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When I reflect on the past twelve (12) months I can honestly say....time does seem to fly especially when one is doing something that I regarded as an honour and privilege. I have met so many wonderful and hard 'working' Lions, partners and friends. Lions have a brand that is trusted throughout the world and my belief that when a Club forms a strong relationship with their community much can be achieved.

I took the opportunity to visit MyLCI Service Reports and would like to congratulate all members who contributed to 2017-2018 Service Activities.

Activity	Lion Hours	People Served	Funds Donated	
Youth (School support, scholarships, improvements, special needs etc)	4,797	22,268	\$122,638	
Vision (glasses collected = 23,000prs)	181			
Hunger (Breakfast clubs, vouchers, food collections etc)	1,314	3,403	\$ 7,951	
Environment (Trees plant- ed, park maintenance etc)	1,010	12,973	\$ 1,803	
LCIF Donations			\$ 12,494	
Total Activities (as entered by Club Secretaries = 2,979	76,057	136,890	\$333,819	

It is amazing what is done in and for our communities, the projects and services we deliver through our Clubs are as diverse as our members. Without a doubt we are achieving great outcomes in our local communities and beyond, however, we continue to face the challenge of declining membership. On average our clubs are getting smaller, our membership is ageing, we are losing more members than we are attracting, thus membership remains our biggest challenge and therefore leadership and membership is the responsibility of every club member.

My question is...."Do we care for all our members, are we willing to embrace new ways?"



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June 29th—July 3rd International Convention, Las Vegas, USA



July 1st New Lions Year begins with DG Vere Cooper

July 28th -DG Appreciation Dinner

July 29th-Cabinet Mtg

Nov 10th & 11th Convention @ Devonport



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Think back to when you were inducted as a new Lion, let us recapture that excitement, energy and willingness, let us enthuse ourselves and those around us.



One more job to do before I sign off and that is to call for entries for the "Best Overall District Club Award." I ask you to email me directly (maximum 2 pages) as to why your club should be considered for this Award. Current Cab Secretary Kae, myself and GMT PDG Toby will make the final decision. We will short list entries, then clubs will be asked to produce a 3 minute 'video' clip that will be shown at the Devonport Convention.

Winner to be announced at the 2018 Devonport District Convention.

- The criteria to be addressed::
- membership growth and how new members are encouraged to join,
- member care,
- promotion of the club in community,



Finally, thank you to all that have 'served' on Cabinet this year. I am extremely grateful for your support and willingness to frequently 'go beyond the call of duty'.

To PDG Robin Pulford, although not on Cabinet this year, your guidance is very much appreciated.

Although our District will have challenges during 2018-2019 I wish Incoming District Governor Vere and his team every success.



To DG Hester, Cabinet Secretary Kae and all outgoing District Cabinet members....THANK YOU for your extra service to Lions, with time, travel and cost given selflessly. We appreciate your efforts.

From all of us in District 201T1.





### **Community Connections**

With many community, sport, art, social and life-long learning groups throughout the Latrobe Municipality, Latrobe Council, in partnership with the Lions Club of Latrobe and Rotary Club of **Latrobe**, initiated a Community Connections event to expand residents knowledge of what is available locally. Although it was an extremely cold day a number of residents braved the cold to meet in a casual way and chat with representatives of the many groups and learn more about them. Community

Connections was held in the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Gilbert Street, Latrobe from 2:00pm until 8:00pm on 31 May. Latrobe Lions produced a series of photographs depicting many of the activities and projects with which we are involved.

District Governor Hester made a great impression on the locals and was an outstanding advocate for Lions. Mayor Peter Freshney of Latrobe Council and councillors and staff also supported the event.

Pictured Left: DG Hester, Mary Buchanan and Reuben from Port Sorell and a self proclaimed "strange woman" from LC Latrobe.

### Where does your donation go? MAY 22, 2018 ~ LIONSEO



Recently you may have seen some media regarding the use of 'chuggers', "charity muggers" as fundraisers. These individuals are employed by charities to solicit donations in return for a commission. The jobs are often pitched to young people and I'm disinclined to criticise young people trying to earn a living, but the media articles suggested some were a little too enthusiastic in their approach. Some of our members posted comments in response, stating the fact that 100% of public donations goes to our charitable causes and the question came in return: "But how do you fund staff?"

Lions has high expectations for membership. One of our ethics states: "Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means."

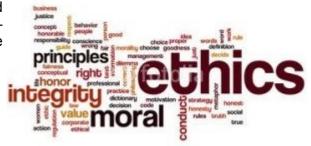
Our Lions contribute hundreds of thousand of hours of community service throughout Australia each year. What many people don't know is that every Lion pays fees to cover the costs of our operations. This means we proudly say that when you donate to Lions, you donate to cure children's cancer, support your community when disaster strikes, find effective treatments for Alzheimers and spinal cord injury or help the most needy in your community...and so much more.

Most of our work is managed by our volunteers, and in Australia, I am part of a very small and privileged team of about six staff employed to support our mammoth operation. We are grateful that our

members cover this cost out of their own pockets. Being a Lion is not easy. Lions give their time, their funds and their hearts to work to make their communities a little better and a little more caring. In return they build lifelong friendships, receive the satisfaction of helping others and are never bored.

Thank you Lions.

Rob Oerlemans Executive Officer Lions Australia



Latrobe Lions and the Latrobe Apex Cub joined forces to provide a motorised wheelchair for a lady who has recently been admitted to a nursing home. She has been a carer for her husband for many years, but following an accident causing severe spinal damage she is not only unable to care for him but now unable to care for herself.

On hearing of her plight the club decided to fund the wheelchair however the Latrobe APEX club decided they would like to assist and it was agreed to jointly present the Wheelchair. District Governor Hester, Lions Phil Jeffrey and Mark Campbell and APEXIAN Tammy Jeffrey were all present at the hand over where family members expressed the heartfelt thanks.



# Mersey-Devonport Lions Club Devonport Mersey Bluff Wishing Well Restoration Project

Earlier this year, the Mersey-Devonport Lions Club completed our Centennial Project - The Devonport Mersey Bluff Wishing Well Project. Over more than 12 months, the Club has been restoring the Bluff Wishing Well to one of its many incarnations since it was first erected by the Devonport Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1958.

The Club had approached the Devonport City Council many years ago to begin the restoration but for various reasons the project never got off the ground. In 2016, then President **Peter Chettle** was approached by Council to take up the project as the Wishing Well was in dire need of some TLC. After some preliminary scoping work and meetings with the Council, work on the project began in 2017.





Under the leadership of two Presidents (**Dennis Applebee** and **Peter Noble**) and also project supervisor **Noel Bilson**, the Wishing Well has seen the following works completed:

- Clean out of Wishing Well
- Removal of old steel hand rail
- Removal of old vegetation in surrounding garden bed
- Pressure cleaning of Wishing Well and surrounds
- Installation of hinged and lockable grate
- Installation of decorative steel arbour
- Rendering and painting of Wishing Well and garden bed walls
- Installation of Lions Project plaque
- Planting of garden beds

The plaque installed reads "This wishing well was erected by Devonport Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1958. It has been refurbished by the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport in 2018. All proceeds benefit the local community through Lions Club projects."

Our Club is very proud of our efforts in completing this very worthwhile community service project. We would like to thank all members who have been involved at the various stages of the restoration.

Outgoing Secretary Christian McGee
On behalf of Outgoing President Peter Noble
Mersey-Devonport Lions Club

#### STAMPS, STAMPS, STAMPS

At the recently completed MD201 convention in Townsville, the Australian Chapter of LCI Stamp Club handed over a record \$25 500 to the Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation. (An increase of over 60% on what we thought was a record last year.)

In making the presentation, Stamp Club secretary Ross Paine (Tewantin Noosa Q4) thanked the many clubs and individuals who have sourced and donated stamps and collections to them during the year. "We are always seeking new avenues for donations and our state coordinators are always ready to assist and even collect the larger donations".

Pictured: LCI Stamp Club secretary Ross Paine making the presentation to ALCMF **PDG** Trustee George Bugeja in Townsville.



The club has been assisting ALCMF now since 2004 and the latest donation brings the total to more than \$93 000. This figure includes \$50 000 in the past 3 years.

The stamp club is always seeking the support of more clubs as the use of stamps slows down due to internet/emails and rising postage costs. They can also handle old collections, first day covers, albums etc - in fact anything philatelic.

Every stamp is valuable so if you can please continue to collect them and get them to PDG Peter Burke so we can go one better again next year.

Thank you to those lions who have contributed in making this such a great fundraiser for The Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.

George Bugeja PDG



**Ross Paine** 



### Hearing Dogs Report May 2018

As attendees at Convention will know the first Hearing Dogs pin released traded. It is a unique pin as it portrayed the year as well as the logo.



It is anticipated that it will be an annual collectors item for all pin traders. As there is a limited number Australia wide all interested traders should contact me to acquire a pin.

All district Chairpersons attended a 4 day conference in Hahndorf in March where new policy and strategic planning took place. It is hoped that HD will be able to increase output to 20 dogs a year from 14 at present and also do it more quickly without compromising quality. Tasmania is set to receive another dog shortly making the state total 4.

A new pamphlet was sent out to Clubs advertising our new project of a scholarship in each district to a hearing disabled person to help with Academic studies, sporting event or personal interest for community work. I encourage all to be vigilant and seek out worthy candidates for our incoming DG to select a winner. Good Luck Vere.

I remind all ZC and Cabinet Officers I am available for guest speaking at Club meetings. If you could remind Clubs when you visit next.

Lions Hearing Dogs website has all the necessary information about donating, Helen Keller Award for Clubs or individuals and how to register for a dog.

https://hearingdogs.asn.au/

**Geoff Clow District Chairman Hearing Dogs** 

0408281176

geoff49@bigpond.net.au





Lion John Medwin and Joan wish to advise they have moved to a new home, now at

### 16 Whitford Street **Upper Burnie** 7320

Phone Numbers remain the same.

Kind regards, John C Medwin Mob: 0437 229 781 Home: 03 6433 0659



Lion Margaret Jabour LC Glenorchy

#### **Our District Count**

31st May 2018

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1169

Average members per club 24

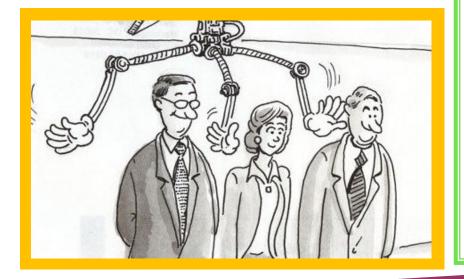
YTD ADD 124

YTD DROP 144

YTD GROWTH -20 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION** 

We have performed at least 73,000 hours of service during this past year. (If all clubs recorded their service activities on MyLCI, no doubt this figure would be considerably larger.) If you multiply this by a conservative \$20.00 per hour it equates to \$1.46 million dollars to our state. Not a bad effort and all Lion members deserve a pat on the back for everything they do within their communities to help make a difference to someone's **Toby Crawford** 





#### **LIONS CLUB of BRIGHTON**

SALLY LOVELL

Sponsor: KATIE DERMODY

### LIONS CLUB of DEVONPORT MERSEY

PAMELA DODD

Sponsor: IAN KEATING

#### LIONS CLUB of HADSPEN SOUTH ESK

ADINE WHITCOMBE

Sponsor: ROBERT SCOTT

#### LIONS CLUB of LEGANA DISTRICT

DAVID BRELSFORD

#### **LIONS CLUB of PENGUIN**

**ASHLEY A FRENCH** 

Sponsor: KELLIE BRYAN

BETH KELLY

Sponsor: DALE CRAWFORD

#### LIONS CLUB of PORT CYGNET

**BRIAN MILLER** 

Sponsor: BARRIE DANIEL

#### LIONS CLUB of PORT SORELL

**KEVIN J MONSON** 

Sponsor: JOSH TOME

#### LIONS CLUB of ROCKY CAPE

**GUY GIBSON CALVERT** 

Sponsor: DOROTHY HARVEY

KATHLEEN KENNEDY

Sponsor: ANNE FAGG

LAURENCE KENNEDY

Sponsor: ANNE FAGG

### Windmill Hill Lions Roar at Agfest

The Lions Club of Launceston Windmill Hill again were at Agfest on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May with their food and drink vans - but, as the vans do not 'magically appear' ready to go, some considerable time and effort over the weekend and days prior to the event was put in by members. With two members attending the Multiple District Convention in Townsville, there was an excellent turnout by other club members. They were ably assisted by students from St Patrick's College Launceston who were able to learn hospitality and service skills in a real working environment.





Much of the preparatory work is done by the 'backroom boys' in the marquee behind the big van

This year was our best ever and, considering we can trace our participation back to when Agfest was held at Symmons Plains Raceway, that is no mean feat! Every year the Organisers (Rural Youth) change the location of all catering sites – This year we were "up the back" in Seventh Avenue. Any doubts we had about this site was soon dispelled as we were very busy on all days, especially Saturday. At lunch time the queues extended down to the roadway as members struggled to keep up. We were so busy we actually sold out of most food items and several members went around other vendors trying to buy extra stock to sell!

Sales went so well that even Derryl managed to raise a smile and out treasurer is still counting! A big thank you to all members for their efforts in setting up and conducting such a successful fundraiser.

Be it BBQ food, Hot pies or coffee – members were kept on their toes!

Lion Byron Dilworth

LC Lagunceston-Windmill Hill





We need more food to sell ... Now!



Pity Collingwood isn't as fast moving as our Pies!



What? Sold out? again



### **2018 Lions Tasmania District 201T1 Convention**

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# Devonport – November 10/11 2018

### **Hosted by the Lions Club of Mersey-Devonport**

### **Venues**

Gateway Hotel - Registration - Friday November 9 2018

Reece High School - Convention - Saturday/Sunday November 10/11 2018

Devonport RSL Club – Banquet – Saturday Evening November 10 2018

#### **Accommodation Options**

Hotels and Motels

Apartments and Holiday Units

Cottages

Bed and Breakfasts

Caravan Parks and Cabins

All within Devonport and surrounds

Range of prices to suit any budget



Thank you to Reece High School, Devonport RSL, Gateway Hotel and the Lions Clubs of Devonport City, Latrobe, Port Sorell and Ulverstone.

The 2018 Convention Registration Form has been finalised and is attached.

Forms will be made available to Clubs via email or download from:

http://devonportmersey.tas.lions.org.au/convention2018

#### **2018 DISTRICT 201T1 CONVENTION CONTACT DETAILS:**

Chair: Dennis Applebee

Email: <u>dpapplebee@gmail.com</u>

Mobile: 0419 895 029 Secretary: Christian McGee

Email: <u>christianmcgee68@gmail.com</u>

Mobile: 0467 244 881

Web Page: <a href="http://devonportmersey.tas.lions.org.au/convention2018">http://devonportmersey.tas.lions.org.au/convention2018</a>

Please consider visiting
Devonport and attending the
2018 201T1 District Convention in November 2018



Crime Stoppers Week this year saw a successful increase in the level of reporting from the public with a 34% increase in the total volume of information reports received across all three crime categories. The focus in 2018 was targeting the manufacture, supply and distribution of illicit drugs, theft and shoplifting.

Illicit drug related reports accounted for approximately 55% of the total reports received. Increased campaigning during Crime Stoppers Week has also resulted in an increase of drug-related reports in the order of 27% when compared with non-campaign periods.

Compared to 2017 annual results, the level of reporting from the public in relation stealing and shoplifting during Crime Stoppers Week saw a 73% increase. This is a great outcome that highlights the significant role that Crime Stoppers plays in providing Tasmanians with a safe, reliable service.

This year, during Crime Stoppers Week, we also launched the new Clarence Community trailer, which has been built by Rosny College students and *supported by many Tasmanian businesses and community groups including Lions Clubs of Tasmania.* 

Once again, Tasmania with **the support of Lions** has shown the world that we can mix it with the best when it comes to successful community engagement. The Clarence Community Trailer is a great example and all Tasmanian's can be proud of the role they have played in ensuring our state remains one the safest places to live and raise a family.

The trailer will be owned by the local community and used to support meaningful initiatives including reducing the impacts of motorbike hooning in the Clarence region and providing riders with greater access to the Cambridge Motocross track.

### Ron Franks CEO Crime Stoppers Tasmania

From David Daniels, Lions Chairman - a huge
 THANK YOU to all Lions Clubs in Tasmania.

This is the best result in my 23 year association with Crime Stoppers.





## District Newsletter 201T1

Newsletter Editor: Linda Payne 0488 566 448 Email: editor@lionstasmania.org

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

Articles can be typed and submitted for publication by email in WORD format

PDFs are okay for posters, but it's difficult to copy words and pictures from them.

Deadline for next issue is July 10th 2018



For past copies.....

**Web:** 201T1.lions.org.au *or* www.lionstasmania.org



www.facebook.com/Lions201T1



## 39th Lions 201T1 Convention

District Governor's Convention Theme: "Lions in a Digital World"

Devonport – Saturday and Sunday - November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

Host Club: Lions Club of Mersey-Devonport Inc.

Email: devonportmersey@lionstasmania.org

Registrations must be received by 5pm Friday October 26 2018

Title	Surname	Preferred Name	Club		Position (eg Lior	n, Partner, ZC, VDG)	
\ddress:		City/Town:			Postcode:		
	Mobile:			Phone (Home):			
mail:	Phor			Phone (V	(Work):		
	Conventioneer? <b>r</b> YE	es <b>r</b> no	(please tick appropriat	e)			
Functi	on	Location & Time		QTY	\$ / Head	Total \$	
	PRE-CONVENTION ACTI	VITIES - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 20	018 – Gateway Hotel -	Fenton St	treet Devonport		
Registra	ations	4:00-5:15pm		NA	NA	NA	
	DAY 1 – CONVENTION - Sa	turday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 – I	Reece High School - 41	-43 Middl	le Road Devonpor	t	
Registrations		8:00-9:00am	8:00-9:00am		NA	NA	
Mornin	g and Afternoon Teas	10:30-10:55pm / 3:	00-3:15pm		\$12 (total)		
Lunch		12:30-1:30pm			\$15		
		R - Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 20: CODE – SMART CASUAL OR LC			acfie St Devonpor	t	
Conven	ition Banquet Dinner	6:00 for 7:00pm till	late		\$50		
	DAY 2 – CONVENTION	- Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November - Reed	ce High School - 41-43	Middle Ro	oad Devonport		
Conven	ntion Pin	NA			\$5		
Mornin	g Tea	10:00-10:30pm			\$6		
Lunch		1:00-2:00pm			\$15		
Payment options overleaf					TOTAL \$		



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## **Payment Options**

### Please tick your chosen payment option (one only):

### Payment via Cheques and Money Orders:

To be made out to *Lions 201T1 Convention 2018 Registration* and returned with form to address below.

### Payment via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Bank – Westpac (Devonport) – BSB 037-604 - Account: 356 832 (Convention Account) When paying by EFT, use your first initial, surname and Club (if possible) as the reference. (A character limit of 12 applies – including spaces)

### Payment via Cash at Westpac Branch:

Cash payments can be accepted at any Tasmanian Westpac Branch using the EFT details above. Take this form with you to the bank.

When paying by cash at a Westpac Branch you can only use numbers as the reference. Use your LCI member number, your mobile number OR your telephone number as the reference. Please fill out the details below when you make the payment.

Reference Number:	_
	<b>r</b> member number
	<b>r</b> mobile number

Return Form to: Convention Treasurer

Lions 201T1 Convention 2018 PO Box 770 Devonport TAS 7310

devonportmersey@lionstasmania.org OR Email to:

Treasurers: Jan Robson

0428 158 918 John Tongue

0488 473 973