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International

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

Fellow Lions

*Congratulations must go to Smithton for their support and efforts in trying to get a LEO club going in their town. They had seventeen (17) teenagers attend their first information session with ten (10) very keen youth turning up at their second meeting. This club should form within the next month and charter soon after.*

Well done to our State LEO Co-ordinator Louise and District LEO Chairman Daniel for their time and assistance with this new club. Also the other Penguin LEOs who have travelled to Smithton to help answer questions and show the fun side of LEOs. This new club should, hopefully, see the Smithton Lions enjoy the fun and youthful input that our other three Lions/ LEO clubs enjoy.

Have you or your club ever considered giving the youth in your community a chance at volunteering? Why not call District Leo Chairman Daniel, 0409524050, and invite him to speak to your club about the lasting benefits of sponsoring a LEO club. I am sure that your club and community will find it a most beneficial experience.

**I attended my own clubs dinner meeting in January and they had a guest speaker talking on the need for organ donations in Australia. It was very refreshing to have a guest speaker with information and not after a monetary donation.**

**If clubs are looking for a guest speaker with a worthwhile positive message, then view the website [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au) or contact Karine Menzies, 0429574696, who is the Clinical Nurse Consultant in Burnie and would love to hear from you.**

Whilst attending the Rosebery joint Lions and Lioness meeting I was proud to hear that Lion Jack Becker had been awarded the West Coast Council Citizen of the Year. Lion Jack has been instrumental in many of the Rosebery Lions activities over many years and it is great to see Lions being recognised in their respective communities. *Well done Jack.*

At our recent Council of Governors meeting it was agreed that the MD office is to put together two packs with Australian content to

be distributed to prospective and new members. **The Standard Pack will contain a "Thinking about joining" document and online "Thinking about joining" details. This pack is at no cost as it is being sponsored by "Invokecare" and will carry their logo on the back.**

**The Deluxe Pack will have the standard pack as well as a presentation folder, Pride in the badge booklet. We make things happen brochure and a Next Generation package. These packs will incur a cost of \$5.00 each.**

**Both packs should now be available from the MD office and would be a great tool to use if your club was conducting a membership drive or just something to hand to a prospective member to share what Lions do in their community.**

I have just received our District membership numbers for the end of January. It is disappointing to note that if we remove the twenty-six (26) new members of the Brighton Lions Club our membership would be stagnant. We have inducted seventy-six (76) new members into our existing clubs and I congratulate all clubs and members who have given a new Lion the opportunity to serve their community. But in the same seven (7) month period we have dropped seventy-six (76) as well.

**Why do we put so much effort into finding new members but don't reciprocate with looking after those that we already have?**

I have learnt a lot regarding retention over the past couple of years and I believe that we need to work harder with our current membership

base to ensure that those niggling little problems in our clubs don't fester into huge ones that will see members "resign in good standing" due to a disagreement with something that the club has done.

*We also need to take the time to look after our members if they are ill, suffering financial problems or have sickness or a medical problem within their family. This is total club care. We need to treat each other as family. We cannot continue to leave our members to look after themselves if they are experiencing problems. We need to support them like we do the rest of our community.*

We tend to forget that we are all volunteers doing the best we can for our respective communities. Why not be a volunteer toward your own members and take the time to treat each member with the respect and friendship that they deserve.

**If we all did this we would see our membership increase instead of stagnate, or worse still decline.**

**I would like to see all clubs appoint a member care person on their membership committee, if they don't already have one, to make the phone calls and let their clubs know what is happening with members who may have missed a couple of meetings. You could be pleasantly surprised at the change in attitude toward your club by your members.**

**LIONS and YOUTH  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE TOGETHER**

Regards, *DG Toby*



### Our District Count

31 Dec 2011

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1281

Status:

"Established district"

31 Jan 2012

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1268

Status:

"Established district"

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## Woolworths fundraising offer

We have just been advised that Woolworths stores are starting an Australia-wide promotion on Saturdays and Sundays for charitable organisations to make use their stores for fundraising (similar to what Bunning's have been doing for some time).

It can apparently be any type of fundraiser e.g. BBQs, Raffles, selling cakes etc. If doing BBQs then we can source food from Woolworths at discounted prices.

We are advised that all stores are taking part and Lions just need to contact the manager of the store in their area to make a booking.

No doubt we will be competing with other organisations, so get in early and often I suppose....

Maurice Jones  
Cabinet Secretary



## REMINDER PU101 forms

Club secretaries (includes LEO and Lioness Clubs) – don't forget that as soon as you have held your club elections, you need to return the PU101 form *to me*.

The PU101 form reports who your new club officers will be for the 2012-13 Lions year – this information is used in a number of places to make sure your club contacts and details are accurate.

**Forms must be with me by 30<sup>th</sup> March so I can meet deadlines further up the line....**

Please contact me urgently if you cannot meet this date for any reason.

Maurice Jones  
Cabinet Secretary



Watch your thoughts; they become words.  
Watch your words; they become actions.  
Watch your actions; they become habits.  
Watch your habits; they become character.  
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.  
Wise words passed on by Lion Keith Allcock...  
*Makes one think ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,*

From City of Burnie LC Newsletter Feb 12

## Lions Orientation Day Penguin Saturday 11th February, 2012



Several Lions members travelled to Penguin on this day to attend an information session aimed at newer members who have joined Lions in the last 4 years. The presenters of this session were John Medwin, Anne Fagg and Nigel Sheahen (pictured above).

Attendees included Lions from as far as the Launceston and Queenstown areas. This is the first time Lions have travelled from Queenstown at least 160kms each way, Five from Smithton 100kms each way, and lastly one from Sheffield 60kms away. As presenters we were rapt.

An interesting information session covering the formation of Lions from Day one, the structure of the Board within the club and the respective roles of each of the board members, constitution, code of ethics and Purposes. The session ran over time due to excellent participation.

*A lovely lunch was provided by the ladies from the Penguin Lions Club. A continuation of this session will be held on 3rd March, 2012, 10 am to 12:00 – primary presenter will be Nigel Sheahen.*

Amanda Olson had nine new Lions in Launceston plus her presenters. For the life of me can't work out what is wrong with the new members in Region 3 (South). What do we have to do? I firmly believe that the message is not getting to members from club level and the blame for that lies at the feet of the secretaries and the Presidents not keeping them on their toes.

*There may well be other valid reasons that we don't know about, but we sure would like to know and maybe the questions need to be asked by our Zone Chairs and then conveyed the Regional Chairs.*

There were in excess I believe of 150 invitations extended to members of less than 18 months service. What does that tell you?

I would like to also pay tribute to the three young people (Bonnie & Tom O'Loughlin - both prospective Smithton Leos and Alexandra Fuller Penguin Leo) who attended and participated in the discussions that took place. These are our leaders of tomorrow. *What an example they set for us as Lions.*

Lion John Medwin



## New Lions

CLUB JOINED  
New Lion  
SPONSOR



DELORAINÉ LIONS CLUB  
Graeme Bellamy  
RUSSELL CREEELY

Susan Bellamy  
RUSSELL CREEELY

WESTBURY LIONS CLUB  
Lynn Margaret Bricknell  
BERNARD ATKINSON

WYNYARD LIONS CLUB  
Christine Annie Putt  
DEREK PUTT

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*Total New Members: 4*

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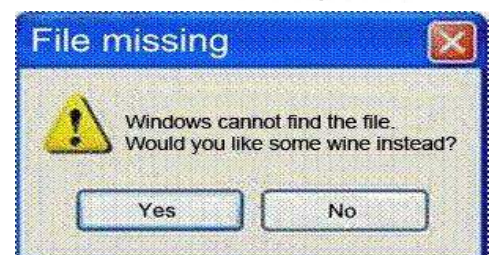
In our January issue it was advised that Darryl & Heather Stafford were new Lions sponsored by Kevin Radford and were joining the Perth Lions Club.

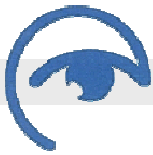
Due to a 'bug' in our system we should have advised that Darryl & Heather had in fact joined the Rocky Cape Club, being inducted in November last!

Thanks to Rocky Cape Secretary, Pam Prior for picking us up on this error! Aren't good Secretary's just great!

We apologise to all concerned in both Club's and for any embarrassment caused.

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## Diabetic Retinopathy – Is someone you know at risk?

Diabetic retinopathy is a complication of diabetes mellitus that damages blood vessels inside the retina at the back of the eye. It commonly affects both eyes and can lead to vision loss if it is not treated.

**People with diabetes mellitus (Type 1 and Type 2) have a higher prevalence for developing diabetic retinopathy.**

Only half of the people with diabetes have a regular eye examination, and one-third have never been checked.

**People with diabetes have a 25 times increased risk of vision loss over non-diabetics.**

There are no early – stage symptoms of diabetic retinopathy. Vision loss may not occur until the disease is advanced. Late-stage diabetic retinopathy symptoms include: blurred vision, eye strain and headaches.

Effective management of diabetes mellitus, including better control of blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol, will help delay the development of retinopathy.

To find out more information about diabetic retinopathy log onto the LEHP-Australia website [www.lehp.org.au](http://www.lehp.org.au)

Source: Centre for Eye Research Australia

**When diabetes is first diagnosed, regular eye examinations are recommended. Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent up to 98% of severe vision loss.**

## A Guide Dog by any Name

Rule 46 of the Oxford Union Society in London reads,

‘Any member introducing a dog into the Society’s premises shall be liable for a fine of £1. Any animal leading a blind person shall be deemed a cat.’

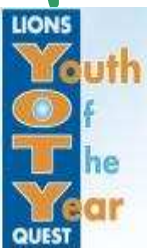
**The Peace Poster Kits will be available from Head Office (Newcastle) in March. It would be great if we could have 25 clubs involved this year in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the competition.**

## YOUTH EXCHANGE:



Names are now being called for those people who would like to host an exchange student this year. The students arrive during June, July and September. The hosting period can be one, two or three weeks. If you are interested please contact me and I will guide you in the steps that you need to take. Remember if you do want to host a student you are more likely to get your first preference of country, male/female if you apply early.

# Youth Projects . . .



## YOUTH of the YEAR:

At this stage some nineteen clubs have indicated that they intend participating in Youth of the Year

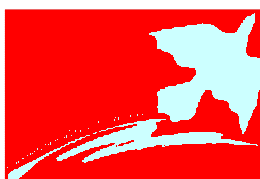
Quest. As I write this report, only seven clubs have returned their Registration forms and \$130.00 participation fee. This makes it difficult to organise Region Finals and the State Final. Please encourage your club to do the paper work promptly.

**Clubs should have received the new certificates for this years Club and Region Finals. Contact me if you require any more certificates. Please destroy the original certificates as they are faulty.**

Privacy of the students taking part in YOTY has been discussed at length at MD level and I will be forwarding guidelines to clubs who are participating in the programme shortly.

**The State Final will be held on SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2011. CLARENCE Lions Club will be hosting the State Final.**

Congratulations to the Sandy Bay Lions



## PEACE POSTER:

The National winner of the 2011-2012 Peace Poster Competition was David Zhu, aged 11 years. David represented the Lions Club of Hornsby, NSW. His quote was “It is up to the next generation to make good choices that will bring peace and harmony to the world.” The winning entry should be on the web-site soon.

**The theme for 2012-2013 is “IMAGINE PEACE”.**

This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the PEACE POSTER Competition, imagine how many children, parents, schools and Lions Clubs throughout the world have been affected by this important project.

**It is time to visit schools in your area to see if they are interested in participating in the Peace Poster competition.**

## LIONS QUEST:



On the world scale Lions Quest is being introduced to an increasing number of countries. I don’t believe that we understand and appreciate that this is an excellent programme that can easily be slotted into schools throughout Tasmania.

**There is some cost involved, but you can not measure financial cost if we help just one student. Bullying is becoming rampant today in schools and in society in general.**

*The Lions Quest Programme has many units at all levels from prep to adolescence that deal with bullying and self esteem.*

Wendy Brady  
Youth Projects





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## Product Sales

Thanks to all Lions Clubs on their efforts regarding Christmas Cake programme including the payment of accounts on time!

Prices for Christmas 2012 are:

1.5kg Cake \$15.00

1.0kg Cake \$11.00

900gm Pudding \$11.00



T1 district had an increase of 4.19%. Nationally we sold approximately 60,000 Plum Puddings @ \$11.00 each! Worth putting action caps on for this year ...

**Any Clubs wanting a bargain—please note that cakes and puddings can be purchased at last year's prices up to the end of March 2012.**

Mints & Fudge not quite as good. We need to appreciate these products are not a once a year seller, but are for all year round—with good profit margins. In my travels I see Mint stands with old header boards. The new header board gives a family aspect which should widen our sales potential.

**More about Mints after I attend an Executive meeting in Melbourne this month.**

*Happy Selling*

Yours in Lions  
Viv Cardwell  
DC (Product  
Sales 201T1)  
Ph 6286 1311 or  
0428 136 223



## DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

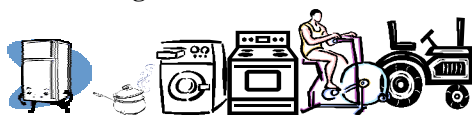
Some of you have been busy over the last couple of months! Thank You! Well done and through your efforts and time you will help make a difference to someone's quality of life. Keep up the good work and continued support. All stamps can be sent to me direct at 11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250. Thanks once again. **Peter Burke (Riverside LC)**

# Not just ring pulls - ALL METALS

Now that you have had a good clean-out over the Christmas holidays, it's time to take all your ring pulls and metals [even gold if you have it] to your nearest Sims Recycling Depot, or their subsidiaries. The funds will then be credited directly to the Lions Spinal Cord Fellowship.....how easy is that? Clean up the yard [or paddock] and help one of our projects at the same time.

**If you have a large quantity or bulky items then Sims Metal will arrange for a bin or truck to come to you. Don't forget to give them the code for your state – [VIC & TAS is LION02]; [NSW & ACT is LION16]; [SA & NT is LION04]; [WA is LION03]; and [QLD is LION04]. Sims Metal will give you a receipt and if you could send us a copy it would help us to reconcile the deposits and also we would like to acknowledge your donation.**

Do you know of or work for, a corporate who would be willing to donate a percentage of their industrial waste to the cause? **Even 1% from a mining group would be a great return.....think outside the square and see what you can come up with so that we can get our friends out of wheelchairs.**



**SIMS  
METAL  
MANAGEMENT**

DC Michael MacLaren / Health Projects

*Children may tear up a house, but they never break up a home.*

## Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Next meeting of Foundation to be held on

**13th May 2012**

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

**6th May 2012**

at 11 Camina Court Riverside Tas 7250, or any other matter you would like discussed.

Following the meeting on Sunday 12th the following Grants were approved.

- **Bridport Lions Club \$5000** to assist with purchase of equipment for recently opened surf club.
- **Lions Club of Kingborough \$4700** to assist the Parkinson's Association's running of a seminar
- **Brighton Lions Club \$2000** grant for formation of the club's Activities account thereby assisting in setting up a project.
- **Rocky Cape Lions \$5000** to assist with the building of a community need.

We thank these Clubs for using the Foundation in these instances and we would invite other Clubs to participate if they have a new project or maybe one that needs completion.

### REMEMBER AFTER ALL

It is your Foundation so please support it in both areas of receiving and giving too. We are here to assist you. - so please use it.

It is getting around to the time when Clubs are considering awards for the year. Please consider a TLF Fellowship Award. These can be given to Members of your Club or person outside the Lions Family should you wish to acknowledge his or her works. I will be contacting you in the need future in this matter.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards to you all  
**Peter Burke** Secretary



# What is happening to our beloved country?

Poems come and go, then another one arrives on the scene that makes you sit back and wonder. Dorothea Mackellar wrote the classic Australian poem

## "My Country" aka "A Sunburnt Country".

The shame of it is that our children of today have never heard of it, or if they have, they have paid scant regard to the meaning of it.

This then brings the second Poem below "A Sunburnt Country" and spells out what is happening right under our noses.

***It is worth reading and then considering where we are today as a nation and if concerned, what you are going to do about it.***

## "My Country"

by Dorothea Mackellar  
(1885 – 1968)

The love of field and coppice,  
Of green and shaded lanes.  
Of ordered woods and gardens  
Is running in your veins,  
Strong love of grey-blue distance  
Brown streams and soft dim skies  
I know but cannot share it,  
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror -  
The wide brown land for me!

A stark white ring-barked forest  
All tragic to the moon,  
The sapphire-misted mountains,  
The hot gold hush of noon.  
Green tangle of the brushes,  
Where lithe lianas coil,  
And orchids deck the tree-tops  
And ferns the warm dark soil.

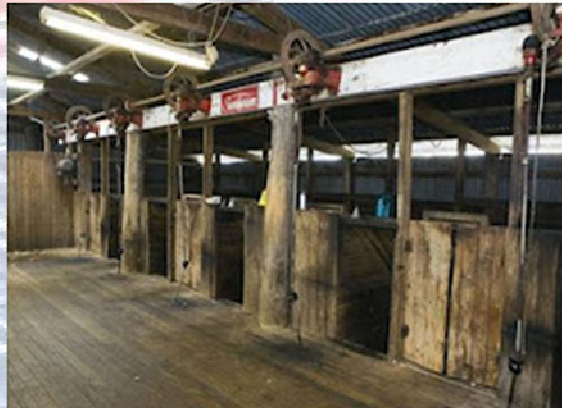
Core of my heart, my country!  
Her pitiless blue sky,  
When sick at heart, around us,  
We see the cattle die -  
But then the grey clouds gather,  
And we can bless again  
The drumming of an army,  
The steady, soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!  
Land of the Rainbow Gold,  
For flood and fire and famine,  
She pays us back threefold -  
Over the thirsty paddocks,

Watch, after many days,  
The filmy veil of greenness  
That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,  
A wilful, lavish land -  
All you who have not loved her,  
You will not understand -  
Though earth holds many splendours,  
Wherever I may die,  
I know to what brown country  
My homing thoughts will fly.

**Dorothea Mackellar**



## MOVE OVER DOROTHEA MACKELLAR

When the shearing sheds are silent and  
the stock camps fallen quiet  
When the gidgee coals no longer glow  
across the outback night  
And the bush is forced to hang a sign,  
'gone broke and won't be back'  
And spirits fear to find a way beyond  
the beaten track

When harvesters stand derelict upon the  
wind swept plains  
And brave hearts pin their hopes no



more on chance of loving rains  
When a hundred outback settlements  
are ghost towns overnight  
When we've lost the drive and heart we  
had to once more see us right

When 'Pioneer' means a stereo and  
'Digger' some backhoe  
And the 'Outback' is behind the house,  
there's nowhere else to go  
And 'Anzac' is a biscuit brand and  
probably foreign owned  
And education really means  
brainwashed and neatly cloned

When you have to bake a loaf of bread  
to make a decent crust  
And our heritage once enshrined in gold  
is crumbling to dust  
And old folk pay their camping fees on  
land for which they fought  
And fishing is a great escape; this is  
until you're caught

When you see our kids with yankee  
caps and resentment in their eyes  
And the soaring crime and hopeless  
hearts is no longer a surprise  
When the name of RM Williams is a  
yuppie clothing brand  
Not a product of our heritage that  
grew off our land

When offering a hand makes people  
think you'll amputate  
And two dogs meeting in the street is  
what you call a 'Mate'  
When 'Political Correctness' has  
replaced all common sense  
When you're forced to see it their way,  
there's no sitting on the fence

Yes one day you might find yourself an  
outcast in this land  
Perhaps your heart will tell you then, I  
should have made a stand'  
Just go and ask the farmers that should  
remove all doubt  
Then join the swelling ranks who say,  
don't sell Australia out'

**Submitted by Lion John Medwin**



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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...

- February 1, 1992: 1 and 2 CENT pieces ceased to become available in Australia.
- February 3, 1954: **QUEEN ELIZABETH II** arrived in Australia and became the first reigning monarch to visit this country.
- February 6, 1906: World's first **SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB** - Bondi Surf Bather's Life Saving Club was founded in Sydney.
- February 7, 1947: **DEAD SEA SCROLLS** (dated 150BC-AD68) were discovered in caves, west of Jordan. The texts are of great religious and historical significance, as they are practically the only known surviving Biblical documents written before 100 AD.
- February 8, 1833: A Sydney newspaper announced a ban on **SWIMMING** during daylight hours.
- February 9, 1895: The word "**COBBER**" appeared for the first time in The Bulletin.
- February 10, 1993: **FRED HOLLOWS**, NZ born eye surgeon, died aged 64 of cancer.
- February 11, 1978: **CHINA** lifted its ban on the works of Aristotle, Shakespeare & Dickens.
- February 12, 1851: **AUSTRALIA's GOLD RUSH** began when Edward Hargreaves discovered gold at Summerhill Creek in NSW.
- February 14, 2005: **YOUTUBE.COM** domain name was registered.
- February 15, 1932: **2CH** celebrates its 80th birthday. It was the NSW Council of Churches that secured the first license (hence 'CH' for churches.) It was sold to John Singleton in April 1994. However the Council continues to have a significant input in the format of the station. Sister station to 2GB.
- February 16, 600AD: **POPE GREGORY I** decreed that "God Bless You" was the correct response to a sneeze.
- February 18, 1954: **SKYLINE CINEMA**, Australia's first drive-in, opened in Burwood, Melbourne. It closed in 1983.
- February 19, 1942: **DARWIN** was bombed by Japanese aircraft, killing 243 people.
- February 20, 1981: At the **AZARIA CHAMBERLAIN** inquest in Alice Springs, the coroner Denis Barritt declared in his findings that the baby Azaria has been taken away by a dingo.
- February 22, 2003: Australian cricketer **SHANE WARNE** was banned from playing cricket until February 2004 when he was found guilty of taking a diuretic (fluid tablet).
- February 23, 1974: **POST OFFICES** closed for Saturday morning business. Regular Saturday mail deliveries also ceased on this day
- February 25, 1961: **TRAMS** ran in Sydney for the last time (from La Perouse to Randwick).
- February 28, 1961: **MARK LATHAM** was born in Sydney, NSW.



# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Dear Lion,

**In the time it takes you to read this message, a child will die from a measles related complication. In the following 24 hour period, 450 more children will die. More than 13,000 children will die by months' end. My fellow Lions, we cannot stand by and do nothing.**

I am reminded of Helen Keller's words:



"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." The most effective way to help is by making a gift to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative effort. I have already made a commitment, along with International President Tam and the other officers.

**Lions, we can and must do something to help these children. We have made great strides against measles in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria, and have started work in India. I recently visited the Democratic Republic of Congo, meeting with Lions' African leaders and hearing the desperate call for support of this initiative within their country and their community.**

Following the All-Africa conference, I visited Nepal, where the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative has expanded. There, we are working to vaccinate and save 10 million children from contracting measles.

Representatives from the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Nepal's Ministry of Health all expressed their gratitude for our help saving the lives of children in Nepal.

*When I met with President Ram Baran Yadav of Nepal, he told me that "this is very necessary work; health and social services are neglected areas in my country and we are happy to have your help."*

This is great work, but we need to do more. As our efforts expand, Lions have the opportunity to help children in all countries where measles remains a heavy public health burden. **For less than US\$1, we can vaccinate one child for life. Through our collaboration with Measles Initiative partners, we can save 157 million children this year!**

**The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million by providing a matching grant of US\$1 for every US\$2 raised by Lions. LCIF has received several large donations to help meet this challenge, including US\$250,000 from Multiple District 300, Taiwan, and US\$10,000 from International Director Seiki Yamaura from Japan.** With these generous gifts and other donations, we have raised just over US\$810,000 in donations towards meeting our goal of US\$10 million. **All Lions are encouraged to support this program and help meet the challenge.**

*Donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition and qualifying clubs will receive banner patches based on a per member average.*

You can help us save the lives of these children and ensure they do not become a statistic. Be a part of the solution through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

**Serving together today for a better tomorrow,**

**Sid L. Scruggs, III**  
Chairperson,  
Lions Clubs International Foundation

# PVLC Australian Country Music Community Service Award

In 1994 the Lions Club of Tamworth Peel Valley Inc. instigated an award to honour people involved in Country Music who have used their musical talents to give community service in a voluntary capacity.

Nominations are called from Lions Clubs throughout Australia and this year Colin (Cactus) Martens from South Australia was selected to receive the 19th P.V.L.C. Australian Country Music Community Service Award at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Cactus was nominated by the Lions Club of Port Pirie Inc. in South Australia.

*The Award was presented by Peel Valley Lions Club president Terry Hill live on air on Volkswagen Amarok Tamworth Festival FM on Sunday 22nd January.*

Cactus has spent countless hours over the years raising funds for numerous charities in the Port Pirie district including Heartbeat, Cancer foundation and Riding for the Disabled. When he is not using his talents to assist the local country music clubs he can be seen entertaining at Senior Citizens and Old Folks Homes, Laura Hospital, CARA Kids Camp and Crystal Brooks Possums Club for the intellectually Challenged Adults.

Cactus received a distinctive mounted Tamworth Dunny created by local renowned ceramic artist Fred Hillier and a cheque for \$500 which he will donate part to the Chemo Therapy unit at the Port Pirie health Service and the balance to Port Pirie Riding for the Disabled

Further information can be obtained from Lion Terry Hill on 02 67656042.



Above: Peel Valley Lions Club President Lion Terry Hill presenting the award to 2012 winner Colin (Cactus) Martens



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**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 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](mailto:apretyman@bigpond.com) or phone 62252011

**Alan Pretyman - Sec. and Trustee for Tasmania**

**DonateLife Week 2012**  
 Sunday 19 - Sunday 26 February  
 visit [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au) for more information

The organ and tissue sector has an exciting opportunity in February 2012 to raise public support for organ and tissue donation for transplantation to a new level by participating in DonateLife Week.

**The dates for DonateLife Week in 2012 are Sunday 19 - Sunday 26 February.**

*Thanks to the ongoing support and participation of the sector, the week is established as having a dedicated focus to raise awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation, highlighting the success of transplantation and encouraging Australians to discuss donation, know each other's wishes and register their decision.*

Upon establishment of the Organ and Tissue Authority, responsibility for leading the annual national awareness week for organ and tissue donation was transferred from the Department of Health and Ageing to the Authority. This responsibility includes setting dates and the theme each year, leading the sector in coordination of activities, and supporting the sector with materials, media and merchandise.

**The national awareness week for organ and tissue donation in 2012 is Sunday 19 - Sunday 26 February and is called DonateLife Week.**

DonateLife TAS Clinical Nurse Consultants are also available to speak at clubs state wide by arrangement, including at future state conventions.

For more information visit: [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au) or call our state agency **DonateLife Tasmania** on 6270 2209.



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on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication.

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Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

Welcome to 2012

## Our Farmers Our Future



### Happy New Year and welcome to 2012 – the Australian Year of the Farmer.

This year we will celebrate all the wonderful men and women who help make our country great. The farmers, fishers and foresters who grow and harvest the amazing Australian products we enjoy eating, wearing and using every day.

We'll also celebrate the men and women who help package, transport and sell farmed produce. And the men and women working in agricultural research and innovation who help our farmers rank amongst the most efficient and environmentally conscious in the world.

**Yes, the Australian Year of the Farmer is a celebration for all!  
And we want you to be involved.**

Our farmers do more than just help feed, clothe and shelter us – they help keep our country and economy strong.

Farming and all the industries supporting it generate more than \$405 billion each year, that's 27% of our GDP!

***It takes a special person to be a farmer. They have to be part businessman, part biologist, part vet, part meteorologist, part builder, part mechanic, all round handy-person and so much more.***

Our farmers contribute in many ways to our every day lives and much of the Year is about saying thanks, and giving them a pat on the back.

**So what's the best way you can acknowledge our farmers ?  
Buy Australian farmed products and help keep our famers,  
and all those Australians who rely on them, in business.**

**You can get involved in the celebrations too.** We'll be in your newspapers, on your radios and televisions, at events, in schools and everywhere in between, highlighting the amazing work of our farmers and the many people involved in making agribusiness big business in Australia. We hope you'll think of ways to celebrate the Australian Year of the Farmer in your family, school and local community.

Please have a think about where we would be without our farmers... Chances are, we would be without fresh food, without a roof over our head and without the beautiful natural fibers we all love to wear.

**So next time you see a farmer, or someone who works with them,  
tell 'em "thank you."**

Let's celebrate ...

Australian Year of the Farmer – 2012

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

### USE OF BOTTLE TOPS TO SEAL A BAG....

Great idea because it is simple, cheap, effective and ingenious.

**WHO EVER THOUGHT OF THIS  
SHOULD GET A GREEN MEDAL**

**NO MORE TWIST TIES OR RUBBER  
BANDS. This method is WATER  
PROOF AND AIRTIGHT.**

### Seal Plastic Bags with Old Bottle Caps

*Cut up a disposable water bottle and keep  
the neck and top, as in photo.*



*Insert the plastic bag up through the neck  
and over the top, then screw the cap  
to seal.*



*The bag is made air-tight, water will not  
leak, it is easy to open and the top and  
screw cap can be used over again!*

*This is a great idea to share.*

**The Last Word...**

**"A grudge grows bigger and heavier when carried."**