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**From
the
DG's
Desk**

Greetings Fellow Lions & Leos!

As your District Governor, I am ultimately responsible for what is in this newsletter and I apologize to those who may have been upset by the "Gust and Balls" article. I "Hear to Serve" and any criticism or praise should be directed to me in the first instance.

Speaking of praise, I have received many complementary comments about our recent T1 Convention and I thank Katrina Hill, her team of Windmill Hill Lions and Phil Robinson for pulling off this amazing event in the classic three day format, considering the changes that they have had to make leading up to the event. There will be an article dedicated to the convention elsewhere in this Newsletter.

This week I visited the City of Launceston Lions Club and Linda and I had an enjoyable evening finding the club in good spirits and I inducted **TWO** new members on the night.



A very pleasant duty! Inducting two new members into City of Launceston Lions Club

On Saturday 14th November, Linda and I travelled to Zeehan to meet the members and conduct a membership information and promotion table at their market – whilst the event attendance was low, *we managed to sow a few seeds of interest and, importantly, show that your cabinet members are willing to travel to promote Lions in THEIR area at THEIR events.*



Above: Part of the happy throng at the Combined West Coast Dinner enjoying food and fellowship

To those clubs that I have not yet visited (some I have had to cancel due to last minute work changes), I look forward to meeting you all in the new calendar year.

Remember, if you are holding a market or project during a weekend, please let me know as Linda and I may be able to attend and help you promote Lions in YOUR area – just as we did

in Zeehan!

Linda and I also attended the 50th Charter Anniversary

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Setting up shop and ready to go!

On 17th November I returned to Zeehan (as I was working in the area) for the combined West Coast official DG visit, with members from all three clubs, Queenstown, Rosebery and Zeehan, along with Zone Chair Ruth, at The Heemskirk Motel.

The night was excellent with one new member inducted into the Rosebery Lions Club.

There was a relaxed atmosphere at the meeting and I was able to explain that I had chosen 'Huon Pine' as the emblem for our District's pin – to represent the Western area of Tasmania and the Huon Valley.

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Dinner of the Lions Club of Kings Meadows (originally Launceston South) held as a "High Tea" in the gardens of Franklin House – this is where the Launceston South foundation meeting was originally held...



Cutting the 50th Anniversary cake High Tea in the Franklin House Gardens

One of my final duties in November was to present Lion Robert Whelan with his 20 years Chevron – Robert introduced me into Lions, for which I am very grateful.

As we approach the halfway point in our Lions year, we can look back at our achievements during the past six months and how, thanks to YOUR efforts, we have kept our clubs running in our communities and continuing to Serve. We can all now look forward to the future!

Linda and I also extend our seasonal greeting and wish all Lions a Fun and Festive break with family fellowship – with our daughter and son-in-law returning to Tasmania after 10 years in England we know ours will be special.

Byron Dilworth
District Governor/MD201T1



LILYDALE CLUB VISIT

On the 7th November, Linda and I visited Lilydale Lions Club and were warmly welcomed by all members present.

Lilydale is another of our rural based club who are well respected within their community.

On the night they were already planning their Santa Claus project, where local residents are encouraged to make Santa's in various poses around the district with the club providing the suits.



DG Byron with Club President Debra

DG Byron apologizes for not including this report in our November Newsletter...



LIONS

The largest and most affective community service organization in the world - and growing

Our District Count

30 November 2020

Clubs: 48
Membership: 1051

Membership 31 Oct 2019 1128

YTD ADD	31
YTD DROP	46
YTD NET GROWTH	-15
YTD NET GROWTH %	-1.41%

Status: "Transitional" (24 mths)

A single act of service can change a life.

But, when

1.4 million

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

Proud to be a Lion!

BOOKS FOR DONATION

IF ANY T1 CLUB WOULD LIKE A DONATION OF SECONDHAND BOOKS IN VERY GOOD ORDER, THEN PLEASE CONTACT ALISON JOHNSON FROM THE FLINDERS ISLAND CLUB ON 6359 3505 TO ARRANGE GETTING THEM TO YOU COST FREE.

THESE ARE BOOKS THAT NEED TO FIND NEW HOMES!

INCLUDED ARE CRAFT, SEWING AND RECIPE BOOKS AMONG OTHERS.

CLUB NEWS

BELOW IS A PICTURE OF SOME VERY HAPPY KINGBOROUGH LIONS FOLLOWING AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL "GROCERY APPEAL" OPERATED AT CHANNEL COURT SHOPPING CENTRE BY THE LIONS CLUB OF KINGBOROUGH IN AID OF HOBART CITY MISSION.

**ERIC MADSEN
LIONS CLUB OF KINGBOROUGH**

Together
WE SERVE



A BLOOMIN' GREAT SUCCESS!

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER SAW THE HOLDING OF THE ANNUAL LIONS ROSE SHOW IN AND AROUND THE SORELL LIONS CLUBROOMS.

SHOW CO-CONVENOR, LION DAWN GATEHOUSE THANKED ALL FIFTEEN (15) LION MEMBERS FOR ALL THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP AND ON THE DAY RUNNING VARIOUS STALLS, BBQ ETC. THERE WERE TWENTY-TWO (22) EXHIBITORS AND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX (296) EXHIBITS.

MONIES RAISE ON THE DAY WILL GO TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES E.G. HAMPERS ETC. AROUND 109 PEOPLE ATTENDED AND OUR COVID PLAN WENT WELL, OVERSEEN BY OUR COVID POLICEMAN, LION PHILLIP!

ALL IN ALL, A GREAT DAY!



Prize Giving Other Exhibits



Beautiful Roses

**WELCOME TO
THE LIONS
FAMILY...**



IN NOVEMBER 2020

BICHENO

DERRICK FREEMAN

Sponsor: MICHAEL PHILLIPS

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Sponsor: ANNETTE HUGHES

BRIGHTON

GAIL SMITH

Sponsor: BIANCA BOWMAN

GLAMORGAN

NATHAN FLACK-KEMP

Sponsor: KEN FLACK

KYLIE WHITE

Sponsor: SHIRLEY FLACK

LILYDALE

STEPHEN THOMAS

Sponsor: DEBRA ADKINS

SCOTTSDALE

CORINNE KING

Sponsor: JANICE CHILCOTT

TASMAN

MARK BAKER

Sponsor: LEON LISSON

WEST TAMAR

CECIL WILLIAMS

Sponsor: GREGORY AMOS



REPORT ON THE 41ST DISTRICT T1 CONVENTION

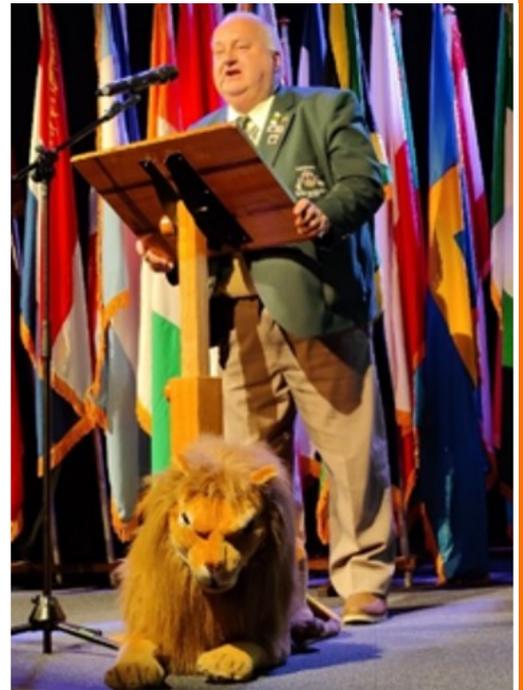
Our 41st District Convention was held over the weekend 6th to 8th November at the “Tramsheds” venue in Inveresk, Launceston in the traditional 3 day format. We were fortunate enough to secure a range of excellent speakers and presenters for this our 41st District T1 Convention.



Above: The Mayor of the City of Launceston, Mr Albert Van Zetten officially opening your Convention

With the COVID restrictions there was a need to change venues as the “Penny Royal” was determined to me unable to meet our capacity requirements for plenary sessions and the dinner so the re-organized Convention Committee very ably led by Katrina Hill set to work to re-build the event – and, like a phoenix, what a magnificent Convention arose from the ashes!

Right: Friday night Flag Ceremony – DG Byron starting the live proceedings without a ‘Zoom’ in sight!



Left: An adjacent room on Friday and Saturday for promoting our various projects and activities. Linda Dilworth and PDG Hester Van Niekerk ready to start promoting Lions awareness



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Saturday morning consisted of the usual formalities of establishing a quorum and presentation of motions, of which there was only one from PDG Toby Crawford. **District Leadership Chair Leigh Johnstone promoted the oncoming RLLI training event – an Lions Club International training event to be held in Tasmania next year.**

Then our next keynote speaker, Mr Dean Cocker of the JAC Group, spoke on the life and struggle of the company founder, Mr Josef Chromy – who fled Communist Czechoslovakia with only the shirt on his back and his skills as a butcher - and how he founded his business empire.

Then nominations for the elected positions of District Governor, 1st Vice and 2nd Vice District Governors were received. DG Byron called for nominations for 2nd VDG from the floor, but none were received. Robert Mantach from Riverside Lions was later elected as District Governor for 2021-2022 and Paul Cairnduff from Kingborough Lions as First Vice District Governor. The Tasmanian Lions Foundation area positions were filled by Dee Dawkins of Penguin Lions (NW), Derryl Hill of Launceston – Windmill Hill Lions (N) and Sue Johns of Hobart Lions (S). District Convention 2021 will be hosted by Riverside Lions and Convention 2022 by Kingborough Lions.

Saturday lunch was a smorgasbord of fine food – a surprise for those who were expecting boxed lunches (Boxed lunches were served on Sunday so those with a long travel could take their lunch with them)! I personally overheard several commenting on the quality of the food.

Saturday Afternoon consisted of various project presentations with Keynote speaker, Inspector Darren Hopkins enlightening us all of service in Police Search and Rescue and the highlight came later, when he told us of the need to land a light aircraft from 1500 feet with only a fire as his companion and the cockpit door open so he could see to land...!

The second keynote speaker was Councilor Janie Finlay, who was followed by several more project reports and the declaration of the election results after which, the convention business was closed.

The Saturday Night Celebration Dinner was well attended, achieving the maximum attendance as per the COVID regulations which mandated a maximum of 150 people, including staff and band. The Tramsheds staff catered for this Dinner and many people commented on the quality and quantity of the food offered with appropriate signage for dietary restrictions. The committee made the decision to 'play it safe' and not have any seafood on the menu – this was well received by patrons.



Left: DG Byron and his family enjoying a reunion and the Convention at the Saturday night Dinner DG Byron, District GMT Linda, Son Nicholas, son-in-law Lucas and Daughter Natasha – Lucas and Natasha are members of Moseley-Kings Heath Lions Club in Birmingham, UK

Right: On Sunday morning we held our Remembrance Ceremony where we remember those Lions and partners who were called to higher service - we thank them for their dedicated service.

Every candle is dedicated to someone special who has passed on before us...

The service was conducted by Mr Stephen Brown, CEO of the Launceston City Mission.



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The Convention continued with keynote speaker, the Hon Michael Ferguson who outlined the Government's COVID Economic recovery plans for the State moving forward.



Left: Thanking the Hon. Michael Ferguson, Member for Bass, Minister for Finance, Infrastructure and Transport, State Growth, Science and Technology, for his enlightening presentation

Below: A parting thought to be shared by all



Below: Finally the Lions Flag was handed to the Lions Club of Riverside who will host next year's Convention

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

As your District Governor, I wish to thank Katrina Hill, Phil Robinson and Paul Cox and the team from Windmill Hill Lions Club, for a very memorable Convention held in face-to-face format and with great fellowship.

So please, do not thank me, but thank your hardworking Convention Committee, who presented a Convention we all can be proud of!



Report by Byron Dilworth – A very proud and grateful District Governor MD2011.



A convention footnote ...

The Dilworth "Lions" Family ... with 'Uncle Toby' visiting!



The End



LCIF

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

**TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH
LCIF ACTIVITIES VISIT
LCIF.ORG.AU**

New LCIF donation and MJF application forms are being sent to all Clubs. The MJF/PMJF form indicates two (2) financial options - use existing Club Credits or make a donation.

Recipient details and shipping information are as before. The donation form is to be used for individual donations and Club donations. Individual donations where a tax deduction receipt is required can be processed either online via lcif.org.au/donate or by EFT or cheque. Club donations are to be processed in the usual manner through the Cabinet Treasurer.

It should be noted that for Club MJF Credits on two (2) categories of donor allocation are provided - **EMPOWERING SERVICE** or **DISASTER RELIEF**.

It is requested that all MJF/PMJF applications be initially forwarded to the District LCIF Coordinator for recording, before being processed through the Newcastle Office. **These new forms should make application and donation procedures easier for Clubs.**

**IN THIS PERIOD OF
GOODWILL, IT IS RELEVANT
TO CONSIDER THE NEEDS
OF OTHERS THROUGHOUT
OUR WORLD.**



The consequences of disasters are magnified in the current state of the world in the presence of the Covid-19 pandemic. **LCIF is the vehicle that our Lions Clubs use to help those in need, particularly those facing the consequences of disasters.**

The limitations placed on our Australian society due to COVID-19 has severely affected the earning capacity of our Clubs to raise funds and therefore distribute assistance locally and beyond. To date seven (7) Clubs in 201T1 have contributed US\$2540 to LCIF this year [2020-21], considerably less than usual. **These Clubs are commended for their support to LCIF.**

Clubs and individual Lions are encouraged to consider the worldwide need for our support through LCIF by contributing in the usual manner through our Cabinet Treasurer made easier using the new donation forms circulated to all Clubs.

HAVE A GREAT AND GENEROUS CHRISTMAS!

John Gillham, PDG
District LCIF Coordinator
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phone - 6239 6823

BUSY IN LATROBE...

Window Display & Mystery Item Competitions

Lion Heather and Secretary Kae have spent quite a few hours following up with businesses, schools and others and are still waiting on a couple to finalize their displays.

Entry forms for the Mystery Item competition will need to happen this coming week. **If you have time it's worth having a look at some of the displays, the one from Strathdevon in Kids on Gilbert is great. Banjos window was done by students from the High school and involved special needs students.** The staff at Banjos were very impressed with the students.

Latrobe Primary and St Patrick's Primary are yet to complete their displays, it will be interesting to see what they come up with. Cement Australia have provided \$100.00 sponsorship for the competition, we will also have \$500.00 from Mayor Peter Freshney.

The Mystery Item Competition has some very interesting items, some of which will be very hard to find, it is creating quite a bit of interest.

Sand Pit Children's Respite Centre

Recently, Lions Robert and Harold along with Rohan Pask and Shaun Brown from Mersey SES, stood up the sail structure and fitted the timber sides of the sand pit. All went to plan except for some problems with getting the delivery correct, but we got there in the end.

The next step is to install the sail and get the sand in about 5m of it, so there will be plenty of shoveling to do!



FORTH VALLEY LIONS MEMORIAL

On the 17th November 2020, we celebrated the unveiling of this Club's *'Members Memorial Wall'* at our Braddon's Lookout.

We invited our *Mayor Jan Bonde* to do the honours on a winding hilltop. We also invited the families of our deceased members whose named are proudly attached to our wall to reflect and join in celebrating those Lions.

It was a moving time, with many of the families' children and grandchildren also attending.

George Bugeja
President

Photos top - bottom:

- *Mayor Jan Bonde addressing those present*
- *Mayor Jan & President George unveiling the Memorial*
- *Left: speeches right: the Memorial*



KING ISLAND'S SILVER LINING

The Lions Club of King Island was thrilled to receive the 2019 – 2020 Top Cub Award from PDG David Triffett at the recent Launceston Convention.

All club's work extremely hard in their communities and King Island is no exception...

They managed to install a wheelchair friendly BBQ and table set in a local park; ship off a container load of batteries, aluminum cans and scrap metal (some 20 tonne!); collect \$10,000 in public donations and organize some 700 bales of hay to send to NEED FOR FEED; re-write a manual full of Club Project policies and continue the usual fist full of signature activities for the benefit of their 1600 residents!

The 10 kilogram trophy and box was suitably bubble wrapped for the flight home with Sharp Airlines, who generously waived the excess baggage fee for Lions.

The plaque went straight into an exhibition for 2 weeks – appropriately named **SILVER LININGS 2020** – where people showcased something great from an otherwise forgettable year.

Fresh off the wall, the trophy then made its way down town to the main street market, where King Island's population is small enough to allow such events to continue.



Above: The plaque is pictured proudly displayed at the Lions stall, along with our cakes, puddings, mints, calendars and King Island passports.

King Island members thank Lions Tasmania for this recognition and wish to advise that they are filled with renewed enthusiasm to continue to serve on behalf of Lions International.

Secretary Linda Paine
LC of King Island



CABINET RECENTLY DECIDED TO CHANGE OUR MEETING SOFTWARE FROM GOTO MEETING TO ZOOM, MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE MORE USER FRIENDLY FOR CASUAL MEETING ATTENDEES TO ACCESS AND USE. DEVONPORT/MERSEY LIONS SECRETARY NOELINE MAXWELL HAS PREPARED THIS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR LIONS TO USE...

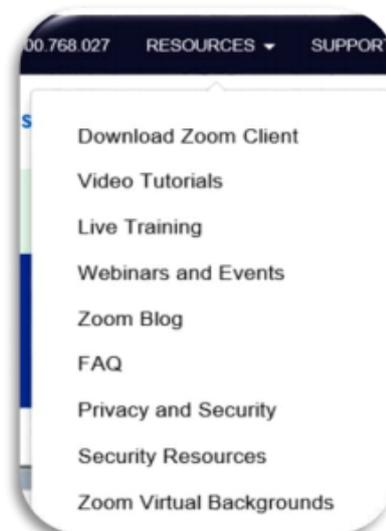
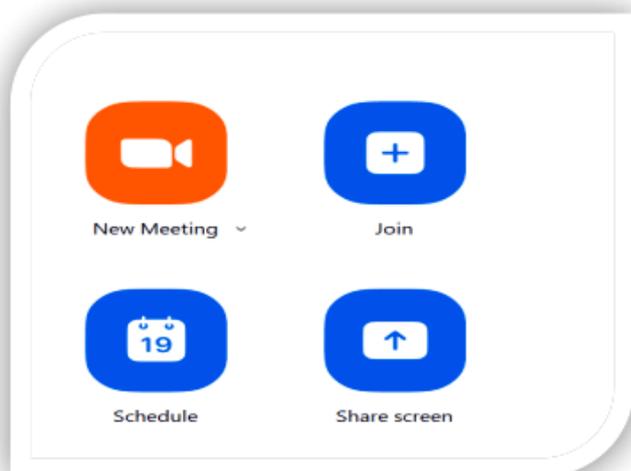
Zoom Quick Reference Guide

Setup

- Mobile/ Tablet – download Zoom from Google Play or itunes AppStore – search for Zoom
- PC – Website: <https://zoom.us/>

Each user needs to first register their access before attending or hosting any meeting. Register via the 'Sign In' option and then – New to Zoom - [Sign up Free](#). Follow the prompts to setup – you will need an email address.

- Once you are setup you can do a few options as below left picture – Note: Screen display may change depending on PC/phone application being used
- If you want support, you can access Resources via Zoom home internet page(<https://zoom.us/>) live training/ video tutorials as shown on right picture below



Key features:

New Meeting: Is an instant meeting request for joining your personal room immediately. You can then invite via email/text/chat etc while in this meeting.

Join a meeting: A meeting already setup/ shared by someone else. You will need the Meeting ID for this direct access. Other settings maybe in place where it will require the host of the meeting person to permit you access, or you may have to enter additional passcode. If you have been sent a link you can select this directly and it will open your zoom and enter you too - you may still need to provide additional passcodes or wait for access to be opened by the host.

Schedule a Meeting: When you want to setup a meeting in advance for a certain date/time. This includes a reoccurring meeting that you want to setup for multiple dates (same day/time of week) You can then send the meeting link information to attendees and add to your calendar (outlook, gmail)

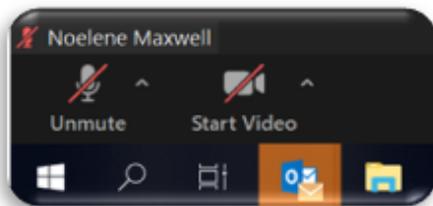
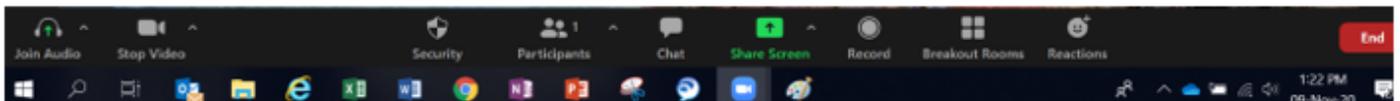
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Once you have your meeting setup with times/dates etc you can review this meeting, copy the link information to send in a separate email. If you have it in your calendar you could invite others.

The link will not only provide a link for the user to directly access but will also provide the Meeting ID (passcode or participant code if applicable) and telephone numbers for people who can only join via telephone only.

When you open the meeting either as a host or participant you will first open video option. This may open automatically or ask you to enable video depending on your settings. Once you have your video open you then need to enable the audio. Both the Video and Audio options are displayed along the bottom left of the Zoom meeting. Hover over this section and you will see the below list of options



- If you want to stop video use 'Stop Video and then you will see red line across the Video option. (see above)
- To connect audio, select the option you want – you can enter 3 different ways
 - Computer Audio (join via the phone/computer etc – this will use the Computer speakers. Recommend connecting a headset for clearer audio.
 - Phone Call – you can dial into the Zoom via a phone number and you will be asked to enter meeting passcode. Use this option if your internet service is unstable or you can only join the audio option of the Zoom meeting
 - Call Me – Zoom can call you to connect to the Zoom. It will need the full international of your phone number you want it to call e.g. +61421000000.
 - You can also choose to Mute yourself. This is recommended if you are not required to talk immediately to reduce background noise. You will see red line across your microphone when muted (see above picture) Click unmute again to open microphone.
- Participants: You can see who has joined your call – it will put names/phone numbers depending the attendance's setup
- Chat: If you want to share information on quick chat for people to reference or comment on items. You can chat with full group or privately with individuals.
- Share Screen – allows to share anything on the screen – documents, agenda etc. All participants have the option to share if host provides permission.
- Record – you can record the meeting for replay to share for any not able to attend. Will store for approx. 90 days.
- End meeting: when you have concluded the meeting select this and can end the meeting for all or close on your side only.

End.

DRIVING & SURVIVING ON TASSIE ROADS

A Glenorchy City Lions project with the Glenorchy City Council's Road Safety Week initiative.

An average of thirty (30) people are killed and two hundred and seventy (270) are seriously injured on Tasmania's roads each year in which speed is often a contributing factor.

Road Safety Week, between the 15 and 22 November, is held each year to highlight the impact of road trauma and how to reduce it.

Glenorchy City Lions Club in conjunction with Council regularly place a speed trailer out on our road network to remind drivers of the limits in place.

The speed trailer is designed to encourage drivers and road users to be aware of the speed they are driving and pledge to 'drive so others can survive'.



Above: Scott Longo from the Lions Club of Glenorchy City

The placement of the speed trailer (below) is made possible through a grant from the Department of State Growth's Community Road Safety Grants program.

Any day is a good to take the pledge as well as during Road Safety Week each year in November -

see: <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/>

PITWATER GOLF CLUB

The Sorell Club has recently provided a BBQ/Lunch for the golf club's ladies break up day. This was great opportunity for community service for them and a welcome donation to club 'coffers' as we move rapidly towards our Christmas activities, including our Giving Tree/s at both the Sorell and Bendigo Bank.



Sadly, we had to cancel our Christmas raffle due to 'you know what'!

Pictured left: The hardworking Golf BBQ team of President Mike Banks at right, Lion Tim Ayers left and Lion Phillip Taylor in the centre.

LIONS CLUB OF CLARENCE

Guest Speakers – Muscular Dystrophy

Our guest speakers at our Dinner Meeting on 18 November 2020 were Michael (Mick) Peters, President of Muscular Dystrophy Tasmania (MDT) and Warren Lewis.

Mick spoke to members about MDT, which is a small not for profit organisation reliant upon volunteers. MDT does not receive any Government funding and relies on fund-raising, bequeaths and donations - muscular dystrophy tasmania.com.au/

Muscular dystrophy is a neuromuscular, genetic disorder which results in the progressive deterioration of muscle strength and function. The most common form in childhood is *Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy*, which can see a young boy using a manual wheelchair by the age of 8 and being completely dependent on an electric one by his early teens. Life expectancy for this disorder is usually only until early adulthood.

There are many other types of neuromuscular disorders, affecting people of all ages. While most forms of muscular dystrophy occur in babies or children, some others appear in late adolescence or adulthood. *The incidence of persons with a neuromuscular disorder is estimated to be 100 per 100,000 head of population. It is estimated that there are more than 20,000 people in Australia who have some form of neuromuscular disease.*

Mick has a son *Lucas*, who has *Ullrich Congenital Muscular Dystrophy*. Lucas, now aged 13, was diagnosed prior to his first birthday and has undergone many operations and treatments. Mick spoke of the challenge for MDT not knowing how many people in Tasmania have muscular dystrophy. The recent campaign on free-to-air television was designed to increase the awareness of the general community of muscular dystrophy and hopefully trigger families impacted by the condition to reach out to MDT for support.

Warren spoke to members about his personal journey with his son *Jaryd*, who sadly passed away in 2019 at 21 years of age.

Jaryd had *Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)* and was diagnosed in 2001. Despite the hurdles he faced and being wheelchair bound, Jaryd attended local schools Corpus Christi and MacKillop College as well as Guilford Young and a year at the University of Tasmania before it became too difficult. These educational

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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 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: JANUARY 10th

LCIF'S FUNDS FOR A DOCTOR TO STUDY OPHTHALMOLOGY TO HELP THOUSANDS IN AFRICA

A young Ugandan General Practitioner was stymied in his career wishes to become specialized. Already good at what he did for his patients, he wanted to do more but lacked the resources for the required schooling. As a Lion member, Doctor Francis Onen Sebabi applied for help through Lions Clubs International Funding (LCIF). He was provided a scholarship toward a graduate degree in Ophthalmology.

As much as Dr. Sebabi had an interest in clinical specialization, getting the funds to take the courses was a challenge. Financial support from the LCIF was timely because clinical specialization is a full-time study program in Africa and conducted away from home.

"To me," Dr. Sebabi said, "this was a miracle. I would be able to specialize in eye care! I promised myself to undergo the rigor of the course and to become an ophthalmologist. Then, I would return to serve the "Helen Kellers" (the vision impaired) in my area.

During Dr. Sebabi's training, the Lions' support enabled him to study uninterrupted. Even though he is highly motivated and very capable, without the LCIF support the course of study would have been beyond his reach. Now close to becoming a qualified ophthalmologist, Dr. Sebabi is anxious to return to serving the needs of the vision impaired.

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Loomis Lions Club USA/Dec 20 newsletter



**FULL-TIME
STUDY
MEANT
LIVING ON
CAMPUS
AND
MONEY**

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institutions were very supportive and changed syllabus' and even the location of classrooms to enable Jaryd to learn along with his peers. Jaryd loved most sports and was passionate for AFL and the Brisbane Lions. **The tragedy with DMD is it takes away their ability to play sports and general physical activity at such a young age.**

Challenges highlighted by Warren was the difficulty in Tasmania getting access to health professionals and specialists, the necessary equipment in a timely manner and access to spare parts or replacement equipment when there was an equipment failure. *Warren works for the Department of Communities Tasmania and has a good knowledge of the disability services system in Tasmania.*

Both Mick and Warren spoke of the benefits and frustrations with the *NDIS* and reflected on the impact that caring for someone with muscular dystrophy can have on the family, particularly siblings.



Pictured L to R: Mick Peters - President MDT, Lion Stephen Smith - President Lions Club of Clarence & Warren Lewis

CLUB NEWSLETTERS DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CLUB NEWSLETTER

**TO DG BYRON OR TO MYSELF EACH ISSUE.
BY DOING THIS, IT PUTS YOUR CLUB IN THE
RUNNING FOR THE BEST NEWSLETTER AWARD
AT THE END OF THE CURRENT LIONS YEAR. ALSO, ARTICLES OF
INTEREST FROM YOUR CLUB NEWSLETTER CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR
INCLUSION IN THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER. *TI* NEWSLETTER EDITOR**



**AT THE END OF A
DIFFERENT YEAR, WE SEND
BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR
A RELAXED & PEACEFUL
CHRISTMAS & A SAFE AND
HEALTHY 2021**

The Final Word...

"I think when you dissect a joke too much, you have ruined whatever there is in comedy!"