Lions Clubs International

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District Governor's Thoughts.....

Hello Lions,

I hope you have had a good festive period and are looking forward to a happy and fruitful Lions year in 2011.

Congratulations to those clubs in the Southern region who catered for the "Taste Festival" children's activities on the Parliament House Lawn. This was a great fund-raising and fellowship week. Hopefully, next year we will know with more time beforehand and get a mention in the "Taste" booklet.

We need to keep in mind our membership position. Our numbers were 1247 at the end of November and back up to 1253 at the end of December. We need to increase to a safer number so that we are sure of our position as a District.

If any Club thinks they may be able to charter a new club please let District chair David Triffett know. Club Membership chairs need to keep in mind the need to continually seek and encourage suitable people as new members.

I do think the Leadership Forums



Status: "Established district"

31 Dec 2010 49 Clubs: Membership: 1253 Status: "Established district" to which we are sending members will be of great value if those representatives bring back positive ideas for club management. Congratulations to those members who have been selected. We also need to be seen doing "hands-on" projects in our communities.

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We all need to think about the people living and working in the flooded areas of mainland Australia. I have asked Cabinet Secretary Annette to send a letter to all clubs for donations to be sent to Cabinet Treasurer Erik. I will have more information after the Council Meeting in Sydney from the 13th to 16th of January when the District Governors from the affected areas will be able to explain the situation and what assistance will be needed.

Let's make 2011 a year of team effort to help those in need. We make our communities better places to live. Let us not forget those in the wider world who are disadvantaged. In doing this, remember always, that we are volunteers and need to be enjoying what we are doing.

Friendship & Service"

DG Ken

"Hands together in

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WE REGRET OUR ERROR

On page two of the December newsletter, it was reported to the editor that a number of inaccuracies were contained in the Vale item for Lion Jason Best.

In our report it was stated that Jason was taking a friend to Doctor. This was incorrect. In fact, it was Jason's partner Michelle, who was going to the Doctor.

We further stated that Garry was a friend of Jason. This too is incorrect, they were cousins. Also, we mentioned Julie being Garry's partner. This also was incorrect as Garry has no partner named Julie and so the only ones in the car were Garry French. Jason and Michelle.

Garry's mother Lorraine, has told us of the very difficult time that Garry is going through at the moment. It certainly was not our intention to add to the grief of Garry or anyone else affected by this tragic loss.

We want to set the record straight, offer our most sincere apologies for these inaccuracies to Michelle and children, Garry and Lorraine and trust this will go some way to correcting our previous item which we published believing it to be correct.

> We now realize with great regret our error.

Lion John Salmon - Editor

FORTH VALLEY LIONS CLUB HONOURS THREE WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Three long standing members of the Forth Valley Lions Club were recently recognised for their significant contributions by being made Life Members of the Club.

Lloyd Badcock (27 1/2 years membership), John Scully (29 years) and David Todd (29 years) were amongst the very first members of the Club.

The three members are the Forth Valley Lions Club's first Life Members.

Bill Lander Secretary Forth Valley



Pictured (left to right): Lloyd Badcock, John Scully and David Todd

The Ring Pull Project of Lionsonoz

Because Australian Lionsonoz a Lions Club for wandering Lions Club members seek other ways to assist the community and because the Lionsonoz members are mostly "Grey Nomads" they have unique ways of doing this. The members of the Australian Lionsonoz Lions Club are essentially "Grey Nomads" and Lionsonoz does not have an Activity bank account. Because they are continually on the move it is always a challenge to find innovative ways to assist the community. The project described below is one way they have done just this.

A suggestion that members collect aluminum cans was considered but because of limited room in caravans and motor homes, it was decided to compromise and collect the aluminum ring pulls from the cans and dispose of the cans themselves in the many Lions Can Crates which are scattered throughout our vast country.

Not only do the Lionsonoz members collect and save the ring pulls, but the Inverell schools and community have gone out of their way to assist Australian Lionsonoz through Lions Brenda and Rod Payne who have over the last school year received thousands offing pulls.

Through working with a Lions Club in the Inverell Community, Lion Bill Sutton of Inverell McIntyre Club found a buyer for the ring pulls, after visiting a couple metal recycling places, Lion Bill suggested that a visit to Northhaven Limited, an organisation in Inverell that provided employment for people with a disability, would be a distinct advantage. Northhaven already collected aluminum cans but they had not thought of separating the ring pulls from the cans, the management saw a great opportunity in doing this and so this project became a reality.

The opportunity available to this organisation by separating the ring pulls from the can is that they will be able to offer employment to at least four additional people with a disability.

So, as a by-line to collecting ring pulls, Australian Lionsonoz have been instrumental in opening a further avenue for Northhaven Limited to offer employment to people with disabilities that they had not thought of before.

Northhaven Limited intends to increase their advertising for members of the



Inverell community, surrounding schools and communities to collect cans and ring pulls.

They said that Australian Lionsonoz existing sources of pulls in Inverell and Ashford will remain and that because of Lionsonoz help they will offer Inverell MacIntyre Lions Club a better than market price for the ring pulls in the future. This is a good example of Australian Lionsonoz assisting the communities visited by working through an existing Lions Club. cont'd next page...

Fundraising Dinner

THE NEXT SOUTHERN LIONS CLUBS ANNUAL **DINNER HOSTED BY THE** LIONS CLUB OF SORELL.

> WILL BE HELD IN SORELL ON:

WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2011 6.30pm for 7pm

For further details & to RSVP 30th January 2011

Please contact: Geoff Clow District Chairman - Health 03 6245 9176 0408 281 176 or

geoff49@bigpond.net.au

THIS FUNDRAISER IS **BECOMING MORE POPULAR** EACH YEAR SO BOOK EARLY!

IDENTIFY THIS LION ER ... PERSON?!



IF YOU CAN'T THEN SEE PAGE 7...



GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA 9 -11 SEPTEMBER 2011

ANZI-PACIFIC FORUM

Having survived the Christmas - New Year break it is time to consider your Lions activities in 2011. There are in Australia three major events this year where Lions and partners gather together to meet old friends and make new friends within the Family of Lions, help determine the future of Lions and learn more about Lions. The events this year are in -

- April : the 59th MD201 Convention in Launceston;
- September : the 1st ANZI-Pacific Forum on the Gold Coast; and
- November : the 32nd 201T1 District Convention in Triabunna.

All Clubs will have received a personal invitation for each member to attend the ANZI-Pacific Forum. If you have not seen it ask your Club Secretary as it provides not only the details of the Forum but also a registration form. In the absence of your invitation, and this will apply to very new members, all details are available on the Forum website -<u>www.lionsanzipacificforum.com</u>

Consider coming to the Forum, register to attend and while there have a little holiday.

PDG John Gillham

ANZI PACIFIC District Chairman



Project of Lionsonoz cont'd...

Lion Bill Sutton said that the last batch of Ring Pulls sold netted \$88.50 and this sum will be sent by Inverell McIntyre Lions Club to the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship.

Lionsonoz President Stewart Payne said that certificates of appreciation will be presented to class 2P Ross Hill Primary School, Holy Trinity Primary School and Ashford Primary School for their excellent work in collecting the Ring Pulls. He encourages Lions in other Clubs as well to save their Ring Pulls. Ring Pulls can be taken to any Sims Metal Distributor. For information regarding Sims Metal Collection Points please contact Lion Stewart Payne at: <u>sagr.payne@bigpond.com</u>



Pictured (L to R): Lion Bill Sutton of Inverell McIntyre Lions Club, Tess Pomfrett of Northhaven and Lionsonoz President Lion Stewart Payne with a wheelie bin full of Ring Pulls ready to raise funds for the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship.



REMEMBER THESE?

- January 1, 1622: JANUARY 1st was adopted as the beginning of the New Year instead of March 25.
- January 3, 1907: BONDI SUF LIFESAVING CLUB (Australia's first lifesaving club) made its first two rescues, one of whom was famous future aviator, Charles Kingsford Smith.
- January 5, 1975: The TASMAN BRIDGE in Hobart collapsed claiming 12 lives.
- January 6, 1932: JOSEPH LYONS became Australia's 14th Prime Minister.
- January 8, 1935: ELVIS PRESLEY was born in Tupelo, Mississippi -1935. He died aged 42 in 1977.
- January 9, 1868: The last transportation of CONVICTS to Australia arrived in Fremantle, WA.
- January 13, 2009: NANCY-BIRD WALTON, Australian aviator, died aged 83 in Sydney.
- January 14, 1939: SYDNEY recorded its hottest day with 45.3c.
- January 15, 1908: ARNOTTS produced their first biscuit in a factory in Sydney.
- January 17, 1905: The first AUSTRALASIAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP was held in Melbourne.
- January 18, 1962: The first VALIANT car was released by Chrysler in Adelaide. The Model 'R' series sold out within days of its release.
- January 20, 1961: JOHN F KENNEDY, aged 43, was sworn in as America's youngest President.
- January 26, 1788: The FIRST FLEET arrived at Port Jackson, NSW. In 1931 the day was named AUSTRALIA DAY.
- January 29, 1982: MEN AT WORK topped the US charts with Down Under.
- January 30, 1969: THE BEATLES played together live for the last time on the roof of their Apple headquarters in London.
- January 31, 1907: MORTEIN insect spray trademark was registered.



NSW and Qld Floods Assistance Required

Both New South Wales and Queensland have both suffered devastating and wide spread flooding, with over 50 areas being declared "disaster zones" in NSW and over 30 areas in Queensland.

Many T1 clubs have already sent funds so they can be

available to assist those in affected areas to purchase much needed goods when required. Much more will be needed in the days and months ahead as waters recede.

DG Ken has received confirmation from the Tasmanian Premier's office that the State Government will match \$ for \$ the fundraising of Lions and Rotary for this disaster up to \$250,000. This is great news and the government are to be commended for this initiative as they did with the Victorian bushfires. (See Government Media statement at right).

DG Ken asks that each club give some time and effort to this vital project no matter how big or small a contribution.

Cheques should be made payable to District Treasurer Erik Madsen (with a note that it is for "flood relief").



Lions Districts will collect the money on behalf of the Australian Lions Foundation who in turn will distribute the donations on an equitable basis to the areas affected.

Should any club want their money to go just to the Q Districts, they should indicate such on the note they send to the Cabinet treasurer with their cheque.

Australian Lions Foundation Website: www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf

A Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful that kings and queens were in Biblical times. But, there is a higher Power. Can you tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

DON'T FORGET THIS DATE One for Your Diary!

Launceston Windmill Hill Lions Club are celebrating their

50th Anniversary

This year with an Anniversary Dinner planned for

Saturday 12 February 2011

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Invitations have been sent to all clubs.

For further details please contact the Secretary.

Linda Dilworth Jo 7^{SECRETARY}



Government Media Statement

Wednesday 12 January 2011 DAVID BARTLETT, MP Premier

<u>Dedicated</u> <u>Service</u> <u>Clubs</u> <u>Coming to the Fore</u>

The Tasmanian Premier, David Bartlett, today said he was encouraged to see Tasmanians responding generously to help the victims of catastrophic flooding in Queensland.

"Yet again, we're truly the smallest State, with the biggest heart." Premier David Bartlett

In the past 24 hours, the local service clubs Apex, Lions, and the Soroptimist Club have joined Rotary and the State Government in a joint fundraising effort.

As announced yesterday, the Government will match Tasmanians' total combined contribution to those service clubs dollar-for-dollar, up to \$250,000.

"Tasmanians and their dedicated service clubs are again stepping-up to the plate at this difficult time," Mr Bartlett said.

"Caring Tasmanians can now donate to Rotary, Apex, Lions and the Soroptimist Club knowing their contributions will be matched dollarfor-dollar by their State Government.

"On behalf of Tasmanians and the Government, I want to thank our hard-working service clubs and charities for responding so quickly to help their fellow Australians.

"Yet again, we're truly the smallest State, with the biggest heart.

"I'd once again urge Tasmanians to keep their support flowing, and remind them that one of the best ways to help is by joining their local service club, and giving some valuable time as well as money," Mr Bartlett said.

WHERE DO <u>YOU</u> STAND?

I read the following in a overseas club newsletter recently and it made me stop and think about my own club, its reputation in the community and my service within it. I trust at the beginning of this new year that you too might take a few moments to read the following inserting your own club name and reflecting on its reputation and your service in 2011.

"To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy."

> "A service club is only as strong as its members' willingness to serve."

This statement was of course taken from the Lions Club's Code of Ethics, and for most of our club's ? years, our membership has abided by this statement as well as our motto "We Serve!"

As a result, the (NAME) Lions Club has had a reputation of being a dynamic and responsible club - <u>a club of doers</u>!

Our reputation has been made possible because of the support of our activities and projects by our club members.

Many have shared their talents, time, and leadership. A service club is only as strong as its members' willingness to serve.

There will be challenges for us in the coming year. The challenge of increased fund-raising to meet mounting requests for assistance and also the challenge for members to accept leadership positions.

As individual Lions, we need to ask ourselves "How may I be supportive of our club?"



The Birth of Lions Philately... plus more!

Below is an *abridged* article from the latest Lions International Stamp Club (LISC) newsletter "Philatelist." It is, I believe, an interesting Lions story probably not all that well known by many Lions outside of LISC?

A story on philately is also appropriate as the 2010-2011 LISC President is an Australian, Lion Sue Johnson from Warragul in Victoria.

The Lions International Stamp Club is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining or want further information please contact:

- the Editor (6265 33840 jwsalmon@gmail.com); or
- the LISC Secretary, Lion Ross Paine (07 5448 1592 rosspaine@bigpond.com);
- or download the Application form at <u>http://www.lisc.nl/join.htm</u> and send it to: Lion Ross Paine, 10 Balgownie Drive, Peregian Springs, Queensland 4573

On the 23rd, 24th and 25th of July the 24th Convention of Lions International was held in Havana - the first outside the North American Continent.

At the Convention the Lions were honoured by the Cuban Government with the issuance of a stamp dedicated to the Association and gave "de facto" beginning to Lions philately. This involved many Lions members following the wave of enthusiasm from Melvin Jones who was a passionate philatelist. Today, sees 70 years of Lions philately.

In 1940, our stamp was a red 2 centavos (*pictured right*), issued in circulation of 2.500.000, a "star" watermark. It had a perforation 10 with a nice center cross gutter block (the famous "centra de hoja"), which was a hallmark of the Stamps of Cuba in the 40s. In fact, this kind of issue being very elegant, was very popular in Cuba for commemorative events.

Our first stamp, in the foreground, has the Cuban flag, the Lions coat of arms with "Convencion - Habana 1940" and on the background, three palm trees and in the lower right the value (2c) (Scott 363). For lovers of concurrences, 1940 marks the centenary of the first stamp, the famous penny black.



But, why the palm trees on our postage stamp if Cuba was (and still is) the home of great cigars and fine tobacco? Simple - the symbol of the tobacco had been used for a Rotary stamp, also issued in circulation of 2.500.000, carmine coloured, "star" watermark, perforation 10. The 31st international Rotary Convention was held, in fact, in Cuba-Habana from the 9th to 14th of June 1940.



At this point it may be of some interest for a brief digression on a longrunning dispute involving the birth of philately, which is given to Rotary in 1931, nine years before our own. Okay, here's why. We all know that from the birth of our Association, there had been a long series of philatelic cancellation dedicated to Lions and finally culminated in Cuba where there was issued the first Lions stamp. Purists would say that year also saw "the light" for the first Rotary stamp *(pictured left)*. Even if so - it must be admitted - that it was some months in advance.

Therefore, Rotary and Lions philately were born in the same year -1940, although in 1931 at the Rotary Convention in Vienna, Austrian Post celebrated the event with a series of six stamps, reproducing Austrian landscapes. The overprint technique was adopted on a pre-existing series, issued two years before (*right*). The design was the Rotary coat of arms with the words "Convention -



Vienna 1931." As often happens with overprint designs, the effect was not brilliant.

However, a specialized issue specifically designed for the two associations would have to wait until Cuba in 1940 - flag, logo and tobacco plant for the Rotary; flag, logo and palm trees for Lions. Judge for yourself! We both share the fact that the style, colors, workman-ship and the arrangement of subjects are very similar and therefore are probably made by the same designer.

As far as we are concerned, a new stamp issue dedicated to Lions International, will wait 10 years, appearing at the 1st District Congress in Manila, 2-4 June 1950. The Philippines issued a series of four values, orange, purple. green and blue with the Lions' coat of arms. The following year (1951), Melvin Jones created the first philatelic Lions club in Atlantic City. From then on, our history of stamps continues...

Antonio Marte (LISC International Director 2009-2011)



Lions clubs in Australia will be getting out in January to promote our Association and the benefits of volunteering with the promotion of two great initiatives - club websites and our international "Lions in Sight Month"

Get your Oz Clubhouse Web Site!

Following is an extract from information currently available on the Lions Australia MD 201 Web Site:

Promote Your Club

Have you been wondering about how to get a website for your club but are confused by the technology, or concerned about the cost?

I am very pleased to announce the roll out of free club websites for Australian Lions Clubs. So what are the benefits?

- The price is right! Club websites are free to all Australian Lions Clubs.
- Simple to use! The websites are easily updated using simple tools like you find on modern social networking sites like Facebook and Myspace. Just type in your content, click on the submit button and you have updated your website.
- Password protected area A place to keep your private club documents and communication. Sponsors pages, event calendars, news pages a great way for your club to make an impact in the local community.

Samples of Club Web Sites and two District Sites already up and running can be viewed by following this link: <u>http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/</u> and scroll towards the bottom of the page...

Getting started on your website.

What you need to know:

- Your Club Secretary is pre-selected as the Webmaster. Once they activate the site - they can nominate another Club Member to be the webmaster.
- To activate the site your Club Secretary uses their name and membership number.

This has been a BIG job - all provided by our Lions volunteers, so please be patient if there are bugs! Over the next few months new tools and contents will be rolled out to improve your local web presence.

Help us to promote Lions in Australia!

Select this link: <u>http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/webpage-help/index.php</u> to find out more; and get help starting a page.

DESPITE THE CARTOON ABOVE, DON'T BE PUT OFF! IT IS A VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND USER-FRIENDLY SITE!

Alas, Joe died.

His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral and a wake afterwards. As the last guests departed the wake, his wife Helen, turned to her oldest friend. "Well, I'm sure Joe would be pleased," she said.

"I'm sure you're right," replied Jody, her friend, who lowered her voice and leaned in close. "How much did this really cost?"



"All of it," said Helen, "Thirty thousand."

"No!" Jody exclaimed. "I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?"

Helen answered, "The funeral was \$6,500; I donated \$500 to the church, and the wake, food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone." Jody computed quickly. "\$22,500 for a memorial

Jody computed quickly. "\$22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it?"

"Two-and-a-half-carats."

Relay For Life 2011

Relay For Life is an opportunity to get together with your community and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

Whether you are a cancer survivor, a carer, supporting friends or loved ones, or simply wanting to make a difference, Relay For Life empowers everyone who participates.

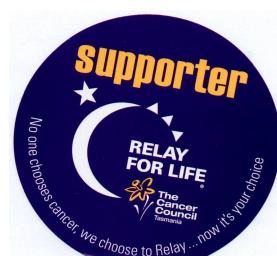
Relay For Life will be held in:

- Hobart:
 - 26 27 February 2011
- Launceston 26 - 27 March 2011
- Penguin: 26 - 27 March 2011
- St Helens: 19 - 20 March 2011
- Huonville: 19 - 20 March 2011

<u>Download a form to register</u> <u>a team for Relay For Life</u>

<u>Download a form to register</u> <u>your team members for</u> <u>Relay For Life</u>

For more information visit relayforlife.org.au



"Hit Any Key To Continue"

2011 International Convention



More than 12,000 Lions attended our 2010 convention in Australia. And now, we're looking forward to our 94th annual International Convention in Seattle, Washington, USA. Lions from around the world will come together from Monday, July 4, 2011 through Friday, July 8, 2011, to enjoy this exciting four-day event filled with fellowship, learning and fun.

Classic Conundrums

- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).
- She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
- Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The man who fell into an upholstery factory is now fully recovered.
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.

Cherie Duggan

Jason Richards

Tiffany Wilson

Simon Cockman

Kimberley Moore

- A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

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STAMPS! STAMPS! CHRISTMAS & OTHER



Its that time of year when a lot of stamps are finding their way round.

I ask that you get family and friends to keep them and sent them to me.

As you are no doubt aware, all stamps collected go to assist the Lions Mobility Foundation.

Your efforts over the past year(s!) are very much appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity at the start of a brand new year to encourage you all to keep up the good work.

They can be sent to me direct at:

11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250, or care of the Launceston Riverside Lions Club.

You may also like to hand them to a member of Cabinet who will pass them on.

Peter Burke - Riverside LC



Thought for the Month... Always remember: "Your Past Does Not Dictate Your Future."

Australian Lions Foundation **Helping Lions, Help Their Communities**



The next meetings of Trustees will be held

19th-20th February 2011

followed by a meeting of Trustees at the MD Convention in Launceston on the 13th April 2011.

Please note that any pending Grant Applications by Clubs must be signed by the District Governor/Vice District Governor or Cabinet Secretary

prior to sending direct to me or to the Grants Chairman PCC Ian Kelly, PO Box 5522, FALCON, WA 6210. Applications need to be received at least seven (7) days prior to the above dates.



DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION'S **GENERAL OR EMERGENCY FUND ARE** ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATED

Alan Pretyman - Secretary and Trustee for Tas



SPRING BAY DISTRICT CONVENTION 2011

Those Lions and partners who are thinking of coming to the District convention at Spring Bay next November, should book accommodation soon, as some places are fully booked already with early birds!

There is a DVD presentation available for those clubs who are interested in seeing what is available on the East Coast. Phone Robyn Desmond on 62573416 and she will mail one out to you in the new year.

''IF YOU CAN MAKE IT - WE'LL MAKE YOU WELCOME



THE NEXT MEETING

of the Foundation will be held on

6th FEBRUARY 2011

and any Clubs with Grant application requests or any other matter they may wish to raise, please have them to the Secretary at 11 Camina Crt Riverside TAS 7250





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Peter Burke Secretary



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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).