

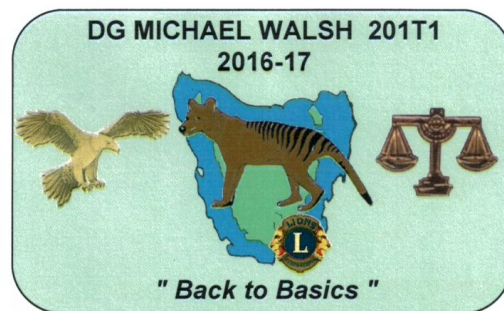
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DISTRICT 201T1

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Greetings to all club Presidents, Secretaries, and Membership Chair Persons

This message includes a challenge for all clubs and comes about as a result of a change in our District's status. **We are a District in trouble** because we have fallen below the deemed district membership number of 1250 members. This means that **we have been placed in "transition" with LCI**. The time for talking and putting our heads in the sand is over. It is now time for urgent action not excuses.

Please read the information below not as a negative but a challenge that could lead to a new reinvigorated District and a new vibrancy in our clubs. We can turn a threat into an opportunity with desire, determination and commitment.

While many wonderful things occur in our District and we make a huge difference in many people's lives, the fact of the matter is that our District is in trouble. It has financial implications and will ultimately limit our ability to serve. Less members = less funds = less service.

At the MD Lions Council of Governors meeting in Sydney, Council determined that the 6 districts (including our District T1) in Australia are in transition status and are to **begin a rebuilding program as a high priority**.

DG Michael's Musings....

The message below has been sent to all Clubs and all members of Cabinet.

I urge all Clubs and interested members to take part in the Workshop which will be held at Newstead College, Launceston on Saturday 15th October next.

Michael Walsh District Governor

This is the first step in a process that could see the districts re-aligned and reorganised. Support and help will be given by the Multiple District but we need to have a firm plan in place.

Those Lions who remember the bad experience in the past when Tasmania was forced to be part of a Victorian district would be very quick to urge us all to make sure that this does not ever happen again.

Now, we can beat ourselves up, debate what are the factors that have caused this or we can get on, "bite the bullet" so to speak and change our situation.



If each club was to have a net growth of one member we would no longer be in transition but I do not believe that this will save us in the long run. A rebuilding program will need to be done throughout the district and ultimately with all clubs.

We need to take a long hard look at our clubs and make positive changes to attract new members who will take this organisation forward. We need to move out of our comfort zone and take up the challenge, take some risks and grow.



To this end the District has invited **Lou Onley from the Multiple District Membership Team** to a rebuilding workshop in Launceston, the date is **Saturday 15 October**. Other details will be confirmed shortly. (see page 2. Ed.)

All clubs are invited to send representatives to provide input to the workshop with a view to providing an insight to how to go about this rebuilding process.

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We must have a clear plan of attack that the clubs will support. Remember members are members of a club and clubs are members of district. We cannot force clubs to be a part of this rebuilding program and therefore our energies and very limited resources will go where the chance of success is the most likely. New clubs and new members are important but so too is retention of members. This process of rebuilding will not be easy and may in fact be a painful exercise as some clubs may need to look honestly at their attitudes, processes and procedures and changes will need to be made if we are to be successful.

While this situation is concerning, considering the huge amount of work ahead of us, **I believe that what looks to be a negative can be turned around into potentially the best positive action for growth** and therefore service to our community that this District will have taken in years.

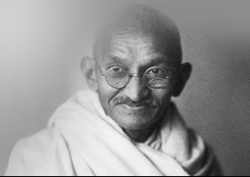
Please make sure your club is represented on October 15.

In Lionism,
DG Michael 

The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others.

-Mahatma Gandhi

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Club Re-building Workshop

Membership in our District is very low, currently 1202 numbers, and we need to re- build and grow our clubs, and our District.

There is a club re-building workshop in Launceston to help clubs with re- recruiting, and retention of current members.

Lou Onley from Multiple District will facilitate this workshop. Lou is one of Australia's most knowledgeable and experienced Lions Membership Consultants.

Members will be given the skills, and resources to help recruit new members, retain current members, and enhance and grow their clubs.

This is a golden opportunity to have the assistance of an expert in membership to help our clubs, and I encourage as many members as possible to attend the workshop and re-build their clubs. **10.00 to 3.00 Lunch will be provided**

Club Re- building workshop **RSVP: 8 October 2016**

Newstead College **Amanda Olson**

30 Cypress Street **Mobile 0419357190**

Email: amandaolson@bigpond.com

Our District Count

31 July 2016

Clubs: 50

Membership:1209

31 August 2016

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1202

YTD ADD 13

YTD DROP 22

YTD GROWTH % -0.74%

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**



Welcome to the Lions Family

August 2016

Devonport Mersey: Marie Bellchambers, Sponsor: Donald Clark

Latrobe: Samantha Lowe, Sponsor: Kevin Moulden

Spring Bay: Jillian Dabrowski, Sponsor: Winny Enniss



**MEDIA RELEASE FROM TAMWORTH PEEL VALLEY
LIONS CLUB INC.**

**LIONS LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE WHO
LEND A HELPING HAND TO OTHERS THROUGH
COUNTRY MUSIC**

Since 1994, the Peel Valley Lions Club of Tamworth has recognised a member of the Australian country music industry for voluntary service given to the community through his or her connection to the genre.

Awardees range from well-known stars, songwriters, musicians, media personalities through to couples and the tireless workers behind the scenes from country music clubs throughout the country.

Over the 23 years the award has honoured the quiet achievers who have seldom, if ever, sought recognition or superlatives for their charity and community efforts.

President Anne Sanders announced that nominations for the 2017 award are now being accepted and anybody may nominate someone (via your local Lions Club) who they think are deserving of the recognition.

“Anyone with a country music connection who has given of their time and talent to assist charity through their music is eligible,” Anne said.

“It may be someone who entertains members of their community, works on major country music fundraising events, and something as simple as giving their time for free to help out in caring and support programs.”

Nominees don't have to be Lions Club members but nominations need to be made through your local Lions Club and must be made in writing to:

The Secretary, Peel Valley Lions Club,
PO Box 957, Tamworth, NSW, 2340

or via email to
secretarypeelvalleylions@gmail.com

and need to be in by December 18, 2016.



Lion Terry Hill and Becc Holdorf - granddaughter of
2016 winners Daryl and Robyn Freiberg



To all Past District Governors.

If you have not booked your week-end accommodation for the annual social week-end on 14th and 15th October at Grindelwald please do please A.S.A.P to

P.D.G. Jack Allen

[Email..kintishman41@southernphone.com.au](mailto:kintishman41@southernphone.com.au)

(apologies to Jack and all Past DGs for omitting this message last month. Ed.)

A panel will sift through the nominations and the 24th Peel Valley Lions Club Australian Country Music Service Award will be presented during the **45th Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2017**. The recipient will receive a one-off trophy crafted by respected artist Fred Hillier and will also be given the opportunity to nominate a charity to receive a \$500 donation on his/her behalf from Peel Valley Lions Club.

Enquiries should be directed to Terry Hill on (02) 6765 6042, Jon Wolfe on 0478 040 167

or email terryanddihill@bigpond.com

Previous recipients include:

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| 1994 - Bruce Moser, Vic. | 2005 – Johnny Doyle, Vic. |
| 1995 - Rocky Page, SA. | 2006 – Noel Smith, SA. |
| 1996 - Olive Bice, Vic. | 2007 – Frank Turton, SA. |
| 1997 – Lorraine Pfitzner, NSW. | 2008 – Brian Letton, NSW. |
| 1998 – Carol Lockhart, NSW. | 2009 – Kay Willis/ Barry Johnston, NSW. |
| 1999 – Desree-Ilona Crawford, Qld. | 2010 – Chris Doyle, Qld. |
| 2000 - Merle & Graeme Gillis, Vic. | 2011 – ‘Bidge’ Boyd ,Vic |
| 2001 – Shirley Llewellyn, NSW. | 2012 – ‘Cactus’ Martens, S.A. |
| 2002 – Bob Gray, NSW. | 2013—Murray Mac, S.A |
| 2003 – Peter Sheahan, Vic. | 2014 – Alison Ham/ Mark Tempany S.A. |
| 2004 – Peg & Ivan Spann, Qld. | 2015---Paul Ensbey. NSW |
| | 2016--- Daryl & Robyn Freiberg. Qld |

Article from Terry Hill

Project Chairman



2016 201 T1 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Work is still going on preparing the Program.

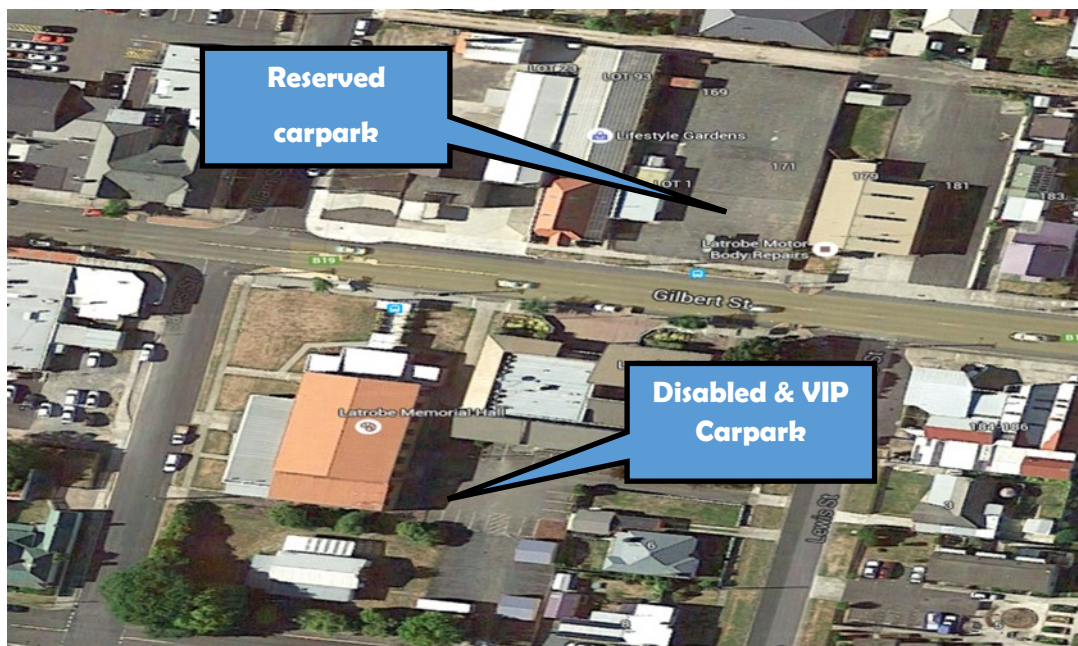
Of course this cannot be completed until all the proposed business items have been received so they can be entered into it.

Just a reminder that the Registration form is available for downloading on the Convention website which is <http://201t1.lions.org.au/latrobe2016>

Just go to this site and click on the PDF or Word document, whichever one you prefer. More useful information is there as well.

Car parking

As advised in previous letters, car parking is available directly opposite the Memorial Hall. This will be exclusive for Lions attending the Convention and will be manned until the Convention commences. Disabled parking is available alongside the hall as well.



Don't forget - On the Registration form, there is provision to tick a box if you are interested in the partners tour. We have some ticked already so it would seem the Partners Tour will be going ahead, so it's just a matter of how many at the moment.

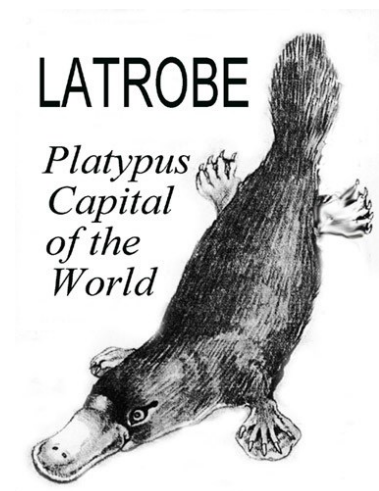
It's also time to decide on your Delegates. Have you elected yours?



Don't forget - The Convention dates are 11th – 13th November, so set those days aside in your calendar and come and join us for what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable weekend.


Until then,

Kevin Moulden

Convention Committee Chairman




Emu Bay Lions




Tasmania's Biggest Book Fair !
Saturday October 15 and
Saturday October 22
Venue : Old Catholic School
Fleming Court, Burnie
8.30am to 4pm

Donations of books welcome!
 Books can be left at Wyllie Tiles, Cooe, Burnie Newsagency
 or Hellyer's Road Distillery
 Fantastic books at bargain prices!

This book fair is Burnie Emu Bay Lions Club major fundraiser each year and we claim it is Tasmania's Biggest Book Fair. It is held over two Saturdays in October and books are sold by measure at bargain prices. We have thousands of items for sale including books, magazines, games and jigsaw puzzles, CD's & DVD's, vinyl and sheet music and much more.....

All items are sorted in categories so things are easy to find and customers can head straight for their area of interest. We are still collecting books etc. so if anyone has items they would like to donate please contact the club -

burnieemubay@lionstasmania.org or they can phone Carmel on 0437 731618.

The Lions Trailer is available to borrow to help promote Lions and your club. It has current Lions related activity pamphlets, and videos along with DVD player.

This is a good time to use it if clubs are thinking of having stands at the local country shows or markets.

To arrange to borrow please contact
 Amanda Olson
 Mobile: 0419357190



Hopefully your Club has ordered its supply of Cakes and Puddings for the rapidly approaching Christmas Season. Do you know the history of our Cake Program?

1965 Canada begins a Christmas Cake program.

1966 NSW Australia seeks a National fund raising program to support **"Save Sight"**. The NSW Governor thinks the idea of selling cakes is crazy. The first **LIONS SAVE SIGHT CHRISTMAS CAKES** are baked by Big Sister and weigh 3 pounds.

1975 the cake becomes metric and converts to 1.5kg. It reduces in packaging from 12 to 10 per carton. This resolved many headaches with stock control records and book keeping became easier.

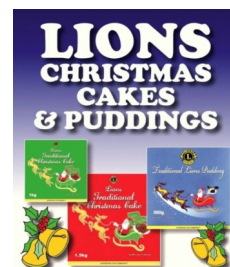
1983 Top Taste (division of George Weston Foods Ltd) takes over baking from companies including Arnotts, Sara Lee and Gartell White.

1988 1 kg cakes are introduced

2010 Formal introduction of Christmas Puddings

2012 80 gram Mini Cakes become available

It is estimated that since the inception of sales **\$52,000,000 profit** has made its way into Australian Lions Clubs and **SAVE SIGHT** programs.





LEHP-Australia Lions Eye Health Program



Greetings fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leo's.

Just an update on my portfolio as your District representative on the National Committee of Lions Eye Health Program or LEHP for short. This meeting was held at Ciloms Airport Lodge, Melbourne. 25th and 26th of August just past and I have to say as usual was a full on event as we meet semi-annually.

The usual reports from all Districts were tabled, and item contained in them explained in detail as required. All coordinators or District Chairmen had been busy pushing for greater recognition by clubs for the role of LEHP across Australia. **The fact that the message that does not seem to be getting through is that it is your program funded by your voluntary donations or levy per member that makes us able to function so that this important Save Sight project can be at the fore-front of the general public.**



Sadly at the moment 201T1 is not supporting the project as well as it should. But it is my hope that Club boards take a closer look at the distribution of their Activities funds and allocate funding support to LEHP.



On a far brighter note, we were treated to an un-expected guest speaker from the Medical Supply Company Welch-Allyn who brought along a hand held electronic device known as a "Spot Vision Screener."™ It is a hand held, portable device designed to help you quickly and accurately detect vision issues on patients from 6 months of age through to adults.

Fast binocular screening with a one-second capture time, from non-invasive one metre working distance.

Support AAP screening guidelines for early detection of amblyopic* risk factors

Automated screening provides thorough, objective, easy to understand "pass/refer" results.

Successful capture readings 97% of the time

Easy to use with minimal user training required

* Commonly known as "lazy eye" which if caught early enough can be remedied.

Your MD Committee is now setting up a work group to negotiate reduced cost for the supply to any or all districts who would **give consideration to purchasing one for the screening of children** in schools, and for the general community, as a part of the promotion of World Sight day and subsequent similar events.

Currently, with assistance your team of "Ambassadors" and other interested Lions will sound out relevant authorities to determine their support for such a scheme to be adopted. Not only in public schools, but private as well.

Now this is the dreaded cost of the device \$8600.00. Now I have to be honest, I received from somewhere some information about this Screener prior to the final cabinet meeting for 2015-2016 year and we decided then that we would not proceed with it. Then along comes Mt Tom Mitchell with a unit, demonstrated its use, taught one of our committee members in five minutes and away we went.

On a humorous note, Mr Mitchell produced a result sheet for his family's cat and it was a perfect score.



The question is now would your Lions club support the purchase of, and the testing of your children and relatives to ascertain their possible eye health needs? Just \$150.00 per club would all but purchase one for use in the district. Think about it please.

John C Medwin

District Chairman

Lions Eye Health Programs &

Lions Recycle For Sight



A report on District Activity in 2015-16.

A total of US\$17,900 was donated to LCIF in the year by 22 of our 50 Clubs, whereas in the previous year US\$44,400 was donated by 29 Clubs. Donations ranged from \$70 - \$2,867. While it is disappointing that 28 Clubs did not donate last year, it is even more disappointing that 6 Clubs have not donated for the last 5 years.

While the Tasmanian donations were down last year, so was the total for MD201. US\$571,469 down from \$839,172 in 2014-15. Only 2 Districts managed to increase their donation from the previous year. Much of the down turn in donations must be attributed to demand from local and national appeals as a consequence of the ever increasing need in Australia - floods, fires and droughts.

The recognition of Lions members by their Club was again very pleasing. As previously 17 Lions were recognised with either Melvin Jones Fellowships [14] or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships [3].

In total MJF credits for Clubs exceeds US\$100,000, representing 85 full MJFs in credit by 29 Clubs.

To the future 2016-17

In this new year, the Centenary of Lions Clubs International, it would be great to have every Club in the District make a contribution, however small, to LCIF. It should be noted that as a bonus all Clubs would then have achieved one of the mandatory requirements for the Club Excellence Award, and at the same time make a worthwhile contribution to our international efforts as Lions.

Contributions by individual Lions result in recognition for the member's Club. Such contribution can be made as direct donations for one of the recognised purposes such as 'Disaster', 'Measles' etc. or as a non-specific donation as a Contributing Member at various levels - bronze A\$35, silver A\$70 and gold A\$135. For each level a special Centenary pin has been produced for contributors. Contributing Member's donations do not qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

PDG John GILLHAM
LCIF District Coordinator/Chairman

EARTHQUAKE HITS ITALY

Dear Lions and Leos,



When I heard about the 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit Italy earlier on August the 24 and upon writing this article I have heard that the death toll has risen to over 250. I cannot imagine what it would be like to be effected by such a disaster.

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) has responded by awarding major catastrophe grant to Italy, but the people impacted by these terrible disasters will need your help to recover. That's why we're asking for **your support**.

A Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$100,000 has already been approved to help fund relief efforts in Italy.

Your donations will help provide immediate relief – food, water, clothing, supplies, and temporary shelter – and ongoing assistance. Lions will be there to help those communities rebuild and regain hope following these disasters.

Lions your generosity enables us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. We hope that you will keep the victims in your thoughts and prayers, and we ask you to join us in giving as only **LIONS** do.

Your donation to the **LCIF Disaster Relief Fund** will enable much needed assistance to be given to Disaster related projects throughout the world including Japan the victims in Italy. **Send your cheque in Australian Dollars to the District Cabinet Treasurer** and marked **LCIF Disaster Relief Fund**

Your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund will be eligible to go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

100% of every dollar donated to LCIF goes to the people in need.

Yours in Lionism,

Tom Becker

LCIF MD201
Co-ordinator

John Gillham

LCIF 201T1
Co-ordinator



"I'VE BEEN FOUND"

The Memorial Ceremony Map has been found and returned to Forth Valley Lions.

It is available for any club to use at their Convention.

Contact the Club if required.

Lion Pete Thompson

Tasmanian Lions Foundation



Following our meeting yesterday(11th September) the following grants were approved:

Legana \$1500 to assist with purchase of a trailer.

South Esk \$1000 to assist with the purchase of a defibulator for community needs.

Scottsdale \$400 Emergency grant to assist an elderly couple following vehicle accident.

We are pleased to have been able to assist these Clubs.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Foundation is set down to be held during the lunch break **at the District Convention** to be held in Latrobe in November. When full details are confirmed by the Convention committee relevant information will be advised next issue.

We invite all Clubs to utilise your Foundation - we are always ready to assist. We also ask you to consider us if at times you have funds surplus to your needs. As previously advised should you wish to know more about the Foundation we have Trustees [Available to visit as a guest speaker at a dinner meeting outlining our functions.](#)

Until next month .



Regards

Peter Burke

Secretary.

STAMPS

Many thanks to all Lions who have sent stamps since my last report. Your efforts and continued support are most appreciated. Keep up the good work. Your efforts help to give a child a better way of life. Well done. ***As you are aware stamps are not so easily to come by following recent increases in postage, so I am appealing to all Lions to try and find new outlets and help cover the shortfall.*** I know you will give me your full support in this matter. All funds raised go to the Lions Mobility Foundation. I know you will try to set my request.



All stamps can be posted direct to me at

11 Camina Court,

Riverside 7250

or handed to a Cabinet Officer who will get them to me.

Until next month,

Regards Peter Burke

District Newsletter 2011

Copy for the newsletter is required on or before the tenth (10th) of the month of publication.

It is preferred that articles be typed and submitted for publication by email.

(Snail mail can take 4-5 days to reach King Island.)

Where possible please forward photos or scanned images of high quality (300dpi)

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