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We are three months into my term as DG and it hasn't been altogether uneventful, but in the most part all is going well! The most enjoyable part for all three of us on the DG team has been visiting clubs, who have been overwhelmingly welcoming and supportive of us. We still have a lot of visits to go into the new year.

The new club Zone support structure appears to be working well and has been accepted readily by clubs. 2nd VDG James is doing a great job running monthly team meetings and being there as overall support. All regions have held very successful meetings with clubs in their region, with District Administrator Amanda taking members through the Lions Portal. Club Support Teams report that clubs are largely on top of the ATO self-reporting requirements.

I have organised MD GLT leader Phillip Johnson to run a Guiding Lions training session face to face at Kings Meadows on Saturday November 30th. Guiding Lions work in pairs to support new or rebuilt clubs as they begin operations with training and guidance. The course is open to any member; please let me know if you would like to retrain/train by the 15th of November.

Any plans we make at district level are to help all clubs and members in the district to serve their communities, learn as members and leaders and to ultimately grow our wonderful organisation. An example of this is the new series of webinars called, "Let's Talk Solutions", planned by GLT Marg Cranney the first one of which was on October 30th. They are free for any member to participate in. The next one is planned for Thursday 28th November and it is entitled "Working Well Together." I hope members take advantage of these opportunities to connect.

There are some fantastic service projects being organised and facilitated by our clubs and District. In August, our district project Crimestoppers was given a Lifetime Sponsors Award, accepted by Lions Erik Madsen, at their 30th Anniversary celebration dinner. What a wonderful achievement. Even though it is not a district project, the Lions Eye Health Program is going from strength to strength in our district, with more than 1200 students being screened. All of our Foundations continue to do amazing work and, one cannot mention service projects without again marvelling at the amazing contributions that Tasmanian Lions Clubs and the Victorian-based Need for Feed club made to the disaster relief effort on King Island. Congratulations to IPDG Rob Batchelor for all his hard work, along with 2nd VDG James Redgrave, Councillor and Lion Tony Hine, Lion Linda Payne and many others for making the situation a little more bearable for the community. Congratulations, also, to King Island Lions Club for winning the District Kindness Matters Award for '24-'25.

There is no doubt that some clubs are doing it tough and struggling for manpower. I am starting to think we need to look outside of the box to involve other community organisations who would be having the same trouble. There is also no harm in two Lions clubs working together on a project. For some smaller communities, consolidating workers from several groups might be the answer, even if it is just for one project. As people get busier and time-poor, the purse strings get tighter and members get older, embracing change, being flexible and thinking outside of the box could well help our clubs to survive and thrive. If you have a story or ideas to share along these lines, I would like to hear from you!

The 45th District Convention in Smithton attracted higher than expected numbers. I am so proud of my committee and cabinet members who worked so hard to make it a success. There is a separate convention report in this newsletter.

WE ARE Lions and WE ARE in this together.

VICTORIA COCHRANE'S BRIEF

What a weekend! Held at the Circular-Head Recreation Ground, we started with fantastic and plentiful food showcasing Circular Head produce prepared by our own Josh "Pezza" Perry. The flag ceremony, organised by King Island Lions member and MD Leos coordinator, Linda Payne. Smithton youth and or own Leos, Charlie Byrne and Lilly Davis carried the flags, and the National Anthem was beautifully sung by local singer and Deputy Mayor, Annette Dawes. After the opening by Mayor Gerard Blizzard, MLC the Hon. Ruth Forrest gave an extremely interesting and statistical picture of the challenges and opportunities for children and young people on the Northwest Coast.

The highlights on Saturday were many, not least being an inspiring speech by the Leo of the Year for 2023-24 and 2024-25 Lilly Davis, entitled Battle scars, which really showed growth and maturity from Lilly since last year.

Our fantastic guest speakers continued Saturday and Sunday with IPID Tim Irvine speaking on International President Fabricio Oliveira's message and LCIF, PDG Ann and Acting MD Membership Coordinator Ann Eldridge on declining membership and Sari-Elle Kraemer about her marathon from Mt. Everest Base Camp that raised $126,000 for ALF compassionate grants. We had a choice of break-out sessions run by professional recruiters Kris Cochrane and Sharni Campbell on scripting and the four steps to recruiting members, with Ann and Sari-Elle in the main room addressing increasing membership through PR and social media. Commander Kelly Haywood brought DG Victoria to tears on Sunday morning, before a stirring Remembrance Ceremony which finished with local John Hammond on the bagpipes.

The dinner on Saturday night was fantastic, with many dressing up as superheroes. DG Victoria's brother, David Hackett entertained us with a light-hearted history of the global finance industry and his years working in Japan and Australia as a merchant banker. Other highlights were Annette Dawes singing The Wind Beneath My Wings, the band, The Coachmen, the food and Pezza's fantastic auctioning skills!

Congratulations to the Lions Club of Launceston-Windmill Hill for taking out the Newsletter of the Year award, and to Bicheno Lions Club for winning IPDG Rob Batchelor's Club of the Year. DG Victoria presented Rob with a well-earned Progressive Melvin Jones diamond pin for his work on the King Island Need for Feed disaster, and district LEHP coordinator Stephen Smith presented President Shae Collis and Kings Meadows Lions Club with a Roland McCatty award for their facilities and work with LEHP.

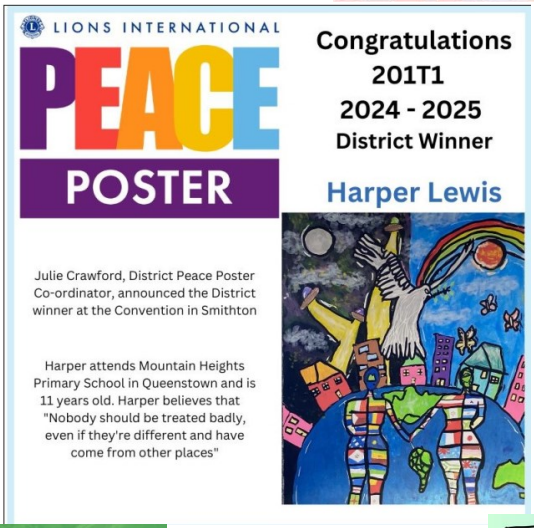
Congratulations to Matthew Tilling-Shakoff who is now District Governor-Elect for 2025-26, James Redgrave who is 1st VDG Elect and GLT Marg Cranney who was elected to 2nd VDG for 2025-26. There were no nominations from clubs to hold the convention in 2026-27.

It was fantastic to see approximately 20 first-time conventioneers at the convention, and the feedback on the venue, food, speakers and dinner has been overwhelmingly positive.

If you missed this year's outstanding convention, Unmasking the Superheroes in Our Communities, make sure you put the 7th, 8th and 9th of November to journey to Port Sorrell to attend the 25-26 convention, Awaken the Lion Within.

DG Victoria and Convention Chairman, Richard Cochrane

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS CONT:

Karen Hughson from Skin Smart Australia conducted free skin checks throughout the 45th District Convention in Smithton. She screened 22 participants, 2 of whom were in the 20-29 age bracket and all the rest were 60 years or older. None of the participants screened were in the low-risk category for melanoma; in fact, only one was in the medium risk bracket, and all the rest were high. 31.8% had had melanoma or a family history of melanoma, and 50% of participants had never been screened before. 11 of the people screened were referred for further assessment - that is 50%!

1 of the18 lesions found had the attributes of melanoma.

These statistics are alarming, and show the importance of getting checked regularly.

The Skin Cancer project, passed as a District project in 2023, became a Foundation with its constitution passed by delegates at this year's convention. With these results, there is no time to waste! We have 2/3rds of a board, but need three members from Region 3, with one year, 2 year and 3 year terms vacant. Please let me know immediately if you would like to jump on board this important District project.

Victoria Cochrane

District Governor 24-25

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKYOU TO

DG VICTORIA, LION RITCHIE AND THEIR COMMITTEE

Good evening Victoria and Richy

Huge congratulations on your Super amazing Convention- you should both be feeling very happy !!

Our delegates were inspired, positive and looking forward to reflecting and planning our future direction !!

Your speakers, program, venue, accommodation, all meals, booths, dinner, entertainment and your incredible team were fantastic !!

Rest up and enjoy a quiet birthday drink !!

Regards Leonie and team from Bridport.

MEMBERSHIP MEGASTARS

Membership Megastars
Lions Club of New Norfolk

During the last 12 months, the Lions Club of New Norfolk Club welcomed 4 new members. President, Kerry Kievit took a strategic approach and when she approached people in the community who are like-minded and who she thought may have been interested in joining.

Kerry is an active volunteer in the community and was part of a community pantry and also a member of the Derwent Valley Players. It was in these groups that others expressed a willingness to increase their service to the community. Kerry was quick to invite them to join the Lions Club and encouraged them to speak with her when they were ready. Two of the new members are David and Jane Griffin who are pictured with Kerry (on the left) in the photo below at their induction. Well done Kerry!

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
RLLI

Leadership training for Lions and Leos (over 18 years of age) who are looking to take on leadership positions at Club or District levels, maybe for the first time.

- Learn how to build teams and manage people effectively.
- Increase your own knowledge of Lions activities outside of club level.
- Discuss strategies for making change to move our organisation forward.
- No pre-qualifications required.

Where: Brisbane
When: March 7-9, 2025.
Applications close: November 30, 2024.
Cost: $250 plus travel.

public speaking
VISION
Goal setting
WORKING IN TEAMS
DIVERSITY
Lions Fundamentals!
TIME MANAGEMENT
PRESENTATIONS

Lions Portal - Learn

Did you know that every member of Lions International has access to free Online Learning Programs through the Lions Portal?

Decision making
Club President Learning
Membership Chairperson learning
Club Officer Training
Nurturing a culture of growth
Action planning
Coaching
Leo to Lions learning
Club Treasurer learning
Conflict resolution
Club Secretary learning

Just go to the portal, select the 'Learn' tab and then 'content library' to check out what courses are available!!

Celebrating our Unsung Club Heroes

Lions Club of Launceston City

Lion Don Binns

A Lion since 1992, Don has been President of the club and is never shy to put up his hand to help in any way. He was instrumental in the design and build of a wishing well at the Cataract Gorge, although it fell victim to vandals too many times to be successful. He involves himself in every project the club is involved in, and has a kind, caring helping underpriviledged families, Youth of the Year and enhancing the environment in the community.

Lions Club of Kentish

Lion Jan Crosswell

Jan has been a Lions member for 20 years. She has made her mark on families and the community through her involvement in the local primary school's breakfast program. The Lions' national office received this letter from another volunteer.

"I am not a Lions Club Member , however in February 2024 my neighbour mentioned to me a program running at Sheffield Primary School called breakfast club . I am now volunteering with that group , who prepare healthy fruit platters ,toast & a warm milo drink for kids who for whatever reason have not been able to have breakfast at home , Eg it may be that they've had a long bus trip to school , or perhaps even financial insecurity at home . The atmosphere for the kids is sociable & just an enjoyable start to their day . The teachers have commented about the improvement this makes in the kids' attentiveness in class . It has been my great pleasure to meet her this year . Her name is Jan Crosswell . She is an exlemplorary Lion with her positive outlook , huge energy & all round thoughtfulness & kindness . She gets things done !! How lucky our Sheffield community is to have someone of this calibre working for them & looking out for them ."

If you have an opportunity to bestow an award on her , please do 😊 .

Yours Sincerely ,

Linda Rowell , Sheffield , Tasmania

Lions Club of City of Burnie

Rod Jordan

A Lions member since 1988, Rod has held leadership positions in three clubs on the North West Coast. He was instrumental in the rebuilding of the City of Burnie club in 2021, holding both positions of Treasurer and Secretary until the club was back up and running. He still holds the position of treasurer.

Rod is an integral member of the leadership team who are all extremely active and work tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of all of the club's projects, which include Bunnings barbeques, City Mission food drive, Youth of the Year and the club's signature service project, the annual Dog Show which began this year and for which Rod organised all of the prizes. He is also the club Mints Chairperson. Rod was the inaugural recipient of the Vale Roger Groom Award for outstanding service in '23-'24.

Cheryl Wells

Cheryl has been a member of the City of Burnie club just after it began rebuilding but has been a Lion for thirteen years. Cheryl has been club secretary for two years and has been instrumental in the club forming partnerships with community groups to serve the community.

In October 2023 Cheryl arranged a community tour of TMEC in Burnie as a community awareness project. In July, Burnie City participated in Share the Warmth by donating neck warmers to Vinnies and City Mission that were made by volunteers led by Cheryl at a workshop at Burnie Community House. She has been actively involved in the club's community Krafternoons, Bunnings barbeques and the club's inaugural dog show in May 2024. Cheryl was the recipient of the Cochrane-Crawford award for outstanding service in '23-'24 and, since joining, has been an invaluable asset to the club and the leadership team.

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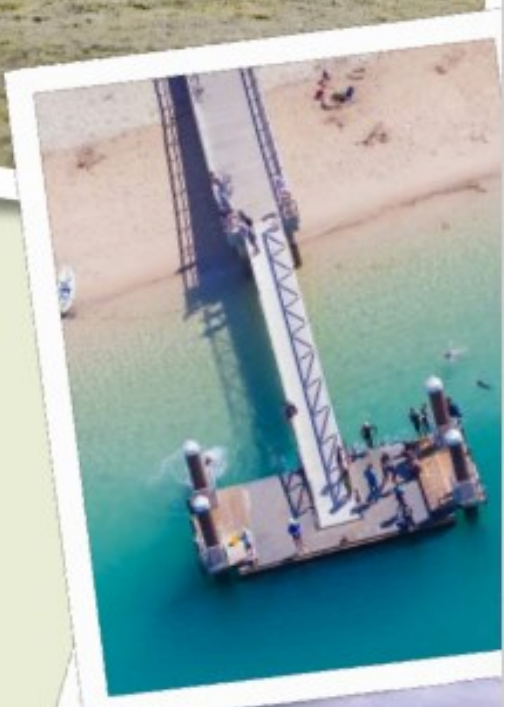
46TH 201T1
Lions Convention



Join us for a weekend of inspiration, engaging speakers, and networking with fellow Lions. Discover how to unleash your inner lion and strengthen our community impact. Don't miss this chance to roar for change!

Join Us

November 7-9 2025 for the 46th Annual 201T1 Lions Convention, hosted by Port Sorell Lions Club

Where

Being held at the Banksia Centre, 1 Anderson Street, Port Sorell

Hello District 201T1 Lions Members,

Tomra/Cleanaway has been awarded the Network operation of the Tasmanian Container Recycling Scheme.

I have been in contact with them extensively over the last few weeks and we will be meeting next week and again at the latter half of November.

There are a few opportunities in some of our communities to be involved with hosting RVM Kiosks pictured above.

There is also the opportunity for cleaning contract of these RVM's if your club might be interested.

We will seek to have all our clubs as a donation partner with Tomra Cleanaway.

Also the sites have been reduced to just 49 by the State for the initial roll out. It is expected that this number will grow over the next few years and so we may find more opportunities in our communities.

A point that was made clear is that these machines must be at a minimum 50 Meters from residential land or 30 Meters with Council approvals.

I think all clubs would know somewhere these could go central in their communities to help keep the dollars in the community.

Every day in Australia we consume 9,600 tons of plastic, and globally we produce 1 million bottles every minute. Now we're getting better at recycling and attitudes are changing, but the question still lingers - are plastic bottles actually being recycled?

I will keep you all updated over the next few months and into the first half of next year.

Kind Regards

Environmental Chair for

Lions District 201T1

James Redgrave

Combined Southern Region
Lions Club's...

FEBRUARY DINNER

Lions Club of Sorell wishes to inform Clubs and Lions that there will be *NO DINNER* in February 2025...

Sorell made this decision as they wish to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their sponsor club, the *Lions Club of Clarence*

John Salmon / Secretary / 0408 321 658

Benefitting Bicheno Beach

In a wonderful collaboration, the Lions Club of Bicheno donated $2,000 towards the Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club's new 'Deck'.
The 'Deck' at the Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club is a focal point for the Bicheno community, where swimmers, families, beach goers, visitors to the town and, of course, the Surf Club, gather regularly to meet, recreate and enjoy the beauty of Waubs Bay.
Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club has 159 members. They are running a Nipper Program (support and mentoring) for 70 young Nippers in the 2024/2025 season. This year Bicheno was honoured with the prestigious "Club of the Year" award at the Surf Life Saving Tasmania Awards of Excellence!

Pictured, Lions Club members who attended the Grand Opening of the 'Deck' on Saturday 26th October. Attending: President Michael Phillips, Annette Hughes, Derek Freeman, Janice Sweeney, Kyle Duffield, Tim Polmear and Karen Phillips.

201T1 LIONS CLUB OF THE YEAR

At the 2024 District Convention in Smithton, Immediate Past District Governor, Rob Batchelor, awarded the 2023-2024 title to

THE LIONS CLUB OF BICHENO

Club Secretary, Karen Phillips ad Club President, Michael Phillips accept the award from Immediate Past District Governor, Rob Batchelor

LAP THE MAP

World Diabetes Day: Join the fight against diabetes and Lap the Map for Diabetic Alert Dogs

Diabetes is a global cause of Lions Clubs International and a global health issue, and with World Diabetes Day coming up on 14th November, what better time than now to come together and take action in the fight against diabetes.

In Australia, over 1.3 million people are living with diabetes, contributing to 11% of all deaths in 2022. For those managing diabetes, daily life can be a challenging journey, requiring resilience and a strong support system.

This November, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs is focusing on wellbeing as a cornerstone of diabetes care, aiming to raise awareness for those living with the condition, and funds for the Lions Diabetic Alert Dog program.

Lap the Map is a signature event initiated by Lions Australia to promote diabetes awareness. This year, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs have taken the lead, encouraging participants to unite and collectively cover the distance equivalent to Australia's circumference—25,760 km. We're aiming for an ambitious goal: to lap Australia TEN times, covering a total of 257,600 km! This monumental effort will help raise essential funds for training Diabetic Alert Dogs, which provide invaluable support to Australians living with type 1 diabetes—at no cost to them.

We invite you to get moving in whatever way suits you best—walking, running, cycling, swimming, or any activity you enjoy. Not only will you improve your health and fitness, but every step you take will bring us closer to our goal of 257,600 km!Ready to make a difference? Register yourself and your Lions Club today. Together, let's be part of pawsitive change! Visit www.lapthemap.com.au to sign up and join us in this important cause.

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73RD MD 201 Convention TRARALGON

High Country

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CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR SOON!!!

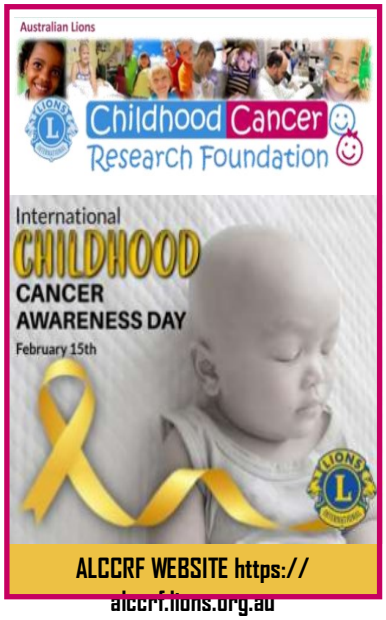
START SELLING THOSE

LOVELY CAKES AND PUDDINGS.

PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

HAVE YOU HAD A RECENT EVENT,
PRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

THE BEST PLACE TO PROMOTE, SHARE AND INFORM



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