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## From the District Governor's Pen...

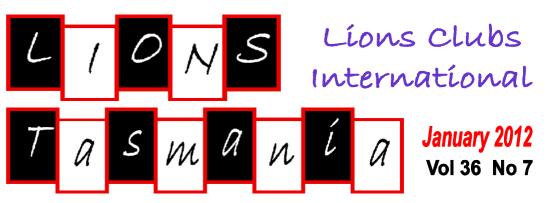
#### Fellow Lions

I trust that you all had a well earned break and are looking forward to 2012 as much as Julie and I are. We have just returned from a wonderful camping week at Macquarie Heads with all our children and I am fully refreshed and ready to continue working with my cabinet and all clubs in our district to keep looking after one another as family.

I would like to congratulate and thank all clubs who participated in bringing some Christmas cheer to their respective communities. Whether it was through running a Christmas parade, giving presents to someone who has been struck with hard times or selling Christmas cakes and puddings, you have made a difference in your own town and bought some Christmas cheer to families and friends throughout our state. Well done to all Lions, LEOs and Lioness who participated.

The GMT Chairman, David Triffett, has been looking at conducting the C.E.P. (Club Evaluation Process) among T1 clubs. This programme looks at individual clubs, the way we run our meetings, whether we are looking after all our membership needs and also our communities' needs. David and his team are more than willing to attend any club meeting in our district and conduct a C.E.P. for your club.

We all think that our clubs are running well and are often reluctant to embrace change. But change is inevitable and without change your club may be the next one to experience low numbers and disgruntled membership.



Newsletter Editor John Salmon Ph: 62653840 Email: editor@lionstasmania.org

of life member Lion Sid Easther on 1 December 2011.

VALE

It was with great sadness that the

Kentish Lions Club conveyed the passing

Lion Sid joined Lions on 19th January 1974 and was and active member until the last three (3) years.

Aged 93, it was a very good innings for one of life's gentleman.

> Kev Russell / Secretary Kentish Lions

If you think that this process may be able to assist your club in, not only building membership numbers, but also reinvigorating your current members, then give David or one of his team a call, you may be surprised at the change.

As we move into the second half of this Lions year I hope that all club Presidents are seeing their plans and wishes for their year coming to fruition. I am sure that you will be able to keep motivating your

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## Extension Chairman Region North

New Year

Duties to include and assist District Extension Chairman John Gillham to explore the Launceston and greater Launceston areas to identify lions clubs membership through recruitment and investigation of the possibility for extension of new lions clubs in this area. A passion for membership, new club development in the Northern Area and District with knowledge of LCI would be an advantage. Assistance and training would be provided if required.

> Contact Lion David Triffett GMT Chairman <u>dtriffet@bigpond.net.au</u> (03) 62727923 0418544836

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fellow members to continue the good work that they have already started and assist you in making this a very memorable year for you and your club.

With club elections just around the corner I urge all Lions members to put their hands up for the various positions that are going to be vacant. Most positions take very little time to fill but give a great sense of pride to those who take them on.

#### LIONS and YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER



Regards, DG Toby

## Global Service Action Campaigns

#### **Protecting Our Environment**

This year Lions left no doubt about their concern for the environment. They committed to the ambitious goal of planting one million trees worldwide, then surpassed that goal more than six times over.

That's what happens when Lions believe that they can change the world, even when changing the world means changing the very face of Planet Earth!

Help Lions keep the momentum of the tree planting campaign by preparing your club and the clubs in your district to participate in Protecting Our Environment, the year's final Global Service Action Campaign scheduled for April.

#### The Lions you lead can:

- Help build a safe water system
- Organize a community wide clean -up
- Raise awareness of "going green"
- Volunteer at a recycling centre

To help you get started, more project ideas and a planning guide are available to help plan your club's environmental activities.

Don't forget to share your club's activities using the Service Activity Report.



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

As 2011 comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on our many successes during this year. Last year our Foundation was able to help millions of people around the world. Our Lions Quest program has grown to six more countries, now totaling sixty-nine (69) countries, and is reaching more than twelve (12) million children around the world.

Our SightFirst program has expanded to include new program areas, such as education, rehabilitation and research. Our partnerships have increased, including a record donation from the Gates Foundation to help us fight measles. We have helped rebuild lives following some of the worst natural disasters in recent history. These are just a few of the numerous highlights in the past year.

It is because of your generosity that LCIF is able to expand to meet even more needs worldwide. Last fiscal year, donations were up by 40 percent. I am excited to tell you that through the first four months of this fiscal year, our donations are up an additional sixty-two (62) percent, from US\$15.1 million to US\$24.1 million.

As a result, many more people worldwide are benefiting from your kindness and humanitarian service. Nearly one (1) million people will benefit from the grants

awarded at the October board meeting alone.

This coming year promises to be another remarkable year. I look forward to sharing with you additional successes in the new year and thank you for your continued support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L Scruggs III Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation





## VALE Lion Tyrone Hill

Tyrone was an extremely hard working and dedicated Lion and according to my reckoning, would have been a member of the City of Burnie Lions Club from 1999 until 2007, when he and Bev resigned because of their moving to Penguin and also due to Tyrone's health. During that time he and Bev were really "full on" as far as dedicated membership goes...

Tyrone passed away in late December after a short illness....aged 69.

In the relatively short time he was a member he was the recipient of the following converted Club Awards for their work and enthusiasm:

- 2001-2002 The "Groobing" Award
- 2003-2004 Tasmanian Lions Foundation Fellow (He and Bev jointly)
- 2005-2006 The Wilfred Campbell Fellowship Award

In 2000-2001 and 2001-2002... he was Second Vice President of the Club and in 2002-2003-2004-2005 a Director.

Both being totally committed Lions, Tyrone and Bev were instrumental in raising a great deal of money for the Club with their catering expertise.

**Lion John Matic** Lions Club of City of Burnie

Get involved - that's what Lionism is all about!

## Australian Lions Foundation **Helping Lions, Help Their Communities**



Trustees meet four times a year to assess grants and the next meetings of Trustees will be held

## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

Please note that any pending Grant Applications by Clubs must be signed by the District Governor/Vice District Governor or Cabinet Secretary

prior to sending direct to me or to the Grants Chairman PCC Ian Kelly, PO Box 5522, FALCON, WA 6210. Applications need to be received at least seven (7) days prior to the above dates.

Should any Club require assistance with a Grant Application or Awards please contact me either by email *apretyman@bigpond.com* or phone 62252011.



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## DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION'S GENERAL OR EMERGENCY FUND ARE ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Alan Pretyman - Secretary and Trustee for Tasmania

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Author Notes

Lion Bill, my father was a charismatic and larger than life character, who planted the

The net proceeds from the sale of Lion Bill's Biography are to be donated to ALF (Australian Lions Foundation) for distribution to community funded projects and relief support at times of National disasters.

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seed of Lionism in Lismore NSW in 1947, thus to become the 18th Country in the world to join the International family.

In 1953 at the first Australian Lions Convention at Coolangatta, Acting District Governor Bill was recognised as Founder of Lions in Australia. For the historians, those early years were a daunting challenge, as such, they create a fascinating read.

The content of this book has evolved beyond a biography on Lion Bill into a broader history of Lions Clubs and examples of projects, with cameo profiles of true blue Lions.

With the appointment of Canadian Gordon Smith as our first professional representative from Lions International. Expansion gained momentum from 1952. Lion Bill's prayers were answered.

This over due event created a new dynamic that makes an interesting topic to pursue. It was to become the catalyst which heralded the incredible growth, maturity and recognition of Lions in Australia.

Proud of the past—Confident of the future

- Lismore his 'spiritual home' ALF History & Awards
- Service, to Apex and Lions Recognitions and Memories
- Lions Formative Years Lions Village Licola
- Lismore *Where it all began* Lions Tourist Road Kyogle
- Murwillumbah Number2 Club Lions and Apex intertwine
- Melbourne First City Club 'True Blue' Lions
- International Conventions Bills 'Life Passion'
- District Gov. Bill 1962/63 Tributes

Enjoy!

Yours in Lionism Lion Max Tresise Lions Club Heathmont Inc. Email: mjtresise@bigpond.com.

What a great present for Clubs to give to new Lions or even older ones for that matter.

His journey to es

ablish Lions in Australia

Author Lion Max Tre



### \*\*\* SCAM ALERT \*\*\*

Please be advised that there is a scammer calling many Lions clubs (mainly club presidents and secretaries it seems).

The caller is pretending to be International Director Gulati (from India).

He said had been given my number by Lion Barry Palmer. He said he was calling from Philippines airport.

Indicated he was coming to Tasmania to attend his aunts funeral and I was to call him back as he was on a prepaid phone with little credit

Apparently the story then goes that he needs money for the airfare to Tasmania and will pay you back when he gets here

### THIS IS A SCAM - PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

These calls have been received by many district governors and Lions officers – apparently he is now working on the clubs

Maurice Jones Cabinet Secretary

### Region South Tasman (Online Access Centre) 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Time TBA Hobart (Venue TBA) 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Time TBA East Coast (Swansea Online Access Centre) 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 Time TBA Presenters: TBA

#### <u>Cabinet Officer Training and</u> <u>Orientation Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012</u>

**Venue:** Kings Meadows Lions Club Centre, Merino Street, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm followed by a Cabinet Officers & Partners BBQ, Saturday evening.

Cabinet meeting Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012

GLT Co-ordinator John Medwin

# Training & Orientation

<u>Orientation of new members (up to 18 months of membership) sessions</u>

<b>Region North</b>	<b>Region North West</b>	<b>Region South</b>
RC Amanda Olsen	Cab Sec Maurice Jones (Penguin)	RC Sue Johns
TBA	RC Anne Fagg (Rocky Cape)	TBA
TBA	Nigel Sheahan (Wynyard)	TBA
	Christine Walter (Smithton)	
	Tony Bedelph (Ulverstone)	
	Phil Viney (Ulv. Backup)	
	Michael MacLaren (COB)	
	GLT John Medwin (COB)	

**Venue for Region South.** Howrah Recreation Centre, 11 Howrah Road, Howrah. 10:00am 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. **RSVP by 14 Jan 12** to Region Chairman Sue Johns phone: 6244-2593 email: *region3@lionstasmania.org* 

**Venue for Region North**, Kings Meadows Lions Centre, Merino Street, Kings Meadows. 10:00am 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

**Venue for the North West,** is at the Lions Centre, Ironcliffe Road, Penguin. 10:00am Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

#### Incoming Office Bearers Seminars

### **Region North West:**

Wynyard Community Centre	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	9:30 – 12:30pm
Latrobe Primary School	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	10:00 – 1:00pm
West Coast: Queenstown Venue TBA	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2012	Time TBA

#### Presenters: Wynyard.

Presidents:	Secretaries:	Treasurers:
DC John Medwin	RC Anne Fagg	Christine Walter
DGE David Daniels*	2VDG Michael MacLaren	
Nigel Sheahan (confirmed)		

#### Presenters: Latrobe.

Presidents	Secretaries	Treasurers
VDG George Bugeja	DC Kae Campbell	Tony Bedelph (Ulv.)
DGE David Daniels*		

#### Presenters: West Coast (Queenstown)

Presidents	Secretaries	Treasurers
DC John Medwin	RC Anne Fagg	Cab/Sec Maurice Jones
DG Toby Crawford?		
DGE David Daniels?		

### **Region North**

Scottsdale

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2012

10:00 - 1:00pm

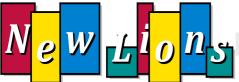
10:00 – 1:00pm

Venue: Trade Training Centre, Scottsdale School. Presenters TBA

Presidents	Secretaries	Treasurers
VDG George Bugeja		

Launceston19th May 2012Venue: Kings Meadows High School. Presenters: TBA

Presidents	Secretaries	Treasurers
DGE David Daniels		



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Líons Measles Initiative update Vol 36 No 7

## Every day a quiet storm needlessly takes the lives of 450 children.

Yet for less than US\$1, we can provide life-long immunity and the chance at life. Lions, we can save 157 million children

through One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, a partnership with the Measles Initiative.

One Shot, One Life:

The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million with a matching grant of US\$1 for every US\$2 raised by Lions. Last month LCIF received two large donations to help meet this challenge: US\$250,000 from Multiple District 300, Taiwan, and US\$10,000 from International Director Seiki Yamaura from Japan.

#### All Lions are encouraged to support this program and help meet the challenge. Donations are eligible for MJF recognition.

Many others around the world are also expressing their support. Last month International President Tam met with the President of Nepal and Vice President of Kenya, both of whom pledged their support to vaccination campaigns planned in their countries.

Peter Lynam WILLIAM VICTOR ALLEN

Natalie Rudov WILLIAM VICTOR ALLEN

WESTBURY LIONS CLUB **Elizabeth M Gill** LYN DENT

PERTH LIONS CLUB Darryl J Stafford **KEVIN RADFORD** 

Heather R Stafford **KEVIN RADFORD** 

SORELL LIONS CLUB **Elsie Margaret Clarke** LYNETTE LEARY

Alex Delpero MICHAEL DAVID FLANAGAN

Jennifer Anne Delpero SUZANNE PAULA PRITCHARD

SPRING BAY LIONS CLUB Jane A Enniss IAN MICHAEL ENNISS

Suzanne J Ingram NOT STATED

ULVERSTONE LIONS CLUB **Rovce Vinev** NOEL REGINALD VINEY

**Total New Members: 45** 

## DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

Hoping you have all had an enjoyable break and hope 2012 sees you all keep good health and it meets your expectations.

### Thank you for your support over the past 12 months and look forward to your continued support.

Stamps may be given to your Zone/Regional Chair who will give them to Lion Phil Robinson at Cabinet, who will get them to me.

#### Alternatively, you can send them direct to me at:

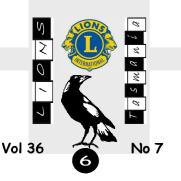
11 Camina Crt Riverside 7250 and we will do the rest.

We invite all members to participate in this easy project and ask for your consideration in participating. Keep up the good work in your communities and continue to make life a little easier for those less fortunate that our selves.

Regards Peter Burke **Riverside Lions Club** 



LILYDALE LIONS CLUB



**Register to Attend International** Convention in Busan 2012



Make plans to join Lions from around the world at our 95th International **Convention in** Busan, Korea, June 22-26, 2012.

While in Busan, be sure to experience Korean cuisine at a barbeque restaurant, get your toes in the sand at Haeundae Beach and take a short ride to visit Beomeosa Temple on the slopes of Mt. Geumjeongsan.

Further info at www.lionsclubs.org

## **Help Relieve Hunger in Your Community**

International President Tam encourages us to believe that the world can be changed when we come together as Lions.

#### During January, you can make a difference by joining our "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign.

As part of this campaign, we're providing resources to help you assess local needs, mobilize your club and plan a project.

Consider organizing a community food drive, delivering food baskets to families in need, or planting a school vegetable garden. Find out about project resources at:

http://www.lionsclubs.org

## From the International

## President

Dear Lion.

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

As we begin 2012 we are also beginning the second half of our year together as Lion leaders. What we have accomplished together thus far is remarkable. I commend you on your accomplishments these past six months meeting the tree planting goal in just three months, volunteering countless hours towards Global Service Action Campaigns and bringing new faces into your Lions family. As I look to the future "I Believe" we can accomplish even more.

The beginning of a new calendar year is a good time to evaluate our clubs, to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and look ahead to your club's future opportunities.

Have you ever thought about what your club or district will look like 10, 20, even 30 years from now? Who will be there to provide the vital services your club offers to the community today?

I spend a good deal of time thinking about the future of Lions Clubs International and I can tell you that the answer is people who are now in their late teens to late twenties.

Recruiting young people is not only vital for the future but provides concrete benefits to our clubs today. Bringing young people into a Lions club can renew its spirit with fresh ideas, create a club that more closely mirrors the community and help it precisely assess today's community needs.

It can be challenging to reach young people who are typically busy and have many options for using what free time they do have. But it might easier than you think. Today's generation of young people is more committed to volunteer service than any that came before it. If we Lions are to be true to our own commitment to service we cannot let any of that youthful energy go unused or allow their desire to serve go unfulfilled.

LCI is providing your club and district with the tools it needs to recruit young adults into your Lions family. Download My Club, My Family for a checklist on welcoming new members. I hope that you take advantage of these tools and do all that is necessary to revitalize your club and ensure its future.

Sincerely

Wing-Kun Tam International President



## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY ....

- January 1, 1622: JANUARY 1st was adopted as the beginning of the New Year instead of March 25.
- January 2, 1960: AUSTRALIA'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE of 50.7c (123.3f) was recorded in Oodnadatta, SA.
- January 3, 1907: BONDI SURF LIFESAVING CLUB (Australia's first lifesaving club) made its first two rescues, one of whom was famous future aviator, Charles Kingsford Smith.
- January 5, 1975: The TASMAN BRIDGE in Hobart collapsed claiming 12 lives.
- January 6, 1992: SHANE WARNE took 1-150 in his first Test innings.
- January 8, 1947: British singer DAVID BOWIE celebrates his 60th birthday.
- January 9, 1868: The last transportation of CONVICTS to Australia arrived in Fremantle, WA, 140 years ago.
- January 10, 1968: 40 years ago JOHN GORTON was sworn in as Australia's Prime Minister after defeating Paul Hasluck for the leadership of the Liberal Party.
- January 11, 1984: MICHAEL JACKSON'S Thriller album became the best-selling album of all time.
- January 13, 1863: THOMAS CRAPPER (no kidding!) pioneered the W.C. - water closet (now referred to as the toilet).
- January 14, 1801: BRITAIN adopted the Union Jack as its official flag.
- January 15, 1908: 100 years ago ARNOTTS produced their first biscuit in a factory in Svdnev.
- January 17, 1905: The first AUSTRALASIAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP was held in Melb.
- January 18, 1962: The first VALIANT car was released by Chrysler in Adelaide. The Model 'R' series sold out within days of its release.
- January 19, 1995: MARY MACKILLOP was beatified by Pope John Paul II during a ceremony in Sydney.
- January 20, 1961: JOHN F KENNEDY, aged 43, was sworn in as America's youngest President.
- January 22, 1968: LAUGH-IN began on US television 40 years ago. The comedy show launched the careers of Goldie Hawn, Arte Johnson and Lily Tomlin.
- January 23, 1908: The BALMAIN rugby league club was established 100 years ago.
- January 24, 1908: EASTERN SUBURBS rugby league club established 100 years ago.
- January 26, 1788: The FIRST FLEET arrived at Port Jackson, NSW. In 1931 the day was named AUSTRALIA DAY.
- January 27, 1948: The first MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDER was sold in America.
- January 28, 1973: The VIETNAM WAR officially ended at 8.00am (Saigon time). It was the longest war in US history with more than one million combat deaths.
- January 29, 1982: MEN AT WORK topped the US charts with Down Under.
- January 30, 1969: THE BEATLES played together live for the last time on the roof of their Apple headquarters in London.
- January 31, 1907: MORTEIN insect spray trademark was registered.

## New LCI payment options are now available online!

Have you heard the news? WMMR, the online membership and service activity reporting system, is being updated to better serve you. The updates are now available.

These features will allow you to:

- View your club statements online from January, 2011 through the present time for a rolling 3 year period.
- Pay online with credit cards for on • time payments.
- View your Semi-Annual Per-Capita invoices online for a rolling 3 year period.
- Review your monthly statements for • payment and membership updates.
- How will this new feature affect your club and the Association?
- View your statement online as soon as it becomes available and avoid postal delays.
- Pay your total statement balance timely and protect your Good Standing.
- Receive an emailed confirmation of your online payment.
- Go Green! Choose to stop receiving mailed statements starting October, 2011.

We are so excited to provide this service to you and trust you will use this feature to ensure your balances and membership status is accurate. Contact us should you have questions on how to use this service.

We can be reached at:

accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org or contact Cabinet Treasurer Erik for further information or assistance.

#### Help us protect your security and do not provide credit card details in any written correspondence.

FAQ: (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q: Am I required to change the manner in which regular payments are sent?

A: No, it is not mandatory to pay online. This is an option offered to all club officers.

Q: Can I view payments not issued online? A: Yes, non-online payments can be viewed on the end of month statements once they are available.

Q: When can I view my online statement? A: Your online statement can be viewed after the 3rd or 4th business day following monthend close.

Q: Can District and Multiple District Statements be viewed and paid online? A: District and Multiple District Statements are not yet available online at this time.

## Friendshi

Friendship lasts forever And keeps our hearts together It puts sunshine where there is rain When life is clouded with pain.

Friendship is an outstretched hand Grasping despair it takes a stand Unlocking chains of neglect Opening doors to respect.

Friendship is a hearing ear Reassuring against our fear Of a world that lost its feeling For people that believe in dreaming

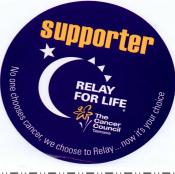
Friendship is living water Flowing between each other Friendship has no ending Neither is it offending.

In our hearts Friendship will be As ruler of our destiny It has taught us to be strong And in its embrace, we belong.

Written by an unknown Lion

## MEMBERSHIP is **EVERY** member's **BUSINESS!** Tasmanian Lions







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Foundation Next meeting of Foundation to be held on

## 12th February 2012

Any Club with Grant Applications are to be in hands of the Secretary by:

## 5th February 2012

at 11 Camina Court Riverside Tas 7250.

A donation from your Club to the Foundation will help us to ensure that it can support your fellow Lions in bringing larger community activities to a successful conclusion.

We look forward and invite you to both utilize and support the Foundation in the coming year.

## REMEMBER,

It is your foundation and we are here to assist you. - so please use it. Until next month Peter Burke Secretary



# District Newsletter 20171

## Deadline for next issue is: **FEBRUARY 10th**

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Copy for the newsletter is required on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication. No 7 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.

## OUTH OF THE YEAR TOUR HITS TOWN!"

The six State Finalists of the 2011 National Y.O.T.Y. Quest rocked into Hobart on the 29<sup>th</sup> December on the first leg of their Australia-wide tour.

Members of host club Sandy Bay were at the airport to give them a warm welcome, as was Lion Jenny Tripptree, Tasmanian national YOTY committee representative.

After hugs and hand-shakes all round, the group, Brooke Snow, Raynor Hicks, Gillian Mahony, Stewart McKenzie, Nathan Barnden, and our own Max Rintoul, together with their chaperones, Lions Ian Mclean and Tiffany Wilson and other members of Sandy Bay Club, piled into the bus and headed to Port Arthur, where a fabulous BBO organized by Lions Ron and Bev Purdon and members of Tasman Lions Club awaited.

Suitably refreshed, it was then off to the "Fox and Hounds" for check-in, and down to Port Arthur for the nighttime "Ghost Tour." The group swore that the scariest thing they encountered during the session was Lion Ian emerging from a cell complete with chromedome and Rasputin-like beard after several months on Macquarie Island!

Next morning, beautiful, bright, and clear, saw the group board "Pennicotts Wilderness Journeys" jet-boat for a thrilling three hour trip around the coast to Tasman Island. Dolphins, seals, and sea-birds of all kinds were spotted in abundance, and all agreed that it was an outstanding adventure.

A historical tour of Port Arthur Penal Settlement took place that afternoon, and then back to Hobart for a quiet evening at the home of hosts, Lois The Summit Team on Mt. Wellington

Koehnken and Steve Rintoul.

On New Year's Eve, the group was up early for a stroll round Salamanca Market, then it was up to the summit of Mount Wellington, obligatory for any visitor to Hobart! The weather was remarkably warm, and midgies and mozzies filled the air, to the consternation of a couple of the female members who, Lion Ian observed, are obviously not cut out for careers in entomology! The intrepid "summiteers" having posed for photos, it was back on the bus, and after a quick freshen-up, off to the "Taste" for food, fun and fireworks, and a fabulous "seeing-in" of 2012.



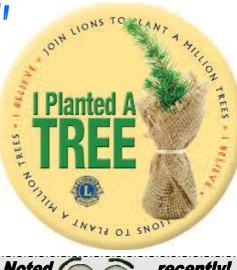
**Richard Forcey** 

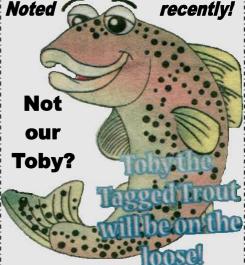
Secretary / Lions Club of Sandy Bay.

## 25th Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced

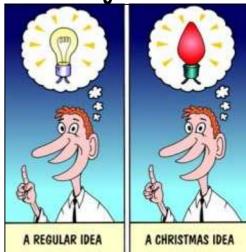
Help us celebrate the 25th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest by sponsoring a local school or youth group in the 2012-2013 competition. The theme for the contest is "Imagine Peace." Lions have given millions of boys and girls a chance to express their visions of peace through this program.

Contest kits will go on sale on January 15 from Club Supplies. Learn more about the contest, including how to order a kit. Each kit includes an entry form for this year's Lions International Essay Contest for students who are visually impaired, which shares the theme "Imagine Peace."









The Last Word... "The New Year often gives people a fresh start on their old habits!"