



## District Governor's Thoughts

Another month has gone and my club visitations are over (except for the Leos!) Visit number fifty to Tasman, saw a cold, wet night at Port Arthur, and no, I did not come across any ghosts! Contrary to the weather, the night was an extremely enjoyable time, despite me being so far from Penguin.

My congratulations to PCC Tony Roney, on being elected as District Governor for T1 in 2008-2009. My wish is that the Apple Isle moves forward under Tony's leadership, and that with his past expertise, he will take us to new heights in the goals set for next year.

District Changeover will be on the 19th July 2008, at Riverside Golf Club (further details will follow).

Another positive at this time is that my calendar is being filled with dates for club installations.

The district in general is in a period of static, that is, we seem to be sitting on the fence, not sure whether to go forward or tumble back.

The last twelve months I have pushed my RETENTION 'barrow' in encouraging us to look after the members we have. While this message has been well received by clubs/members. I believe I have made some in-roads in taking us forward as a district, but that there is nonetheless, a very real need for T1 to have that little extra something which to me is lacking.

This is where I hope our new DG will continue to push forward with new thoughts, ideas and goals. (I know he will of course!) I therefore encourage

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you as clubs/members to support Lion Tony in this exciting future.

Over the past ten months I have been on a mission looking for a member of our Lions family who I thought had excelled in club activities in particular and Lions in general.

On the 6th May I made that award, of a Melvin Jones Fellowship, to Lion Alison Johnson of Flinders Island. This presentation just happened to coincide with her 70th birthday, which was a surprise for me also. A big thanks to Barbara and Gordon Rorison on Flinders for their assistance.



Above: Lion Alison Johnson with President Gordon Rorison after she was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by DG Leigh Jones. It was also her 70th birthday.

Below: Lions Margaret & Alan Wheatley with DG Leigh Jones with the 3.8 kg crayfish he boasted about!



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## A GREAT FINAL RESULT

Thanks to your efforts, in cooperation with Lions throughout the world, CSFII has exceeded US\$163 million raised. This is equivalent to saving the sight of more than 27 million people.

Your efforts are directly responsible for the success of CSFII, and soon we will be able to announce our level of success and declare victory in our fight against blindness.

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee  
 Past International President  
 Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II



## CHANGE OF VENUES

The Lions Club of Sandy Bay wish to advise that they now meet at the Hotel Soho, Corner Davey and Byron Streets, Hobart. Hotel Soho was formerly known as Bridie O'Reilly's. We still meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

Rod Prince, President

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The City of Launceston have a new meeting venue Centennial Hotel, Bathurst Street, Launceston. They meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays, at 6.15pm.

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## OUR DISTRICT COUNT

28 Feb 2008

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1195

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

28 Mar 2008

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1196

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

# INVITATION

## to all lions

### “Walk for an Aussie Kid!”®

We have pleasure in inviting you to join in our annual promotion.

By doing so, you can help provide Hart Walkers or other mobility devices to help children with Cerebral Palsy or other moderate to severe disabilities to walk, often for the first time.

Our aim, with the help of the Lions Clubs and the Australian community, is to raise the funds required to ensure that every one of these children has the opportunity to be fitted with a Hart Walker or suitable mobility device to allow them to walk unaided.

“Walk for an Aussie Kid!” ® is the major fundraising effort of the Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation launched in September this year. *We are pleased to have the support of the WIN Television Network, and the support of most of the major networks throughout Australia for the “Walk for an Aussie Kid” promotion.*

We understand that this will be just one of many activities which your club will be invited to participate in, and we are aware of the constraints on members time these days more than ever. Nevertheless, we hope that you will give consideration to helping us to achieve our goal, as we know that most communities show a great willingness to do something to help less fortunate children.

We invite you to plan your own fundraising event as part of the national effort and join with thousands around the country to help Aussie kids to walk.

The rewards for participation will be knowing that your efforts have not only helped to put smiles on the faces of many more children when they are able to take their first independent steps in their Hart Walker, but have helped to provide all the additional health and social benefits which result.

If your club would like to help Aussie Kids to walk by participating in:

“Walk for an Aussie Kid!”®, start planning now!

A range of promotional material is available on request.

For more information, contact your District Chairman or State Trustee (T1):

**Kae Campbell (Mark)**

176 Percival Street Latrobe TAS 7307.

(H)(03)6426-1442

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Above: The last word from Flinders is - Lion Alison Johnson and DG Leigh Jones doing the dishes at the end of the evening!

Last of all, “I wish you well!”

P.S. I must not finish without a remark about the ‘*forgotten club*’ (The Rosebery Lioness Club) comprising a number of remarkable ladies who made a great impact on me when I visited recently.

Can I just say this, “Ladies, keep up the good work, you WILL be heard in the future.”

Yours in Lionism

**Leigh Jones** – District Governor

## The very hungry lion

A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for something to eat. He came across two men. One was sitting under a tree reading a book; the other was typing away on his typewriter. The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him.

Even the king of the jungle knows that readers digest and writers cramp.

“You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”  
Melvin Jones

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## CONVENTION 2008

### PORT SORELL

### NOVEMBER 7TH-9TH

## ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMAN & GROUP CO-ORDINATORS

If you require shop-front space for your particular group/project e.g. (Mints/Cakes/Puddings; YOTY; Children’s Mobility; TLF; ALF; etc etc etc) you will need to apply for this space .

You can do so (ASAP) to  
Lion John Brook

Email:

[johnbrook@internode.on.net](mailto:johnbrook@internode.on.net)

## New Lions

# WELCOME

### NAME:

Arthur Sheehan  
Rob Seabrook  
Helen Casey  
Karin Bluemmel  
William Fraser  
Scott White  
Richard Lintner  
Damien Brooks  
Roshan Deraniyagala  
Jan Room  
Ken Law  
Jillian Law  
Antony Dry  
Yvonne Dry  
Nigel Sheahan  
Dale Hawken  
Jeffrey Hawken

### Sponsor:

Charles Stahl  
Keverall Marks  
Raymond Casey  
Hugo Connor  
Geoffrey Clow  
Geoffrey Gilbert  
James Smith  
Chris Kilby  
John Packham  
Dorothy Sweet  
Wayne Lovell  
Wayne Lovell  
Dale Crawford  
Dale Crawford  
Neville Poke  
Transfer NSW  
Transfer NSW

### Club:

Bicheno  
Clarence  
Clarence  
Port Cygnet  
Sorell  
Sorell  
Ulverstone  
Westbury  
Burnie City  
George Town  
Huo  
Huo  
Penguin  
Penguin  
Wynyard  
City of Devonport  
City of Devonport



# HEALTH PROJECTS



## Lions biggest BBQ

Did your Club commit to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Institute?

Although to late to organize a community barbecue, your club could donate to the Institute and have the fundraiser later in the year. A very worthy cause.

Peter Crosswell from Camp Quality may be able to speak at a Club meeting. If anyone is interested please contact me..

**Tulips** are now available as part of the **Parkinson's Disease Project**. The boxes of bulbs are being distributed and 39 Clubs from T1 are involved. In fact only 2 Clubs contacted have refused to take bulbs. The bulbs from Van Diemen's in Wynyard, can be planted from April until July, and the boxes are designed for display in suitable outlets which Clubs can access.



**65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis** have organised the button day for 23<sup>rd</sup> May. All Clubs should have received notification and responded now to organizers, the City of Burnie Lions Club. Again if you have missed out, a donation will not go wanting.

**Geoff Clow**  
Health Projects - 0408281176



## CONVENTION 2008

### PORT SORELL - NOVEMBER 7TH-9TH

ACCOMMODATION IN PORT SORELL

Discounted accommodation is available to conventioners at:

#### **The Lions Club Caravan Park**

(on-site vans and cabins)

bookings phone 6428 7267 or fax 6428 7269

#### **Appleby Creek Lodge Guest House**

bookings phone 6428 7222

#### **Castagni Guest House**

bookings phone 6428 7389

#### **Tranquilles**

bookings phone 6428 7555

#### **"Hawley House"**

(Heritage Suites)

Bookings phone 6428 6221

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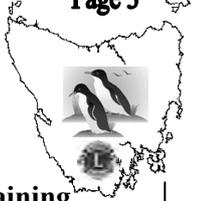
ALL ABOVE VENUES ARE HIGHLY RATED AND WITHIN  
EASY REACH OF THE CONVENTION VENUE.

OUT OF TOWN ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE IN LATROBE AND  
DEVONPORT, BOTH IN EASY DRIVING DISTANCE OF PORT SORELL.

CONSULT THE YELLOW PAGES FOR EASY BOOKINGS.

## Club Officer Information - Training workshops

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Information/Training  
workshops will be held as listed  
hereunder for all  
**CLUB SECRETARIES  
AND TREASURERS**  
for the 2008-2009 Lions Year.

These sessions will provide information that will assist you in carrying out required communications between your club and your District, Multiple District and Lions Clubs International.

### Sessions will be held:

North West **Sunday, 1 June**, at the Penguin Lions Centre, 19 Ironcliffe Rd, Penguin.

North **Sunday, 15 June**, at the Kings Meadows LC clubrooms, 18 Merino St, Kings Meadows.

South **Sunday, 22 June**, at the LC Glenorchy City clubrooms, 637 Main Rd, Berriedale.

*All sessions will commence at 9.30am and a soup-and-sandwich lunch will be provided for all participants.*

Please RSVP to email [robinpulford@iprimus.com.au](mailto:robinpulford@iprimus.com.au) or phone 0418 126 797 no later than the Wednesday prior to the workshop to assist in catering arrangements.

You are urged to attend these workshops as they can assist you in the most important role you will undertake in your club in the coming Lions year.

**Hey Guys, wait! wait!  
They're auctioning off  
vital organs on ebay!**





## 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 sent to:

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

## BOWLS CARNIVAL

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April the first "Bowls Carnival" between Lions and members of the Lions family in the Launceston area took place at the Trevallyn Bowls Club.

While 4 Clubs and 21 Lions and lions Partners took part in this first Bowls Fun Day, do you recognise any of those pictured?

There were a number of Lions who weren't able to attend because this initial event clashed with a number of the Launceston Clubs setting-up for Agfest, however, it was a very successful day, and next year we'll be trying for a Sunday earlier in the year.



**Lion Phil Robinson**  
Zone Chairman Zone 6

## Lions International Peace Poster Contest

**"Peace Begins with Me"**

is the theme of 2008-09 Peace Poster Contest

**I encourage all Lions Clubs in T1 to consider sponsoring this program in their community for local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.**

- ◆ Students, ages 11,12,or 13 on November 15 are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation (no words) of the contest's theme.
- ◆ The contest must be sponsored by a Lions Club.
- ◆ A Kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored, through Lions Club Supplies cost of \$20.00.



**Australian  
Winner 2007**

**This is another worthwhile way we can promote Lions within our community, and help to promote Peace.**

For more information visit the Lions website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) Youth Programs/Peace Poster or **contact:**

**Lion Annette Ogilvie**  
Ph 62 769 212  
[annette.ogilvie@bigpond.com](mailto:annette.ogilvie@bigpond.com)



**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*

*LIONS  
AUSTRALIA  
ONLINE SHOP*

<http://www.lionsclubs.asn.au/shop/index.htm>

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## LETTER TO DAD

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an envelope propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to "Dad."

With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

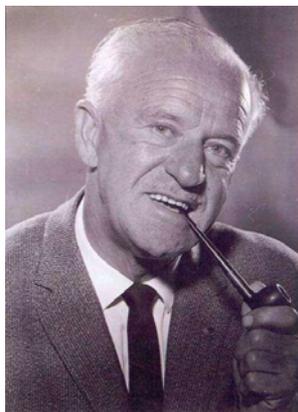
"Dear Dad: It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it's not only the passion...

Dad she's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy. In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it.

Don't worry Dad...I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren. Love, Your son John

**P.S.** Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my centre desk drawer. I love you. Call me when it's safe to come home."

*Lion Ray Casey*



## William "Bill" R Tresise MBE, 1907 – 1975, founder of Lions in Australia

The first club chartered was in Lismore, NSW on 29/9/47.

I am his second son Max, a proud 30 year member of the Lions Club of Ringwood, Victoria.

Over the years I have been custodian of his personal journals, memorabilia, poetry etc., most of which relates to his community service and in particular his beloved "Lions".

**The Lismore Lions Club celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September 2007. It proved to be an exciting event at which I was honoured to be a guest speaker. This well organised function was filled with nostalgia and enjoyed by some 250 guests.**

Bill's adult life was deeply rooted in Lismore, moving there from Melbourne in 1930, to establish his Plaster business and raise a family with his beloved wife Fonnie. He served his community via local government, Apex, and on a host of boards. He became National President of Apex in 1945. The following year Bill toured Canada, U.S.A. and Mexico addressing 57 clubs, including Rotary and Lions. On his return he completed his term and retired from Apex and honoured with Life Governorship.

**Lions International, in November 1946, authorised him to establish Lionism in Australia. Lismore Lions Club was the first club to be chartered, with Australia being the 17<sup>th</sup> country worldwide.** What an exciting birth, there is no doubt that the histories of "Founder" Bill Tresise and the "Foundation Club" Lismore are inextricably entwined, as are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> clubs chartered, Murwillumbah and Melbourne respectively. Many of the Lismore charter members were ex-Apexians, local business leaders and community friends.

Bill was a charismatic character who could inspire his fellow man. The Lismore Community in that post war period was receptive to his message, embraced the Lions Code of Ethics and thus created the model for future growth and expansion of Lions in Australia and P.N.G.

The President of Lismore Lions Club Don Watson and others invited me to consider writing a biography on Bill. After further discussion and meetings with a pro bono editor connected with Lions, I agreed. We are now moving towards that goal.

Taking that first step is often the hardest. Bill had the vision, the courage to act and the determination to succeed. However, without that dedicated group of service minded people, his contacts in Apex, business and local government, it would not have happened. **I am now committed to tell this story.**

As author, I am inviting your contributions, written or oral, including photographs of your experiences and/or perceptions of the relevant period. Of particular interest will be the history of the Foundation Clubs:

Lions Club Lismore

first club chartered on 29/9/1947

Lions Club Murwillumbah

second club chartered on 23/10/1948

Lions Club Melbourne Host

third club chartered on 19/3/1952

**We may be limited by space but we are anxious to include as many photos, memorabilia and your snippets as possible. Please keep them as brief as possible. All materials on loan will be returned in good order and condition.**

*My contact details are as follows:*

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RINGWOOD NORTH  
VIC 3134

Phone: 03 9876 3210

Email: [mjtresise@bigpond.com](mailto:mjtresise@bigpond.com)

I would be delighted to hear from you.

**Max Tresise.**



# East Coast Auction for Sight First II



Lions from the Zone 9 clubs of Bicheno, Glamorgan, Spring Bay and Sorell gathered items to be auctioned or raffled at a dinner at the Swansea Bark Mill Tavern on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>.



Veteran auctioneer and Life Member of the Kingborough Club, David Skinner sold 22 items including a monster crayfish, meat packs, art and crafts, East Coast wines and gemstones. The dinner was also generously supported by visiting members of the Riverside, Sandy Bay and Kingborough clubs and friends.

A good night of fellowship was had by all with a total of \$1020 being raised for Campaign Sight First II.



Lion Dawn Gatehouse

## PLAYGROUND RESCUE - WE CARE 4 KIDS

Two members of the Lions Club of Launceston Riverside were invited to attend a thank you party during April, which was held to acknowledge their contribution (\$12,000 from Agfest 06) towards rebuilding the playground at the Launceston General Hospital. Well done to everyone involved.

## 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.

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 HEADQUARTERS:

With a staff of approximately 290 full time employees and located in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA the headquarters serves as the association's central administrative and information source. Eleven operating divisions divide the administrative responsibilities of International Headquarters. They are Club Supplies and Distribution, Convention, Information Technology, District and Club Administration, Executive Services, Extension and Membership, Finance, International Activities and Program Development, Leadership, Legal, Public relations and Production.

**WE SERVE**

### District Newsletter 201T1 - Deadline for next issue is: June 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).

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile” - Albert Einstein.