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From the District Governor's Pen...

Fellow Lions

With only two months left in this Lions year it is time for Presidents to reflect on their year to date and see if they you achieved all you set out to ten months ago.

There is still time to polish off your year and make it one of the most memorable in your lives. Don't forget that there are numerous awards available for you to present to worthy members who have gone out of their way to assist those less fortunate than themselves.

Whether it be a Melvin Jones Fellowship, James D Richardson Award or Tasmanian Lions Foundation Fellowship, they are all well received by the recipient and also give much needed donations to our Foundations to carry on the work around this vast world we live in.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all incoming officers following club elections that have recently been conducted. Especially to those who have taken on an executive role within their club. It may seem a daunting task but the roles are not that difficult provided that you prepare yourself for the year ahead.

The District will be running numerous training sessions around the state and we urge you to attend. Even if you have held a position more than once before, Lions International are always changing the procedures and the only way to stay on top of these is to attend training.

I have just heard news from International office that the WMMR procedure will change next year so all Club secretaries will need updating on these changes. It has been disappointing for our Cabinet Secretary this year that some clubs still refuse to do any reporting to L.C.I. This makes it very difficult for all District Officers to do their job properly when they don't know what is happening within the clubs of the District.

I also urge all Membership Chairman to attend at least one Incoming Officers training session. This role is growing within the club structure and I have been able to see first hand as I travel around clubs the importance of having a good, hardworking, Membership Chair. As I have said in the past, if we are to remain a viable District we need to not only increase our membership, but also look after what we already have.

Too often we hear of disgruntled members leaving clubs because their needs were not met. It is up to the clubs Membership team to find out what is causing their members unhappiness within their clubs. We also need to look after our older members and those suffering from illness either to themselves or within their family. We need to give these members a little assistance in appreciation of the work that they have or will do for their club and community.

I recently heard a story that often rings true within our own clubs. A Lions Club member recently lost her husband, also a Lion. Due to the grief she was understandably experiencing, she had not attended her local Lions meeting for a couple of months. Her club didn't contact her once to offer assistance or just to find out how she was travelling. She was both surprised and upset when she received a letter informing her that her club had terminated her membership due to non attendance.

Thankfully another Lions Club nearby heard of this and invited her to join them, which she did and has continued to do some terrific work for her new club and community.

What would your club do if fronted with this issue. I sincerely hope that you contact and support all members who have missed a meeting or two. I also hope you send all members, especially those who are not attending meetings, a copy of the minutes of those meetings so they know what is happening.

I know of at least one Tasmanian Lions Club that assisted one of their members who had suffered the loss of a partner. It doesn't take much effort, we do it with other members of our community, so why not do it to our own club members. If you are seen to be treating your members as part of your family I am sure others will be looking to join your club.

**LIONS and YOUTH
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
TOGETHER**

Regards, DG Toby



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

Our District Count

29 Feb 2012

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1268

Status:

"Established district"

31 Mar 2012

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1270

Status:

"Established district"

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The unique opportunity to voice opinions and passions that affect the community in which we live.

An opportunity to participate in interviews with the judging panels at different levels.

An opportunity to sell themselves; with their written presentation, interview sessions with the judges and the Public Speaking session.

Youth Projects . . .

YOUTH of the YEAR

By the time that this Newsletter is published the State Final for Youth of the Year for 2011-2012 will have been held.

The following four students have reached the State Final:

1. **Nicholas Connelley**
*City of Launceston Lions Club
Launceston Grammar*
2. **Emily Pickett**
*City of Devonport Lions Club
Don College*
3. **Mieke van Rooyen**
*Ulverstone Lions Club
Don College*
4. **Anna Crews**
*Hadspen South Esk Lions Club
Scotch Oakburn*

I wish all four students all the best for the State Final and I am sure that the winner will do Tasmania proud at the National Final in Perth W.A.

Unfortunately we only had eleven Clubs represented in this year's programme. Please read the following passage, I'm sure that your club must want to encourage young students to participate in this worthwhile Lions Programme. You, your club members, the local schools and families who have participated this year are extremely excited and enthusiastic. Please make Youth of the Year a project for your club in 2012-2013.

YOUTH of the YEAR Quest is an Australian programme that began in Brisbane in 1964. Its aim was to foster and encourage leadership and other citizen qualities in young men, at an age when they were about to enter commerce or higher education. In 1980 we saw the first girls competing in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest.

What will a young person gain from entering the Quest?

They will gain the respect of their elders and feel safe in the knowledge that we are interested in the young people in our communities.

Please approach your local High School or Secondary College to see if they have students who they believe would be capable participants in this Quest?

Youth Exchange

Students throughout the world have applied to be included in the Lions Youth Exchange Programme. Many of these students wish to travel to Australia, which is seen by many Europeans as a new country.

If a Lions Club wishes to host a student, please contact me ASAP. The length of time a student is hosted by a family is usually one, two or three weeks. I have a list of students, dates and times for the incoming students; the visits are usually July-September. It is great if you and the student and their families have contact prior to their visit.

My details are wendon.12@bigpond.com or 64253056

PEACE POSTER

This year is the 25th year of the Peace Poster Competition. Please order your kits from the Lions Shop, only \$20.00 per kit per School. It would be great if we could have twenty-five clubs take part in the programme this year.

Wendy Brady
Lions Youth Projects



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S APPRECIATION DINNER AND INSTALATION OF INCOMING OFFICERS

**SATURDAY
21ST JULY 2012**

**AT
THE OLD WOOL STORE
"Merino Room"
1 Macquarie Street
Hobart**

**TIME
6.30 for 7.00 pm**

**DRESS
Gents Black tie/lounge suit
Ladies After Five**

Awards to be worn

**COST
\$45.00 per head**

**PRE PAID BOOKINGS WOULD
BE APPRECIATED
CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER
OR PAYMENT ON THE NIGHT
(see note below)**

**TO: LIONS CLUB of
GLENORCHY CITY
PO BOX 59 GLENORCHY
GLENORCHY 7010 TAS.**

**RSVP to Lion David Triffett
Ph. 62 727923 / 0418 544836
by 18th July 2012
or dtriffet@bigpond.net.au**

NOTE
Policy of The Old Wool Store is that Pre-Pay for functions is essential. All bookings not so paid will be charged to lion/guest after RSVP deadline on Wednesday 18th July.

Cancer Council benefit from clubs combined effort

The Port Cygnet Lions Club was catering again at the Relay for Life in the Huon this year.

What a wonderful weekend it was. Our club does not keep any of money, it all goes to the Cancer Council.



Last year we were able to raise \$1471, this year we raised \$2013, to pass on to the Cancer Council.

We also like to thank *The Little Athletics* for the use of their canteen.



The Lions Clubs of Huon and Port Cygnet have worked together in this project and the result was terrific.

A big thank you to all who helped.

Another good reason to join one of the Lions Clubs.

Karin Bluemmel / Secretary Port Cygnet



ANZAC DAY
Wednesday 25 April 2012



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ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians

who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. On ANZAC day, ceremonies are held in towns and cities across the nation to acknowledge the service of our veterans. In Canberra, the Memorial, in close cooperation with RSL ACT, hosts the Dawn Service and the National ANZAC Day Ceremony.

What does ANZAC stand for?

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

What is ANZAC Day?

ANZAC Day is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

The 25th of April was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916. It was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services in Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London over 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets. A London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the "ANZAC legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways they viewed both their past and their future.

What does it mean today?

Australians recognise 25 April as an occasion of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held at dawn – the time of the original landing – across the nation. Later in the day, ex-servicemen and women meet to take part in marches through the major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, ANZAC Day is a time when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

[Information from the AWM website](#)

Lest We Forget
Their sacrifice for our freedom



Great Australian inventions include the half-car-half-truck utility vehicle, (known in Oz as a 'ute', every 'bloke' should own one), the bionic ear, the black box flight recorder, the notepad and, my very own favourite, the wine cask (may The Almighty forever bless this man)!

No one is really sure how it all started, but the raggedy collection of fishing shacks at Doo Town all contain the word "Doo" in their names. There's the approving "We Doo", the Beatlesque "Love Me Doo", and the melancholic "Doo Write".

We're a funny lot, us Aussies.



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Did You Ever Wonder....

Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the third hand on the watch called a second hand?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

New Lions

CLUB JOINED
New Lion
SPONSOR



PENGUIN LIONS CLUB Cont'd....
Peter Johnson
NO SPONSOR NOTED

CITY OF DEVONPORT LIONS CLUB
Judy O'Neil
JENNY RIMMER

ROSEBERY LIONS CLUB
Tina Fairfield
RUTH KEARNEY-MAWER

GLENORCHY LIONS CLUB
Stephen W Stokie
JOHN DRUMMOND

Erich J Millett
DAVID MAC HARPER

KING ISLAND LIONS CLUB
Jerome T Pape
ROBERT BROOKS

WEST TAMAR LIONS CLUB
Robert Shipton
GREGORY AMOS

N-E TASMANIA LIONS CLUB
Allan Shephard
NO SPONSOR NOTED

Gaylene Shephard
NO SPONSOR NOTED

PENGUIN LIONS CLUB
Julie Johnson
NO SPONSOR NOTED

Total New Members: 10

Welcome!

LIONS PRODUCT SALES

Well, most Clubs will be having their winter raffles, how about !!! displaying a Lions Cake and Pudding on your table, you will be surprised how many sales you will make, same with Mints and Fudge.

Take it on a rotation base. With our cakes and puddings we all should be thinking the year round. Remember the winter Solstice and Christmas in July.

I would like all Club Delegates going to the M.D Convention in Perth to vote in favour of Fudge being a permanent product of our Lions Mint program.

The sales of Fudge are quite large, with a very good profit to those clubs who embrace the NEW idea "Fudge".

Yours in Lionism, **Viv**
District Chairman Product Sales
6286 1311 or 0428 136 223



I am pleased to advise that we have now published our new 'Recruitment Brochure'. The brochure answers those key initial questions posed by prospective members, and provides contacts and Links to more detailed information online. It is an essential tool for your clubs as they reach out to suitable new Lions.

Due to the kind sponsorship of Invocare, **20 copies of the brochure will be cost free to each club**, until

our initial stock is exhausted. After that, they will be on sale for \$15 per hundred.

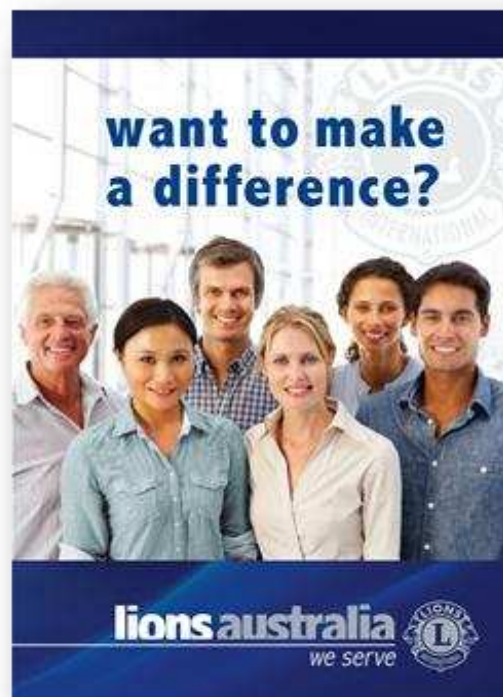
Clubs wishing to obtain their free copies will find them on the Club Supplies shop within the next week.

We will have samples available at the Lions Shop in Perth.

Note – The presentation of the brochure above is for your information. The hardcopy is in a fold-over leaflet of 15cm X21 cm.

Regards

Rob Oerlemans
Executive Officer
Lions Australia



Australian Lions Foundation

Helping Lions, Help Their Communities



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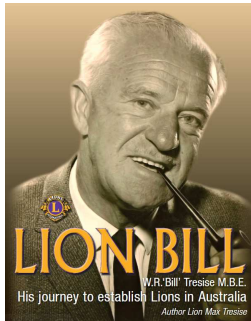
The Trustees of the Australian Lions Foundation were very saddened when informed of the passing of

**Lion
Richard 'Dick' Strickland
1928 - 2012**

last month on King Island. On behalf of the Trustees I extend our sincere sympathy to Jan and family.

Lion Dick was the second Tasmanian Lion to be inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation "Hall of Fame" in recognition of his outstanding service to the Lions Club of King Island and the King Island Community.

Lion Dick was a pivotal member of the King Island Lions Club, having joined on March 1969. Dick was presented with an unprecedented 43 year Perfect Attendance Badge on March 26th 2012.



Readers of the Newsletter in recent months would be aware of my promotion of the autobiography of Lion W.R. "Bill" Tresise M.B.E. He was responsible for establishing the first Lions Clubs in Lismore NSW in 1947.

The book gives a very interesting account of Bill's life and it may be of interest to Tasmanian Lions that he was born in Zeehan, Tasmania and attended the Zeehan State School. But, before establishing Lions Clubs in Australia Lion Bill was very active in Apex Clubs and was a Charter Member of the Apex Club of Lismore.

He became National President of Apex Clubs in Australia and after the War in 1945 represented Australian Apex Clubs at the International Convention held in Sacramento, USA, in 1946. If you would

like to read more of Lion Bill's memoirs then the book is available from me at a cost of \$35.00. Once the cost of publishing this book has been recovered then all the profits will be directed to the Australian Lions Foundation.

At this time of the Lions year Clubs will be preparing for their Changeover Dinners and should any Club require an Australian Lions Foundation Award to recognise outstanding service of a Club member or a member of their community then

I would suggest that orders be placed now. Purchase of these Awards provides funds for the Foundation to assist Clubs and their communities throughout our Multiple District with projects and provide Emergency and Disaster Relief when called upon.

Trustees meet four times a year to assess grants and the next meetings of Trustees will be held on 4th - 5th August 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 or phone 62252011



Alan Pretyman - Sec. and Trustee for Tasmania



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Taste the Harvest 2012



Devonport proved to be the City with Spirit. Driving the Spirit last

weekend was the City of Devonport Lions Club which hosted their annual "Taste the Harvest" Festival at Roundhouse Park on the Mersey fore-shore.

The weekend began with the Friday night's "Taste the Harvest" Celebration Dinner at the Waterfront Function Centre which again proved to be a first-class event. Melbourne's Dwayne Bourke, from award winning restaurant Pure South, used produce sourced from the North West's finest producers, to come up with a five course degustation. Each course was accompanied by a matching Tasmanian wine. It can be safely said that nobody was disappointed - except of course those who missed out. The event was sold out!

The sun came up on St Patrick's day, promising a perfect day to go with the perfect venue. The Tasmanian weather Gods are in the good books again - after washing out the recent Devonport Apex Regatta held in the same place. *The Taste was well attended with an estimated 5-6 thousands tickets sold on the day.* The Sorptomist manned the gates and Devonfield provided wonderful hands to keep on clearing the bins. The City of Devonport Lions in close association with the City of Devonport Council had organized everything, with members patrolling the event ensuring all went along smoothly. Entertainment galore, life bands, face painting and hair colouring, cooking classes by Nigel Squibb no less, and a huge array of wonderful dishes and drinks.

People dancing to The Sun Kings doing their 50s repertoire, Devonport's choral society sang Right on Cue, the Cheeky Monkeys playing their 70s tunes, beer from Seven Sheds and Iron House, Rhubarb drinks from RhuBru, just to drop a few names!

All the hard work of planning and the days of setting up and cleaning up paid off, the City of

Devonport Lions club's major annual fundraiser was pulled off without a hitch!





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Donation to the Tasmanian Lions Low Vision Clinic - Royal Hobart Hospital

Following a request in 2011 from the TLLVC to up-grade low vision aids for the clinic, the Tasmanian Lions Foundation provided a grant of \$9,600 to purchase a range of aids.

The aids will be used to enable patients of the clinic to determine the most suitable one for their individual needs. The aids range in cost from several hundred to several thousand dollars.

Several Lions, including two (2) Foundation members attended a demonstration of the new equipment in late March.



Photo: left-right: Paul Graveson, optometrist and Alan Holland, TLF Chairman

PDG John Gillham
TLF Member



Tasmanian Lions Foundation

Should your Club donate to the TLF?

This is a question that often comes up around this time when funds are distributed prior to the end of the current year.

Who is & what does the TLF do?

T.L.F. stands for *Tasmanian Lions Foundation*. It was created in the late 1970's as a way of helping Lions Clubs within the District to get involved in projects that were beyond the resources of a single Club. It is a fundamental part of the Lions organization in this State.

The basic principle is to create a pool of funds from donations by individual Clubs, and then make funds available from the pool to clubs in the form of grants to support worthy projects or to provide disaster relief. Clubs can obtain grants, but must contribute funds to the project. Hence, I believe we should donate to the T.L.F.

As Lions, we are part of the largest voluntary service organization in the world, and this gives us the capacity to be effective not only at our local community level, but on a district, a multiple district & international levels also.

Since our formation the T.L.F. has helped many worthy projects and will continue to do so with your continuing support.

**Next meeting of Foundation
is to be held on**

13th May 2012

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

6th May 2012

at 11 Camina Court Riverside Tas 7250.

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.

Regards
Peter Burke
Secretary



***The Australian fetish for meat pies is
legendary: Australians eat 260 million
of them a year, around 13 per citizen.
(and ain't they good.....sometimes).***

33rd District 2011/12

Convention

Lions Club of Ulverstone

*“Welcomes you to the home
of the Clock!”*

**9th-11th
November 2012**

**Venues for
Convention**

Opening Ceremony:

Civic Centre Theatre

Informal Reception:

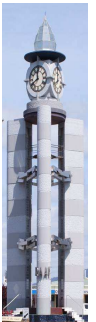
Civic Centre Gawler Room

Business Sessions:

Civic Centre Theatre

Saturday Dinner:

Ulverstone Rowing Club



For further information:

Email:

convention@lionstasmania.org

Website:

**[http://lionstasmania.org/
convention/](http://lionstasmania.org/convention/)**

Remember to....

***“Clock on for a Good
Time!”***

**Mobilize Your
Community to
Collect Eyeglasses**

May is "Lions Recycle for Sight Month" - a chance for your club to mobilize your community to donate unused eyeglasses and sunglasses. Glasses you collect and send to a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center can help bring sight to children and adults throughout the world.

To get started, contact local businesses, places of worship, schools, libraries and offices and invite them to host a collection box. You can also use our "Recycle for Sight" resources (*see online*) to enhance your collection efforts.

DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

We thank you for your support in this project..Through your generosity of time and effort this will help make a difference to someone's quality of life. *Keep up the good work.*

Stamps can be sent direct to me at
11 Camina Court, Riverside 7250
or given to a Cabinet Officer who will arrange to get them to me through Lion Phil Robinson.

Regards **Peter Burke**
Riverside Lions Club



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**MEMBERSHIP
is EVERY
member's
BUSINESS!**

EXPLORE, DREAM, DISCOVER!

The square rigged brig "The Lady Nelson" is familiar to many who visit the Hobart waterfront. The Lady Nelson is operated by Tasmanian Sail Training Trust (TSTA). The TSTA is a not for profit organisation that is staffed 100% by volunteers.

The Lady Nelson offers frequent short trips on the River Derwent on weekends. Many of the people coming on these trips are tourists from outside Tasmania. The income earned from these trips allows the TSTA to offer cost effective short and multi day trips to Tasmanian schools and groups.

During the period Easter to the Nelson will host "Lions and partners beautiful and historic waters around go will be dependent on the weather maximise the sailing experience

The trips will depart Friday evening afternoon. A typical itinerary would Friday Evening – Depart Hobart and of Hobart whilst getting to know the Anchor for the night.

Saturday – Get up, eat breakfast, go necessarily in that order). After a will prepare a traditional roast enjoyable social evening usually challenged sing.

Sunday – a bit more sailing before Debrief at T42.

Lions who come aboard can watch the ship. However, most on these trips weekend, experience how our around.



September school holidays the Lady only" weekends away sailing the south-eastern Tasmania. Where we conditions on the day. We try and whilst taking in some scenic spots.

from Hobart returning late Sunday be; make our way to an anchorage south boat, supper is served along the way.

aloft, set sail, go sailing (not day of sailing and exploring our cook dinner, wines are shared and ensues, sometimes the vocally

making tracks back to Hobart.

world go by and let the crew sail the like to get involved and for a brief forefathers (and mothers) used to get

If you have a sense of adventure and would like to mix with fellow Lions from around the State this is a unique and fun way to do it.

The Nitty Gritty

Cost of the trip is \$270 per person and includes all meals (special diets can be catered for).

The vessel sleeps 18 (in bunks not hammocks) consisting of 11 Lions and 7 crew and yes we have two toilets and two showers!

What to bring;

Sleeping bag and pillow, towel and toiletries, warm and waterproof clothes (just like bushwalking or camping), your favourite tippie for Saturday night, camera.

Dates of the sailing are 18-20 May, 10-12 August, 24-26 August. The TSTA can arrange different dates with individual groups of Lions should the need arise. A visit to the Lady Nelson website will give you a better idea of who we are and what we do:

www.ladynelson.org.au or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HALJ1hoQ9bg>

So in the words of Mark Twain:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did so. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

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Deadline for next issue is: *MAY 10th*

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.

Anzac Biscuits

Method

Anzac Biscuits are the stuff of legends. This recipe is simple, almost the same as the original Scottish Soldier's Biscuits they were modelled from, but anyone who tastes them becomes addicted we are told! *It might be to do with the extra golden syrup added which not only makes them brown better but also makes them very caramel and chewy.*

If you're looking for something to help celebrate Anzac Day this year, try your hand at these Anzac Biscuits, and be guaranteed there will be none left at the end of the day!

Makes: 12

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 10-15 minutes

Oven Temperature: 145°C

Oven Setting: Fan Forced

Ingredients

- 2/3 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 Tbsp boiling water
- 125g butter
- 3/4 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 Tbsp golden syrup
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup sugar



Preheat the oven.

Toast the rolled oats by spreading them on a tray and baking in the oven for 8-10 minutes until they have coloured lightly, *(optional, a little twist, produces a crisper and crunchier biscuit).*

Allow to cool before combining with other ingredients.

Mix the oats, flour, sugar and coconut together.

Melt the syrup and butter together.

Mix the soda and the boiling water together and add to the melted butter and syrup.

Add the mixture to the dry ingredients. Mould spoonfuls of the mixture into balls and place onto a baking-paper covered cookie slide and bake in the oven for 20 minutes.

Leave the biscuits on the tray cool for a few minutes to allow them to crisp before transferring to a cake cooler.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...

- April 1, 1976: Telecom introduced **International Subscriber Dialing (ISD)**, enabling Australians to dial overseas numbers directly for the first time.
- April 2, 1987: A proposed **Australia Card** was rejected by the Senate.
- April 3, 1911: The **population of Australia** reached 4,455,005.
- April 4, 1979: Australia's **first international air hijack attempt** ended with the police shooting dead an Italian man after a 5-hour standoff at Sydney Airport.
- April 5, 1932: Australian racehorse **Phar Lap** died after being poisoned in California.
- April 6, 1896: The **first modern Olympic games** formally opened in Athens, Greece.
- April 8, 1974: **Advance Australia Fair** announced new national anthem following the results of an opinion poll by PM Whitlam.
- April 10, 1984: **Zoe**, the first frozen embryo child, was born in Melbourne.
- April 11, 1997: The **One Nation Party** was formed with Pauline Hanson as leader.
- April 13, 1943: Australian radio personality, **Alan Jones** was born.
- April 14, 1999: A severe hailstorm hit Sydney at around 7:30pm, causing around \$1.4 billion in damage. In terms of cost, it was the **third worst natural disaster** in Australia's history.
- April 15, 1912: At 2:20 a.m., the British ocean liner **Titanic** sank into the North Atlantic Ocean after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage. Around 1500 people lost their lives.
- April 17, 1387: **Geoffrey Chaucer** told the Canterbury Tales for the first time at the court of Richard II. Chaucer scholars have identified this date as when the book's pilgrimage to Canterbury starts.
- April 18, 2006: The **Sydney Morning Herald** celebrated its 175th birthday.
- April 19, 1985: **Advance Australia Fair** was proclaimed as Australia's national anthem, and green and gold as the national colours.
- April 20, 1973: Former Australian PM and Treasurer **Arthur McFadden** died.
- April 21, 1960: The newly formed **Commonwealth Police force** began operation in Australia.
- April 22, 2005: **Japan's PM** Koizumi formally apologized about Japan's war records.
- April 23, 1989: Kylie Minogue was seen on British TV for the first time in **The Henderson Kids**.
- April 25, 1915: The **Anzacs** landed at Gallipoli.
- April 26, 1968: Jim Cairns announced he would challenge Gough Whitlam for leadership of the **Labor party**. Whitlam would retain the leadership by six votes.
- April 27, 1950: Australian Prime Minister **Robert Menzies** introduced legislation to outlaw the Communist Party.
- April 29, 1965: PM Menzies committed Australian troops to fight in **Vietnam**.
- April 30, 1975: The war in **Vietnam** ended as the government in Saigon announced its unconditional surrender to the Vietcong.

Register to Attend International Convention in Busan 2012

Make plans to join Lions from around the world at our 95th International Convention in Busan, Korea, **June 22-26, 2012.**

Further info at www.lionsclubs.org



To DG Toby & Julie who celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary recently



The Last Word...

"The only thing that will stop you from fulfilling your dreams is you." - Tom Bradley