



# Lions Clubs International District 201T1

## LIONS TASMANIA

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**John Gillham District Governor  
2009-2010**

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### District Governor's Notes

Apart from the vast range of Club activities undertaken so far this year it is most gratifying to see that the Clubs of 201T1 are again thinking of other less fortunate outside our local and even Australian communities. In the first half of our Lions Year a total of US\$19,123.50 has been contributed to LCIF.

As all will be aware, LCIF has again responded with immediate and long-term assistance for relief as a consequence of the Haiti earthquake.

What is most pleasing as it is recognition for the work of service clubs the Tasmanian Government has made available a contribution on a dollar-for-dollar basis for funds raised by the State's Lions, Rotary and Apex clubs. In the case of Lions contributions to the LCIF appeal, the Government's donation will go through to LCIF.

During the announcement of the Government's grant, the Premier expressed the hope that by seeing the support of government for the work of service clubs, there would be stimulus towards club membership growth.

The MD promotion campaign on TV is resulting in a considerable number of expressions of interest in membership. To maintain our credibility it is essential that whenever a contact name is presented to a Club that every effort is made to contact the interested person without delay.

The MERLOT team under the leadership of Chairman David Triffett cannot do everything, it is ultimately up to the Clubs and their individual members to take on the

role of bringing new members to Lions to help us provide the services needed by our local and extended communities.

*District membership is growing, but we have quite a way to go to make up for the losses experienced in the first quarter of the year.*

Please keep up the good work on membership, and remember that more hands make the work we do easier for all.

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**Together we can make a difference!**



***Remember: A goal without a plan is just a wish!***

### OUR DISTRICT COUNT

**30 Dec 2009**

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1227

Status: "Established district below 35/1250 over two years."

**31 Jan 2010**

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1229

Status: "Established district below 35/1250 over two years."

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# Youth Exchange Program



I have just received news re Lions Youth Exchange hosting for 2010.

I have listed below the countries, number of students and dates (approx) of the students who will need hosting.

<b>FINLAND</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>JAPAN</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></b>
		<b>August</b>
<b>INDONESIA ?</b>		<b>June / July</b>

I would like to suggest that clubs be encouraged to read the Guidelines for Host Clubs carefully – this is on [www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye)

Host families do not necessarily have to be a Lions family. Clubs should be involved in various activities, functions and the student to attend a Lions Club Dinner Meeting.

If your club is interested in hosting any of these students would you please contact me and I will explain the next step in the programme. Remember Youth Exchange is an excellent way and the easiest way to give practical support to the First Purpose in Lionism : To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

I realize that July /August is not for 6 months, but there is a great deal of administrative work to do. It is also important that the Host Club and Host family has contact with student before he/she leaves home.

Email: [wendon@bigpond.com.au](mailto:wendon@bigpond.com.au)



Yours in Lionism  
**Wendy Brady**  
 YE Chairman  
 2011  
**03 64253056**

## Forth Valley Lions assists Appin Hall Children's Foundation



Left to right: Peter Kossler – Caravelle Autos, Ronnie & Maggie Burns – Appin Hall, Norm Frampton and Bill Lander – Forth Valley Lions

The Appin Hall Children's Foundation were recently handed the keys to a refurbished Kombi van thanks to a partnership effort between the Lions Club of Forth Valley, Caravelle Autos and the Kombi Club of Australia.

Former Pop Star Ronnie Burns and his wife Maggie found the Kombi in bush near Hobart and asked the Kombi club of Australia for help in restoring it to be used at the Appin Hall Children's Foundation. Ronnie said that the van could provide the ability to take groups of children on outings.

The Kombi Club found the owner of the van and it was donated to the Foundation. The van needed much work including mechanical, bodywork and upholstery repairs before it could be used. The Kombi Club arranged to have the mechanical repairs done however the Club exhausted it's available funds and the work was not completed.

The Lions Club of forth Valley stepped in and paid for the balance of the mechanical work and brought the van from Hobart to the North West Coast. A letter to all North Western Tasmania bodyworks resulted in a reply from Peter & Margaret Kossler of Caravelle Autos in Burnie. Peter & Margaret generously offered to do all of the bodyworks and painting for no charge.

The Lions Club of Forth Valley paid an upholsterer to do the work on the interior and the van was presented to Ronnie and Maggie at a barbecue at Appin Hall. Ronnie and Maggie expressed their sincere gratitude for everyone's efforts and generosity.

More information on Appin Hall children's Foundation can be found by visiting the web site: [www.appinhall.com](http://www.appinhall.com)

## YOUTHFUL NEW LIONS MEMBERS THERE FOR THE ASKING!

We are an ageing organization and as a result of the generation gap, often have difficulties attracting new and younger members to our ranks.

Lions have a number of youth related projects, which generate a large number of young contacts and their associated families that we as a whole currently, do not use to our best advantage. While contact is maintained and membership invitations are issued in some instances, it is not always the case for a number of reasons.

**When not done, we effectively turn our backs on youth we are or have been in contact with and their parents, who would most likely, be younger than the average Lion, not to mention their teachers and friends.**

With this in mind, at the MD Council Meeting held in January this year, it was agreed to create a new MD Committee Position. The position is, that of a **Youth Membership Conversion Officer** whose duties in brief will be as follows:

To create and maintain a database of potential members who are youthful by listing those available currently and prior for five years from existing records of:

- Past Leo Members
- Leo Members that are about to be ineligible because of age to maintain their membership
- Past and current Youth of the Year entrants who reached the level of Zone final or higher.
- Past and current Youth Exchange participants.
- Peace Poster entrants.

Parents and family members of youth who have been or are currently associated with Lions Clubs.

Develop and recommended a process for initial contact, and the issuing of invitations to those eligible to take up Lions Membership. (My expectation is, that this will be done in a similar way to that used by the MD Office from where, referrals are forwarded to district nominated officers who then allocate referrals to appropriate clubs.)

**The Youth Membership Conversion Officer will be responsible to the Membership Services Manager and a member of the Membership Services Committee for a term of three years.**

For the purpose of developing contact with potential youthful members, a close liaison is required to be maintained with the Youth and Community Services Manager and the Youth Committee Chairmen and that a good rapport with all District Governors and their respective District MERL Chairmen is maintained.

I encourage all interested Lions, to apply for this position in order to see our past contacts with youth maintained, while at same time, facilitating the growth of our membership with youthful people.

**The Youth Membership Conversion Officer should possess a majority of the following experience, skills and personal attributes:**

### SKILLS

- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to make presentations and answer questions on matters related to membership development, growth, extension and leadership, at Multiple District and District Conventions and other forms of Lions meetings.

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## From Our International President ...

It is with great sadness that the world's attention is focused on the devastating earthquakes in Haiti that left 1.5 million homeless, up to 200,000 dead, and countless injured and traumatized. It will take years for the country to fully recover, but we know that Lions will be there every step of the way.

Just like Lions have done with the South Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the Sichuan earthquake in China and other calamities, Lions and LCIF will be there for the both the short- and long-term - providing immediate aid now but also working to rebuild communities, to restore hope and to support those affected for as long as it takes.

**If there is one thing that makes Lions unique from other service agencies, it's that we commit for the long term and we work within the affected communities - through our local Lions - to rebuild for a better tomorrow. The Haitian Lions are our brothers and sisters, members of our international family, and we will never let them down.**

As you are likely aware, Lions have already moved swiftly to provide immediate assistance despite the coordination challenges. Lions relief tents are being shipped from Sweden; Lions from Canada on a mission in Haiti during the quake gave first aid assistance during the first hours and days; and Lions in the Caribbean area are sending aid over land and by sea.

**Lastly, I am extremely saddened to report that two of our Haitian Lions - our family - have perished and other Lions may have lost family members. On behalf of Lions the world over and members of our international board, we offer our sincere, heartfelt condolences and sympathies to our Lions family who have suffered such personal losses.**

To our Lions family in Haiti, I commit to you that the Lions of the world will be there for you today, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, the year after that - and again for as long as it takes.

There will be more updates from LCIF Chairperson Brandel in the days to come (*and in this newsletter*).

*I thank you all ahead of time for any further assistance you can provide.*



**Eberhard J. Wirfs**  
International President





## The new decade of LEHP-Australia

Thank you to the **23 clubs** within the 201-T1 District who made donations towards the Lions Eye Health Program – Australia in 2009. We received a total of **\$4,138** from your District.

During 2009, your contributions assisted us with updating many of our valuable Lions and community resources, including new brochures, flyers, posters and information manuals. It also allowed the implementation on numerous training days, community road shows & information stalls.

With a busy year ahead here is an example of what you can expect from LEHP-Australia in 2010.

- New LEHP-Australia presentation with voiceover
- New LEHP-Australia website
- LEHP publications
- Even more training days
- Booth at the MD Convention in Mildura
- Booth at the International Convention in Sydney

Although we strive to provide the latest information through all of our resources, our primary focus will continue to be to work with you the Lions community, in spreading the message about avoidable vision loss and the importance of regular eye examinations within your own community and families.

With your enthusiasm and our resources, together we can fight against avoidable vision loss and blindness and make a real difference.

Contact the National Program Manager, Ms Leah Evans today and find out how you can get involved.

Ph: 1800 010 234

Email: LEHP-cera@unimelb.edu.au

**We take sight for granted – until we are directly affected by it.**

### **Annual Dinner a great result for LEHP**

The LEHP Dinner at Sorell Memorial Hall was hosted by Sorell Lions Club and fully supported by nine (9) southern clubs. It saw eighty-five (85) Lions and friends gather to enjoy fellowship, a Melvin Jones presentation to Geoff Gilbert of Sorell, and a presentation on eye health by PDG Helen Moir.

The night was a fantastic success and saw \$1050 raised for LEHP. The Sorell Club thanks all who attended, Tuscano's catering and Sorell RSL for making the night such a success. It was most pleasing to see Leos from Glenorchy and new members from Clarence, Kingborough and Sorell.

**This annual event is open to all so please put it in next year's calendar as not to be missed.**



*The scene early in the night*

### Lions Eye Health Project

The LEHP Dinner at Sorell Memorial Hall hosted by Sorell and fully supported by southern clubs saw 85 Lions gather to enjoy fellowship, Melvin Jones presentation to Geoff Gilbert, Sorell, and a presentation on eye health by PDG Helen Moir. The night was a fantastic success and saw \$ 1050 donated to LEHP. My thanks to all. Especially those Lions who participated and to Clubs for embracing the idea of a combined meeting on the first Wednesday of February.

### Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship

Just a reminder as the time of year for back to school 64 Aussies these holidays have ended up confined to a wheelchair due to Spinal injury. Donations to this foundation help fund vital research into these injuries as we as adults know we are unable to prevent them.

### Lions Biggest BBQ

The Children's Cancer Institute Australia and Lions Australia are working in partnership to find a cure for childhood cancer. **Childhood cancer** is the most common cause of death in children in Australia after accidents. Every year in Australia more than 500 children are diagnosed with cancer.

Today only seven (7) out of every ten (10) children diagnosed with cancer will survive their disease. They need our research funds. Last years winner for this event was Kings Meadow let's put it to them and provide stiff competition for our KIDS. See website for application forms.

Has Tasmania a Neil Williams Award recipient? Who will it be? NEXT

### Re-Cycle for Sight

#### **Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc**

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc is part of the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Programme, headquartered in Queensland and operating throughout Australia and overseas in relation to the collection of 250,000 pair of used spectacles, '000's sunglasses, new frames and other ancillary equipment. Over the 15 years that the Australian programme has existed, as a two club project, the programme has delivered 2.5 million pair to countries in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub continent, East Asia, and the Far East, including China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania.

Lions Clubs in Australia are able to obtain collection boxes, labels, pamphlets at no cost through emailing [ChairmanR4S@lions.org](mailto:ChairmanR4S@lions.org) or [SecretaryR4S@lions.org.au](mailto:SecretaryR4S@lions.org.au)

(Lions Recycle for Sight,  
 PO Box 3021 CLONTARF MDC 4019).

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# New Lions

NAME	SPONSOR	CLUB
David Arthur	Robert Hazell	Kingborough
Richard Morphet	Darrell Atkinson	Kings Meadow
Cindy Stokes	Heather Johns	Smithton C/ Head
Mary Andrews	Alder Stokes	Tasman
Marion Florence	Leila Nichols	Tasman
Kaye Fox	Clifford Stokes	Tasman
Wilma Fox	Tom Purdon	Tasman
Kay Marshall	Leila Nichols	Tasman
Lynda Pitfield	David Mc Davitt	Clarence
Frank Magupa	Brian Howden	Devonport Mersey
Scott Longo	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
Shane Belgre	Craig Farrell	New Norfolk
Peter Mc Bain	Nancy Hawes	Rosebery
Paul Davey	Allan Salter	Sandy Bay
Judith Fazackerley	Michael Desmond	Spring Bay
Charles Ingram	Ian Enniss	Spring Bay
Brett Johnson	Robbie Johnstone	Ulverstone
Chris McKay	George Bugeja	Ulverstone
Barry Smith	George Bugeja	Ulverstone
Jocelyn Bowden	Jenny Marshall	King Island
Hans Pederson	Robert Brooks	King Island
Wayne Carey	Graeme Stingel	King Island

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Whilst on a training visit to Sydney with Ken Gatehouse (VDG), Dawn his wife visited the Cancer Research Centre and was amazed at the wonderful work these scientists undertake. She was also amazed that a huge proportion of their funds are donated by Lions Clubs around Australia so even small beginnings have such huge repercussions.

### 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis

This event is scheduled for May so please pass on to Clubs their involvement and donations would be most appreciated by Burnie Lions Club.

### Ambassador Speaker Program

Invite a speaker to your Club meeting or organise a Health Forum in your area to discuss health issues. I am able to help organise speakers. Invite the Prostate Pete suit to your local Show or football game. Lions Prostate website is world renowned so please pass on its address and availability.

<http://www.prostatehealth.org.au/>

### Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week

Australian Organ Donor Awareness Week (AODAW) for 2010 is scheduled from Sunday 21 - Sunday 28 February 2010. The top line key message for this year's AODAW is

### Discuss your wishes about organ and tissue donation with your family.

This message is aligned with the new key messages for all Charter signatories, which were announced in September 2009 at the Unveiling of the Charter Wall:

- **discover** the facts about organ and tissue donation
- **decide** about becoming an organ and tissue donor
- **discuss** your wishes with your family

Geoff Clow - Health Chairman

## Move to Grow

To grow membership,  
Lions need a dual strategy -  
extending clubs and  
improving retention



Chris Cummings, Ben Fosnacht and Charles Seaman (pictured above) arrived at Stanley on Australia Day after their mammoth journey of 1000 km by kayak to raise money for Ronald McDonald House and Cerebral Palsy Tasmania.

They were greeted at Stanley by members of the Rocky Cape Lions Tony West and Delice Hursey and a very special and tireless helper Marlene Stein, who presented a cheque for \$1000.

On January 25th Rocky Cape Lions Club had the pleasure of handing a cheque for \$2000 to Peter Crosswell of Camp Quality (see inset above). A special raffle was held at Stanley Hotel for this worthy cause - many of the prizes were donated and we thank all those involved that make it such a success



Two new members of the Bothwell & District LC with their sponsors were inducted on 4 February by DG John Gillham.

Above: L to R : Tony Johnston sponsor of Jeanette Kelly-Payten, DG John Gillham, Noreen Monks and her sponsor June Pilcher



Helen Duffy

The tour began with the six (6) State finalists arriving in Hobart on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010, and were met by Southern Organiser Annette Ogilvie, Ken and Jenny Davey (Emma's parents) and myself. Emma was most excited to see her parents once again since beginning the tour on the 30<sup>th</sup> December and to show the rest of the group her own state. The two Jenny's (nicknamed "Jenny squared") by the youths, were accompanied and transported by mini bus driven very safely around by Ken during the entire tour.

From the Airport we travelled into Hobart, with a visit to Salamanca market, then greeted by chilly winds on top of Mt Wellington, showing them the Shot Tower, and places of interest on the way. Hobart Lions hosted an evening meal at Mure's in the evening. Next day loaded up the bus and began our travels to Richmond, detouring to Rose Bay High School for a different view of Hobart, showing them our Prison, as they had seen prisons in most of the states. Continuing onto Eaglehawk Neck for a visit to the Blowhole, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen, before arriving at Port Arthur for an afternoon tour of the ruins and boat trip around the Isle of the Dead. The evening BBQ tea was hosted by Tasman club at PDG Tom Purdon and Lions Lady Bev's home with many Lions and partners there to meet our guests, before embarking on the most anticipated Ghost tour (one even managed to have a ghost figure in a photo in which was taken).

Monday loaded up the bus again, and the usual roll and seat belt call before departing for the long trip to St. Helens, together with a side trip to Coles Bay, for Ken, Emma and Daniel a quick dash to the top of Mt Amos while the rest of us trekked to Wineglass Bay. It was a welcoming break from the long hours of sitting in the bus, and on the way we were entertained by each various one's ipods, some heavy metal, some not, in between some very lively debaters engaged in discussions on all sorts of subjects under the sun, before arriving just in time to meet St. Helens Lions at the Lions Park for a BBQ tea.

Australia Day was a relaxed day with a sleep in for some, a swim in the morning then joining local residents at The Gardens for a lamb spit roast lunch before heading to Launceston. Emma had great pleasure in

**" Youth are our future - they**

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- The finalists were:**
- Melissa Hadassin (WA)**
  - Matthew McLean (NSW)**
  - Merridy Leonard (Victoria)**
  - Richard Hayman (SA)**

# YOUTH OF THE YEAR TOUR IN TASMANIA

are also the present"



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page 12 for a short report  
from the host club**

showing off the First Basin and the Gorge to her fellow travellers, after, a picnic evening meal of Pizza's, meringue, chocolate cake and the favourite lamingtons.

Next day (Wednesday) an early start was needed to travel to Sheffield for morning tea with Kentish Lions members who were eagerly waiting for us (lamingtons included); one of their entrants in this years Quest joined us and met each of the State Winners. After a brief tour of murals and some photo shots it was onto Cradle Mountain. Ken, Emma, Daniel again took on the more strenuous hike to Marion's lookout, while us others trekked Dove Lake area. A quick lunch which was packed onboard by Lion Margaret Whitmore before leaving Launceston, was quickly disposed off before heading back home (via the Raspberry farm for an ice cream) and in time for a quick change for the Civic Reception at the Town Hall. Our visitors met local aldermen, politicians, and representatives of other Lions clubs who had travelled to Launceston for the occasion. Emma spoke on behalf of the group and thanked Lions for the amazing opportunities they had been given since their involvement with the Quest, and the lifelong friends they had made during the tour. After the reception the City of Launceston club members joined the group for dinner, each of the State winners spoke in turn of their experiences of the tour. Most were impressed by the natural beauty of Tasmania, and thanked Lions for the hospitality and friendliness shown to them during the time of their stay with us.

Thursday was time to say goodbye, departing Launceston at 10 am for Victoria, the last leg of the tour. Most of the group were eagerly looking forward to returning to their families and preparing themselves for University studies. We wish them all every success. Special thanks to all who provided accommodation for them. Ken and Jenny Davey, Annette Ogilvie, Ann & Terry Taylor, Jan & Derek Chapple, Helen & John Moir, and Margaret Whitmore, to PDG Tom Purdon for his excellent help in coordinating the Port Arthur leg of the tour, Hobart, Kentish, St Helens, Tasman Lions for making the visitor's tour a memorable one.

Lion Margaret Whitmore, PDG Helen Moir and members of the City of Launceston thanks so much for hosting this memorable and enjoyable tour.

**Jenny Triptree**  
District Chairman  
Youth of the Year





# PROSTATE PETE'S UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2010

**"FOR PETE'S SAKE GET IT CHECKED"**

It's good to hear that some clubs are getting behind the Prostate Pete project by raising awareness and asking for more blue pins to sell, how ever the number of requests for more has been small, we can provide you with as many display boxes and pins as you can find outlets for.

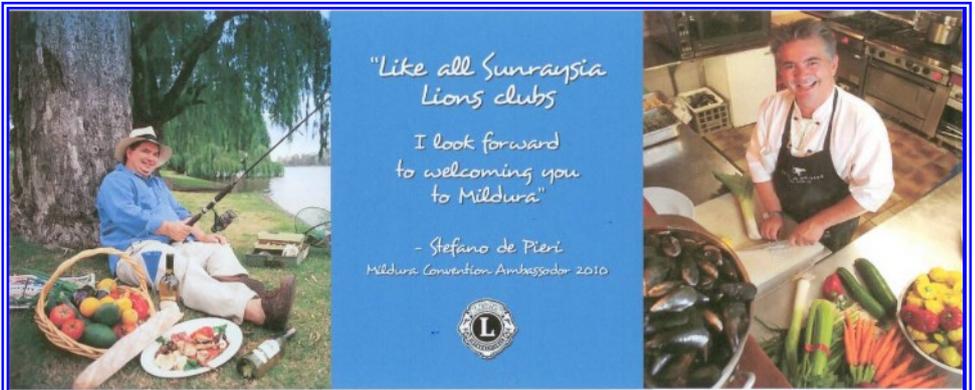
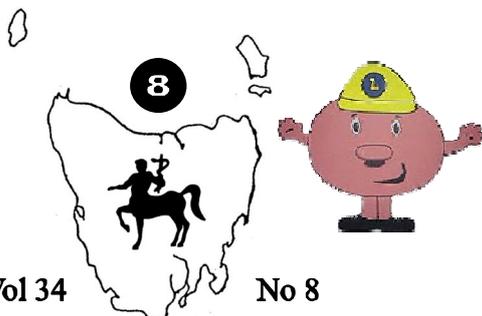
It works the same as our lion's mints. It's that easy. Chemist shops would be your first choice but any business house willing to display one box would be welcome, even if it takes 18 months to sell one box the combined end result will run into thousands of dollars.

The good news is we have raised over \$12,000.00 so far. Our over heads at this stage is a little over \$6,000.00 most of that has been in establishing costs with only small outlays from here on.

Forth Valley are holding a country music fun day on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb and we are confident of a successful day, if you are able to attend come on down. We will be making the first attempt of a world record men's undies line as well as displaying the largest pair of men's undies in the world.

We will be making a second world record attempt after competition at the end of April. It is hoped that the prize of a 3x3 meter extreme marquee is enough incentive for all clubs to do something to help make this state wide project a success.

Yours in Undies  
Lion Jan Bakker - Project Chairman



## Sunraysia "Edge of the Outback" Lions Australia 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention Mildura 30<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 CONVENTION UPDATE – January 2010.

### **JUST 4 Months TO GO!**

Well, we all trust that you enjoyed a wonderful Festive Season and welcomed 2010 enthusiastically, and with a New Years Resolution to make sure that you lodge your Registration to attend this month Convention.

The Convention Organising Committee sincerely asks you to do this so that they can continue with their planning to ensure to you enjoy the 2010 National Convention.

### **Lions Cancer Institute of WA**

This successful Institute operated by our Colleagues in the West, has decided to bring their Screening Caravan to Mildura to demonstrate the process to the Conventioneers. Free Screenings will be carried out including two days prior to the commencement of the Convention when free Screenings will be offered to the Citizens of Mildura.

What a wonderful Public Relations exercise! Thank you Gary and Colin and your Team.

### **Accommodation.**

Have you attended to your Accommodation arrangements yet? Whilst Mildura does have ample accommodation, it would be wise to consider your requirements now.

### **Bill Bristow AM to address Convention.**

ANGEL FLIGHT, AUSTRALIA has been operating now for seven (7) years and during that time, they have flown over 8100 Missions helping people in need.

Many Lions Clubs in MD201 have donated Funds to Angel Flight and in fact, over the past three years, in excess of \$ 110,000 has been received.

Thank you, Lions, Lionesses and Ladies Auxiliaries.

We are indeed delighted to announce that Mr Bill Bristow AM, the Founder and CEO of Angel Flight, Australia will travel to Mildura from Brisbane to be the Convention's Keynote Speaker on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00am.

So, if by chance you are an Angel Flight Pilot or Earth Angel, please take the time to meet this Outstanding Man to whom, many Australians who live in the Outback are truly thankful.

It certainly is fitting the Bill will speak to the Conventioneers at the Sunraysia "Edge of the Outback" Convention.

For more information contact  
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E-mail: lauriephil3@hotmail.net.au



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### 64 Area ...

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## Tasmanian Lions Fellows

This award is available to reward deserving Members of your Club or Community for their efforts during the year. The cost of the Award is \$500 and comes with a attractive prepared certificate, framed and a lapel pin. The cost may be debited against Activities Account.

Application forms can be obtained from your Trustee in your area, off the web page or contact with the Secretary. We look forward to your support in this programme.

## Grant Applications

We invite all Clubs to utilize this facility when Club funds cannot fully meet a larger community activity. We would be pleased to assist in this matter. So please, apply if you wish to complete that project quickly. It is some time since a Club has approached us for assistance. Grant application forms can be obtained from Trustee's website or myself. REMEMBER, it is your FOUNDATION so please use it and support it.

Anytime you have surplus funds available  
we would appreciate any support you can give us.

Keep up the good work within your communities and continue to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves. I will look forward to hearing from you in the future and to also receiving your applications.

Until next month.

Peter Burke (Secretary)



# TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

We invite all Clubs to utilize the Foundation and support it.

Any Club wishing to make a Grant application it will need to be in the hands of the Secretary by

**5th March 2010**

for the meeting of

**14th March 2010**

Peter Burke  
Secretary



## Youth of the Year Tassie Tour Legend of PHOTOS on pages 6-7



- Merridy, Emma, Melissa (Mt. Wellington)
- Daniel, Ricard, (Mt. Wellington)
- Merridy, Daniel, Melissa, Richard, Emma, Matthew, (Richmond Bridge)
- Chapel Port Arthur
- Daniel carrying Lantern on the Ghost Tour Port Arthur
- St. Helens Lions club
- Daniel, Matthew, Richard, Melissa, Merridy, Emma, at St Helens
- First Basin Gorge
- Emma, Matthew (Gorge Launceston)
- Sheffield Lions
- Matthew (Murals Sheffield)
- Still at Sheffield!
- Melissa, Merridy, Matthew, , Richard (Dove Lake)
- Civic Reception
- Emma, Merridy, Matthew, Daniel, Melissa, Richard. (Mt Wellington)
- Port Arthur Lions
- Luggage in the bus

## LIONS CLUBS IN EMERGENCIES

The MD201 Emergency Management Committee at its last meeting considered ways in which the Lions Clubs of Australia can best fit into the management of disaster relief.

Several actions were approved –

- MD201 to write to key disaster relief agencies in the States promoting the capacity of our organization for relief assistance and how Lions can be contacted.
- MD201 to prepare a Disaster Relief engagement guide to assist clubs to prepare their disaster relief response.
- Most importantly for Clubs in Tasmania to contact their local SES group to detail the type of emergency assistance that the Club can provide.

It is therefore recommended that all Clubs who wish to be involved in providing assistance in cases of emergency, usually local or regional, make contact with their local SES either directly or through their local municipal authority.

DG John



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- Ability to formulate, recommend and review strategies and programmes relating to youth membership maintenance and growth.
- Ability to order priorities, set and meet deadlines, delegate responsibilities, monitor progress, and prepare reports in a clear and precise manner.
- Ability to make effective use of the financial, material and human resources as provided by the Multiple District.
- High level of presentation skills.

**PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

- Recognised leadership qualities with high personal integrity.
- Self-motivated person with the ability to recognise and enhance the contribution of members of the MD MERL Committee.
- Capability of working with a range of people and willingness to involve all members of the committee.
- A personality which will foster and maintain harmony within the MERL Committee.
- Understanding of interpersonal relationships and willingness to resolve conflicts, take initiatives and implement decisions.

**EXPERIENCE**

- A sound knowledge of LCI and Lions activities at all levels within the M/District.
- Extensive knowledge of membership maintenance and development programs of Lions at Club, Multiple District and International levels.
- Experience in the ability to co-ordinate, integrate and rationalise related programmes and activities.
- Experience in managing a team of people as employees and or volunteers.
- A sound knowledge and ability to use of the various forms of electronic communication.

**Membership Services Manager  
Bob Radford**

# MULTI-FACETED AUSTRALIA DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

The community came together on the 26th January to celebrate Australia Day at Our Park, Orford.

The Spring Bay Lions Club co-ordinate by Mick Desmond, put on a fantastic day and from the feedback from those attending, they were very happy with this local event.

The day kicked off at 11am when local band Konflikt played great music until noon, when the official proceeding commenced with the raising of the National flag.

Local resident, Jim Playstead, presented the Australia Day address. He spoke from the heart on freedom and mateship. New resident Naomi Wagerness then sang 'I still call Australia Home' followed by a poem by Alex Raspin titled 'The Voice of Australia'.

Mick Desmond thanked all the sponsors - and there were many! - and without whom this celebration could not have proceeded. Well done to all those who did give towards the days activities which included, an address launching a new programme called 'Suicide & Prevention' ; smurf puppets kept the young ones happy; while food and beverage venues did a roaring trade; great food served by great people!

The entertainment continued with sack races, train rides , a jumping castle and slide. Several auxiliary medical groups got together under one marquee and provided information on various health issues. The Lion chocolate wheel was also very popular.

Overall it was a great day, enjoyed by all, and of course raising many dollars which will go back into the community in coming days, weeks and months.

Many give up their holiday in order to put on this event. Thank you to ALL those people and ALL the organizers.

It makes you feel proud to be Australian!

**Another highlight of the day was the sand sculpture by Paul Bignall of the LION. Great job and so intricate!**

Mick &  
Robyn Desmond



## LCIF Follow up report:

I am sure that everyone remembers where they were one month ago when news of the devastating 7.0 earthquake in Haiti broke. The past month has truly demonstrated the great need for the humanitarian service of our Foundation.

After the earthquake struck the Caribbean nation of Haiti, LCIF and Lions worldwide immediately responded. Through the generosity of multiple districts, districts, clubs and individuals, more than US\$2 million has been mobilized in the past month to ensure immediate needs are being met and long-term reconstruction is a top priority.

I challenge Lions worldwide to join me in our efforts to rebuild the lives, families and communities impacted by the earthquake in Haiti. One of Lions' greatest strengths is the support we give to our fellow members in times of need. When disasters strike, LCIF and Lions from around the world are there to support one another.

By making a donation to LCIF, you are providing hope to the people of Haiti. We invite all Lions to donate and thank those who have already contributed.

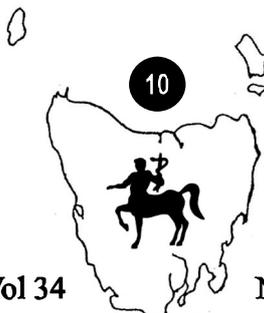
Together, we will continue to serve those in the greatest need.

**Al Brandel**  
LCIF  
Chairman

For the most up-to-date information about LCIF's ongoing relief efforts in Haiti please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)



**Lions provide relief supplies withi Port au Prince, Haiti**



## Words of Thanks for Lions' Relief in Haiti

*"It has been a day of blessings in that around 9 a.m. the Lions arrived to tell me our soccer areas have been chosen to receive their aid, which includes well formed tents, hot kitchen area, school in a box, dental and eye care. It is a real shot in the arm for us, as I had begun to accept that our neighborhood would have to move to one of the huge tent areas in order to obtain shelter and food. Since writing this, the initial boxes from the Lions club have arrived. I am glad the neighbors will soon have tents, hot food and everything else promised."*

Sister Mary Finnick, Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Haiti.

## Funds Provide Shelter, Food, Water to Victims

Lions provided immediate needs, including water, food and medical supplies on January 22. These supplies were distributed by Haitian Lions and Leos to a hospital and orphanage. LCIF partnered with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions have established three tent cities in Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille, neighborhoods located in Port-au-Prince. Each tent city can accommodate 300 families or 1,200 people. Lions are focusing their immediate relief efforts to support and maintain these tent cities.

## Relief Efforts Furthered by Leveraging Funds

To further relief efforts in Haiti, LCIF is reaching out to organizations in both Haiti and around the world. The International Organization of Migration has offered to provide

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## NEVAT IS CELEBRATING!

**The Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) and the Lions Club of Australian Lionsonoz had pleasure in handing over a \$15000 Grant to The New England Volunteer Air Transport (NEVAT).**

NEVAT is celebrating after receiving a grant of \$15,000 from the Australian Lions Foundation, organised by the Lions Club of Australian Lionsonoz.

The grant money will be used to help finance the installation of navigational aids/instruments in the Beechcraft aircraft, operated by New England Volunteer Air Transport (NEVAT).

**The cheque was handed over at a special dinner hosted the President of The Lions Club of Australian Lionsonoz Lion Yvie Kearns and members of Australian Lionsonoz at the Ashford Hotel on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

David Roach, the principal pilot and president of NEVAT, received the cheque and expressed his appreciation to The Australian Lions Foundation and The Lions Club of Australian Lionsonoz.

The service is unique in Australia, he said and the nearest similar operation is Angel Flight. However he pointed out that the difference is that all the people involved with NEVAT are volunteers, which includes the 5 available pilots and all the ground and office staff. No one gets paid. The aeroplane was obtained by donations made by local businessmen; the hanger at Ashford was also built by funds raised by businessmen in the area.



**President & head pilot of NEVAT David Roach receiving an ALF cheque of \$15000 from Australian Lionsonoz President Lion Yvie Kearns, together with Lions Beth Leech & Gwyneth Payne**

**David said of all the flights, (not uncommon to make 3 or 4 trips each week) sadly, six out of seven of the patients conveyed are for treatments of cancer.**

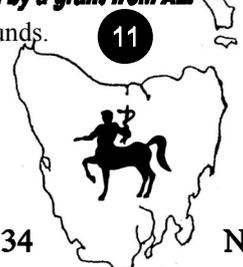
The presentation dinner was attended by members of Lionsonoz, Inverell McIntyre Lions Club President Duane O'Brien and Lion Graham Leech and Ashford Lions Club President Lion Robert White, Treasurer Paul O'Brien and Secretary Lion Paul Farrell, as well as community leaders and many friends and partners. A further \$105.85 was also raised on the night to assist NEVAT.

Past District Governor Lion Warren White provided information about The Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) and the criteria that had to be met in order for the Lions Club of Australian Lionsonoz to be successful in receiving the grant. He said that the conditions for which the grant is sought, is that, it must be a community-based welfare project and that the ALF funding must be for specific items and not for general or central funds.



**Lion Stewart Payne with Volunteer Pilot Lion Emma Christensen both members of Lionsonoz with "Brucey" the NEVAT plane due to receive an auto pilot, supported by a grant from ALF**

The criteria for the project were met and funding for a very worthwhile and necessary community service received and that the trustees of The Australian Lions Foundation were proud and pleased to be able to provide the grant to install navigational aids/instruments for the plane.



## Thought for the Month...

**"A friend is someone who is there for you when he'd rather be somewhere else."**



LIONS Youth of the Year QUEST

A Civic reception at the Town Hall provided our visitors the opportunity meet local aldermen, politicians and representatives from Lions clubs in the district, many of whom had travelled to Launceston for the occasion.

At the Civic reception Emma Davey took the opportunity to speak for the group and thanked Lions for the amazing opportunities they had been given since their involvement with the Quest, and the lifelong friends they had made during the course of the tour.

Following the reception a number of club members joined the group for dinner. Each of the young visitors in turn spoke eloquently about their experiences during the tour and it was easy to see why they were all winners in their individual states.

They had been most impressed by the natural beauty of the Tasmanian scenery and were looking forward to visiting again in the future. They thanked Lions for the hospitality and friendliness shown them during the course of their stay.

Emma, Merridy, Melissa, Richard, Matt and Dan were lovely and impressive young

people whom it was a pleasure to meet and spend time with.

As they all commence their university studies in the near future, we wish them the greatest of success.

**Margaret Whitmore,  
City of Launceston, Host Club**



*YOTY State winners with the Launceston City Mayor [Alderman Albert van Zetten] at the Launceston Town Hall Reception on 27 Jan*

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supplies and assistance to Lions camps. LCIF is also partnering with the shipping company, Maersk, and the World Food Program, to ship tents donated by Lions of Sweden and food donated

by the World Food Program, to Haiti free of charge. Additionally, the Foundation is in final discussions to partner with USAID and Catholic Relief Services.

### Long-term Reconstruction Plans

Lions leadership and local Lions are developing a long-term plan for reconstruction, and a committee made up of Lions from the area was established to oversee relief efforts. A return trip is planned for February 24 to continue planning and deliver additional supplies.

**Currently, Lions are focused on immediate needs, such as shelter, food and water.**

**But initial reports from the Lions of Haiti for long-term reconstruction focus on building a school and an ophthalmic clinic. This is similar to what Lions have been done for reconstruction following other catastrophes.**



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## District Newsletter 201T1

**Deadline for next issue is: March 10th 2010**

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

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

**Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.**

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