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District Governor
2023-2024





# Lions Clubs International District 201T1 LIONS TASMANIA

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#### District Governor Brief April 2024

I hope all Lions and families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

This Lions year is almost complete, and I would like to thank all lions and families for their hard work in looking after their community, in particular all those that have been supporting our T1 Lions and Leos on King Island. There's been a lot of work and effort in getting help to the islands' farming community resulting from the severe drought. Currently we've supplied the Island with 30 ton of Cattle and Lamb pellets and is being followed up with shipments of hay. This will all happen over the next 5 weeks, and then a further 10 ton of pellets. I recognise the members of the Lions Club of King Island for their work in distributing stock feed. Thank you also to the clubs for their donations towards the cause, and to Win TV for its support.

The first of our Presidents Meetings (North) was held at the Kings Meadows clubrooms last month. I thank all those who attended, and for their input into how we can do things better in the <u>District</u>. A large part of the conversation was about understanding how we can increase membership, with some Clubs doing well in that area. We're going to try and accumulate all the ideas and feedback on what we can do better for next year's club teams and for the incoming Cabinet.

The Orientation Days for Club Management Teams is being held in each regional area over the coming months. These days are to update all on what is changing in our lions' world.

The New Portal is scheduled to change in mid-May and will be a great improvement. Remember to update your Club records and positions as soon as possible, so it will be picked-up direct into the new portal.

Your incoming District Governor Team have been working hard planning the way forward for our district over the next 3 years. Some of these changes are to enable better support to the smaller clubs, which in most cases are functioning well. It's all about working together - so don't hesitate to ask for help from the district or other clubs.

I think it is important that we have clubs all around the state, big or small, because in times of disasters or hardship, those members have the knowledge about their community. I think this is an important part of Lions in every community.

As a final comment please make sure you are across all of our important dates between now and our new Lions Year.

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Presidents Futures Meetings
Northwest - 13<sup>th</sup> April and South – 11<sup>th</sup> May
Orientation Days
South – 20<sup>th</sup> April, Northwest – 27<sup>th</sup> April, and North - 4<sup>th</sup> May
MD Convention
24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May (Darwin)
LCI Convention
21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June (Melbourne)
District Change-Over
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July (Launceston Boat House Centre)
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Please also ensure details of any Lions/Partners who have passed since the last MD Convention, together with Delegates details, are forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary by the 10<sup>th of</sup> May in readiness for the MD Convention in Darwin.

Finally, it would be great for the district to obtain some more new members. It's widely recognised that the best recruitment method is to "JUST ASK". If you know anyone that is retiring, how about asking if they can make time to be a Lion?

Thank you for making time to be a Lion.

Rob Batchelor DG 2024

## KING ISLAND "NEED FOR FEED" THANKS

A special thankyou to the following clubs who donated funds to assist with the purchase and transport of animal feed to King Island with the Need for Feed.

These Lions Clubs have donated the following \$'s:-

Kings Meadows	1000
George Town	500
Rocky Cape	1000
Hadspen South Esk	400
Huon	500
Heyfield Gippsland	10000
Ulverstone	5000
Kingborough	5000
Clarence	500
City of Launceston	1000
Deloraine	5000
Wynyard	2000
Burnie Emu Bay	1000
Penguin	1000
West Tamar	1500
Riverside	2000

Individuals have also contributed:-

Suzanne Barnes 1000

A total of \$38,400 has been received to-date

In addition, the Lions Club of Westbury, together with the Tasmanian Lions Foundation have funded the purchase of 200 bales of hay, for a combined total of \$2400.

Several businesses have also greatly assisted, with TASBULK supplying 4 side loading containers free of charge, and others with various road transportation.

While numerous Lions Clubs have been actively sourcing bales from their local community, it should also be noted that several Lions and "Friends of Lions" have discounted many bales. The Lions Club of King Island has also been actively assisting with the organisation and delivery issues at their end.

As noted above, the Lions Project "Need for Feed" organisation via the LC Heyfield contributed the sum of \$10,000 and are also assisting with the organisation of sea transport.

To-date, these donations, together with funds sourced from the Tasmanian Lions Foundation "Emergency Account" have paid out just under \$30,000 for the purchase of stock feed pellets, and some road transport costs.

Tassie Lions Helping Tassie Farmers

The Youth of the Year State Final was held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at the Lions Club of Kings Meadows Clubrooms. There were three contestants, one each from the North-West, North and South Regions of the State. Nikki Howard represented the North-West Region, Gabriella Smith represented the North Region, and Grace Gregson represented the South Region. Grace, sponsored by the Lions Club of Hobart Town, was judged to be both Public Speaking and Overall Winner. She will now represent the State at the Youth of the Year National Final which is being held in Darwin from 24<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The State Final was efficiently organised and run by Youth of the Year North Region Coordinator Phil Crowden, with assistance from members of the Lions Clubs of Riverside, Kings Meadows and Launceston Windmill Hill. There were approximately 55 Lions and guests in attendance.





City of Burnie Lions Club held a Dog Fun Day on March 16th at the Upper Burnie Sports Centre. It was a great day, especially for the approximately 100 dogs attending with their humans. The event would not have been possible without the expertise and support of Delta Dogs. We also had 2 Online Lions members helping. Incoming District Governor, Victoria Cochrane opened the event and was of great assistance. Toby and Julie Crawford along with Leo of the Year, Lilly Davis made great judges and recorders.

We are very grateful for the generous sponsorship of the De Bruyn Transport company (naming sponsor) and our stall holders on the day. We had a number of events for the dogs, including dog and owner races, an obstacle course and a fashion parade. The best dog trick section was also very popular. There were a number of dog supply and service providers with their stalls on the day and also food and coffee vans and face painting and balloon sculptures for families.

Proceeds from the day will provide a weekly visit by a support dog to the North West Support School.











The City of Burnie Lions Club conducted a club event for Lions Youth of the Year on March 19. It was a most successful event with 5 of our very capable and impressive young minds participating. The event was held at Marist Regional College. The winner of the event was Nicole Williams from Marist Regional College. However due to prior commitments, she was unable to participate in the regional final. The Public Speaking section was won by Elka Chamley. The club representative in the regional final in Devonport on March 21, was Penny Tassicker. Penny won the regional Public Speaking award.

In the photo we have Toby Crawford, Australian co-ordinator of Youth Projects, incoming District Governor Victoria Cochrane, Leo of the Year, Lilly Davis along with four of the entrants (absent is Xander Power) and our three wonderful judges.





It is with great sadness I advise that LION Alan Braid passed away on Thursday 14 March at home, surrounded by his family.



\$5 ENTRY - CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE!

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\$5 ENTRY - CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE!









Tall Timbers Tasmania, Smithton & Circular Head Community and Recreation Centre

Rocky Cape Lions

NOV 8 - 10

2024

Circular Head Community and Recreation Centre & Tall Timbers Tasmania

Convention Chair: Richard Cochrane

Email: rockycapelions@gmail.com

C/- Post Office, Rocky Cape, Tas 7321

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#### FIND SOMEWHERE TO STAY

Corporate rates are available at both Tall Timbers Tasmania and The Bridge Hotel Smithton for Lions attending the 2024 Convention - see below for further information.

Free parking is also available at Tall Timbers Tasmania for self-contained vehicles - stay for up to three nights with no bookings required!

Tall Timbers Tasmania - https://www.talltimbershotel.com.au/

Please note when booking you must quote the Group Reference Code (LIONS) to ensure you can obtain a reserved room and corporate rate.

- •Standard Room (single/twin) \$180 per night
- •Executive Apartment (single/double) \$250 per night
- •1 Bedroom Self-Contained Lakeside Apartment (single/double, 1-2 persons) -\$240 per night
- •2 Bedroom Self-Contained Lakeside Apartment (3-5 persons) \$300.00 per night
- •1 Bedroom Self-Contained Standard Apartment (single/double, 1-2 persons) -\$210 per night
- •2 Bedroom Self-Contained Standard Apartment (3-4 persons) \$250 per night

Bridge Hotel Smithton - <a href="https://www.bridgehotel.goodstone.com.au/">https://www.bridgehotel.goodstone.com.au/</a>

Please note when booking you must advise that you are attending the LIONS CONVENTION to ensure you can obtain a reserved room and corporate rate.

•Twin share motel rooms available for \$135 per night

Convention Chair: Richard Cochrane

Email: rockycapelions@gmail.com

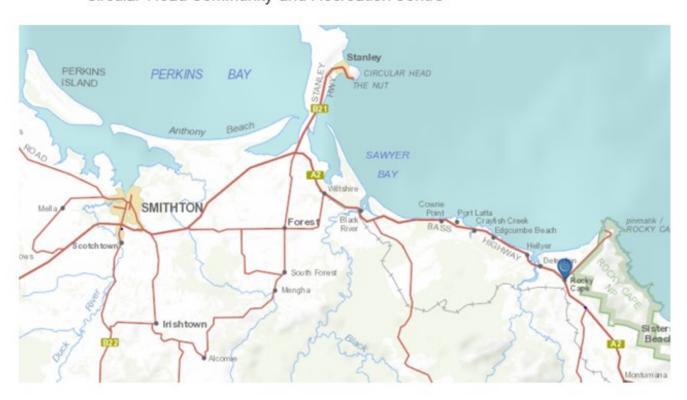
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## NOV 8-10 2024 Rocky Cape Lions

Smithton / Circular Head

Rocky Cape
Tall Timbers Tasmania
Circular Head Community and Recreation Centre



Friday

Registration

Meet & Greet

Saturday

Registration

AGM

Lunch & Tea Breaks

Sunday

Remembrance

Session 5

Lunch (take away)

Convention Chair: Richard Cochrane

Email: rockycapelions@gmail.com

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Who is the unsung hero in your Lions Club?

There are so many members in our clubs, beavering away, wanting nothing more than to serve their community. These members usually don't win awards but are the backbone of their club.

Let's recognise them!

Clubs are encouraged to send a photo and a description of what they do in and for your club to victoriacochrane44@gmail.com and they will feature in a presentation to be played at the 45th T1 Convention in Smithton on the 8th-10th November.

Every member nominated will go in the draw to win a prize.

Let's unmask the super heroes in our clubs!



#### 201T1 Leo Club Figures

1 Alpha Club (Active)

2 Omega Clubs (Inactive)

24 members (+3)

King Island inducted another new Alpha Leo this month. Heath is the 20<sup>th</sup> member to join our group in 5 short years. Look at the big smiles on the faces of these kids!! (see pic below) They inject so much energy into our Lions Club – I hope you can find some young people in your town or zone so your club can experience the joy Leos bring to Lionism.

ASK ME HOW TO GET STARTED...

**HELP WANTED:** Are any Lions flying from *Launceston to Melbourne on Friday June 21*<sup>st</sup> around 4.30pm or *returning Sunday June 23*<sup>rd</sup> after 2.30pm for the Melbourne Convention? I'm looking for someone to chaperone 2 x 14 year old Leos so they can meet up with our King Island contingent on the Friday evening. We're staying down near the Southern Cross Railway Station. *Pease contact me if you can help get our Leos across the Strait.* Ph 0488 566 448 or email <a href="leos@lionstasmania.org">leos@lionstasmania.org</a>

Speaking of *LICon2024 in Melbourne*, all Leos and Leo-Lions have been invited **to lead the parade of nations** on Saturday morning, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I don't think there's ever been a better time to be a Leo
(or one very proud Leo Advisor!!) What an amazing opportunity for our youth. It's not too late to
register for the Convention or simply come for the weekend and watch the parade of colour and
culture. Give us a big wave and cheer. We have new name badges pictured below. This one
represents a REMOTE LEO with both the "parent club" and "home Lions Club" represented....

#### Linda Payne

Leo Chair

leo@lionstasmania.org

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"Lions: Unmasking the Heroes in our Communities"

November 8 -10 2024 at the Circular Head Recreation Centre.

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rates
available at
Tall Timbers
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Bridge
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- Savor the taste of fresh, locally sourced produce.
- Listen to community leaders, Lions, and business professionals sharing their insights.
- Participate in breakout speaker and sharing sessions that will motivate and inspire you.
- Unwind and have a great time with fellow Lions and community members.

Hosted by the Rocky Cape Lions and supporting clubs.



# Australian Lions Foundation Sari-Elle's Everest Goal \$120,000

Help Sari-Elle achieve her goal of \$120,000 for the Australian Lions Foundation Compassionate Grants Fund. She has only 2 months to go before she embarks on this courageous mission to run the Tenzing Hillary Everest Marathon, one of the most gruelling runs in the world.

See the Account Details on the bottom of the attached picture, for your Club donate to this worthy cause.



#### Palm Community Walk

Fabulous effort for the BBQ served by Lions at the Palm Community

Walkabout. Weather was ok wind dropped sometimes.
Hiscutt Park was alive with clapping and cheering while the games were on. A very successful event in the park which lead onto The Rock Church where there was lots of singing and dancing and laughter with beautiful Asian

costumes. Well, done everybody!





Truly a great community event!







Sarah from Ironcliffe Road Store, Brian Lane from Penguin Football Club, Mykle with Lion Kathy handing over sausages.

Blue Gum Child and Family Learning Centre covering the Central Coast region, became aware that there was a support need for expecting Mum's (bumps) and new babies in the Penguin area. Ashlee shared with us that when her son Jaxon was 6 months old, she was looking for connection and conversation with other new Mum's, but she was unable to find anyone to meet up with. It was further evident with posts on social media sites related to Penguin, that the need was real. Ashlee and Leanne (Community Inclusion Worker at Blue Gum) developed a plan for the first Bumps and Bubs group, and first met mid 2023 and continues Monday's at 95 Thomas Street Penguin between 10-11.30. We are thankful to be the recipients of your generous award, and look forward to further collaboration with the Penguin Community.

Leanne Jopson

Community Inclusion Worker

Blue Gum Child and Family Learning Centre



#### Perth Lions finance local primary school's fruit program

Every second Tuesday the Perth Primary School's nurse runs a fruit program. It is designed to teach students about the nutritional values of various food groups, including fruits.

There is a practical element with small groups of younger students, on a rotational basis, preparing and serving a variety of fruits to the wider student population. This enables students to gain practical skills in the preparation of nutritious food and encourages all students to enjoy the delights of eating fruit with the goal of them seeking more of the same as an important part of their normal diet.

The Perth Lions Club has donated \$1000 to the program, more than enough to cover the costs for the entire year. Three members recently visited the school and assisted students with the preparation of fruits such as grapes, apples, bananas, pineapple and watermelon. They were especially impressed with the nurse's skill in ensuring that sharp knives in small hands only cut food!

The beginning of Lunch saw hordes of students lining up to receive and enjoy the samples on offer.

What a wonderful program to address the issue of healthy eating! The Club is proud to support it and to witness its benefits firsthand.

The accompanying photos show Lions Sue Field, Brian Shephard and Selwyn Church individually with student "preparers" and them collectively overlooking the hungry students awaiting their fruit.

#### Regards

Selwyn Church Honorary Secretary Perth Lions Club







#### District Newsletter - April



Meet Yannis, soon to be our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog! If you haven't already heard the buzz, Yannis is set to take the spotlight as the face of our upcoming National Hearing Dog Day; a fitting milestone to reach on such special occasion!

National Hearing Dog Day marks the annual celebration of the incredible contribution made by Hearing Dogs, who dedicate their lives to positively impacting and even saving the lives of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. This significant event falls on April 19th, commemorating the day when Amber, our very first Hearing Assistance Dog, was delivered in Australia, free-of-charge to a recipient in need, marking the start of our journey. Since then, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has provided 700 Hearing Assistance Dogs to Australians in need.

This year, we're embracing the theme 'All Shapes and Sizes' as we celebrate the diversity of breeds that can become Hearing Assistance Dogs, each one capable of profoundly changing someone's life for the better.

Your Lions Club can support and celebrate the day with us by sharing stories of a Hearing Assistance Dog you know. Or better yet, why not host your own celebrations! We have PR resources <u>free to download</u> on our NHDD webpage to spice up your event. Let's make this special day unforgettable!

Our annual appeal will also be coming out soon, reaching all Lions Clubs in just a few weeks' time. We kindly ask for your support in helping us continue providing amazing Hearing Assistance Dogs, like Amber and Yannis, to Australians who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Morever, you can catch our team at both the MD201 Convention in Darwin and the International Lions Convention in Melbourne in the upcoming month. Swing by and say hi! We're always more than happy to share updates on our programs with you!

New Members 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### Clubs 48

#### <u>Lilydale</u>

DAVID H BROWN - Sponsor Stephen Griffin LOUISE S ROOKLEDGE - Sponsor Jeffrey Watson

#### New Norfolk

DAVID GRIFFIN – Sponsor Kerry Kievit

JANE GRIFFIN – Sponsor Kerry Kievit

#### Sorell

STEVE LORING

#### Ulverstone

KEVIN DOOLEY - Peter Redman

Total 6 New Member 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Member Count as at April 2023 = 934

Member Count as at April 2024 = 943







OF SORELL

If your club has a trailer they are not using or know of one we may purchase please contact

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LIONS CLUB

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Lion Geoff Gilbert on





#### LIONS PARKINSON'S RESEARCH PROJECT

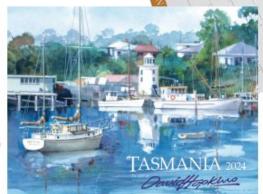
A 201 T1 District Project from the Lions Club of Kingborough where the marketing of 2024 pictorial calendars of Tasmanian watercolour illustrations by PDG David Hopkins, with the purpose of raising funds for medical research into Parkinson's Disease at the

UNIVERSITY of TASMANIA

### MENZIES 🖷

Institute for Medical Research

A retail selling price of \$29.95
allowed for 49 of the Tasmanian
District's Clubs to jointly achieve a
40% sellers fee for marketing,
41 clubs partipated. Sales along with
donations to this worthy cause saw
\$20,000 donated and presented to
the Menzies Institute in Hobart.





## PARKINSON'S Disease is now more PREVALENT in our aged TASMANIAN population, as at present there are over 3,000 diagnosed with the debility.

The project inspired by District Governor Rob Batchelor along with IPDG Paul Cairnduff started with an initial donation of \$13,022 in seed funding cash and in kind this was for design pre press by David & Bev Hopkins in association with Focal Printers, Hobart, A high quality 2.5m run of 32 page spiral bound calendars were produced and a small committee of 3 Kingborough Lions mailed out to the 49 Tasmanian District Clubs draft samples and in return 41 participated, raising sales and donations amounting to \$26,2210, further Donations still to come. \$20,000 going to Menzies Parkinson's Research.



Presenting the Donation to the Menzies Institute of Medical Research, Hobart are PDG David Hopkins, Director, Professor Tracey Dickson, Menzies and Lion Ken Hughes



Rock Pool 2024, was held on the 10th March, with this year being our 20Th anniversary.

This event featured bands who have played previously over the past 20 years.

We saw approx 1200 people come thru the gates during the day and although the weather wasn't kind to us, it didn't damper the die hard

Rock Pool fans when the rain started. This event wouldn't be possible without our dedicated Lions Club of Bicheno members. Money raised will go back into the community.

Thank you Kathleen



## PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

EVENT,

PRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER

ACTIVITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

HAVE YOU HAD A RECENT

THE BEST PLACE TO PROMOTE,

SHARE AND INFORM

IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!

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



## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 20111

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

tion. 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 MAY 2024