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FROM THE DESK OF DG MICHAEL

Congratulations are extended to Lions who have received a Monarch Chevron Award honouring them for their dedication to community service as a Lion.

- Lion Dexter Cocker** 45 years
Kings Meadows Club
- Lion John Allen** 45 years
Glenorchy City Club
- Lion Eric Fernandez** 45 years
Huon Club
- Lion Bruce Woolcock** 30 years
Perth Club
- Lion Alison Johnson** 25 years
Flinders Island Club
- Lion Peter Vincent** 25 years
Ulverstone Club
- Lion Victor Folloso** 20 years
New Norfolk Club
- Lion Graeme Jory** 20 years
Perth Club
- Lion Rohan Habner** 15 years
Riverside Club
- Lion Jason Harris** 15 years
Perth Club
- Lion Gordon Patchin** 15 years
Penguin Club
- Lion James Levin** 15 Years
Flinders Island Club
- Lion Brian Smith** 10 years
Bridport Club

A hearty congratulations to all.

I trust all Lions in our District 201T1 had a relaxing and very happy Easter.

March has proven to be quite a busy month with the GLT/GMT Meeting plus a Cabinet meeting.

During the month I travelled to Bothwell

where I was invited to attend a dinner meeting. This was great night full of hospitality and for a small club very active with their interesting activities.

It was good to be able to induct a new member as well as welcome a transfer member from Victoria.

During the month Tasmanian Lions Foundation conducted its meeting which I attended in Perth.

A visit was made to the Latrobe Club where I received an invitation to attend their dinner meeting. This was a good night full of fun and great hospitality. The club is very busy with its activities.

I also attended the Penguin Club's dinner meeting and was very happy to induct a new member. A very active club and members extremely happy and enjoying their activities.

I travelled next to **Launceston and called into the Zone Chairman's training.** I was disappointed at the number of Zone Chairs attending, but those who did attend found the training very beneficial.

Then travelling to Hobart, I attended the Southern Regional Meeting. This was an extremely well attended meeting and it was interesting to hear of the Southern Club's activities.

It is excellent that the Southern Clubs all work well together. This makes for better fellowship within clubs as well as assisting with their Administration Accounts through the activities such as manning gates etc.

A final meeting was held with the members of the Sandy Bay Club. The meeting was in the form of a morning tea at the Dome in Sandy Bay. The last members of the Sandy Bay Club were all presented with an "Appreciation

Certificate." It was a good time to celebrate and members to look forward to their new clubs they are transferring to.

Whilst in the southern part of the State I attended the funeral of our late member Lion Charlie Cawthorn, Life Member of New Norfolk Club. Charlie had been a member since 1971.

I am looking forward to our **Multiple District Convention in Newcastle** in a few weeks time. From all accounts this will again be an interesting and thought provoking Convention. **If you are able please attend as you will certainly enjoy as well as learn.**

Just a reminder Peace Poster kits are ready and Clubs wishing to participate I urge you all to move quickly and enter into this most worthwhile Project.

Training:

Just a further reminder of Incoming Officer Training to occur in the three (3) regions and again I urge as many members from clubs to attend. **This is your Lions Organisation so please help keep it up to date and viable by participating in these days as you will find it most beneficial and rewarding. Our Officers have worked very hard in putting these programmes together for which I thank them very much so please support them in every way.**

Membership:

I cannot emphasize enough that Membership *cont'd on page 2 ...*

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is so important. Clubs will have golden opportunities during April - May in holding functions to attract new members.

I know membership is all year round and most Clubs have taken this opportunity. I wish to thank those Clubs in attracting new members as this has been very pleasing. As I am going around the District I hear of Clubs inducting new members as well as having a number of potential members lined up.

It is most important that our District Membership needs to grow to over 1250 members to keep ourselves going as a Tasmanian District.

Hopefully this may be achieved in a new Club being Chartered in Legana and looking at a new Club in the South to replace Sandy Bay Club. Also we have an opportunity in a Campus Club in Hobart and if all goes well spreading to the Launceston and North West Campus's.

Currently our District Membership is 1247 - keep up the good work everyone.

Monthly Membership Reports:

Again, I cannot emphasise enough regarding reports on MyLCI that Clubs are to report monthly on Membership even though it may be a nil report. Only three (3) Clubs are behind so if secretaries are having difficulties in reporting on MyLCI please advise as there is always someone ready to assist you.

Keep enjoying Lions and thank you all for your hours of service to our communities -

SERVE WELL!!

Regards, DG Michael

From that came an invitation to address a senior citizens club. Expecting ten or at most twenty members, I was confronted with close to fifty. I had to look twice to see if I was in a church to deliver a sermon. So word of mouth helps especially to women's groups who talk to one another where we men as usual forget about it.

So what about contacts to Rotary, Probus, and Senior Citizen clubs in your local areas, let them know we are available to speak to them. All we need is the invitations to do so!

Recycle For Sight:

I have asked clubs and Zone Chair persons to let me know which clubs in the district collect spectacles for recycling.

Would you believe that the only way I have found out so far is being engaged in conversation with other Lions. Nothing heard directly from the clubs of 201T1 or the Zone Chairpersons.

Can you add to this list below please?

Kingborough; Hobart City; St Helens; Flinders Island; Kings Meadows; Penguin and myself in here in Burnie.

I would also love to know how many are leaving Tasmania to be processed in Brisbane for distribution.

I have developed a Power-Point Show called, "At either end of the spectrum." It briefly touches on LEHP, then deals with the Recycle For Sight and includes videos. It is a huge file and I can only pass it on by USB memory stick or burn it to a Video CD. That is not a good option because one video clip would not adhere to the presentation and must be accessed from a USB memory stick, or computer hard drive. **If Ambassadors or Lions Clubs would like a copy we will have to make some sort of arrangements for the transfer of the files.**

Lion John C Medwin

District Chairman: LEHP and Recycle For Sight

LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAMS AND RECYCLE-FOR-SIGHT

Dear fellow Lions of 201T1,

Having just returned from the semi-annual meeting of the Multiple District committee meeting in Sydney I'm pleased to be able to report that our District appears to be in good shape with more clubs starting to support the programs by way of donations and per capita levies. Fifty percent of the clubs in our district are now donors to this worthwhile project which compares more than favourably with other districts. Now the challenge is on for Zone chairpersons to help promote the project by asking an Ambassador to address a Zone meeting, or for clubs to contact an Ambassador to be a guest speaker at a club dinner or social event.

The following names of Lions who are trained to deliver the presentations of LEHP are:

Region: North West:

Lions Anne Fagg, Rocky Cape.
Dale (Toby) Crawford, Penguin.
Stewart Mc Neair, Penguin (resident in Ulverstone);
DC John Medwin, Penguin - (resident Burnie),

Region: North:

Lion Phil Robinson, Kings Meadows. (Currently on hold)

Region: South:

Lion Hester van Neikerk, Kingborough.
Geoff Clow, Sorell.
Susan Lowry, Clarence

DGE Annette Ogilvie and DG Michael MacLaren are on hold till terms of office are finished.

There were others who attended the training days in August 2014 who are also knowledgeable enough to spread the word and haven't offered to take on the role of Ambassador. Whilst this is a waste of a resource, time and circumstances play a part in the reason why it has happened.

It is amazing how just one address leads to others. *The Burnie Soroptimist International Club* invited me to speak to them about our program. When question time was called, it was the children's section that drew the most comments. Many of the members commented that they had noticed their grandchildren experiencing vision problems that their parents hadn't. Then looking at the members sitting there, all bar one was forty or older, most wore glasses, and all had been to either an ophthalmologist or optometrist in the last two years. One was a diabetic and that visit alone detected retinopathy.



LEHP - Australia
Lions Eye Health Program
Empowering communities to save sight.





ZONING IN ON A NEW LIONS YEAR!

Zone Chairman Forum held at Kings Meadows on 28th March

Above L-R: Robert Scott, Troy Bester, Annette Ogilvie, Al Medwin, Amanda Olson, Hester van Niekierk, Stuart Greig

A recent article in the Dominion Post reported that a woman, Anne Maynard, has sued Wellington Hospital, saying that after her husband had surgery there, he lost all interest in sex.

A hospital spokesman replied: "Mr. Maynard was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct his eyesight."

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in May

Is your club hosting a Lions Worldwide Week of Service project in May? Lions around the world are planning their service projects for May 16-22.

This year, President Preston made serving children in need a priority, so consider joining the Centennial celebration by sponsoring a service activity benefitting youth in your community.

Visit the Centennial website for project ideas and resources. And no matter how you choose to serve, remember to use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your communications.

We'll share our favorite photos on the LCI Facebook page!



VANUATU DISASTER

Following Cyclone Pam and the disaster it caused Lions Clubs International Foundation has responded.

Due to the continuing problems of feeding and providing fresh water to the people of Vanuatu, LCIF has given a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to assist the Lions of Vanuatu with both immediate and long-term relief efforts following Cyclone Pam.

Clubs are further encouraged to provide funds to LCIF to assist in the relief and rebuilding the lives of the people of Vanuatu.

LCIF and the Lions of Vanuatu and their communities are very grateful for the immediate help and generous donations already provided by the Lions Family of Australia.

Donation cheques should be made out to - LCI/LCIF Disaster Relief Fund

John Gillham, PDG

LCIF District Coordinator



BBQ's Trains & Cars Boats & Planes!

Sunday the 28th December last, the Launceston Windmill Hill Lions held a BBQ at the request of the FX/FJ Holden Car Club - North West Chapter - for their Bi-annual Nationals "Show & Shine" (Royal Park, Launceston) event.

It was a beautiful day and all profit from that day was donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Tasmania.



RFDS headquarters Evandale Road, Tasmania - Lion Derryl Hill & RFDS CEO John Kirwan

The Royal Flying Doctor Service is a charitable organization that takes the finest care to the furthest corners of Australia.

In Tasmania the RFDS works in partnership with Ambulance Tasmania to fill the vital role in the delivery of

essential health care services by supplying the state's fixed wing air-ambulance. The RFDS also reaches out to communities to deliver a range of primary health care services and community projects to the benefit of all Tasmanians.

There are many ways that people can support the RFDS:

- > Make a donation;
- > Leave a bequest;
- > Give in memory;
- > Give in celebration;
- > Organize an RFDS guest speaker;
- > Hold a fundraiser for the RFDS;
- > Volunteer your time,



so they may continue their work in the Tassie community, they need our support!



For further information:

www.flyingdoctor.org
phone: 03 6391 0504
or 1300 669 569

Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania
PO Box 1087,
Launceston TAS 7250

Katrina Hill
Launceston
Windmill Hill Lions

If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite (comic) scientist who once said: "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates." His mind sees things differently than most of us do. . . . Here are some more of his gems:...

14 - If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

15 - Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

16 - When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

17 - Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

18 - Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.

19 - I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.

20 - If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

21 - Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into - jet engines.

22 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

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

But, when

1.35 million

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

Proud to be a Lion!

A Scotsman who was driving home one night, ran into a car driven by an Englishman. The Scotsman got out of the car to apologize and offered the Englishman a drink from a bottle of whisky. The Englishman was glad to have a drink. "Go on," said the Scot, "have another drink." The Englishman drank gratefully. "But don't you want one, too?" he asked the Scotsman. "Perhaps," replied the Scotsman, "after the police have gone."

LIONS CLUB OF SANDY BAY

As DG Michael wrote in his report this month, a final meeting was held with the members of the Sandy Bay Lions Club recently. The meeting was in the form of a morning tea at the Dome in Sandy Bay.

It was a good time to celebrate the work of the Club and its members over the years. As ever, the old passes and current members are looking forward to the new clubs they are transferring to and the fellowship and challenges that lie in the future. **We wish them 'Good Luck' in this new adventure!**

The last members of the Sandy Bay Club were all presented with an "Appreciation Certificate" and are recorded in the photos below:



FOR YOUR CLUB DIARY**NOTICE OF INCOMING OFFICER FORUMS 2015****EAST COAST****(Please note Diary change!)**

Bicheno 10.00am

Saturday 30th May at the Beach Front Motel**NORTH****(Please note Diary change!)**

Launceston 10.00am

Saturday 23rd May at Brooks High School**RSVP & Enquiries: GMT Co-ordinator Amanda Olson****M: 0419 357 190 E: amandaolson@bigpond.com****NORTH WEST**

Wynyard 9.30am

Saturday 23rd May at St Brigid's Primary School, Jackson Street

Latrobe 9.30am

Sunday 24th May at Latrobe Primary School, Lewis Street

WEST COAST

Queenstown 10.00am

Sunday 31st May at the Queenstown Club

RSVP & Enquiries: GLT Co-ordinator Anne Fagg**M: 0439 027 037 E: amf6388@gmail.com****SOUTH**

Hobart 9.30am

Sunday 31st May at the Community Centre, Springfield

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**DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING**

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter Break and looking forward to the run down of the Lions year and hope you have all had a satisfying year.

To all our regular contributors we thank you for your continued support it is really appreciated as it helped to give someone a better way of life.

We still invite all Lions to participate and if we can achieve this it would certainly help to make life a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would be pleased to welcome you.

Once collected they can be sent direct to myself at

**11 Camina Court,
Riverside, TAS 7250,**

and we will trim them ready for sale at auction. Look forward to hearing from you all.

To those participating and please keep up the good work.

Until next month.

**Peter Burke, Co-ordinator
Riverside Lions Club**

Our District Count**28 February 2015**

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1242

31 March 2015**Clubs: 50****Membership: 1243**

YTD ADD 129

YTD DROP 122

YTD GROWTH % 0.57

Status: "Established district"**Old is when ...**

... your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love", and you answer, "Pick one; I can't do both."

... 'getting a little action' means you don't need to take a laxative today.

... 'getting luck' means you find your car in the parking lot.

... an 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

... you're not sure if these are facts or jokes.

Lionsonoz Knitting Project a Great Success!

For eight (8) years now, the **Lions Ladies of Australian Lionsonoz**, the Lions Club that caters for the growing number of Lions who have become *"Grey Nomads"* have been busily knitting various garments for underprivileged babies and children both here and overseas.

While the Lions travel this great country of ours in caravans and mobile homes, its usually the husband who drives and the lady sits in the passenger's seat and fills in her time knitting. It is remarkable just how many garments can get churned out.



Above: District Governor of N1 Peter Willis-Jones and L.L. Pam with members of Lionsonoz and Pacific City Lions Clubs with knitted "Trauma Teddies" ready for distribution to the Coffs Harbour hospital to be used to help children undergoing scans and X-rays

Apart from the items our ladies produce, we are also supported by quite a number of ladies, in the Lions family and many with no connections with Lions at all, who are busily knitting babies clothes and "trauma" dolls and Teddies to be used in hospitals or ambulances where children are in sometimes frightening situations following an accident or a sudden calamity of some type.

Recently a huge box of children's clothes were given to the Australian Bush Church Aid and these have been distributed to missions all over Australia where they are needed.

The **Australian Lionsonoz** (8th) year. We have a seven (37) with another four (4) current Lions Club. **President Dunsborough Western numbers of our members are Lion decides to retire, buy a take off to see the wonders of**

'It is remarkable just how many garments can get churned out.'

Lions Club is now in its eight membership at present of thirty- awaiting transfer from their **Lion Neil Bilney of Australia** said that the constantly changing. When a mobile home or caravan and Australia, many of these

Lions were lost to Lionism before Lionsonoz.

Now they simply apply for a transfer from their current Lions Club and take up membership with Lionsonoz. When they finish with their travels they have the choice of staying as a member of Lionsonoz or re-join a "Main stream" Lions Club where they intend to settle.

He said that the advantage of Lionsonoz is that we meet monthly, the 3rd Monday of the month on the internet through Skype so members can attend meetings no matter where they are in Australia. Members are encouraged to seek out the Lions Club in the various towns they visit and offer their services to assist in that Club's projects. It works very well.

Any Lions wanting more information about Australian Lionsonoz may contact the Secretary, Lion Gwyneth Payne on 0439258644 or at sagr.payne@bigpond.com

Right: Meetings can be conducted anywhere. Here is our President Lion Neil Bilney conducts a Lionsonoz meeting to Lions all over Australia from his car on a back road in Western Australia.



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**TASMANIAN
LIONS
FOUNDATION**

Following our recent Foundation the following Grant was approved \$2000 Lions Club of Kingborough to assist the Girl Guides movement in Tasmania to purchase a portable shed.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on Sunday,

14th June 2015

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

7th June 2015

Also by this date if you have a matter you would like discussed by the Foundation. By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have received a letter from me about

Tasmanian Lions Foundation Fellowship Awards along with a grant application for future use.

A request also made is to consider your Foundation if you at times have surplus funds.

PLEASE NOTE If any Club would like to know more about the Foundation and its role, Trustees would be more than pleased to come along to a meeting of the Club as a guest speaker and give you a better understanding of your Foundation.

Don't hesitate to contact me and I will arrange for a Trustee to come.
Keep up the good work in your communities.

Until next month, Regards to you all.

Peter Burke Secretary



Aloha Lions! The 98th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26th – June 30th, 2015.

Honolulu is like paradise. Over 100 beaches surround Honolulu, more than any other city on the earth. You can relax on the white sandy beaches of Waikiki, hike the magical trails on Diamond Head crater, and view incredible waterfalls such as Waimea and Maunawili Falls are among the many favorites not to be missed. Also, take time to explore the history Honolulu offers. The USS Arizona Memorial is a renowned portrayal of World War II, while the Pearl Harbor Park provides a sobering yet stunning piece of history that will never be forgotten. In today's ever-changing world, Lions from all walks of life symbolize a 'ray of hope' in their commitment to touch the lives of 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!



Latrobe President David Jarman and DG Michael exchanging Banners and Pins



Penguins Past President Daniel Eiszele receiving the 22club excellence award from DG Michael



New Member Steven Fifita and his sponsor Des Hiscutt and DG Michael



Michael Neilson was inducted into Smithons Lions Club and is seen with IPP Joan Krause and sponsor dad President Ian Neilson



Port Sorell Club excellence award to IPP Robert Donoghue



Above: Nigel Sheehan of Wynyard Lions and DG Michael - Club Excellence for 2013-2014



10yrs service to Rosemary Rabbetts at Port Sorell Lions Club



Wynyard Lions President Margaret Carter and DG Michael Presented with a 4 Diamond Level Centennial Patch

THE DG AROUND THE CLUBS

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 2011

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: MAY 10th

TOP GEAR@ ROCKY CAPE PRESENTED BY

**ROCKY CAPE LIONS CLUB AND
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEN:

Sunday 26th April

**TIME: 10-2PM WHERE:
ROCKY CAPE TAVERN**

SPONSORS:



Burnie

**MOTORCYCLE
SCENE**



ROCKY CAPE TAVERN



TyreRight
The right choice

**ALL CARS,
BIKES, TRUCKS
WELCOME**

**TROPHIES
AWARDED ON
THE DAY**

**REGISTRATION
\$5.00 on the day**

**ALL PROCEEDS
SHARED BETWEEN**

- **SES Truck Fund**
- **Riding For the Disabled**

INQUIRIES

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**WELCOME TO THE
LIONS FAMILY
IN MARCH 2015**

Bothwell and Districts

Anthony Blake

Sponsor: Anthony Johnston

Bridport

Tobyn Mckeen

Sponsor: Patricia Childs

Burnie City

Juliet Walsh

Sponsor: Christine Munro

City of Devonport

Hanna and Sherilyn Mahoney

Sponsor: John Hughes

Devonport Mersey

Christine Holden

Sponsor: Vere Cooper

Kingborough

Georgina Noble

Sponsor: David Hopkins

North East

Andrew Carter

Sponsor: John Wardlaw

Douglas Styles

Sponsor: Bruce Muirhead

Smithton-Circular Head

Michael Neilson

Sponsor: Ian Neilson

Sorell

Cheryl Skinner

Sponsor: Mary Alexander



The Recycle for Sight (R4S) project. So far ten (10) clubs have returned stats of this project at least five others are

searching for details to get back with and I've heard nothing from thirty-two (32) clubs who are possibly waiting to discuss at either board or a dinner meeting before getting back to me.

The year 2013 - 2014 so far produced 12,335+ pairs and for the year to date, 8349+ pairs from just 10 clubs so far.

Just imagine the numbers of specs collected across the twenty (20) districts that make up MD201!! The recycling plant in Clonstaff,

Qld would be swamped!

Just last week I collected another 160 pairs and I do the rounds on a monthly basis of four optometrists.

Hopefully, more news from clubs and updated figures in the next newsletter in May.

John C Medwin

District Chairman

Lions Eye Health Programs.



The Last Word...

"The surest way to save face is to keep the lower part shut!"