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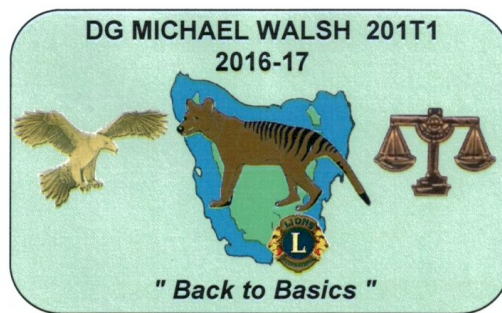
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DG Michael's Musings....

This is my second last newsletter/article as District Governor – sob. No not really but the year has certainly flown by. I suppose that is a by-product of being busy and I certainly have been. Greater detail will follow shortly. Over the last few months there has been quite a bit of discussion between the DG's in the MD about the "Feather Duster Syndrome" - more about that next month as well.

The Multiple District Centenary Convention has come and gone. The venue was ideal and most of the catering was to a good standard. I don't claim to be a convention regular but the program seemed to go well and according to plan.

The District Convention Committee is to be congratulated on what many seasoned convention-goers claimed was the best convention for ages. The amount of hard work required by the committee and their helpers was incredible but at all times they maintained an image of quiet efficiency – on the surface at least.

Great news for Tasmanian Leos was the successes of Leo Alyssa Bryan from Penguin who won the Public Speaking section of the Leo of the Year competition. Well done Alyssa.

Leo Jenna Moate has resigned as District Leo Chair and I am pleased to announce that Leo Kellie Bryan from the Penguin Leo Club is the new Leo Chair for the remainder of this Lion's year and will continue in that role under the leadership of DGE Hester.

Prior to the convention the 2016/17 Council of Governors held its last meeting and the 2017/2018 DGE's elected DG Malcolm Peters from N1 to be the 201 Council Chairman for the 2017/2018 Lions year.

At last year's District Convention the Kingborough Club successfully moved District 201T1 be excluded from the transition provisions for the MD 201 Constitution. As this was a matter for the Council of Governors I argued the motion at the last Council of Governor's meeting in Hobart but the motion was lost. Hopefully more common sense will prevail when and if the transition question is pursued.

DG Michael



REMINDER



March—May Ongoing Membership Campaign – actively promote Lions Club Leadership Development Days:

- May 20 North—Launceston
- May 28 South—Hobart
- May 27 North West - Wynyard
- May 28 Latrobe
- June 18 TLF next meeting
- June 30—July 4

Lions International Convention
Chicago USA



Nov 11– 12

District Convention St Helens

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Friday night Meet and Greet



Leo Sophie Seaden from Townsville is inducted as a Lion! Wow!



Saturday's Business session. Our 19 District Governors are seated across the front of the stage.



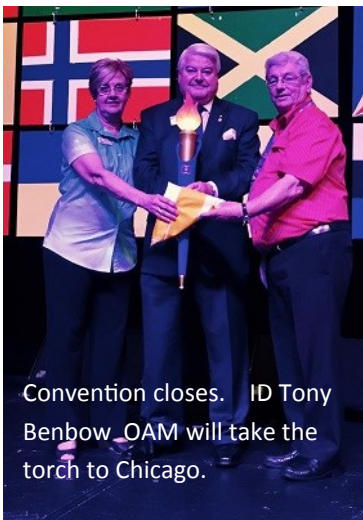
Youth of the Year 2017, Matisse Reed (QLD) on the right. Public Speaking winner, Ava Del Tufo (NSW), second from right.



2nd tier seating filled with Lions listening intently to Sunday's spotlight on MD201 Projects.



Lions Spotlight on Medical Research led by LJ Loch from Alpha Consult.



Convention closes. ID Tony Benbow OAM will take the torch to Chicago.

Congratulations to all involved, but especially

Convention Organising Committee

- Chairman: PDG David Daniels OAM
- Deputy Chairman: PDG Robin Pulford
- Convention Secretary: PDG Annette Ogilvie
- Convention Treasurer: Lion Erik Madsen
- Convention Registrar: Lion Alan Pretzman

Your hard work gave us a terrific Convention.



Council Chairman Rod Chigwell with the impressive cake at Monday's Gala Ball.



Our DGs swapping green jackets for inspirational T-shirts



Music on stage at the Gala Ball. A final night with friends.

Greetings fellow members of the Lions Family

It is pleasing to be able to report that some headway is being made regarding the funding of the Spot Vision Screening camera for the North West Region.



Past District Governor Toby Crawford (Ambassador) and I attended the Smithton-Circular Head Lions Club to give an outline of our proposal, and answer questions from those attending including another guest speaker. This club now conducting a community assessment to decide what extent to support. To assist them we are available to address community groups en-mass if required. Circular Head has at least two private schools and three primary schools (if accessible), and unknown number of pre-school care centres. Thanks to Lion Tony Hine and President Sheryl Robson.

Hot on the tracks was Rocky-Cape (and congratulations to both clubs for the successful Motor show) who I'll be attending with assistance from Ambassador Anne Fagg. Anne is a member of Rocky Cape but decided to take a back seat this time to brush up on the presentation. This happens 22nd of May.

My thanks go to Burnie-Emu Bay Lions for the invitation to address their Club 16th May, many of the members are well known to myself and I look forward to being with them.



City of Burnie have also replied and are waiting to make a decision at a meeting in the near future that fits their agenda.

Lastly, the Port Sorell Lions Club who offered two dates, both of which are Ok 24th May, or 7th June Of the two the latter would be preferred and passed on to Secretary Lion Mary Buchanan.

Now what has happened to all the other clubs that have been contacted? Please don't tell me you never received the mail when others did.

At some stage when time permits I would love to see one or two of our Ambassadors to visit Wynyard and Kentish Lions Clubs to pass on to you members the latest information. I applaud your decisions to fund the project, virtually, sight unseen by most members. You are not to be left out of the loop.

For the West Coast Clubs of Rosebery, Zeehan and Queens-town. Letters will be emailed to each club within the next two months. Slowly but surely we will be available to visit the West Coast, however a venue suitable for displaying a presentation is required. Lastly due to the distance required to travel one trip would be the preferred option.

At this stage it would be prudent of me to advise that the Presenting Ambassadors in the North West are PDG Toby Crawford and myself. Supporting Ambassadors, Lion Anne Fagg and Lion Stewart McNear.

Last but not least of all, PDG Michael MacLaren is now classified as "Ambassador at large" who may be used anywhere in Australia if the need arises. He was contacted in Darwin via the 201C2 District Chairman to investigate LEHP in that Zone.

Best wishes

Lion John C Medwin (District Chairman)



<http://www.wctrib.com/news/local/4255689-lions-offer-free-vision-screening-children>

The Lions Club of King Island has built a sheltered BBQ area for residents of **Currie's Snodgrass Park Aged Care Units**. The structure also serves as an emergency assembly point. Lion Jim Benn organised and built the shelter, complete with picnic table and hooded BBQ. A concrete ramp was added for ease of access. Lions, residents and families enjoyed an official opening on April 29th, 2017.



Welcome to the Lions Family

April 2017



Burnie City

Kathryn Costelloe, Sponsor: Melissa Bell
Anne McGregor, Sponsor: Heather Leatham

City of Devonport

Wendy Beaton, Sponsor: Garry Beaton

Forth Valley

Haydn Mclachlan, Sponsor: Alan Wheeler

Ulverstone

Lauchland Avery, Sponsor: Robert Wright

Peter Kurrle, Sponsor: Philip Viney

David Quinn, Sponsor: Garry Hamilton

West Tamar

Don Walton, Sponsor: John Schofield



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WE ARE GLOBAL
WE ARE LIONS

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Our District Count

31st March 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1219

30th April 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1212

YTD ADD 126

YTD DROP 125

YTD GROWTH 0.08%

Status: DISTRICT IN TRANSITION

LIONS
Lions Clubs International
CENTENNIAL CONVENTION 2017
June 30 - July 4, 2017 :: Chicago, Illinois, USA
MD-1 Host Committee :: www.lions2017chicago.org

Please note for this change for the **SMITHTON LIONS & LEO CLUBS**

Now 62 Nelson Street
Smithton 7330

President Sheryl Robson



RIGHT OF REPLY

From the Cabinet Treasurer

I am a little disappointed by the derogative remark in the April issue of DG Michael's Newsletter, "The Scribe Column" that it sometimes takes months for an expense claim to be settled by the Cabinet Treasurer.

As it has always been my firm policy that the goodwill we receive from paying accounts promptly, far outweighs the bank interest we may otherwise have accrued by delaying payments. I can assure our Lions members that properly documented expense claims presented to me are always, wherever possible, paid the following day.

Kind regards

Erik Madsen

201T1 Cabinet Treasurer

State Coordinator's role: Youth of the Year

If you are interested in the *Youth of the Year* then this is for you.

The Youth of the Year State Coordinator's role will be vacant as at the 1st July 2017.



If interested please contact Jenny Triptree for more information.

Watch the Lion Magazine for the role to be advised and what is required.

Jenny Triptree

State Coordinator Youth of the Year

FOR YOUR CLUB DIARY CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY 2017



NORTH

Launceston 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
Saturday 20th May at Brooks High School

RSVP [19th May] & Enquiries:
RC Leigh Johnstone. Mob: 0418 138 035
Email: leigh-johnstone@bigpond.com

SOUTH

Hobart 9.30 – 1 p.m.
Sunday 28th May at the Community Centre, Springfield

RSVP[26th May] & Enquiries:
1VDG Hester Van Niekerk. Mob: 0428 127 968
Email: hestervan@hotmail.com



NORTH WEST

Wynyard 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday 27th May at St Brigids Primary School, Jackson Street

Latrobe 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm
Sunday 28th May at Latrobe Primary School, Lewis Street

RSVP [19th May] & Enquiries:
GLT Co-ordinator Anne Fagg.
Mob: 0439 027 037
Email: amf6388@gmail.com



SAFETY OFFICERS:

The Safety Officer information session is presented bi-ennially, the last one was held in 2014-15.

2017-18 Safety Officers and interested club members are invited to attend at either Launceston, Latrobe or Hobart on the same date/time and venues as above. RSVP's also as above.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SAFETY OFFICER INFORMATION SESSION HELD AT WYNYARD.

The 2017 201T1 District Convention Committee is looking for expressions of interest in **"Trade Table" space at the St Helens Convention.**

Space is limited and will be allocated on a **"First come first served"** basis.

These expressions of interest should be submitted to us by email at lionsthelens201t1convetion@gmail.com by the end of August.



Ask at your local Post Office or go to AUSTRALIA POST online to purchase these Lions Centenary stamps and first day covers.



PENCILS COMMUNITY

Every school year in Australia, each student receives a new pack of stationery. Many items remain unused or in good condition, to be hidden at the bottom of the drawer or in the back of the cupboard, or thrown away.

City of Burnie Lions Club recently hosted Nicole Chettle and Micheline Andrews at a meeting where we learned all about Pencils Community, a project run and organised totally by volunteers with no funding required.

Pencils Community is a non-fundraising Australian charity based in Victoria, where stationery items are collected, delivered, sorted and dispatched via travellers visiting communities, orphanages and schools both overseas and in Australia. It is hard to believe that some children have never seen a pencil before, especially coloured ones! Some schools don't have writing books or pads either.

Nicole is a NW resident, teaching high school History and English. In 2015 she encouraged her students to complete a unit of study on trash.



Nicole found Cindy Rochstein, a founder of Pencils Community, online and suggested this charity to her students and was thrilled with the positive response. Students made posters and flyers and spoke to the local newspaper and gave a speech to school. Students promoted the program through Facebook and Instagram and managed to collect 1800 pieces in a short time. A Reflex paper box and a Nappy box, both full of the items, were then shipped, costing \$150, to Cindy's house in Melbourne where the items were sorted, ready to go to designated locations.

Micheline is the Tasmanian Ambassador for Pencils Community. Micheline explained that all sorts of stationery items can be recycled in this way, including partly used exercise books, folders, calculators, pencil cases, etc. The biggest hurdle faced is the cost of transport across Bass Strait.

Perhaps Lions in Tasmania could help by sharing the work of Pencils Community and asking friends and family who are travelling across Bass Strait, to take a box or bag of collected items and drop them off in Melbourne?

Micheline is happy to tell your Club much more about the fabulous work of Pencils Community so please get in touch with City of Burnie Lions Club if you would like her contact details.

You can learn more by visiting www.pencilscommunity.com or www.facebook.com/pencilscommunity There are some great videos to watch on the facebook page of happy smiling faces of children who have received a fantastic gift from other children & adults who care. **Lion Melissa Bell City of Burnie Lions Club**

March - May Membership Campaign is almost over. **2 300 balloons were sold and 23 clubs participated flying yellow balloons with the Lions logo to help promote our organisation.** Activities held were very varied and included: opening of a children's playground which was funded by a club, Rock Pool at Bicheno, promotion at Hobart Regatta, various BBQ's promoting membership with photos, markets, car shows, annual fishing competition on Flinders Island, Taste the Harvest in Devonport, Bixabition in Launceston, street fundraiser in Ulverstone for Cystic Fibrosis with a Country Mix Band, Wine and Food Festival, Australia Day at Greens Beach, the Navy Band performance on King Island, and many other various activities were conducted by clubs.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone, and all clubs, who supported the March-May Membership Campaign with their hard work organising activities, and flying the Lions balloons. I'm sure that all our endeavours have helped make the public more aware of Lions and will help increase membership in Lions.

Amanda Olson
District Global Membership Team Coordinator

(Club activity Photos next page)





Lions District Governor Michael Walsh joined Dorset Mayor Greg Howard along with members of the **Scottsdale Lions Club, Scottsdale Rotary Clubs** and members of the public in declaring the new walking track open. The walking track has been developed as a Centenary Project by the club for 2017.

The walking tracks starts in the North East Park which is adjacent to the Scottsdale Caravan Park and goes 800 metres through native trees and farmland to join the Rotary Rail Trail. The Rail Trail is a biking and walking tack that has been developed over the last three years along the disused railway line travelling from Scottsdale to Legerwood, a distance of 26 kilometres.

In his introduction of the District Governor Michael, Zone Chairman Mervyn Chilcott related to the close relationship the Scottsdale Club has had with the park since the club was formed in 1969. Over the past thirty years the club with the Dorset Council has transformed the former swimming pool area with muddy bottom and weedy banks and untidy scrub into an area where tourist and the local community can go to enjoy a mixture of natural assets with modern assets in areas where people can go for relaxation and enjoyment. **The park now boasts a rotunda with electric barbeques, a sound shell for musical events, a children’s play area, a board walk through native trees and plants, picnic tables and benches as well as small dams with water falls, surrounded by gardens and native trees.**

District Governor Michael congratulated the club on its initiative to create the walk as a centenary project to promote the celebration of 100 years of Lions International. Working with the Rotary Club to make the walking track will create an area will make an area where people can walk clear of cars or trucks and will make another area where people walking their dogs can go with safety.

Mayor Greg Howard thanked the Scottsdale Club for their efforts and perseverance throughout the years to make the park an asset to the community. The adjoining caravan park is very popular and many tourists will appreciate the park and the new walkway.

**Mervyn Chilcott
Sec. Scottsdale Lions Club**



DG Michael and local Mayor of Dorset Council Greg Howard uncovering the info board for the walk



New District Leo Chairman

Name: Kellie Bryan

Occupation: Teacher Assistant. All my working life has been spent with children and young adults

Family: Husband Greg, 3 daughters Amy (Leo) Emma and Alyssa (Leo)

Home Club: Penguin

I first experienced Lions by watching my father attend meetings and I was always proud that dad was a Lion. When the first Burnie Leo club was formed I was charter Vice President. I left Leo because there wasn't any future for me in Lions as a woman at that time.

I re-joined the Lion family (because that's how I think it should be) when my daughter, Amy became the Charter President of the newly re-formed Burnie Leo Club. I resigned my Lion membership due to a bad experience and gave myself time to heal before joining my club of Penguin, where I feel valued and I have regained my faith in our organisation.

I became Leo advisor in 2016 and have had a ball with the Penguin Leos. I am honoured to take up the position of District Leo Chairman. I have 3 generations in the Lions family which I am very proud of.

My aim for my time as Chairman will be to raise the profile of Leos, to visit Lions around our state with the view of working towards more Leo clubs in our district with the help of the Lions Clubs of Tasmania.



Leo of the Year from a proud Lion, Leo Advisor and mother's perspective.

Sunday morning the BIG day had arrived for our Leos and I say for all our Tasmanian Leos as they were all involved in one way or another in Alyssa's journey to that day. We all piled into the auditorium and waited for the final moment on Alyssa's journey. Alyssa was the second last Leo to speak. At this moment I stepped out as a Leo advisor and allowed her Mother full reign.



I sat and watched my daughter step up and tell an auditorium of her life in a speech I watched her pour her heart into. Alyssa is a force of nature that is unusual in our day and age. There is no bitterness at what life has given her, she is still open and caring. She is more forgiving than anyone had a right to ask. She spoke on the dark years of ADHD and the cruel behaviour of those who just didn't understand her.

As I looked around the room when she had finished **passionately speaking on how we all need to be more accepting of others and to consider that everyone has their own struggles to deal with. That we should embrace our differences.** I found Lions with tears in their eyes, she had touched the lives of 1000 plus people young, old, females and males. The ovation that she received was loud and long.

At the break the Leos regrouped and waited for the announcement. PDG Dale Crawford (from Alyssa's Lions Club of Penguin) took the podium to announce that a girl that he had had the privilege of see grow in confidence had **become the first Tasmanian Leo to win any award at a Multiple District level and was the public speaker winner for 2017.**

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I'm afraid everything from then on is a blur of happiness, as it should be. We waited for the last announcement of the **Leo of the Year Jesse Pasco from Queensland, who may I say will make a great ambassador for the Leo movement.**

The moment Alyssa left the stage the party began. I have never seen someone so happy and over whelmed. Her fellow Tasmanian and Penguin Leos were right there waiting for her. It took us an hour to get through the hugs and well wishes. This was a great experience not only for Alyssa but also to the members of the Penguin Leos who came with her. There were many comments from them, that this is what I had been talking about. Conventions should be a time of making connections, seeing friends, learning new ideas and having FUN.

We finished with the Gala Dinner where Leos danced the night away with any and all Lions they could get on the floor.

On the way home there was much discussion on what had happened and what next. Lots of talk of **wanting to visit more of their Tasmanian Lions clubs and to talk more with them.** So please, if you want to talk to Leos who think you're great contact me, we are looking for Clubs to visit. All agreed this was a trip that would be forever remembered and Townsville is firmly on the Penguin Leos agenda.

My thanks go to Dakota Gallagher, Ian Shepherd, Robert Beeton, Kyle Rowe, the Penguin Leos who supported Alyssa while in Hobart and the 7 Lions clubs who had Alyssa to speak at their meetings, Rocky Cape, Smithton-Circular Head, Devonport City, Devonport Mersey, Hadspen-South Esk, Launceston City, and Port Sorell. Last but in no way least the Penguin Lions Club, who welcome Leos with open arms and continue to see the value that Leos bring even after 40 plus years.

Lion Kellie J Bryan
Leo District Chairman
Penguin Leo Advisor,
Penguin Lions Club.



Rocky Cape Lions News

On Sunday 23rd April the weather was kind to us in Stanley for our combined Rocky Cape and Smithton Top Gear @ Stanley car show; it rained every-



where else! Well attended and supported by the community, approximately 150 cars and a good number of motorbikes made the day in our new venue a fantastic success. Ruth Forrest MLC opened the event **which raised significant funds towards the Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Genome project and the Cancer Council's World's Greatest Shave.** Representatives from both foundations will be present at the Rocky Cape Tavern for a combined Rocky Cape/Smithton dinner meeting to be presented with their cheques. Chairman Ron Prior, RC Secretary Pam Prior and the committee are to be congratulated for all their hard work on this project. Fantastic work!



At our dinner meeting at the Rocky Cape Tavern on Wednesday 26th April our guest speakers were **Brendan Hingston and Jodie Jones from Whitelion spoke about the organisations mentoring program which supports children from 10 to 19 years of age.** The organisation only receives 40% government funding. Impressed with the important work these people are doing, the members who were present voted to donate \$500.00 to Whitelion to help them to continue to support young people in Circular Head and on the NW Coast. Jodie and Brendan are pictured receiving their cheque from club treasurer Dennis Robson and President Victoria Cochrane.

Victoria Cochrane
President
Rocky Cape Lions Club.



GREAT SOUTHERN LINKS APRIL 2018

4 Days in Golfing Heaven



A Golf Opportunity Exclusively for LIONS MEMBERS

– games scheduled for Monday 16th through to Thursday 19th April 2018

The Lions Club of King Island invites you to register by ballot for one of 30 places on our exclusive golf tour.

Play magnificent links courses at Narooma (NSW), either Barnbougale or Lost Farm (Tasmania) and both Cape Wickham and Ocean Dunes, King Island (Tas)

Each section is hosted by local Lions Clubs who receive a share of money raised. The winning golfer AND THEIR CLUB both receive substantial prize money. A NATIONAL LIONS PROJECT will benefit from one very special donation.

Head to greatsouthernlinks.com after June 1st 2017 for full entry details. Open Internationally.

Let's unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship and raise the profile of Lions.

Further info available from Lion Linda Payne



District Newsletter 201T1

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