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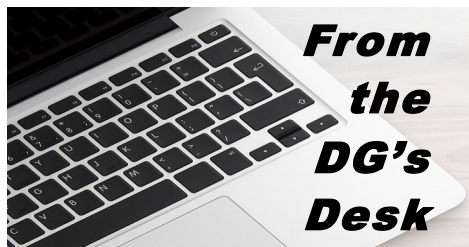
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From  
the  
DG's  
Desk

Greetings Fellow Lions & Leos!

As we start this month, it is with great sadness that I report the passing away of Linda's beloved mother, (my mother-in-law) early on the morning of the 29th January. She was a resident of Aminya Home at Scottsdale and had been of poor health in recent years.

I apologize that in the past two (2) weeks I have not been able to attend to some Lions business, especially the Southern Clubs Dinner (see report page 4), which we were looking forward to attending.

Now that the funeral is over and we have laid our beloved mother to rest, we return to our service in Lions.

*District GMT Chair Linda Dilworth sent "Good News Story" submission to LCI about our District starting to recover from the COVID-19 restrictions and as a result, our District was awarded a USD\$500 to help us further promote membership growth.*

My thanks to the Lions Clubs of Kings Meadows for the use of their first post COVID-19 restrictions Garage Sale as an example (see page 8 article).

There are still many Clubs and office bearers who are still having difficulty reporting and updating their records on "MyLion". Up to date information at Lions Clubs International (LCI) is vital, as was proven with the need to update the

records of our Second Vice District Governor Elect. Please, if you or your Club is having difficulty in these matters, let us on Cabinet know (especially your Zone Chair), so that help and guidance can be provided as required.

Several Clubs have received assistance already, as a result of ASKING for help. I know your District Governor Elect, Robert Mantach, has set a goal of improving club's MyLion reporting,

*As I approach the two-thirds way through my Governorship, I look back at our district's recovery from COVID-19 restrictions and our clubs bouncing back with new enthusiasm and a renewed commitment TO SERVE.*

Were able to provide a traditional three day Convention with all the trimmings, again helping us to move forward.

As a firm believer in transition planning (as DG David was before me), I aim to ensure that DGE Robert can move forward with his goals and ambitions for OUR District.

As the symbolism embedded in our Lions Clubs International logo shows, we look back on our past and forward to our future – **that way we ensure that we continue to move forward!**

Byron  
Dilworth

District  
Governor/  
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In December 2020 our donations for the year 2020 -21 totaled US\$2,734 from 7 Clubs, and by the end of January 2021 the total had only marginally increased to US\$2827 from 8 Clubs. It is understandable that due to COVID the fund raising capacity of our Clubs has decreased and hence the ability to donate has been greatly reduced.

Unfortunately the need for LCIF grants has not diminished. It should be remembered that the worldwide need for ICIF grants does not diminish. It is also worth remembering that Australia receives more in grants than LCIF receives from us in donations.

The past generosity of our Clubs has resulted in a considerable credit for Melvin Jones Fellowships. Details of individual Club credits is available from the District Coordinator. Consider making application to recognize worthy Club members with an MJF or a Progressive MJF for those previously recognised with an MJF.

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## REACHING OUT...

A group of Lions from Glenorchy, Hobart Town, Kingston and Clarence clubs visited our dear friend and fellow Lion Jack Allen, at his son's home near Tunnack.

We all had a great time and a lovely prepared lunch that we all contributed too.

For those that are not fully aware, Jack has not been well for some time now, as such he has moved permanently to live at Rick and Leslie's place at Tunnack, where they can keep an eye on him.

*We all wish Jack  
all our very best wishes!*

Two photos (below) were taken on our recent visit to see Jack at Rick's place.



Above: Jack holding the next generation of future Lions, with Lillie on the right and Hunter on the left of the picture...

Right: is a lovely group photo with all of us at Rick's'.



## WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY...



### IN JANUARY 2021

#### BICHENO

KYLE DUFFIELD

Sponsor: ANNETTE HUGHES

BUTCH HUDSON

Sponsor: BOB McCREADIE

#### BRIGHTON

JOAN FAZACKERLEY OAM

Sponsor: KATE DERMODY

KATRINA PRIEST

Sponsor: PATRICK MAZUR

#### CITY OF LAUNCESTON

DILANI ARACHCHIGE

Sponsor: TRACEY PEARCE

KELUM ARACHCHIGE

Sponsor: SHAE COLLINS

#### WESTBURY

ANDREW STEWART

Sponsor: PAUL KILROY



## SENIORS ARE NOT TO BLAME!

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others.

**HOWEVER**, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was **NOT** the senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,  
The pride out of appearance,  
The courtesy out of driving,  
The romance out of love,  
The commitment out of marriage,  
The responsibility out of parenthood,  
The togetherness out of the family,  
The learning out of education,  
The service out of patriotism,  
The Golden Rule from rulers,  
The civility out of behavior,  
The refinement out of language,  
The dedication out of employment,  
The prudence out of spending,  
The ambition out of achievement ..

And we certainly are **NOT** the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!! And, we do understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

### YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party..... even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps.... with a hammer.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

I'm a walking storeroom of facts...

But I've just lost the key to the storeroom door.

**Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life!**





## KINGBOROUGH

### Lions flag across the Western Arthurs...

Friends of Lions have taken the Club Bannerette for a 'walk'. Ben Wells and Tracey Orr of Launceston, are actually promoting "Wellness to Avoid Diabetes" but also, providing healthy biscuits for fellow workers at a small cost, with the 'donations going to **Lions Childhood Cancer** via the Kingborough Lions Club.

Tracey and Ben happy for people to link in and see what 'walking' actually entails.



## CLUB NEWSLETTERS

DON'T FORGET TO  
SEND YOUR

CLUB  
NEWSLETTER

TO DG BYRON OR TO MYSELF  
(EDITOR) EACH ISSUE.

BY DOING THIS, IT PUTS YOUR  
CLUB IN THE RUNNING FOR THE  
BEST NEWSLETTER AWARD AT  
THE END OF THE CURRENT  
LIONS YEAR. ALSO, ARTICLES  
OF INTEREST FROM YOUR  
CLUB NEWSLETTER CAN BE  
SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
T1 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER.



## Lions youth of the year



### Tasmania – January 2021

### Timetable

#### New to Lions Youth of the Year?

The Lions Youth of the Year (YOTY) programme is just over 50 years old and Tasmanian Lions Clubs have been sponsoring students to participate in the programme for more than 45 years. In that time, Tasmania (with around 2% of the Australian population) has had no fewer than nine National Winners. That's about 20% of all the National Winners since Tasmanian Lions Clubs have been involved in the programme.

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 - School Term 1 begins  
16<sup>th</sup> February to 16<sup>th</sup> March – Club Finals (NW)  
9<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> March – Club Finals (S)  
11<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March – Club Finals (N)  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Regional Final – South  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Regional Final – North-West  
31<sup>st</sup> March – School Term 1 ends  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter  
7<sup>th</sup> April – Regional Final - North  
18<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday) – State Final  
21<sup>st</sup> April – School Term 2 begins  
10<sup>th</sup> May (Monday) – National Final

Lions Youth of the Year (YOTY) is  
designed to help you to . . .

- enhance your prospects for entering tertiary education and gaining employment
- develop new friendships and networking opportunities with other like-minded students
- optimise your leadership and citizenship qualities and play a constructive rôle in the community
- Gain experience in presenting yourself to prospective employers and speaking in a public forum

Since its inception in 1964, the Youth of the Year programme has fostered and optimised the confidence, leadership and citizenship qualities in thousands of high school students and school leavers.

#### The Lions Youth of the Year Programme

- The Programme is managed and supported by Lions Australia and run by Lions Clubs throughout the whole of Australia in close collaboration with, and supported by, participating Schools.
- The Programme is for students who are contributors to their schools and communities and who wish to challenge themselves to gain experience in public speaking and presenting their credentials to a panel of judges in a friendly environment.
- Lions Clubs offer this Programme to students at no cost and, apart from gaining valuable experience in personal development, there are some more rewards.
  - Your Participation Certificate always looks good on your résumé.
  - You also receive tangible benefits including badges and financial rewards.
  - The overall winner at each level of the programme progresses to the next level.

## Our District Count

31 January 2021

Clubs: 48

Membership: 1044

Membership 31 Dec 2019 1121

YTD ADD	46
YTD DROP	58
YTD NET GROWTH	-22
YTD NET GROWTH %	-2.06%

Status: "Transitional" (24 mths)

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## SOUTHERN CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

There were 63 guests at the annual Sorell Southern Clubs dinner held for the first time at the Midway Tavern. *A fantastic effort under Covid restrictions!*

Each Club represented gave a precis of fund raising and events held through the 'Covid Time Warp'.

Hosts, the Sorell Club, thanks our usual supporters and the following Clubs - Brighton, Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart, Town, Kingborough and Sorell members for setup etc.

Guest speaker Fiona Horwood, of Diabetes Tas, addressed the meeting about Diabetes, children camps and up to date information on the disease.

*The raffle was again a highlight with winners from all Clubs!*

Thanks to all our sponsors for their donations, as we were able to donate \$800 to Diabetes Tasmania.

**Lion Geoff Clow**  
**Dinner Organizer**  
**LC of Sorell**

As a side benefit, Lions Hearing Dogs Chair, Geoff Clow (*in his other 'hat'*), reported sales of Hearing Dog's merchandise that raised \$60 on the night.

## What's Happening?

The Lions Youth of the Year programme will go ahead this year, despite any issues that may arise due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, the programme was abruptly cancelled last year after many sponsoring Lions Clubs had held their Club Finals but before subsequent rounds of the programme could take place. Following this cancellation, the Youth of the Year State Coordinators' Committee developed a "Pandemic Policy" that will allow us to run the programme through to its normal conclusion in mid-May. The new policy caters for running part or all of any Final remotely, using Zoom video conference software.

**Eligibility:** In order to participate in the Lions Youth of the Year programme you must be at least fifteen and under nineteen years old on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

## From the State Winners of 2019

### Youth of the Year -

**Hannah** ...was a once in a lifetime experience filled with fantastic memories.

**Alyssa** ... was the most empowering, life changing and eye-opening experience that everyone should have the opportunity to go through.

**Georgia** ...has been an amazing, incredible, fantastic opportunity to develop skills and meet lots of amazing, fun, cool, fantastic people.

**Marko** ... gave me incredible friends and through those friendships the confidence to develop as a person.

**Ethan**...was a wild and eye-opening ride just learning about myself, other people and the craft of public speaking- all the soft skills which are so important in entering a university or getting a job.

**Finn**...is a safe environment for people to push themselves outside their comfort zones and speak in front of a group of people to share their own opinion and their own personal voice in a way that really matters.

## Entry Forms

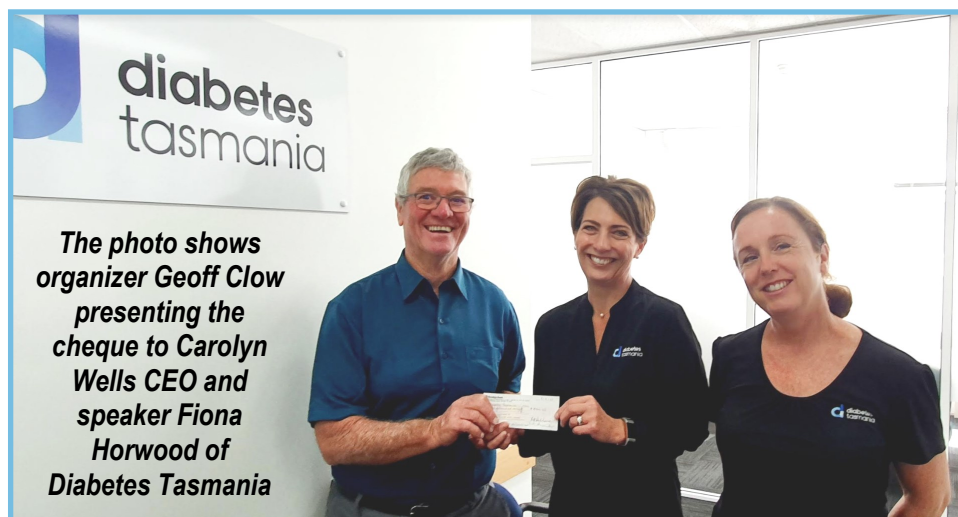
If you have already completed and sent in your Entry Form for this year, thank you. Please remember that you are free to add to or change anything until about a week before your Club Final.

If you haven't yet completed your Entry Form, please do so as soon as possible. We need to know how many students wish to participate in the programme in order to determine which Lions Clubs will be required to schedule Club Finals – and Clubs often need to make scheduling / hosting arrangements several weeks in advance.

Please go to: <https://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/voty/voty-resources/> to find the most up to date version of the Entry Form. The Entry Form is a writeable PDF document that is designed to be completed on a computer and submitted electronically.

When you have filled out your Entry Form, please send or pass it electronically to your parent or guardian. We need your parent/guardian to endorse your participation and forward the completed form to your teacher or school principal. Your teacher/school principal should endorse the academic information you have provided and forward the form to [voty@lionstasmania.org](mailto:voty@lionstasmania.org) so that Lions can schedule your participation with the Lions Club that will be your host/sponsor for the programme.

Having submitted your Entry Form, this is a really good time to prepare and practise your 5-minute speech. It's also a good time to practise speaking for two minutes on various topics.



The photo shows organizer Geoff Clow presenting the cheque to Carolyn Wells CEO and speaker Fiona Horwood of Diabetes Tasmania

A single act of service  
can change a life.

But, when

**1.4 million**

Lions members come  
together to serve, we  
can change the world!

**Proud to be a Lion!**





In September 2016, a new \$4 million partnership to combat children's cancer got underway – **THE LIONS KIDS CANCER GENOME PROJECT** will provide whole genome sequencing and analysis of tumour and normal tissue for 400 children with high-risk cancer in Australia.

**THE LIONS KIDS CANCER GENOME PROJECT (THE PROJECT)** having received this funding from the **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** and the **Australian Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)** for a three year project to undertake whole genome sequencing (WGS) of tumour samples and matched normal DNA (germ-line) from 400 Australian children with high risk cancer (**made possible by Lions**).

**The Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project** is work that will help guide treatment and allow researchers to gain greater insight into the genetic causes of different childhood cancers.

Precision medicine based on genomic information is already being successfully applied to treating many adult cancers, and the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project now gives children a chance to also benefit from these technological advances.

A collaborative partnership, the Project brings together state-of-the-art capability in whole genome sequencing and analysis at the Garvan Institute and Australia's national personalized medicine program in childhood cancer – **THE ZERO CHILDHOOD CANCER PROGRAM**, led by Children's Cancer Institute and the Kids Cancer Centre, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

**The Project** seeks to understand the underlying genetic drivers behind individual cancers, supporting clinicians in determining the best possible treatment for each child; importantly, **the Project** will also create an invaluable database of genetic risk factors that will help with the future development of prevention and treatment strategies for cancers of childhood, and other cancers."

Lions have an unprecedented opportunity for clinicians and researchers to take another step against the most common cause of disease-related death in Australian children. **Lions Clubs internationally have gotten behind this project in Australia. Lions have an ethos that every child deserves a chance at a healthy life.** The global Lions community believes this important research will not only help children here in Australia but, ultimately, children across the world."

### SEPTEMBER IS CHILD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Cancer is the most common cause of disease related death in Australian children. Every year, more than 950 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancers, and nearly three will die from cancer every week.

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## IMPROVING VISION AND WELL-BEING IN PALESTINE

In the State of Palestine, lack of eye care, often attributed to poverty and restricted access to health services, has caused undue personal and financial hardship. Lions see the hurt this causes their communities and with support from **LCIF's SightFirst program**, they are changing that reality.

Determined to improve community health and well-being, Lions are using a US\$426,655.00 **SightFirst LCIF grant** and collaborating with **St. John's Eye Hospital Group (SJEHG)**, the primary patient referral center for the **Palestinian Ministry of Health**, and the only referral for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

**SJEHG** examines and treats 128,000 people annually, while also performing more than 5,000 major surgeries.

Sadly, need outpaces demand, and SJEHG's main hospitals in East Jerusalem, Hebron, Anabta, and Gaza have been unable to manage patient volume.

Equally as unsettling, advanced equipment critical to performing complex operations is lacking.

Together with SJEHG, and as stewards of **LCIF funding**, **Lions** have begun a two-year project to increase service capacity as well as procure medical equipment to enhance the hospitals' vitreoretinal, retinal laser, and other retinal services.

As they oversee the project, **Lions** are also working to increase project visibility in their communities and organizing fundraising events.

Additionally, **Lions** who are medical professionals are providing technical advice.

In year one, the project enabled nearly 11,000 additional patients to receive

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Additionally, at any one time in Australia, over 2000 children, adolescents and young adults are on active treatment for cancer, or at risk of relapse – and in most cases, the treatments used are general, non-targeted, cytotoxic drugs that are highly toxic to normal and cancer tissues alike. **The side effects from their treatment can be serious and lifelong.**

**WE BELIEVE  
EVERY CHILD  
DESERVES A CHANCE  
AT A HEALTHY LIFE**

## LIONS CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA AND CHILDHOOD CANCER

The Lions Clubs of Australia have a decades-long history in supporting research in childhood cancer. In 2009, the Clubs formed the Australian **Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)** to focus the efforts of Lions Australia's 1400 clubs into one foundation with the vision of achieving 100% survival for kids with cancer.

ALCCRF has developed an ethos of *'donors without borders'* – an approach to bringing together diverse individuals, institutions and states to unite behind a common goal of eliminating deaths from childhood cancer.

## TODAY

The Garvan Institute of Medical Research has been working with the Sydney Children's Hospital Network and the Children's Cancer Institute in this **Project**. The **Project** has provided the critical genome sequencing for the Zero Childhood Cancer program, the first precision medicine program in the world incorporating whole genome sequencing for children with cancer.

**The Zero Childhood Cancer Program** is a wonderful example of bench-to-bedside research and its potential to change lives. **Results far have exceeded all expectations, and in many cases have turned lives around.**

On the basis of these results, the Australian Government and the Minderoo Foundation announced a \$67 million funding collaboration to expand the **Program** to make it available to every child in Australia with cancer by the end of 2023. **This is a huge step towards personalized medicine becoming the new standard model of care for children with cancer.**

## ZERO CHILDHOOD CANCER: CASE REPORT: MEET JACK

Zero Childhood Cancer is revolutionising the way children with aggressive cancers are treated. Children like Jack...

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**life-altering care, exceeding the estimated number by more than 4,000.**

To keep providing vital eye care to patients during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, the hospitals implemented preventative and protective measures. In addition, the hospitals prioritized retinal patients, as they are at the most risk to have irreversible vision deterioration if not treated in time.

## KHAWLA, WHO WAS HELPED BY LIONS.

Meet Khawla



"I don't want to think of what could have happened," said Khawla, a 66-year-old widow in Beit Sahour, Palestine.

Diagnosed with retinal detachment, Khawla was in need of emergency surgery, which she received at SJEHG. "This Lions project saved my sight, and in many ways, my life."

## NAIMA NEARLY LOST HER SIGHT, BUT WAS HELPED BY SJEHG.

Meet Naima

With severe diabetic retinopathy and in danger of losing her eyesight, 54-year-old Naima, in Bethlehem, was terrified about her future and ability to care



for her 10 children...until she received life-changing surgery at SJEHG. **"I would have become blind by now," said Naima. "They saved my sight."**





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Jack was an action kid. Bubbly and energetic, he was always doing something and willing to try anything. His mum, Viv, says that from the day he was born, he was full of life and always 'on the go'. **"He could never sit still," says Jack's dad, Alex.**

**When Jack turned nine, something changed. Jack lost all his energy and became absent and dazed. An MRI showed a large brain tumour classified as a low-grade glioma. A successful operation followed.**

Jack was given a positive prognosis. Within three (3) months, he was back to himself and back to school.

Just over a year later, Jack woke up with a terrible headache and vomiting. The tumour was back. This time, with a devastating effect on his young body. **This bright energetic young boy was bed ridden, going blind and screaming in constant pain.**

Jack was enrolled on the **Zero Childhood Cancer Program** clinical trial where a tumour sample was sent to the labs of the Children Cancer Institute. Using the latest technology, they analyzed the specific genetic make-up, discovering the particular genetic mutation that was driving his cancer growth and the drug that would target it.

**Within a few days, Jack was sitting up in bed. Six weeks later, he was playing tennis and riding his bike and back at school – active as ever.**

*"We got to celebrate another precious birthday with our son," says Viv. "And I hope that, because of Zero Childhood Cancer, there will be many more to follow".*

Operation Smile Australia is a not for profit organisation providing reconstructive surgery to children and young adults born with facial deformities in developing countries.

Every three minutes a child is born somewhere in the world with a cleft lip or palate, with facial deformities affecting more children each year than all childhood cancers combined.

Operation Smile Australia coordinates medical missions where credentialed medical volunteers travel to countries throughout Asia to provide free surgery while creating sustainable change for children, families, and communities.

While treating patients, Operation Smile focuses on education for local medical professionals to increase the availability of treatment for affected families as well as educating communities on improved health.



**The Lions Australia project which supports Operation Smile is managed by the Lions Club of Brisbane Holland Park.**



**The only thing I take seriously in the newspapers nowadays is Fish and Chips. And even that I take with a pinch of salt.**

## Fight kids' cancer.

# BIGGEST Don't BBQ forget... ANY MONTH THAT SUITS



Happy story.

Ava, now nine and free of cancer due to funds donated by the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Fund.

This year we aim to raise over \$250,000 and to do so we need your support.

**Come to the Lions Biggest BBQ!**  
All funds raised will go towards the fight against kids' cancer.

Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life  
Our Vision: 100% survival for kids with cancer



The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation is a Category 'A' Project of Lions Australia.

## DISTRICT T1 COMING OUT OF THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

2020 has certainly been a difficult year for all Lions around the world with the COVID pandemic. There was a period when as Lions we could not meet face to face and we were finding ways of how we can connect and still make a difference in the community.

After coming out of lockdown last July District Governor Byron Dilworth and District GMT Coordinator Linda Dilworth, wanted to let the community know that Lions were back doing what they loved to do and that is doing projects but under COVID regulations.

*Windmill Hill LC Past President Linda Dilworth (also District GMT) and President Derryl Hill (see inset above left).*

Our club Launceston Windmill Hill, made a substantial donation to The Examiner Winter Relief Appeal which supports four local charities in the Launceston area and, as a result of our donation, a story appeared The Examiner about what our Lions club does.

**While we were talking to the reporter we asked about an opportunity for a story as we wanted to let the community know across Northern Tasmania (which makes up half of our Lions District T1) that Lions were back working hard in the community after lockdown but under COVID regulations.**

The Examiner Newspaper were interested in promoting Lions, so, we started contacting clubs to see who had an upcoming project. District Governor Byron Dilworth spoke with Lion Dennis Mann, Club President of the Kings Meadows Lions Club who had plans to hold a Garage Sale at their Club rooms in a couple of weeks. The Garage Sale was to be their first project back after the lock down.

Final arrangements were then made with the Reporter and District Governor Byron and District GMT Coordinator Linda met with the Reporter from The Examiner and along with Lion Dennis Mann from the Kings Meadows Lions Club we spoke about what Lions do in the community and how Lions were going to adapt with the COVID regulations.

Also, during the interview we spoke about membership and that anyone was welcomed to join.

As a result of our meeting with the Reporter an article about Lions appeared in The Sunday Examiner entitled "Lions Pride returns with a Roar."

*Right: Article as it appeared in the "Launceston Examiner" Newspaper August 2nd 2020 and also August 2020 T1 District Newsletter...*

**Linda Dilworth  
DISTRICT GMT COORDINATOR – T1**



**Above right: Kings Meadows President Dennis Mann (left) and District Governor Byron Dilworth (right) at the Kings Meadows Garage sale project with District GMT Chair Linda Dilworth watching in the background.**

### Lions pride returns with a roar

**LIONS clubs have returned to their local communities across Northern Tasmania in force, hoping to re-establish their numerous endeavours with coronavirus restrictions easing.**

Lions district governor Bryon Dilworth said it was great for clubs to be back out and hosting regular events including Kings Meadows Lions garage sales.

"That's what we're about, we're a community organisation," he said.

"We're out here serving, raising funds with the Kings Meadows Lions Club project for community activities."

**TALK ABOUT FUNDRAISING - I LIKE TO DROP THE 'D' AND CALL IT 'FUN-RAISING'; YOU ENJOY WHAT YOU DO WHICH IS CERTAINLY WHAT EVERYONE'S DONE AT THE GARAGE SALE.**

**BYRON DILWORTH**

Kings Meadows Lions Club president Dennis Mann, said the garage sale would be raising money for local charities.

"We've just come back from this emergency (COVID-19)... We're very aware that other organizations are doing it tough," he said.

"The money raised today plus some savings will be distributed to a number of small charities in the next month.

"We'll raise quite a large amount of money which will go straight back into the local community."

There are about 18 Lions clubs in Northern Tasmania, with about 48 dubs across Tasmania.

Mr Dilworth said it was not only the clubs' philanthropic pursuits that were

missed, but also the socialising platform the clubs provide to members.

"What I've noticed... it's not just doing the project, it's the camaraderie... that comradeship that works," he said.

**"Talk about fundraising –I like to drop the 'd' and call it 'fun-raising': you enjoy what you do. which is certainly what everyone's done at the garage sale.**

Yes, Lions raises some money, but they're seen in their community and that's what we're about.

We've had some members who come for the fellowship and in the end they enjoy the projects and start enjoying themselves which is certainly what we aim for."

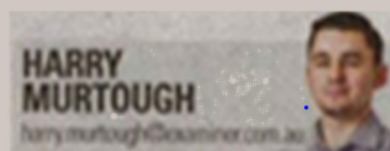
This was certainly on display at the garage sale at Kings Meadows, with Lions members smiling and chatting away with patrons and fellow members while adhering to COVID-19 safety precautions.

"I think we all tend to forget the social aspects ... when we're stuck in our own homes and talking on Zoom," Mr Mann said.

"We're all very happy to be back, it would be nice to be doing all the other things we want to do for other organizations."

Mr Dilworth said he hoped to see more Lions clubs at various upcoming Community events, provided there wasn't a second wave of coronavirus in the state.

**"From barbecue, garage sales and manning football gates... to be able to get back to events like that would be great," Mr Dilworth said.**





## LE TOUR DE FLINDERS



Le Tour de Flinders was started by Lion Gordon Rorison to promote the Lions International Sight First Campaign and assist locals with fitness.

Join us for a long weekend on Flinders !



March 6-7-8  
2021

Sponsored by:



### Saturday 6th

Mountain Bike Tour  
Mountain Bike hire  
Local Market  
Park run

### Sunday 7th

Main event: road bike event  
MB downhill family adventure  
Delicious BBQ  
(join even if you do not ride)  
Auction

Booking essential  
Phone Debbie: 0477 015 068  
email:

Profits go to Lions International Sight First Campaign.  
For more information go to [mountainbikingflindersisland.com.au](http://mountainbikingflindersisland.com.au)

## LC OF LATROBE 50TH

The Lions Club of Latrobe will be celebrating **50 years of service** to the community on **12th of March** at the Latrobe Football Club Rooms. **RSVP 28th February. Ph 0438 241 129 or [latrobe@lionstasmania.org](mailto:latrobe@lionstasmania.org)**

In reviewing the activities of the club of the past months it has been a real eye opener to see just how much our club has contributed in to the community and the wide and varied activities we have been involved in.

Trying to fit the history onto a few short pages, has certainly proved a challenge; but has also given a quiet sense of pride.

We invite our friends far and wide to join us, however, **places are limited!**



### Celebrating Fifty Years

#### Community Service

Date: Friday March 12th

Venue: Latrobe Football Club Rooms

Time: 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Cost: \$40.00pp

Dress: Smart Casual

RSVP February 28th  
[latrobe@lionstasmania.org](mailto:latrobe@lionstasmania.org)  
or phone/message 0438241129  
Please advise of any special dietary requirements



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 2011

**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 then submitted for publication by e-mail.

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**

## **EASY, COVID-19 SAFE PROJECTS**

**IDEAS COLLECTED FROM OUR CLUBS AND CLUBS**

**AROUND THE WORLD, LCI, FACEBOOK, AND FRIENDS...**

### **Your Club**

Check on your Lions club members with phone calls or notes.  
Help members set up Zoom or other virtual meetings.  
Draw names in the club for a Secret Lion Pal. Send cards, small gifts. (Like Secret Santa, but not Christmas)  
Work on a club history project.  
Senior Citizens/Veterans  
Donate an extra laptop or tablet to a care center resident to help them stay connected.  
Send cards and letters; include lottery scratch off tickets.  
Send books or games to facilities (ask what they need and can accept).  
Run errands for isolated neighbors-pick up groceries or medications.  
Help with yard clean up, leaf raking, painting, etc.  
Make quilts and blankets to donate.  
"Telepal-" Phone two people. Chit chat. (Many seniors have no family nearby.)

### **Youth**

Contact schools to set up or donate to food pantries, clothing closets, backpack programs.  
Implement a teacher grant program to assist in classrooms.  
Adopt a Leo or college student. Send gift cards, notes of encouragement.  
People in need, Homeless  
Hold a food drive in the community.  
Hold a clothes drive.  
Hold a pet food drive.  
Volunteer at a food bank.  
Collect sturdy, medium-sized boxes for food pantries.  
Check with local agencies, shelters, etc. to see what they need.



### **Community**

Select a business of the week or month. Present a certificate for the business; encourage Lions and community members to shop there.  
Partner with other groups or agencies; make purchases on their wish lists or volunteer.  
Sew and distribute face masks.  
Send thank you notes, flowers, treats, etc. to hospital and other care workers, first responders. Organize a blood drive.  
Organize a virtual (photo) or outdoor scavenger hunt for the community.  
Organize sidewalk chalk art displays or contests in communities.  
Fund a local performer to provide a virtual enrichment program at a school.  
Organize a virtual contest-recycled art, poster contest, coloring contest, talent contest, etc.  
Clean up along roads or walkways.  
Make and sell encouraging yard signs. (LCI has templates!)  
Assemble gift baskets for those on Hospital. (Give to the hospital Chaplain.)  
Donate masks that allow lips to be viewed for the hearing impaired.  
Give plants to new mothers. Put a label with "A Gift From Lions Club," & membership contact phone # on the planter pot.  
Diabetes Rescue Kit  
Create a virtual page with informational support, (ie.- phone #s for police, EMTs, Covid-19 Support, Suicide Hotline)  
Create birthday kits for food bank, include cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, etc.

### **Fundraising**

Hold an online auction on Facebook or a platform like AuctionFrogs.  
Add a Donate button to your website.  
Set up online contributions through a platform such as Square or PayPal.  
Create and sell community calendars.  
Virtual Marathon w/a race for each Lions Global cause; participants can sign up for one or more races (causes).

**START PLANNING FUTURE FUNDRAISERS NOW!**

## **HOW'S THAT AGAIN...**

A man goes to the doctor complaining about stomach problems. The doctor asks him what he's been eating.

"I only eat pool balls," he says. "Red ones for breakfast, yellow and orange ones for lunch, blue for afternoon snacks, and purple and black for dinner."

"I see the problem," says the doctor. "You're not getting enough greens."

### **Good Business Strategy...**

An old French lady had a small shop in her village for years, until one day a huge corporate supermarket set up across the road from her little shop. They put up signs advertising their prices, including one that said: Butter - 10 francs. In response, the lady added a sign to her own window: Butter - 9 francs.

The next day, the big supermarket had a new sign: Butter - 8 francs. Sure enough, the day after the lady's sign now read: Butter - 7 francs.

This went on for a while, until eventually one of the lady's customers pointed to the sign and said, "Madame, you cannot keep your prices so low for long. These big companies can use their buying power to sell products cheaper, but a little store like yours can never compete."

In response, the old lady bent forward conspiratorially and muttered, "Monsieur, I don't even sell butter!"

## **The Final Word...**

**"Humour - the ability to perceive, enjoy, or express what is amusing, comical, incongruous, or absurd!"**