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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MUSINGS

Congratulations to all Clubs that supported the V5 Bushfire Relief Trust, where at the end of March, (the deadline for the dollar for dollar from the State Government) the District has contributed \$350,000 to Bushfire relief, more than any other District in Australia, and any other State in Australia in regards to Lions Clubs contributions.

A huge effort from Clubs, individual members, and friends of Lions, and other supporters of Lions, like our National Sponsor, GMH. Local Dealers Motors, who collected donations from employees, then matched it dollar for dollar, and passed it on to Lions, so we could get dollar for dollar from the State Government.

One thing that I feel I should explain is that the \$350,000 we raised has all gone to Lions in Victoria as part of the Lions effort which was being used for humanitarian projects from day one of the fires, and will be continually used for those in need of assistance. The matching dollar for dollar from the Government goes to the Victorian Bushfire appeal, which is nothing to do with Lions.

I am in no doubt that this initiative by our Government has allowed Lions to raise more money than we would have without it, and has given Lions Clubs in Tasmania more publicity than would have been possible, with coverage in all local newspapers, all TV stations and radio coverage.

The state final of the Youth of the Year has been run and won. Congratulations to Emma Davey from Scotch Oakburn College, representing the City of Launceston Lions Club. Emma won the Public speaking section and was the overall winner and we look forward to supporting Emma in Melbourne for the National Final at Convention.

Membership has finally got back on track; the month of March showed a dramatic turn around in membership recruitment and retention; we improved our numbers to plus twenty four for this Lions year, from minus two in February, an overall gain of twenty six members.

We are now within range of achieving our goal of 1250 members by the end of June. We need just twenty more new members - "we are that close!" We all need to contribute to that last positive thrust over May and June and so achieve that magical status of a full District in our own right with over 35 Clubs and 1250 members.

"We can do it, there is nothing we cant achieve if we want to achieve it." Ask Rocky Cape Lions club they have increased their membership by 10 this year with 4 more in the wings!

Sally and I look forward to catching up with those members going to the Convention in Melbourne and those attending the District get together Dinner on the Saturday Night at the Oaks on Collins 7.00 pm.

Also, the District Governor's Appreciation Dinner is being held at the Riverside Golf Club on the 16th of May - 6.30pm for 7.15pm - all welcome - cost \$35.00 per head.

District Governor Tony Roney



"REACH FOR THE STARS"

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS
PENCIL THIS IN NOW!

This is a reminder for all clubs and members that LCI have recently 'updated' the Lions logo, and therefore you should update logos on your website and newsletter, as well as any other publications and signs/banners/etc, when they are re-ordered.

You can find the 'updated' logo at:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_logos_art.shtml

Yours in Lionism
Andrew Connor



OUR DISTRICT COUNT

30 Feb 2009

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1204

Status: "Established district below 35/1,250 over two years."

31 March 2009

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1230

Status: "Established district below 35/1,250 over two years."

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THE DAY AUSTRALIA CRIED

We love to hate Victorians throughout the footy season
 Just for the fact they're from Victoria would seem a valid
 reason,
 They tend to think Australian Rules belongs to them, at least
 In the west we simply label them "the know alls from the East".

But Australians came together, sporting squabbles set aside,
 When disaster struck Victoria, the day Australia cried.

We've seen pictures in the papers; we've seen them on TV
 Homes and buildings burnt to ashes, the pain and misery
 The faces of survivors, the tears they tried to hide,
 Gave us just the briefest glimpse of how they feel inside.

We saw the flames engulf the trees; we saw the sky turn red,
 And, in the aftermath, the cars, where some died as they fled.
 We heard the graphic stories of the panic they felt that day,
 As the townsfolk faced decisions, should they go or should they
 stay?

The horrors of reality, their lives gone up in smoke,
 The loss of whole communities with pretty sounding names.
 The toll we don't want to hear, the numbers who have died,
 On that black Saturday, the day Australia cried.

The worst peacetime disaster Australia's ever seen,
 In surroundings long regarded as being lush and green,
 Drought throughout the country had left it tinder dry,
 At the mercy of the fireballs that "rained down from the sky"

The fires that raged through the hills that February day,
 Have changed the course of countless lives in every kind of way.
 There's absolutely nothing left of the futures that were planned,
 Just twisted tin and ashes and scars upon the land.

Survivors say they'll build again in their old neighbourhood,
 And life will become normal, and life will become good,
 But their lives will be so different and they won't forget the cost
 Of absent family and friends that they have loved and lost.

No matter where you come from, or how far you may roam,
 There's some place in Australia your heart will know as 'home'
 But above all we are Australians, State issues can't divide
 And we won't forget what happened the Day Australia Cried!

*DG Tony received this poem from the Secretary of the V5
 Disaster Relief Trust, penned by a West Australian, and a
 praiseworthy and poignant description of that awful time and
 of the effects to so many lives following that Black Saturday.*



LIONS TASMANIA AND MOTORS

Tasmanian Lions has received a
 contribution of \$23,000 from
 Motors, Tasmania's largest motor
 vehicle group towards the
 Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

The amount forwarded to Lions
 Tasmania is a result of Motors
 matching their staff dollar for dollar .
 The Motors group has been
 established since 1929, and has
 represented Holden products since
 inception are pleased to support
 Lions Tasmania in this fund raising
 and is a splendid example of working
 with Lions for the benefit of those
 tragically effected by the fires in Vic.

In a joint statement from Lions
 Tasmania through the coordinating
 Lions club of Sandy Bay President
 John Pigger and the Managing
 Director of Motors Sergio Buccilli
 said, the donation from Motors and
 their staff will be combined with the
 dollar for dollar grant from the
 Tasmanian Government and sent to
 the Victorian Lions District 201 V5
 Disaster Relief Trust Fund, who will
 arrange distribution to those people
 affected and who have lost so much.

**The collaboration between Motors
 and Lions Tasmania reflects the
 very strong commitment to
 community engagement.**

The Lions Tasmania District
 Governor Tony Roney announced to
 date the amount
 raised by Lions in
 Tasmania totals
 \$250,000.



**Lion Glenn
 Gillies**

HOLDEN

This years Youth of the Year winner is
 Emma Davey from Scotch Oakburn
 College. Emma (pictured right with DG
 Tony), won the Public Speaking section
 of the Quest and was the overall winner.
 The Final was hosted by the Glenorchy
 Club in Hobart on Sunday 5th April and

Emma represented the
 City of Launceston
 Lions Club. Jenny Fraser,
 Scotch Oakburn College
 reports that they are
 certainly proud of



the way Emily and Emma acquitted
 themselves in the State Final and are
 very appreciative of the Lions
 organization for providing our students
 with the opportunity to participate in
 such a worthwhile project.

Below:



THE WAREHOUSE

Ever since Black Saturday, on the corner of Woodlands Drive and Lower Dandenong Road, you will have seen a large sign which says "Fire Disaster Relief Drop Off Centre" and many of you have been there and dropped off your excess clothing and manchester for the fire victims – for which we thank you all so much. For those of you who have been there working--- we thank you doubly---it has been a fantastic effort.

When Lions obtained the use of an unused warehouse in Woodlands Drive, free of charge until the new tenants moved in, CMV Volvo came on board by donating two trucks for our use...unfortunately one of those trucks did battle with the Montague Street bridge and the top ended up looking like an opened sardine can but no one was hurt and CMV were just great, saying "Well, s... happens". Then we were left with just one 20 tonne truck for all the deliveries.

General Equipment Rentals loaned us a forklift to move the pallets around. Some people think a disaster relief effort is just the right time to toss out all their rubbish – so Clean Skips of Clayton donated 3 skips to help us on this front. Local businesses have been so generous, donating clothing and goods but also generators, flat pack boxes for packing, sign writers and even a shrink-wrap machine and the plastic.

By the first weekend, word had gone out to all the surrounding Lions clubs and we soon had enough workers to sort, package, shrink-wrap and deliver the goods to the fire affected areas. An average of 30 lions members and local volunteers worked there every day the first few weeks before it shrunk to about 10 workers a day and it has grown to cover other household goods such as detergents, baby equipment, toys, white goods and some furniture but most furniture and tools will be relocated to another warehouse we have been given in Ringwood.

As we now have enough new and used clothing on hand, D.G. David obtains wish lists from the recovery centres and we source what is wanted and then deliver it. The Good Guys, together with LG, Electrolux, Samsung and Whirlpool, donated 16 washing machines for use in 'site shed laundries' set up for the purpose and Everhard have donated

16 laundry troughs and mixing taps. One of our first requests was for generators and the factory next door, LK Diesel Service supplied us with two. Two days later we had an urgent request from the CFA in Gippsland who had lost their generator in a fire – a quick trip next door and we had another generator which they themselves delivered to Gippsland that night.

A Telstra shop loaned us three mobile phones and organized a dedicated hot line at the warehouse – which was fantastic until 'someone' took all three phones home one night and didn't come back the next morning.....we were off the air ! A N.S.W. resident donated 90 dozen eggs – how good is that and a semi-trailer load came from W.A. all sorted, packed, and labeled. Truckloads have come from NSW and Queensland and they are in flood !

It has been a fantastic 'getting-to-know-you' exercise with so many clubs working together and of course we have 'the cookie monster' who loves his cookies; 'Smokey' who burnt the toast one morning [yes, they arrive in time for breakfast]; 'Soapy' who spent his days decanting detergent and 'Crash' who hit the Montague Street bridge and then there was Arnie. Arnie is a magician, who should have been in vaudeville as he kept us amused with a great range of jokes. Better than a convention any day.

What about the 2 Lions who went off in a panel van to pick up a fridge and came back with a fridge, a freezer and a lady in her car with a trailer full on the back! Are they proud of their effort? If you haven't seen the DG lately, that's because he and Monica work at the warehouse every day and he is driving the large truck up into the fire affected areas at least twice a week...I think they get about 4 hours sleep a night.

Not all the donations are in goods of course and the District Disaster Relief Trust has received over \$1 million from the public, Australian clubs, ALF, LCIF, LCI and clubs from New Zealand, England and the USA. These funds are currently being dispersed by food vouchers and to the clubs in those affected areas to distribute.

Only locals know who is genuine and who is not and this is one way of ensuring that the funds go to those who really need them. Chandra has it all down in black and white.

Melbourne Wholesale Produce Market Lions have brought fruit and veg. out every week to feed the workers and it certainly was lovely fresh produce. With good food and plenty of walking around the warehouse, we have all lost weight.

Lions International Vice President Sid Scruggs and Intn'l Director Ken Bird obtained permission to fly into the fire affected areas by helicopter a week after the fire so that they could see first-hand the devastation and assess what funding LCI could provide. This is one reason why it is great to be a member of the largest service organization in the world....we see and we do!

David Oakley
PR Chairman



Close Shave, for Four Lions!

Four of Glenorchy's most well-known citizens have recently undergone "a close shave".

Current Citizen of the Year, David Triffett, along with Former Citizen's of The Year, PDG Jack Allen, James Fisher and David Pearce OAM, all four Members of the Glenorchy Lions Club, willingly parted with their hair (and in Ald. Pearce's case his Beard as well), in order to assist the Leukaemia Foundations Annual Fundraiser, The World's Greatest Shave.



Above: PDG Jack Allen; Below: James Fisher



The event has been strongly supported by the Glenorchy Lions Club and Leo's Club for a number of years, with monies raised going to assist persons living with the disorder, their families and research into an eventual cure for the disease.

The Great Shave Off took place at Glenorchy Centro Shopping Centre on Saturday, the 14th of March. The amount raised by the club this year, was approximately



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Cabinet Secretary's Report

It will be nice to see so many in Melbourne and to those attending I hope you find satisfying and rewarding and the social events enjoyable.

REGISTRATIONS

It is advised that Registration will be held on Thursday afternoon between 1.00 and 4.30pm at the centre where Convention is being held. So I look forward to seeing you all then.

By now all Clubs will have received an invitation from D/G Tony and Lions Lady Sally to attend their Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday 16th May, 2009 at the Riverside Golf Club 6.30 for 7.15pm. They extend you all a warm welcome to attend and would be pleased to see as many as possible attend.

To the Clubs who met the deadline for the return of PU 101"s thank you. We did really well at the time of writing this report I still 5 outstanding.

D/G Tony has just about finalized a get together function in Melbourne on the Saturday evening and by the time you receive this newsletter, you will have received full function details. We look forward to enjoyable camaraderie and fellowship on this night.

Hope to see you all there.

Until next month

Cabinet Secretary **Peter Burke PDG**



Lion David Pearce OAM

Everyone joined in the phone as can be seen in accompanying photo's. The Leo members worked very hard spraying and painting any head of hair they could get hold of. Many of the centre shop staff contributed to the fund raising by having their hair coloured for this special occasion.

The four members of Glenorchy City Lions Club that had the **BIG SHAVE** suggest that if you have not participated in this event,

"Give it some thought for next year."

Prostate Pete's Undies Line

'UP DATE'

Feb/March 2009



The last 4-5 weeks have been very productive, busy and exciting.

Prostate Pete was recently invited to attend the office of Bryan Green MP in Burnie to be part of the celebrations to acknowledge the efforts of Graeme Millburn's 28th Ride around Tasmania. The occasion was also to thank Service Clubs for their efforts regarding the recent Bush Fires.

As Chairperson of the Prostate Pete Undies Line, I was asked to talk about our projects: Firstly, to make the community more Aware of prostate cancer and, Secondly our Fundraising efforts for Research into a cure for prostate cancer.

There were many celebrities at the function including the Premier the Hon David Bartlett. Prostate Pete was presented with a pair of signed undies with donations from both Premier David Bartlett and Graeme Millburn.

The following week President Ken Baird from the Forth Lions Club, Prostate Pete and myself traveled to Smithton where we attended a "Men's Health Forum" at which Angry Anderson was the Guest Speaker.

We again gave an outline of Prostate Pete's profile and in return were given a firm commitment by Angry Anderson that he was behind us 100% and would help us in any way he could. We also met and had discussions with the manager of Coastal FM. After hearing about our project he contact me the following day to offer "free air time."

We have been asked by the Lions Clubs of Emu Bay and the City of Burnie, also Smithton and Rocky Cape clubs to do a presentation in the next few weeks. If there are any other Clubs that would like to have a presentation, please contact myself or a member of the Prostate Pete Committee and we will organize a visit.

As the Prostate Pete Committee is nearing completion of Stage 1 we will be contacting all Lions Clubs with details of Stage 11 and sending out an updated DVD.

We are looking to hold a "Launch" for Prostate Pete in July which will be covered by TV and the Media.

So that we can keep all clubs up to date on the P.P Committee's activities would it be possible for you to send us the name of a specific person in your club we could contact via E-mail to streamline things.

Our contact details are: petesundies@gmail.com

For more up to date information please visit our website www.prostatepete.com.au

Chairman, Prostate Pete Undie Line Committee

Jan Bakker



At the District 2011 Convention held at Port Sorell, this project was adopted as a District Project for the next three years (2009-2011). The project is to managed by the Lions Club of Forth Valley.

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\$2,334.00 made up with personal donations, public donations, and monies raised by supermarket shoppers having their hair dyed at the Glenorchy Centro Shopping Centre.



Lion David Triffett

LIFE FROM A ZONE CHAIRMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

Perhaps one of the great things about being a Lion is to see what can be achieved if you get off you posterior and do something positive. We all strive for the most part to play our individual part in the fabric of our Lions Club life. Most will aspire to become the President of our club then roll back down the ranks. Some gently, others hit the floor and wonder what is in store for them in the future.

What I'm going to recount is for the most part similar to many other Lions in our District. Held most offices at club level and in my case I have never been a Treasurer, and to be honest it is one job I find distasteful, I am not a money person and know it.

I had little respite after my year as President. I came under the notice of incoming DG, the late Easton Johnson, to become a Zone Chairman in his year, something I never expected nor contemplated. This was a very real baptism of fire. The second in my life as a Lion, the first being elected Secretary at Penguin in 1963 and having only been a member for three months when it was all typewriters, pens and paper, and no computers. How times have changed!

The following year the next step was to be appointed Regional Chairman by PDG Allan Walker and what a great relationship that was. The four following years my position changed again having been sent to Melbourne with Lion Alan Holland to become trained Trainers, after which, PDG's Jack Allen, Graeme Harris, Bill Dyson, and Phyll Batchelor, set me in place as the 201T1 Leadership/Training and Development Chairman.

By 1996 and after serving on District Cabinet for six years, I declined to accept another position as I felt that you can become a permanent fixture, and it was time for a change of faces. As a result I returned to club life. I had enjoyed my role at the District level, but was seeing my club from a District point of view, and I was finding it difficult not to be too outspoken on many aspects of what was happening at club level.

Interestingly enough, as I enter my third year on Cabinet as incoming Regional Chairman for the 64 area, I once again am encountering the same point of view as I did twelve years previously. I am now of the opinion that many changes apart from those we have already dealt with will have to be made. All clubs are involved not just mine. Some changes will not be popular, but they must happen to retain valuable members. To keep new and older members interested in what we do, how we do it, and when we do it. I am a firm believer that Lions are not "fund" raisers, we are "FUN" raisers with a "D" at the far end of the project.

I am concerned with the complacency displayed by some clubs in regards to the Incoming Office Bearer's seminars. A "been there done that" cavalier approach often emerges, that should never ever be contemplated. There is always something new to be gained. So when you are advised by who ever is organising these seminars, please support them. We are there to help you with the year ahead.

During this past year I have been proud of all my Zone clubs in their achievements. There is not one club who hasn't increased membership, with most having increased by more than two. I would like to mention the Lions Club of Rocky Cape where I had the honour of inducting ten new members into the Lions family on the 23rd of March. The Lions Club of King Island gained five new members when I visited them on 3rd March and Smithton-Circular Head and City of Burnie, both saw three new members earlier in the year. Wynyard have also welcomed two new members to the Lions family. All in all a successful year by all my clubs both activity and administration wise.

What more could I as Zone Chairman or for that matter our District Governor ask for.

It will be my honour and privilege to nominate all Presidents in Zone 2 for the special International President's Award for 2008-2009.

Congratulations to you all.

John C Medwin
Zone Chairman Zone 2



MEMBERSHIP - "We can do it!"

ROCKY CAPE SHOWS HOW!!!

The Lions Club of Rocky Cape had the pleasure of welcoming ten (10) new members (pictured below) at their induction by John Medwin, at our dinner meeting in March.



Grant Hursey, Delice Hursey, and Leigh Dennis were sponsored by Kevin Radford. Pamela Prior, Ronald Prior and Lindsay Arnold were sponsored by Lyn



President Lyn presenting Robert Ryan Arnold with his Lions Badge

Laurence Good, Dorothy Calvert, Barbra Ryan, Robert Ryan were sponsored by Heather Duffy



ZC congratulating Pamela Prior

A great night was had by all and we thank John for his input in making the night such a success.

Heather Duffy



Fishing Competition for Children's Cancer Research

The Flinders Island Lions Club held a fishing competition at North East River on Flinders Island on Sunday 5th April.

Forty-eight (48) competitors braved the wind and rain to vie for prizes donated by Airlines of Tasmania, Island Fuel Supplies, Launceston companies - Tamar Marine, C H Smith Marine, Jessups Retravison, Total Car Rentals and All Year Round Tavern along with Flinders Island businesses - Roberts, Elders, Killiecrankie Enterprises, Whitemark Bakery, Sweet Surprises, Bowman's Newsagent and Walkers Supermarket. Whitemark Butchery supplied the sausages for the BBQ free of charge.



Lions Helen Haines, Robyn Campbell, Alison Johnson, Helene Levin and Angus Campbell man the BBQs.

Fish caught on the day were gummy shark, flathead, silver trevally, mullet, cocky salmon, and wrasse. All the profit from the competition is being donated to Cord Blood Foundation for child cancer research.

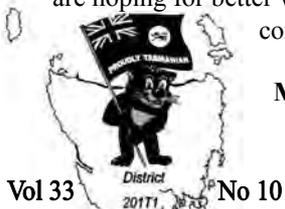


Judge, professional fisherman Tony Harper measuring a fish while the crowd watch

Lion Kevin Haines suggested the competition to the club and did a lot of the work, along with John Langdon, Lion Alan Wheatley, and Lion Angus Campbell to make the day a success.

It was a great community day with everyone enjoying themselves and Lions are hoping for better weather for another competition next year.

Margaret Wheatley



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TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

Fellow Lions,

Over the next three (3) issues, I am going to tell you a little about the Tasmanian Lions Foundation, in the hope of encouraging all Clubs to make use of the Foundation.

This can be done by applying for Grants to assist Clubs in the completion of projects, that may be a little too big for the Club.

Also, we ask you to consider the Foundation by making a donation to the Foundation to help us assist Clubs with their requests. After all, it is **YOUR** foundation - **USE IT!**

This last quarter saw a grant made to the Lions Club of Queenstown.

The next meeting of the Foundation is set down for:

Sunday 12th July 2009

Any Club wishing to make a Grant Applications need to be in the hands of the Secretary please,

by 5th July 2009

along with any other matter you may wish to bring before the Foundation.

I trust you will find the following first section interesting, as it shows when the Foundation was formed and its aims.

1980 saw the establishment of District 201 T1, which encompasses all Lions Clubs within Tasmania, into an entity as a District in their own right.

Memories of the 1967 bushfires that ravaged Southern Tasmania were still strong, rekindled by several smaller bushfire outbreaks around the State in early 1979.

As well the aftermath of the relief activities by the Australian Lions Foundation in assisting Darwin with a cash infusion to help make good the devastation of Cyclone Tracy of 1974 led Tasmanian Lions to investigate the establishment of our own Foundation.

A disaster relief fund, established within Tasmania, would be of immense benefit in having a cash reserve fund that could be immediately available in the advent of a disaster.

P.D.G Max Cox, Lion Max Mitchell and Lion Max Maynard were prominent in early formation of the Foundation in 1978.

For several years conventions were beseeched to lift the capital reserve fund to \$300,000 and with most clubs responding this was achieved in 1988.

It was then decided that the interest earned on the capital would be best used to assist clubs in developing projects beyond their resource means.

Since then many worthwhile projects within Tasmania have been assisted with grants and in some cases interest free loans.

Examples of this are:

- to construct a house, the profit of which assisted LCIF sight related campaigns,
- the purchase of numerous wheel chairs, specialized medical equipment for regional hospitals,
- playgrounds,
- Lions Quest projects,
- Tournament of Minds for schools and
- many other like projects.

Disaster relief funds have been provided for floods, bushfires, earthquakes and most recently the 2009 Victorian bushfires.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Yours in Lionism

Peter Burke Secretary



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District Chairman Merchandising

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An AUSSIE GENTLEMAN

Gray male
Pleased to make your acquaintance.
He's bloke
Inebriated beyond the capacity to stand up.
You little ripper!
Words of praise fall me.
Rack off
Your presence is no longer required.
Fair dinkum
Of course I'm telling the truth.
Pull ya head in
You may be correct in your assertion but shut up.
Wanna Rage?
Would you like to drink vast amounts of alcohol with me until we both drop?
You orange
You really are a rather dimwitted person.



Your shout
If you value your well being you should buy the next drink.
Go on
I'm not entirely convinced you know what you're talking about.
Whodayawan?
Might I enquire about your needs?
Have a chunder
The delicate act of regurgitation.
You pong
Dear me, we do smell don't we.
Bloody cant!
I'm in total agreement with you.
Howya going?
May I enquire about your welfare?
Give it a go ya mug!
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CASH BACK PROGRAM HOLDEN
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This bulletin is to remind Dealers of the continuation of the Cash back program introduced in the last quarter of 2008 and now extended to December 31st 2009.

The \$500 cash back is eligible to any Lions Member who purchases a new Holden vehicle as per the terms and conditions of the program.

Dealers who have yet to do so are encouraged to contact their local Lions Club, not only to promote the cash back offer but introduce themselves and their Dealership to Lions members. With over 30,000 registered members, many will be potential new car buyers who should be encouraged to come to your Dealership to buy and receive the cash back bonus from Holden.

2009 is the second year of Holden's sponsorship with Lions and as part of this agreement Holden is providing a VE SV6 Sportwagon as the major prize in the Lion's Annual National Raffle which is currently under way. Tickets are sold through all Lions Clubs with the proceeds going to "Step Ahead Australia" (finding a cure for spinal cord injury). **The raffle will be drawn at the Lions National Convention held in Melbourne in May.**

Holden's sponsorship supports the Lions National Convention and the 19 District Conventions held annually. Last year a number of Dealers supported some of the District Conventions that were held in their local areas. These District Conventions are hosted by different clubs each year and we plan to advise Dealers around midyear of the locations of the Conventions for 2009 (they are held from September to November).

Once again we encourage Dealers to get involved and wherever possible support their local host club. Like any sponsorship, success depends on the exposure it gives the Holden Brand and ultimately the number of cars we sell.

The cash back program is designed to offer an added incentive to Lions members to purchase a new Holden and, by forming an association with their local Holden Dealer, to buy from you.

Please encourage them to do so.

Ralph Closter
Marketing Services
Manager



FAMILY REUNION TO THREE PEAKS RACE.....

The accompanying photo is of Lions West Tamar members at a family reunion for the Knight family at Beauty Point. We were asked to cater for this event on Easter Saturday, and successfully catered for seventy (70) people who came from all over Australia. The day before, we had an extremely successful festival for the start of the Hydro Tasmania *Three Peaks Race*, which is a four day short-handed sailing and endurance mountain running race held every Easter commencing at Beauty Point!



Back: Lions Greg Amos, Brian Alexander, Lance Rechsteiner, Sue Rhodes, Jim Armstrong, Bill Nicol. Front: Lions Don Davidson, Margaret Rechsteiner, Trish Davidson, Margaret Spark, Dianne Alexander



Greg Amos

New Lions



<u>Name:</u>	<u>Sponsor:</u>	<u>Club:</u>
Dianne Harper	Jeffrey Harper	North East Tasmania
John Davies	Leonard Manson	Port Sorell
Margaret Davies	Jeanette Manson	Port Sorell
Frank Krupinski	Rosemary Rabbetts	Port Sorell
Wendy Roberts	Derrick Roberts	Port Sorell
Lindsay Arnold	Lynette Arnold	Rocky Cape
Dorothy Calvert	Heather Duffy	Rocky Cape
Leigh Dennis	Kevin Radford	Rocky Cape
Laurence Good	Heather Duffy	Rocky Cape
Delice Hursey	Kevin Radford	Rocky Cape
Grant Hursey	Kevin Radford	Rocky Cape
Pamela Prior	Lynette Arnold	Rocky Cape
Barbara Ryan	Heather Duffy	Rocky Cape
Robert Ryan	Heather Duffy	Rocky Cape
Marja Aan De Wie	Johan Wolfert	Forth Valley
Sharon Hughes	Ken Baird	Forth Valley
Nathalie Wolfert	Johan Wolfert	Forth Valley
Karen Delaney	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
Jennifer Free	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
John Shortland	John Martin	Hadspen South Esk
Robert Brooks	Linda Payne	King Island
Terri Carr	Richard Strickland	King Island
Warrick Carr	Berberlyn Davis	King Island
Gary Noonan	Berberlyn Davis	King Island
Joanne Noonan	Berberlyn David	King Island
Susan Crack	Peter Crack	Launceston Windmill H
Natasha Dilworth	Derryl Hill	Launceston Windmill H
Nicolas Dilworth	Derryl Hill	Launceston Windmill H
Katrina Hill	Derryl Hill	Launceston Windmill H

WELCOME

SBS FOUNDATION Sponsorship for Lions

March 2009

Dear Lions

Council Chairman Bob and I had the pleasure tonight of attending a function by SBS Television, where they announced the outcome of the SBS Foundation sponsorship.

The SBS Foundation will provide advertising airtime equivalent to \$2m shared between 20 organizations.

I am very pleased to advise that Lions Australia has been selected as one of the successful applicants, from a national field of over 500 organizations.

This will guarantee national exposure for our organization on the SBS network during the next 12 months.

I will report the details to Council at the May 2009 meeting.

Regards

Rob Oerlemans
Executive Officer
Lions Australia



HEALTH NEWS

Men's Health Ambassador Speaker Program

Clubs should now have received a letter and information about this program by mail. Please present at a meeting and see if your club can organize a community or Lions Zone meeting to take advantage of this free offer. Details are in the letter or contact DC Geoff Clow on 0408281176.

Jack jumper Allergy Program Update

This program has Government funding until 2011. However funding is not indexed so remains constant. At the moment program has been inundated with responses from the mainland and within Tasmania to enter the Program. This requires more funding, so any donations from Lions will be most appreciated. Send Club donations to:

Jack jumper Allergy Program
C/o Royal Hobart Hospital
HOBART TAS 7000

DC Geoff Clow



STATE FINAL

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Lions National Australia Bank Youth of the Year Quest State Final was held on Sunday the 5th April at the Riverfront Motel, Berriedale, Hobart, and hosted by the City of Glenorchy Lions Club. Thank You to Lion David Triffett and PDG Jack Allen for all your time and effort in making the State Final a success as what it was.

To those that were able to witness this prestigious event, saw 5 outstanding entrants compete for the State Title and to represent Tasmania at the National Youth of the Year Final at the MD Convention in Melbourne on the 1st May.

The 5 outstanding entrants were:

- Anjelica Paul from St Michael's Collegiate School Hobart, sponsor club Sandy Bay.
- Emily Ingram from Scotch Oakburn College, sponsor club Windmill Hill.
- Erica de Jong from Tasmanian Academy Don Campus, sponsor club City of Devonport.
- Emma Davey from Scotch Oakburn College, sponsor club City of Launceston.
- Casey White from Tasmanian Academy Hellyer Campus, sponsor club Emu Bay.



State finalists Left to Right:
Anjelica Paul, Emily Ingram, Casey White, Emma Davey, Erica de Jong

Unfortunately, there could only be 1 winner and the winner this year was from the North again, Emma Davey from Scotch Oakburn College taking out the Public Speaking Section as well as the Overall Section. We all wish Emma the best of luck at the Nationals.

Thank You to all clubs that participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest this year and hope that you continue to support this great Youth Project in the future.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Megan Mundy from Penguin shares of her experience as a Youth Exchange Student to Sweden and Norway.

In December 2008, I embarked on a very special journey to Rorvik, Norway and Skelleftea, Sweden. It was a completely different environment for me and the two biggest differences that I found were the lack of daylight hours and the freezing cold. Being the middle of winter in the Northern hemisphere there was only a maximum of four (4) hrs daylight each day! What a shock to the system!! It was also freezing cold, staying around -4 C in Norway and -14 C in Sweden everyday! Brrrr! This took a little time getting used to!

Here are some things that I did and experienced on my trip:

- Sight seeing
- Looking for a moose!
- Deer Hunting
- Traditional Norwegian baking and Christmas activities
- Visiting a real Swedish Ikea
- Going to school with my host Brother
- Visiting other towns
- Christmas carols in Norwegian
- Spending time with Malaysian exchange students in the area
- Swimming in the biggest pool built in a cave in the Northern hemisphere
- Taste testing traditional Norwegian and Swedish Christmas food
- Seeing 3 moose!!!!!!!
- A very special white Christmas with a visit from Santa!
- Showing Australian culture
- Touring London in my last days



Megan in sub zero temperatures



These are just a few of the things that I did, but I had such an amazing time! My host families were so fantastic and wonderful and I have every intention of heading back there! I have made some great, life long friends and memories that I will never forget.

I would like to thank Lions for giving me this amazing opportunity. I can not express how amazingly wonderful life changing it was for me!

Jenny Tripptree

District Chairman Youth Projects



PREMIER SAYS THANKS & WELL DONE

David Bartlett, the Premier of Tasmania took time-out to thank the joint Service Clubs within Tasmania for their generous donations to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal on the 30th April 2009. Representatives of the Apex, Rotary and Lions Clubs within Tasmania were invited.

The Premier has in recent times been very vocal in his praise for community organizations such as Lions who give so much to the State all year round. He payed tribute to members who contribute their time and energy in an effort to improve the lives of their neighbours and their communities. (Letter to Clubs, 2 April 09).

Mr Bartlett also announced that in 2009, *Celebrate Tasmania Day* will be held on Sunday 8th November, dedicating celebrations to volunteerism in our State.

Phil Robinson

Lions Club of Kings Meadows and Zone 6 Chairman



Photos clockwise start top left



The Premier with Tony Roney (Lions 2011 District Governor)

The Premier with Trevor Whitchurch (LC of City of Launceston)

The Premier making announcement at the LC of Kings Meadows clubrooms Andrew and Agnieszka Connor, Derryl Hill, Byron Dillworth (Lions Club of Launceston - Windmill Hill) and the Premier Colin Hingston (Lions Club of Kings Meadows) and the Premier

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

- Fellowship...good times...meeting people...
- building lasting friendships...service to the community...
- learning new skills...
- leadership and personal development.

These are just some of the benefits of being a member of Lions Club, the world's largest and most active service club organization.



JOIN LIONS



Working Together

On Saturday night, 28 March, the Lions and Rotary Clubs combined to raise funds as part of their contributions to the Victorian Bush Fire Relief Appeals. Participants were the members and friends of the various Clubs with approximately 120 in attendance and raising over \$6000.



Funds raised were divided equally between Lions and Rotary and forwarded to their respective appeals.



STAMPS

Riverside are still collecting stamps and would be pleased if you will continue to collect them and forward them to myself or to the Club.

All proceeds from the sales go to the Mobility Foundation. We look forward to your continued support.



Keep up the good work!

Peter Burke (Secretary)
Riverside Lions Club

www.lionstasmania.org
<http://>

at Website

TASMANIA LIONS

**the Visit
Please**



We have less than eighteen months before we will be an integral part of the largest international convention to be conducted on an annual basis, anywhere in the world.



The Volunteer Committee is working very diligently to finalize matters pertaining to a formal application for Volunteers but we cannot sign off on these until meetings with Government. Hopefully this will happen in the near future.

Remember, we require Volunteers from the community, as well. You do not have to be part of the Lion's family to Volunteer. Speak with your friends and colleagues and tell them of this wonderful opportunity.

Expressions of interest may be lodged online via our Volunteers home page - <http://sites.google.com/site/lions2010volunteers>

What happens at an International Convention?

This yearly gathering of Lions from all around the world is somewhat different to our district and national conventions. It:-

- allows Lions to meet the International President,
- hosts a school for incoming District Governors,
- includes seminars, workshops and voting,
- has numerous social activities with friends from overseas,
- has a 4-hour long parade of nations through the city streets, replete with marching bands and colourful and distinctive national costumes,
- an International Show to highlight the culture of the host nation to all conventioners.
- also three Plenary sessions are used to present the successes of the year past and the goals for the next.



We need many smiling volunteers to care for tens of thousands of visitors from all parts of the globe – to help with a multitude of tasks - transport, greeters, parade, DGE school, etc.

Pre Convention Volunteering

It will be necessary to utilize some Volunteers beginning 21 June 2010 for:

- District Governor's Elect school
- Greeting people at the International and Domestic Airports at Sydney
- Drivers for the above.



Stocking proceeds help diabetes

IN A bid to raise money for diabetes research, the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport held a stocking raffle at the end of last year.

Tickets went on sale in November for the six-foot high stocking filled with toys, food and toaster prizes - all donated by Devonport business owners.

This month, the Lions Club presented a cheque for \$1000 to Barbra Zimmerman, development officer from the Menzies Research Centre in Hobart.

Lions member Peter Noble said the suggestion to donate to diabetes research was made by a member because they had not yet donated to the cause.

"We like to share the money around different charities," he said.

He said the Lions Club requested the Menzies Research Centre inject the money into research in Tasmania.

The Menzies Research Centre acknowledged the request. Mrs. Zimmerman said the funds would go directly to the research centre based in Hobart.



Lion President Vere Cooper, Barbra Zimmerman, of the Menzies Research Centre and Lion Peter Noble
From the Advocate

Drought Relief in Victoria

A specially-designed vehicle that aims to assist rural communities in drought recovery will be visiting outlying towns in the Swan Hill region soon.

The Mobile Outreach Vehicle will visit communities in the area (in conjunction with the Ultima Lions Club Bushfire Fundraiser), enabling families to enjoy a free barbecue and a chance to socialize, as well as give community members the opportunity to gain information and talk to agencies regarding drought assistance in the region.

"The Mobile Outreach vehicle is designed to aid in the administration of drought recovery by bringing information and representatives from relevant agencies to our smaller communities," Swan Hill Rural City Council's Community Development Officer Nathan Keighran said.

"Not only does the vehicle enable us to provide the latest information and advice regarding drought recovery, but this specially-fitted out trailer also comes with a kitchen, meeting space and entertainment for the kids, including computer games, LCD television, craft materials and sports equipment.

"So we're encouraging our community members to come along, bring the kids and enjoy a bite to eat, as well as obtain the latest information regarding drought assistance," he added.

The coming visits will be held in conjunction with the Swan Hill Mobile Library, which in itself is a state-of-the-art vehicle with over 8,000 items for loan, Internet access and is also a Beyond Blue Kiosk.

The Mobile Outreach Vehicle is being brought to the communities by Swan Hill Rural City Council under the auspice of the Drought Advisory Group, together with the Salvation Army Operation Living Water drought relief bus and local support and welfare agencies.

Media Release
Swan Hill
Council



NOT THE WHEEL PATIENT!

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged.

However, a student nurse found an elderly man already dressed and sitting on the bed who insisted he did not need her help.

After a firm chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let her wheel him to the lift.

On the way down she asked if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said.

"She's upstairs changing out of her hospital gown."

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Q. Where do you find a one legged dog?

A. Where you left it.

Why are there no aspirins in the jungle?
Because the Parots-ate-em-all.

PARKINSONS DISEASE DISTRICT PROJECT

The sale of Tulip Bulbs

Fourty seven (47) clubs throughout the state are participating in the distribution to sales outlets - post offices, doctor & dental surgeries, chemists, hardware stores, fruit and vegetable stalls, butchers, general stores - of the colourful display outers with six (6) bulbs in a stockingette bag for \$5.00.

Distribution starts in the first week of March and continues through to the optimum planting time, 2nd week of June.

Well received by those participating, it will assist Parkinson's Tasmania Inc, who are a small volunteer board that provides specialist nursing support to over 2500 Tasmanians living with the disease.

Lets help to bring a little brightness to their lives.

PLANT TULIPS



David Hopkins (PDG)
Chairman Lions Club of
Kingborough Parkinson's Project

Youth put best foot forward

GRADE 11 students Torren Wooley and Nicholas Bound battled it out for this year's Lions Club of Mersey Devonport Youth of the Year. Both finalists were students from The Don College.

Contestants were given impromptu questions and asked to make a formal speech, which was judged by a panel. Torren Wooley took the gong and went on to attend the regional final at Latrobe at the end of March.

The winner of the State final, held in Hobart, will represent the State at the Lions Club National Convention in Melbourne in May. *(For a full report see State Final YOTY on page 8).*

Emcee of the evening John Ackroyd, said Torren was a worthy recipient of the award. In his speech he spoke of Torren's achievements. "Last year Torren was head prefect, student representative at the Reece High School association, member of the wellbeing committee, as well as representing the State in hockey," he said.



Youth of the Year chairman Geoff Gale, finalists Torren Woolley and Nicholas Bound, and Lions president Vere Cooper at the recent Lions Club of Mersey Devonport Youth of the Year competition

From The Advocate Newspaper March 2009

"She's also done work with the Red Cross and City Mission."

Nicholas Bound was also a prefect at Reece High School last year.

He was selected as a finalist for his work with the Devonport Surf Life Saving Club, high academic results and his volunteer work in the community.

YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE?

We are providing an opportunity for businesses to advertise in this Newsletter. So, if you have a business/enterprise you would like to let other Lions know about or know someone else who wants very reasonable advertising on either a regular or ad-hoc basis, then please contact the Editor on 62653840.

**VERY
REASONABLE
RATES.**

LCIF RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

April 6, 2009 – More than 100,000 people are homeless and 270 dead following the devastating earthquake centered in the medieval city of L'Aquila, Italy the morning of April 6. The 6.3 magnitude quake occurred 60 miles northeast of Rome. In all, 26 towns and villages were damaged.



Lions throughout Italy are assisting in response and clean up efforts. LCIF issued a US\$10,000 Emergency Grant so that Lions in the affected areas can quickly help people get food, water and medicine. LCIF will continue to work with Lions to assess immediate and long-term needs.



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BACK PAGE BARGAINS

1. FOR SALE

1 X GOLDSTEIN Bain Maree, 10 space no inserts & 1 X BAKBARO Bain Maree, with 8 space inserts and lids.

Both in working order Price \$1,000 for both the 2 units.

Reason for selling: Club has now purchased a smaller unit that fits into the space in our food van.

Contact the Treasurer -
Lion Charles Mawer
Lions Club of Rosebery
P.O. Box 303
ROSEBERY TAS 7470
Ph 6473 1655



2. FOR SALE

The Lioness Club of Rosebery has a :

Minolta Universal CSPRO EP 1050 Photo copier (Black) and comes with a 2 door /2 shelf metal cabinet, included 2 full ink cartridges and user manuals. Machine is in working order - Best Offer Accepted

Contact:
Lioness President Lyn Morgan
03 6473 1420

N.B. All items need to be picked up from Rosebery.

Sharon Goninon - Secretary



Donation received towards the Sorell Lions ***DROUGHT RELIEF***

- Tasmanian Lions Foundation
- Convention Raffle proceeds
- LC of Wynyard
- LC of Kingborough
- LC of Clarence
- LC of Sandy Bay
- LC of Sorell
- LC of Spring Bay
- LC of Kentish
- LC of Huon
- LC of Burnie Emu Bay
- LC of Hobart Town
- LC of Westbury
- Proceeds from other projects
- LC of City of Launceston
- LC of Devonport-Mersey
- LC of Bridport
- LC of City of Devonport
- LC of Lindisfarne
- LC of Kings Meadows
- LC of Latrobe
- LC of New Norfolk
- LC of Bothwell
- LC of Sorell F/R Dinner
- LC of Dodges Ferry-Sthn Bchs
- Australian Lions Foundation
- District 201T1
- LC of Launceston/Windmill Hill

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY**

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Time is rapidly approaching when Clubs give recognition to members for their activities in Lions and their communities.

A Melvin Jones Fellowship not only recognizes a Lion but also help in the work of our international foundation, LCIF.

Many Clubs in Tasmania have made contributions to LCIF and have funds in credit for use in granting fellowships.

Now is the time to make application for a presentation at your Club 'Changeover'.

John Gillham, VDG, DC LCIF

DROUGHT TASMANIAN FARMERS AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT **NEED HELP!**

*** JUST A**

REMINDER

**FOR TASMANIAN LIONS
CLUBS TO RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE OF THE
LIONS CLUB OF SORELL
WHO HAVE DONATED
\$1000.00 TO SUPPORT
THE C.W.A. TASMANIAN
BRANCH DROUGHT
RELIEF BY MEETING OR
BETTERING THEIR
DONATION?**

**YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!**

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO:**

**"Lions Club of Sorell
Drought Relief"**

ALL DONATIONS TO:

**Lions Club of Sorell Inc
PO Box 66,
SORELL TAS 7172**

TOTAL TO DATE:

\$35,948.25

Thank You