

# LIONS TASMANIA

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**“You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else”**

*Melvin Jones*

February started off with the annual Combined Southern Clubs Dinner organised by Lion Geoff Glow and the LC of Sorell.

It is always a very fun night when you can catch up with friends for a good chat, good food and prizes from the chocolate wheel. The money raised goes to Lions Charities. Guest Speaker was *Leo/Lion Jenna Moate* who spoke of her Exchange trip to New Zealand.

My visits took me to the West Coast. *Lion Sue Johns* again travelled with me and did the driving. It was hot dry and smoky, the bushfires in the North West had been burning for forty-six (46) days.

The three (3) Clubs are still working within their communities in difficult economic circumstances. With lots of their members working away. We saw Lake Burbury - it was very low with parts of old buildings visible. For the night we went to Rosebery and due to a truck rollover, had to make a detour, which resulted in seeing some beautiful scenery and Lake Plimsoll, a lovely blue and full of water!

LC of Queenstown are working to complete a garden and Fountain which will be a **Community Legacy Centennial project**.

Over the next few weeks all Clubs should have completed the process of electing their new Boards for 2016-17.

The GMT/GLT team guided by *Lion Anne Fagg*, the GLT co-ordinator, have been very busy producing new up-to

-date **Information Manuals**, to be used by Lions at the District Club Information forums.

*None of us know it all, things change and we need to move with the times, and so it is important for all Lions no matter who, to keep updating our knowledge to improve the strength within our Clubs.*

At the last Cabinet meeting, it was approved to the purchase of a new Printer for the District to facilitate Lion Anne in producing the new Information Manuals was approved. Also approved for purchase, was a new multimedia projector for the North West region.

*At the combined Zone Meeting we had a guest speaker for the Education Department Maria Rushton, a deaf educator, who gave us information on and the importance of the Deaf Camp that they wish to hold in November for all deaf Children in Tassie, to be held at Hagley.*

*They are asking T1 Lions to be sponsors. This is a very worthwhile project for all deaf Children in Tasmania and all Clubs that contribute will be able to add it to the Centennial Challenge. I have asked the LC of Hadspen South Esk to contact all clubs and coordinate the project. I hope to be able to arrange a guest speaker for more Clubs.*

We had a very well attended Cabinet Meeting this month. **It was noted that membership remains down, and it is hoped that March-May membership months will help to gain more members.**

All lions need to be pro-active in 'selling' Lions, at all their activities and projects with signs and giving out new member pamphlets. **I have given these out to all clubs to be used, not left in cupboards!**

The CEO of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) gave me a Certificate to present to Cabinet, thanking T1 Lions for their assistance over twelve (12) years. **I hope Clubs will continue to donate or shake a tin for this worthy cause.**

Until next month...

*In Lionism, DG Annette*



Dear Lion

*We are nearing our 100th anniversary of service because Lions like you have made a commitment to growing your clubs and serving your communities. Over the past year, you have strengthened your club by inviting friends and neighbors to join you in service. But inviting new members is just the beginning.*

*The key to long-term membership growth is keeping your members happy. There's no better way than keeping your members engaged in service—it's the reason we became Lions. To make sure your club experience remains satisfying, give all members opportunities to lead, share their ideas and identify service projects that are important to them.*

*Inviting and retaining new members go hand in hand. That's why the Centennial Membership Awards recognizes clubs for inducting and retaining new members. Encourage your Lions to invite for impact today, then focus on membership satisfaction to keep members coming back year after year!*

Sincerely

**Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada**

Your International President



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## Well...?

A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy," she said, "can we leave now?"

"No," her mother replied.

"Well, I think I have to throw up!"

"Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." After about 60 seconds the little girl returned to her seat.

"Did you throw up?" Mom asked.

"Yes."

"How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?"

"I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the Sick.'"



**As Clubs will be aware an essential criterion for the annual Club Excellence Award is a contribution to LCIF.**

To ensure that your Club contribution reaches LCIF and is recorded in time, your donation should be made to the Cabinet Treasurer well before the end of May.

### LCIF Annual Report 2014-15

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, Lions, their partners and friends generously donated US\$39.8 million to LCIF. The Foundation awarded 530 grants totaling more than US\$43.7 million.

Read the Annual Report (English only) to learn how those grants are improving lives around the world.

**The latest disaster in our area was Cyclone Winston in Fiji. Please consider a donation to the LCIF Disaster Relief Fund.**

Your donation marked as such is eligible to go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

**PDG John Gillham**

LCIF District Chairman, 201T1



ordinary people  
amazing things



From last months newsletter article by **RC John Medwin**, "A Trustees Overview of the TLF", he received a note correcting him on one point and suggesting the deletion of another as irrelevant.

**Firstly**, NOTE : the DG and VDG1 are both full Directors of the TLF: Rule 5 of the Constitution.

**Secondly**, Also the meaning of the statement "The TLF answers to the District Governor....." is confusing and I think erroneous and should be deleted."

I think at the end of the day we are responsible to the District as a whole. Not the Governor of the day.

**RC John concurs, so the OOPS!**

Also in last months newsletter the information on page six (6) regarding **MV Excess Insurance Policy** was quoted out of context.

**The Multiple District has taken a policy to cover only:  
District Governors,  
1st and 2nd Vice Governors  
while carrying out their  
official Lions duties.  
THIS IS NOT A GENERAL  
POLICY COVERING LIONS!  
It is specifically limited to the  
District Governor team.**

If a club wishes to purchase a policy, (and it is very worthwhile), they should contact PDG Bob Korotcoff for details.

**Would you please note this important correction as regards your club as it would be very upsetting to a member if they have an accident, believing they were covered.**

**The Editor thanks our Lions Australia Executive Officer Rob Oerlemans for picking up this mistake!**



## THE CLUB'S PUBLIC OFFICER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All Lions Clubs in District 201T1 (Tasmania) are incorporated under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas). Once a Club is incorporated it becomes "A body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal".

This means the Club becomes a separate legal entity which can own assets, conduct business activities and sue and be sued in its own name. Another benefit of incorporation is that – subject to some exceptions – the members of the Club have limited legal liability.

**Each club must appoint a Public Officer who acts as the Club contact person for all of its legal activities and who should also be the custodian of the Club's seal.**

From a practical point of view the main, and most of the time the only role of the Public Officer is to ensure that the Club's financial affairs are audited "as soon as practical" after the end of the Club's financial year and then liaise with the Club's auditor to facilitate the filing of the Club's annual return. This must be done within six months of the Club's Annual General Meeting.

**The Public Officer must also advise corporate affairs of any changes to the Club's constitution which must be registered with Corporate Affairs within one month to have legal effect.**

Corporate Affairs holds details of the Public Officers annual returns and constitutions all associations incorporated under the act. These details are available from Corporate Affairs on the payment of a small fee.

**The Public Officer can stay in that position indefinitely or be replaced as determined by the Club. A new Public Officer must notify Corporate Affairs of the appointment within 14 days.**

It needs to be noted that there are penalties for breaches of the Act. It follows that the Club's Public Officer would be wise to be familiar with the provisions of the Act which can be easily found on line.

An extended role for the Public Officer could/should be the custodian of the Club's constitution and any Policy minutes or by laws. If the Public Officer is an experienced Lion then he/she could be an advisor to the Club Board on legal and constitutional matters.

Michael Walsh - DGE



# LIONS Centennial INFORMATION



Further Clubs as at 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 have completed Centennial Campaigns – Burnie City, Clarence and Legana District. It is pleasing to report that District 201T1 has already served 24,016 people. Including 4,385 Lions hours. Well done!! Keep up the great work.

There are still some Clubs that have not yet participated so I urge you to participate in an activity including assisting in engaging our Youth, sharing the vision relieving the hunger and protecting our environment. “Build your Lion Legacy” ...

During our Centennial Celebrations in 2017 our District will be hosting one of its biggest conferences in Hobart, when Lions Australia holds its Centenary celebrations at Wrest Point.

**THE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION WILL BRING ABOUT 1600 PEOPLE TO HOBART AND INDUSTRY GROUPS SAY IT WILL BE A MAJOR BOOST FOR TASMANIA'S AND HOSPITALITY SECTORS.**

The Convention will held May 5–9 and most of the delegates care expected to spend between 10 and 14 days in Hobart. Just before we come together for our International Centennial in Chicago USA, Australian Lions will be starting the celebrations at Wrest Point!

*It is hoped to have special speakers from our International Association and report our major, local centennial project: shining the light on the humanitarian work of our special clubs from around Australia.*

Chairman of our Lions National Convention 2017 David Daniels, said “he was thrilled Hobart was selected for this milestone event, which will attract and include interstate and international delegates”.

*Michael MacLaren*

District Centennial Coordinator

## Peace Poster Competition



### Theme for 2016 “ A Celebration of Peace”

Students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15th 2016, are eligible to participate. Through the contest students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest’s theme.

**Peace Poster kits are now available from National Office after a delay in dispatch and can only be ordered online from National Office Club Supplies at [www.lionsclubshop.com.au](http://www.lionsclubshop.com.au) using the same procedure as when their Club orders any materials from Club Supplies.**

**The Clubs also need to be reminded that the Lions Club Member placing the order will need to have their Club banking details they can’t order the Kits without authorizing.**

Each school your sponsors must have their own PP Kit with the original certificates etc. to distribute, .....The Rules state “a Peace Poster Kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored”. (See “Getting Started for Club Use”)

**Therefore, ten (10) PP Kits purchased = 10 winning Posters, one from each Kit sponsored, to be sent to the District Governor for the District Judging...**

“Contest Judging” (PPC-2 EN) “Only one poster can be selected per contest sponsored, (i.e. PP Kit) to advance to the next level of judging” .

#### **Explanation:**

In the Peace Poster Kits, there are two (2) certificates.

**1. Certificate of Appreciation:** is usually given to the school who participated. Cannot be copied.

**2. Achievement Award:** is given to the student from that school who was the winner. Cannot be copied.

**3. Winner Sticker:** The Rules state a “reproduction of the sticker are not permitted” (See “Forward Winning Poster to next level of judging” PPC - 4). This is to be attached on the back lower right-hand corner of the winning poster from that school.

An information sheet (PPC -3) can be

completed by the Lions Club and distributed to the student’s family...

This can be completed then copied for each child participating in that school only.

**Lioness Clubs:** It is great to see the Lioness Clubs are taking an interest in the Peace Poster Contest.

**We are delighted that they are participating, however, unless the sponsoring Lions Club sponsors the contest it cannot be accepted for judging at any level.**

The Contest Rules and Conditions clearly state...”A Lioness Club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions Club”

**Whilst the Lioness Club can seek out the schools/contestants, the “Winner Sticker” would need to show the sponsoring Lions Club details. What they write on the certificates is up to the Clubs concerned...**

In the past two years, a District Governor has chosen a poster from a Lioness Club as the District Winning poster.

**Unfortunately the posters needed to be disqualified from the National Judging.**

However, no Club should put forward a poster to the next level of judging, unless all the areas of the “Winner Sticker” are completed correctly, especially club information.

**We do want your Lioness Clubs them to participate in the Contest, but we must also follow the rules, because it is no use MD paying all the costs involved to send a poster to LCI, we know will be disqualified once it reaches LCI, if all the Contest Conditions are not followed.**

All district posters will be on display at the MD Convention in Echuca, then returned to the student by either the DG, PP District Chair or Club PP Chair. Please arrange for one of these to collect your poster from the Convention Peace Poster Stand.

#### **A Celebration of Peace Essay competition**

This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. In this context visually impaired is more than simply needing glasses though an exact definition is hard to come by, a good guide would be the issue of limited vision being included in special educational needs provision.

**For more information please visit the Lions Peace poster and Lions Peace essay web site.**

DC Kae Campbell

**The mind is like a parachute,  
It doesn't work if it's not open...**

**LIONS TASMANIA**

## Award Tops Off Huge 2015

As part of the Australia Day celebrations, the central Coast Council awarded the Ulverstone Lions Club the Community Event of the Year award for their 50th Anniversary celebrations.

On May 25th 2015, Ulverstone Lions Club celebrated 50 year since charter, the club was formed in 1965, with their Charter dinner being held on the September 25th 1965.

The club still has one active Charter member, Lion Max Johnston.

We also have one member Lion Rex Smith, whilst not recorded as a charter member was inducted into the club in 1965.

To celebrate this milestone the club held a dinner at the Ulverstone Rowing Club and invited all current and past members of the club, as well as dignitaries of the Ulverstone Community and Lions Tasmania. **105 Lions and Guests gathered to celebrate 50 years of service, fellowship and achievement by the club in the Ulverstone Community.** The club has always maintained a strong membership of 40-50 members with diverse projects that enables all members to be involved in something or everything



Devonport Lion George Russell and Charter Lion Max Johnston Cut the Cake

**Lift for Lilly:** This was a community driven project to raise funds to purchase a vehicle with a lift, that would enable a family with a wheelchair confined child (Lilly) and her disabled sister to travel without having to be lifted in and out of vehicles. The club contributed \$8,000 towards the purchase of a second hand vehicle and \$1,200 towards garage modifications.



As a contribution to the community the club also undertook to construct a Memorial Wall which would display the names of all Australia Day Citizens of the Year, Young Citizens of the Year, Community Events of the Year and presiding Mayors of Ulverstone / Central Coast since the awards began in 1981. The Wall was unveiled the day after our celebration dinner and was well attended and received positive affirmation from past award recipients and their families.

**The irony is that the club will have their name placed on the wall, for the project of building it!!**

Central coast Mayor Jan Bonde and charter member Max Johnston unveil the memorial Wall watched on by Project Chairman Brian McKenna

**Whilst these activities dominated the first half of 2015, the club continued on with projects both small and large that epitomized the work that Lions does in the community.**

*Proceeds of our Charity Golf Day, \$3,000, was donated to Motor Neurone Tasmania in memory of Life member Robbie Johnstone who passed away in January from the disease. This organization was also one of PDG George Bugeja's projects during his term as DG.*

We partnered with Port Sorell Lions Club to assist a family with a young boy suffering from Muscular Dystrophy, the club provided \$2,000 towards home modifications and an electric bed which the club had purchased and was no longer required by the original recipient.

We held sausage sizzles to the accompaniment of local Country Music artists to raise \$1,500 for the Flying Doctors.

Andrew Midgley

### City of Burnie Lions Club

seek expressions of interest for the purchase of their Food Van.

The van operates with two large BBQ plates, bench top gas hobs x 2, full size fridge and gas hot water system with double sink.

Enquiries: [burniecity@lionstasmania.org](mailto:burniecity@lionstasmania.org)

### Glaswegian Wedding

Two Glaswegians, Archie and Jimmy, are sitting in the pub discussing Jimmy's forthcoming wedding:

"Och, it's all goin' pure brilliant," says Jimmy. "A've goat everythin' organised awready, the fluers, the church, the caurs, the reception, the rings, the Minister, even ma stag night." Archie nods approvingly.

"A've even boat a kilt to be married in!" continues Jimmy.

"A kilt?" exclaims Archie, "That's magic, you'll look pure smart in tha. Wha's the tartan?"

"Och," says Jimmy, "A'd imagine she'll be in white!"

## Our District Count

**31 January 2016**

Clubs: 50  
Membership: 1239

**29 February 2016**

**Clubs: 50**

**Membership: 1243**

YTD ADD 66

YTD DROP 77

YTD GROWTH % - 0.88

**Status: "Established district"**



## HOLMAN CLINIC FUNDRAISERS PROVIDE VITAL EQUIPMENT

Photo: Lions Club of Perth President, Bruce Woolcock, hosting Patricia Groves from the Holman Clinic and Cancer Ward Auxiliary in Launceston.

Pat provided a presentation to the Perth Lions on the work performed by the Holman Clinic who are a group of dedicated women who raise funds to provide care, comfort and support to cancer patients in Northern Tasmania.

The funds raised purchase much needed equipment to make patients' lives easier while attending the Holman Clinics for treatment or as a patient in Ward 5D at the Launceston General Hospital.

Should you wish to support the Holman Clinic further, please contact:

**Pat Groves**

President of The Holman Clinic and Cancer Ward Auxiliary

Ph: 6340 2638..... or 0408 848 428



**Story:**

**Lion Brian Mathieson**

## FOR YOUR CLUB DIARY

### NOTICE OF CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FORUMS 2016

#### **NORTH**

Launceston 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Brooks High School

**RSVP & Enquiries: GMT Co-ordinator Amanda Olson**  
**Mob: 0419 357 190 Email: amandaolson@bigpond.com**

#### **NORTH WEST**

Wynyard 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at St Brigid's Primary School, Jackson Street

Latrobe 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Latrobe Primary School, Lewis Street

#### **WEST COAST**

Rosebery 10.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m.  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the LC Rosebery premises

**RSVP & Enquiries: GLT Co-ordinator Anne Fagg**  
**Mob: 0439 027 037 Email: amf6388@gmail.com**

#### **SOUTH**

Hobart 9.30 – 1 p.m.  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at the Community Centre, Springfield

**RSVP & Enquiries: IVDG Hester Van Niekerk**  
**Mob: 0428 127 968 Email: hestervan@hotmail.com**

GLT Co-ordinator  
Anne Fagg



## MARCH – May 2016 MEMBERSHIP Campaign

In conjunction with the Lions  
Childhood Cancer Research  
"Biggest BBQ" the  
March – May Membership Campaign  
is being held across Australia.

Clubs are asked when they are having their "Biggest BBQ" to use this as a golden opportunity to promote Lions and membership.

Members of the public, who are already waiting to buy a sausage, and having an interest in the Lions project "Childhood Cancer Research", it is therefore, the perfect opportunity to talk to them about Lions, and encourage them to join our great organization.

**If you require Lions pamphlets or promotion material please don't hesitate to contact me.**

**Amanda Olson**  
Mobile: 0419 357 190  
Email: amandaolson@bigpond.com





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



Greetings fellow Lions

**Been a busy three months hasn't it with the Christmas/New Year festivities out of the road, and time to now devout to projects with in our Lions Clubs.**

The Rocky Cape Lions Club ran a successful Health & Wellbeing Expo last month, but unfortunately the Mawbanna bushfire took centre stage with smoke and ash dropping all around the venue. However, the people from the area are a hardly lot and turned out to support it, and the market day in the grounds of the Rocky Cape Tavern.

**Your "Ambassadors" from our North West set up and were happy to speak to all who got anywhere close to us. Thank you to IPDG Michael MacLaren, Lions Stuart McNeair, Anne Fagg, and that Roving Lion who helps out where ever he is Lion Max Tavasci. Thank you all for helping me.**

The intention was to promote Eye health issues with pre-school children as well as children of primary school age. These young people who may have sight problems accept the fact that what they see, is what the rest of us see. So the message is clear. Have you child's sight checked before starting school.

**The National MD Committee met in Melbourne 25th & 26th of February and the organizational changes to the "N" and "Q" districts now means better representation making to positions of the Co-ordinators much easier to cope with.**

There is a strong emphasis being placed on the Children's program, followed by those that related to adults as in the past. A new Presentation with "Voice over commentary" will be available after the Echuca MD Convention. This allows for all our Ambassadors to pass on the same message Australia wide at speaking engagements. There are other shorter versions in the pipe line.

*Zone Chairpersons, remember we are available for your Zone meetings, group Zone meetings/dinners all any of us needs is the invitation.*

During the past ten years, Lions Recycle for Sight Australia has collected close to 4 million pair of spectacles thanks to an Australia Post Reply Paid Facility, 1,000 Lions/Lioness Clubs in Australia and several hundred clubs in Japan.

**The Centre has shipped close to 3.5 million pair throughout the world, including several countries in Africa, the Middle East, India and Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Kurdystan and Moldova in Europe, most countries in Asia including Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Philippines, China, American Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vietnam, Laos and Afghanistan as well as the smallest islands in the Indonesian Archipelago Pacific.**

The Lions Recycle For Sight Australia programme operates throughout Australia, in Japan and in Malaysia. There are five locations. Two are manned by Lions supervisors and three are self-managed in correctional institutions. Now there is a Special Schools Centre in Maryborough Queensland. At all of these centres, recycling and training are prime functions. Persons who have transgressed the law are trained to process the spectacles, providing them with skills and work ethics to help their rehabilitation back into contemporary society.

*In addition to the process of sorting, grading and packaging boxes of 250 pair of spectacles and sunglasses, the Centre has installed lens making equipment in one, and soon three locations, to augment their capacity to service the needs of the Third World.*

Recently the programme added a sponsorship with an on-line prescription maker to provide one free pair of spectacles for every pair sold on line – estimated at 5,000 pair of new spectacles in a year. Currently the programme receives 500,000 pair annually from Australia and Japan, and it refurbishes and distributes about the same number to groups around the world.

**Lion John C Medwin**  
 District Chairman 201T1  
 Lions Eye Health Program. & Lions Recycle For Sight.



## Lions Touchstone Stories



**Get in touch with Lions Clubs history through Lions Touchstone Stories.** Each story shares a defining moment in Lions history to help you learn about our legacy and impact **throughout 100 years of service.**

Be sure to download the Touchstone Stories and **share them in your Lions newsletter, website and Facebook page** so everyone can experience the history of the largest service club organization in the world.



**Founder Melvin Jones**

Story about about our Founder, the impact of Lions over the years and moving forward in a changing world while maintaining the fun element. **Go to: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/media/touchstone-stories/index.php>**



**KEEP  
 CALM  
 AND  
 JOIN  
 LIONS  
 TASMANIA**

## DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

Firstly, I would like to thank all those Clubs and Lions who handed stamps in at last Cabinet Meeting.

*Your efforts are most appreciated and your continued support remains.*

Where there is a need a Lion is always there, so I am asking all Lions to participate in this simple project.

**If all Lions were to collect five (5) stamps per day each week, some five thousand (5000) stamps would be collected and go a long way to give a child a chance to walk and have a better way of life.**

**STAMPS CAN BE POSTED DIRECT TO ME AT 11 CAMINA COURT, RIVERSIDE TAS 7250.**

Remember, if you have a large parcel of stamps, the cost of postage can be reimbursed through your Activities Account as all funds raised from this project go the Lions Mobility Foundation. Alternately you may give them to a Cabinet Officer who will get them to me.

There are plenty of opportunities in your communities to collect stamps such as schools, business outlets etc. It is simple with little work and get to know your community.

**Looking forward to your support. The project is a good one and gives you the opportunity of helping a child to walk.**

Until next month  
**Peter Burke**  
Co-ordinator  
Riverside Lions Club



## Australian Lionsonoz in Action

While visiting Tamworth Peel Valley Lions club in March, Australian Lionsonoz member PDG Warren White was pleasantly surprised when he was presented with over 5,000 used postage stamps.

They had been previously counted by Lion Amanda Gwalter. The stamps had been collected from the public, Tafe New England and as well as this, many places that have big mail rooms had also been harassed.

As the Club President Lion Anne Sanders was aware that Lion Warren would be visiting South West Rocks in a couple of weeks' time and would be delivering used spectacles and other used postage stamps to the South West Rocks Lions Club it was an ideal opportunity to be able to transport the stamps there safely. South West Rocks Lions Club have been for many years the outlet for these recycled items collected in District 201N1.

**Lion Warren had another reason to be visiting Tamworth Peel Valley Lions Club. He is in the process of introducing a new member to that Club.**

Australian Lionsonoz, while promoting the retention and the building of Lions Clubs, do not accept members into their midst unless they are current or past Lions with Lions experience.

**The reason for this is that Australian Lionsonoz is what is known as an "E Club" and meet on the internet once a month.**

Having members scattered all over Australia and New Zealand who rarely meet each other face to face except when their paths cross in their travels or at Conventions, a new Lion just could not get assimilated properly into Lions ways and so they are either directed to a "main stream" Lions Club or as in this case, able to be introduced and sponsored into a local Lions Club by a member of Australian Lionsonoz.

**The new member will be inducted into Tamworth Peel Valley Lions Club on 21st April 2016 by Region Chairman David Emanuel.**

**Lion Warren White**  
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Web: [www.lionsonoz.nsw.lions.org.au](http://www.lionsonoz.nsw.lions.org.au)



## TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

It is getting around the time when Club Presidents are considering awards for his changeover and in this regard I will be writing to you asking you to give consideration of purchasing a **TLF Fellowship Award.**

If you have no need for this perhaps your Club would like to make a donation to the Foundation so that we can continue to assist clubs.

If you would like to know more about **"Your Foundation"**

Trustees are available to come to your Club as a Guest Speaker and outline its function.

The next meeting of the Foundation is **Sunday**

**24th April 2016**

and Clubs are invited to submit any grant application for consideration, remembering that *Grant applications need to be with the Secretary by:*

**10th April 2016**

*Looking forward to your continued support ...*

Until next month,  
Regards to you all.  
**Peter Burke** Secretary



### Pictured below:

*Australian Lionsonoz member PDG Warren White accepting over 1.5kg of used postage stamps from Tamworth Peel Valley Lions President Anne Sanders and TPVLC member Amanda Gwalter. These stamps will be sold and the proceeds used to help the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.*



**LIONS TASMANIA**

# WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY

**FEBRUARY 2016**

## Bothwell & Districts

David Dyson

Sponsor: Keith Allcock

## Devonport Mersey

Craig Lister

Sponsor: Noel Bilson

## Penguin

Jillian Morgan

Sponsor: Maureen Jones

## Port Sorell

Lael Killworth

Sponsor: Larry Nichols

## Queenstown

Anthony Schulze

Sponsor: Greg Whittington

## Smithton- Circular Head

Amanda Milner

Sponsor: Sheryl Robson

## Wynard

Ann Moore

Sponsor: Christine Cochrane

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Are you looking for a guest speaker  
for your meeting?

Do you enjoy seeing a child smile?

Do you want to make a difference  
to a child's life?

Does your Club need a good cause  
to donate to?

*If you can say yes to any of these  
questions I am ready to make your  
wishes come true....*

*I have the latest DVD promoting our Lion's  
Australia Children's Mobility Foundation to  
give away FREE to any Club who wants to  
feel good about helping a child with the gift  
of a better life.*

Please contact me on 0407 877 460 or  
Email [george.bugeja@bigpond.com](mailto:george.bugeja@bigpond.com) and  
I will put a smile on YOUR face.

PDG George Bugeja  
Tasmanian Trustee

Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation

## LONG WALK FOR LEUKODYSTROPHY

### *The Walker - John Olsen*

John Olsen, a 30+ year member of Lions and a member for the past 5 years of the Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay, is about to embark on a monumental Trans-Australian walk.

John is planning to walk diagonally across Australia from Cape York to Cape Leeuwin. He anticipates that it will take him a little over five months

John's self-motivated task is certainly a huge one but it should be noted that he has already done two transcontinental walks; the first, in 2004, north to south from Cape York, Queensland to South West Cape, Tasmania and the second, in 2008, west to east from Steep Point, Western Australia, to Byron Bay, New South Wales, (and then home the 1,800 km. to Geelong on foot).

**We believe that there is a fair chance that John will be the first to complete the diagonal crossing of Australia on foot.**

### *John's Motivation*

John's first walk was simply about John setting a task for himself and then putting himself to the test. It became a fundraiser as he progressed when people he met along the way insisted on giving him charitable donations. **In the end it became a substantial fundraiser for the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.**

His second walk was also about setting a task for himself but on this occasion he focused on two specific charities, namely, the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation and Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group.

This third walk is also about John setting personal goals but the primary purpose of this walk is to raise funds for Leukodystrophy Australia (previously the Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group). John's partner, Vida, died of the condition early in 2014. **As the condition largely affects the mobility of children, there are some common goals with our own ALCMF.**

There are a range of leukodystrophies and more detailed information on the condition can be found via any internet search engine. **However, a brief, layman's description of the condition follows**

### *Leukodystrophies*

*Leukodystrophies are a group of degenerative genetic diseases that affect the nervous system. They most often take hold during childhood with many losing the ability to see, hear, walk, sit up or even swallow. There is no cure for leukodystrophy and the impact on families is devastating.*

*In general, in new born babies the myelin sheaf, which protects the nerves, is not fully developed but normally development is complete within a few years. Sometimes the development is delayed, but without, necessarily, any further disruption to the child's development.*

*However, for some children, the sheaf never completes development and this leads to a range of disorders caused by degeneration of the white matter in the brain. Leukodystrophies are characterized by specific symptoms including decreased motor function, muscle rigidity, and eventually degeneration of sight and hearing.*

*The onset of the disease in adults leads to similar symptoms. There is no cure for the disease and it is a fatal condition. However, there are treatments which slow down the progress of the disease and the results of recent research provides some hope for a cure in the long term. For instance, recent limited success in repairing spinal cord injuries provides some hope.*



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For members information to prove we are all getting old!! If you didn't know it already!!

MD 201 Age Demographic by District 2/29/2016				
District Name	Age Group	Male	Female	Total
District 201C1	Age18to25	6	1	7
District 201C1	Age26to35	12	15	27
District 201C1	Age36to45	34	17	51
District 201C1	Age46to55	79	39	118
District 201C1	Age56to65	196	75	271
District 201C1	Age66to75	366	92	458
District 201C1	Age76andAbove	287	48	335
District 201C2	Age18to25	24	19	43
District 201C2	Age26to35	19	19	38
District 201C2	Age36to45	22	15	37
District 201C2	Age46to55	86	37	123
District 201C2	Age56to65	259	113	372
District 201C2	Age66to75	446	130	576
District 201C2	Age76andAbove	316	51	367
District 201N1	Age18to25	6	5	11
District 201N1	Age26to35	23	7	30
District 201N1	Age36to45	54	18	72
District 201N1	Age46to55	83	38	121
District 201N1	Age56to65	251	96	347
District 201N1	Age66to75	515	139	654
District 201N1	Age76andAbove	236	46	282
District 201N2	Age18to25	24	59	83
District 201N2	Age26to35	20	23	43
District 201N2	Age36to45	42	25	67
District 201N2	Age46to55	90	70	160
District 201N2	Age56to65	255	132	387
District 201N2	Age66to75	458	153	611
District 201N2	Age76andAbove	291	64	355
District 201N3	Age18to25	25	40	65
District 201N3	Age26to35	17	14	31
District 201N3	Age36to45	28	21	49
District 201N3	Age46to55	66	56	122
District 201N3	Age56to65	156	135	291
District 201N3	Age66to75	338	168	506
District 201N3	Age76andAbove	252	77	329
District 201N4	Age18to25	7	6	13
District 201N4	Age26to35	8	11	19
District 201N4	Age36to45	37	19	56
District 201N3	Age46to55	66	56	122
District 201N3	Age56to65	156	135	291
District 201N3	Age66to75	338	168	506
District 201N3	Age76andAbove	252	77	329
District 201N4	Age18to25	7	6	13
District 201N4	Age26to35	8	11	19
District 201N4	Age36to45	37	19	56
District 201N4	Age46to55	82	38	120
District 201N4	Age56to65	165	88	253
District 201N4	Age66to75	291	93	384
District 201N4	Age76andAbove	218	26	244
District 201N5	Age18to25	23	10	33
District 201N5	Age26to35	81	60	141
District 201N5	Age36to45	118	61	179
District 201N5	Age46to55	133	80	213
District 201N5	Age56to65	225	134	359
District 201N5	Age66to75	341	143	484
District 201N5	Age76andAbove	216	42	258
District 201Q1	Age18to25	29	64	93
District 201Q1	Age26to35	20	19	39
District 201Q1	Age36to45	47	40	87
District 201Q1	Age46to55	109	95	204
District 201Q1	Age56to65	265	207	472
District 201Q1	Age66to75	452	233	685
District 201Q1	Age76andAbove	280	109	389
District 201Q2	Age18to25	15	44	59
District 201Q2	Age26to35	49	42	91
District 201Q2	Age36to45	87	66	153
District 201Q2	Age46to55	129	88	217
District 201Q2	Age56to65	224	134	358
District 201Q2	Age66to75	269	125	394
District 201Q2	Age76andAbove	166	48	214
District 201Q3	Age18to25	73	27	100
District 201Q3	Age26to35	16	21	37
District 201Q3	Age36to45	45	23	68
District 201Q3	Age46to55	114	93	207
District 201Q3	Age56to65	237	155	392
District 201Q3	Age66to75	371	178	549
District 201Q3	Age76andAbove	217	80	297
District 201Q4	Age18to25	11	20	31

District 201Q4	Age26to35	26	23	49
District 201Q4	Age36to45	27	24	51
District 201Q4	Age46to55	80	56	136
District 201Q4	Age56to65	211	147	358
District 201Q4	Age66to75	284	140	424
District 201Q4	Age76andAbove	201	57	258
District 201T1	Age18to25	20	28	48
District 201T1	Age26to35	13	17	30
District 201T1	Age36to45	32	28	60
District 201T1	Age46to55	74	54	128
District 201T1	Age56to65	190	122	312
District 201T1	Age66to75	347	115	462
District 201T1	Age76andAbove	179	34	213
District 201V4	Age18to25	10	2	12
District 201V4	Age26to35	22	16	38
District 201V4	Age36to45	51	25	76
District 201V4	Age46to55	127	60	187
District 201V4	Age56to65	263	103	366
District 201V4	Age66to75	332	102	434
District 201V4	Age76andAbove	192	41	233
District 201V2	Age18to25	2	4	6
District 201V2	Age26to35	11	10	21
District 201V2	Age36to45	33	20	53
District 201V2	Age46to55	90	76	166
District 201V2	Age56to65	262	156	418
District 201V2	Age66to75	462	154	616
District 201V2	Age76andAbove	266	56	322
District 201V3	Age18to25	8	4	12
District 201V3	Age26to35	6	11	17
District 201V3	Age36to45	24	17	41
District 201V3	Age46to55	71	33	104
District 201V3	Age56to65	210	98	308
District 201V3	Age66to75	423	132	555
District 201V3	Age76andAbove	241	52	293
District 201V5	Age18to25	11	17	28
District 201V5	Age26to35	20	18	38
District 201V5	Age36to45	48	22	70
District 201V5	Age46to55	97	54	151
District 201V5	Age56to65	213	111	324
District 201V5	Age66to75	363	144	507
District 201V5	Age76andAbove	209	59	268
District 201V6	Age18to25	15	26	41
District 201V6	Age26to35	6	9	15
District 201V6	Age36to45	32	17	49
District 201V6	Age46to55	92	41	133
District 201V6	Age56to65	215	81	296
District 201V6	Age66to75	385	108	493
District 201V6	Age76andAbove	223	54	277
District 201W1	Age18to25	3	1	4
District 201W1	Age26to35	17	15	32
District 201W1	Age36to45	29	18	47
District 201W1	Age46to55	47	64	111
District 201W1	Age56to65	115	115	230
District 201W1	Age66to75	168	115	283
District 201W1	Age76andAbove	140	61	201
District 201W2	Age18to25	11	9	20
District 201W2	Age26to35	14	12	26
District 201W2	Age36to45	39	20	59
District 201W2	Age46to55	94	46	140
District 201W2	Age56to65	262	143	405
District 201W2	Age66to75	395	154	549
District 201W2	Age76andAbove	241	69	310

SUMMARY

MD 201 Age Demographic 2/29/2016				
Age	Male	Female	Total	
Age18to25		323	386	709
Age26to35		400	362	762
Age36to45		829	496	1325
Age46to55		1743	1118	2861
Age56to65		4174	2345	6519
Age66to75		7006	2618	9624
Age76andAbove		4371	1074	5445



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*The Walk*

John plans to set out in late March or early April. Based on his past walks, he estimates that he will cover about 1000 km. each month, taking just over 6 months to complete the 5,500 km. walk. John refuses to use a support vehicle and relies on picking up food, water and other essentials along the way.

**He pulls a purpose built, two wheel cart, which he fondly refers to as 'Wilson', and makes camp along the way as he sees fit.**

John's planned route takes him south from Cape York, cutting across to Normanton, and then in a relatively straight line through to Camooweal. From there he will head south west to Alice Springs, and then make his way to Uluru before heading off along the Great Central Road to Laverton. The next stage will take him to Kalgoorlie, westward towards Perth before turning south west again through Wave Rock and finally onto Cape Leeuwin. He then plans to complete his walk by walking north to Perth.

**Involvement of Lions Clubs**

**This is an official project of the Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay but not an official Lions Australia project but it should be noted that it has the capacity to generate considerable positive publicity for Lions in general.**

The majority of Lions Clubs do not, of course, lie along John's route. We are not asking clubs to necessarily donate to the cause but we would, on behalf of Leukodystrophy Australia, gladly accept any donation that clubs might wish to provide. A future Information Sheet will provide the necessary details.

**It should be noted that John is adamant that 100% of all donations will go to the charity and you can rest assured that that is exactly what will happen. He will fund the expenses of his walk from sponsorships and personal savings.**

For the limited number of Lions Clubs along John's route we will, in a future Information Sheet, ask them to consider providing John with any appropriate support and publicity. John would also make himself available

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# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 201T1

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: APRIL 10th**

## Konnichiwa!

The 99th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the charming City of Fukuoka, Japan, June 24th – June 28th, 2016.



Fukuoka is a well-balanced harmony between the old and new. Historically, it is the merging of two cities; the port city of Hakata and the former castle town of Fukuoka were unified.

Fukuoka is the home of the oldest Zen temple in Japan and is well known for its gourmet food. **This city has an abundance of fresh seafood, traditional festivals, and the most yatai (street food stalls) in all of Japan.**

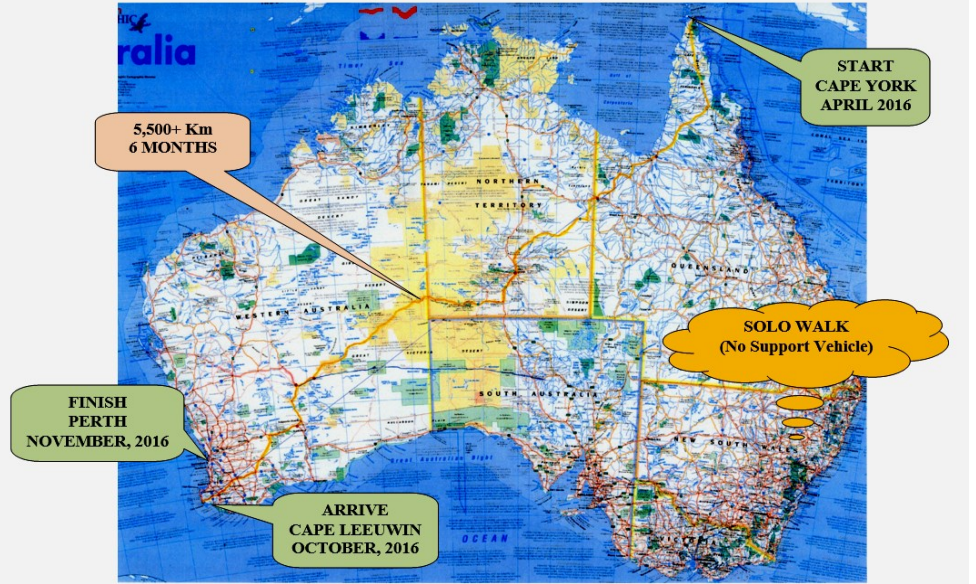
Fukuoka City is also the pioneer in using reclaimed water; its urban vitality and heartfelt hospitality are just some of the reasons that make Fukuoka City a wonderful place to visit.

In today's fast paced routines and schedules, Lions from across the globe represent a 'guiding light' in their promise to simply serve 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!**

## JOHN OLSEN - LONG WALK FOR LUEKODYSTROPY FUND RAISER FOR LUECKODYSTROPHY AUSTRALIA



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to attend Dinner Meetings, where possible.

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**The Last Word...**

**"One nice thing about going the extra mile: It's never crowded!"**