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The month of August has been very busy with **Club visitations, Australian Lions Foundation Directors meeting and the Council of Governors meeting in Sydney** early this month. Firstly, I must apologise for not acknowledging **Lion Leigh Johnstone from the Hadspen South Esk Lions Club** on my first official visit in August with being presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his Lions and Community Services. Lion Leigh has contributed as an advocate to Club President, Zone and Region Chair and currently is the Global Leadership Team leader to this District. Lion Leigh's dedication and commitment to the leadership role to the Prospect Scout Group is also commended along with his work ethics to his employer, Hertz Rentals, congratulations and well-done Leigh.

### Club Visitations

Carolyn and I attended the **L/C Bothwell and Districts** early August. Over these many years I have always enjoyed the friendliness of Bothwell members with the continued service that they provide to locals in their district. *This small Club being chartered, in November 2004 has been providing extraordinary support over these many years to the local school, ambulance service, attending the Autumn Festival and Hamilton Show.* These members are certainly out there in their local District spreading the service. Their Community Service to the bush fire response earlier this year was a demonstration of partnerships with their Community in service.



Ronald  
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HOBART

My next visit was to the **L/C Hobart Town**, where I was made welcomed and appreciated to be able to catch up with fellow Lion friends. It was pleasing to see so many new Lions attending and certainly this has dropped the average age of this Clubs membership down a little. **This Club is very supportive of the Hobart Leo Club and youth projects.** It was interesting and rewarding to hear of the projects that the L/C Hobart Town can continue with. Circus Quirkus, Ronald McDonald House and Mega Swim are 3 of many activities that the Club provides. **I would also acknowledge Lion Carol Hau for her secretarial duties within the Club, again this has a succession of good change to our association.**

Carolyn and I attended the **L/C Glenorchy** the following evening. Glenorchy had just finished their major fundraiser for this Lions year being the **Model Rail Show in conjunction with the Transport Museum.** Glenorchy have grown with great direction qualities and I believe that after this District Convention will provide succession of leadership to this Club, **well done Glenorchy for hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> District Convention in your City!**



My next group of Clubs to visit were **Latrobe, Ulverstone and Westbury.** In order of visitation Latrobe although a small Club working in this community all members are very happy and sharing the load of service with each other. Extraordinary Lions service for such a small Lions Club, well done. **My visitation to the Ulverstone Club is remembered with starting off with a wet and windy night travelling to Ulverstone from Devonport.** Again, a large Club of Lions and Partners attending that evening with an informative break down of Service projects with their reports showing how they are very active in this Community. **Thank you to all Club members, President Geoff, RC Andrew and PDG Bill for making me most welcome and being able to win a pair of socks in the raffle!!** Looking forward to your Urban Bike Track opening soon.



Wednesday evening, I visited the **L/C Westbury for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 6 months.** Very interesting Club with good Lions membership doing amazing service projects in this town ship. It is most interesting to see and hear the difference in Club memberships and the diversity of these Lions Clubs, each one very different but with a service goal in mind to impact on their communities.

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### Secretaries & Bulletin Editors....

DG David would love to read your Club newsletter. Please forward a copy to [dg@lionstasmania.org](mailto:dg@lionstasmania.org)



**Upcoming Events**

**District Governor's Calendar**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 17 Tuesday LC Burnie Emu Bay
- 22 Sunday Club Development Day - Kingsmeadows,
- 23 Monday LC Tasman
- 24 Tuesday LC City of Burnie
- 25 Wednesday LC Forth Valley
- 26 Thursday LC Launceston Windmill Hill

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Tuesday LC Kingsmeadows
- 3 Thursday LC George Town
- 8 Tuesday LC Bicheno
- 10 Thursday LC City of Devonport

**General Lions Dates**

- Oct 1 Register for Spot Vision Training :see Page 6 for details
- Oct 11-12 PDG social weekend
- Oct 13 Club Development Day, Kings Meadows
- Oct 21 2nd IVP Brian Sheehan at LC Riverside
- Oct 22 2nd IVP Brian Sheehan at LC/Leos Penguin
- Oct 24 2nd IVP Brian Sheehan at LC Clarence
- Oct 26 **LC Smithton 50th Charter**

HELLO, HELLO, HELLO



Is any club currently participating in **Lions Junior Public Speaking?**

Please contact [russell.p.cairns@gmail.com](mailto:russell.p.cairns@gmail.com) as he would like to explore the possibility of **the Lions Club of Hobart Town** cooperating with you to run this project.



The end of the month of August 2 more Clubs to visit, Carolyn and I journey to **Triabunna to visit the L/C Spring Bay.**

A most welcoming Club to visit with being able to talk to those Lions in attendance of the future of our organisation and working with partnerships in our communities. **President Mick presented me with a \$500 cheque to be acknowledged and sent to our Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation representatives PCC Tony and PDG Hester.** What a pleasing gift to receive from this Club to this respected Foundation fighting to find a cure and assist these children with this medical condition, well done Spring Bay Lions!

Last visitation for August was the **City of Launceston**, this Club working well in the Launceston area has had some changes over the past few months but continuing with great service projects. I had the opportunity and pleasure **to install Lion Amanda Whitmore and Leo Stephen Talbot to their respective clubs.** Congratulations to you both for your opportunity to serve your Club.

I was able to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Crime Stoppers in Tasmania held at West Point Casino on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. This was an amazing celebration as representation from Crime Stoppers International, Crime Stoppers Australia, and Crime Stoppers Tasmania and Chair PDG David Daniels were acknowledged with keeping Tasmanians safe. Congratulations to Lions Clubs in this District for your continued support of this very valued District project for many years.



A little on membership, whilst attending the Council of Governors meeting early September it was recommended that we as Club Members to continue with the separate Service, Membership and Leadership functions in our Clubs and not force the structure of GAT as recommended by LCI. I continue to support this recommendation; I believe that every Club should have a Membership Chair to monitor the Service, Membership and Leadership or known as the Club Action Team (CAT). I would empower the following for Lions Clubs this year if **we only worked with member care and welfare within our membership, ensure that all members are given meaningful roles allocated and give all members timely and adequate Lions Club Orientation.** If we are to maintain our service in Communities, we must lead with example! This I fill will develop succession roles in our Clubs and Districts for the following years achieve strength in all Club and individual goals.



MyLION is still causing many problems in our Clubs, it is still under review. These concerns were noted at the Council Meeting and one important point was raised that there needs to be a training area set up like wise to MyLCI reporting.

There is also a provision to be looked at as having a Help Desk 24Hour set up. The District Club Development Day will be used as a developed training session to encourage those Clubs to attend to be able to report their Clubs activities. As I continue to visit many Clubs, I find the major issue is "Logging In" and "How to Report an Activity". I hear and see many of these activities that could be shared by all that are not able to be reported!



**CITY OF LAUNCESTON LIONS CLUB**

AMANDA WHITMORE

Sponsor: MARGARET WHITMORE

**DELORAINIE LIONS CLUB**

DEBORAH J CALOW

Sponsor: SUSAN BELLAMY

FREDRICK CALOW

Sponsor: SUSAN BELLAMY

**PORT CYGNET LIONS CLUB**

ANDREA SCHUURMANS

Sponsor: ALLAN DAWSON

**RIVERSIDE LIONS CLUB**

KEVIN STYLES

Sponsor: ANTHONY RONEY

**SORELL LIONS CLUB**

JACQUELINE LOUISE HAWKINS

Sponsor: MARGARET HAWKINS

**Our District Count**

**31 August 2019**

Clubs: 49

**Membership: 1145**

Same Time Last Year 1160

YTD ADD 22

YTD DROP 15

YTD GROWTH +7 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**



**November  
8—10**

Registration forms [201t1.lions.org.au](http://201t1.lions.org.au)

**Treasurers.....please.....**



Starting on a positive note, I congratulate the majority of club treasurers who paid their club Semi Annual District Dues promptly, and did so by the correct method..

*Sadly, there are some who, for unknown reasons, either do not read or just ignore the instructive memorandum which Cabinet treasurer David McDavitt had attached to the emailed dues invoices. This memorandum clearly stated the procedures for payment, as to which club account the invoice was payable from and to which District account it was payable to when paying by either cheque or EFT, as well as the absolute deadline for payment.*

The reason that David asked you to use only the club short name as reference, i.e " Kingborough", when paying by EFT is the limited space provided by the banks, hence when the reference is written as the club full legal name, the only text provided on the bank statement is " Lions Club of ".

As a reminder, please keep this note in your account folder:

**International Dues.**

- Always Payable from the Club Administration Account.
- Can be paid directly on MyLCI by credit card
- If paid via the Cab treasurer, it must be by **Admin . Acc.** cheque

**District semi annual Invoiced Dues ( Section A & B)**

- Sect "A" is payable from Club Admin Acc by chq, or EFT to 037-012 58-0988, with short club name as reference.
- Sect "B" is payable from Club Act Acc by chq, or EFT to 037-012 58-0988, with short club name as reference

**Invoiced Voluntary payments ( section C)**

- Payable from Club Activity account by cheque, or EFT to 037-012 58-0996, with short club name as reference

Following these simple instructions will make life a lot easier for the Cabinet Treasurer.

**Kind regards**  
**Erik Madsen**  
**Acting Cabinet Treasurer**

**David Triffett's Snippets..continued**  
**On a special note of congratulations to 2VDG Robert Mantach and RC Paul Cairndaff for being accepted to the Advance Lions Leadership Institute, Christchurch, NZ early November. Robert and Paul will receive a wealth of information with building on skills to prepare them for leadership responsibilities within this District.**

Watch for the "\$2 drop" initiative in next month's issue....



Till next month  
"Connect Together in Service"  
**David Triffett**

**2019 Convention update.**

As the dates for the forthcoming 2019 Convention are coming ever closer, we are hoping all Club members will make every effort to attend to make for a very successful weekend of fellowship and be entertained plus attending to business matters.

The organizing committee, comprising members from the Glenorchy club assisted by the Clarence club and others has been hard at work making all arrangements to ensure the event is a great success... The committee has been divided into several sub committee's handling various aspects of the Convention, from the registration process, Catering, finances, speakers, etc.

The registration desk will be open from 4 P.M. on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> November with the opening ceremony to commence at 7.30 P.M. Call to order 7.20pm

I am informed we will have some very inspiring guest speakers.

A full programme of events and timeline is in the process of being put together and will be made available when all relevant information is to hand.

Again we encourage all Lions from all round Tassie to attend to be encouraged, inspired and appreciated. As a Reminder. Registrations are now open so

**PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE [Lion Brian Forster...Registrations].**





# Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

Already this Lions year has seen many progressive projects with 2 dogs delivered, 9 follow up visits and 2 accreditations. As you can see our trainers and handlers have a very full programme as there are also 17 dogs in training and 9 puppies with foster carers. Our immediate prospects for 2019 of 25 dogs delivered.

People continue to be astonished that it costs \$35,000 and up to 9 months to train a dog, yet they are given away free of charge. We particularly emphasized the rigour of our training techniques to ensure that each and every dog responds to each and every of the 10 sounds, not just 90 or 95% of the time, but 100% of the time – not to do so may put a life at risk.

Just a reminder to all Clubs that a donation to Lions Hearing Dogs is used for the training and delivery of a dog to a hard of hearing or deaf person. It is a life changer.



Above is the draughtsman impression of the new facility and home of Hearing Dogs. This is an ambitious \$12 million expansion which will see our future needs met.

**Not** any donated money from Lions Clubs will be used for its construction.

**Geoff Clow**

**District Chairman Hearing Dogs**

(0408 281 176 )



## Smithton Invites You To The LOGIES

Smithton Lions Club 50th Charter President IAN invites all PDGs and all Tasmanian Lions  
 When 25th Oct 2019  
 At Irishtown Community Centre  
 \$45 for 3 course meal  
 RSVP 10 Oct to  
 Secretary Sheryl Robson  
 Smithtonlionsclub@gmail.com  
 0457 461 573

Formal attire & Wear something GOLD

### Inspiration in Ulverstone

5 Lions from Smithton-Circular Head ventured to Ulverstone on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to listen to **Sam and Jenny Bailey's inspirational talk**, jointly hosted by Forth Valley, Ulverstone and Penguin Lions Clubs. Sam is a pilot, farmer, husband and best selling author – all achieved from a wheelchair. He and Jenny live and work together on a beef property in NSW, in between travelling the country giving inspiration to others through their remarkable tale. Sam's car accident hasn't stopped him achieving his goals and he is determined to become the first quadriplegic to fly a helicopter.

Sheryl Robson from LC Smithton tells us this was a great night out with fellow Lions—well worth the trip.



See page 9 for another paragraph and picture about Sam's visit.....

**The City of Devonport Lions club** was very happy to have Denise and Tammy from the **Munnew Dementia Day Centre** come and talk to us about their new initiative.

Today they came to talk to us about their new Reflections Cafe, the new home away from home for people affected by dementia, providing a specifically non-clinical and friendly social setting. With Devonport City Council support and a **\$3000 City of Devonport Lions Club donation** the Cafe is going to open at the Devonport Senior Citizens Club every second Wednesday of the month from 10am till noon.

Every week 1800 people in Australia are diagnosed with a form of dementia, there are about 100 different types, with Alzheimer's being the most common.

*Contrary to public perception, not all dementia has to do with memory, there are other ways in which it can affect patients, depending on where the damage is in the brain.*

It is important that public places have dementia-friendly facilities, which may include toilet latches and toilet paper dispensers to name a couple, and for this to be recognised we need increased community awareness which the Cafe will provide.

Reflections Cafe will be dementia friendly and be available to anybody affected by dementia in their lives whether it be parents, grandchildren, grandparents, friends or carers. The cafe will give people in our community a chance to socialise with other people in similar situations and avoid feeling isolated alone at home.

*The cafe will also help locate community services and support where needed and be there to do what they can to help people with dementia-related issues including social activities.*

Food for the cafe has been donated by various community organisations such as Drysdale and Don College, who will take turns sponsoring the cafe with coffee and tea and light snacks amongst other things.

Munnew is a community-focused group operating under the Meercroft Umbrella and services Devonport and surrounds, and is aimed at supporting family and carers, and anybody living with Dementia old or young.



President Jenny Rimmer, Tammy, Denise from Munnew Day Centre & Lion Roz Hill a volunteer at Munnew.  
**Sherilyn Mahoney LC City of Devonport**

## LIONS CLUB OF HUON - SUPPORT FOR HUON FIRE BRIGADE.

A part of an effort to support the Huon Community in the wake of the bushfires earlier this year the Lions Club of Huon decided to assist the Huon Fire Brigade by supplying equipment not otherwise provided by the State Fire Service. In this effort the Club received assistance from a Victorian Lions Club, the Red Hills and District Lions Club. **As a result equipment to the value of over \$3250 was presented to the Huon Brigade last week.** It is understood that the equipment supplied will be used as required by the other Brigades in the Huon area.



LEFT: An outstanding donation of vital equipment was presented to the Huon Fire Brigade.



ABOVE LEFT: PDG John Gillham, Huon Lions Club Secretary, with Matthew Clark, Huon Fire Brigade.



Members of the Huon Lions Club and Huon Fire Brigade at the presentation.

### Very Exciting News about LEHP



LCIF gave LEHP a grant to help supply Children’s Vision Screening Equipment to every District in Australia.

Work is underway to have at least three teams of qualified screening operators across our District. The first hands-on training will take place at St. Brigids School in Wynyard. The next will be on the Friday afternoon immediately prior to convention in Glenorchy.

*If you would like to be part of this exciting new program, then you can come to the training at Convention. You must however register with me by email. A Working with Vulnerable people card is also required for Lions to conduct the vision screening sessions.*

Registrations will close October 1. If you would like to see Children’s Vision Screening in action, come by the LEHP booth at Convention and make sure you see the presentation by Rod Jackson at Convention. Rod is a retired optometrist and is responsible for the training.

**Why do we need to do this?** Despite Australia having Medicare funded optometry for children, 1 in 5 across Australia have an undiagnosed problem with their vision. Vision problems lead to learning difficulties and being isolated from their peers. A child looking at the blackboard in the class room and seeing blurry writing, thinks that’s is how all the children in the class room see the blackboard.

LEHP has been a Cat B project for over twenty years. Providing resources to clubs to raise awareness about vision, educate and help prevent blindness. It is my job to make sure that you and your club have the information, training resources to embrace Eye Health programs. Please do not hesitate to ask me about LEHP, and how you and your club can be more involved.

[lehp@lionstasmania.org](mailto:lehp@lionstasmania.org)

**Stephen Smith**  
 District Chairperson  
 Lions Eye Health Program



### LC Glenorchy City: Model Train Show 2019

The annual model train show for 2019 was again a tremendous success run in conjunction with the BRMA (British Railway Modellers Assoc) and the TTMS (Tasmanian Transport Museum Society). With each group contributing to the overall input of volunteers, we presented a world class exhibition and raised substantial funds for each organisation.



- Some of the activities LC Glenorchy City has been involved in so far in 2019 (To end of March)**
- Car Parking assistance for Tasmanian Racing Club
  - Royal Hobart Regatta Chocolate Wheel
  - BBQ for GCC to launch of the Glenorchy City Precinct Upgrade
  - BBQ breakfast for GCC to celebrate Glenorchy volunteers
  - Bunnings BBQ in aid of Lions Childhood Cancer Research program
  - Walk for Diabetes inaugural event - BBQ and event management
  - Assistance with Clarence Run the Beaches event - marshalling and Lions Promotion
  - BBQ for Glenorchy Home and Energy Expo
  - Ronald McDonald House meal preparation roster
  - BBQ for Choir of High Hopes
- Some of the upcoming activities for 2019 are:**
- Operating various BBQs on request
  - Ronald McDonald House meal preparation roster throughout 2019
- April**
- Bunnings BBQ in aid of Lions Childhood Cancer Research program
  - Anzac Day Wreath Laying at Glenorchy
- May**
- Mother's Day Raffle
- August**
- Annual train show - BBQ and event set up/pack down assistance
- September**
- Fathers Day Raffle
- October**
- Royal Hobart Show Parking attending
- December**
- Gig in the Garden BBQ
  - Carols By Candlelight in December
- Newsletter Editor Brian Forster & Sec Jennifer Pritchett**





## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President Brian Sheehan



Dear Lions, Leo's and Partners

It is with great pleasure that I now can confirm that 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lorri will be visiting Tasmania to meet and greet Lions, Leo's and Partners from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October thru to the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

This will give a tremendous opportunity for local Lions and Leos to meet an International Officer and to highlight your Lions/Leo Club Service Projects that you are promoting throughout your Communities.

Also accompanying Lions Brian and Lorri, will be Past International Director Tony Benbow and Sue, together let's make our International Guests welcome and promote the following locations as a meet and greet, to listen to inform us what our Lions Clubs International Association is doing along with its Global Impact.

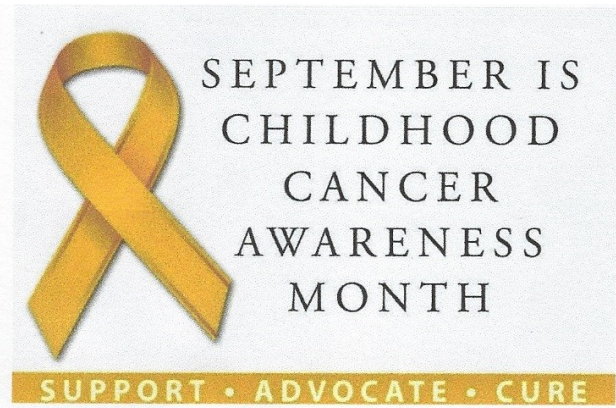
**Dates that are locked in are:**  
**North (Region 2), Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019,**  
**Host Club – Lions Club of Riverside**  
**North West (Region 1) Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**2019, Host Club – Lions/Leo Club of Penguin**  
**South (Region 3) Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019,**  
**Host Club Lions Club of Clarence**

At this time details are being finalised for the above locations for a dinner/lunch meeting, so please SAVE THESE DATES and promote this International Visitation through your Lions/Leo Clubs and your District through fellowship.

Best wishes  
See you there!

**Lion David Triffett**  
**District Governor**

*"Connect Together in Service"*



In 1990 US President Bush proclaimed October, *National Awareness Month*, for children with cancer, but it was only for one month, that year. In 2012, President Obama issued a proclamation, that September would be, then and always, **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**.



\$24 771 was raised by the Lions Club of Kingborough and presented to ALCCRF at Convention in Geelong.



The amount pledged from the Lions Club of Riverside is \$15 000 per year and this brings their total to an amazing \$45 000 for the past 3 years.

**Congratulations on these outstanding donations and to each Club who contributes to ALCCRF**

The Lions Biggest BBQ has raised in excess of \$250 000 over the past 12 months. The Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain, Q1, QLD won the lucky draw BBQ.



## Election of Directors



The Tasmanian Lions Foundation was set-up in the late 1970's as a result of the Hobart fires, where Tasmanian Lions wanted to help, but didn't have the necessary finances. It was from this scenario, that Clubs (and the newly formed District) banded together to donate to a disaster relief fund. To ensure continued funding, Tasmanian Lions Fellowships were able to be purchased (\$500) to ensure the fund continued to increase to a level where it could be of substantial assistance should it be needed.

The Foundation members are the District Governor or his nominee and the First Vice District Governor together with elected members, made up of 3 Lions from each area (62, 63 and 64 Area Codes), with each member serving for a 3-year term. One Lion from each of these areas is up for election each year, and to nominate, Lions must be in good standing of any Tasmanian Lions Club (within that area), and only one Director from each Club is allowed.

The current TLF members are:-

District Governor – David Triffett		
1st Vice District Governor – Byron Dillworth		
62 Area	63 Area	64 Area
Peter Goldstone-James	Phil Robinson	Philip Viney
Paul Cairnduff	Geoff Tripptree	John Medwin
PDG Jack Allen	Mervyn Chilcott	Stuart Ritchie

The election process is about to commence (in line with the District Rules), such that the 3 members (shaded) are due to retire (but are eligible to re-nominate). **This note is to formally advise you that nominations are being sought to fill these positions.**

In compliance with the Rules of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc., “. . . ***nominations shall be made in writing by a Tasmanian Lions Club in good standing in the Area concerned and shall be delivered to the Cabinet Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of the District Convention together with the written consent of the member nominated***”.

While there are other clauses concerning the election process, **the most important issue is that nominations should be made by the Club in compliance with the above.** If you have a member in your Club that is interested in nominating, please follow the above procedure **NOW.**

Paul Cairnduff  
Secretary - Tasmanian Lions Foundation

## Julikemychops

Although Australian Lionsonoz does not conduct their own fund-raising projects members are encouraged to participate and assist “main stream” Lions Clubs in their various activities.

However, PDG Warren White found a way of raising funds for a particular cause, namely the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) by participating in the ***Julikemychops*** appeal. Participants refrain from shaving their “chops” for the Month of July and gain sponsors to encourage them to do this.

Lion Warren does not grow very much hair on the side of his face, his Mutton Chops, so he decided instead to grow a full beard for the month of July. He approached his neighbours and family as well as his Lawn Bowling associates and fellow members of Probus as well as his own Lionsonoz members seeking sponsorship of \$1 per day for the period. His aim was to raise \$1,000.

On 14<sup>th</sup> August he was pleased to hand over a cheque of \$1,068 to DG Bill Shephard of District 201N1 to lodge this to ALCCRF on our behalf.

Pictured is PDG Lion Warren White on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August at the completion of the project.



Lion Debbie Anne Weekes.  
(Secretary Australian Lionsonoz)  
dax66@bigpond.com





## Lions Service on Show in Devonport

In August, **Lions Club of Mersey-Devonport** members attended a residence in East Devonport to assist the owner who cannot maintain the property due to illness. More than 10 members worked over a weekend to clear away overgrown vegetation and mow lawns. A large skip was filled to capacity. The skip was kindly donated by a local business and the Devonport Council waived tip fees. Lion John Ackroyd did a wonderful job of supervising and coordinating this great Service Project to a successful completion. Well done John!



**Left:** John Humphreys on the rake



**Middle:** Noel Bilson tackling the "lawn"



**Right:** Skip donated by local business

The Mersey-Devonport Lions Club was approached by Molly Malone's Irish Pub, towards the end of last Lions year, to suggest a worthy recipient of funds that they had raised from their patrons. The Club choose the **Spreyton Dog's Home** as they were in dire need of new platforms in their exercise yards. The week prior to the project commencing one of the two platforms collapsed. The Club provided some extra funds and removed the old platforms and built new ones. A handful of members assisted with the project over a couple of days. Lion Noel Bilson did much of the work and supervised the project to a successful completion. Well done Noel!



**Left:** Noel's Helpers – Vere, Noelene and Roslyn



**Right:** Noel & Vere with a finished platform

**President Mersey-Devonport Lions Club – Christian McGee**

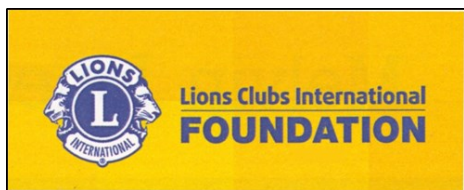
### Sam Bailey .....speaking words of wisdom....



On Friday 23rd August the Forth, Penguin and Ulverstone Lions Clubs jointly hosted Sam Bailey. Sam is a quadriplegic and those, members who attended the Tamworth MD Convention would remember Sam as the Key Note Speaker.

Sam Bailey suffered a spinal injury in a car accident while jackerooing in the Northern Territory at 19-years-of-age, leaving him a C6/ C7 quadriplegic. He is paralysed from the chest down with only limited use of his arms and hands and can't regulate his body temperature. He has lost bowel and bladder control and part of his lung capacity. He has overcome all those challenges to become a farmer, ultralight pilot, public speaker and best-selling author of the book *Head Over Heels* which he co-wrote with his wife, former ABC Rural Reporter, Jenny Black.

Sam spoke to 140 Ulverstone and Penguin High School students on the Friday afternoon and had them in awe then returned again on Friday evening to talk about his life and the devastating drought that has hit his farm and all of those around him.



**2019-2020**

As I have previously written it is hoped that this new lions year will see a reduced demand for community disaster assistance in Australia which has been so well coordinated by our Australian Lions Foundation. This year has already seen extensive bushfire damage to communities in NSW and Queensland. In parallel there has also been disaster due to the hurricane in the Caribbean area, in particular in the Bahamas where LCIF has already been actively providing disaster relief.

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President said "*Lions Clubs International Foundation is working with Lions to provide immediate relief to the families who are struggling get back on their feet as this devastating hurricane continues. You can help them. Your generous donation to LCIF will help us respond to Hurricane Dorian and wherever we're needed around the world. Together, we can rebuild lives when disaster strikes.*"



While it is appropriate for Clubs to focus on local needs it is also relevant to consider the needs, particularly in disasters, of our broader community, Australia and the rest of the world. As the need for funds to support our broader communities increases planning of specific fund raising activities for such support could be considered by Clubs.

**MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS**

Many Clubs have considerable funds in credit for MJFs. Credits total in excess of US\$100,000. If unsure of your Club's credit status please contact me [email - [lcif@lionstasmania.org](mailto:lcif@lionstasmania.org) or [vsbtas@bigpond.com](mailto:vsbtas@bigpond.com)]. Some Clubs may need a further donation to make up the US\$1,000 for an MJF. An MJF is an ideal way of recognising a member's contribution to their Club and their community. All Clubs will have members worthy of recognition.

**PERSONAL DONATIONS**

Do not forget that you as a Lions can also make a contribution to LCIF. There are a number of ways to make personal donations to LCIF : a direct single donation or a periodic [ eg monthly ] donation through your bank. If required a tax receipt can be provided. Personal donations can also be made through your Club. Contact me for further details or to make arrangements.

**John Gillham**  
LCIF District Coordinator

**LIONS MERCHANDISING PROGRAMME**



I'm sure you are all aware that Christmas is quickly approaching so be sure to get your orders in for a supply of Christmas cakes and puddings. Order forms are available on-line at: [lionsclubs.org.au/cakes mints & cookies/lions Christmas cakes](http://lionsclubs.org.au/cakes-mints-cookies). You will need a password to access the order form; this hasn't changed since last year. If you don't already have this, then please give me a call or send an email.

For those of you who aren't already aware, there are promotional materials available from the MD Club Supplies Shop, simply go to: [lionsclubs.org.au/fundraising merchandise](http://lionsclubs.org.au/fundraising-merchandise).

I will have samples available at the District Convention in Glenorchy in November so be sure to come and see me there. I look forward to meeting you all.

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Remember to check your LION MINT stock and money collections regularly...