

Lions Clubs International District 201T1 LIONS TASMANIA



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DISTRICT GOVERNORS BRIEF

September 2023

Well, its September and spring has arrived. I just love it - the wattles are out in colour and it is getting warmer. Absolutely great, and thank you for your support of Lions in Tasmania.

This time of the year, all the Lions Clubs are busy within the community carrying-out all sorts of Projects.

We understand that we lose 50% of the Dropped Lions because of conflict. So, if you have a conflict within your Club, take it to your Board and have a discussion. We/your Board cannot fix what it doesn't know about. Remember, when we work together, we can do so much more. Lions have a very good "Conflict Resolution" brochure for your use - if needed.

District Growth

I thank all Lions for their dedication to getting new members, but remember when you came into Lions - for some it can be daunting when walking into a room of Lions and not knowing anyone. Please look after that new member. They are our future. A special thank you to those Lions finding new members.

Over the last 2 months, your

Club Presidents have been invited to meet with the Cabinet Secretary – Phil Robinson, GMA Leader PDG Paul Cairnduff and myself to have a discussion about how your President sees the future of your Club. Please tap him/her on the shoulder if you have any comment or great ideas on what we/the Cabinet can do better, and inform you on what direction Lions are heading.

Our 44th District Convention will be held again in Launceston, starting on Friday 10th November at the Lions Club of Kings Meadows clubrooms, and then at the Tramsheds for the Saturday and Sunday sessions. Registration details have been sent to all Clubs. Please be early and fill-out your registration. Remember, if you can't make it for the whole Convention, just pop their members an enjoyable and -in. We're happy to have you there at any time, and YES - you can just come to the "Wild West" function on Saturday night. It is a great program, and we will be looking after the partners with morning tea and an organized visit to the Museum – next door (about 80 meters away).

Remember that Lions have a lot of training programs available on Leadership and Management at Club, District and Multiple District levels. Just ask one of the leadership team if you need advice. They're there to help.

I would like to thank our Editor – Dee for putting our monthly newsletter together. Don't forget to get any items you wish to be published to her by the 10th of each Month. We would all like to know what your club is up to.

Christmas Cakes, and the first year of the Calendars are now available. Just get to it early. There is good money to be made on both of these.

This month, we charter the First New Club in ten years. The members of our new Tasmanian Online Lions Club have been working hard on projects around the State. You will see and learn more about this new style of Club later this year. I wish all rewarding time in serving the digital community now and into the future.

Thank you for being a Lion, and note that your Cabinet team members are here to help.

Rob Batchelor District Governor District 201T1



July 2023				
Clubs:	49			
Membership:	954			
Membership @ August 2023				
YTD ADD	35			
YTD DROP	22			
YTD NET GROWTH	13			
YTD NET GROWTH %	1.38%			

Our District Count

Status "Transitional" (24 mths)

Hi everyone,

I hope that you are well and thriving.

Just letting you know about our first fundraiser – the TOLC Spring Raffle.

Prizes are described in the photo below. Tickets can be purchased at

https://rafflelink.com.au/ onlinelionsspring23 Good luck everyone!

Marg Cranney Secretary, Tasmania Online Lions Club

Guiding Lion

Club Support Lion Zone 10

TASMANIAN ONLINE LIONS CLUB

SPRING

Tickets \$5 available online - just follow the link in this post







1st prize Beautiful contemporary original handcrafted quilt, valued at \$500

2nd prize Two-night stay at the iconic Glen Derwent Retreat, valued at \$440

3rd prize

Agrarian Kitchen package - a \$200 voucher, apron and cookbook, valued at \$290

4th prize

High tea for 2 at Glen Derwent Tea Rooms, valued at \$132

5th prize \$50 voucher for The Art House Cafe

DRAWN FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1



Club News & Activities

On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September Lions Club of Mersey Devonport assisted City Mission with their SPRING FOOD DRIVE which was held to help restock their emergency relief pantry which helps those in need.

We had member volunteers situated outside the IGA supermarkets at Spreyton and Devonport where we collected donations of non - perishable items from customers and cash donations too. The response from members of the public was amazing with some donations in the hundreds of dollars.

Pics enclosed of President Margaret Fay and 1st VP Tony Sutton manning the collection points

Regards Membership Chair Allan Reed







Thank you for purchasing these essential items and helping those in need this September.



Windmill Hill Lions – all set up and ready to go!

On Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September, The Lions Club of Launceston – Windmill Hill operated a marketing and promotional stall at the "Meadow Mews" shopping centre on behalf of the Cancer Council of Tasmania (CCT) from 9am to 4 pm. Over the two days we sold three buckets of live daffodils and merchandise from the Cancer Council. The stall was very successful, selling out of "Super Dougal Bears", pens, magnets and daffodil socks.

The final figures are not yet in, but, according to CCT, we were the most popular site in greater Launceston. The Lions Club of Kings Meadows also conducted a similar stall at the "Prospect Marketplace" shopping Centre at Prospect.

The Lions Club of Launceston – Windmill Hill also wishes to that the "At Work" office staff

opposite our stall for keeping our hardworking members supplied with coffee and biscuits!

This project is a great example of Lions donating their time and labour, helping a very worthy community organisation, and raising Lions' community profile – The cancer Council of Tasmania supplied the merchandise and later collected all funds – there was thus no financial out risk to Lions.

PDG Byron Dilworth – Lions Club of Launceston – Windmill Hill



New Members 11th August 2033 – 10th September 2023

Kind Regards

David T

New Members 11th August 2033 – 10th September 2023

George Town

JOAN CROWTHER – Sponsor Ann Farmer

Scottsdale

MELISSA KRUSHKA – Sponsor Wayne Harper

Smithton-Circular Head

JANE BILLING – Sponsor Sheryl Robson

Tasmanian Online Lions Club

CLAUDIA BALDOCK SIMON BALDOCK DAVID BASSER ANYA BROOKS-COOPER

STEVEN P COOPER KELLY DIREEN LIISA DIREEN FAHMIDA FAIZA

PATRICIA ANN GILLHESPEY TERENCE GILLLHESPEY LIANA HAR-DING GAVIN IMLACH

MICHELLE A MOHR MEERA RAJA ANGELA REVELL NICOLA ROULESTON

CHRIS RUBASINGHE LEIGH-ANNE SIMPSON TIM SIZE THERESA SWEET JULIE TRIFFETT

Total 24 New Members 11th August 2033 – 10th August 2023

Clubs 49

Member Count, September 2022 = 931

Member Count, September 2023 = 954



Current Award Application forms can be found on our Website <u>www.alf.org.au</u> Award contacts PDG Lastey Lyons PDG Box 303 Wynnum, QLD 4178 Phone M: 0419 796 022 : Email: att.awards@lions.org.au PLEASE ALLOW 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF AWARDS

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PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Does your Club have an UPCOMING EVET?

HAVE YOU HAD A RECENT EVENT, PRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

THE BESTLACE TO PROMOTE, SHARE AND INFORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!

ZONE CHAIRS AND CABINET MEMBERS PLEASE REMIND CLUBS TO SUBMIT ARTICLES ETC.

PEACE POSTER NEWS FROM JULIE

Hi all,

For those who have made the effort to contact schools & have had a response – well done! Just a reminder below of dates of deadlines.

If you haven't been successful this year, please consider next year...such a great project!

Lion Julie Crawford

Peace Poster Chair

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International

Headquarters.

October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

November 1: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor or Peace Poster Chair for Convention.





International Diabetes Federation



The IDF focus on the importance of knowing your risk of developing type 2 diabetes to delay or prevent the condition. We highlight the impact of diabetes-related complications, stressing the need to access the right information and care to ensure timely treatment and management.

Want to join us? Here are four ways to get involved: **Share** our <u>type 2 diabetes risk assessment tool</u> to help people in your community learn about their risk of type 2 diabetes.

Boost your diabetes knowledge with free courses for healthcare professionals and people with diabetes from the <u>IDF School of Diabetes</u>.

Download and display <u>our visual assets</u>. Posters, social visuals and web banners are available, with more resources coming soon.

Organise an activity in your community, workplace or online to promote the campaign theme and key messages.

The IDF can be contacted via the link below - International Diabetes Federation wdd@idf.org

Be aware that the IDF has declared support from international drug companies on its website

If you suspect that you may have diabetic symptoms, contact your GP / Doctor in the First instance.

Support the "Lap the Map" MD 201 project in support of Diabetes Awareness – information for you and your club is available from myself,

Byron Dilworth, T1 District Chair for Diabetes Awareness – email <u>byrlind@bigpond.com</u>



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PLEASE ALLOW 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF AWARDS



Our Global Causes





The countdown is officially on for LCICON24 and it's time for the convention committee and our ambassadors to start spreading the word. It is such a privilege to be the host of a Lions International Convention which attract more than 14,000 delegates from all around the Lion world each year.

ID Tony Benbow OAM

For any Lions or Leos in Australia who have never attended a National or International Convention, LCICON24 in Melbourne is the perfect time to do so.

This is a unique opportunity for our members to connect with Lions leaders, members and Leos from across the globe. Attendees are sure to be inspired, entertained and meet new friends.

The last time an International Convention was held in Australia was in Sydney in the year of 2010. Those of you who attended you will know first-hand the unique experience and privilege it is to host an event of this kind. We are sure our convention in Melbourne will be bigger and better than ever and an important part of this success is the support of you, our wonderful ambassadors. In coming weeks and months we would love it if you could start spreading the word within your districts and networks particularly with new members who may not have been to a Lions convention before.

There are some real opportunities to get

involved. This is an incredibly exciting time for Lions in Australia and all Australians as we prepare to welcome guests from across the globe and come together to celebrate the magic of community service.

Myself and the host committee will continue to share updates with you along the way and cannot wait to work with you all on what we know will be an incredible event.



Save The Date Friday 21st June 2024 - Sunday 23rd June 2024

Host City . Melbourne

places to explore and cutting-edge advancements that are globally acclaimed. Er Melbourne on foot or via its extensive transport network and discover its creativ culture, expressed in its food, fashion, events, arts and music scene. For those w to explore further afield, the unique natural beauty of rezional Victoria is inst a s

Venue

Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre



IMPORTANT NOTICE

DEAR CONVENTIONEERS

Please excuse this interruption to your busy schedule

Although the Convention morning and afternoon tea is sponsored, it is not sponsored by the Tram Shed.

Hence, it is important that the convention registrar know how many of the

attendees have ticked those boxes to take advantage of this facility as the

Convention Treasurer has to pay for all who has registered for this, whether they partake or not.

So if you are planning to be elsewhere at morning and afternoon tea times, please do not tick those boxes

Kind regards Erik Madsen 2022 Convention Treasurer Mob 0414 808 634

NEW NORFOLK NEWS

Photo showing a representative of the Lions club New Norfolk President Michael Kievit on the right on the left Brian Forster representing the Tasmanian Lions Foundation. Where a presentation was made to the New Norfolk Junior football club of new footballs for the club, after the premises were broken into recently with items being stolen. The donation was a dollar for dollar donation totaling \$2000. The junior club has 222 members and I am told the new supply of footballs will be put to good use. The occasion was also the club's trophy presentation day.





FRIDAY FORUM

Every Friday morning we'll post a question. During the week that follows, share your thoughts and ideas with other members and clubs in our district by commenting below



Have you seen our weekly Friday Forum on the Lions Tasmania FB Page? Every Friday, one of our admins posts up a discussion question to help members to learn more about latest events and to share their knowledge. <u>To get involved go to</u>

www.facebook.com/Lions 201T1

Victoria Cochrane

The picture below. 2nd Vice Pres of Deloriane Kevin Bassett.

LEARNING TO DELEGATE AS A LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT.

The Lions club of Deloraine president James Redgrave really knows how to delegate the tough jobs to his Vice Presidents.

With the Club officers training held at Kings Meadows Lions den and zoomed around the state. This was the ideal excuse for not being at the Deloraine Footy Club annual Ice pool challenge to raise funds for MND.

So President James delegated his role to 2nd VP Kevin Bassett who took the role in his stride and took one for the team.

In typical deloraine Lions club fashion Kevin doned the Santa suit and swan dived into the below zero pool for MND.

For his part President James went on to the club officers training which was run in a new format and welcomed by all as no one fell

asleep during all the presentations from around the state. He took away some great ideas for his club. He also has to swan dive into the ice pool next year for MND.

The individual presentations were directed personally which gave all those attending a real world view on how to apply their responsibilities

into their roles at a club level.

Special thanks must be given to the presenters DG Rob, 1st VDG Victoria, 2VDG Matt, Past DG Rob for his oversight of the training, CABSEC Phil and CAB ADMIN Amanda, well done on keeping the timely sections informative and Personal. This made it so much more engaging and alive.

I know everyone who attended took something away that they will implement at their club.

Well Done

James Harvey.







Lions Eye Health Program Update

The recent LEHP meeting in Adelaide was very productive.

Lots of good outcomes. If you are a vision screener, you should know that the program is reviewed regularly and is

constantly being improved. The screener and facilitator manuals are being updated and some of the documents being improved as well. I will keep you informed.

LEHP have a Facebook page. You will find stories and photos of screenings across the country. Check it out.

We have screened over 1300 children across Tasmania, 600 since January this year. You should be very proud of the great work and commitment of our screeners. I certainly am.

More training is being planned in the South and if you would like to become a screener and be part of this great

program, then do not hesitate to contact me.

LEHP is not just Children's Vision Screening, it is about avoidable vision loss in people over forty years old. Glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy can all be treated if found early. LEHP have new brochures and materials your club can use raise awareness in your community.

Encourage your club to become a participating club, with the \$4.00 per member donation to LEHP. If your club has 20 members, then a meagre \$80.00 donation will give you access to the materials from LEHP at no cost. LEHP's participating club program is based on the calendar year, so if you last donated in October 2022, then it is time to consider donating now.

When you come to convention, come and talk to me about LEHP and Children's Vision Screening Program.

Stephen Smith Vision Services Team Leader mob. 0402 483 355 <u>lehp@lionstasmania.org</u>



LIONS CLUB OF KING ISLAND NEWS

LC King Island recently held its 54th Charter/Changeover evening, with Club Support Sheryl Robson officiating. One of the highlights of the evening was presenting Leada Blackie with her International Leo of The Year medallion – a long overdue celebration. Leada was visiting King Island on leave from her University Defense Force commitments in Canberra. Leada has been working hard on the Leo Advisory Panel with several months still to serve. Protocol will see her dropped from King Island's Alpha membership base as she turns 19 in a couple of weeks. Leada is looking to join an Omega Leo Club in Canberra to enable her to continue serving on the Advisory Panel. Our District has been very fortunate to promote Leada as one of our own. Her skills, determination and attitude are exemplary and if her exam schedule permits, we will get to see her at the November Convention. Leada is pictured with Leo Advisor Linda Payne.

Lion Jan Strickland celebrates 90 laps around the sun in September and was presented with flowers at LC King Island's Changeover dinner. Lion Jan attends all dinners and still knits jumpers for raffles.







Li	ons 44	th D	istrict C	onventio	n Launceston 7	Framshe	ds
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			Closing date f	or registration i	s Friday Oct. 27 th 2023	Date Rec	
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Guest							
Street / PO Box				City / Town		Post Code	
Home Phone				Mobile Phone			
Email Address							
Emergency Con	tact Name				Emergency Phone No.		

Please indicate any specific dietary or other needs.

Day	Date	Hospitality Description	Cost \$	Num	Total \$
Fri	10th	Meet & Greet at Kings Meadows Club 6:00 – 8:00pm	17.00		
Sat	11th	Morning Tea at Tramsheds - Sponsored	0.00		
Sat	11th	Lunch at Tramsheds	27.00		
Sat	11th	Afternoon Tea at Tramsheds - Sponsored	0.00		
Sat	11th	Dinner (Western theme) at Tramsheds	65.00		
Sun	12th	Coffee / Tea on arrival at Tramsheds - Sponsored	0.00		
			Total		

EFT to BSB 037 015, Acc. No 303 783 is the preferred payment method for hospitality *Please attach copy of e-banking receipt with the registration form.*

Else, cheque made payable to District Convention and mailed to the Treasurer with the Registration form OR, pay at any Westpac Bank to the above BSB & Account and mail receipt with Registration forms.

			General Correspondence:	Registrations sent to:
			The Secretary	The Treasurer
Ch airm an	Secretary	Treasurer	44th District Convention	44th District Convention
			PO Box 495	49 Diamond Drive
Alan Pretyman	Sue Johns	Erik Madsen	Kingston TAS 7051	Blackmans Bay TAS 7052
			e: convention@lionstasmania.org	e: madsensve@gmail.com

The Convention Registration Form is also available for download on the District Web Site under resources

Rocky Cape Lions Club held a well attended craft afternoon at Rocky Cape Club rooms on Sunday 3rd September learning how to basket weave. Di Baldock taught those who attended about her indigenous culture and how her culture learnt to weave baskets and place mats out of natural materials. It was nice to see past president Ritchie Cochrane picking up a needle and having a go. We also had the opportunity of listening to an attendee pick up his bagpipes and play us a melody.







Lions Club of Burnie held a successful Bunnings BBQ on Friday 1st September, 1st day of spring. It was a

beautiful day and 4 members from Burnie Lions plus a volunteer friend of lions dazzled the crowd with their cooking, serving prowess. Julie Crawford from Penguin Lions lent a helping hand. Toby Crawford dropped by to offer encouragement and buy a sausage. Many fines gained from the event. Overall a successful day.

Lions Club of Burnie recently held their changeover dinner, An enjoyable evening with lots of fellowship shared. Welcome to the new board.

Cheers Katrina Moltow President Lions Club of Burnie





It is with sadness that we note the passing of the following Lions...

Good Afternoon, It is with great sadness that I am sending this email to let you know that our Lions Member Craig Waterhouse passed away Sunday morning, he has been a member of the Lions Club of New Norfolk since 1982.

Also on Friday Lions Lady Nora Cawthorn passed away. Her Husband Charlie Cawthorn was a very active member of our lions club from 1971 until he passed away in 2015 at 92.





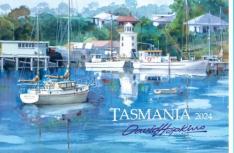
Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

104 UNTIL CHRISTMAS!!



* PARKINSON'S Disease is now more PREVALENT as our population AGES!





2024 Calendar \$29.95

28 pages in full colour reproduction of iconic Tasmanian scenes painted in watercolour by David Hopkins, along with descriptions and a clear date section for notes, spiral boun

2024 Gift Calendar

Of which proceeds will go towards providing additional research funds for study into Parkinson's Disease at the

This high quality calendar at \$29.95 plus \$12.50 postage in an **auspost** bubble pack Australia-wide is great value A rate for overseas postage at 490 grams bubble packed will need to be made online,

auspost.com.au/customsform for clearance details as it varies with theCountry of destination and customs charges, when verified to us we can then despatch bearing in mind travelling times.



LIONS PARKINSON'S RESEARCH PROJECT

A Project colaboration of Lions Clubs International District 201T...Tasmania in association with Parkinson'sTasmania Inc., The University of Tasmania Menzies Institute of Medical Research. Artist David Hopkins and Printer Publisher PERIRGINE a Division of Focal Print.

Website: www.lionsparkinsonsresearchproject.com.au MAIL: P O Box 12 Margate, Tasmania. 7054 Direct Deposit : Bendigo Bank, BSB 633 000 A/c No 205 359 649 with payee Name please.

We NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Worldwide as an Organization with over 1.4 Million members, all committed to serving their LOCAL Community, there is a need to expand our membership in being able to continue our service work to those in NEED.

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"Together we can Change the World"

World President, Dr. Patti Hill, Lions Clubs International.



CONTACT your local CLUB _____ Phone _____ E mail: cabsec@lionstasmania.org Facebook: Clubs Tasmania

Make a Difference in your COMMUNITY

Dear Lions and LEO's of Multiple District 201 T1 Tasmania.

Following the recent Boston Convention, Melbourne is now on track and underway with its planning and supporting of LCI requirements to the International Convention.

Our Lions 2024 Multiple District Convention Team did a fantastic job in Boston, advertising our Melbourne Convention with over 500 early bird registrations made. This is above the expectations for a Convention early on, so hopefully this trend will continue. Individual "early bird" registrations are open on the LCI website - so register early at a reduced price.

Now is the time! for us locally, to display, plan, start and encourage Tasmanian Lions to consider attending the 106th Lions International Conventions in Melbourne, Friday 21st June through to Monday 25th June 2024.

Communications will be very important, there will be updated information coming through on a regular basis as matters are confirmed and made available by LCI. These updates will come directly from our Communications Team.

Please encourage all Lions and LEO's throughout our Island State of Tasmania to attend and take this superb opportunity to help celebrate 1st Vice District Governor Victoria and Lion Richie Cochrane of the Lions Club of Rocky Cape take the oath of office before accepting her role as District Governor 2024 – 2025 for Lions District 201T1 Tasmania. **Note** - Please view and scan the Convention Registration Details by scanning QR Code!

Registration Details

Volunteer Registration Details

Volunteering will also be a big part of the Convention, so please encourage everyone to consider volunteering in some way. This is a great opportunity to meet Lions and Leos from around the world and show them the real "Australian Hospitality".

The International Convention is a big job, and we would love the help of our local Lions. From greeters, transport and convention guides to a range of projects in the lead-up to the convention, there are some fantastic opportunities for Lions and Leos to volunteer and make some special memories that will last a lifetime. Please help us spread the word and encourage anyone interested to register their interest here. **NOTE** - Please view and scan the Volunteer Registration Details by scanning the QR Code!

OR Visit Our Registration Page

melbourne2024.org.au/volunteers-and-supporters

Again, thank you for supporting our Melbourne 2024 Convention. It is not just a Melbourne Convention, but a "Lions Australia Convention" showcasing our country to the Lions of the World. I will keep you informed as information comes from the planning group and Lions Clubs International.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on:

MOBILE 0418 544 836 or **EMAIL** <u>dtriffet@bigpond.net.au</u> Best Wishes -Please follow the links provided for Registration and Volunteer details.

PCC David Triffett District Ambassador



When & Where?

Host City Melbourne, Australia Date Fri 21st June 2024 – Tues 25th June 2024 Venue Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre

Stay Updated!!!

Email me[b2024host.comms@lions.org.au

Social Media facebook.com/groups/lciconmelb2024/ instagram.com/lciconmelb2024/

Website lionsclubs.org

Registration

via link lionscon.lionsclubs.org/registration-information individual-registration/

OR

scan qrcode







Spring is just around the corner, and it can't come soon enough, with how cold it has ben in the Adelaide Hills. The dogs at the Training Centre wouldn't know though! They have been kept nice and warm throughout the season so they are at their best for their training.

It has been the season for puppies too, and it seems like we always have little ones around who easily take up everyone's attention as they grow up and learn about the world, on their way to being Assistance Dogs! Both Daisy and her pups are doing well; she is such a great mum. If her last litter who are currently in training are anything to go by, these pups will be fantastic dogs!

It is always hard to find volunteers who can commit to taking on a puppy in training. Before, we have also restricted the areas of potential foster carers to live within an hour from the Training Centre. However, now we will be extending this restriction, as a trial. We will be heading down to the South East of South Australia to give people in these areas a chance to be involved. Information sessions will be held towards the end of August in both Naracoorte and Robe, and we hope to have a positive response.

I am happy to announce that we have set a date for next year's Open Day which will be held on Saturday April 20th, the day after National Hearing Dog Day. Stay updated on our socials and keep an eye out for information as we get closer to the event date. We are always happy to be able to open the doors to the Training Centre and celebrate another year of providing important and much needed services to Australians in need.

Yours sincerely, David Horne Chief Executive Officer





Lions Club of Mersey Devonport hosted Circus Quirkus with 2 shows at the Paranaple Arts Centre on Monday 7th August and 1 show at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre Tuesday 8th August. With approximately 700 guest attending the 3 shows, including disabled and underprivileged individuals with their carers and also local primary school pupils.

Photo - Lions members of Mersey Devonport posing with performers after shows

EMU BAY BURNIE LIONS CLUB

Vinnies Hub Somerset

The good work of the wonderful volunteers at Vinnies Food Hub in Somerset was made a little easier recently, thanks to a donation of \$5000.00 from the Emu Bay Lions Club. The money was used to replace their old domestic type oven with a new larger model and it has made a huge difference to their meal preparations. After the oven was installed, club members were invited out to see it in action on one of their "dining with friends" days. Vinnies Somerset serve 30 people a 3 course meal every second Thursday. This service is always fully booked, is free to the recipients and relies heavily on donations of fruit, vegetables and other foods to continue. On the day of the Emu Bay Lions visit, there was a large pot of vegetable soup on the hotplates, 2 trays of meat in the oven. 2 large containers of vegetables ready to roast and they had just cooked a 12 egg pavlova and a fruit cake for a special " Christmas in July" treat for their guests.

The Somerset food hub also does soup van runs 2 nights a week to Burnie, 2 nights in Wynyard and 1 night in Somerset and sometimes also cooks soup to be used on the twice weekly Smithton run. A typical week would see them go through 15 loaves of bread for sandwiches, 100 litres of soup, plus home- made biscuits, muffins and slices if time allows. Each person served receives a coffee, tea or Milo, 1 packet of sandwiches and a cup of soup, a piece of fruit and a small treat.

One of the volunteers relayed the story of a young girl who attended their Dining with friends one day to say she had been living in a homeless shelter for 8 months and had received many meals from the soup van. She had just secured a place to live and she tearfully thanked the Vinnies volunteers for providing her with a weekly 'cup of love', as she called it. She said it gave her hope and the volunteers felt that was a great reward for their efforts.

The Emu Bay Lions club are pleased to have been able to help Vinnies continue this great work. The money came from proceeds of their Book Market sales and Bunnings sausage sizzles and the club feels that the donation of this new oven provides great value for money. So many people have already benefitted from it and it will continue to help people well into the future



The new oven in use

Emu Bay Lions, David Cooke (President), Max Wood and Brian Armstrong with the new oven

The Emu Bay Lions club also recently donated a cheque to the 7 BU Sea FM Koinz 4 Kidz appeal which was raising money for the Fairy Godmothers all abilities playground in Somerset. This playground is designed to offer a large range of activities and sensory experiences for anyone, regardless of age or abilities.

Sea FM were kind enough to promote this donation on their Facebook page (as shown above) and the Emu Bay Lions club is proud to help this great community asset to grow and provide joy to so many people for years to come.



Locals supporting Locals

David from Emu Bay Lions Club Popped into the office today to present GM Chloe with a cheque for Koinz 4 Kidz. Thank you so much for your support, Burnie Emu Bay Lions Club for helping us raise funds for The Fairy Godmothers. And a massive thank you to the Coast, without all of your ongoing support whether that be attending events, entering the raffle, or putting your

change into tins located around the place, we could not raise as much as we do! 💝 With that being said, tins are still out and about, and will be collected by the end of the week, so there is still time if you wish to donate.

THANK YOU!!!



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 10th OCTOBER 2023

