merideth Churchill	Hadspen South Esk
Debbie Rich	Kae Campbell	Latrobe
Ian Parfrey	Peter Burke	Launceston Riverside
Julie Crawford	Dale Crawford	Penguin
Brian Smith	Robert Davies	Port Cygnet
Ronald Gregory	Robert Davies	Port Cygnet
Ian McLellan	Tom Purdon	Tasman

Campaign SightFirst II

There will be great excitement at the 2008 International Convention in Bangkok this coming June, when we will celebrate the successful conclusion of Campaign SightFirst II (CSF II), which is poised to meet and exceed its goal of raising US\$150 million to fund the continuation and expansion of the SightFirst program. **But your club's participation is critical to our success.**

With more than US\$125 million raised, we have achieved 80 percent of our minimum goal. Until we reach this minimum goal, many millions of people will not receive life-changing SightFirst services. In the coming months, your club's efforts to do all it can in supporting the campaign, ensures that we will celebrate CSFII's success this June.

CSF II is our most ambitious and wide-reaching initiative in Lions' history and one that is at the heart of our mission as Lions: to save sight.

Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President



I believe..... That money is a lousy way of keeping score!

2008 Peace Poster

Council Chairman, Tony Benbow, reviewed the entries for the International Peace Poster at the December Council meeting. As usual, the standard of entry was very high and this year almost every district in MD201 was represented. A great effort from Australian Lions and a credit to all those many Lions involved in making this project successful.

There can only be one winner and this year it was:

Winner

Zoe Pan – Oatley Public School
Oatley Lions Club - N5



The Council Chairman also awarded two honourable mentions:

1. Zac Galloway
Playford Primary School
Lions Club of Elizabeth
Playford - C1



and

2. Grace Fraraccio
Maganatha Christian School
Lions/Lioness Club of Endeavour
Hills - V3



Thank you to the artists, and all of those involved in the program.

Lions Australia

Following the series in recent issues of looking at the acronyms used in Lions, we want to continue bringing members some basic aspect of being a Lion. Learning for new Lions, a reminder for the older ones!

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING: It may appear that the language barrier may make this almost impossible. *International understanding and friendship is a matter of spirit rather than language.* Lions throughout the world communicate with one another through club activities that create and foster a spirit of understanding between peoples of the world and share the fellowship of the pin of service they all wear, and the Lions Clubs Purposes and Ethics.

You may be confused if you compare the Objects that your club uses and the Purposes that are printed in material issued by the International Office.

This is because the Objects for use in Australia were recently altered to comply with "politically correct" terminology referring to afflicted persons as disabled rather than handicapped. The fourth Purpose therefore reads "TO ASSIST financially, culturally, socially and morally the disabled, disadvantaged and infirm of the etc.

The Lions Clubs International Purposes are a guide for the conduct of clubs.

WE SERVE

District Newsletter 201T1 - Deadline for next issue is: February 10

Copy for Newsletter is required on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication.

It is preferred that articles be typed and submitted for publication by e-mail or otherwise by floppy disk/CD.

Please forward photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

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

Keep your fluids up.....

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All sections of the media have been urging people to conserve water, in view of some of the driest weather in living memory, **but do not to take this advice personally.**

Many people do not take in enough fluids during the summer, which can result in body dehydration. This condition can be exacerbated when undertaking exercise, and in extreme cases, dehydration can cause brain damage, or even death.



So, when working on that personal or Lions project or playing sport during this summer, we generally urge everyone to drink water regularly, but especially when undertaking physical activity.

**RIVERSIDE LIONS CLUB
WANT YOUR
STAMPS**

They can be sent to the Club at P.O. Box 370, Launceston, Tas 7250. Thank you.

for Children's Mobility services