

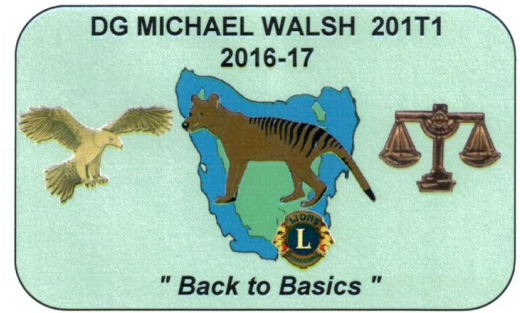
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DG Michael's Musings...

Most Club visits have been completed and thanks to 1VDG Hester and 2VDG Vere for helping out as well. It has been suggested by LCI that the DG visits be rotated between the DG and the two VDGs so that each will visit all clubs at least once. In practice this is not easy to achieve.

I have found that all club visits are special in many and different ways and I thank all clubs for their hospitality and fellowship. My recent visit to the Flinders Island Club shows what a Lions Club can achieve. With a population of about 650 the club has a membership of 27 and an extensive community based service program. A great effort. Having said that though the same comment applies to many of our clubs in small communities.



During February we visited St Helens, St Marys, Rosebery, Zeehan, Tasman and Spring Bay as well as Flinders Island and all of these clubs are doing great work in their communities.

During club visits I have been asked about the likely impact of our District being placed in transition.

All Districts in Multiple District 201 need to comply with the Constitution of MD 201 and the Constitution of LCI. The Constitutions state that all Districts must have at least 35 clubs and 1250 members.

I have been asked what is the reason for LCI requiring a minimum of 35 clubs and 1250 members. I am told that advice received by LCI is that these are the lowest numbers for a District to be able to be a viable economic unit.

We have 50 clubs but our membership has been less than 1250 for some time and as at the end of February the District membership stood at 1214.

When a District is in this position the MD Council of Governors can place the District into transition which means that the District has 2 years to show that it can maintain membership of over 1250. At the August meeting of the Council of Governors six Districts were placed in transition.

The process from now on is interesting and next month I will explain more.

From discussion with other DGs it has emerged that the process that our District has adopted to manage the Global Leadership Team and the Global Membership Team as well as management issues generally is probably the best in the MD. Because of this other Districts have asked me to send them details of our GMT and GLT process and this has been done. Congratulations are due to those Lions who established our districts processes.

DG Michael



REMINDER



March 18 Zone Chair Leadership Day

March—May Ongoing Membership

Campaign – [actively promote Lions](#)

APRIL—Election of Your New Board

April 9 State Final Youth Of the Year

May 5-8 MD Convention Hobart

Club Leadership Development Days:

May 20 North

May 28 South

May 27 North West - Wynyard

May 28 Latrobe

June 18 TLF next meeting

June 30—July 4

Lions International Convention

Chicago USA

Nov 11– 12

District Convention St Helens



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LIONS CLUB OF MERSEY DEVONPORT INC. 201 T1

LIONS DISTRICT 201T1 - ALLERGY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Two generations ago, **EPIPENS®** were unheard of and taking peanut butter to school in lunch boxes did not provoke debate between parents. Back then allergies were uncommon, especially food allergies.

Now, around **1 in 50** children in **Australia** has a peanut allergy. In **2013** a team of researchers found **1 in 10 children aged 12 months**, living in Melbourne alone, had a food allergy, which was the **highest incident of food allergy ever reported in the world**.

In **2014**, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed that almost **4 million people in Australia** reported avoiding a food type because of allergy or intolerance. Of those, about **560,000** were children aged between **2 and 18 years**. With numbers on the rise every year in Australia, **this is becoming an epidemic**.

To have an anaphylaxis reaction caused by an allergic reaction to a food or other cause **can be fatal**.

Deaths from anaphylaxis are relatively **rare** in Australia. Researchers have examined anaphylaxis fatalities and hospital admission rates between **1997 and 2013** to determine whether the rate of death from anaphylaxis in Australia has increased in line with anaphylaxis admission rates. Data derived from the **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare** and the **Australian Bureau of Statistics** showed there were **323 cases of fatal anaphylaxis** reported between **1997 and 2013**. Food was the second highest known cause attributed to the anaphylaxis, accounting for **23** of the cases. **Medication** was the highest, being attributed to **52 cases**. The cause of the **fatal anaphylactic** reaction was not specified in **220 cases**, with the remaining attributed causes being classified as insect stings, tick bites or serum. Hospital admission rates for food related anaphylaxis **increased 10% per year**, and similarly, **food related fatal anaphylaxis increased 9.7% per year** across the period studied.

Total hospital admission rates for all causes of anaphylaxis increased by **8% each year**, compared to a **6.2% increase** in the rate of **fatal anaphylaxis** across the same period.

While this preliminary evidence (presented to the 2016 AAAAI Annual Meeting) indicates a rise in Australian fatal anaphylaxis rates comparable with the increase seen in hospital admission rates, the author states that the data contrasts with recent UK and USA based studies that report lower overall fatal anaphylaxis rates. These international studies are said to show rising hospital anaphylaxis admission rates without a rise in fatalities.



"BE A PAL WITH ALLY THE OWL AND BECOME ALLERGY AWARE"

The Lions Club of Mersey Devonport has run an **Allergy Awareness Project** for the last two years at Devonport. We have had two local primary schools hold a **Allergy Awareness Day**, resulting in about **\$2000.00** being raised and sent to **Allergy Research programmes**. The Allergy Awareness Day has been run by the School Council students, involving staff members and all students at the school. The Allergy Awareness Day gives the students the opportunity to donate a \$2 coin for a **Allergy Awareness Wrist Band**, the students are also encouraged to wear a blue top for the day.

Staff members are requested to inform their students with information about food allergies and the requirements for the safety of students with allergies.

We are aware the Education Department has allergy protocols with guidelines from the Asthma Foundation guidelines. The **Lions Allergy Awareness Programme** is not changing any of these protocols, but running in conjunction with these protocols.

We have found this to be a day of fun and awareness by all students and staff.

All Lions Clubs in District 201 T1 have been sent information relating to this programme.

If your Club is not aware, please contact the Lions Club of Mersey Devonport and the information package will be forwarded.

We need your assistance to promote allergy awareness and to raise much needed money to be directed into Allergy Research.

Here is a link to our allergy awareness web page ; http://devonportmersey.tas.lions.org.au/allergy_awareness

Lion Peter C Noble

1st Vice President

Lions Club of Mersey Devonport.





LCIF LIONS MEASLES INITIATIVE

Members will remember that several years ago LCIF initiated a partnership with 3 international institutions, the Bill & Melinda GATES Foundation, the GAVI Alliance and UKaid. The purpose being to stop measles by worldwide vaccination of children.

With LCIF support, Lions are working in 15 of the poorest countries where measles and rubella pose the greatest health threat through supporting vaccination campaigns and routine vaccination.

The target was to raise **US\$30 million** by our Centenary in 2017. For every Lions dollar raised a further dollar is being contributed by the Gates Foundation and the UK Department of International Development. **There is now only \$7.4 million to go.**

The measles vaccine cost just \$1, so every dollar donated saves 2 lives.

Clubs are urged to commit their LCIF contributions this year to the Measles Initiative. by sending donations to the Cabinet Treasurer, marked '**LCIF Lions Measles Initiative**' and help to reach the \$30 million target.

John Gillham, PDG
District LCIF
Coordinator/Chairman



Welcome to the Lions Family

February 2017



- Burnie City** Mark Anderson *Sponsor: Sharon Wood*
- Clarence** Terrence Curtain *Sponsor: Cheryl Brown*
Elizabeth Kennelly *Sponsor: David McDavitt*
- Kentish** Fereleth Lee *Sponsor: Bronwen Lee*
- Kind Island** Olivia Payne *Sponsor: Linda Payne*
Roslyn Pearce *Sponsor: Pamela Rolley*
Charles Pearce *Sponsor: Pamela Rolley*
- St. Helens** Jennifer Gray *Sponsor: Anthony Bradley*
- Ulverstone** Robert Sciberras *Sponsor: Michael Smith*

Our District Count

31st January 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1222

28th February 2017

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1214

YTD ADD 99

YTD DROP 96

YTD GROWTH 0.25%

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**

STAMPS

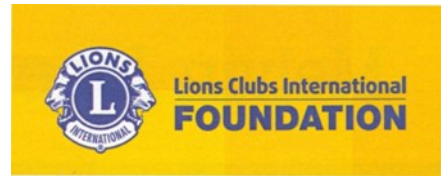
Many thanks for all who supported the project over the past 12 months and look forward to your continued support. I invite all Lions to participate in this simple project.

The gift of Mobility although it may be taken for granted by ourselves ,means more to these people enabling a better way of life in so many ways, via the Mobility Foundation where the proceeds of the stamps go. Work involved is minimal all that is required for Lions to promote all friends and relatives and businesses to keep their stamps and forward them to me for processing. I know your efforts will be appreciated by those less fortunate than ourselves. Come on Lions WE CAN DO IT.



Until next month **Peter Burke Convenor**
11 Camina Court Riverside Tas 7250





Month	#
July	1
August	1
September	1
October	5
November	8
December	10
January	12
February	14

“Lions Clubs and LCIF

Making a Difference to People’s Lives”

March 2015, 2 years ago, Cyclone Pam the largest storm in a generation flattened a wide path of devastation across the Vanuatu Islands. Then on ANZAC Day 25th April 2015 Nepal experienced the first of two massive earthquakes that caused so much destruction and tens of thousands of people in need of help.

Local Lions immediately provided help distributing food and drinking water to their communities and villages on neighbouring islands and high in the mountains.

Australian, Indonesian and New Zealander Lions Clubs gave generously to LCIF to help these Lions and Leos distribute food, drinking water and essential goods.

News cameras and broadcasters have moved on, but Lions are continuing to rebuild communities. New schools in Vanuatu are underway, construction made possible with LCIF Grants. In Nepal, the reconstruction of 9 schools has started. Bids for the construction contracts have been published. Successful tenders will be chosen and begin work. The work will take a couple of years, but Lions remain, part of their community’s fabric, **supported by your Lions Club and the Lions Family around the world via LCIF Grants.**

This year, our 100th Birthday, celebrate by making a donation to “LCIF Area of Greatest Need” to help provide future Grants to your neighbouring Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs across Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands and around the world take on large humanitarian projects in their communities.

100% of every dollar donated goes back to Lions Clubs in way of LCIF Grants.

Send your donation to your District Cabinet Treasurer, or individually donate via www.lcif.org

Thank you for your support.

Yours In Lionism

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We are making progress so by the end of this, our Centenary, Lions year it is hoped that every Club in 201T1 will have made a contribution to LCIF.

**PDG John Gillham
District LCIF Co-ordinator**



**Lions Australia 65th Multiple District
Convention**

Hobart, Tasmania 5 - 8 May 2017

Contact

Email: mdconvention2017@lionstasmania.org

Lions Tasmania website –
2011t.lions.org.au/mdconvention2017



March-May Membership Campaign

Multiple District are having a National Campaign asking **all** Lions clubs to have a project or activity during the months of March-May to promote Lions, and increase the membership of Lions **Ways to promote your club:**

- ◆ **Local media outlets** eg. Local newspaper, local fm radio interviews promoting a current activity/project, school newsletters,
- ◆ **Fly 50 Lions Balloons**, excellent way to attract the attention of young families and the public, and show the community Lions have fun
- ◆ **Hold a community based family fun day**, or usual planned project to promote Lions with Tasmanian Lions pamphlets, use Lions PR Trailer (can be organised from me)
 - ◆ **Hold an event with another community organisation** or Lions project e.g. Childhood Cancer Foundation.

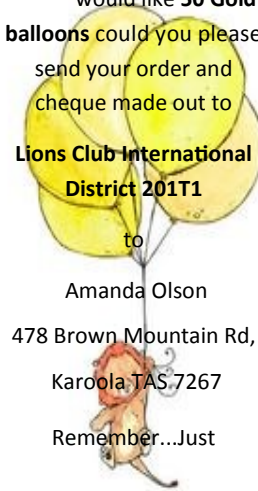
Direct your membership enquiries to

Amanda Olson - 0419357190

Email: amandaolson@bigpond.com



If your club would like **50 Gold balloons** could you please send your order and cheque made out to **Lions Club International District 201T1** to Amanda Olson
478 Brown Mountain Rd,
Karoola TAS 7267
Remember...Just



The Lions Trailer is available to borrow to help promote Lions and your club. It has current Lions related activity pamphlets, and videos along with DVD player.

The trailer would be a great addition to your March—May Membership activity



To arrange to borrow please contact

Amanda Olson

Mobile: 0419357190

Email: amandaolson@bigpond.com



A very active time now for the **Youth of the Year** right through to the National final in May, with **club finals** commencing the end of February, followed by the **Regional finals**, and the State Final on the 9th April.

The National final Public Speaking section will be held again on the last day of the

Multiply District Convention in Hobart on Monday 8th May.

The State Final will be hosted by *the Lions Club of Kings Meadows* on the 9th April held at their clubrooms Merino Street, Kings Meadows.

Contact for the State Final is **Club Chairman Derek Fellows** at dfef74598@bigpond.net.au

I wish clubs all the best for their finals.

D/C Jenny Trippree



Keeping You Posted

Club Stories from
around the State...

RIGHT: President Ken Stockton measuring fish while Lion Alan Wheatley weighs them.



Registration, BBQ and Weigh in area at North East River boat ramp

The aprons came from ALCRF in West Australia just in time to be used for **Flinders Island Lions Club Annual Fishing Competition at North East River**. We use the competition as our Biggest BBQ fundraiser for *Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation*. The weather treated us kindly and we had 63 entries and 11 boats - up from last year. Not a lot of fish were caught but everyone, especially the kids had a ball. We had lots of prizes donated, the biggest being first prize in the raffle - a flight for 2 between Flinders Island and Launceston with Sharp Airlines. This year it was won by our remote Leo connected to Penguin Leos, Claire Gaby. Every child went home with prizes and giveaways and quite a few of the adults did too. I am not sure about the total we raised yet.

Margaret Wheatley Secretary Lions Club of Flinders Island Inc



Even the dogs take their boat safety seriously here

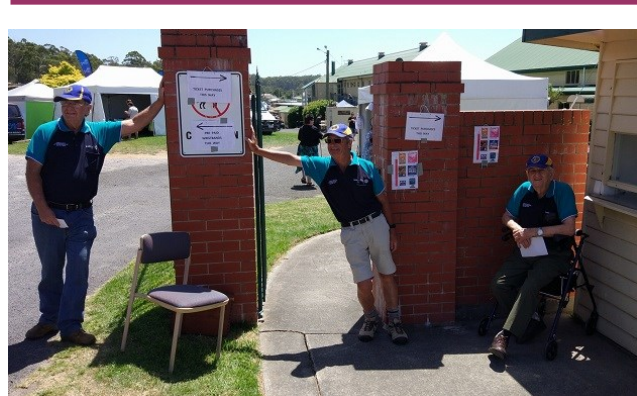
RIGHT: DG Michael among the crowd watching the weigh-in



Members of the **George Town Lions Club** in front of the float they assembled for the **George Town Christmas Parade on 17th December 2016**. Our members walked behind slowly (as someone pointed out we had pensioners who couldn't walk as fast as others). A great time was had by all and we were proud of our creative abilities.

Lion Marilyn Hunter

(Thanks to Lion Marilyn who posted me her photos and article. The effort to represent your Club in the District Newsletter is appreciated. Ed.)



Members of the City of Devonport Lions Club showing some strength manning the gates at the Devonport Cup. Monies earned go towards subsidising annual dues for the Club. (We do the same thing here on King Island too. Ed) Thanks to Lion John Hughes for forwarding the January-February edition of The Devon Lion to the District Newsletter Editor.





District Centennial Report



Celebrating Lions' 100th Anniversary, Celebrating You!

Sharing the Clubs that have reported their Community Legacy Projects:-

Queenstown Lions Club

Queenstown Mining Disaster Memorial: 42 Name Plaques with the names of each of the Miners killed in the mining disaster. The Fountain which will be the central feature will include a huge bowl that a huge Sculpture will be mounted and lighting will be fitted. Club Members have been working many hours on their Community Legacy Project for completion this Centennial Year.



The Sculpture (below left) has around 900 kilos of bronze in it and it stands 4 metres tall. The Sculpture will be mounted onto the large yellow bowl being the central feature of the fountain.



Apologies to the Queenstown Club for the quality of the pictures. I had technical issues receiving them via email. Ed

City of Devonport - Purchase of a Toyota Mini Bus for transportation of disabled people from the local Special School of Education to assist them to integrate into the Community.

Huonville -Specially constructed Bus Shelter in Huonville. A second Shelter will be constructed if required.

Lilydale – Preparation of grounds around the Lilydale Swimming Pool.

City of Launceston – Children's Playship being erected in Launceston Royal Park.

Forth Valley – Upgrade and modernise Braddon's Lookout Area. Removal of overgrown shrubbery, replacement of Informational Plaques with new Photos /Information plus Bench Seating and new garden areas.

Glenorchy City -Development in conjunction with Local City Council of a new Community Park/ Reserve with BBQ,Playground,walking paths,irrigated green space. Network of pedestrian /bike paths running through the Reserve linking to prominent Community Hubs. Also planting of 100 trees.

Clarence- Mosaic Project- construction of a garden for the Disabled including wheelchair access and a social amenity area. Ongoing support and the inclusion of local school students is expected to extend over the next 10 – 15 years plus.

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District Centennial Report Continued

Celebrating Lions' 100th Anniversary, Celebrating You!



Sharing the Clubs that have reported their Community Legacy Projects:-

Riverside -The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Fund-raising funds for the Genome Sequencing Project to test 400 children across Australia so that their treatment can be more targeted to their particular ailment. Rebuilding of a Maze in the Tailrace Park.

Launceston Windmill Hill – A project already completed,provided picnic tables at a new Park established at Mount Pleasant Estate in Launceston.

Kingborough -Proposing to erect a BBQ facility at Blackman's Bay Beach also looking at a project at the old Kingston High School.

Latrobe -Completed two raised garden beds to assist children at the Latrobe Children's Respite Centre which is a facility catering for needs of families with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Also proposing to erect a Gazebo in a local Park.

Scottsdale – Building a pathway one km long to connect the Rotary Rail with the North Eastern Caravan Park. The Club will be erecting a sign celebrating 100 years of Lions on the framework of the Town Clock in the main street of Scottsdale The Clock was a donation by Lions to the Town in the early 60's

Smithton Circular Head -Donation to the Smithton RSL Club for the erection of seats outside the RSL Club to go along with the Silhouettes.

Sorell -Orierton Loop Walking/Cycle Track The club is the sole partner with the Sorell Council on this project which is funded in part by a grant, the council and our club. The planning is being advanced by the council with physical work expected to start in March 2017 to lay a consolidated gravel track approx 10km long. This is a Legacy Centenary Project in which the club will provide seating and shelters, signage and environmental interpretation for the lagoon which is a significant bird sanctuary. There is also an opportunity for physical involvement in delivering this project.

Seven Mile Beach Environmental Project The club has provided assistance to Council and other local coast care groups in removal of juvenile radiate pine, bone seed and lupin (all considered weeds) from the Seven Mile Beach coastal reserve to allow the area to return to a more native Tasmanian bush reserve. Some coastal wattle is also being removed where indigenous white gums are growing. This has been an ongoing project over several years the most recent being December 2015 and March 2016. This Centenary Legacy Project will extend to provide additional planting of indigenous trees. Some assistance with providing a multi use pathway through the reserve area may also form part of this project which may include support.

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District Centennial Report Continued

Celebrating Lions' 100th Anniversary, Celebrating You!



Sharing the Clubs that have reported their Community Legacy Projects:-

North East -Derby Public Showers

In partnership with the Dorset Council and with financial support from the Tasmanian Lions Foundation, the North East Lions Club has developed a public hot shower facility at Derby.

The establishment of over 40 kilometres of mountain bike trails in the hills above Derby has attracted a great influx of mountain bikers to the town. They use the trails on an individual basis or as competitors in major events.

The showers are an essential element of Derby's infrastructure, catering not only for mountain bikers but also for visiting tourists who make use of the nearby camping ground.

While the Dorset Council constructed the shower bays within an existing Council building, the North East Lions Club was responsible for the cost of installing the showers and the associated electrical, plumbing and gas fitting at a cost of \$9,500. Half of this amount was generously provided by a Tasmanian Lions Foundation grant and the remaining \$4,750 was from Club funds.

The North East Lions Club is responsible for the management and maintenance of the showers.

The financial return from the showers is encouraging with the Club's contribution towards the installation costs already being exceeded by the profits of shower usage during this financial year.

Port Sorell -New Defence Memorial Project.



Bicheno -Donated funds to celebrate the Centennial year to the Music Department of the St Mary's High School. Funds to assist the Little Penguins Child Care Centre.

Georgetown -Proposing to install a Compass and also provide a table and seat to an area at end of Town (near Monument) once the Local Council are ready to refurbish the said area.

If there are other Clubs that have Centennial Community Legacy Projects completed or in progress or planned please advise as I will require to list in District's Reports.

Congratulations to the above Clubs as excellent work as this certainly helps us all to celebrate the Lions Centennial Year.

Please forward your details to:

mmaclaren53@bigpond.com

PDG Michael MacLaren

District T1 Centennial Coordinator

Tasmanian Lions Foundation.

Since my last report we have had a meeting and the following Grants have been approved.

Flinders Island: An Emergency Grant of \$1000 to assist a fire victim who lost her possessions in a recent fire.

Clarence: Approved a request for \$1900 to assist with purchase of specialised play equipment and installation. It is needed to assist a child with cystic Leukeon-cepharopathy.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on June 18th, 2017. Any Club with a Grant application please have to Secretary by the 1st June, 2017.

Also if you have any other matter raised please submit by the previous date.

Lions, we have in the recent times had requests for calls of assistance from LCIF for help with natural disasters and your own Lion projects and we ask that you to make sure that we support both the Foundations throughout the Lions Year. I am asking all Clubs to consider making a regular annual contribution to enable us to continue our work and assist Clubs who at times may need Grant assistance.

All Clubs have people in their local community that are not Lions but support your Club in different ways. It may be through volunteering, sponsorship or with the general support of your Club and projects. I ask how do you recognise them and thank them for what they do?

Well, may I suggest that you present them with **Tasmanian Fellowship Award. Cost is \$500** but this is a small amount to provide recognition to someone you know and helps you with your efforts to make your area a better place to be.

Keep up the good work within your communities and helping to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Until next month.

Regards

Peter Burke Secretary



LEHP-Australia
Lions Eye Health Program



Dear fellow members of the Lion's family,

I am just starting to realise how fast time passes by; for the past two and a half years I have been blessed with a district portfolio that I can really get my fangs into.

The National Management committee which I have the privilege of being a member of do a magnificent job operating on the funds provided by all those clubs who see their way clear to support. LEHP have a Office in Sydney which is manned part time by our National Manager Leah Evans, and another lady who does the more mundane secretarial office work.



The National Committee meets semi-annually in Melbourne usually February/March and August/September to overview policy and decides on directions short and long term. One of these (short term) just happens to be the **Vision scanning cameras**. Six months ago was the first time we had seen one in the flesh and saw it demonstrated. The effect it had on members of the committee was one of awe, nothing less with video contact made with an absent optometrist member by "Messenger". His comments were to the tune of "Whatever Lions can do to encourage the community to take a greater interest in their eye health has to be a plus"

We were able to hear the address by National Treasurer PDG Bill Duncanson at our recent convention promoting the Camera, and moves have been made to encourage all clubs to participate in the purchase of three for Tasmania. So far interest is starting to gain momentum, but there are questions being asked about suitable business plans, location of each unit, who will be responsible. These are the nuts and bolts of any project, and while it is early days, the answers will be forth coming shortly.

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It is amazing that when you fail to follow your usual practice of downloading the “Lions Quarterly” from the LCI Website, it will be the one that has something that answers a lot of questions posed in the paragraph above. Partially hidden was a URL for a video called “Lions-Kidsight” and that is not a spelling mistake. <https://youtu.be/Rxt0vb1TMvs> I encourage all of you to view it. I do have a down- loaded copy of it for any club that wants it. I just wished I had this video when I visited Hadspen-South Esk Lions a few weeks ago.

At our semi-annual meeting in Melbourne 2nd and 3rd of March 2017 which I have to say was full on, five things that came out of it was,

1. That the National committee working group that is overseeing the purchase of Vision Screening cameras are negotiating a better buying price.
2. **Most importantly: That they will be designing a business plan for the use of these devices so that we are all working to the same recommended plan. (Take note City of Launceston and Hadspen-South Esk, in answer to a question posed at Carrick last month.)**
3. Encourage Districts, Zones or clubs to buy through the Lions Eye Health Program manager all cameras to get the advantage of cost and the ability to not have to pay the GST that otherwise would be paid.
4. Remember that short fall on funding that clubs, and Zones are able to apply to the various Foundations for top up funds.
5. The three cameras bought by LEHP Management will be used for training purposes at this stage. They will be at the MD Convention in Hobart. I also encourage all Ambassadors to make the effort to register for the convention.

This is of interest to the District Ambassadors. You are all accredited MD201 LEHP Ambassadors. You are able and not restricted to our district alone and if a call to assist a neighbouring district and available, go for it. Naturally that arrangement would come via myself. At the moment PDG Michael MacLaren is assisting PDG Trevor Jacobs LEHP Representative 201C2 with liaising with the five clubs in the Darwin area while he is there. There is no Ambassador/s in the Top End and very little exposure to LEHP. It is an area in urgent need of assistance due to the indigenous population in Darwin and districts, Bathurst and Melville Islands in the Timor Sea.

In due course I will try and assemble all our Ambassadors to a social meeting where we can design a plan to get us all active in getting into clubs as guest speakers, at Zone meetings (A must) please take note Zonies. **Just 10 minutes of meeting time could be the difference in someone not losing their sight and an opportunity to view the Vision Scanners at work with children video.**

This now raises another point, I request all Ambassadors to go online and run off the application form for “Working With Vulnerable Persons.” As a volunteer the cost is \$18.30 payable at Service Tasmania offices and takes about six weeks to get through all the security checks. You will be required to have the “Blue Card” to screen children and people with disabilities. I will need to record the card number and pass on to our National Manager.

John C Medwin *District Chairman Lions Eye Health Programs & Lions Recycle for Sight.*

Region North West Trustee of Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc.



Regional Lions Leadership Institute,

Melbourne, February 2017

In February this year I was lucky enough to attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute at Cilom Lodge, Tullamarine. Unfortunately I couldn't attend the first two sessions as I had to work, but upon arrival I found everyone to be really friendly. There were forty-nine participants from all over Australia and four facilitators. The morning starts were early (8.30 til 5pm on Saturday and 8.30 til 1 on Sunday) and the schedule was fairly intense, but the camaraderie amongst the participants and the facilitators was fantastic. We learnt about the structure of Lions, of how to manage diversity, how to run meetings, how to handle conflict and how to make a speech. On the first day, in the session about building teams, we had to build a tower of balloons using balloons and sticky tape!

One of the highlights of the weekend was delivering a speech and listening to everyone else's- they were all so different and many were very personal stories. It was an honour to listen to them. Another highlight was the Trade Shows – all participants were asked to set up a display to highlight the main activities of their clubs. It was really interesting to see what different clubs are doing.



The biggest highlight of the weekend, however, was the mock dinner meeting. The elected 'committee' of 'Bringyourgrolong' and the visiting club of 'Whoknowswhere?' led us all on a hilarious ride of expert Tale Twisting, extravagant financial woes and a DG who compared everything to riding a horse!



The whole weekend was well organised and I learnt a lot about leadership and about the Lions Club itself. The group just gelled and Alicia, our Social Media expert, had our closed group Facebook Page set up before the Institute had ended!



I highly recommend this Institute to all Lions who are looking to further their leadership skills. Not only will you learn a lot, you will meet people from around the country who are all on the same page and who are willing to listen and contribute to everyone towards the same goal – to lead their own clubs to be the best they can be and to serve the community to the best of their ability.



Victoria Cochrane

President Rocky Cape Lions Club, Tasmania

District Newsletter 201T1

Copy for the 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 email.

Where possible please forward photos or scanned images of high quality (300dpi)

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Deadline for next issue is *April 10th.*

Lions Clubs International



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