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DG Vere's January Report

Best Wishes to all Lions for 2019 from District Governor Vere and Lions Partner Cheryl. I hope that it is a happy and successful year for you all.



Saturday 2nd March - Lions Awareness Day - 10 packs of promotional pack available

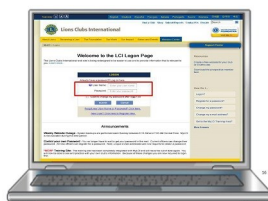
Now is the time for clubs to plan their activities for Lions Awareness Day on Saturday 2nd March (and/ or Sunday 3rd March). It is hoped that most clubs will include an awareness activity in conjunction with other activities or as a solo activity on this weekend. I have received ten packs of promotional material and will distribute the brochures at the cabinet meeting on 10th February, to representatives of interested clubs.

It is expected that the Awareness Day will put us in touch with a group of people who would like to know more about Lions. Clubs can then plan to hold an information night and invite these persons who have shown an interest, to come along and see if Lions is something that they might like to be involved in.

Membership

The good news with district membership is that the 69 member drops for the half year is typical of past years. The bad news is that we have only signed up 45 replacement members, being 39 inducted members, two reinstated members and four transfer members.

This means that district membership has dropped from **1161 members in June, to 1137 members in December**, with a net **loss of 24 members for the half year**. Some of these losses were due to club secretaries not updating their online records in June, and as a result some **clubs failed to drop up to five members**. Needless to say some club treasurers were not very pleased to find their club administration budget blown out in July. I suspect that some club secretaries may be having problems logging onto MyLCI.



If you would like assistance with any aspect of your club's operation, just ask, and a cabinet officer will be tasked with providing that assistance. If one is not using a software program fairly often, it is only to be expected that some assistance will be needed from time to time. If your club membership is declining and the club can't recruit new members, please ask for assistance.

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CHRISTMAS CAKE PAYMENTS

This is an urgent reminder that payment for your Club's purchases of the Christmas cakes and puddings must be paid by 31st January, 2019.

Payment can be made by Post to: Lions Club Orders, George Weston Foods, Reply Paid 555, Enfield, NSW 2136.

Payment can also be paid with a Club cheque and your Payway card at any Post Office.

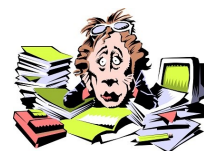
Tasmania had a very good year with the sales of our cakes and puddings and I thank you for all your hard work.

Sue Johns
District Chairman – Merchandising
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Apologies if you didn't receive the December edition until January. Small glitch in the system.



DG Vere continued....

Youth of the Year - State Tour and Club Competitions

Lions partner Cheryl and I joined the Kentish Lions Club on Monday 7th January for a BBQ meal with three of the state Youth of the Year (YOTY) winners, including National YOTY Winner Tom Rockcliff of Sheffield. Northern YOTY representative Lion Jenny and partner Lion Geoff Triptree, also attended. Three of the state winners were not able to attend.



Left to right: Jenny Triptree, Tom Rockcliff (National Winner) Tas, Claire Noack (State Winner) South Australia, Lucy Witherdin (Public Speaking Winner) NSW and District Governor Vere Cooper.

(LC Kentish report on YOTY Page 3 Ed.)

Some clubs have had trouble in the past getting participants for club Youth of the Year competition. My experience is that the ideal situation is to have a teacher in each of your local schools and collages who will approach students, on behalf of your club, and recommend that they apply to participate in your clubs competition and in the process prepare a five minute speech. Please refer to the December Newsletter for details of when club contests need to be completed and the name of your regional representative.

Club Visits are continuing. We visited the Bothwell Lions in December, and will be fairly busy in February, March and early April with club visits to all areas of the state, including the Bass Strait Islands.



Lions Training will be held at Kings Meadows - Guiding Lion on Saturday 16th February and Zone Chair on Saturday 23rd March. There will also be some supplementary training in the South.

Geelong Multiple District Convention - Saturday 4th to Monday 6th May

Now is the time to lodge your registration form and book your accommodation.

DG Vere Cooper ADVANCE CHANGE



Lions Club of Sorell invites you to...

Combined Southern Region
Lions Club's

FEBRUARY DINNER
Wednesday 6th February 2019
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Sorell Memorial Hall
Cole Street Sorell
(enter through RSL)

Cost: \$30.00/pp
[buy own drinks]

Guest Speakers:
Caroline Wilson from
Diabetes Tasmania and
John Klug a Disability Provider...
Funds raised for their Projects.

RSVP: Geoff Clow on 0408 281 176
by Friday 1st February

New Voices
WEBINAR

Ideas for
**Celebrating
International Women's
Day!**

Thursday, January 24, 2019
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CST

Don't miss the first Lions New Voices webinar of 2019
Register now at

[https://
attendee.gotowebinar.com/
register](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register)

#newvoicesmembership



Lions New Voices

DG Vere's Club Visits



January 2019

Fri 18th to Sun 20th Council of Governors

Sat 26th - Penguin

February 2019

Sat 2nd Launceston Leo Charter

Sun 3rd - TLF Meeting

Mon 4th - Bridport

Wed. 6th - Port Cygnet

Sun 10th - Cabinet plus GAT meeting (Leadership, Membership & Service)

Tue 12th - Zeehan & Queenstown

Wed 13th - Rosebery

Sat 16th - Guiding Lion

Fri 21st - Tue 26th Flinders Island

UP COMING EVENTS

6th Feb Southern Region
Lions Dinner, Sorell

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Dates: 22nd - 24th February 2019
Location: Adelaide, Australia

2nd March Lions Awareness
Day

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

Dates: 12th - 14th April 2019
Location: Sydney, Australia
Application deadline: 28th January 2019

May 4-6 2019
Geelong MD Convention
May 7 2019
Community New Voices Forum

YOTY Tours Tassie

The Lions Club of Kentish is thrilled to host two of the state representatives from the 2018 Youth of the Year National competition.

Claire Noack (Host Club C2 South Australia) and **Lucy Witherden** (Host Club N3 New South Wales) arrived on Sunday and, together with our very own YOTY National winner **Tom Rockliff**, will be taking part in a week long tour of our great state.

Last Monday the Lions Club of Kentish organised a small luncheon of YOTY supporters at President Jan Crosswell's farm and an evening barbecue with Lion club members at the local Sheffield Hotel to welcome these outstanding young people to the Kentish region.

YOTY stalwarts **Jenny and Geoff Triptree** and longterm Kentish YOTY organisers and hosts **Denny and Jill Rockliff** attended the functions along with District Governor **Vere Cooper** and his wife **Cheryl**.

At these functions, the trio all spoke about the journey to the National championship. They expressed how this journey has significantly influenced their knowledge of public speaking and community involvement as they have met and spoken with many Lions along the way. Overall, they said that their confidence in themselves and their future choices has grown considerably and they thanked the Lions community for the competition that allows such growth.

The trio will visit Cradle Mountain, Strahan, Hobart and Campbell Town before returning home.

We wish Claire, Lucy and Tom all the very best with their futures and hope that they will see this beginning contact with the Lions community as just the start of a lifelong relationship serving the communities around them.

Lions Club of Kentish
Robyn Kelly Club Secretary



Above: LC Kingborough badges are presented to Claire, Lucy and Tom before they embark on their South East Tas tour, including a visit to Port Arthur.

Photos from James Seville
State YOTY Coordinator

Slow news month fillers!

Is your magazine address correct?

Did you know that the address that appears on the envelope of your 'Lion' magazine comes from the MyLCI database, which records the names and addresses of over 1.46 million Lions? If your address label is not correct it is important to request your club secretary to update your details. Sometimes the problem is that the mailing address has not been entered and the local post office may or may not be able to redirect the magazine. Please correct the address label on the envelope and hand it to the secretary, so that they have a written reference to refer to, when the online details are updated.

DG Vere



January has been a very quiet news month for Lions with only a couple of articles sent for publication. This sends me (Ed.) into hours of trawling **Facebook** to find something as a "filler". There's a page called **LIONS CLUBS HELP AND SUPPORT GROUP** where many interesting questions are posed for discussion, including...

Q: Is there anything you wish more people knew about our association and your club?

A: [Mindy N Jordan VanColen](#) That we exist, we aren't a religious group, we aren't the Illuminati, our goal is to help others and volunteer where needed, and we aren't just a group for older folks.

Q: According to your experience, how does your club define "success"?

A: [Deidre Bridge](#) Happy membership achieving the goals they set

Q: What do you fine your club members for?

A: [Daniel J Ritter](#) Having picture in newspaper or on TV. We call it a publicity "tax".

Have a look at this Facebook page—it has some very interesting ideas. **Ed.**



Welcome to our Lions Family...

GEORGE TOWN LIONS CLUB
SUE MEBBREY
Sponsor: LISA SCHREUDER

ALLAN WILES
Sponsor: DOREEN COOK

HOBART TOWN LIONS CLUB
GHAZANFAR RAFIQ
Sponsor: CAROL HAU

KING ISLAND LIONS CLUB
KATEY GRIFFITHS
Sponsor: SARINA LAIDLER

NEW NORFOLK LIONS CLUB
DENISE J SMITH
Sponsor: MARGARET BESTER

PENGUIN LIONS CLUB
ROSEMARY BEDELPH
Sponsor: ANTHONY BEDELPH

ST HELEN'S LIONS CLUB
REG PIMM
Sponsor: PETER CECIL

TASMAN LIONS CLUB
DALE WILLIAM BATCHELOR
Sponsor: ALDER STOKES

WYNYARD LIONS CLUB
PAUL MARTIN RILEY
Sponsor: NEVILLE WOOLLEY

Another famous face in Lions International is **HRH Sophie, the Countess of Wessex**. Her Royal Highness was appointed Patron of Lions Multiple District 105—the British Isles.



ORDINARY PEOPLE AMAZING THINGS



Did you know **Ex US President PDG Lion Jimmy Carter**, Tennessee, has been a Lion for a staggering 65 Years.

Perhaps when we say we are too busy to do something for our Club, we should think of Jimmy.

How did he manage Lion duties whilst he was President??



VALE

Peter Hayes, LC Rocky Cape, whose Wake will be on Monday 14th January 6pm at the Rocky Cape Tavern.

Neil Cooper from the Lions Club of Tasman

Rest in Peace

Our District Count

31st December 2018

Clubs: 49

Membership: 1137

Same Time Last Year 1189

YTD ADD 48

YTD DROP 72

YTD GROWTH -24 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**

Congratulations Kingborough

The Lions Club of Kingborough was presented with the *Community Group of the Year* award at the 2019 Kingborough Awards for their ongoing contribution to a wide range of community programs and activities throughout Kingborough.

In his speech, the Mayor of Kingborough said...

“The ethos of the Lions is to meet the needs of local communities and the world every day because they share a core belief – *to serve their community*. The Lions Club of Kingborough certainly embody this ethos and consistently exceed it. The Club organise and support an incredible number of events, charities and groups through their fundraising activities and on ground support. They also create fantastic community initiatives such as the Kingborough Art Prize and partner with other groups to develop events such as *Love Living Locally*.

The Club are instrumental in the success of *Love Living Locally* from their leadership and planning to coordinating stalls, volunteers, and tireless efforts on the day itself. Members are often a welcome sight at other events, serving much needed food to workers, planters and guests, and always with a smile.

The local Lions Club are also heavily involved in the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation and Children’s Mobility Foundation. They were instrumental in drawing the southern Lions Clubs together to refurbish the space and establish the Palliative Care Ward as part of the Repat Hospital (now called the Wittle Ward), and established the Low Vision Clinic at St John’s hospital now located at the Royal Hobart hospital.

There are so many who have benefited from the outstanding contribution from the Lions Club of Kingborough, and Council certainly appreciates the enormous support they have provided us over the years.”



Above: LC Kingborough President David Mills accepted the award on behalf of some very proud Club members

Found on Facebook



[Lions Club of Wynyard](#) is with [Neville Woolley](#)

Two Wynyard Lions members Tony Allen and Neville Woolley went to Yaraandoo Age Care and the Wynyard Care center and presented a couple of decorated Lions cakes for Christmas. The cakes were decorated by Lions Lady Heather Johns. The gentleman seated is Cal Walker, a founding member of the Wynyard Lions Club.

[LC Brighton](#) were very busy in December, hosting a huge Christmas event involving Carols, a Market, a BBQ and *Selfies with Santa*. Check out their facebook page which they update regularly with photos and event notifications.

Pictured below with Santa is Lion Katie Dermody



Keep updating your Social Media pages and websites. It’s a great place to share and record your Club activities.

Lions Awareness

If at first you don't succeed....

Our founder, Melvin Jones, failed twice in his efforts to organize the association we know today.

One of these attempts was an organization called the "Loyal Order of Lions", which lasted only for a short period of time. During that period, a lapel pin was designed and issued for the members.

One of these members was a gentleman who later became the Charter Secretary of a Lions Club in Oregon.

After the Lion passed away, a bag of these highly prized Loyal Order of Lions pins was discovered among his belongings. The bag contained 75 of the pins, which were still affixed to the original cardboard backing.



Lion Brandon Johnson, District Governor

Lions Awareness Day—March 2nd



What is your club doing on Lions Awareness Day?
What do you have planned?
Start making plans now!
It can be as simple as adding an information booth at you project on that day. Maybe you could get out all your PR material and set up in a prominent place in your town?
How about setting up a sausage sizzle and giving away a free snag, and a brochure explaining all about Lions Clubs in Australia?
It doesn't matter what you do, just do something.
Remember that free resources will be available from the Multiple District to clubs who want to hold an event on the day.
Contact your District PR Chairperson or Membership Team for more information.



LC Glenorchy present themselves well with colourful Lions branding on their marquees and trailer.

Above Right: In new Fluoro vests, Lions John Winter and Jim Benn take a break from King Island Race Gate Duty. Photo Lion June Kempster

Support Your Upcoming Leaders



Progress Report for 2018—2019

As of 31 Dec, 13 clubs have made donations to LCIF totaling US\$5475. We still have a long way to go to reach the revised target for the year. Revised down to US\$15 870.

In addition to Clubs making donations to LCIF, Lions are encouraged to make donations personally. To assist Lion members in this regard, a tax deductibility has been put in place and a special account for receiving donations is now in place. To obtain a tax deduction receipt, the following procedure should be undertaken -

- Complete the standard MJF application form
 - a) Section 1: Area of Giving
 - b) Section 2: Contribution Details—Name of donor, member number, Club, District, Amount donated in Aus\$
- Send with cheque to District coordinator (PO Box 183 HUONVILLE 7109) for processing and issuing of a tax receipt and forwarding payment to the Cabinet Treasurer.

Where a tax receipt is not required, individual member's donations can be sent with the same form in the usual manner indicating the donor as the member or the Club of the member.

Donations by clubs are recorded as previously.

Let us all strive to achieve our goals to achieve the objectives of LCIF

John Gillham

LCIF Co-ordinator

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

Dates: 12th – 14th April 2019

Location: Sydney, Australia

Application deadline: 28th January 2019

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills required to become leaders at the club levels, including the position of club president. Candidates must be Lions that have served on a club committee and have yet to attain the position of Club President. Current Charter Presidents are eligible.

The skills gained by attending either of these Institutes would certainly be of advantage to your club and contribute to the personal growth of the applicant who no doubt will continue to use those skills to benefit all members.



Completed applications should be returned to the **GLT Co-ordinator** at glt@lionstasmania.org

James Saville GLT Co-ordinator 2011

Anne Fagg New Voices Leadership 2011



Christmas gifts and school bags to students in Columbia, from the New Voices Facebook page.

District Newsletter 2011



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on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication.

Deadline for next issue is February 10th



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