

Lions Clubs International LIONS TASMANIA

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Profile of Robert Mantach

Robert was raised in Launceston, Tasmania, the youngest of four (4) children. His parents, both of whom served during World War 2, had a trade background and strived to see that their children did not have to struggle in life as they had to after the war.

Rob gained a cadetship within the aluminum industry to gain a mechanical engineering qualification. Whilst working full time, Rob has also gained academic qualifications in computing, management and business administration.

Rob met Wanda, the daughter of Polish displaced persons, at a local dance and they were married in 1972 and moved to their new home in Riverside and after forty-five (45) years downsized to a house in Legana. Rob and Wanda have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Rob worked in the aluminum industry for over twenty years and was able to travel overseas to gain greater knowledge about equipment for the benefit of the company. Apart from the aluminum industry, Rob was instrumental in establishing the galvanizing industry in Northern Tasmania. Rob has also worked in the fibreglass industry, precision manufacturing, metal fabrication and as an engineering manager for consultant firms in Mackay, Queensland, and Portland, Victoria. Rob's latest employment has been as club secretary for a yacht club in Beauty Point, Tasmania, a role that he has recently given up to devote more time to his Lion's commitment.

Rob has fulfilled leadership roles within school, industry and professional organizations as well as his own Lions club.

Rob's recreation is sailing and has competed in many club races as well as local offshore races such as the Melbourne to Devonport and Launceston to Hobart yacht races.

Rob, in conjunction with a sailing friend, has his own yacht, an ex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race competitor, and they are refurbishing the yacht back to being a competitive force in local waters.

Rob, under Wanda's direction, also maintains a healthy garden that they can enjoy with family and friends.

Rob joined the Riverside Lions Club in 1992 and has fulfilled the roles of 3rd, 2nd and 1st vice presidents, club president twice (2002/2003 and 2016/2017).

Rob has also been a member of the Port Sorell Lions Club and the Mackay Host Lions Club, whilst he was working in those areas. Rob was appointed as a Zone Chairman for 2017/18 and has proceeded on to be Regional chairman, 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and District Governor for 2021/22.

Rob has been involved with many of the projects within the Riverside Lions Club including as chairman of the committee that hosted the Launceston Carols by Candlelight event. Rob is also frequently seen either flipping hamburgers, dishing out buckets of chips or making coffee for customers at one of the many catering events that the Riverside Lions Club is involved with.

Rob was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2016 for his dedicated humanitarian services to the local community and represented Australian Lions in England through Operation Friendship hosted by the

Haverhill Lions Club for District 105EA.

During his time as District Governor Rob is keen to see the 201T1 clubs focus on the Lion's global causes in their local area to the benefit of the community.

Lions are great at being able to raise funds and provide manpower and he doesn't want to see those efforts wasted by expenditure on administration by other organizations. Rob is proud that he was the club president during a period that saw his club contribute a significant donation to the *Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation*.

He has also seen firsthand the assistance provided to children with mobility issues and people that are blind.

Rob's theme for 2021/22 is **Change a Life – Today**, as we do give people hope and improve their lives when we are able to either fund medical research, provide equipment or financial assistance, or just be a friendly face and provide moral support over a 'cuppa'.

The assistance that we are able to provide is appreciated greatly by the recipients whilst giving ourselves a warm inner glow that we have helped them in some manner.



Change a Life – Today!

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Our Five Global Causes

Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With almost 1.4 million members, we now have an opportunity to truly change our world.

That's why we're uniting our global service around five areas of need. These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them.

Diabetes (T1 District Chair David Triffett)

We serve to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.

Vision (T1 District Chair Stephen Smith)

We serve to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

Hunger (T1 District Chair Linda Dilworth)

We serve to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.

Environment (T1 District Chair James Redgrave)

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.

Childhood Cancer (T1 District Chair Tony Bennett)

We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.

P. Vere Cooper GST District Chair

Fundraising Dinner

**The next Southern
Lions Clubs Annual
Dinner hosted by the
Lions Club of Sorell
will be held in Sorell on:**

**WEDNESDAY
2nd February 2022**

6.30pm for 7.00pm

@Midway Point Tavern

Cost: \$35 per head

Drinks: @Bar prices

**For further details & to
RSVP 28th January 2022**

**Please contact Geoff Clow
03 6245 9176**



From the MD Office

Please note we have received reports of e-mails being sent that appear to be from legitimate e-mail accounts, including our own, regarding legitimate financial transactions, but containing bogus BSB and Account numbers. This sophisticated scam includes the copying of the original e-mail to add the appearance of authenticity.

Please ensure that you independently verify BSB and Account numbers by telephone, particularly for new and large transactions. You should not simply rely on e-mail advice.

Our District Count 30 June 2021

Clubs: 48
Membership: 997

Membership 30 June 20: 1098

YTD ADD 81
YTD DROP 150
YTD NET GROWTH -69
YTD NET GROWTH % -

6.47%

Status: "Transitional" (24 mths)

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION!!**



The TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION Incorporated.

Address all correspondence to:
The Secretary
Tasmanian Lions Foundation
9 Queens Parade
KINGSTON, Tas 7050

May 2021

To - The Lions Club President

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION INC

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

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

The current TLF members are:-

District Governor – Byron Dilworth		
District Governor elect – Robert Mantach		
62 Area	63 Area	64 Area
Paul Cairnduff (not re nominating)	Geoff Tripptree	Stuart Ritchie
Peter Goldstone- James	Phil Robinson	Phil Viney
Sue Johns	Deryll Hill	Dee Dawkins

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

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

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

Paul Cairnduff
Secretary - Tasmanian Lions Foundation

National Award for King Island Leos

King Island Leos were honoured to receive a special visit from District Governor, Byron Dilworth, who presented them with their National Award for the Leo Project of the Year 2020.

Leos ran a Quirky Letterbox competition to lift community spirits during COVID. This project was considered to be the most original across Australia and won our Leos a \$500 prize which they will direct into a new community project.



Pictured above receiving the Best Humanitarian Project Award 2020 are:

L-R Carlos Moriarty, District Governor Byron Dilworth, Leo President Sarah Lancaster, Aruba Blackie and Tia Millwood

Leos will be busy over the coming months, running another public competition to be announced soon.

Secondly, they will be working alongside Lions, offering a Junior version of the Peace Poster contest, in order to involve more students at their local school.

Thirdly, Leos will involve their classmates in a *“Freedom to Feel Fantastic”* day at school in September and fourthly, they have plans to buy reading books for the Kinder students at the end of the year.

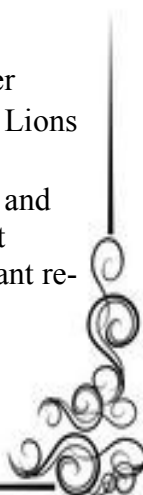
Lots of ideas and great experiences to work on.

Linda Payne

Leo Advisor King Island

Vale

Lion John Winter
Who was a member of Lions
Club of King Island.
He served for 43 years and
was Australia's longest
surviving heart transplant re-
cipient.



D.G Robert's Club Visits

July - August

July	20	Wynyard
July	26	Rocky Cape & Smithton - Circular Head
August	4	Bothwell & Districts
August	5	Hadspen South Esk
August	6/8	King Island & Leos
August	9	City of Launceston & Leos
August	10	Glamorgan
August	16	Latrobe
August	17	Ulverstone
August	18	Westbury
August	24	Hobart Town & Leos
August	25	Glenorchy

**A single act
of service
can change
a life.**

But, when

1.35 million

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

***Proud to be a
Lion!***



February 11th – Our ever cheerful, colourful, caravan cruising, smart car driving Geoff Starick. One of few who has worked tirelessly as a Lion for their community for over 50 years! Geoff is being presented in recognition of his 50 years of service to Lions international. A top person to have in our community. Geoff also volunteers at [Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden](#)

A snap shot of the year for Burnie Emu Bay Lions



February 24th – handover of the keys of a brand new people mover, [the old one had seen better days] to the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden; attended by local polities, volunteers from both organisations we've already



March 29th – youth of the year

An interesting informative afternoon at the Youth of the Year Regional Final. 3 contestants Naomi Billows (Marist College) representing Burnie Emu Bay, Denver Pucetti Representing the Lions Club of Kentish and Aaliah Dennison Representing the Lions Club of Latrobe (both attend Don College), all aspiring to professional careers. Their prepared speeches very informative: defensive architecture, reflecting and forecasting on "I remember when..." and how living in 20 countries has so far shaped one's view on the world/community.

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Monthly mini Book Fair – is reaching many a book nerd/lover every Saturday in winter since June, we've opened our doors to the public [covid safe of course] and we have seen books being wheeled out the door... collectables, fiction, children, biographies, magazines [there are a lot of grassroots lovers out there]. WE had to change tract with COVID last year we began selling on line and in addition now the first Saturday of every month over winter we open the doors for 2 hrs.



Speaking of books a Wynyard eating establishment has used some of our books to create a book wall [photos attached] some of our members enjoyed a social occasion at "the Vault".

attached Burnie Emu Bay social media pages For regular updates and other clubs to like share etc

<https://www.facebook.com/Burnie-Emu-Bay-Lions-Club-296580800528736>

They also have a dedicated Instagram page to the EBL book fair -

<https://www.instagram.com/emubaylionsbookfairburnie/?>



And of course regular Bunning's barbecues. Here's Cheryl and Brian serving up snags!



A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled:

"Stop !! Acts 2:38 !!" (Repent and be Baptised, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the Police and explained what she had done.

As the Officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar:

"Why did you just stand there ? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture ?" replied the burglar, "I thought she said she had an Axe and Two 38s !!"

Making a difference in and for our local communities



LIONS CLUBS

Gulargambone, Temora, Ballina, and Gerringong are just four of the many Lions Clubs using the CDS to raise funds and solve problems within their local community.

Each one of these clubs realised their community was generating too much waste and decided to do something about it. Lions are using the scheme to help the environment and benefit the community by placing donation bins at their local schools, footy clubs, and caravan parks to collect their cans and bottles.

These are then returned to a Return and Earn collection point, and the resulting funds channelled back into important community programs that make these communities a better place to live.

As at August 2020, \$80,000 has been raised by just these four Lions Clubs, and this has helped fund drought assistance projects for farmers and small businesses, fire relief, school projects and other community projects.

In addition, some clubs have even adopted their local Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) Kiosk and receive a grant for servicing and cleaning it on a regular basis. This helps fund things like a new box trailer to help with their community operations – which enables even more containers to be collected and recycled, generating even more funds!

Lions Clubs of District 201T1,

Just some examples of how simple this can be.

Here are some videos of Lions Clubs in NSW collecting and processing the containers.

1. Lions Clubs running cans and bottles drive:

[Temora Lions - Return and Earn - YouTube](#)

[2019 NSW Environmental Citizen of the Year - Gulargambone Lions Club - YouTube](#)

- I have spoken with Cooktown Lions. Their operation is as simple as.
- 12 Wire cages at 4 pubs, 2 clubs and 2 caravan parks along with milk crates for glass bottles.
- They collect them each week and take them to the main contractors depot.
- They have a donated ute and trailer and this operation returns about \$36 to \$40k each year.

James Redgrave

201T1 chair for the environment

District Newsletter 2021

Copy for the newsletter is required by on or before the tenth(10th) of the month of publication

It is preferred that articles are typed and submitted for publication in word format by email

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

Scanned images should be of high quality (300pdi)

Deadline for the next issue August 10th 2021



RISK MANAGEMENT

Incidents of corruption and fraud in charities are among some of the most common compliance-breaches reported to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, data shows.

The charity watchdog is using Charity Fraud Awareness Week to urge charities to protect themselves.

Oliver May is an expert in NFP corruption and fraud. He has said that similarly to organisations in the public and private sectors, payroll and remuneration fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest and bribery, commonly affect charities.

But unlike the private and public sectors, charities are less likely to invest in measures to stop fraud happening in the first place.

"Charities have a particular type of vulnerability that comes from a culture of trust," May said.

He said to tackle the problem, the sector needs to look at their internal structure and take a holistic view of the issue.

What are your risks?

May said that the starting point for all charities is to look at how and where fraud might happen, and how you might be able to nip it in the bud.

"You need to be thinking about the kinds of activities your charity does, and where it does them. From there, think about how the fraud risks might materialise in that context," May said.

Awareness is key

Making sure everyone in the organisation knows what fraud looks like, and how they can report it, is a massive part of stopping it spreading in your organisation.

"A policy that spells out what fraud is so people can identify it, who they should report it to, how will the charity respond and why it is bad for the mission of the charity is all really important," May said.

He said talking about fraud within your organisation and to other charities was an effective way to stamp out the issue on a bigger scale.

"Fraud, like all forms of corruption and abuse, grows in darkness. So you need to be talking to other charities about this issue because sunlight is the best disinfectant," he said.

"We need to be really open about these risks so that we can share information about how to get better at dealing with them."

Double, and then triple check

Jessica Horey, ACNC acting director of compliance, said there should be various checks and balances in place so that nothing suspicious is able to slip through the cracks.

This includes making sure all accounts are signed off twice and investigating invoices that don't look quite right.

"We were told a story where a charity was sent an invoice from their CEO's email, but when they did a bit of digging, they realised that the CEO was on a plane so it couldn't possibly have come from him," Horey said.

"Even if it looks legitimate, it's always worth checking twice."

More than one person on the job

For smaller or even medium sized charities, one-person-run departments are commonplace. But Horey said having at least one other person who knows how to do the job is important – especially when it comes to the person in charge of finances.

"Often there will be one person doing the finance, and they'll have done that job for a long time, but it's really important to actually have someone else who knows what's going on so they can check up on them," she said.

What if it's not your fault?

A lot of the time, fraud happens within the four walls of a charity's building. But there are instances where scammers take advantage of the public's trusting nature for their own financial benefits.

Scammers may pose as a representative for a really well-known charity, or create a fake organisation to trick people into giving them money.

In the 2018 financial year the ACCC's Scamwatch received 996 reports of fake charity scams, with reported losses of \$300,395 across the year.

Unfortunately, this is a widespread problem that a single charity will not be able to fix, but there are steps you can take to notify your donors about the problem as soon as possible.

When Lions Clubs discover that their name is being abused by scammers, they should advise the Risk Management Consultant at

RiskManagement@lions.org.au, make a note on their websites, issue a release or contact their stakeholders so they get the word out.

If Plan A fails remember that you have 25 letters left.