

District Governor's Thoughts

Hi everyone,

Just sitting on a rock, watching James chasing seaweed up and down the beach with a light breeze, thinking what the next few months will hold for me?

Most of my visitations to come are over the border past Oatlands (been told make sure I shut the gate on my way home!). I am looking forward to meeting YOU all because it's very rewarding just listening to what your thoughts are for the reason that, they are important to you and could sow the seed for a whole new era in Lions.

“Challenge for Change “

Two of my trips in the next few days are overseas, Flinders Island, and a Council meeting in Sydney!

There are some changes in the air you may have picked up on, if you have read your Lions Magazine; our image is going to change - (Colour?). We are going to have a Corporate Sponsor - (more after I return from Sydney).

Congratulations are in order, To Lion Noel Viney (Ulverstone Lions Club) who was the only Lion recipient in Tasmania to be awarded OAM (see also page 2).

By the time you read this issue most clubs will have had there nominations complete and some may have had there elections. **Congratulations to those elected to take our Lions family into another year.**

May I make a request to you and anybody in your club that 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 -

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COMMUNICATION is a powerful word, for without it, we are lost.

James is getting tired and wants to go home for a sleep. Must go.

Leigh Jones
 District Governor

*PS. I forgot His bit.
 Don't always keep your dog on a leash if you want him to be attached to you.*



To date we have 36 Clubs in the District that have contributed a total of US\$ 50,000 to CSF II a significant increase of 15 clubs since my last report in October; we still have 14 Clubs that have contributed nothing. I will be making contact with them to encourage 100% District participation. A really great thing worth noting is that some Clubs are continuing to donate to the Campaign more than once. We have only five months to go in the fundraising campaign, and so far in Australia we have raised AU\$2,000,000, \$1,500,000 less than we raised in 1990-1993. Internationally we have raised US\$132,000,000 - **BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO** to achieve our goal of US\$200,000,000.

The Australian Lions Pin Traders Club has produced a set of three Pins, to raise funds for CSFII, the set of Pins will sell for \$10.00 per set, and stocks will be limited and they will be much sought after. Pins may be ordered through District LCIF Chairman, VDGE John Gillham. For further information and an order form please see page 5 of this issue.

CSF II District and Sector Coordinator
PCC Tony Roney

Changes to due dates for Monthly Membership Reporting by Clubs.....

Assistant Secretary Annette Ogilvie asks all clubs and club officers to please note the following important memo.

Beginning in April 2008, there will be change in the due dates for clubs to submit their monthly membership reports to LCI. As explained in the linked Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document, the changes will:

- (1) enable LCI to produce more timely monthly membership reports, and
- (2) provide more accuracy and consistency between data on club roster reports and LCI billing statements and financial recap reports.

Please go to the link below to read the Overview and FAQ's document for an explanation of the new reporting dates and information on where to direct any inquiries.

ftp://ftp.lionsclubs.org/extension&membership/common/MMRNewDueDatesFAQ.pdf

For further information or details pertaining to the above memo, website or changes, please contact Annette on 6267 9212.

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OUR DISTRICT COUNT

28 Nov 2007

Clubs: 50
Membership: 1200

Status: "Established district below 35/1,250 over two years."

28 Dec 2007

Clubs: 50
Membership: 1209

Status: "Established district below 35/1,250 over two years."



20th FEBRUARY 2008 - CSF II WORLDWIDE REPORT DAY

We are approaching an important milestone in Lions' history and this Worldwide Report may mark the day we surpass our minimum goal of US \$150 million!

Thanks to your efforts in cooperation with Lions throughout the world, CSFII has exceeded US\$132 million raised.

**This is equivalent to saving
the sight of more than
22 million people.**

I am pleased to announce that CSFII has raised a total of US\$129,852,750 toward our minimum goal of \$150 million.

**Your District has been
responsible for helping raise
US\$53,099.63.**

Much has been accomplished, but much work remains for us to reach our minimum goal of US\$150 million.

**As Knights of the Blind, we must take
this opportunity to raise funds that
will help prevent blindness and change
the world for the better.**

Yours in Lionism,



Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II

**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



Best wishes and Happy New Year to you and your Lions club!

The beginning of a new calendar year is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and look ahead to the opportunities we will have in the months ahead. By far, the greatest of these opportunities is *Campaign SightFirst II (CSF II)*.

What we have accomplished together thus far is remarkable. Over the last three years, Lions worldwide have raised more than US\$130 million toward our US\$150 million *CSF II* minimum goal, an amazing feat. These funds will provide sight to approximately 22 million people in danger of losing their sight to the scourges of preventable blindness. But before we celebrate our accomplishments to date, we must realize that the sight of millions more individuals hangs in the balance.

Now, we have just six months to exceed this minimum goal and strive toward our challenge goal of providing "Vision for All." **Only through the continued efforts of Lions worldwide will we save 37 million people's sight.**

Throughout this year, we have addressed the "Challenge to Change" in a variety of ways. How will your club's actions through *CSFII* in the next six months change the lives of individuals who otherwise face a life of blindness? **This January, I challenge you and your club to be a part of *CSF II*'s success.**

**Since the SightFirst program
can save one's sight for an
average of US\$6, every
Lions club has the power
to change lives.**

Sincerely,

Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

The International Assoc. of Lions Clubs

International Snippets

Medical Assistance

Lions within the UK funded the first fully equipped ambulance for newborns in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Care for Patients

Madero Miramir Lions in Mexico initiated a project to screen 189 patients and provide necessary medications. Lions also applied fluoride treatments to 90 children and gave them toothbrushes to encourage proper oral care.



From DG Leigh

"I am very pleased to be able to advise you, that **Lion Noel Viney of the Ulverstone Lions Club,** has been awarded an OAM for outstanding community work in the Australia Day honours.

Congratulations and best wishes from all in T1."

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine... and those who don't.

Ben Franklin said: "In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria."

In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 liter of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli, (E. coli) - bacteria found in faeces. In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop!

However, we do *NOT* run that risk when drinking wine & beer (or tequila, rum, whiskey or any other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Remember: Water = Poop, Wine = Health.

Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of sh*t.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information: I'm doing it as a public service!!

ADVERTISING 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.



Cabinet Secretary Report

I hope you all had an enjoyable Festive Season and recharged your batteries for the year. I wonder what the year is going to hold for us all. Now while we are refreshed I believe the time is right to live up to our motto "We Serve - We Make Things Happen." Lets go!

Firstly, I would like to advise you that the 100% Club President Excellence award form is now available for download from the District's website. Please ensure you complete it if your President meets the guidelines at the end of his term.

Secondly, by now you will have received from me a list of Members and addresses for perusal and in need may require alterations. If this is the case please do so as outlined in the correspondence on this month's MMR. The reason for this request is fully outlined in the letter from MD office. I look forward to your co-operation in this matter,

Thirdly, we have received an open Invitation to Lions Clubs of Tasmania to take part in the Sir Donal Von Bibra Golf Day to be held at Barnbougle Dunes, Bridport, on the 9th May, 2008.

Proceeds are to assist Asthma Foundation. If your club would like to make up a team of four Members the cost of such a team entering would be \$1200.

If you are interested please phone Kate Smith 0421399545 or Email: kate@katesmithevents.com who will be happy to answer any queries or entry details.

Until next month

Regards, Peter Burke - Cabinet Secretary



Message from NSW Ambulance Service

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than if we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. **Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.**

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE".

Please pass this information on.

It won't take too many "passes on" before everybody will know about this.

It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.



For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

I just read that last year 4,153,237 people got married. I don't want to start any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?!

PUDDINGS! PUDDINGS! PUDDINGS!

RIVERSIDE 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 OUTLETS

IF ANY CLUB MEMBERS/CLUBS ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING, PLEASE CONTACT LION ALF COX - MERCHANDISING 201T1 ON 6391 9379.

New Lions

WELCOME

NAME:

Sponsor:

Club:

David Dawes	Alan Holland	Kingborough
Peter Brokate	Alan Holland	Kingborough
Craig Farrell	Richard Parker	New Norfolk
Tim Kibblewhite	Viv Cardwell	New Norfolk
Erika Cloe	Maurice Jones	Penguin
Connie Whiley	Susan Rhodes	West Tamar



Sesquicentennial Splendour!

The small east coast community of St Marys celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2007. In recognition of this significant achievement, the St Marys Lions Club organized a **Reunion Weekend** held in the town on 1 and 2 December 2007.

Planning for the event began back in June 2007 with the theme of "reunite, reminisce and reflect" and many long hours were spent writing letters, organizing activities, sending out invitations etc. etc. David Llewellyn MHA for Lyons (a St Marys "old boy") kindly accepted an invitation to be patron of the event and officiated over the opening of the St Marys Sesquicentenary Heritage Walk made up of paving bricks bearing the names of many families that have lived or are still living in St Marys. *The walk and the granite monument bearing the opening plaque are now permanent monuments to a significant achievement and attracts great interest from locals and visitors.*

The major focus of activities was the St Marys Community hall which was adorned with hundreds of photos that documented the history of St Marys through the themes of weddings and sport. A fashion parade, by the beautiful young girls of St Marys showcased wedding dresses worn by St Marys brides through the years.

Every shop in the main street was also adorned with photos and press clippings and the street was alive with thousands of visitors. An old fashioned supper dance was held in the Community hall in the evening and the historic St Marys Hotel was jumping all weekend. The St Marys District High School also opened on the Saturday and was awash with visitors reminiscing over their old school days. The St Marys Catholic Church was also popular with visitors inspecting the historical photographs on display and partaking of old fashioned Devonshire teas.

The weekend wound up with a huge community breakfast held at the recreation ground on the Sunday which was catered for by the St Marys Pacing Club. *A well attended ecumenical church service was held at the Catholic Church before the many visitors to the town drifted home full of memories.*

The success of the weekend was recognized by the Break O'Day Council when the St Marys Lions Club was presented with the "Community Event of the Year" award at the Australia Day ceremony hosted by the Break O'Day Council on Australia Day.

President Len Miles proudly accepted the award and thanked the many volunteers who helped with the organization and execution of a such a major event.

The award also carried a cash prize of \$250 which the club hopes to put towards a sign showcasing the Heritage Walk.



There are only 14 members of St Marys Lions Club but their efforts and dedication saw the whole community come together as one to celebrate the history of the town. As the old saying goes "...big things from little things grow..."

Harry Veldums
Club Treasurer

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

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STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

**THE LIONS CLUB OF CLARENCE
HAVE JUST RECEIVED A GRANT
FROM THE ALF FOR \$5000 TO
PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE
REHABILITATION CLINIC AT THE
ROYAL HOBART HOSPITAL..**

ALF GRANT APPLICATIONS

All Clubs (Lions, Lioness and Leos) are encouraged to apply for financial assistance for their proposed community welfare projects. A grant from the Australian Lions Foundation could help to "make things happen" or perhaps even make things happen on a larger scale!

EMERGENCY / DISASTER GRANTS

During the last 12 months the Foundation has made 7 grants totalling \$150,000. A total of \$125,000 in 3 grants was to assist people affected by the severe storms and flooding in the NSW Central Coast/Newcastle/Hunter regions, the Gippsland region of Victoria, and in Emerald and surrounds in Queensland

In addition, 2 grants totalling \$15,000 went towards assisting people affected by bushfires in Victoria and Western Australia, and 2 grants totalling \$10,000 assisted the victims of house fires.

The Foundation's contributions were quickly put to use to help those affected rebuild their lives. Lions in these areas have played a significant role in assisting their local residents and we commend them for their efforts

THE FOUNDATION'S AGM

Our 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held during the MD201 Convention in Darwin. Forms have been sent to all Lions Clubs to nominate a Club representative to vote at this meeting, however all Convention attendees are welcome to attend the meeting.

The AGM will take place during the lunch break on Friday 16th May, in the Convention Centre, commencing at 12.15pm.

Think about it.....

Somebody recently figured out that we have 35 million laws to enforce the ten commandments.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Finalists of the NAB tour have visited our State and now have returned to their families, after a long month touring, beginning this year in Sydney on the 29th 9th December 2007, and Tasmania being the last leg of the tour, arriving here on 2 January and departing from Hobart on the 1st February.

This year we were fortunate to have National Leo winner Hannah Bellwood, from Townsville join the tour with our YOTY, all the 7 finalists had a wonderful time with us visiting limited tourist attractions, as the tour to our State this year was not as long as previous years.

Thanks to the host club Windmill Hill for their contribution towards the tour and members *Bryon Dilworth, Andrew Connor, and Brian McLaughlan* for hosting the finalists. While in Launceston an evening was held at the Kings Meadows Lions Club rooms where District Governor Leigh and Wendy and Don Brady made the journey from Penguin to join with around 30 members from clubs in the North to meet these finalists. National winner Joshua Anderson from Victoria and our State winner were interviewed by the ABC which went to air, the Examiner also published a photo and article while visiting the Cataract Gorge.

To Annette Ogilvie, Stephanie McKenzie-Baird, and especially Robert Hazell for taking the finalists for a cruise on his boat the Waratah around the Derwent, and hosting them for an overnight stay in Hobart. ZC Jan Crump thanks for assisting Annette with transport and to VDG Robin Randall for making time to meet these outstanding youths while in Hobart, without all of your support this tour would not have been possible.

Now for an update on the forth coming YOTY this Lions year. I have received 20 Registration forms so far, and looks as though it will be another good year with clubs participating in this great youth project. If other clubs are interested but are a little wary of holding a club final, attend a club that is



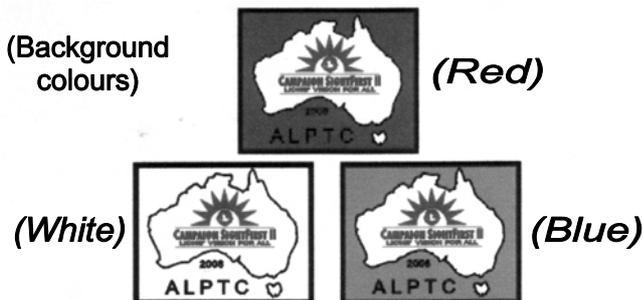
Joshua Underwood 17, Gold Coast
 Chelsea Burgis 18, Sydney
 National Winner Josh Anderson 18, Victoria
 Lucy Radowicz 17, Balaklava SA
 Grace Southwell 17, Launceston
 Emily O'Keeffe 17, Perth

Lions Youth of the Year State Winners

participating and see how it is run, there is help out there, with the North West organizer on the coast Lion Wendy Brady, Southern organizer Annette Ogilvie or myself in the North we are all there to advise and assist you, so think about it for next year and have a go, you will certainly receive pleasure out of being involved with our youths.

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



ORDER FORM

Please send your order to -

ALPTC Treasurer
 PO Box 183
 HUONVILLE 7109

Please supply sets @ \$10/set . \$
 Post & packaging . \$. . 2.00 / order.
 Total \$ enclosed

Name
 Address
 PCode



Clubs holding the Regional finals:

South: Kingborough Lions Club: 29th March 2008, at the Seniors Hall, Redwood Road, Kingston.

Far North West Coast: City of Burnie: 30th March at the Burnie Uniting Church Hall Mount Street, Burnie.

North West Coast: Kentish Lions Club: on either the 16th or 30th March (subject to availability of venue).

North: Kings Meadows Lions Club: 16th March at the Kings Meadows Lions Clubrooms.

Hadspen South Esk: 30th March at Rutherglen Resort, Hadspen.

STATE FINAL: CITY OF LAUNCESTON: 13th April 2008, Launceston Function Centre.

I also ask that Club Chairman or members please support your winner in the Regional final, same applies to the State final.

Jenny Tripptree - DC YOTY

Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

The Australian Lions Foundation has new lapel badges for recipients of William R Tresise Fellow and James D Richardson Honour Awards.

These new badges complement the William R Tresise plaque and the James D Richardson Honour Award Certificate. The badge is now forwarded with all new Plaques and Certificates.

Existing recipients of these awards can, if they wish, purchase the new badge to replace the original tabs. The costs are:

- William R Tresise badge \$5.00
- James D Richardson badge \$4.00
- Plus postage and packing \$1.50

They can be obtained by sending a cheque or postal note, together with your:

- Name & Address; Lions Club; District & Certificate/Plaque #.

Post to:

Secretary/Treasurer
Australian Lions Foundation
46 Ultimo Street
EAST MAITLAND NSW 2323



Thank You

The Riverside Lions Club would like to thank all those Lions and Clubs who supported our request for used stamps, and we look forward to your continued support.

This year to December 2007, we sent off 10kgs of stamps, which equates to some 50,000 stamps (approx 5000 per kg). **In conjunction with our distributor, a sum of \$4000 plus was raised and went to the Mobility Foundation to assist them in their cause.**

This is a simple project and I'm sure with your assistance we can push this collection close to 100,000 stamps for this year. **There are ample opportunities out there among friends and businesses to collect used stamps.** There is little work as you wonderful Lions currently collecting them would know. All we ask is for you collect them and forward them to me and we will do the rest.

We look forward to your continued support and wish you all the best for the coming year.

Regards

Peter Burke - Secretary - Riverside Lions Club.



Keep your fluids up.....



All sections of the media have been urging people to conserve water, in view of some of the driest weather in living memory, **but do not to take this advice personally.**

Many people do not take in enough fluids during the summer, which can result in body dehydration. This condition can be exacerbated when undertaking exercise, and in extreme cases, dehydration can cause brain damage, or even death.



So, when working on that personal or Lions project or playing sport during this summer, we generally urge everyone to drink water

regularly, but especially when undertaking physical activity.



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

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!

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES (Australian Version)

- TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding amongst the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO FUND and otherwise serve the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- TO ASSIST financially, culturally, socially and morally the disabled, disadvantaged and infirm of the community both directly and indirectly.
- TO UNITE the clubs in the bond of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- TO ENCOURAGE service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

WE SERVE

District Newsletter 2011 - Deadline for next issue is: March 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).