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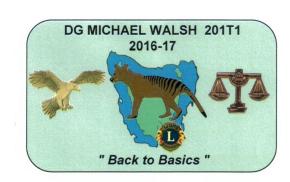
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#### DG Michael's Musings....

This is my last contribution to the District Newsletter as District Governor – sob, not really but it has certainly been a great experience and one I would recommend to any Lion who is interested in seeing how Lions operates at a District and Multiple District level and enjoys visiting Clubs.

Now to explain the feather duster syndrome. It simply means the overnight change from being responsible for the District as its District Governor into an "Ordinary" Lion - rooster one day and feather duster the next.

The District membership has dropped yet again and at the time of writing stands at 1200. The GMT team is looking at the reasons why Lions resign for no obvious reason and perhaps there may be something we, as a District, can do about this slow but steady decline.

One of the very interesting aspects of the journey to being a District Governor is that you get to meet and know the 18 other District Governors from all around Australia and to share experiences,

information and form what I am sure will be life-long friendships.

Many of my fellow District Governors have issues with their Cabinets, mainly in relation to the GMT and GLT programs. This is not a problem in our District. The administration of our District is attended to by the District Cabinet. Our Cabinet Officers fall into three interlocking groups, the Management Team, the Zone Chairs and the Chairs of the District, and Multiple District Programs.



Having worked closely with the District Cabinet for the last three years, I am pleased to be able to say that, as a District, we are blessed with the highest level of competency and dedication.

The amount of effort that some of the District Executive have been required to put in is extraordinary and all of us owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts. Our management structure and the co-ordination of all GMT/GLT functions by the District Executive is a template for all of the other Districts to follow.



I extend my thanks and appreciation to the Executive Team and the Cabinet as a whole for a job well done.



I also thank the clubs for their welcome and fellowship during club visits. All are working well in their communities and very importantly all have a high level of public recognition in their areas. It was also obvious that the number of members in a club does not necessarily indicate the level of service activities. Some quite small clubs are performing at a high level while some medium sized clubs and large clubs could perhaps do a little more. Continued page 2

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Ceremony...

**Lions Clubs International** 

100 Years of Service

#### From page 1....

My last Club visit was to the King Island Club where Roslyn and I were privileged to attend a dinner hosted by the club to say thank you to approximately 140 helpers and friends of Lions plus club members.

It was a very impressive demonstration of the close relationship the club has with its community and no doubt a full report will appear later in the newsletter. Well done King Island!

I know District Governor Elect Hester will receive the same level of support that I received and will also have a busy and rewarding year. I am also sure our District is in very safe and competent hands.

Finally I thank my wife Roslyn for her support and patience during this hectic, enjoyable and rewarding journey.

DG Michael





June 18 TLF next meeting

#### June 30—July 4

**Lions International Convention** Chicago USA

July 29 **District Cabinet Dinner** 

August 11-12, 18-19, 25-26

Kentish Lions Music Hall

Nov 11-12

District Convention St Helens



## How to celebrate a 100th birthday, King Island Style.....





Engage the local youth, giving the school a donation towards their ski trip





Bring in a visiting Band, available to the public after 8.30pm & dance the night away



Reward your members: John Winter, Steve Bishop & Rod McGarvie



Left: Award your Citizen of the Year in front of 170 Lions and guests —congratulations Troy Smith.

The dinner was our Club's gift to our wonderful community of volunteers. We showcased Lions activities and gained a few prospective members. We celebrated 100 years of this fabulous organisation, twisted some tales and toasted the future of Lions International.



#### **Generous Gifts**

During the 65<sup>th</sup> MD Convention at Wrest Point Convention Centre in Hobart, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, there were a few fund raising opportunities, to which our organising committee suggested that JIREH HOUSE in Kingston would be a worthy beneficiary.

The District Dinner raffle raised \$405.00. the DG's & Cab Sec/Treasurer lunch raised \$557.00 and a decorated cake raffle raised \$773.00 – in total \$1735.00. On top of this, the Townsville 2018 Convention Committee donated a 32' flat screen TV they had used for promotion during the convention.

DG Elect Hester, Kingborough President Paul and I presented the cheque and TV to the Jireh House manager and staff on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Cabinet Treasurer**

#### Erik Madsen

Jireh House provides support and accommodation to approximately 85 women and 120 children annually, who have become homeless due to domestic violence or other life crises.

The shelter provides referrals and support to clients to access many services with their recovery from the effects of the trauma and the crisis they have experienced. As well as emergency crisis and transitional housing and support, Jireh House is able to offer outreach support to families as they move into permanent housing.

It is wonderful to receive donations from the community as this enables Jireh House to offer an enhanced level of support and accommodation to the people who require our service.



#### Dear Hester

Please pass on our sincere thanks to the Lions Club International 65 MD 201 National Convention Delegates and partners for the wonderful donation of a TV and \$1735 to Jireh House women's shelter.

The TV will be used at our Crisis Accommodation facility for the use of the women and children who stay at the shelter.

The generous cash donation of \$1735 will be used towards purchasing new replacement dining chairs for 13 supported accommodation tenancies run by the shelter for single women and women with children.

Again thank you so much for your support and care as it makes such a difference to the lives of the women and children at a very difficult time in their lives.

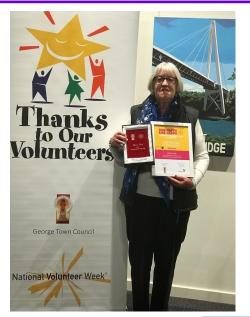
Best regards

Lynette Sikkema

Manager

Jireh House Assoc. Inc





## CONGRATULATIONS DOREEN COOK—WORTHY RECIPIENT OF GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Doreen has been a member of the **George Town Lions Club** for 12 years. Doreen has undertaken various roles including President and Secretary — a role she has fulfilled for the past 10 years and is her current role at the club. She has been instrumental in assisting with the organizing of many of the Lions Clubs activities including the annual Country Music Festival, Targa Events and various other gatherings where Lions have attended with their Food Van and/or their famous Merry Go Round. **Doreen spends an average 10 hours a week fulfilling the Secretary role and is a great advocate for the Lions Club in George Town.** Over the past 18 years, Doreen has also been a volunteer with the local Wattle Group and the Red Cross.



### **Welcome to the Lions Family**

Lions are.

**May 2017** 

#### **City of Launceston**

Daniel Milloy Sponsor: John Dakin

Julie Milloy Sponsor: John Dakin

Hadspen South Esk

Ashley Morrell Sponsor: Christopher Weare

Diana Newell Sponsor: Jennifer Tripptree

**Rocky Cape** 

Kathryn Poke Sponsor: Victoria Cochrane

Nannette Poke Sponsor: Victoria Cochrane

Sorell

Shelley Shay Sponsor: Graeme Evans

**Tasman** 

Jenny Johnson

Alder Stokes Sponsor: Joan Fazackezley

Clifford Stokes Sponsor: Alder Stokes

Ulverstone

William Mann Sponsor: Noel Viney





#### **Our District Count**

30th April 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1212

31st May 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1195

YTD ADD 139

YTD DROP 155

YTD GROWTH -1.32%

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION** 



Firstly, I would like to thank all Lions and Clubs who have supported the project over the past year and your efforts are most appreciated and you can be well pleased with your efforts. At the recent MD Convention held in Hobart a cheque for \$15 500 was presented to the Lions Mobility Foundation to assist children with disability needs and helping to make life a little easier for them. WELL DONE. In the last week we have sent off another 5 Kg packet of stamps to start this year

<u>INVITATION:</u> I would like to issue an invitation to all LIONS to participate in this simple project. Little work is involved and we all have outlets who would willing assist in saving their stamps and collecting them and forwarding them to me at **11 Camina Court, Riverside Tas 7250.** If you have large parcel /s of stamps cost of postage can be debited against Activities Account as the Mobility Foundation is a MD Project. Yes I know we can all participate and help make life a little easier for those less fortunate than our selves.

I invite all Incoming Presidents to consider an appointment of a stamp Club co-ordinator and encourage Members to participate in this simple project. Perhaps if you have a school/s in your area perhaps you could ask them to participate over say a 3 month term and present them with a certificate of recognition for their efforts.

**STAMPS** 

Until next month. Peter Burke C-ordinator

# \$15 500 from recycled stamps!!!







Queenstown Lions Club is calling for past members to get in touch to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club.

Club treasurer Geoffrey Steele said an anniversary event would be an opportunity for Lions to socialize and reminisce, even if they no longer live in the area. The club hopes to hold an event later in the year to coincide with the 105-year anniversary of the Mount Lyell Disaster.

Anyone interested in attending should email geoffmarg1@bigpond.com.

Source: Lachlan Bennett

The Advocate





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





With more than 50% of Clubs not making a donation to LCIF the

proposed target of all Clubs making some contribution this year will not be achieved. Lets strive in 2017-18 to achieve 100% participation by Clubs even donations as small as \$10

#### will help LCIF. **PDG John Gillam**

Month	#	
July	1	
August	1	
September	1	
October	5	
November	8	
December	10	
January	12	
February	14	
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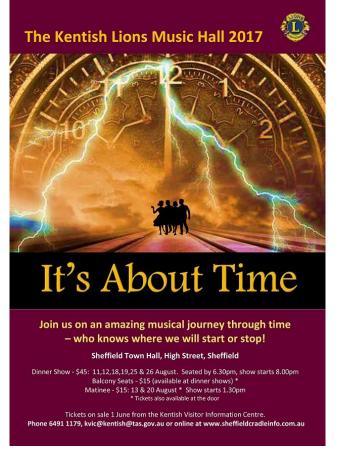
The 2017 201T1 District Convention Committee is looking for expressions of interest in "Trade Table" space at the St Helens Convention.

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

These expressions of interest should be submitted to us by email at

lionssthelens201t1convetion@gmail.com by the end of August.





**Secretary Kentish Lions** 





Penguin Lions Club awarded Life Membership status to long-time member Tony Kiely at their May Dinner meeting. Lion Tony has been with the club for over 45 years and still actively works on club projects. The decision to award life membership was announced at our charter anniversary dinner in December but it's taken longer than expected for the award kit to arrive from the US. Tony becomes the fourth life member of the the club which was chartered in 1962.

"Forty-five years is a long time to stick at anything and we can all be thankful that Tony chose Lions to be his thing so such a long time", said Club President Stuart Greig in presenting the status award to Tony.

At the same meeting, a **Centennial Award was also presented to Lion Des Hiscutt** for his efforts in promoting club strength and membership.

We also had a report from **Leo Alyssa Bryan** about her experiences at the MD convention at Wrest Point.



Alyssa was awarded the public speaking prize in the *Leo of the Year final* and become the first Tasmanian entrant to be awarded at the national final. Chartered in 1970 the Penguin Leo club is the oldest continuously running Leo club in Australia.

Stuart Greig Lions Club of Penguin



# ABOVE: Immediate Past President of Australian Lionsonoz Bernie Donchi and his wife Lion Jan found themselves at the Parmedman Pool Camping

found themselves at the Barmedman Pool Camping Ground and stayed for 5 days enjoying themselves swimming in the huge mineral pool there.

The temperature soared while they were there, reaching 44 degrees one day and 45 the next. The generator therefore got a good workout, running the Air Conditioner for days on end. They got to meet some of the residents of the Town and discovered that there was a need for volunteers to assist in cleaning and maintaining the pool during the swimming season, so Lions Bernie and Jan volunteered to assist them by removing the build-up of algae weed on the surface of the pool. Quite a tiring exercise, especially in the heat but this is what members of Lionsonoz do.

#### **GREAT SOUTHERN LINKS APRIL 2018**

4 Days in Golfing Heaven



Head to <u>greatsouthernlinks.com</u> after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 for full entry details. Open Internationally.



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

Further info available from Lion Linda Payne



#### NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN - CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS AND MINTS



Great news the District received a Christmas Cake and Mint rebate of \$6,570.88 for the 2016/2017 Lions year. These funds will now assist with other District projects such as Youth of the Year, Hearing Dogs and the Peace project.

As announced at the Multiple District 201 Centennial Convention the retail price for the selling of our Christmas Cakes and Puddings has increased due to the fact that

the agreement with LCI and the CPI have increased royalties and Top Taste had to pass on this accordingly. New prices to be introduced as at 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017:

CENTENNIAL TIN WITH 1.5KG CAKE		\$22.00
MINI SLICES	REMAIN THE SAME	\$2.00
PUDDING	0.9KG	\$13.00
	1.0KG	\$13.00
CHRISTMS CAKE	1.5KG	\$17.00



The Centennial Tin is a product produced to celebrate 100 years of Lionism and will be available for Clubs to order from 1<sup>st</sup> July. Top Taste has produced only a small number of this product and first in first served. Only 60,000 units or 10,000 cartons are available and these cartons hold 6 tins with 1.5kg cake inside with a security seal. When ordering Christmas cakes you need to make up 3 cartons which can include the 1.5kg or 1.0kg cakes, puddings or just 3 cartons of the Centennial Tin. Clubs can place their order now but delivery will not occur until after the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. These orders cannot be placed by phone but can be sent via email or post. This order form will be on the website but I will arrange to email to all Clubs the new order form.



Dollars Sweets – the Mint provider - produced a plastic tub to celebrate the 100 years of Lionism and these products will be displayed at the St. Helen's Convention. The suggestion is to target holiday makers, grey nomads and gyms. The mints retails at \$4.50 per tub and as more details become available I will put this information out to Clubs. Also a Gluten Free Cookie is being trialled for those people who are looking for a Gluten Free product. I will have a number of these

cookies on display at the Convention for Clubs to give view and I would appreciate your feedback. These cookies are being made by the Byron Bay Cookie Company and it is an Australian owned company.

#### Sue Johns District Chairman Merchandising (Cakes, Puddings, Mints)









# **LEHP-Australia** Lions Eye Health Program



Dear fellow Lions,

Lions Eye Health Program: It is appropriate that I pen this report today, 7 June 2017, marks 100 years since the first Lions Club meeting in Chicago, Illinois. And visiting a Lions club promoting a Lions sight related project. Also I attended the School Assembly of the Burnie High School to see PDG Dale Crawford present Leo Alyssa Bryan with her Multiple District Award for Leo Speaker of the year, and additionally the "Leo Honour Award" from Lions Clubs International, and what better date to receive it.



**PHOTO: Brodie Weeding** 

Another month has passed by and the "On the road again" song springs to mind as the road show to encourage the North west Region to support the Spot Vision Scanning camera funding continues.

Sadly, I had to postpone the visit to Rocky Cape, but when one of you family is honoured at a special meeting of you home Lions club, I knew where my priorities lay. With a repeat at the Burnie High School Assembly 7<sup>th</sup> June just past. No doubt reported elsewhere in this issue. However I have rescheduled the trip westwards to another date.



I seem to have a small dilemma. The community on King Island that are isolated by 90 kms of water and a huge cost of flying to the Island and return. Just how do I get the message to the King Island Lions Club to support the fund raising for the Camera and the possible use of same if one is purchased? This means some serious words with our DG Elect. I see no reason why this club and Flinders Island should miss out at all.

Clubs visited and spoken to include the Burnie-Emu Bay and the City of Burnie Lions Club. Ambassador PDG Toby Crawford unfortunately had work commitments and was an apology. This evening the 7<sup>th</sup> June, Port Sorell Lions club, I was accompanied by Ambassador Stewart McNeair.

Additional to the above, I was invited to do the presentation at the Zone 3 meeting at the new Penguin Gallery-Café which was a great venue sprung on us at the last moment due to some local misunderstanding which was quickly sorted out. This was attended by all clubs in the zone including the Penguin Leo Cub. Two clubs had seen the presentation previously, three got a taste of what will be, in the future. All we need is the opportunity to be offered. Thank you ZC Derek Putt for the invitation to address the wellattended meeting.

As a past Zone Chairman, I have to say that ZC Derek Putt carried a great meeting, all were given a chance to express points of view and make general comment. It was also apparent that all clubs have similar problems and one avenue to achieve outcomes was to combine resources of labour and time between neighbouring clubs.

Communication being the key word. We must do more of it.



The Recycling of Spectacles is cruising along well. It is interesting to note to what lengths some clubs go to, to get collected spec's to their final destination. Dodges Ferry and Southern Beaches, a small club in the south east of the state collected seventy pairs of glasses and not being aware, where or what to do with them, passed them on to ZC Dawn Gatehouse who promptly passed them on to me at our last Cabinet meeting. Thank you members of Doges Ferry Southern Beaches they have been passed on to the Penguin Leo Club so that they can be packed for shipment on the final leg to Brisbane, Queensland. Now that is cooperation by all concerned. Penguin Leos will send an account at the end of the month. Of course that will never happen.

John C Medwin **District Chairman** 

#### **Australian Lionsonoz Club in Action**

We are in our 100<sup>th</sup> Year of Lionism. Events have been planned all over the world to celebrate this milestone. In Australia this is also a significant occasion as it is also 70 years since the first Lions Club in Australia was formed in Lismore NSW in 1947.

**Members of Australian Lionsonoz Centennial Project Committee** got together in February 2016 on site at Wooli NSW and confirmed arrangements for their own way to celebrate this momentous occasion.

A Bronze Plaque is to be attached to a new double BBQ as part of the Clarence Valley Councils` revamping of Lions Park in the small seaside town of Wooli NSW. The plaque will be unveiled during the sitting of the Cabinet Meeting of District N1 at Wooli. **The ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 10.30 am.** The organiser for this event is Lion Jeff Mott of Australian Lionsonoz. Email: <a href="mailto:jeff.mott@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au">jeff.mott@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au</a>

The Plaque tells the story of the formation of Australian Lionsonoz as a Branch Club of Wooli Lions Club and was chartered on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Australian Lionsonoz is an online Lions club (E-Club) and has a current membership of 44.

Members of Australian Lionsonoz Lions Club and the Australian Lionsonoz Centennial Project Committee along with N1 District Governor Lion John Davis 2017-2018 have extended an invitation to any Lions to help Celebrate this occasion.

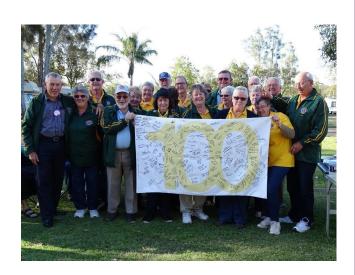
This will be a fun filled weekend with a "Christmas in July" theme for the District Governors Dinner on the Saturday Night and there is a whisper that Santa will be in the area that night.

For registrations and accommodation, contact Grafton Lions Club,

Email:- grafton@lionsdistrict201n1.org.au

PDG Lion Warren White.

**Pictured:** Members of the Australian Lionsonoz Club at the N1 Convention 2016 at Taree display the Centenary flag signed by hundreds of Lions of District 201N1.



### **District Newsletter 201T1**

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