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Four weeks ago, from my last letter, one would not think that this month that many changes would come into effect and would be challenging us at this time. Drought, Fire and now the COVID – 19 pandemics have had a huge share of impact, destruction and heart-ache to so many people thru out Australia and the world. Lions Clubs have continued to assist where they can with the drought and fires but there is very little, we are able to do with the COVID – 19 viruses, **just isolate, stay healthy and continue with the government legislations.**



As of this time all the Lions Clubs in this District have postponed their actual meetings and have resolved to find it very difficult to do service in the area which they are located. We are adapting to the different way we are living and one of the most important part of life is to be able to have contact and to be able to do some things together with family and friends. Two things that have not changed for our Clubs is the need for our Lions Service to the needy, and the continuation of strong leadership for the future of our organisation.

If we were to step back for a minute and look at the Purpose of a Lions Club, I have placed the following to remind us **“To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship. To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community AND importantly to Unite the Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding”.**

As we are well isolated from our Clubs, members and community we are finding difficulty in living to the purposes as to be a Lion. Please give some thought how we can continue and strengthen the way we are thinking, to look at these purposes above in our daily challenges. There may be small services to friends, neighbours and communities as the following, Anzac Day Poppies, meals on wheels, small bag of home baked biscuits to someone on their own, and an incentive from the L/C Glenorchy who are actively working with, knitting beanies and making up “tote” bags for the homeless and needy.



It may be very different when we return to our service and meetings in the future, this will show in your Clubs decision with meeting content which could have a reflection of reminding ourselves of the reasons for service,

ANZAC Day Challenge



Riverside Lions Club is issuing a challenge to all Lions members and their friends to not just Light up the Dawn on ANZAC Day but once you have finished making your Hot Cross Buns and chasing the Easter Bunny, that you start making a red poppy from whatever takes your fancy ready to place on your letter box, or front door, on April 25th as a reminder of those who served us in times of adversity and also to cheer up the neighbourhood as well.

Robert Mantach

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it may make a difference with how we continue with our service projects and very importantly this is the time that strong leadership for our future will make this difference.

Over the past 2 weeks I am aware that a few Clubs are beginning to use digital meetings ([Zoom and Go To](#)) along with telephone conferencing and the power of face book to communicate in these times of isolation to be healthy and safe. We have continued to remind ourselves many times that the power of communication is to be able to communicate effectively which will be most important under the situation of the way we are adapting to have our meetings and fellowship by electronic means.

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Our meetings and fellowship still can continue from our own homes, all that is required is an agenda and notes to be sent out prior to electronically catching up. Please continue to use these methods as there are many Lions in this District who are living on their own and a friendly call to everyone will bring great smiles of joy to them to think that our Lions family are thinking of them at this time.

The District Youth of the Year program started very firmly early March under the guidance of *Lions Jenny Trippree and the Regional YOTY coordinators Russel Cairns, Kae Campbell and Vere Cooper*. This year under the careful management of the coordinators there were a total of 12 Lions Clubs along with many students who were able to participate in this Lions project. Due to the MD Council resolving to cancel the MD Adelaide Convention which also resolved the following cancellation of the Youth of the Year program along with the LEO program for this year 2020 for the reason non-essential meeting and gatherings, I would like to thank our District YOTY, LEO Chairs along with the Regional coordinators who were able to go to extreme measures to make this happen this year.

Youth and Community Manager, Toby Crawford has advised that the **State LEO of the Year finalists from 2019 will have the opportunity to present their public speaking choice on U Tube** over the following weeks. Clubs are asked to keep an eye on face book and LEO web sites to have an insight when these speeches will be had. All the state winners will sit on the LEO Advisory Panel for the year 2020 thru to 2021. **Queensland State winner from 2019 – 2020 Lions Year, Ruth Spence will be the Chairperson for the following year.** The Chairperson is selected for their leadership skills, knowledge, reporting and boosting the Leo movement in this Multiple District. They all make great Ambassadors for our youth and the Leo Program.



The Club Development Day (incoming officer training) is being coordinated a little different this year due to the non-essential meetings and gatherings. It is assumed that the

the training will be delivered by the Leadership Team with the use of Zoom and/or Go To meetings. My understanding whilst talking to DG Elect Byron that the training content this year will be unified in all the regions facilitated. The Incoming Cabinet training for new and sitting Cabinet Officers was proposed for Saturday 30th May at Kingsmeadows Club rooms, again this will probably be changed as to electronic means of training. More information will be given shortly.

**Till next Month
District Governor David
"Kindness Matters"
"Connect Together in Service"**



**A Word from your District Governor
Elect 2020-2021**

As your District Governor Elect, one of my duties is **to arrange visits to all clubs within our district.** This is always done in conjunction with the clubs involved and visitation commences at the start of the new Lions year (July the First onwards).

Due to the current restrictions on meeting sizes, social distancing and travel restrictions, I have suspended my plans for these visits until a clearer restoration to normality in the conduct of meetings. I expect many visits to be made in the second half (After Christmas and New year) of the year. Some of these visits may be made by your Vice District Governors on my behalf – especially if time restricts the amount of clubs I can visit in the remaining time once normality is restored.

However, there is a need to continue planning the visitation schedule, and I invite all clubs to submit a date which will suit them – this could be done on a day that a club may be conducting a project, celebrating a milestone in club history or have new members to induct.

If your club's plans / desires were for an early visit (i.e. July of August) submit the day you desire allowing for the fact that it may

be changed to a later day if the COVID-19 issues are not resolved.

David, your current Governor and I are still tackling the issue of conducting training days whilst the restrictions are still in place – we are looking at the possibility of online training with the District and Multiple District Global Action Teams (GAT).

Right now, my main concern is for the welfare of all clubs and members – please stay in touch with each other and please check up (with a friendly phone call) with those members of your club that are elderly or have chronic medical conditions or recent illness.

Any members or clubs can contact me with any enquiries or for just to have a friendly chat!

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Thinking of you

Zone 1 Chair Ruth Mawer

**who lost 2 precious loved ones
in a short space of time**



Best wishes from

the 201T1 Lions Family

**Our thanks to
our front line
health workers.**



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WE SERVE



LC Brighton

Candice Howard
 Sponsor: Jarrod Howard
 Elaine Scott
 Sponsor: Katie Dermody
 Patrick Mazur
 Sponsor: Jarrod Howard

LC George Town

Joe Stepsys
 Sponsor: Raymond McColl

LC Riverside

James Welsh
 Sponsor: Brian Connolly

LC Rocky Cape

Kevin Duniam
 Sponsor: Ronald Prior

Maintaining enthusiasm within our Lions Clubs in Challenging Times



Greetings fellow Lions! We are currently having to deal with circumstances beyond our control.

As your District Governor Elect (DGE), I am in an ever-changing situation that affects my Lions Club International (LCI) and Multiple District (MD) training to help me to serve YOU better during my Governorship in 2020-2021. As you will know by now, The MD Convention in Adelaide and the LCI Convention in Singapore have been cancelled (along with the associated DGE training). I was able to attend training in Chicago in February where I, and 730 other DGEs were present and three days of intensive training was held and I was able to meet fellow DGE's from around the world.

However it is not about me, it is about YOU, and your clubs and how we all need to keep in contact to ensure each other's welfare and maintain the enthusiasm amongst Lions.

A number of Clubs have already missed fundraising opportunities with the wave of public event cancellations – My own club of Launceston – Windmill Hill have lost an opportunity with the cancellation of AGFEST. Not only are such events great for fundraising, but onsite fellowship helps to build bonds between members.

It is this Fellowship and Camaraderie that we all should strive to preserve!

There are now greater restrictions on face-to-face meetings (Maximum of two) so there is a need to develop new ways of keeping in touch. This can be as basic as a telephone call to fellow members (especially the more senior members) to check on their well being and to be a friendly voice at the end of the line. Clubs will also need to investigate methods of on-line communication such as Skype, GoTo or similar, to ensure clubs can continue and meetings can still be held to fulfill any obligations. For members that do not have computer access, they should be updated via telephone.

Another suggestion is perhaps TWICE monthly Club newsletters to keep communication channels open and let members know that their club is alive and well – and still here to serve.

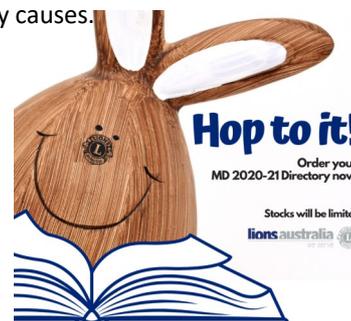
So please let us all support Governor David and his team in keeping up the enthusiasm for Lions. Remember, as I often say, District T1 Cabinet exists to serve you and your club.

A parting thought – Bears go into Hibernation – Lions don't!

Byron Dilworth

1VDG / DGE District T1

LC Riverside featured in The Examiner recently. The club donated \$6500 to *Corryong Lions* in Victoria to assist with rebuilding fences and farm buildings, as well as food parcels and vouchers, which were much needed after this summer's bush fires. Club Treasurer, Robin Phillips, said it was very rare to donate such a large sum to a specific area, but this sent money directly to the heart of one of the hardest hit areas in Victoria. Pictured below is the Club food van which has been used to raise thousands of dollars for worthy causes.



Our District Count

31 March 2020

Clubs: 48

Membership: 1113

Same Time Last Year 1136

YTD ADD 55

YTD DROP 82

YTD GROWTH -27 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**



ALHD
 40th Anniversary Pin
 Contact Geoff Clow
 0408 281 176
 to order.



COVID-19

COVID-19 has created many changes to our lives. What has not changed is the need for the work Lions do in their communities and the assistance for that work by LCIF. The donation responses by our Clubs has been very pleasing. Of particular note is the provision of 3 water tank units by Tasmanian Clubs for affected bush-fire victims at a cost of \$3,000 each. Many more are still needed.

For consideration by Lions. With the cancellation of conventions such as the Adelaide MD Convention, Lions who planned to attend will now spend less on their Lions activities. With these savings, give some thought to contributing some as a donation to LCIF either directly to the Cabinet Treasurer or via your Club Treasurer. All such donation will help LCIF help our Clubs and those in need.

Donations from Clubs and individual Lions to the LCIF Disaster Relief will materially help those in need. Remember that a tax deduction receipt is available to individual donors, however it must be noted clearly with the submission of the donation to the Cabinet Treasurer that a tax receipt is required.

John Gillham
LCIF District Coordinator



While we do our best to stay safe and look after our friends, our Lions and the **Lions Clubs International Foundation** are still hard at work, rolling out the barrel for bushfire recovery. Well done **Taree LIONS Club, NSW**



2019—2020 Peace Poster Journey of Peace



Congratulations to the peace Poster contest Grand Prize Winner Zhuo Zhang, age 12, sponsored by Shaanxi Datang Lions Club, China, who says.....

"We are not afraid to face darkness. The forces of justice will break through darkness and peace will come. "

Spread the word...



matters.



Lions Club Youth Exchange is hoping to run one Australian camp at the end of December 2020 after having to postpone the July camps.



Rocky Cape Lions Club 20th Charter Anniversary Celebration



On 31st March 2000 **Rocky Cape Lions** was chartered by the Smithton Lions Club. On 15th March 2020 we celebrated with an Olympics theme at our clubrooms in Yanns Rd with 60 people attending. It was great to see so many people dressing up for the occasion.

As well as many of our own members, all clubs in our zone were represented as well as Burnie, Emu Bay, Penguin and Kingborough, with PDG Hester arriving at 9:30 to lend a hand. She wins the earlybird award! Penguin Leos were also well represented with Kellie and 5 or 6 Leos attending.

Thanks so much to Linda Payne who attended, bringing a gift of a beautiful selection of King Island cheeses from the King Island Lions Club. Also many thanks to the seven members of our charter club, Smithton Lions, who attended and to Secretary Sheryl Robson for being photographer. Thanks also to Hester for agreeing to address us all at the last minute!

Everyone enjoyed meat cooked on the spit by President Richy and Lion Ron, with salads and sweets contributed by members.



The best dressed was the Big Kahuna himself, President Richy (*pictured above in the toga*) who also took out the handbag throwing competition. There were three competitors in the dummy spit competition, but Lions Linda Payne and Victoria Cochrane had nothing on Smithton member, Joan Krause, who showed herself to be the champion dummy spitter! (*Joan pictured below*



Victoria Cochrane
Acting Secretary
Zone 2 Chairman

right, with Linda & Victoria) We took the opportunity to recognise our stalwart members, with **Lion Pam Prior** being awarded a TLF Fellowship, charter member **Anne Fagg** receiving a Life Membership and our only other charter member, **Kevin Radford** becoming a **Melvin Jones Fellow**. It has been a good year already for Young Kev who is our reigning Circular Head Citizen of the Year.

East Coast Caretakers



The **Lions Club of St Helens** looks after the repairs and maintenance of the Lions Park at St Helens under contract to the Break O'Day Council, as they reported on their great Facebook page back in March.



Above left to Right.....before social distancing rules..... Club President Peter Cecil, Jenny Cecil, Rhonda Gadsby, Shanti Aplasamy and John Gadsby



Lions youth of the year

Clarence Lions YOTY
finalist and judges



From Left to right:
Wendy Kennedy (judge), Maree Garity (judge), Ella Jensen (The Friends School), **Maggie Baker (over all winner, Guilford Young College)**, Peter O'Hern (judge).

Finals held on 14 March 2020 at Clarence Council Chambers

Christine Tilyard
Chairperson



A GOOD NEWS GAT STORY:

Lions Awareness Day was held around the District of T1 over the weekend of March 7 – 8 with various projects happening around our beautiful state of Tasmania.

Lions Awareness Day is a wonderful opportunity to showcase many of the projects that Lions organise and support in the community.

Highlighting a few of the many events held across the District.

District GMT Chair Linda Dilworth organised a promotion in the Launceston Mall to promote Lions Awareness Day and approached Lions Clubs in the Launceston Area. Launceston Windmill Hill Lions Club and Kings Meadows Lions Club members were in attendance on Saturday 7 March. PDG GST Chair Hester Van Niekerk from the Kingborough Lions Club made the journey North to assist with the Promotion. We promoted many of the projects that Lions support especially Eye Health among children and Childhood Cancer. It was wonderful to see members of two clubs working together to promote Lions and the work that we do in the community.

Riverside Lions Club also promoted Lions Awareness Day while catering at the pre-season AFL game on Friday evening 6 March for the masses in attendance!

Kings Meadows Lions Club will again promote Lions Awareness Day while running a BBQ at the Automobile Museum Open Day at Invermay on Sunday 8 March. The Open Day at the Automobile Museum gives patrons an opportunity to view the classic old cars and also enjoy a snag or two!

Rocky Cape Lions Club held an Open Mic session and Lions Awareness Day at the Rocky Cape Tavern on Sunday 8 March. The event was also “live” on facebook during the afternoon.

Linda Dilworth

DISTRICT GMT CHAIR – T1



Hester & Byron ready to promote Lions



Our District now has a **Children’s Vision Screening kit**. Comprised of Lea Visual Acuity chart, Stereo Vision test and Colour Vision charts and of course the Welch Allyn spot vision camera. All valued at over \$9000. Under the capable guidance of Rod Jackson (LEHP trainer from Victoria) and Katie Dermody from LC Brighton the first vision screening in T1 took place at St Pauls Catholic School in Bridgewater. ***In one day we tested 87 children from Prep to Year 6 and found 25 children who needed to be referred to an optometrist.*** The scary thing is this means there may be as many as 2000 children across the state with undiagnosed vision problems. Until the Corona virus outbreak is over all vision screening has been suspended across Australia. Planning for more vision screening is ongoing.



The Children's Vision Screening Program that LEHP is rolling out across Australia addresses both Vision and Youth Global Causes. At the end of the day at St Pauls, we had made a real difference to the lives of 25 children. Despite my apprehension prior to the screening, it was fun and very rewarding. More trained operators and facilitators are needed across Tasmania

Ask yourself, “Is Children's Vision Screening Program something my club should do?” If your club would like to know more, please, contact me and I would be happy to come to your club to talk about LEHP and vision screening. Seriously consider asking your club to be a participating club. Whilst LEHP did get a grant from LCIF to help fund the purchase of the equipment, the cost of training teams of operators and managing not just vision screening, but LEHP’s programs of education and awareness are ongoing. A mere \$4 per member voluntary contribution will enable LEHP to continue its work across our District and Australia. Being a participating club also means education and awareness resources are available at no cost.

Stephen Smith

District Chairman LEHP



<< PUPPARAZZI >>

What do you think of these cute little bundles of mischief ??

Introducing 8 puppies currently in Foster Homes, at 8 months old, they begin training to be Australian Lions Hearing Dogs:-



Jake



Raffles



Chloe



Honey



Mac



Georgia



Paddy



Millie

Jake is a Terrier x from York Peninsula Puppy Rescue, SA, born 21/6/19.

He has been proudly sponsored by **SA Power Networks**.

Raffles is a Terrier x from York Peninsula Puppy Rescue, SA, born 21/6/19.

He has also been proudly sponsored by **SA Power Networks**.

Chloe is a Labradoodle from Nicnak Labradoodles, QLD, born 1/8/19.

She is sponsored by **ALHD recipient Vicki Bond**.

Honey is also a Labradoodle from Nicnak Labradoodles, QLD, born 1/8/19.

She is sponsored by **ALHD recipient Faye Yarroll, Robert Yarroll & ALHD Sydney**.

Mac is another Labradoodle from Nicnak Labradoodles, QLD, born 2/6/19.

Georgia is a Labradoodle from Alpen Ridge Labradoodles, SA, born 29/8/19.

She is sponsored by **Lion Peter Korndorfer and PDG Megan Butler**.

Paddy is a Cocker Spaniel from Terri Davies, QLD, born 17/8/19.

He is sponsored by **Kalgoorlie Lions Club and Breeder Terri Davies**.

Millie is a Springer Spaniel from Glastonpark Spaniels, VIC, born 7/8/19.

She is sponsored by **Kathryn Mitchell**.

The Board of Directors, CEO & Staff **Australian Lions Hearing Dogs**