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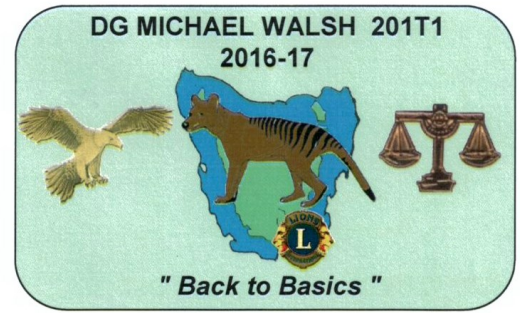
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DG Michael's Musings...

Last month I commented on the transition process up to the point where our District was placed in transition. If between now and August 2018, our District is not able to attain and maintain a membership of over 1250 then the Council of Governors MAY appoint a Redistricting Committee to report to Council and make recommendations for re-districting.

Redistricting means changing the boundaries of Districts so that they comply with the LCI Constitution. On receipt of a report the Council of Governors must then submit a motion to the next Multiple District Convention embodying the recommendation.

The MD Constitution provides for extensive "consultation" with all clubs likely to be effected if the recommendation is carried.

The final decision is up to the MD Convention. Past experience and common sense suggests that if a Re-districting committee is appointed it is not likely that the report will recommend that the membership of District T1

be augmented by changing the boundary of T1 to include some Victorian Clubs. This has happened in the past and it proved to be an expensive and logistic nightmare. Just imagine the costs and inconvenience of holding a District Convention and Cabinet meetings. Also the cost of travel for the District Governor of the day would increase substantially. **At the last meeting of the MD Council the MD Legal Officer, David Skinner made it quite clear that the boundaries of District T1 should remain at our coastline.**

We are often asked to donate funds to Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF is the official charitable arm of LCI. **Over the last 20 years LCIF has donated over AU\$1 billion in grants.** If you look at the application form for a Melvin Jones Fellowship you will find details of the areas where grants have been made over the years. The prominent areas are, elimination of measles, disaster relief, humanitarian needs, plus sight and youth focused needs.

While 3rd world countries have the greatest need, Australia has received a total of over AU\$10 million in grants since 1976.

Don't forget that donations to LCIF are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships credits so honour deserving Lions and members of your community by awarding Melvin Jones Fellowships.

DG Michael

REMINDER



March—May Ongoing Membership Campaign – *actively promote Lions*

APRIL—Election of Your New Board

May 5-8 MD Convention Hobart
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

VALE PDG Tom Purdon

District Governor 2001—2002

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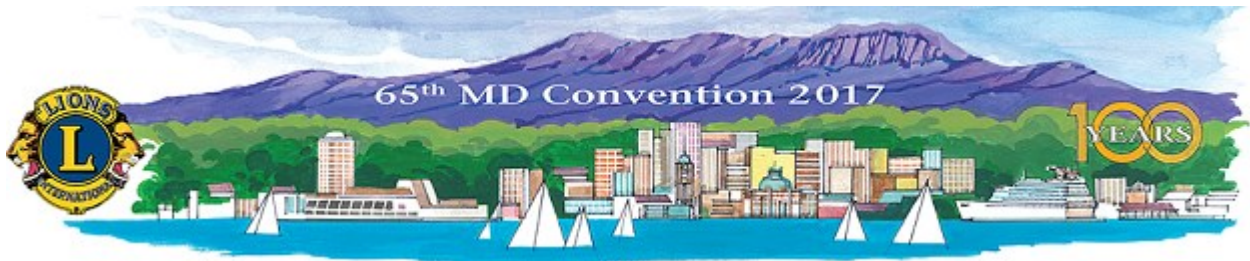
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Lions Clubs International



100 Years of Service



The Lions family in District T1 (all of Tasmania) welcome you to the 65th and Centennial Multiple District District 201 Convention in Hobart in May.

We are very proud of our island State and District T1, and take great delight in showing off what we have to offer to visitors.

The Convention arrangements are organised so that all activities will be conducted at one purpose built venue, at Wrest Point, where there is ample space for all exhibits, meetings and social functions. There is also parking on site.

During the Convention you will have ample time to meet new friends in Lions and renew old acquaintances. **The venue offers many facilities from quiet areas where the beauty of the Derwent estuary and Hobart can be appreciated,** up to and including dining in the Revolving Restaurant or perhaps even having a flutter at the gaming tables or poker machines.

While you are here I hope you will have the opportunity to sample what Hobart and the south of our island State has to offer.



At the **Salamanca Market** you will find the best food and wine in our State and no visit to Hobart would be complete without a **visit to Mona**. From the top of Mount Wellington you can sometimes nearly see as far as **Port Arthur** which is a reminder of our colonial and convict past.



If you have more time please take the opportunity to venture further afield. **Freycinet Peninsular, Bay of Fires, Cradle Mountain and the North and North West of our wonderful State are not far away.** Tasmania is unique in that most of the population lives away from the capital city and in the North of our island. There is much to see and do all over our compact natural State.



My congratulations and thanks to Convention Chairman PDG David Daniels OAM and his Committee for their tireless efforts to prepare for what will be a Convention to remember.

I hope your visit to Tasmania is memorable and that you will come back again and see more of what our State can offer.

We serve together.

Michael Walsh

DG 201T1



CENTENARY TIN



YOU HAVE A ONE TIME ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO PRE-ORDER YOUR CLUB'S CENTENARY TINS.

YOU CAN DO THIS BY VISITING THE LION'S CAKE & MINT DISPLAY AT THE HOBART CONVENTION IN MAY, 2017.

ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BEFORE CONVENTION AND IF YOU MISS OUT PRE-ORDERING YOU WILL THEN HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 1st JULY, 2017 TO PUT IN YOUR ORDER.



THE CARTON WILL HOLD 6 TINS AT A COST TO THE CLUB OF \$98.27 (\$16.38 EACH) RRP IS \$22.00.

Sue Johns



“Looking Forward, Looking Back”

LIONS AUSTRALIA

65th Multiple District Convention 2017

Hobart ... Tasmania

5 - 8 May 2017



“Convention is one of the highlights of the Lions Year. It is an opportunity for each of us to learn and also to share ideas so that we can continue to grow and serve”

Council Chairman Rodd Chignell:

Tasmania will host the Lions Australia National Convention in Hobart from Friday, 5 May to Monday, 8 May 2017 at the Wrest Point Entertainment and Convention Centre.

The Convention theme, “Looking Forward, Looking Back”, captures the spirit of the celebration of a Century of Lions in the World, seventy years of Lions in Australia, and where our world-wide organization is heading in the future.

The Convention offers Tasmanian Lions an experience that they will probably not encounter, at least in our island home, for a decade or more with the opportunity to see, hear, discuss, debate the issues that will influence the continuing influence of Lions in our community, in our State, in Australia and Internationally.

The Convention programme is available on the Lions Tasmania website.

Some of the most significant events at Convention will be -

- The opening of Convention by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Professor Kate Warner AO
- The Remembrance Ceremony
- Keynote speaker Ms Donna Adams, Deputy Secretary, Tasmanian Department of Emergency Services
- A Youth Forum led by Louise Eiszele
- Spotlight on Medical Research Projects
- The National Final of Leo of the Year
- The National Final of Youth of the Year
- The 1st Conventioneers Breakfast; and
- The Gala Ball



The Lions EXPO has attracted thirty exhibitors promoting Lions projects and products and offering the opportunity to learn more about what Lions are doing throughout Australia.

The EXPO will be open from noon on Thursday, 4 May and continue through Friday, Saturday and Sunday, closing on Sunday.



Many Tasmanian Lions have already registered to attend Convention however, there is still the opportunity for Lions to register even if you might only wish to attend a particular session of Convention or to visit the Lions EXPO



A Registration Form can be found on the Lions Tasmania website.

Contact Email:
mdconvention2017@lionstasmania.org

Lions Tasmania website –
201t1.lions.org.au/mdconvention2017



Welcome to the Lions Family

March 2017



Bicheno

Annette Hughes *Sponsor: Peter Warner*

Marcus Walkem *Sponsor: Peter Warner*

Brighton

Rickie Toomey *Sponsor: Ronee Featherstone*

Clarence

Jennifer Butterworth *Sponsor: Elaine Judd*

Forth Valley

Gordon Travis *Sponsor: Dale Roberts*

Georgetown

Tim Hughes *Sponsor: Doreen Cook*

Glenorchy

Jennifer Pritchett *Sponsor: Heather Cameron*

Jacob Stump *Sponsor: James Fisher*

King Island

June Kempster *Sponsor: Pamela Rolley*

Perth

Curtis McGee *Sponsor: Ralph McGee*

Derek Willis

Rocky Cape

Julie Bentley *Sponsor: Victoria Cochrane*

Sorrell

Susan Flanagan *Sponsor: Michael Flanagan*



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WE ARE GLOBAL
WE ARE LIONS**

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Our District Count

28th February 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1214

31st March 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1219

YTD ADD 114

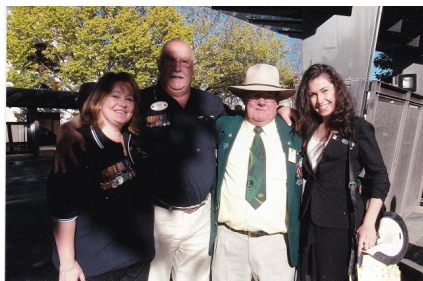
YTD DROP 106

YTD GROWTH 0.66%

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**



VALE PDG Tom Purdon - Memories from a Friend



I have known Tom and his good lady Beverly for many, many years and it just so happened that we shared Anzac Day with him at the MD Convention in Canberra April 2013, Beverly took the photo of Lion Kellie Bryan, Lion John Medwin, PDG Tom Purdon, and Tasmanian Leo of The Year, Amy Bryan.

Tom was an old style District Governor and a larrikin. He spent a lot of time as a volunteer guide at the Port Arthur Historic Site.

I well remember attending a Change over at Roseberry with Joan and Tom and Beverly were staying with PDG Al Medwin for the weekend. As luck would have it we were late leaving Rosebery for the return home and made good time back up the coast.

But that had a downside. On the side of the road at Hampshire was a speed camera set up beside a culvert. I was nailed at 112 Kph. PDG Tom flew past me in his red BMW at 125 +Kph and was lucky not to lose his license. His correspondence to me afterwards was hilarious, but far from being complimentary to the so called revenue raisers out on a Sunday afternoon. As for me, well I was over the 100 Kph limit and had completely let it slip my mind. Paid up and shut up. Memories of a fellow Lion and mate.

John C Medwin



Burnie Emu Bay Lions - Youth of the Year

Our club recently held our annual Youth of the Year competition and what an amazing evening it was! We were lucky enough to have 9 fantastic contestants representing all of the Secondary schools in the area.

Because there were so many contestants, interviews were held over two afternoons which then allowed the evening to flow smoothly and surprisingly finish earlier than expected.

Members were privileged to meet, and listen to these wonderful young people as the contestants engaged us with their many, varied and at times amusing views on the impromptu questions and delighted and educated us with their prepared speeches. The judges had all, at some time, been involved with Youth of the Year but on this occasion were 'blown away' with the exceptional standard of all contestants.



YOTY contestants Tailey, Laura, Cody, Isaac, Charlotte, Maeve, Sophie, Erin and Hannah.

Lions Club members were privileged to have the opportunity to listen to and spend time with these outstanding young people and their families.

Both the public speaking and overall winner was Erin Galbraith representing Marist College. Erin then went on to compete in the Zone final the following week.



Left: Winner Erin Galbraith with YOTY organiser extraordinaire Cheryl Wells



South Entrant takes out State Final



Photo L to /R President Kings Meadows Lions Club, Amy Bieman, David Hodson, Sam Watson, VDG Hester.

A successful State Final of the Youth of the Year was held and hosted by Kings Meadows Lions Club on Sunday 9th April.

Samuel Watson from The Friends' School and host club Hobart Town took out both the Public Speaking and Overall Winner from Scotch Oakburn student David Hodson host club Hadspen South Esk and Don College student Amy Bieman host club Port Sorell.

We wish Sam all the best in the National Final.

District Chairman Jenny Trippree

Month	#
July	1
August	1
September	1
October	5
November	8
December	10
January	12
February	14
March	15



We are making progress so by the end of this, our Centenary, Lions year it is hoped that every Club in 2011 will have made a contribution to LCIF.

PDG John Gillham
District LCIF
Co-ordinator

STAMPS

Support the Mobility Foundation by sending me parcels of recycled postage stamps. Cost of postage can be reimbursed from your Activities Account. This is such a simple project and is a great way to assist children with a mobility disability.



Have a safe and Happy Easter.

Until next month Peter Burke Convenor
11 Camina Court Riverside Tas 7250

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.

CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS

Interestingly I am still receiving calls from customers wanting to purchase our Christmas cakes – weddings, christenings, birthdays etc. and when I receive these calls I then direct them to the nearest Club to action.

Should any Club not able to provide the cake or pudding please give me a call and I will endeavour to arrange another Club to assist. This way our cakes are out there throughout the year and an excellent opportunity to pick-up new customers when cakes sales get underway again toward Christmas.

Now is the time to check out your local service clubs or hotels to see if they are having a “Christmas in July” and offer our puddings for the event. Each pudding can be cut into 10 pieces (or more) and with custard and cream this makes a very economical sweet for any organisation.

Sue Johns
District Chairman MD201 T1 – Merchandising
0409 442 593

To arrange to borrow please contact

Amanda Olson
Mobile: 0419357190
Email: amandaolson@bigpond.com





Penguin Lions held a garage sale with all proceeds going to *Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation*. Ambassador PDG Tony Roney attended with information for our buyers. Tony pictured here with Penguin Lions Member Kathy Townsend.



Lionsonoz in Action

Lionsonoz members seem to find the most unusual places to follow the Lions Motto “We Serve”.

In February this year **Lion Sandra Phlippzig** the welfare officer for the **Australian Lionsonoz** found herself in Salamander Place in Hobart, Tasmania while the weekly markets were in progress. (That would be *Salamanca* Lion Warren – does Lionsonoz have a Tail Twister? Ed)

The Hobart City Leukaemia Foundation was conducting a fund raiser for research into Leukaemia. They were looking for people to pay to donate their hair as a money raiser in conjunction with the “World’s Greatest Shave” campaign.

Guess what? Lion Sandra, on the spur of the moment took up the challenge for such a worthy cause and *paid \$20 to have her beautiful locks shaved off to help support the research into a cure for Leukaemia.*



Pictured: Lion Sandra Phlippzig sporting her new haircut

Her husband, Lion Peter said he is very proud of Sandra. “It takes a big heart to take such an extreme step to both draw attention to the cause and to raise

funds for such a worthy event and to top it off she now has a most distinctive haircut.”

Over \$170,000 has been raised in Tasmania for this cause. Kate McGough, the State Fundraising Organiser of the Foundation said their aim is to raise \$345,000 by the end of the year, so Lion Sandra’s donation of her money and her hair will help to fund research into this insidious disease.

Lionsonoz does not have an activity account so money cannot be raised from the public for any cause, but this was Lion Sandra’s way of helping the best way she could.

PDG Lion Warren White

Tasmanian Lions Foundation.

[The next meeting of the Foundation is set down for 18th June, 2017](#) and we invite any Club who may have a Grant Application they may wish to submit please ensure you have it [to the Secretary by 9th June, 2017](#) along with any other matter you may wish to be discussed at the meeting.

By now you will have received from me a letter asking you to consider the purchase of a TLF Award /s for a Club Member or a person within your Community who has assisted your Club in some special way. An Application form was enclosed with my letter.

If at this time you do not wish to purchase an award, then please consider making a donation to the Foundation to enable to continue our work in assisting Lions who may in the future may need to make a request for a Grant to assist their need. Note donations made can be credited to you and utilised at a later date to make a TLF award.

We thank Clubs who have supported us this year and we look forward to your continued support, after all it's your Foundation. Thanking you.

Until next month and hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Until next month.

Regards

Peter Burke
Secretary



Mountain Bike Championships, DERBY

A great weekend was had by the **North East Club** who ran a BBQ in the middle of the forest in Derby for the *Enduro Mountain Bike championships* recently. Therese and I went along to keep them company on the Saturday as they needed organizing..... To get to the site meant transferring to a four wheel drive as the goat track was too much for my Jeep.

The day started slow but by midafternoon the girls were flat out keeping up with the cooks and customers. **It was especially hard for the ladies as the organizers neglected to provide any facilities for them should they have the need to go** It was great the way they managed to hang on for seven hours, the bumpy ride back down the mountain didn't help either.

We missed out on going on Sunday but I assume we had a lot of wet lions as it poured all the next day. **PDG George Budeja**

Good News Story



I was invited recently to a **Port Sorell Lions club** meeting to talk about the works of our Foundation. At the end of my presentation I was told that they would assist us by doing some fundraising for the foundation.

Three months past when I received a phone call from Lion John Brooks from Port Sorell. **Lion John advised that for the past three months their members ran a raffle every Friday down the main street and that all the proceeds from the last three months were for our Foundation.** They have invited me to their club in May so a presentation of the total amount will be made to me. I was then blown away when Lion John told me the sum that they managed to raise..... **\$2,900. wow....**

John said that they hold a raffle each week and each three month they would select a foundation or project of Lions to fund raise for. That is commitment to have such dedicated Lions selling raffle tickets for 52 weeks of the year.

WELL DONE PORT SORELL FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR ORGANISATION.

Motto: "WALK WITH PRIDE"

Mission Statement of Foundation: " TO FUND MOBILITY DEVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, GIVING THESE CHILDREN A CHANCE TO WALK".

IN 1997 AN AUSTRALIAN LION SAW A NEED BY BRINGING A HART WALKER INTO AUSTRALIA TO HELP CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY, SOON AFTER THE AUSTRALIAN LION'S CHILDREN'S MOBILITY FOUNDATION WAS FORMED.

Our Foundation in Tasmania works very closely with ST.GILES in both Launceston and Hobart. We receive requests from them to assist children that they evaluate are in need of a particular walking device or a second skin (body suit) to help them to walk. We have access to over 40 different devices.

Since 1997 we have donated Australia wide over 12 million Dollars and assisted over 2000 children with walking devices.

I would like to visit your club if I haven't as yet, to explain further the work that YOUR Foundation does to help these very young children: To give them the gift of being able to WALK. 0407 877 460 Mobile or e-mail me: george.bugeja@bigpond.com

LIONS CLUB OF PORT SORELL – CENTENNIAL PROJECT

As our Centennial Project I am presenting for your interest the article from the programme of **the official opening of the Port Sorell Defence Memorial on Saturday 18th March 2017**. The Lions Club of Port Sorell has given \$10,000 towards this Memorial. Since 2014 we have been conducting the Dawn Service on Anzac Day. This has grown and last year approximately 800 people turned out to the Dawn Service – to hear the Bugler and also the lone piper on the hill. We also burned gum leaves during the service.

We followed this up with a breakfast of bacon and eggs in the Memorial Hall. Although this was a free event, we received donations of around \$700 which we made up to \$1,000 and donated to Legacy in Devonport.



Left: Before the unveiling with the Lone Pine

Official Reveal of the PORT SORELL DEFENCE MEMORIAL

A little over four years ago, Lions Club of Port Sorell member Rod Bramich had a conversation with the then President of the club, Rob Donoghue, about the two soldier’s names on the wall of the Port Sorell Memorial Hall; a Private Walter Lockwood and Private Alan Gordon Brown.

From that conversation, Mr. Bramich enquired of Noelene Lincoln OAM, CEO of R.S.L. Tasmania, if it was possible for a Service Club to conduct a Dawn Service as there had never been a Service conducted at Port Sorell. With her encouragement and blessing, the Port Sorell Lions Club established the first ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Pioneer Park on the corner of Rice and Meredith Streets, Port Sorell in 2014. After each of these services the Lions Club offered a free breakfast in the Memorial Hall.

It was so well received by the community that the Port Sorell Lions Club has continued to host a Dawn Service on every ANZAC Day since, with the number of attendees growing exponentially.



Above: Unveiling with Lion Rod Bramich and Catherine Harris, sister of Private Alan Gordon Brown



Left: Food for the hoards supplied by Lions



After the 2015 ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Mayor Peter Freshney and Mr. Bramich talked about perhaps something permanent being constructed. This evolved into the establishment of a community committee comprising of Lion Rod Bramich as Chairman, Lion Mary Buchanan, Mr. Bertram “Snow” Thomas (local historian from Northdown), Mr. Brent Armistead (Latrobe High School) and Mayor Peter Freshney (Latrobe Council).

This committee gauged interest in the idea from the community, consulting on preferred location and features desired in such a memorial.

This formed the design brief which was run as a competition and subsequently won by local, Michael Farquharson.

The design was refined by Artas, costed and approved for construction, which commenced just 7 weeks ago, on 30th January, 2017.

Funding such an undertaking has not been easy but has been overwhelmingly supported by the local community. Individual donations have been given and there were **211 bricks purchased through the Buy a Brick campaign.** These are installed within the memorial pathway.

Sponsorship, donations and in-kind support has been received from community groups, corporate bodies, industries and all three tiers of government.

Unfortunately, the project is not quite fully funded. To cover the remaining cost we will be opening up another round of the Buy a Brick campaign in May. This will close at the end of September to enable installation by Remembrance Day on 11th November.



Mary Buchanan





As one of the District Chairman of this district I have become acutely aware that there are many clubs who do not clear their email correspondence, and if they do; do not record it at legitimate correspondence inwards to the club's correspondence register.

An example came to light as a result of a visiting Lion to another club, in another Region stating that they don't clear emails and if it hadn't been for phone calls, the said visitation would never have happened.

In this day and age of increased postage, for me as a District chairman to use "Snail Mail" to all 50 clubs means an outlay of \$50.00 plus stationary, Something I cannot afford immediately, or have to wait for perhaps months for re-imbursement from the Cabinet Treasurer. **Lions Clubs International states that electronic mail is a valid method of communication. Please do not ignore it.**

the Spot Vision Cameras and their impact on saving sight. Comments were raised about their use and by whom, the business plan for the use of them and sundry other queries. .

I thank those people sincerely for the comments and suggestions, all of which were echoed at the MD LEHP Committee meeting in Melbourne at the beginning of March where a committee was empowered to produce a necessary document outlining the buying, training, and use of the units



So far in the North West Region the following clubs have donated to date \$3600.00 Kentish, Wynyard and Penguin. I've also heard whispers that there are at least two clubs if not three in the district who is considering an outright purchase. If that is the case, please avail your club of the GST free, plus discounted price negotiated by the National Committee two months ago. And please let me know if this is the case and all documents will be **mailed** not emailed to you.

The National Committee team will have a double stand at the Hobart Convention and those of us who attend will be more than happy to spend time with you.

**John C Medwin
201T1 District Chairman**

Note: DC John will be speaking at the Smithton-Circular Head Lions dinner meeting on Wednesday 19th April to explain the funding of a Regional Spot Vision Camera.



Now I wish to make this information available to all Lions. As most are aware the Lions Eye Health Program has taken a new direction in the preservation of sight, more particularly where children are concerned.

At a recent dinner meeting at Hadspen-South Esk and City of Launceston I spoke about

Those clubs that are considering making funds available for the purchase of these cameras and would like to see the document so that an informed decision can be made as to assist the funding, I'm more than happy to make it available to you as soon as it has been signed off by the MD Legal Officer PDG David Skinner within the next few weeks. Then I am available to attend your club meetings to present a video on their use to support the document.

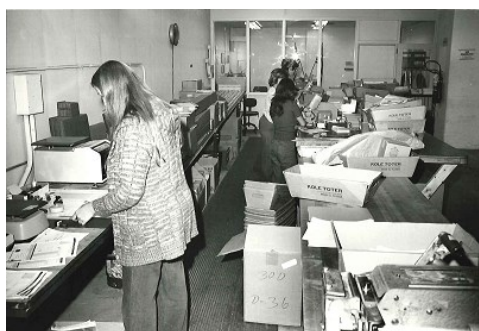




Touchstone Story #82 Piles of Paperwork

Compiling and accessing vital statistics about Lions wasn't always as easy as a click of a few buttons. Paper documents by the millions—letters, telegrams, cablegrams, new member applications, officer election results, club supply orders and countless other forms—were the dominant medium for exchanging information for most of Lions' history.

In the 1920s, reports from clubs circulated among the departments at Lions headquarters in Chicago before being filed away, but that was when clubs numbered in the hundreds. By 1967, there were more than 20,000 clubs spread across the globe. In a special 50th anniversary edition, the *LION Magazine* reported that incoming mail to International Headquarters in Chicago totaled more than 3.5 million pieces annually, including 240,000 club attendance and activities reports.



The anniversary issue also featured photographs of a recently installed Honeywell mainframe computer whirring away in an air-conditioned room at headquarters. The cabinet-size machine was a big step forward, of course. But it did not stem the avalanche of paper. Dozens of data entry clerks were required to transfer information from club and district reports on paper to punched cards and paper tape. The incoming reports, and copies of any relevant outgoing correspondence, were then filed away in *separate* folders for each club and district.

As more clubs were founded, more folders were opened. And each folder would gradually swell to capacity. When a club purchased a Lions road sign, for example, three new documents went into the club file: the order form, the shipping record and a copy of the invoice.

The whole system survived into the early 1980s. And somehow it worked. Members got the *LION Magazine* every month without fail, or perhaps only a month or two later when they moved to a new address. District and club officers received timely bulletins and announcements. International Headquarters produced reliable statistics.



Why go to all that trouble? The numbers demonstrated the scope and impact of Lions' service mission around the world. They provided vital demographic information for planning Lions' future, and the records allowed Lions to share the what, who, when, how and why of any service project with other clubs considering similar activities.

As technology improved, Lions around the world and the supporting staff at headquarters would soon get a much needed break from the burdens of paperwork and more time to do what they do best: Serve others.

Touchstone Story #32 Going to Extremes

U.S. Navy Admiral Richard E. Byrd carried the Lions flag with him on historic flights over the North and South Poles in the 1920s.



Touchstone Story #79 One Voice, Many Speakers

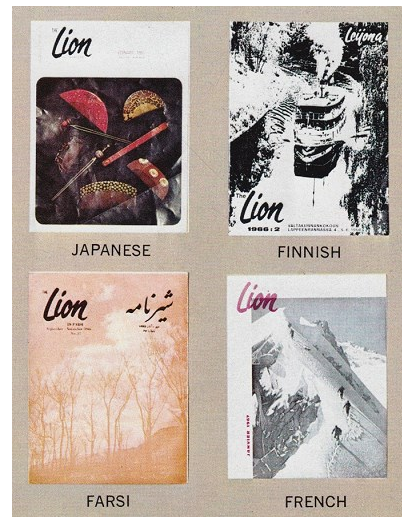
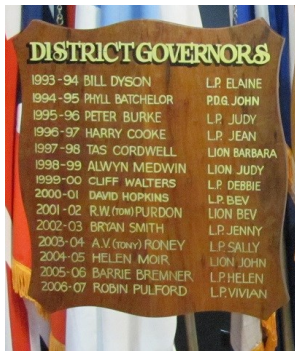


Photo Caption: As Lions Clubs spread around the world, Lions began to communicate in many languages. By 1967, the *LION Magazine* was being published in a dozen languages, including Farsi, Finnish, French and Japanese.



Byrd shared his Lions pride in a letter to delegates at the 1926 Lions Clubs International Convention in San Francisco. "We carried the Lions club flag with us to the top of the world and felt it was the greatest possible honor to do so," he wrote.



Past District Governor Reginald (Tom) Purdon.

District Governor 2001-2002.

Tom was a Charter Member of Tasman Lions Club and was Club Secretary in excess of 20 years running,

Tom was always willing to help with any project that would benefit the Community. One of his more successful projects was chairing the Annual Golf day.

Tom worked very hard with the Extension Chairman (Jack Allen) from the Lions Club of Moonah to lay the foundation for the Lions Club of Tasman. Together they visited the vast spread of houses on the Peninsular to spread the word that Lions were coming to Nubeena. Invitations were issued and we held the first formation meeting at the Nubeena Tavern. It took 8 meetings or four months for us to convince the citizens that a Lions Club would benefit the Community. The club that is now fully entrenched within that community owes a lot to Tom. I am sure that all the time there is a Tasman Lions Club Tom will be remembered.

For many years Tom was a regular contributor to Radio ABC through the medium of Bob Cure the Morning Show Announcer , and it was not until Bob retired that we found out the Tom was in fact Bob's regular morning chatter box known as "The Phantom Farmer". The phantom always had a story to tell and gave local news of interest from "The Funny farm" Sometimes while milking the Cows.

At any Lions Multiple District, District and Club meeting Tom's voice will be missed along with his humour. Tom's passing is a loss to the Community, The Lions Club and his many friends of long standing.

PDG Jack Allen, President of the PDG's of 201T1 Association

DG Michael Walsh and Cabinet



Youth Exchange Needs Assistance

Cyclone Debbie and the aftermath.

Tragically, Cyclone Debbie and the subsequent flooding, left a path of destruction and heart break across Queensland and Northern NSW and this will could result in families in these areas that have offered to host this year withdrawing this year.

While there are many Lions touched by these awful events, one of our own, Lion Damien Mott, our YE District Chair for Q2 lost his home to Debbie; thankfully they survived uninjured. We all feel for Damien and his family.

With this in mind, I am appealing to all members, in less affected areas, to make an extra effort to host exchangees and carry a greater share of the load this winter.

Visit www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye or contact



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