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Tony Roney - District Governor - 2008-2009

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MUSINGS

Bushfire Relief

On Monday the 27th of April, Cabinet Secretary Peter and Lions Lady Judy and Sally and I were picked up at our Hotel in Melbourne (before we were allocated a room) and taken to Marysville in Victoria, to see first hand the devastation of the fires.

We met the President and members of the Marysville Lions Club at the Golf Club, which is one of the few buildings still standing, and has become the hub of the town where all and sundry can meet.

Across the road, was a cabin city being built, with Lions contributing by providing two (2) large laundries each consisting of four (4) washing machines four (4) driers and four (4) tubs. We also discussed programmes that were in place and for the future, they were very appreciative of the amount of funds contributed from Tasmanian Lions - to date \$400,000 - which is still more than any other State in Australia for Lions contributions. That amount does not take into consideration the dollar for dollar committed from our State Government, the only Government in Australia to match service Clubs on a dollar for dollar raised up until the 30th March.

Taking that into consideration, the total for the fires is approximately \$750,000, with once again all Clubs contributing. We have also contributed monies to floods in Queensland and drought in South Eastern Tasmania - **We certainly do Serve!**

MD Convention in Melbourne, was a very successful time for Lions in Tasmania. The first thing was the success of Emma Davey in the Youth of the Year National Final. Emma represented the Launceston City Lions Club, and all Lions in Tasmania, we have bragging rights till next year, and as a matter of interest, Tasmania has won more finals

than any other District in Australia. Then came our notice of motion put forward by District, in relation to Student membership and Leo Conversion, which was passed. Last but not least, Zone Chairman Noel Viney, was inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame. Congratulations Noel.

In the Leo of the Year National Final we were represented by Rachel Mundy from Penguin Leos, and although Rachel did not win, she certainly made us all proud of her. Well done Rachel.

The District get together was a fun night with over seventy (70) in attendance including about twelve (12) Leos. Lion Rohan Habner from the Riverside Lions Club was certainly entertaining!

Early in the year I attended a meeting in Sydney with representatives from New Zealand and Indonesia to discuss our Constitutional area holding an Area Forum. We are the only Constitutional Area in the world not to have ever held one. After that meeting, we put a motion to the Council of Governors to hold one in 2011 in Australia, and this motion was successful.

Membership I am pleased to say, has increased again last month by two (2). We are now only seventeen (17) members away from being a District in our own right with 1250 members and over 35 Clubs.

We are now in the strait, and with the help

of every member we can achieve our goal.

President Al Brandel drummed into all of the Council of Governors the need to grow the Association. In Australia this year, we have had growth of two hundred (200) members, and worldwide growth is twenty-three thousand (23,000) new members.

During Convention, I was singled out by President Al to sit in the confessional seat next to him! During a break in Convention, the topic of conversation was about membership in our District, the District being in Transition, and the importance of getting out of Transition this year. President Al sees our improvement in growth as a positive, and hopes we can achieve our goal of getting out of transition this Lions year. If you have a prospective member or members, sign them up **now** not July - get the paper work in!! Our membership is 1233.

Let's show them we can do it.

District Governor Tony Roney

"REACH FOR THE STARS"



LIONS CLUB OF PENGUIN

Wish to advise that their scheduled Club meeting for Wednesday, 17th June 2009, has been cancelled.

OUR DISTRICT COUNT

30 March 2009

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1230

Status: "Established district below 35/1,250 over two years."

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The official launch for Crime Stoppers was on Monday 20 April at Wrest Point Casino.

The message and focus for this year being:

"My Home, My Community, My Commitment"

THE Crime Stoppers program is co-ordinated through Tasmanian Police. It operates a 24-hour dedicated call centre, providing training and resources to maintain an office that efficiently records and disseminates all provided information. Callers are never asked to identify themselves and there is no equipment in the office that records voices or traces telephone numbers. **Anonymity is guaranteed.**

Crime Stoppers offers a way of overcoming many of the reasons which inhibit people from reporting crime, such as not wanting to get involved, fear of retribution and not being sure of what they have to report is of any significance or who to tell. **The ongoing support from Lions Clubs of Tasmania goes back to 1986 when they were involved with Operation Noah and they have continued to sponsor Crime Stoppers Week since 1994.**

Between February 1994 and February 2009:

- 33,039 calls were received by Crime Stoppers;
- 2481 police actions, arrests and summons resulted from Crime Stoppers information;
- 14,104 charges were laid from information provided;
- Over \$5.5 million worth of damaged/stolen property recovered;
- More than \$5.5 million worth of drugs have been seized during that period and over \$153,000 in rewards have been paid out.

Another important aspect of Crime stoppers is educating the community, helping to prevent crime or at least reduce the opportunity for crime to occur.

Right: District Governor Tony presenting a cheque for \$7000 to Mr. Brian Aherne Chairman Crime Stoppers Board with Lion David Daniels



Lion Cakes & Mints

Another Year of Lions Christmas Cakes has nearly finished and sales have been very good in 201T1 area.

Clubs do not forget you can get Christmas Cakes all year round.

I have had very few reports on damaged cakes or any other mishaps of Lion Christmas Cakes, which is a great relief. We still have a little problem on the delivery, but most of the problem is that Clubs are either not ordering enough or they are leaving it too late in ordering.

MINTS

Marketing of our New Lions Mints in Australia since the end of July was 5036 cartons, which is up by 517 cartons. The new Clubs that have come on board have made a difference on last years figures. Great work.

In the 201T1 area, we are on target thanks to all new Clubs coming on board. Since the New Mint program started we are up 54 cartons, so keep the good work going all Mint Chairman! There is still some good-outlets out there and we must find them.

All the best for the coming year, and a big thank you for all your help.

Your in Lionism
Lion Alf Cox
Merchandising Chairman



TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

Fellow Lions,

Over the next three (2) issues, I am going to continue a brief history about the Tasmanian Lions Foundation, in the hope of encouraging all Clubs to make use of the Foundation.

This can be done by applying for Grants to assist Clubs in the completion of projects, that may be a little too big for the Club.

Also, we ask you to consider the Foundation by making a donation to the Foundation to help us assist Clubs with their requests. After all, it is **YOUR** foundation - **USE IT!**

This last quarter saw a grant made to the Lions Club of Queenstown.

The next meeting of the Foundation is set down for:

Sunday 12th July 2009

Any Club wishing to make a Grant Applications need to be in the hands of the Secretary please,

by 5th July 2009

along with any other matter you may wish to bring before the Foundation.



I trust you will find the following second section interesting, as it shows when the Foundation was formed and its aims.

A Foundation still growing....

The value of capital funds in real terms is maintained by annually adding a proportion of the capital interest earned, calculated to be parallel with the rise in the Consumer Price Index. The remaining funds from the available interest earned are for dispersement to

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Support MD 201and look for the

**Lion Logo- Lion
Mint Australia**



**District Chairman Merchandising
Alf Cox Phone 6391 9379
or Fax 6391 8758**

Australian Lions Foundation (ALF)



This is an up to date report which includes Emergency Grants approved by your Foundation to the Districts that have suffered from the disastrous bush fires and floods.

The following Emergency Grants have been forwarded to:

- District 201 V3 \$25,000
- District 201 V1-4 \$25,000
- District 201 V5 \$110,000
- District 201 W2 \$10,000

LCIF have also made substantial Grants to these Districts also.

It must be highlighted that some of these funds were in the District bank accounts forty-eight (48) hours after the fire struck to enable Clubs in the area to provided immediate assistance to the effected families.

The Foundation has also made provision to pay District 201 Q2 \$50,000 when requested by the District Governor for aid to the residents of northern Queensland.

The Foundation has also approved a grant of \$5000 for the Sorell Clubs Drought Relief program in association with the CWA.

One grant has been approved for the Kingborough Club and in joint funding with TLF each donated \$3500 to purchase a Rescue Boat for the local Sea Scout Group costing \$11500.

The Foundation would welcome any donations from Clubs or individual Lions Members to the Emergency Fund to enable your Foundation to continue assisting our Clubs in need throughout our Multiple District.

Alan Pretyman
Secretary and
Trustee for Tasmania



YOUTH OF THE YEAR NATIONAL WINNER FROM TAS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE WINNER EMMA DAVEY, from Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston, and sponsor club City of Launceston, on taking out the Youth of the Year National title (overall winner), at the MD Convention held in Melbourne on the 1st May, pictured left below with DC Jenny.



Emma was shocked and surprised at being announced the National winner and said the impromptu questions, whether Australia needs a bill of rights, and the sort of education a young person needs to succeed in life, were extremely challenging.

Congratulations for Emma and our District were received all round at the Convention and since returning home. A great win for our District and the first for Launceston. Emma is looking forward to her prize of a trip to the UK to attend an International Youth Camp, as well as the National tour with the other five (5) State winners.

Emma delivered her *Prepared Speech* at the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Launceston. The speech "Just People" focused on the sameness of humanity and the irony of the same sky above various moments in history, like the concentration camp Auschwitz, Nelson Mandela during his incarceration in South Africa and the Gaza Strip in 2009. Another challenge for Emma at Club, Regional, State and National level was that she drew last to speak at all these levels and not being able to hear any of the contestants speak to the *Impromptu Questions*.

Another highlight for Emma and matter of fact for me, was to meet the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd who spent quite a few minutes speaking to Emma (pictured right).



At the end of the final Emma was interviewed by NAB, followed by photo 'shoots'. Emma flew home early the next day with her parents, as she had a 'full on' weekend ahead of her in the debating final of the Parliamentary Shield, which her school team won, not to mention her 18th birthday with family and friends that evening, **AND THEN**, on the Sunday, attended her school musical production rehearsals all day, **THEN**, just to finish off an exciting week for Emma, she was guest speaker at the commemoration of the Battle of the Coral Sea held at the Launceston Cenotaph.

What an amazing young student and an outstanding ambassador for Lions in Tasmania and Australia. Congratulations again Emma!

District Chairman
Jenny Tripptree



From the Melbourne Convention 2009



Below:
DG Tony
hard at work
Right: DG's
& Cab Secs
Men for all
Seasons



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DO WHAT YOU CAN, WHERE YOU ARE, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE!

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at Website
TASMANIA LI-ONS
the Visit



Cabinet Secretary's Report

Firstly, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Lions Club of City of Launceston, whose entrant won the National Youth of the Year final. Competition was close and the win was well received by Conventioneers.

Secondly, on Monday before the Convention, D/G Tony and myself along with our Partners were taken to devastated fire areas of Victoria. It certainly left a trail of destruction and they will take some time to recover. - possibly up to 2-3 years. I am sure that the monies raised by the Lions of Tasmania will be well spent and help them get back on their feet. We were fortunate enough to meet some Lions who were victims too and had lost everything.

Thirdly, I hope all Clubs support the forthcoming Training sessions during the months of May and June. I certainly can recommend them to you.

The Convention saw a contingent made up as follows:

- 47 Delegates
- 3 Alternates
- 1 Lioness
- 14 Leos (11 Peng; 3 Glen)

This was the biggest representation of Leos at the Convention. Well done Leos.

- 1 non-lion
- 22 Partners
- 2 other lions

Total = 90

To those who attended, I hope you all enjoyed the Convention and D/G Tony's function on the evening.

During the Convention we distributed some 1000 invitations to attend 2011 in Launceston. I would ask that you now place this in your diaries; it will give all Lions a chance to attend a Multiple Convention. We will look forward to seeing you all.

Until next month

Cabinet Secretary **Peter Burke** PDG

To all those Lions who have taken office position for 2009/2010 may I wish you all a satisfying and rewarding year, and you get a lot out of it. Well Done.



Prostate Pete's Undies Line



'UP DATE'

April/May 2009

We have recently commenced taking our Prostate Pete's Undies Lines Presentation to some of the local Lions Clubs, outlining our project and to finalize Stage 1 and commence Stage 2.

We recently held a combined Presentation at Smithton and Rocky Cape clubs followed by a visit to the City of Burnie and Emu Bay Clubs.

If there are any clubs that would like us to hold a Presentation please contact me on 0427 283068 and I will arrange for either myself or one of the Prostate Pete committee members to organize a visit to you.

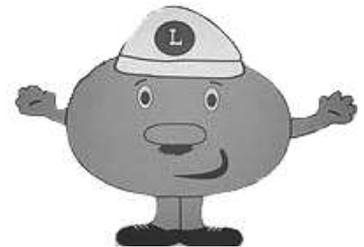
Sponsorship and support for the program from business is growing with people such as:

The Backpackers Barn, Costal FM, BJR Engineering, Emmark Studios, The North Motton Dancers, Tas Web Hosting Services and Simplot Devonport.

Public response has also been very positive.

Donations from Lions Clubs so far have been:

- **Deloraine \$200**
- **Queenstown \$100**
- **Kings Meadows \$250**
- **Spring Bay \$250**
- **Lilydale \$125**
- **Flinders Island \$500**
- **Forth Valley \$1000**
- **Glenorchy \$100**



Earlier in the year I met a visitor from Victoria. She mentioned that she was a Poet and had written a book of poems. We discussed Prostate Pete and an idea grew that she would like to write a poem about him. To my surprise a few days ago a poem arrived in the mail.

Please remember that it is not only money for research that will reduce the 2700 per year deaths that occur from the disease, but also by making people aware that an early checkup can also save a life.

Our contact details are: petesundies@gmail.com

For more up to date information please visit our website

www.prostatepete.com.au

Chairman, Prostate Pete Undie Line Committee

Jan Bakker

At the District 2011 Convention held at Port Sorell, this project was adopted as a District Project for the next three years (2009-2011). The project is to managed by the Lions Club of Forth Valley.



HAVE A LAUGH

A 75 year-old woman went to the doctor and told him she needed some birth control pills.

The doctor said, "You are 75 years old. Why would you need birth control pills?"

"To help me sleep at night," she said.

"How could they possibly help you sleep at night?" asked the doctor.

"Well," she explained, "I put them in my grand daughter's orange juice every morning."



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New Lions

Name:

Neville Shaw
Monica Shaw
Charles Alexander
Alasdair Cooper
Raymond McColl
Craig Mikic
Patricia Snooks
Alan Marshall
Margaret Carter

Correction

Dorothy Hill
Barry Hill

Sponsor:

Transfer
Transfer
Rodney Jordan
Dorothy Sweet
Bill Stegeman
Dorothy Sweet
Dorothy Sweet
Hugo Connor
Allan Baly

Kevin Richardson
Kevin Richardson

Club:

City of Launceston
City of Launceston
Burnie Emu Bay
George Town
George Town
George town
George Town
Port Cygnet
Wynyard

Bridport
Bridport



WELCOME

YOUR ADVERTISEMENT HERE?

We are providing an opportunity for businesses to advertise in this Newsletter. So, if you have a business/enterprise you would like to let other Lions know about or know someone else who wants very reasonable advertising on either a regular or ad-hoc basis, then please contact the Editor on 62653840.

**VERY
REASONABLE RATES.**

LILYDALE LIONS WORKING IN THEIR COMMUNITY

Members of the Lilydale club recently received an appeal for assistance from a local family and the club members quickly sprang into action. The club had assisted the family in the past as the father had suffered an Acquired Brain Injury, which meant he was unable to do large maintenance tasks around the family home. Their house needed painting, and as the father was unable to climb ladders due to balance issues, he was unable to reach approximately three quarters of the outside walls.

A small team was sent to the house to scope the work required and the following weekend, armed with high pressure water sprayers and numerous ladders, club members set about cleaning the unpainted wood to remove the oxidised surface. Over the following two Saturdays the members cleaned, prepared and painted the whole outside of the house,



Above: Lilydale Lions Club members enjoy morning tea after completing the worthwhile task

THE LIONS PIN

I often wonder, what if the Lions pin could speak?

What would the Lions pin say?

I think it would say, "Don't overlook me Lions. I am the Lion pin right up front here. Put the spotlight on me because I'm proud to play a part in the lives of people who wear me as a symbol of their commitment to serve their community and, equally as important, the world.

I'm worn by proud women and men in 200 countries around the world. I've witnessed excitement, sadness and happiness.

I've been with my wearer as the eyes of a deceased person were removed for deposit in the Lions Eye Bank, so that another might see.

I was there, too, in several nations, when Lions food caravans arrived to feed thousands of starving human beings... fellow human beings.

I've seen a guide dog instill in a blind person a new kind of confidence as they move about their sightless world. I've seen a canine companion make a person's life more complete.

I am the Lions pin!

I've heard the hearts of the mentally challenged pounding with joy when the Lions came to visit. I've seen and heard the joy and laughter of children playing in Lions' Parks, at Lions' summer camps, or playing on Lions' sponsored teams.

I am the Lions pin!

I've traveled all over the world, and I can recall thousands of incidents where sadness was changed to gladness because those who wear me made it so.

I am a symbol of service to the world! If I could really talk, I'd be too filled with emotion, too filled with pride to say more than, "Thank you - Thank you for wearing me, and may you God bless and protect you."

Please, don't wear me just to your Lions meeting; wear me every time you get a chance.

You see, I am the Lions pin. Wear me with pride, for I am proud of you!

Yes, I am the Lions Pin!

Can you imagine if all the Lions pins ever worn by Lions in this world could talk?

What a story they would tell!!



and also managed to get the family's four wheel drive car working again.

The family were extremely pleased with the job completed, the Lions members were content with helping a family in need, and the house looked like new. This is just an illustration of how a little work can make a big difference to someone's life - and providing a feeling of satisfaction for Lions members.



Our DG "A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS"



From the
Melbourne
Convention 2009
Background Cab Sec
Peter Burke

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I have learned that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

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projects submitted from clubs. From time to time individual clubs consider a worthwhile project may be beyond their capacity to finance without further assistance, a principal function of the Foundation is to provide such financial support. Generally a limit of \$10, 000, is put on any one project at a time, and where possible it should be on a dollar for dollar basis within the club's own financial input.

Apart from the Capital Fund, the Foundation manages funds held on behalf of cabinet related to Diabetes awareness education projects, and eye related projects of which subcommittees are in Hobart and Launceston.

The Sunshine Association of Tasmania, which operates three area committees, assist children in need with a Special Holiday Camp, Research Bursaries, Scholarships and in general assists the underprivileged.

A donation from your club to the Foundation, will help to ensure that it can support your fellow Lions in bringing these larger community activities to a successful conclusion.

Your continued support for the Foundation both in shaping its future roles and directions, and maintaining and strengthening its finances, helps to ensure that it can continue to provide a high level of support to projects within District 201 T1.

A report is prepared and printed annually for presentation to the office of Corporate Affairs, and to Club delegates at the District Convention for perusal of the total financial affairs of your Foundation.

An excellent way of supporting your Foundation is to reward deserving members of your club or community, recognizing their efforts during the year with a Tasmanian Lions Foundation Fellow Award. Cost of the award is \$500 and comes with an attractive prepared certificate and frame, and a lapel pin. The cost can be debited against "Activities Account."

Looking forward to hearing from you

Yours in Lionism
Peter Burke Secretary



**Donation received towards
the Sorell Lions
DROUGHT RELIEF**

Tasmanian Lions Foundation
Convention Raffle proceeds

- LC of Wynyard
- LC of Kingborough
- LC of Clarence
- LC of Sandy Bay
- LC of Sorell
- LC of Spring Bay
- LC of Kentish
- LC of Huon

- LC of Burnie Emu Bay
- LC of Hobart Town
- LC of Westbury

Proceeds from other projects

- LC of City of Launceston
- LC of Devonport-Mersey
- LC of Bridport
- LC of City of Devonport
- LC of Lindisfarne
- LC of Kings Meadows
- LC of Latrobe
- LC of New Norfolk
- LC of Bothwell

- LC of Sorell F/R Dinner
- LC of Dodges Ferry-Sthn Bchs
- Australian Lions Foundation
District 201T1
- LC of Launceston/Windmill Hill
- LC of Zeehan

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY**

STAMPS

Riverside are still collecting stamps and would be pleased if you will continue to collect them and forward them to myself or to the Club.

All proceeds from the sales go to the Mobility Foundation. We look forward to your continued support.

Keep up the good work!

Peter Burke (Secretary)
Riverside Lions Club



DROUGHT

**TASMANIAN
FARMERS AFFECTED
BY THE DROUGHT
NEED HELP!**

*** JUST A**

REMINDER

**FOR TASMANIAN LIONS
CLUBS TO RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE OF THE
LIONS CLUB OF SORELL
WHO HAVE DONATED
\$1000.00 TO SUPPORT
THE C.W.A. TASMANIAN
BRANCH DROUGHT
RELIEF BY MEETING OR
BETTERING THEIR
DONATION?**

**YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!**

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO:**

**"Lions Club of Sorell
Drought Relief"**

ALL DONATIONS TO:

**Lions Club of Sorell Inc
PO Box 66,
SORELL TAS 7172**

TOTAL TO DATE:

\$36,448.25

Thank You



District Newsletter 201T1 - Deadline for next issue is: June 10
Copy for 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 otherwise by CD.

Please forward photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.
Scanned images should be of high quality (300dpi).