

# LIONS TASMANIA

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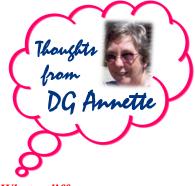


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"What a difference one person on a mission can make." International President Yamada

To all the members of the Lions family my very best wishes for a very successful 2016 with all your activities and projects. As I travelled around I saw some wonderful Christmas stockings and hampers as Lions Club raffles.

I hope the rewards were very good. I am aware od the dedication and commitment all the Lions must make to be able to sell all the raffle tickets.

I did not visit as many Clubs in December. I was lucky to be visiting *Burnie Emu Bay* the night of the Magic Shoe they sponsor for disadvantaged children, which I attended and enjoyed very much as it was the first time in my life I have seen a live magician and to see to the enjoyment on the faces of the children and carers was a wonderful experience.

Another first for me was my visit to *George Town* and District Chairman Lion Sue, we had a very warm and friendly meeting. I have also attended Christmas Party meeting with *Port Cygnet and Glamorgan*. I am afraid the Christmas cheer has taken effect in the wrong places!

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December my club celebrated *its 40 years Charter*, we had a lunch time celebration, and Lion Glyn Gillies has achieved his 50 years Monarch (see photo next page).

Our Clubs reporting on the MyLCI site remains a concern. Twenty-eight (28) Clubs have not reported membership or activities and nineteen (19) of those have not submitted reports for over 3 months.

If any of the secretaries are having difficulties using the **MyLCI site** please contact me or your Zone chairman to arrange help.

"Echuca Convention 12th-16th May" V3 & T1 dinner Sat 14th May @6.630pm Moama Sport Club \$20.00 pp

I have 22 confirmed bookings. Please contact me if you are going to the Convention and wish to attend before 20<sup>th</sup> February. I must forward the numbers and a covering payment cheque by the end of February. T1 Lions attending will pay me on the night.

GLT coordinator Anne Fagg is working hard on updating all the incoming officers information. The GLT/GMT team will meet again on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

I will be attending the Council of Governors meetings from 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> in Sydney.

In Lionism, DG Annette





Sorell Memorial Hall

Wednesday 3rd February

\$30 a head (note the change)

6.30 for 7.00 enter via RSL

Good Food and Fellowship Guaranteed
Contact Geoff Clow 0408281176

Or email geoff49@bigpond.net.au

Come and enjoy a LION of a NIGHT with fellow like minded LIONS

Organise a group and bring a FRIEND

THEY may enjoy and join

LIONS.





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#### Dear Lions,

In 1928, Gandhi laid the cornerstone of a school for blind, deaf and disabled students in Ahmedabad. That original building is still in use today.

A year and a half ago, I laid the cornerstone for a new building at that school. During my latest trip to India, I was lucky enough to stand beside International President Yamada as he officially opened the new building.

As clubs, districts and multiple districts come together during this LCIF Week, remember that LCIF is the cornerstone of service. Service looks different all around the world. In your area, it might be vision screenings or vaccinations.

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# Season's greetings from the International President

Service is beautiful. It's love. It's kindness. It's charity in action. It's spirit taking flesh. It's dignity, harmony, humanity (my presidential theme) – not only for those we serve but also for Lions. Our service is not in any way rote or routine or mechanical. Our service is joyful, peaceful and full of good cheer. It's quite in line with the buoyant mood of this time of year – the holiday season. Toshiko and I wish you health and happiness. May 2016 be filled with love and laughter in your Lions world and among loved ones. Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada.

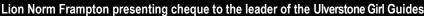


#### A reminder for all Clubs

that your Cake accounts need to be completed by end of January, preferable around the 24th at the latest so that our District can receive the full cake rebate this year.

DC Sue Johns







#### Concert Bonus for Local Guides

"President Peter Thompson, Lions Norm Frampton and Dale Roberts recently presented a cheque for \$4300 to the Central Coast Guides at their Xmas Concert, held in Ulverstone Lions Park, adjacent to their Clubrooms.

This money was raised at the Annual Errol Nothrop Memorial Car Show, organized by the Lions Club in November each year.

Similar amounts have been donated to other organizations such as Alzheimer's Research, Royal Flying Doctors, Ronald McDonald House etc. in previous years."



## TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

The next Meeting of the Foundation is to be held on Sunday

#### 7th February 2016

Any Club wishing to lodge a grant application please feel free to do so and have it in the hands of the Secretary by:

#### 31st January 2016

If your Club would like to now more about the Foundation we have Trustees available to be a Guest Speaker at a dinner meeting of your Club.

I hope you all had a enjoyable Festive Season and we look forward to working with you and meeting your needs if requested.

We also hope that you will continue to support us so that we continue our work.

Until next month, Regards to you all.

Peter Burke Secretary



## Our District Count

**30 November 2015** 

Clubs: 50
Membership: 1245 *31 December 2015* 

 Clubs:
 50

 Membership:
 1239

 YTD ADD
 49

 YTD DROP
 64

YTD GROWTH % - 1.20

Status: "Established district"



#### **CENTRAL LIONS CLUB OF CHICAGO**

"The Mother Club of Lionism"

#### **Chartered 1917**

Past International Director Philip Y. Tom, P.P. CENTRALLION

**JANUARY 2016** 

'I read with interest the newsletter from the "Mother" club of the Lions movement, Chicago Central Lions Club. I have been getting these each month for at least ten (10) years and have noticed that what is some of our problems with Lions is shared right back at the very beginnings of the organisation. Membership - the no. one worry. Although Penguin is lucky to a degree, the same can't be said for Chicago Central a city of some 2.719 million people and only six (6) identifiable Lions clubs. (Google search only. LCI website hopeless - well, less than helpful!) Chicago Central Lions Club, the "Mother" club of Lions International making pleas for new younger members. Success rate over the past few years, is not good.

Also noted in the CENTRALLION: "Chicago Central Lions Clubs has collected over 1400 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling this Lion year. This is an easy no cost way of helping others to see. Please contact Lion Richard Carlson for deposit locations or collection boxes."

I thought T1 Lions would be interested in what happens elsewhere in the world of Lions at grass roots level.'

#### John C Medwin

District Chairman Lions Eye Health Programs & Lions Recycle for Sight.

Region NW Trustee of Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc.



### WHAT IS A LION?

I was born in 1917, the International Charter is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins. I am many things and many places.

I remember communities where service to ones fellow man was unknown. When the challenge came, I answered, in community after community, until today, I am over 45,000 clubs. I am approximately 1.38



million living souls and the ghosts of thousands who have lived and died simply serving through me. I am big, I sprawl to all corners of the free world. 208 nations and geographical locations embrace my banner.

I am parts of the world throbbing with industry. I represent farms, forests, mountains and deserts. I am in quiet villages and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see the golden rule. You can see me in the lights of Christmas and appreciate my festive hampers to the needy. I am a leader dog, a white cane and a business opportunity for the blind. I am a pair of glasses or an operation for the near blind. **Sight conservation is uppermost in my mind.** 

I am greatly interested in the schools and colleges in the great nations of yours and mine. In the many churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot, dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd at a sports ground and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a politician because my slogan is, *Liberty, Intelligence, and our Nation's Safety*.

Yes, I am a Lion, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and God willing, in freedom, I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always, the integrity, the courage and strength to keep Lionism unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom, and service, also a beacon of hope to all parts of the world for my motto is "WE SERVE".............

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# The true spirit of Christmas...... giving to those in need

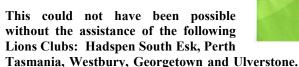
I would like to sincerely thank those Clubs who helped give Jonas a special Christmas present with the presentation of the R82 Rabbit.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December I attended St. Giles in Launceston to see Jonas being fitted out with his new mobility aid. Also in attendance were representatives from Hadspen South Esk (Lion Geoff Tripptree, President) and Georgetown (Lion Joanne Sharman, Treasurer) to share in the joy

of Jonas becoming mobile in his new Rabbit, just in time for Christmas.

We needed to raise \$5,865 to be able to purchase the R -82 Rabbit. We surprised the Physio that had asked me for assistance by being able to raise the funds within five (5) weeks from

the day the request came through to me. The usual timeframe they expected was between three to six months, but, she was now dealing with the Lions organisation and we showed her what we can achieve as a team of dedicated Lions who answered the call for help.



This was my first request for assistance from St. Giles, but since that request, I have received another three already from them.

I have attached some photos of the fitting out on the 17<sup>th</sup>

December at St. Giles to show you the joy on Jonas's face..... after a bit of hesitation on his behalf!

Again I say a big **THANK YOU** to the Clubs for allowing another child to receive the gift of mobility that we all take for granted.

#### George Bugeja PDG

Tasmanian Trustee
Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation





## DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GOOD 2016
AND YOU ALL ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.
I DO HOPE ALSO THAT YOU WILL
CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS
SIMPLE AND EASY PROJECT WHILE
INVITING ALL LIONS TO TAKE PART.

AS THIS IS A REGISTERED PROJECT OF LIONS ANY POSTAGE COSTS INCURRED CAN BE REIMBURSED BY YOUR CLUB THROUGH ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT.

INCLUDED WITH REPORT (BELOW) IS A COPY OF NOTICE FORWARDED TO SCHOOLS IN THIS AREA (63).





Collecting used stamped envelopes in the foyer and the Library to support the Australian Lions' Children's Mobility Foundation funding "mobility devices for children with disabilities, giving these children a chance to walk".

Organised by

IF YOU HAVE A SCHOOL IN YOUR AREA THEY MAY LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

WE CAN ALSO MODIFY THE NOTICE FOR BUSINESSES IN YOUR AREA PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO.

WE ALL KNOW OF OUTLETS SO PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND HELP TO GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE TO WALK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AND WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

STAMPS CAN BE POSTED DIRECT TO ME AT 11 CAMINA COURT, RIVERSIDE 7250.

Until next month **Peter Burke** Co-ordinator Riverside Lions Club



## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 201T

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 submitted for publication by e-mail or CD/DVD. Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

Scanned images should be of high quality (300dpi).

Deadline for next issue is: FEBRUARY 10th

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Whatever service looks like in your community, know that LCIF is there to support you while you bring hope and comfort to those around you.

I also want to remind you that your donations to LCIF help make it possible for Lions to

meet the growing needs of people around the

Thank you for your generous support of LCIF. LCIF has laid the cornerstone, and you Lions are building upon it every day!

Together in Service Joe Preston Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation



Are you looking for a guest speaker for your meeting? Do you enjoy seeing a child smile? Do you want to make a difference to a child's life? Does your Club need a good cause to donate to?

If you can say yes to any of these questions I am ready to make your wishes come true....

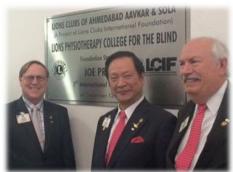
I have the latest DVD promoting our Lion's Australia Children's Mobility Foundation to give away FREE to any Club who wants to feel good about helping a child with the gift of a better life.

Please contact me on 0407 877 460

Email george.bugeja@bigpond.com and I will put a smile on YOUR face.

PDG George Bugeja

Tasmanian Trustee Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation



#### PEACE POSTER **CONTEST KITS ON** SALE JANUARY 15

The theme for the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community and encourage local boys and girls (ages 11-13) to celebrate peace through art.

Resources for organizing and promoting your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit, which may be purchased from the Club Supplies Sales Department starting January 15.

Visit the Club Supplies Store and enter "Peace Poster Kit" in the Search Box. Visit the LCI website to learn more about the Peace Poster Contest, see past winning posters, watch the Peace Poster Contest video and more.



#### Konnichiwa!

The 99th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the charming City of Fukuoka, Japan, June 24th -June 28th, 2016.



Fukuoka is a well-balanced harmony between the old and new. Historically, it is the merging of two cities; the port city of Hakata and the former castle town of Fukuoka were unified.

Fukuoka is the home of the oldest Zen temple in Japan and is well known for its gourmet food. This city has an abundance of fresh seafood, traditional festivals, and the most vatai (street food stalls) in all of Japan.

Fukuoka City is also the pioneer in using reclaimed water; its urban vitality and heartfelt hospitality are just some of the reasons that make Fukuoka City a wonderful place to visit.

In today's fast paced routines and schedules, Lions from across the globe represent a 'guiding light' in their promise to simply serve those in need.

LCI's convention offers a once-a-year opportunity to meet together to discuss the important matters of the day that will form the future of our association, and to create new friendships along the way.

Make plans now to join us for an experience to remember!

The Last Word...

"At the rate things are changing, anyone nostalgic for the 'good old days' is yearning for last week."