



# Lions Clubs International District 201T1

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2009-2010**

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### District Governor's Notes

It is most gratifying to note that membership for 201T1 has now passed the magic mark of one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250), the number necessary to come out of 'transition'.

As at 30th April membership stood at one thousand two hundred and sixty nine (1269). This result to date can be attributed to a number of factors, not the least being the preparedness of Clubs to actively grow their membership through the gaining of new members, the retention of current members and the rejoining of past members. Clubs are commended for their membership activity.

These results are particularly good when considering the drop recorded from one thousand two hundred and forty (1240) members as of 30th June 2009 to one thousand two hundred and twenty seven (1227) at 31st July 2009. To date this year 201T1 has added one hundred and thirty five (135) new members and lost one hundred and six (106).

If the District is to remain strong and serve the community well, Clubs cannot relax on the good efforts made this year. Club membership in all its parts is a major on-going activity of all Clubs.

Activity through LCIF has again this year been substantial. For the first three (3) quarters of the year a total of US\$32,905 has been contributed by Clubs. The major part of this has been for the Haiti earthquake relief appeal.

In the period for which the Tasmanian Government has promised a dollar-for-dollar contribution a total of A\$23,954 was contributed. Again a great effort by the Lions of Tasmania. Some additional funds have also been contributed outside the Government's contribution period.

Another great opportunity for Lions to meet, discuss and learn is scheduled for 2011. In September the first Constitutional Area Forum, the ANZI PACIFIC Forum, will take place on the Gold Coast from September the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. The area covered by the Forum includes the Clubs of Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the islands of the South Pacific.

*The Forum consists of more than 50 seminars covering topics on all levels of Lions activity from Club to International. With a number of special events this will be a great opportunity to see Lionism in a new light.*

**DG John Gillham  
District Governor**



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### PEACE POSTERS

Please note that it is now time to contact schools in your area regarding The Lions Peace Poster Competition.



If every club in T1 sponsored a school to take part in this competition, we would have over 50 entries to be judged at the District Convention in November at Burnie.

The cost for a Peace Poster kit is just \$20.00. The Kits are available from the Lions Shop [www.lionsclubsshop.com.au](http://www.lionsclubsshop.com.au)

Please approach your schools now as they need to include this topic into their curriculum. The target would be grade 5 - 7. The Peace Poster Competition gives those children who may not be able to express themselves with words an opportunity to express their feelings and ideas about peace in an artistic way.

Remember to order your kits early as the Lions Shop ran out in September last year.

For further information please contact Wendy Brady on 64253056 or, [wendon12@bigpond.com](mailto:wendon12@bigpond.com)

### OUR DISTRICT COUNT

**31 Mar 2010**

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1249

Status: "Established district below 35/1250 over two years."

**30 Apr 2010**

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Membership: 1269

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## DONATION FOR SEA CADETS

Featured below at left, is a photo of the President of the Unit Committee TS Argonaut Inc. Chris Rigby, accepting a cheque for \$2500 from St Helens Lions Club President Ann Taylor, and fellow Lions Jan and Derek Chapple, together with the Argonaut cadets.



Photo taken by Lion Terry Taylor.

This donation is to help with the fitting out and refurbishment of classrooms for the TS Argonaut Cadets.

**Ann Taylor**  
President  
Lions Club of St Helens



## ATTENTION TO ALL CLUBS IN 63 AREA

**Lion Phil Connor has tendered his resignation from the Tasmanian Lions Foundation and we invite Lions to give consideration in joining the Foundation.**

The position entails attending meetings usually every three (3) months, which are held at the Perth Community Centre commencing around 11.15am on a Sunday. Lunch is provided.

This position also has a place on the Sunshine Homes Committee, who also meet on a Sunday on a three (3) monthly basis. These meetings are usually held in Launceston.

I am sure you would find the position interesting and rewarding. So please consider and if you are interested in filling the position, then please contact the Secretary, Peter Burke, 11Camina Court, Riverside, phone 6327 2575 or if you require any additional information, I will be only to pleased to discuss it.

We are looking to fill this position ASAP. We would like to have you aboard.

**Peter Burke**  
Secretary

## CLUB CONSTITUTIONS

### What use? What Value?

**Over he last nine months I have been approached by a number of clubs and Lions members seeking advice on how various contentious issues could/should be resolved.**

The areas that seem to produce the most problems are membership and the nomination/ election process for club boards. Over the years many clubs have evolved processes which rely on the memory of Lions of long standing. Problems have arisen when those processes have been questioned or where the collective memory is not consistent.

Membership is a good example. Here are two extreme views which still linger within the district –

- **The First** – Because I have nominated a person who I believe would be a good Lion and because I am a respected Lion of long standing my nomination should be automatically approved.
- **The Second** – If one or two Lions object to a nomination even, without the need to explain or justify the objection, then the nomination should be rejected.

The correct process, of course, is as provided for in your Club's Constitution and any By Laws or Policy and Procedure Documents provided these are not in conflict with the constitution.

**All clubs have a constitution. So what does your club's constitution say about these issues? Do club members have a copy if the club's constitution? Do club presidents have a copy of the club's constitution? If "No" or "I don't know" to the above then does your club's Public Officer have a copy of the club's constitution. I hope so but in the last nine months I have found three clubs where the club's public officer did not have a copy of the club's constitution as filed in the Office of the Commissioner for Corporate Affairs.**

This is a sorry state of affairs that I urge all clubs to address immediately because in most cases the club's constitution will provide guidance as to how potentially divisive issues must be dealt with.

If clubs follow the processes as outlined in the club's constitution then most of the issues that arise on potentially divisive matters can be avoided.

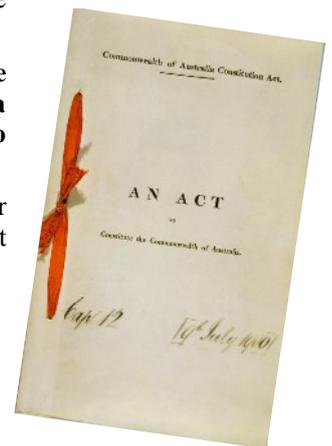
If clubs are not happy with their constitution or wish to change or add to it then the process is simple and set out in the constitution. These are areas where a proactive Public Officer can and should be able to assist. If all else fails then the District C.B.L. Chairman can advise because this in one of the important functions of that cabinet position.

**I strongly suggest all clubs make sure that they have an up to date copy of their constitution and that a copy be kept by the Public Officer to be available to all members.**

If your club cannot find an up to date copy of your club's constitution then all that is needed is a request for a copy plus all amendments to be sent to:-

The Commissioner for Corporate Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Box 249C, HOBART TAS 7001

**Michael Walsh**  
CBL Chairman



## "FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS"

An all time record 80 vehicles attended the Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk autumn Car Boot Sale and Market, held in the customary spectacular venue at the Hadspen Lions Park beside the South Esk River. **cont'd over**



# SNAG COOKER EXTRAORDINAIRE

The photos below show myself, but more importantly, features a relatively new member in our club, Lyn Sutherland, who is a mean sausage cooker and has agreed to be the incoming City of Launceston Lions Club treasurer. What a great idea. After four years I think I have got it right so time for another of our members to learn the intricacies of the treasury in a Lions Clubs.



We have welcomed new members over the last four years who have been a great asset to the club with their talents.

They include Jason and Karen Maxwell who both cook a really mean BBQ as do many of the City of Launceston Lions Club members who can be seen at Harvey Norman, Corporate Express and many other venue around the city supplying the people of Launceston with the breakfast dinner and tea.



But not only do they cook sausages our members also sell those Lions mints, and eat them of course!

**In twelve years since they joined LIONS one of our members has sold \$37,850.97 worth of Lions mints. A pretty mean seller. Just imagine what the club has sold !!**



City of Launceston is very proud to see two of their charter clubs celebrate very important occasions this year. Well done to City of Devonport and Burnie Lions Clubs on your great history and commitment to your respective record.

**PROUD TO BE A LION** ● ● ●

Aren't we all?

PDG Helen Moir



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From an initial roll up of 19 vehicles a few years ago, the market has now quadrupled, with an interesting and ever-changing display of items, including fruit and vegetables.

Originally planned as a membership drive, the market has now become institutional with a 4 x seasonal turnout and a Christmas special in early December, complete with jumping castle and face painting. Club President Rosemary Anderson said "the beautiful autumnal ambiance of the recent record turnout has transformed our small initial venture into a regular fixture, with significant social benefits for the community. In addition to this, our intention to maintain our entry fee at a low \$5.00 and our food and beverage prices at \$1.00 has obviously contributed to the record attendance."

The next Hadspen South Esk Lions Car Booty Sale and Market is scheduled for late October.

**Meredith Churchill**  
Secretary  
Lions Club of Hadspen  
South Esk



## STAMPS STAMPS

**I would like to bring you up to date on the position for the year. Since January 2010 we have sent 16kg of stamps which equates to approx 80,000 stamps.**

Thank you to all those wonderful Lions and Clubs who support us in this matter. Your efforts are most appreciated and look forward to your continued support. To Lions who have not yet participated in this project we invite you to take part. Little work is involved only collecting and sending them to myself at home address or care of the Club.

Keep up the good work and thanks once again for your efforts.

Regards  
**Peter Burke**  
Launceston Riverside



# Youth Exchange Program

Please do not forget to give consideration to the possibility for being a part of the Lions Youth Exchange hosting for 2010.

I have listed below the countries, number of students (#) and dates (approx) of the students who will need hosting:

FINLAND	14	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
SWEDEN	2-3	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
NORWAY	10	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
DENMARK	8	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
IRELAND	1	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
JAPAN	14	6 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug
INDONESIA	?	June / July

I would like to suggest that clubs be encouraged to read the Guidelines for Host Clubs carefully - this is on [www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye)

Wendy Brady  
YE Chairman 2011  
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Charity Golf Day  
raises money for  
Relay for Life

The Lions club of Perth held a Charity golf day on Sunday 18th April at the Quamby Golf club. It has been an annual event for many years, held to raise money for the Tasmanian Cancer Council - Relay for Life. Unfortunately our club and like almost every other Individual/ Family & Lions club, we have been affected in some way by cancer.

We see this day as a way of promoting a healthy leisure activity, with many friends, to have a fun day and raise some money for a extremely worth while project. The day's competition is a three (3) ball Ambrose style competition. Many teams are sponsored by the companies they work for or are associated with, also many teams of individuals that just got together for the day, we had a record twenty-one (21) teams for the competition. There are some extra incentives to play well, longest drive, nearest the pin, and even if you hit into the water hole, you not only loose the ball, you also get to donate \$2 as well. Our members cook a free sausage sizzle out on the course to keep players strength up.

The Westbury Lions fielded three (3) teams, and we are very happy to have them along to be part of the day and contribute towards \$2000 raised for the cause. The round is followed by a roast meal and a prize presentation, where every player gets a prize. The event will be run again next year, around the same time. Please contact our club if you are interested in being involved.

Ralph McGee - Lions Club of Perth

## Did you know that...

If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction?

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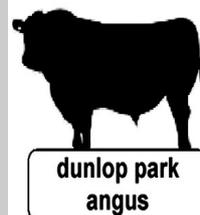
Did you also know that Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing? and, that Coca-cola was originally green?

# New Lions

NAME	SPONSOR	CLUB
Gail Jones	June Pilcher	Bothwell & Districts
Emma Morse		City of Devonport
Marie Ferrar	David Mc Davitt	Clarence
Wayne Melville	David Mc Davitt	Clarence
Carla Coogan	Doreen Cook	George Town
Harvey Gibbons	Dorothy Sweet	George Town
Margaret Gibbons	Dorothy Sweet	George Town
John Drummond	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
Ruth Drummond	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
Lindy Foster	David Triffett	Glenorchy City
Jacqueline Beckmann	Jennifer Marshall	King Island
David Bowden	Robert Brooks	King Island
Debra Denby	Beberlyn Davis	King Island
David Thoars	Geoffrey Daking	Kingborough
Rosemary Thoars	Geoffrey Daking	Kingborough
Hilge Biehl	Jill Gregory	Port Cygnet
Marion Cobbing	Keith Holliday	Port Sorell
Roger Harris	John Brook	Port Sorell
Kazane Eisele	Robert Ryan	Rocky Cape
Richard Eisele	Robert Ryan	Rocky Cape

## Move to Grow

To grow membership,  
Lions need a dual strategy -  
extending clubs and  
improving retention



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# OUR STATE WINNER TAKES OUT NATIONAL FINAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR

For the second year in a row our District has taken out the National Final of the Youth of the Year Quest before a huge audience at the MD Convention held in Mildura.

William Teare (pictured right and below) from Launceston Church Grammar School and sponsored by the City of Launceston Lions club, (the same club as last years National Winner Emma Davey), competed against five (5) other very strong State winners from around Australia to take out the final. William was so overwhelmed with his win.



The two (2) impromptu questions that were asked of the finalists were: **1. What is your opinion on the Federal Government's reaction to Asylum Seekers.** **2. I would if I could,** in which William spoke on the Youth of Australia having the will to volunteer but not the opportunity.

Last years National winner Emma Davey delivered her final speech on the experiences of the Australian Tour and how lucky she was to have had the opportunity to meet so many Lions and visit so many places. Emma was delighted to hand her reign over to William and T1.

Next year finals will need to be held a little earlier, with the State Final being held in Launceston and must be completed by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011. I will be visiting the Coast and South around July or early August to advise them the way in which we can overcome the earlier finals, as in our District it is near impossible to hold club finals before Christmas.

I ask that all incoming Presidents to elect your Club Chairman for the Youth of the Year as soon as possible so they are able



to attend the meeting when I visit your area.

**To all the clubs that participated this year I thank you so much, especially to the Club Chairman for all their hard work that goes into these finals. I hope that you will all enter next year, and would like to encourage other clubs in the past to enter as well, as it just proves that Tasmania is well up with the rest of the States of**



## Sensational Sydney Scene

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Are you getting excited yet? You should be!

### WELCOME TO MELISSA HAMILTON

Melissa Hamilton, who is from the Premier's Department, has joined our team and has the role of bringing a few hundred more volunteers from the community to bolster our ranks and fill in a few areas that we are having some difficulty in manning with Lions. Melissa has only been working with us for a short while but has thrown herself into the task with enthusiasm. Aside from increasing our supply of volunteers, Melissa will also be involved in the training programme and the issue of uniforms and accreditation. She will be a very welcome addition to our team.

### FREE TRANSPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

David Campbell, the Minister for Transport and Roads, has given his approval for free transport for our Volunteers on CityRail and Sydney Buses between 18 June and 4 July. To take advantage of this, the volunteers must be in uniform and/or carry Accreditation certificates.

Please note that at privately contracted AirportLink rail stations, a separate Gate Access Fee applies. Volunteers travelling to Sydney Airport by rail must purchase the Gate Access Fee at their station of origin, although the remainder of the ticket will still be free of charge. This is definitely a problem for our Airport Greeters but our Transport Chairman, PDG Jim Ede, is in negotiations to seek free parking for our volunteers. You will be kept informed on developments.

### TRAINING

Some volunteers were thrown into a panic when I announced the Training schedule in the last issue of this Newsletter. That comes from trying to keep you all informed and making statements before everything is finalised. Here is an update.

Firstly, be assured that we do not expect people to make special trips to Sydney for Training. If you have a problem, there is always an answer – and one that will suit you. I was told that 17 June is too early for those working at the DGE School – I can see that this is the case. We will try to fit an extra training day in on 23 June.

You will be contacted to tell you when we would like you to attend training. When you attend this session you will be asked to sign in, be given your uniform and accreditation, and your Volunteer Handbook. The training will then be presented by Melissa Hamilton and will include a compulsory OH&S segment. Some Division Chairmen may take the opportunity to present their event specific training at the conclusion of the general training.

We have been asked whether those who attend the general training at Mildura also need to attend training in Sydney. Well, they will definitely need to attend the OH&S segment of the training and also any event specific training but they may wish to opt out of the general training. But, of course, they need to be there anyway to pick up their uniforms, accreditation and Handbooks.

See you in Mildura!



2010 International Lions Clubs Convention Sydney

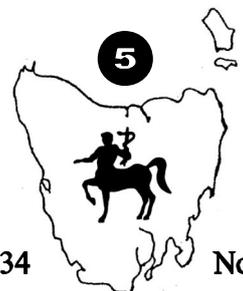
Monthly Newsletter for Volunteers

Editor: Manpower Chairman PDG Tony Seitam, seitam@bigpond.com



**Australia and we surely have young outstanding youths out there interested in entering our Quest.**

Yours in Lionism  
Jenny Trippree  
District Chairman YOTY



# TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

We invite all Clubs to utilize the Foundation and support it.

**Any Club wishing to make a Grant application it will need to be in the hands of the Secretary by**

**5th June 2010  
for the meeting of  
13th June 2010**

You have recently received a letter from me with a TLF information brochure and Grant application attached. We ask that you use the Foundation and we look forward to being able to assist you in the near future.

We also ask that anytime you may have surplus funds please consider the Foundation so that we may continue to assist Clubs from time to time.

We also invite you to purchase a TLF Fellowship Award for a Lion or person in your community whom you may wish to reward.

Until next month

**Peter Burke**  
Secretary



## Club News

### LC of Rocky Cape

In recent days the LC of Rocky Cape has welcomed two new members, Kazane & Rick Eisele sponsored by Lion Rob Ryan and inducted by Zone Chair Person Anne Fagg. (pictured above)



Our club is hoping to put together a Cookbook featuring recipes from members. We aim to make the book a bit of fun and would welcome contributions. Please keep them as short as possible, and we are sure that there will be some very interesting and diverse dishes!

**Heather Duffy**  
Secretary  
Rocky Cape Lions Club



*"If at first you don't succeed,  
do it the way your wife told you!"*

## Club's Overseas Assistance

Just recently the Lions Club of Hobart visited the YWAM's Medical Ship on its Hobart stopover and as part of its visit to many ports around Australia.

They were seeking support for their next visit to Papua New Guinea's remote islands to provide improved vision by restoring or enhancing sight through ophthalmological services, improving vision by distributing glasses and increasing oral care by providing dentistry services.

The members were given a tour of the ship and to see the surgery where many PNG people in the remote islands are given a chance to see again.

**Lions International is assisting with this project as being the premier partner in delivering spectacles to PNG. The Hobart Town members presented over nine hundred (900) pairs of spectacles and other medical equipment.**

Featured below are a couple of photos taken on the day - one member came late and missed out - sorry John (Phillips)!



Above L to R: Ship's representative, Sue Johns (President), Annette Ogilvie (Secretary and Cabinet Secretary), Margaret Maynard, (Club Member), another of the ships rep's. and Roy Bonken (Club Member)



Above L to R: A ship's representative with President Sue Johns

It was overall, a very successful exercise for Hobart Town and Lions generally.

**Sue Johns**  
President / Lions Club of Hobart Town

## Australian Lionsonoz Knitting

If you hear the clicking of knitting needles coming from that Motor home or Caravan you just passed on the highway, it will most likely be a Lionsonoz member busy with the knitting of garments for needy children.

Even before the Club really got underway our ladies have been spending endless hours knitting garments and toys for orphans and premature babies in third world countries. Charter President Lion Yvie Kearns said that because Lionsonoz does not have an Activities account and we can't raise or donate money to worthy causes, I encouraged our ladies to help me make these very desperately needed items for children in countries effected with AIDS or war.



Above L to R: Lions Lady Jean Baxter with Lions Lesley Winters, Yvie Kearns and Betty-Anne White displaying some of the various items of knitted goods made by Lionsonoz members ready to go overseas to help needy children (see next page)

The results have been very gratifying and just before Christmas we were able to dispatch over one hundred (100) items to Child Care Centres in Harare, Zimbabwe (Africa). We have received letters from two different centres, thanking us for the gifts. These centres look after hundreds of children who have become orphans, mostly because their parents have died of AIDS.

Lice is very nasty little pest there as well, so the children have to have their heads shaved regularly. *Cont'd on the next page....*



## FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY

I recently attended the MD 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Mildura, and had a very enjoyable time catching up with old friends. There were:

- 36 Delegates
- 11 Alternates
- 1 Leo
- 14 Partners
- 2 Non lions
- **64 in Total**

We all had a good T1 get together on Sunday night. Launceston Riverside Lions did a magnificent job of promoting the MD Convention in Launceston 2011.

**Youth of the Year T1 won again, congratulations to Winner William Teare from Launceston Grammar sponsored by City of Launceston.**

While at the Convention I attended the Cabinet Secretaries Meetings. Some club secretaries are still having difficulties with the online WMMR. The membership site does not cause too many difficulties, but there is a real problem with using the Activity Report site. LCI has agreed to review on both sites. PDG Terry Uniacke V5 Cabinet Secretary has been appointed to the Australian review committee.

**At the session all Cabinet Secretaries had input for this review. Let's hope there will be changes and more users friendly and relevant to our MD201.**

The sending of the Notices of Motion for the Mildura Convention to Clubs by email did not work; some Clubs did not bother to open or did not download for club members (not going to convention not interested). This process is also under review. One of the main problems was email address of Clubs not up to date.

There was also discussion re the MD office sending emails out under Lions Customer Service. It was noted some Lions delete it without opening as they think it is advertising material and not information for Clubs.

**I will be contacting Clubs who have not entered activity reports online or in hard copies to me. To complete a report so it can be entered on the WMMR site before the end of June, as it does not look good that some T1 clubs have not done any activities or given any donations this Lions year.**

**Annette Ogilvie**  
Cabinet Secretary T1

# Australian Lions Foundation

## Helping Lions, Help Their Communities

Five (5) Tasmanian Clubs have recently benefited from Grants approved at our last Meetings, namely:

- **Lions Club of Clarence** received \$9000 to assist with the purchase a second hand Wheel Chair Access Vehicle for a family with two disabled children.
- **Lions Club of Tasman** received \$800 to purchase "Care alert units" for elderly residents in the Tasman area.
- **Lions Clubs of St Helens and St Marys** (a joint project) received \$7500 to assist the their Communities in fundraising efforts to purchase a "Special Wheelchair" for a quadriplegic adult.
- **Lions Club of Glamorgan** received a grant of \$3000 to assist the Club purchase a Defibrillator and Hands Free UHF Radios for the local volunteer Fire Brigade.

Recently, all Clubs should have received a package from the Foundation with Award Application Forms. It is through the purchase of "Awards" by Clubs, that the Foundation is able to assist Clubs financially with their projects. *If your Club is contemplating presenting "Awards" at your Changeover Night then act now as time is limited for the preparation.*

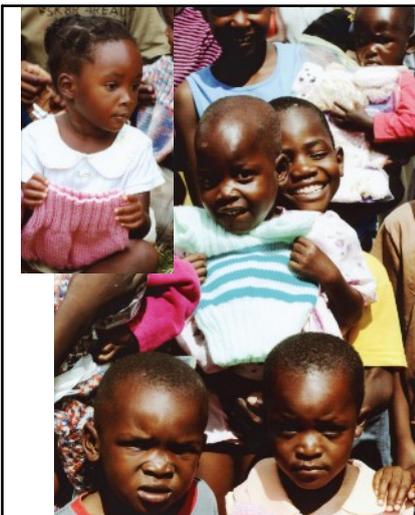
Donations to the Foundation's General or Emergency Fund are also greatly appreciated.

**The next meetings of Trustees are scheduled for**  
**21st-22nd August 2010**  
**and**  
**20th-21st November 2010**

Please note that any pending Grant Applications should be sent either to me or the acting Grants Chairman PDG Paul Logue, 46 Ultimo St, East Maitland, NSW 2323, **at least seven (7) days prior to the above dates.**



**Alan Pretyman**  
Secretary and  
Trustee for Tasmania



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Our Beanies are in great demand to help keep the children's heads warm. Some of our ladies prefer to knit "trauma" toys and construct larger toys for the children and

they are all very welcome. One of the problems with this type of project is to get feedback assuring us that the goods actually did get to their intended destination. The letters we received gave us the assurance that all we are doing is worthwhile and that the children are the ones who are benefitting.

Lion Yvie said that this is a most gratifying project. The chairman for this project is Lion Betty-Anne White who can be contacted on 0427603801 or

[Lionsonoz@ceinternet.com.au](mailto:Lionsonoz@ceinternet.com.au)

Lion Betty-Anne received hundreds of articles at

Mildura in May this year and is now putting together a package to be distributed to Africa in July.

**PDG Warren White**  
Australian Lionsonoz



## Thought for the Month...

**"The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow."**

### FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



I am most pleased to report our membership growth continues to blossom and grow to new, historic heights. Through March, we have reached **+24,709** powered by great results in India and several other Asian countries, a continuing membership surge in China, and by improving trends in all parts of the world. Even today as we move towards the last week of April, the results are moving even higher, nearly crossing the **+30,000** mark.

I am truly impressed by our collective results, and I am very proud of our District Governor Teams and Club Officers who have contributed most to our success. Let me share some success stories deserving special attention.

In China where Lionism took root only a few short years ago, we have grown by more than 50% this year, increasing from 4,000 members to more than 6,200. The growth is happening in most major cities in China, and three new provisional districts have been formed as a result. But most impressive of all, is the real spirit of service displayed by our Lions in China.

Another story of success and inspiration are the Lions in Africa - a continent known for 'despair' a few years ago which is now moving to be a continent of 'hope and development'. Lions in Africa have grown grow by 10% in since 2007-08 and are their own way to yet another stellar year. Most impressively, Africa Lions are leading through service.

Our success stories span well beyond our new areas of China and emerging areas like Africa. For example, the country of **Australia** is having growth, most of Latin America and Europe too, and even the United States of America

and Canada are doing quite well by historic standards - though I am convinced the latter two can make history this year by erasing past patterns.

But as highlighted below, the future of our organization will need to rely increasingly on the 'dual strategy.' The strategy is simple - emphasizing on one side, that we need new clubs and membership growth to make up for those who leave or pass away, but on the other side, we need a focus on keeping the members we have and increasing the size of existing clubs to control long term retention.

So I ask all of you who belong to an existing, well established club:

- What can you do to take better care of your club and its members?
- What projects can you pursue to bring more appeal to your club?
- And simply where can your club go from here?

I know many of you have accepted the **Move to Grow** challenge of moving in new ways and in new directions to strengthen and enrich your own clubs. But I would really love to hear about your success stories so I can share those with Lions around the world. Please email me at [DG2president@Lionsclubs.org](mailto:DG2president@Lionsclubs.org)

In the meantime, please see the important information links below on the next Leadership Ginkgo challenge and the upcoming international convention in Sydney. I am confident that next month I will be writing with even more good news as we all work to **Move to Grow** our great association.

With cordial regards,

**Eberhard J. Wirfs**  
International President  
**MOVE TO GROW**



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### **PROSTATE PETE'S UPDATE MAY 2010**

#### **"FOR PETE'S SAKE GET IT CHECKED"**

Hi there fellow Lions, another month has flown by and the year for the present boards is coming to a close. *The Prostate Pete project got another boost thanks to the St. Helens Lions with a donation of over a thousand dollars they also participated in an awareness exercise earlier in the year at their annual regatta using the Prostate Pete suit and handing out information brochures.* Well done St. Helens this is what the project is all about you are to be congratulated.

The competition for the extreme marquee has now come to a close and we will be announcing the winner early next month I would like to thank all the clubs that have participated, some donations have been large and some gave what they could. For me the amount of money is secondary to the involvement of the clubs concerned. *It is hoped that the awareness of prostate cancer has increased not only within our communities but also within our lions family, lets face it if you are a male you are a candidate.*

To the clubs who have not involved themselves in the project so far please remember this is a Tasmanian Lions Project; please give it some consideration for your end of the year donations. All the funds raised will go to the Menzies research centre in Hobart, let's keep the ball rolling and make the donation a good one.

We still have plenty of blue ribbon pins available, if you can sell some more let me know and I will get them to you.

Yours in Undies  
**Lion Jan Bakker**  
Project Chairman



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