

District Governor's Thoughts

Hi, all,

The last few weeks have been very rewarding. I had the honour to present Father Chris Riley with our Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, and he was very honoured with this and said he will be proud to wear the lapel pin. (Please see media report page 3).

As a result of the Convention, media attention and the like, he has been invited to Tasmania in April, to meet with the Archbishop, to discuss what can he do here, through his ministry. (The Door is open for Lions too!)

My visit to Flinders Is was out of this world - red carpet - the works! Many thanks Flinders, I should not mention names but, Lions Alan and Margaret Wheatley, I have to say thanks for 3.8 kg crayfish for lunch and the one for mother to bring home - someone is still smiling! (James received some too).

Most of my other visits are now down South, but winding down. Over 40 Clubs visited - Sorell, Sandy Bay, Dodges Ferry, Huon and then back to Launceston Riverside and a another month has gone! I will be a guest at Relay for Life in Penguin on the 15th-16th March.

I have launched a Campaign to try to increase our membership in the State, "50"+1, the details of which are covered on this page. PLEASE READ!

Youth projects continue, Leo's are on going and YOTY is now being conducted around the State. PLEASE ALL CLUBS, read the Youth Protection Policy documents and be familiar with it. (available online, Lions website). (See report page 9).

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Here is DG Leigh's District Challenge to every Club -

Campaign "50"+1

***50 years in Lions**

***50 Lions Clubs in the STATE**

***50 Days to do it wanted**

***50 new members**

"50"+1 can we do it? The Challenge is there!!

OUR DISTRICT COUNT

30 Jan 2008

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1209

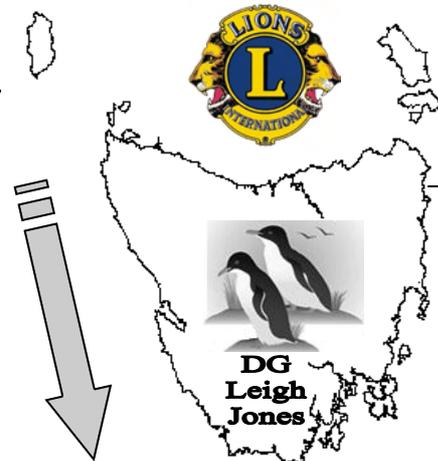
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28 Feb 2008

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1204

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"50"+1 Campaign

March-April, 2008

My goal in the next 50 days is ONE new member per Club - would you please help me?

As Governor of Tasmania, my main focus is RETENTION, keeping the ones we have, showing our members, we are a family and "we care".

By having a happy Club, enjoyable meetings and good fellowship, your members will invite their friends to join us, its working and we are now 1208.

The magic figure, which we often here about is 1250, it would be a wonderful achievement for us to pass that figure this year, even by a few.

Alone, I can do so little, together we can do so much.

Yours in Lionism

Leigh Jones - District Governor



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Corporate Sponsorship is well advanced and a few minor things to fix and I believe we will be rewarded in this, with both Club Members and our District Conventions reaping the benefits.

When Officer Training is announced, PLEASE make an effort to attend, even if you think you know it all, you can always learn something NEW.

Your Clubs Future is in your hands.

Things to do - must go - Leigh

Milestone in Trachoma Treatments

LCIF reached a major milestone in trachoma treatments in January when LCIF Chairperson Jimmy Ross distributed the 10 millionth dose of azithromycin (Zithromax®) to 16-year-old Messeleche Tilahun.

The antibiotic, donated by Pfizer Inc, is a main strategy in the fight against the blinding disease in poor, rural areas. Messeleche lives in the Awi Zone in Ethiopia, the most trachoma-endemic part of the country, where an estimated 18 million are at risk.

Representatives from The Carter Centre, Lions clubs of Ethiopia, Pfizer, the national trachoma program, government of Ethiopia, and other partner organizations joined the celebration and are a part of the coalition working toward elimination of trachoma in the region by 2012.

Lions in Ethiopia have been integral to achieving remarkable results in the country. The 10 millionth dose comes after just 18 months of full scale intervention and points toward meeting the elimination target date. **Through SightFirst, LCIF has awarded numerous grants for trachoma control, outreach and training projects in Ethiopia and elsewhere in Africa.**

Cabinet Secretary Report

PU 101 FORM

By the time you read this newsletter you will have received from me this form. Also by the time you read the newsletter 90% of you will know your incoming Officers 2008/2009, as requested I ask that you return to me ASAP (as soon as they are known) as I have to advise MD Office of these details for the preparation of 2008/2009 MD Directory.

I have guidelines to meet so please assist me by returning to me prior to the requested date.

I will point out if they are not received on due date, the information in the current directory will be printed again. Thank you.

CHANGE OF MEETING

The Lions club of Penguin advise their meeting for 9th June, 2008 has been changed to 16th June, 2008. Venue and time is unchanged.

FARES EQUALISATION

In the Jan or Feb edition of the Australian Lion there are listed the details of the workshops and forums that are available to attend and so qualifying those attending at Convention for fares equalization.

Each Club with delegates attending are eligible for two delegates to claim this benefit. How the Club uses this entitlement is up to them. However, they must attend a session of a workshop or forum and sign the appropriate register. If you have any queries please see me a registrations in Darwin.

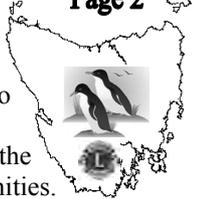
For your information all the forums are listed on Sunday afternoon from 3.10 pm to 5.00 pm **The forums are the ones that count for fares equalization.**

DELEGATES & DECEASED LIONS AND PARTNERS

These returns will be forwarded to Clubs in the first week of April and will need to be returned **by 20th of April**. More on this when I forward them.

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I hope my letter re Ring Pull tabs has helped you and do hope that Clubs who have been participating continue as it good PR for the Clubs within their communities.

Thanking you in anticipation for your cooperation in submission of the above details.

Kind regards
Peter Burke PDG
Cabinet Secretary



CSFII Surpasses Goal

Campaign SightFirst II has surpassed the \$150 million minimum goal. On Worldwide Report Day February 20, National and Multi-National Coordinators' telephone calls and reports revealed that Lions have raised more than **US\$157.9 million** for CSFII. With four months remaining, Lions are now looking ahead to the additional challenge goal and helping ensure the future of SightFirst through continued and expanded efforts to eliminate preventable blindness worldwide. Lions' support of CSFII is crucial in the remaining months.

UP DATING LCI DATA BASE

Further correspondence received re the moving of the Post Code to the correct field and the correction in the City field. This field should read, e.g., Snug Tas

Australia Post requires the state to be a 3-letter abbreviation if entered and without dots or spaces.

For LCI's purposes, I think that we should enter the state as a three-letter abbreviation anyway. They will eventually use these abbreviations all the time if we enter the information this way.

This also makes checking less time-consuming before I send the information to the printer for the Lion Magazine.

Regards
Alison Sutton
Admin Assistant
LIONS NATIONAL OFFICE



I know this will mean some clubs redoing the updates!!

Annette Ogilvie
Ass/Cab Secretary - WMMR

New Lions

WELCOME

NAME:

Sponsor:

Club:

Janet Brown
Graham Gillies
Ian Gustafsson
Leigh Palmer
Gordon Wadsworth

N/A
John Humphreys
Bryon Dilworth
Robert Whelan
Viv Cardwell

Bridport
Devonport Mersey
Launceston Windmill Hill
Launceston Windmill Hill
New Norfolk



Clubs combine for CSF II Dinner

Early February saw seven southern Lions Clubs come together for a fundraising dinner for Campaign SightFirst II. The night was organized by the Lions Club of Sorell and was originally to be a dinner meeting between Sorell and the Lions Club of New Norfolk! As time went on though, the planned get-together took on a life of its own as members from Kingborough, Sandy Bay, Hobart Town, Glenorchy City and Clarence Lions Clubs joined New Norfolk and Sorell for a terrific night of fun, fellowship and most importantly, fundraising, for this most worthy of projects.

Sixty members and their guests attended the dinner which was held in the Sorell Memorial Hall. Lions Club of Sorell president Geoff Clow and his dedicated team of helpers did a splendid job in setting up the hall, organizing the catering and the myriad of other tasks that go into an evening such as this. We would like to thank Tuscano's Catering from Sorell for the fine fare and the Sorell RSL club for opening their bar.

The highlight of the evening which included a number of presentations, raffles, chocolate wheel spins and tail twisting, was the address on Campaign SightFirst II by PCC Tony Roney, co-ordinator for CSF II for the Tas & Vic Districts. He spoke with great passion and urgency for an involvement from this district to give something to the campaign, no matter how little. Also sharing on mints, cakes and puddings and all things associated with them was District Chairman Merchandising, Lion Alf Cox.

Due to the generosity of all concerned on the night, a cheque for \$600 will be forwarded to the Cabinet Treasurer. Well done everyone!



Increase Your Support Through an MJF

Have you considered becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow or extending your generosity through a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow? Fellows are a group of dedicated philanthropists who have changed the lives of hundreds of millions of people worldwide. To increase support for CSFII in the final months, President Mahendra Amarasuriya has issued a challenge to raise the number of Melvin Jones Fellows to 300,000 total. One Fellowship can save the sight at 167 individuals, each with a story, a family and a face.

Chance Encounter?

A chance meeting between Australia's highly-regarded welfare champion, Fr. Chris Riley, and the future International President of Lions International, has resulted in a \$12,000 donation to this great cause.

Father Chris Riley was the keynote speaker at a recent Lions Convention in Tasmania, where he moved the hearts of the participants speaking about the lives of young people touched by the Youth off the Streets program. Little did he know that his fellow speaker was the future International President of the Lions Service Club organisation, Al Brandel.

Al Brandel, as a recently retired New York City police officer, is no stranger to dealing with troubled youth, and was so impressed that on his return to the United States secured a donation for the program of more than \$12,000.

"This is just a drop in a bucket" said Al, "but with 1.5 million members worldwide, and 1400 Lions Clubs in Australia alone, it won't take long before we fill that bucket."

Fr. Chris commented on the occasion.

"The Lions Club in Australia has long been a valued supporter of Youth off the Streets. We are exceptionally grateful for this further recognition from Mr Brandel and Lions Clubs International. There are over 68,000 homeless people under the age of 17 in Australia today, every bit of support Youth Off The Streets receives helps us to reach more youth in need.

I greatly appreciate the support of the Lions Club and your ongoing commitment to help all young people reach their potential."

Members of the public wishing to find out more about Youth off the streets can go to the Youth Off The Streets website at www.youthoffthestreets.com.au



Visit the
LIONS TASMANIA
Website at
<http://www.lionstasmania.org>

For all your information:

- Club Directory
- District Governor's Calendar
- Tasmanian Lions Foundation
- Current Relief Appeals
- Coming Events



“AUSSIE CULCHA”

- LOGON:** Adding wood to make a barbie hotter.
- LOG OFF:** No adding any more wood to the barbie.
- MONITOR:** Keeping an eye on the barbie.
- DOWNLOAD:** Getting the firewood off the ute.
- HARD DRIVE:** Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
- KEYBOARD:** Where you hang the ute keys.
- WINDOW:** What you shut when the weather is cold.
- SCREEN:** What you shut in the mozzie season.
- BYTE:** What mozzies do.
- MEGABYTE:** What Tassie mozzies do.
- CHIP:** A bar snack.
- MICROCHIP:** What is left in the bag after you have eaten the chips.
- MODEM:** What you did on the lawns.
- LAPTOP:** Where the cat sleeps.
- SOFTWARE:** Plastic knives and forks you get at the takeaway shop
- HARDWARE:** Stainless steel knives and forks.
- MOUSE:** The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
- MAINFRAME:** What holds the shed up.
- WEB:** What spiders make.
- WEBSITE:** Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
- SEARCH ENGINE:** What you do when the ute won't go.
- CURSOR:** What you say when the ute won't go.
- UPGRADE:** A steep hill.
- SERVER:** The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
- MAIL SERVER:** The bloke at the pub who brings out the lunch.
- USER:** A neighbour who keeps borrowing your things.
- NETWORK:** What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
- INTERNET:** Where you want the fish to go.
- NETSCAPE:** What the fish do when they discover the hole in the net.
- ONLINE:** Where you hang out the washing.
- OFFLINE:** There the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

Visitors from afar.....

Bob and Bonnie Gibb are from the small community of Christopher Lake, population 600 unless it is the tourist season when the population can reach 100,000 around the size of Launceston. Christopher Lake is located some 42.5kms or a 1/2 hour drive north of Prince Albert, central Saskatchewan Province, Canada, where he is a member of the all male Christopher-Emma-Lakeland Lions Club, District C-5N which includes Saskatchewan, as well as North and South Dakota in the USA.

Bob's Club has a membership of around 35, about the same size as the City of Burnie and operates along similar lines. Lion Bob considers that change will take place with the club opening up to female members at some stage in the future.

Both are officially retired, Bob a printer, and Bonnie a semi-retired radiographer. It is her profession that has seen them both spend at least four months of the year escaping the minus 20°C winters of Canada and travel to the antipodes.

Their first trip saw them arrive in Kalgoorlie, WA and plus 40°C of summertime heat, a vast difference to the Canadian winter. Their next trip down under saw them go to both Islands of New Zealand where things were a little cooler and more so on the South Island.

This trip saw them arrive in Hobart, in January, and then go to Burnie, where Bonnie had been working in the Mobile Breast Screening bus.

Through this she has been introduced to digital radiography, something not encountered in Canada. So now, Bonnie has something in her CV that didn't exist previously. **Bob meanwhile enjoys the sites and plays golf, while Bonnie works to pay for it. (His words, not mine!)**

They both love Tasmania, and I guess if it wasn't for their extended family back home, would seriously consider relocation. They were fascinated with the wild life that they were able to see up close and personal, and have photographs to prove it when they get

back home. A visit to a local small vineyard, also a tour through the Gunns Plains Limestone caves was another eye opener for them.

In the past few weeks it has been Joan's and my pleasure to get to know them both, but the story doesn't finish there.

They left Burnie in late February to go to King Island and who else should be going too, but yours truly, on a Zone Chairman's Club visit on the 3rd of March. One never knows what fate has planned for us.

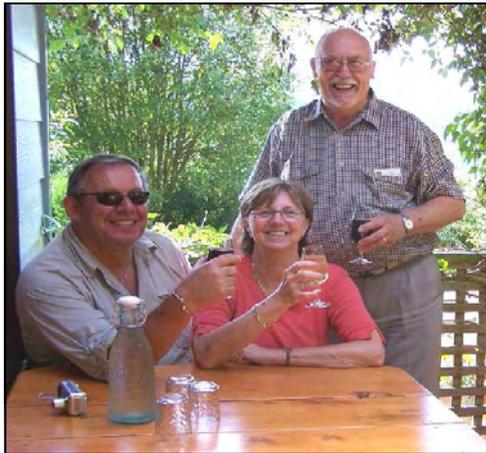
On completion of their two week stint on King Island they then go to Queenstown for a few weeks then to Hobart. During their stay in Tasmania Lion Bob has visited the following Lions Clubs, some of which Bonnie accompanied him - Penguin, City of Burnie., and King Island.

When they return to Christopher Lake they will have many mementos to

remind them of their sojourn in Tasmania, our patch of paradise, the Island State of Australia.

We wish them Bon Voyage and a safe return to their home and family in Canada.

ZC John Medwin



Bob & Bonnie with John Medwin

Lions Provide Direction To Melvin Jones Gravesite

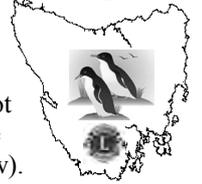
Visitors paying their respects at the gravesite of Lions Clubs International Founder Melvin Jones will have an easier time finding their way thanks to five Illinois Lions.

International Director Russ Sarver, Council Chairman Dennis M Millan, District Governor Larry Spaeth and Governor-Elect Glenn Cothorn teamed in June to erect directional signs pointing the way to Jones' resting place at Mt. Hope Cemetery, 11500 S. Fairfield Ave., in Chicago, Illinois.

Lion Marianne Bailey of the Arlington Heights Lions Club brought attention to the need to tend to the site. The group also plans to provide flowers and flags to honour the site.



**YOUR
ADVERTISEMENT
HERE?
(SEE PAGE 11)**



Lions Alert Program - Queensland Floods

Q Districts Appeal Feb 20 2008

The Lions Australia Emergency Committee met by teleconference earlier this week to determine how to support Queenslanders during the floods.

Many Lions are affected, and we have heard that there is significant damage to Camp Kanga one of Lions well-used youth programs.

Of course, as you would expect, Lions are also working hard to help others in their community affected by the floods.



The Australian Lions Foundation, (ALF), has already been active in this matter and recently granted \$25,000 to the Lions Club of

Emerald for relief and recovery work in their Region, and now have followed this up with a further \$25,000 grant to the Q Districts Flood Appeal being "managed" by Q2 and PDG Bryce Waters.



Lions Clubs can assist with a donation to the District appeal to assist the flood recovery. If you would like to do so, you can forward cheques to District 201T1 Cabinet Treasurer, Maurice Jones (see Lion Maurice's Report at Right) with the appropriate details noted on the cheque.

DG Dianne Pyers and her fellow Q' District DGs will work together to ensure the funds are used quickly and effectively, wherever they are needed in Queensland.

Cabinet Treasurer's Bit.....

T1 and Multiple District Dues

All clubs should have received a bill for T1 and Multiple District dues in January. This should have been paid by 10th February. If you club has not paid, please deal with this IMMEDIATELY! Make your cheque payable to "Lions District 201T1" and send it to Cabinet Treasurer (address below).

International Dues

Clubs should also have received a bill for Lions Clubs International for your club's dues to LCI. This bill is in US dollars; the bottom right figure is in Australian dollars. Please make cheques payable to "Lions Clubs International" and send payment to Cabinet Treasurer (address below) Don't forget to include the top section of the bill with your payment. If you have not received the bill, please contact me.

Queensland Flood Relief

An appeal has been launched for flood relief following recent flooding in parts of Queensland. If your club wishes to contribute, donations can be sent to me; I will forward them on to the right place. Make Cheques payable to "Lions District 201T1 - Queensland Flood Appeal".

True Success

"All the certificates we receive in life will fade. The monuments we build will crumble. The trophies will corrode. But what we do for others will have a lasting impact on our world. True success comes only when every generation continues to build the next generation, teaching them the values and method of developing the next group of leaders." (John C Maxwell)

How can do we do this?

- Plan to attend the Incoming Officers Seminars being offered in your area the next few months.....
- Support your LEO clubs, they are our future.....
- Develop the youth of our community through Youth Exchange and Youth of the Year.....



Maurice Jones

Cabinet Treasurer
PO Box 167
PENGUIN 7316



VALE

Andries aan de Wiel

President Lions Club of Forth Valley

The members and partners of the Lions Club of Forth Valley are sad to announce the passing of their esteemed President and fellow Lions Member on 2nd March 2008.

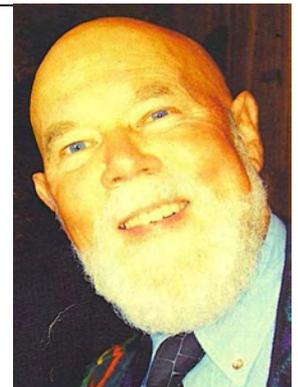
Andries joined the Lions Club of Forth Valley in November 2002 after moving from Holland to take up residence at Kindred near Forth.

His enthusiasm and sense of humour will be greatly missed.

Andries was a man of many talents and was always willing to share his knowledge and quick wit with all. He always loved being fined by the Tail twister and would drop hints about things he had done in order to get fined. He was always disappointed if those hints did not result in a fine.

Andries spoke several languages and his talent with the harmonica was legendary.

He will be sadly missed but will never be forgotten.



OBITUARY

Henry 'Harry' Clark

Well-loved community personality and Sheffield mural figure and Ulverstone Lion, Henry Lewis Clark, died last month.



Known to most as "Harry", he was a notable presence across the Kentish and Central Coast regions for his commitment to various groups such as the Lions club, Scouts and the Roland Boys Home.



Photos: (top left) Henry 'Harry' Clark (bottom left) Ulverstone Lions family members in front of their community shop as funeral of Lion Harry approaches

Born in 1927, his early years were spent on a family farm at Ellendale before he became a clerk at the Australian Newsprint mill in the Styx Valley- where he met his love and future wife Lexia.

In 1948, Harry began a career with the Tasmanian police service that would span four decades.

He traversed the State working at stations in New Norfolk, Queenstown, Sheffield and Devonport with Lexia and his Harley-Davidson sidecar journeying with him.

In 1964 he was promoted to senior constable at Bothwell before returning to Sheffield to "clean up" the town.

He policed each district with feeling and gusto, as had been told by many young men who received no police conviction, but a firm lecture or talk which kept them in line.

He retired from the police service in

1985. As a result of his standing in the Kentish community, a mural was painted and dedicated to him where he still looks over the town to this day.

For his services to the community he was awarded the Order of Australia in 1991.

After losing his beloved Lexia to cancer in 1996, he devoted his later years to raising thousands of dollars for cancer research through the Relay for Life.

His other commitment was to the Ulverstone Lions Club community.

Before his death he was awarded the highest honour in Lions - the Melvin Jones fellowship.

His compassion for those less fortunate, generosity and cheeky nature will be greatly missed by family, colleagues and friends.

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LIONS PINS



Gathering dust?



Would any Lion with spare pins consider donating them to the Tasmanian Lions Foundation so they can be sold to pin traders to raise funds for the Foundation?

Any pin donations can be sent to:

**TLF Secretary
Peter Burke
11 Camina Crt RIVERSIDE 7250**

***RECEIVED THIS WEEK:**

We have received our first donation of pins and these will be put onto the TLF website within the 201 T1 website soon. **KEEP THEM COMING!**

Melvin Jones Fellowship given

There are precious few things that have given me more pleasure than the presentation on behalf of Lions Clubs International, of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a Lion who has given of himself so unselfishly for thirty eight years.

My recent visit to the Lions Club of King Island on the 3rd of March allowed me to do just that. The whole function was organised with out Lion Ken Richards knowing about it. His partner Margaret and two daughters were in on the secret only a few days prior to the family BBQ dinner meeting at the "Boathouse Gallery" on Currie Harbour. It was great as there were a number of visitors present as well, which meant that they received some idea of what Lions was all about as well.

This was one occasion that I was able to involve the whole family drawing attention to the role that our partners play in the work that Lions such as Ken have done over the years, not only that, but the sacrifices that the other family members make to support them.

Lion Ken's story started on the 6th of March 1970. He has 26 years of 100% attendance. During this period he has driven the school bus from Wickham to Currie and return, then, driven back to Currie for any Lions Club meeting that was on, each round trip being 80 kilometres duration.



Lions Ken Richards with his MJF and surrounded by his supportive family

His truck has been the source of transport for wood sold to the Kelp works, and he was a regular BBQ operator at the local cattle sales. It is said that no other person on the island has attended more BBQ's than Ken.

He has been the undisputed Lions Mint King and raised many thousands of dollars in that capacity. Youth Exchange Chairman, a regular interclub visitor and was also a regular conventioneer for many years.

Ken has held all the VP positions and was elected president in 1983 - 84 which he carried out with distinction. Over the past few years Ken's health hasn't been the best to the point where he has sold off a part of his livelihood in the form of his excavator.

It was a very emotional moment for Lion Ken and Lions Lady Margaret, and for once Ken was stuck for words, but that soon passed as he thanked the club and its members for the honour that he never ever expected.

Lion John Medwin - ZC





CONVENTION 2008 PORT SORELL - NOVEMBER 7TH-9TH

ACCOMMODATION IN PORT SORELL

Discounted accommodation is available to conventioners at:

The Lions Club Caravan Park

(on-site vans and cabins)

bookings phone 6428 7267 or fax 6428 7269

Appleby Creek Lodge Guest House

bookings phone 6428 7222

Informative

&

Relaxing

Castagni Guest House

bookings phone 6428 7389

Friendly

&

Entertaining

Tranquilles

bookings 6428 7555

ALL ABOVE VENUES ARE HIGHLY RATED AND WITHIN
EASY REACH OF THE CONVENTION VENUE.

OUT OF TOWN ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE IN LATROBE AND
DEVONPORT, BOTH IN EASY DRIVING DISTANCE OF PORT SORELL.

CONSULT THE YELLOW PAGES FOR EASY BOOKINGS.

*The ALF
Meeting dates
for
2007-2008 are
as follows:*

14th & 15th May 08

Application should be lodged 14 days prior to these dates, but the Foundation has a very prompt mechanism to deal with emergency grants.

Should any Club wish to discuss any application with me my details are as follows:

Home: 6225 2011, Fax 62251859,
Email:

apretyma@bigpond.net.au

Alan Pretyman

Secretary &

Trustee for Tasmania



A WIN WIN SITUATION

We are approaching the time of year when Clubs are wishing to honour Lions and leaders in their communities for their efforts in making a difference.

We all want to be winners and by donating to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) your Club can save the vision of hundreds of children and adults in Australia and your gift will go towards bestowing a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) on a Club member or Community Leader now or some time in the future.

Often the hardest workers in your Club or District already have been honoured with a MJF. Their continued high standards of service can be recognised with a Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive Pin.

For a gift of US\$1000 up to US\$60,000 current Melvin Jones Fellows can receive diamond, sapphire or ruby pins to recognise each level of giving to the Progressive Program. **The levels of the Progressive Program advance in US\$1000 increments and the monies to LCIF stay in Australia.**

Australia is the only developed society that still has Trachoma prevalent within its population. In

Europe, Trachoma has been eradicated for 100 years. Lions can be leaders in the "clean faces" hygiene programme to eradicate eye disease in Aboriginal children.

Please be a winner and help your Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to make a difference in Australia. Donate to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) with a gift of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

PDG Nigel Jeny

MD201 LCIF Committee Chairman

Fewer Lions Lost!

International President, Mahendra Amarasuriya, reports very happily in his latest newsletter, that Lions' excellent response to the

"CHALLENGE TO CHANGE"

is reaping rewards throughout the entire International Association of Lions Clubs.

As you may know, the December worldwide membership report has historically shown a decrease from the July 1 total. Thanks especially to clubs' efforts to diversify their membership; this year the totals will be almost equal.

That means 5,000 fewer Lions lost to the association! Congratulations to all clubs that have embraced the Challenge to Change and received the benefit of renewed energy and commitment.

It's True I tell Ya.....

Paddy and Mick were both laid off, so they went to the unemployment office. When asked his occupation, Paddy answered, "Knicker Stitcher. I sew da elastic onto ladies' knickers and thongs."

The clerk looked up Knicker Stitcher on his computer and, finding it classified as unskilled labour, he gave him 80 dollars a week unemployment pay.

Mick was next in and when asked his occupation replied, "Diesel Fitter."

Since a diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick 160 dollars a week.

When Paddy found out he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay.

The clerk explained, "Knicker Stitchers are unskilled labour and Diesel Fitters are skilled labour."

"What skill?" yelled Paddy. "I sew da elastic on da knickers and thongs, then Mick puts 'em over his head and says: "Yep, diesel fitter."

Lion Frank Darke - Sorell L C

RIVERSIDE LIONS CLUB

WANT YOUR

STAMPS

They can be sent to the Club at P.O. Box 370, Launceston, Tas 7250. Thank you.

for Children's Mobility services



Well what does a club do when it has made a commitment to do the annual fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation and rain has washed out the Friday night of a double header Speedway meeting, and the promoters have decided to run on Sunday, the fundraiser Day?



We just went ahead and did it. Arriving at 10.00am we started cooking about 10.30ish, burgers, steaks and sausages, hot dogs, packed up at 2.00pm, having raised \$697.40 and dashed up to the speedway canteen where we worked until about 10.30pm, cleaned up and went home about 11.45pm 4 members and 1 Lions Lady having done the whole shift! (along with the regular speedway crew who came later and a couple of Port Sorell Lions).

Peter Burk and President Stuart getting



*ready to be shorn by Theresa Bloom
Our YOY finalists Calan Morse, Caitlin Burk and Kurt Temple*



Unfortunately, as usual the club is unable to participate in Relay for Life due to our Speedway commitments (and we'll be praying madly for it to rain any other time but that weekend, three wash outs in a row certainly make a hole in the fund raising effort for the year!).

Ritchie. Peter Burk and Apollo Birch are the others with the latter going to have his hair coloured (hopefully!)

Anyway, we decided to sponsor PDG Alan Walker to go along and take part with the Port Sorell Team.

However, not to beaten a few of our members decided if we can't take part in that we'll do the Shave for Cure. So we got all enthusiastic and started fund raising, with two members raising almost \$700 in the first four days, then we thought maybe we should register, after a few false starts, (secretary messed up) we're on the web page and up and running officially, the Advocate has promised to do a bit of publicity so hopefully we will raise our \$2,000.00 and see a couple of bald/coloured heads on March 14th.

Our Youth of the Year club final again showcased the talented young people in our community with Callan Morse our winner and Caitlin Burk the Public Speaking Winner.

As well as being the daughter of one of our members Caitlin is a great help in the Canteen.

We continue to do one night a month preparing food for Gran's Van and keeping up our association with the Adult Day Care Centre, which is very rewarding.

The Driver Awareness Program is about to start up again, following a successful pilot program last year, we are hoping to expand the program to better suit the needs of the students.*

Lions club members are men and women who strive to make a difference in their local community as well as in communities worldwide. Their volunteer efforts go beyond the support of vision care, to addressing unmet health and education needs worldwide.

As a Lions club member, you can:

- Make a difference everyday in your community. Whether it is providing support locally or reaching out internationally, you will have an opportunity to serve.
- Be a part of a worldwide organization carrying out community and humanitarian projects.
- Grow personally and professionally by participating in our programs, community service projects and events.
- Gain an understanding and have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues.
- Develop relationships with both local and international community and business leaders.
- Have access to membership discounts and services.

Interested in becoming a member?

Membership in a Lions club is by invitation from a local club. If you are interested in membership, use the CLUB DIRECTORY on the Lions Tasmania website www.lionstasmania.org to locate a local Lions club. Then CONTACT US again using the website and we'll put you in touch so that you can attend a meeting to learn more. Then, ask a member for a membership application.

Men should listen!?

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do **NOT**, under **ANY** circumstances, talk to my parrot!"

"I REPEAT; DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

"Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

See - Men just don't listen!*

* Any thoughts/comments on either the article at left or joke at right should be forwarded to DC Kae Campbell!

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The majority of clubs have now held their club finals, the next level of judging will be the Regional finals followed by the State Final, this year received an increase of students entering our quest from Schools and Colleges, I hope clubs have handled the extra amount of students at club level and enjoyed meeting and being involved with our youths of today.

I thank all clubs that have participated in this year's Youth of the Year and making it another successful year.

A reminder of Dates and Venues of the Regional finals:

Far North West Coast held by:

City of Burnie: 30th March 2008

Burnie Uniting Church Hall, Mount Street, Burnie.

North West Coast:

Kentish Lions Club: 30th March 2008

Sheffield Bowls Club, Sheffield

North:

Kings Meadows Lions club:

16th March 2008, LC of Kings Meadows Clubrooms,
Merino St, Kings Meadows.

Hadspen South Esk: Contact:

30th March 2008, Rutherglen Resort, Hadspen.

South:

Kingborough Lions Club: 29th March 2008, Senior's Hall, Redwood Road, Kingston.

Please once again could Club Chairman or club members support your winner onto the next level, and to notify respective clubs holding the Regional and State final of your attendance.

STATE FINAL TO BE HELD ON THE 13TH APRIL BY THE CITY OF LAUNCESTON AT THE LAUNCESTON FUNCTION CENTRE, CANAL STREET, LAUNCESTON.

Jenny Tripptree - District Chairman YOTY



Lions International Stamp Club



Lions can join the Lions International Stamp Club (LISC). The group formed during the 34th Lions International Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA, in 1951. **Melvin Jones was an avid stamp collector and a charter member of LISC.**

The purpose of LISC is to foster and develop the avocation of stamp collecting among Lions, Leos, Lionesses and their families and to increase international goodwill among Lions.

It is an affiliate organization of Lions Clubs International and holds an annual meeting during the Lions international convention.

Lions Stamp Collection and Liontopical Collection

More than 100 countries have issued Lions logo postage stamps in recognition of Lions club activities. The first Lions stamp was issued by Cuba during the 24th Lions Clubs International Convention in Havana in 1940



Lions International Stamp Club

For more information please visit:

www.lisc.nl

www.lionsclubs.org.au/stamps

or contact Lion Ross Paine
rpaine@optusnet.com.au

For donation of used stamps please forward to
Chapter President,
**Lion Sue Johnson at
28 Stoddarts Road,
Warragul Vic 3820**



COMING LIONS CONVENTIONS

AUSTRALIAN MD201

- 2008 **Darwin** Northern Territory
Fri 16th to Mon 19th May
- 2009 **Melbourne** Victoria
Sat 02 to Tues 05 May

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- 2008 **Bangkok** Thailand
23rd to 27th June
- 2009 **Minneapolis** Minnesota USA
6th to 10th July
- 2010 **Sydney** Australia

**TIMES TO SHARE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
CONTINUE OUR UNIVERSAL COMMITMENT OF
SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

The ABCs of Retention

Following are some simple-to-implement tips that make retention success elementary!

- A is for Agenda:** Don't run a meeting without one!
- B is for Building a Better Tomorrow:** Participate in this year's ambitious International Program and watch your club grow!
- C is for Community:** Make sure your Lions club is a vital part of the community by planning service activities that fulfill pressing needs.
- D is for Dedication:** This is one of the key characteristics of a successful volunteer!
- E is for Evaluate:** Take the time to evaluate your club and create an action plan to implement necessary changes. Use the various "Retention Tools" (see *websites*) that can help get the job done right!
- F is for Fellowship:** Plan social activities for club members to build the bond of fellowship between them.
- G is for Grow:** Look into ways your club can grow this year. Consider one of the new extension opportunities such as a New Lions Club, Club Branch, Lioness Lions Club or Leos Club.
- H is for History:** Acknowledge the rich history and traditions of Lions while planning for future success.
- I is for Involve:** Make each member an essential part of the club by involving them in meaningful activities.
- J is for Jump:** Be proactive and jump into action at the beginning of the Lions year. Your positive attitude will be infectious!
- K is for Knowledge:** The best Lions are informed ones. Encourage your members to have a thorough understanding of your club, its goals and its history.
- L is for Leadership:** Future leaders are important for building a strong club.
- M is for Meetings:** Long/boring meetings are the number one retention challenge. How do yours measure up?
- N is for New Members:** A club can't grow without them!
- O is for Orientation:** A proper orientation is the best way to get a new member off to a great start.
- P is for Publicity:** Don't be afraid to "blow your own horn!" Obtaining publicity for your club's worthwhile activities will help ensure its success.
- Q is for Quality:** Strive for quality in everything you do, whether it be recruiting new members or beginning a new service activity.
- R is for Recognition:** Recognize the outstanding efforts of your members at every opportunity.
- S is for Strategies:** Use "Retention Tools" (see *websites*) for successful strategies to combat all your retention challenges!
- T is for Team:** Remember, **T**ogether **E**verybody **A**chieves **M**ore.
- U is for Unity:** Sharing common goals will help your members feel united.
- V is for Variety:** Try something new to keep your members interested and involved
- W is for We Serve:** This is the motivating force behind what all Lions do.
- X is for eXtra:** Anything worth doing is worth doing well; encourage extra efforts from all your team members.
- Y is for Year-Round Growth:** Quality members aren't only available during certain months of the year. Focus your efforts consistently all year-round.
- Z is for Zest:** Can you take care of business and still have fun? You bet! Make your club enjoyable and productive.

Remember that members enable you to make a difference in the community.

*"You can't
get very far
until you
start doing
something for
somebody else."
Melvin Jones*

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From the International President

In response to the changing needs of Lions, there will be changes made at International Headquarters as well.

The Public Relations Division has embarked on a major redesign of the Lions Clubs International Web site and improvements to The LION magazine. In fact, you may be one of the Lions randomly selected to receive a survey questionnaire about the Web site. If you or a member of your club receives one, please help the hardworking staff at International Headquarters by returning it as soon as possible. They need your input! redesigning the web site is such a large and complex job that it may take the better part of a year to complete, but changes in The LION magazine will be phased-in over the coming year.

To keep up with clubs' fast-paced recruiting of new members, the club records staff is also making changes. **This too, will require the cooperation of Lions, especially club secretaries.** WMMR filings will now be due by the last day of each month from clubs that file electronically and by the 20th of each month from clubs that file by mail. This will allow the staff to eliminate the current one month lag between filing and the production of reports and provide current data to all parts of the association.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and wish you continued success in your mission to serve.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

Dress Requirements for Darwin Convention

- Evening wear – Smart casual unless otherwise specified.
- Council Chairman's Dinner (By invitation) – Darwin formal – Men Dinner suit – No jacket; Ladies – after five.
- Convention attire – Club or Lions Uniform (jacket and/or tie not required), or smart casual.
- Territory Reception (By invitation) – Territory Rig – long pants, long sleeve shirt and tie, Ladies - Day Dress or after Five.
- Gala Dinner – Smart and dressy (no jeans)
- Other functions – as specified by host.

Please note that Convention wear for Governors, and Governors-elect, is uniform trousers and or skirts the Convention shirt that is currently in production.



Sound system helps local student

Seven year old hearing impaired Smithton Primary School pupil Alin House will be able to hear better in class thanks to a sound system donated to the school.

PDG Don Brady and Heather Johns from the Lions Club presented the sound system to Alin at assembly on Friday.

The teacher will wear a microphone and her instructions will come through the speakers for all pupils to hear more loudly This means the system does not just benefit Alin but the whole class as well.

The program has been running for less than 12 months with only three others in the state including one at Forest Primary School.

The system can be moved from classroom to classroom and so it will help Alin as she moves up in her school years.

Grateful: Smithton Primary School pupil Alin House and her classmates present PDG Don Brady and Heather John from the Lions Club with a certificate of appreciation.



Circular Head Chronicle
13 Dec 07
Picture: Shana Morgan.

Don Brady PDG

Joke Gone Tooouooooo Far!!

The Lions Club of New Norfolk would like its Lion back!

Like any club we enjoy a joke but for it to remain enjoyable the person who initiates it must take responsibility to ensure that all property is returned.

This has gone on too long, if you have our Lion (*below*) please return it.

Regards

Barrie Bremner PDG
Phone: +61 3 6261 4674
Mobile: 0419 594 050
Email: barrieb@bigpond.com



Fantastic Achievement (The Advocate Tuesday 5/2/08 page 23)

The Lions Club of Ulverstone can boast some of the country's top community servicemen as members. Three members have been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for their community work. President Mike Bourke said, it was quite an achievement.

"I'd suspect there is no other club in Australia with three OAMs," he said. Noel Viney was presented with his OAM this year, joining Neil Rawson and Harry Clark, who died a few days ago. (See *Obituary page 4, this issue*).

"They've basically dedicated a lifetime of service to the community," Mr. Bourke said.

"Whoever is selecting the OAM is very good at their job."



(from left) Neil Rawson, the late Harry Clark & Noel Viney

On Australia Day the club presented Mr. Clark with the Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is one of the highest awards in Lions - the largest service organization in the world.

The Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc.

The next meeting of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc will be held on

Sunday 15th June 2008

Any Club wishing to make an application for a Grant, should do so, with details forwarded to reach the Secretary **on or before**

Thursday 5th June 2008

This also applies to any other matter/s Clubs may wish to bring to the Foundation's notice.

All correspondence to:

Peter Burke
11 Camina Court,
RIVERSIDE
TAS 7250
Phone/Fax:
0363272575



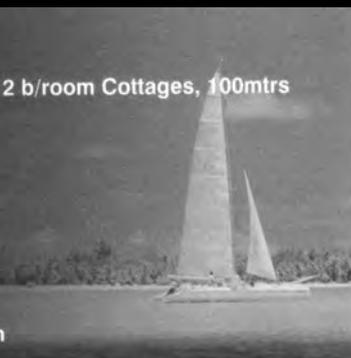
YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE?

We are providing an opportunity for businesses to advertise in this Newsletter. So, if you have a business/enterprise you would like to let other Lions know about or know someone else who wants very reasonable advertising on either a regular or ad-hoc basis, then please contact the Editor on 62653840.

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ALPTC Support of Campaign SightFirst II



To support LITPC's CSFII fund raising effort, ALPTC has issued a 3-pin set. The target is to complete this project by Dec. 31 2008

(Background colours)



(Red)

(White)



(Blue)

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HUONVILLE 7109

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Total \$ enclosed

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LIONS CLUB
HAVE CHRISTMAS**

**PUDDINGS
LEFT FROM CHRISTMAS
THAT NEED USING.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT
TASTED THEM
(AND THOSE WHO HAVE!) WE
HAVE A GREAT IDEA!
WITH EASTER & CHRISTMAS
IN JULY BOTH
JUST AROUND THE CORNER,
THERE IS NO BETTER CHRISTMAS
PUDDING FOR THESE CELEBRATIONS
THAN A HOME MADE
TASMANIAN ONE!**

**THEY ARE ONLY \$13 EACH OR
\$120 FOR 12 THROUGH CLUB
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**IF ANY CLUB MEMBERS/CLUBS
ARE INTERESTED IN
PURCHASING, PLEASE CONTACT
LION ALF COX - MERCHANDISING
201T1 ON 6391 9379.**

Following the series in recent issues of looking at the acronyms used in Lions, we want to continue bringing members some basic aspect of being a Lion. Learning for new Lions, a reminder for the older ones!

The Lions Code of Ethics is a guide for the conduct of Lions Members, and provides us with a reminder of our obligations to each other and to our fellow citizens.

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TOO SEEK success and demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but not to accept profit or success at the price of my own self respect, lost because of unfair advantage taken, or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my own business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

WE SERVE

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS 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.

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

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy.

District Newsletter 201T1 - Deadline for next issue is: April 10

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

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

Please forward photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

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

"We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn eternal truths from the past."
Madame Chianna (1897-2003)