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We all are aware of the disasters that struck Tasmania in January and February - fires and floods...

I am reminded of the immortal words of Dorothy McKellar when she wrote: "I love a sunburnt country of droughts and floods and rains"

#### I know some members of our Lions Family were impacted by the floods.

Thank you to all those Lions that gave up their time to assist where possible during this time.

Every day on the news there seems to be a new disaster somewhere in the world. So, I ask ALL Clubs to consider making donations to TLF, ALF, and LCIF, as all these Foundations are a part of our Lions organisation in assisting with vital disaster and emergency grants.

February is one of our most import Lions months. It is when Clubs call for nominations to fill the Board positions of their Clubs for the coming year. Please all members consider your nominations very carefully.

Remember all our Clubs need strong leaders with the ability and skills to encourage members to increase their knowledge and grow within Lions to successfully take on more important roles within your Clubs and District.

It is important for the new and continuing officers and other club members if they wish to attend the scheduled information forums. As I have been making my Club visits around the State it is evident the Clubs having difficulties are those who did not attend the information days, and some Lions have not kept up with changes, or think they know it all.

Anne Fagg GLT coordinator with input from the GLT/GMT teams has worked very hard to update and produce new information to be used this year, so all T1 members have the same information.

I attended the Council of Governors Meeting in January. All District Governors were asked to promote the March-May 2016 membership months in their Districts. It is important to gain membership in all Districts. As we are an ageing organisation and continue to loose members quicker than we gain.

Lion Sue Johns was reappointed as **MD Cakes & Mints Merchandising** Chairman for 201T!

Lion Sue has worked very hard within our District to promote an increase in sales. Fudge has been withdrawn as a Lions Product.

LC of Sorell again had a very successful combined Dinner organise by DC Geoff Clow. It was a very enjoyable night, with the chocolate wheel making for much frivolity when the prizes were won!

Next week I start my visits again and will be accompanied by Lion Sue. We are going to the West Coast, where I am looking forward to my visits and where I have not visited for many years...

In Lionism, DG Annette

## Our District Count

**31 December 2015** 

Clubs: 50 Membership: 1239

*31 January 2016* Clubs: *50* 

Membership: 1242 YTD ADD 58 YTD DROP 70

YTD GROWTH % Status: "Established district"

- 0.96



## **TASMANIAN** LIONS **FOUNDATION**

Following our recent meeting a grant of \$5000 was made to City of Launceston to assist with a Playground facility at Royal Park.

It is getting close to the end of your year and time to think of awards. I would ask you to consider the purchase of a Tasmanian Lions Fellowship Award for a Lion in your Club or a citizen who has done something special for your Club. Cost is \$500 and can be debited against your activities account.

Remember, if you would like to know more about your FOUNDATION we can arrange for a Trustee to visit your Club as a guest speaker

The next Meeting of the Foundation is Sun 24th April 2016

Grant applications need to be with the Secretary by:

17th April 2016

Looking forward to your continued support ...

Until next month. Regards to you all. Peter Burke Secretary



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The Lions Club of Kingborough along with the support of local businesses, people and organizations have raised \$3793 for childhood cancer research. Throughout December members of the Lions Club could be found wrapping gifts for a donation, providing breakfast and walking around with Santa.

# Jolly good amount raised

The Lions Club of Kingborough with the support of Channel Court Management, Mona Leesa Face Painting, Zoo Doo Petting Zoo, Blackmans Bay Children's Services and the generosity of the community have assisted in the club raising \$3793.

Every dollar raised will go towards supporting childhood cancer research efforts, as Lions Clubs do not have overheads or administration fees. Lion members are volunteers who do the extraordinary to support individuals, families and groups locally, nationally and internationally.

Since July 2015, the *Lions Club of Kingborough* have supported the following requests for assistance – sixteen (16) local organizations, five (5) research foundations and five (5) national and international humanitarian requests. If you can assist in any way or are interested in knowing more about Lions, contact Hester, Erik or Kevin on 0428 127 968 or 0414 808 634.

Hester Van Niekerk

# Jitsuhiro Yamada International President's Message Harmony. Humanity.

As members of the world's largest service club organization, we constantly strive to welcome new Lions into the pride. New members energize your club, bring fresh ideas and position your club for ongoing success. And new members also have a tremendous impact on your ability to serve.

On average, each new Lion serves 50 people a year. That's 50 more helping hands and 50 more smiles. That's 50 more lives that you can change by inviting a new member. And it all starts by asking one family member, friend or neighbor to serve with you. **That's all it takes to increase your impact, so Ask One today!**Cont'd on page 5...

# WE SERVE

MISSION
STATEMENT OF
LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL:

"To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

## LIONS TASMANIA WEBSITE

www.201t1.lions.org.au

LIONS TASMANIA FREECALL

1300 920 181



## **Centennial Environment Project**

Seven Mile Beach

We wish this to include all Lions Clubs of the South.

There will be community groups also approached.

<u>Proposed involvement</u> <u>All Southern Lions Clubs</u>

Clarence Council

Seven Mile Beach Landcare

Scouts and Guides

<u>Proposed Date</u> <u>March 20<sup>th</sup></u>

Work Involved Removal of pine trees from the sand dunes to road along Seven Mile Beach from Day Use area 2 -

road entrance to the airport fence.

BBQ lunch provided by Sorell Club at Fire station at Seven Mile Beach

Time 10.00 am until 2.00 pm - then lunch - until home time.

Meet Day Use Area 1 car park

Equipment Gloves are suggested, small shears or pruners, pruning saw or chain saw by qualified users only.

Clean Up Trees to be left as located. If any removal required, Council will arrange.

<u>Coordinator</u> <u>Lion Geoff Clow Phone 0408281176 or 62459176 Email geoff49@bigpond.net.au</u>



In celebration of Lions 100th anniversary I am asking you to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by 30th June 2018. Your Club can play a significant role in reaching our goal and you can earn Centennial recognition when you serve!

## Your Club decides when to serve and which projects are right for your Club!

Connect with your Community by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your Community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

There may be existing Projects that may need rejuvenation e g – cleaning up a Lions Park painting a garden seat which would be worthy of new centennial Lions signage.

## Raise your Community Visibility for example -

- ◆ Post new Lions signs;
- ♦ Donate a park bench;
- ♦ Dedicate a statue;
- ♦ Sponsor a fountain in a local park;
- ◆ Provide a Community Gift;
- ◆ Refurbish a park or playground;
- Donate a vehicle to a Community Organization;
- ◆ Fund resources for the visually impaired;

- ◆ Make a Community Impact;
- ◆ This may require several Clubs or Zones working together;
- ♦ Expand a library;
- Develop a training Centre.

Engaging our Youth: Host service projects that help youth in your community or inspire the next generation of volunteers by inviting Leos or local youth to serve on a project with you.

Sharing the Vision: Give the gift of sight by planning projects that help children or neighbours who are blind or living with low vision.

Relieving the Hunger: Build stronger families and communities by organizing a food drive or service projects to help feed the hungry.

Protecting Our Environment: Plan projects that protect and improve the environment to make your community a better place for everyone.

## How do Clubs record their Centennial Activities:

Clubs record their Centennial Service Challenge activities using MyLCI's Online Service Activity Report under the Community and Culture activity type.

I am pleased to report so far for 2015 – 2016 the following Clubs have completed Centennial Campaigns (as at 20/01/2016). City of Devonport, Glenorchy City, Huon, Kentish, Kingborough, King Island Latrobe, City of Launceston, Riverside Kings Meadows Launceston Windmill Hill New Norfolk, Penguin Sorell

Wynyard Zeehan Hobart Town Rosebery North East Forth Valley Port Sorell, Tasman Burnie Emu Bay, Flinders Island.

Congratulations to all of the above Clubs - next month hopefully we shall see almost 100% of our Clubs participating.

#### Michael MacLaren

WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION

District Centennial Coordinator

A single act of service can change a life.

But, when

1.35

## million

come together to serve,
we can change
the world!

**Proud to be a Lion!** 



## Lionsonoz in Action

Australian Lionsonoz member Trish Hyett and husband Syd have been busy with assisting a number of Lions Clubs with their projects.

A "sweet day" helping **Ingleburn LC** at the Darrell Lea 1st Birthday Celebrations. Staff, entertainers - headed by Jess and Ayden from The Block, and their families, dressed in swinging rock and roll style kept the fun and music going throughout the day. The Lions BBQ saw more than \$2000 change hands, a very pleasant taste in anyone's language!

They then assisted **Ingleburn Lions** set sausages sizzling at Forest Lawn Memorial Park when the Park Staff held a "Fun Walk" to raise funds for breast cancer. The usually sombre surroundings came alive with performing clowns, guys in tutus, ladies in leotards, kids dressed as kangaroos and a host of other fun outfits. In excess of \$20,000 was raised on the day, but for Trish, a truly wonderful effect was hearing the laughter and seeing the smiles on faces of people for whom this setting may usually bring sadness and



Lion Trish of Australian Lionsonoz and members of the Ingleburn Lions Club taking a break from sizzling sausages at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park project.

On then to a Twilight BBQ and Market at the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, a great attraction on the fringe of the Australian Botanic Garden, Mt. Annan. This not for profit, community driven group does a fabulous job of inspiring people and showing how we can all easily "do our bit" for the environment. From choosing building materials, school education workshops, planning gardens, right down to utilizing the vegies and herbs grown on site, via the fantastic and yummy food and cooking classes for all ages, from preschool to grey nomads, this Centre is a "hidden gem". If you are ever in the Macarthur Region, it is well worth a visit.

Lion Trish and Syd were both honoured by being nominated for Macarthur Volunteer of the Year Awards. A great honour for them and Australian Lionsonoz.

Lion Trish of
Australian Lionsonoz
with local Federal
Member, Russell
Matheson and other
nominees for the
Citizen of the Year
Awards presentation



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## Just who are these Lionsonoz?

The Australian Lionsonoz Lions club was formed and Chartered in 2008 to cater for the huge number of Lions who retire, sell their homes, buy a Mobile Home or a caravan and set off to see Australia. We were losing them as Lions.

## LIONSONOZ WAS FORMED TO CATER FOR THESE "GREY NOMADS" AND KEEP THEM INVOLVED. IT WORKED!

Lions transfer to Australian Lionsonoz and when their travels are over they then transfer back to a "Main Stream" Lions Club of their choice.

Suddenly there was a Lions Club who could cater for Lions who's Club had folded and they were at a loose end. Also it catered for those ladies who would like to become a Lion but the local Lions Club would not accept ladies.

Australian Lionsonoz does not accept new Lions because we meet on the internet once a month and a new member would not have other Lions to help them become acclimatized.

We also do not conduct our own projects due to the fact that we have members in every state of Australia as well as New Zealand, but members are encouraged to contact the Lions Club in the towns in which they find themselves and volunteer in their projects.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.LIONSONOZ.NSW.LIONS.ORG.AU
TO SEE JUST WHAT
WE ARE ABOUT.

**PDG Warren White** 

#### **SEEING THE FUNNY SIDE?!**

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card,

"Rest in Peace."

The owner was angry and called the florist to complain.

After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you should imagine this. Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying,

'Congratulations on your new location!'"



In January LCIF responded to the need for disaster relief in our area as seen by some of the grants authorized at the latest LCIF board meeting -

- ◆ District's 201V2 and 201W2 applied for and received an emergency grant for the bushfires, they both received US\$10.000 each.
- LCIF has granted money to rebuild eight (8) schools at Port Villa and Tanna Island after Cyclone Pam's devastation of Vanuatu.
- Nepal had already received a Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$100,000, and LCIF has authorized another US\$4,000,000 to help rebuild homes and schools once the local government regulations have been finalized.

In another area of LCIF support up until November 2015 LCIF has mobilized US\$30,400,000 for the war against measles and rubella. This has been done mainly in Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Nepal. Future countries marked are Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, India and, Zambia.

PROBABLY BECAUSE OF OUR SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR BUSHFIRE RELIEF NOTABLY THROUGH ALF OUR DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO LCIF HAVE CONSEQUENTLY BEEN LOWER AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR THAN IN RECENT YEARS, US\$3,500 vs. US\$12,200 last year.

While support for local needs is paramount, we cannot forget the needs of the world at large.

Remember that LCIF contributions by Clubs for the categories of 'Area of Greatest Need', 'Measles', 'Disaster', 'Humanitarian Needs', 'Sight' or 'Youth' qualify for credit towards Melvin Jones Fellowships, a great way to recognize the work of individual Lion members.

#### PDG John Gillham

LCIF District Chairman, 201T1

#### Cont'd from page 2...

I am encouraging every club to set a goal of adding at least three (3) new members during each year of the Centennial Celebration.

With your help, we can make the world better and the future brighter for all.

Sincerely

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada





State Winner Grace Williams enjoyed her prize trip immensely to the International Youth Convention Camp at Rotorua in New Zealand, then onto Brisbane's home state of National Winner Patrick Cross, making new friends with forty-nine (49) people from eleven (11) countries from around the globe, and giving Grace an insight into the Maori culture.



With the Youth of the Year about to commence for another year, I urge all clubs that are intending to participate, they need to be in contact with schools for contestants by now.

I have contacted all schools again in the South, and media coverage will be in the Mercury promoting the Program. I am pleased to say that Russell Cairns from Hobart Town Lions club has taken on the role of Southern Coordinator. Russell will be in contact with South clubs to hold finals depending on the number of entries received by the 4th March.

## I would like to see the State Final held in the South this year and will be looking for a club to host this.

The dates of finals to be held by are:

- **♦** Club Finals completed by: 1st April;
- **♦** Regional Finals completed by: 10th April;
- **♦ State Final to be held on the 24th April.**

Don't forget to send Registration form to me, the registration fee of \$130.00 is payable to Cabinet Treasurer, and to be made out to **Lions Tasmania 201 T1 YOTY**.



#### Kae Campbell is the North West Coordinator and myself in the North.

All clubs in the North have set their dates for the club finals and Westbury Lions Club is hosting the North's Regional Final on the 6th April.

Do not forget if you require a nab Judge to let me know asap.

If any assistance or information is required with the Youth of the Year, please contact your Coordinator, in your area.

The Lions Youth of the Year is proudly sponsored by

Regards
Jenny Tripptree
State Coordinator YOTY





## An overview of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation by a Trustee.

What does the average Lions Club member know about their Tasmanian Lions Foundation?

If I were to ask at random a member of your club to tell the rest of the members what is the Tasmanian Lions Foundation, and what was its purpose, the odds would be, "I have no idea."

I feel it is time that this was put to rest, and whilst you could write a book about it, explanation is better coming from any of the elected Trustees directly as a result of an invitation to your club as a guest speaker.

At the last District Convention at Rokeby, a motion was put forward to change the Foundations trustee's tenure of office among other considerations; that no Trustee should serve more than two terms before being in-eligible to stand for the position again. To my mind that is ludicrous. The people who are nominated by their home clubs put their names forward, and if there is more than one nomination received, it goes to a ballot and the one with most votes serves for a three year term. Each year a trustee's term expires and they may re-nominate, along with any other Lions who are in good standing within their Lions Club.

## All trustees currently a part of the TLF would welcome ballots taking place.

## Each Phone area of Tasmania has three Trustees representing each area.

#### Now to the detractors:

The TLF is made up of many senior Lions who at their stage in life aren't able to participate in many club projects for physical reasons, but have the skills to administer a Foundation such as the TLF with resources around the million dollars mark. Grants are carefully examined on their merit, refused, amended, or given the tick of approval. All is dependent on how an application is filled out and what written evidence accompanies it. To deny these people the opportunity to "SERVE" flies in the face of common sense.

To any Lion thinking of standing; **do so**, just don't sit back and twiddle your thumbs. My own term of three years expires at the next Convention, and yes, I'll stand again against all comers while my health and wellbeing will allow, win, lose, or draw! A new Trustee needs the first term to come to grips with the workings of the TLF, its Constitution and Policy minutes, a review if made available of recent grants, and how they were handled. A second term and subsequent terms produces an efficient team that meets quarterly at a designated town, usually Perth in the North.

## The TLF answers to the District Governor of the day and in the absence of the DG, a VDG may attend.

**NO LION IS EXCLUDED FROM ANY TLF MEETING.** It is your Foundation the trustees are only the custodians of it. You may be invited to comment by the Chairman, but take no active part in the business or decisions made.

For me personally, it has been a rewarding experience and hopefully it will continue against all comers.

#### **Your current Trustees are:**

- \* District Governor: Annette Ogilvy (Ex officio.).
- \* South: PDG John Gillham, Huon Lions Club, Past President Paul Cairnduff, Kingston Lions Club, PDG Jack Allen, Lions Club Glenochy City.
- \* North: PDG Peter Burke. Riverside Lions Club, Past President? Phil Robinson, Kings Meadows Lions Club, and recent resignation for health reasons, Zone Chairman Jeff Harper North East Lions Club
- \* North West: Past President Ron Pryor, Rocky Cape Lions Club, District chairman John Medwin, Penguin Lions Club, and Chairman, Past President Phil Viney, Ulverstone Lions Club.

#### John C Medwin

DC Lions Eye Health Programs & Lions Recycle for Sight Region NW Trustee of TLF Inc.



## Motor Vehicle Excess Re-imbursement Insurance

Please note that MD201 has purchased motor vehicle excess insurance and the advice below is provided by our Insurance Representative, PDG Bob Korotcoff. Lion Bob's advice reads in brief as follows:

- 1. Lions <u>DOES NOT</u> carry insurance for a Member's Private Motor Vehicle. <u>This is your responsibility.</u>
- 2. This policy only covers any excess payable by a member when lodging a claim under their Comprehensive Insurance Policy.
- 3. It is a condition of this policy that you hold Comprehensive Motor Vehicle insurance.
- 4. This policy only applies to accidents while your vehicle is being used on Lions Business.

For further information you should read the full advice sent to your club and/or contact:

Lions Insurance Programme Consultant **R N (Bob) Korotcoff**, Dip Fin Serv. PDG

Phone: (08) 8298 1599 Mobile: 0418 831 426

Email: insurance@lions.org.au





## **WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY**

## FROM NOVEMBER 2015 TO FEBRUARY 2016

**Burnie City Bob Walters** 

Sponsor: Anthony Munro

Clarence Yali Wang

Sponsor: Chris Tilyard

**Deloraine** 

Alan and Angela Blackmore Sponsor: John Canterford

**Devonport Mersey** 

Anne-Maree Mckie Sponsor: Noel Bilson

**Glenorchy City** 

Julia Doyle Sponsor: Jenna Moate

**Christine White** 

Sponsor: Brenda Podmore

Kentish

Rob Alliston

Sponsor: Joanne Treloar

Brian Harris

Sponsor: Donald Braid

**Kingborough** 

David and Carol Matthews Sponsor: Hester Van Niekerk

New Norfolk

Christopher Mason Sponsor: Viv Cardwell

Port Cygnet

Kevin and Nunzia Dore Sponsor: Robert Davies

Port Sorell

Raymond Freeman Sponsor: Larry Nichols

Josh Tome

Sponsor: Dallas Cripps

Smithton

Amanda Milner

Sponsor: Sheryl Robson

Sorell

Suzanne Ritson Sponsor: John Salmon

**Wynard** 

Ann Moore

Sponsor: Christine Cochrane

Paul Potter

Sponsor: Nigel Sheahen



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I would like a very special thank you to members of Glenorchy Leo Club for the wonderful contribution they have made over the past month or so. Well done and looking forward to your continued support.

They have taken this on a project and have circulated businesses etc. and are receiving good support.

**LEOs**, it is people like yourselves who give generously of your time and efforts that helps to give a child an opportunity to walk.

#### **AGAIN, VERY WELL DONE -KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK.**

Any Lion with stamps, give them to your Zone Chairman or Cabinet Officer and I will pick up.

Hope you all had a good festive season and look forward to your continued support.

If other Leo Clubs would like to take it on as a project and require info please contact me.

STAMPS CAN BE POSTED DIRECT TO ME AT 11 CAMINA COURT, RIVERSIDE TAS 7250.

Until next month

Peter Burke Co-ordinator Riverside Lions Club



Are you looking for a guest speaker for your meeting? Do you enjoy seeing a child smile? Do you want to make a difference to a child's life? Does your Club need a good cause to donate to?

If you can say yes to any of these questions I am ready to make your wishes come true....

I have the latest DVD promoting our Lion's Australia Children's Mobility Foundation to give away FREE to any Club who wants to feel good about helping a child with the gift of a better life.

Please contact me on 0407 877 460 or Email george.bugeja@bigpond.com and I will put a smile on YOUR face.

PDG George Bugeja

Tasmanian Trustee

**Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation** 

# These Monkeys Mean Business

From LCI "LION" Magazine February 2016

If Lion Carmen Presti had his way, Wilson Lions in New York would be adding some new tail twisters-complete with actual tails—to liven up club meetings. After all, the primates he cares for at The Primate Sanctuary he owns with his wife, Christie, have been involved in fundraising for Lions for the last four years. And it turns out that monkeys mean business when it comes to fundraising. "I think we've prob-



Carmen Presti and Sarah collect donations from

ably increased donations by 30 percent by having [capuchins] Sarah and Emily help us. You know, I think if I had a dollar for every time I heard somebody say, 'Hey, you've got a monkey on your back!' our donations would double," says Presti with a laugh.

Content to sit on Presti's shoulders, they stop traffic while club members ask for donations to fund service activities. "We only have one traffic light on a main corner in Wilson, so it's the only place people have to stop their cars. You just can't drive by a monkey. Kids are always making their parents give us a dollar or two so they can talk to the monkeys," he says.

They march in parades with Lions, and love to hand out bananas to cyclists participating in the Tour de Cure event to raise awareness and funds for diabetes research. "Wilson is one of the stations where riders stop on the way from Buffalo to Alcott," explains Presti. Lions volunteer at a way station to distribute water and, yes, bananas, to cyclists. Surprisingly, the capuchins readily hand over their favorite fruits to riders. "No, it's not a problem at all for them to give up those bananas," Presti says. "They know there's always more."

#### CHURCH SIGNS.....

This is a ch\_ \_ ch. What is missing?" --> (U R) Forbidden fruit creates many jams. No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace. Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church



## Southern Clubs Fundraising Dinner

The Southern Lions Clubs Annual Combined Dinner was held on the first Wednesday in February and being the tenth (10th) and final Bronwyn H prepared feast, it was a fitting send off, and tribute to her culinary skills.

We had eighty-five (85) guests including, DG Annette, VDG1 Mike, VDG2 Hester, DC Leos Jenna, and members from Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches, Tasman, Clarence, Hobart Town, Glenorchy, Kingborough, and Huon Lions Clubs, as well as from Sorell Council, the Sorell School and Levendale Social Club.

LC of Sorell President John Skinner, making a presentation to Jenna Moate (photo #2 below) who was an excellent speaker and detailed her exchange visit to New Zealand. Hopefully this will encourage other Clubs to become involved with this MD project.



A special mention to David Ritson and his 'cohort' Freddie, (photo #4 above) for their entertainment as it was most appreciated.

Thanks must go to the following: the **RSL**, who were again most helpful and the bar ran smoothly all night; the ladies for their securing of prizes for the raffle or spins; **Moya Sharpe** for the lucky door prize; and **Cheryl and Prue** for manning the door, sorry, ticket selling and collecting the fee!

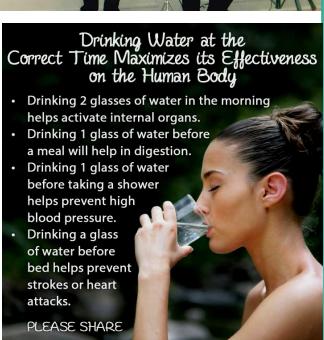
To Bronwyn (presentation - photo # 1 above) and her staff, goes a very BIG THANK YOU for all their efforts over the ten (10) years.

Next year's event\* is going to be hard pressed to beat these dinners that have gone before!

Thank You to all Sorell club members for their support in this project, as well the support of the Southern Clubs.

**Lion Geoff Clow (photo #3 above)**Coordinator

\*PUT IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2017 - WEDNESDAY 1St FEBRUARY!



## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 20171

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 e-mail or CD/DVD. Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

Scanned images should be of high quality (300dpi).

Deadline for next issue is: MARCH 10th

### Konnichiwa!

The 99th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the charming City of Fukuoka, Japan, June 24th – June 28th, 2016.



Fukuoka is a well-balanced harmony between the old and new. Historically, it is the merging of two cities; the port city of Hakata and the former castle town of Fukuoka were unified.

Fukuoka is the home of the oldest Zen temple in Japan and is well known for its gourmet food. This city has an abundance of fresh seafood, traditional festivals, and the most yatai (street food stalls) in all of Japan.

Fukuoka City is also the pioneer in using reclaimed water; its urban vitality and heartfelt hospitality are just some of the reasons that make Fukuoka City a wonderful place to visit.

In today's fast paced routines and schedules, Lions from across the globe represent a 'guiding light' in their promise to simply serve those in need.

LCI's convention offers a once-a-year opportunity to meet together to discuss the important matters of the day that will form the future of our association, and to create new friendships along the way.

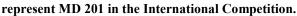
Make plans now to join us for an experience to remember!

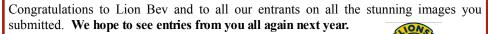
## Environmental Photo Competition

On behalf of Council Chairperson Phillip Johnson, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful entries to the Lions Environmental Photo Competition.

It was a difficult decision but the winner is Bev Hawkins of LC Port Kennedy W2 in the Animal Life Category.

⇒ Lion Bev submitted a beautiful photograph (right) that has been forwarded to LCI to





Kind Regards

Elise Murrell Customer Service - Lions Australia



Three blokes, Macca, Chook and Simmo, were working on a high-rise building project. Chook falls off and is killed instantly.

As the ambulance takes the body away, Simmo says, "Someone should go and tell his wife." Macca says, "OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it."

Two hours later, Macca comes back carrying a slab of VB. Simmo says, "Where did you get that, Macca?"

"Chook's missus gave it to me," said Macca.

"That's unbelievable, you told the lady her husband was dead and she gave you beer?"

"Well not exactly. When she answered the door, I said to her, 'You must be Chook's widow," said Macca.

"No, I'm not a widow," she said.

And I said, "Wanna bet me a slab?"

The Last Word...

You have it bad? But what about the bloke who lamented "I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it!"