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FROM THE DESK OF DG MICHAEL

Congratulations are extended to Lions who have received a Monarch Chevron Award honouring them for their dedication to community service as a Lion.

- Lion Trevor Roach**
50 years - Riverside Club
- Lion Irving Fong**
40 years - City of Launceston Club
- Lion Bruce Berwick**
20 years - Kingborough Club
- Lion Anne Fagg**
15 years - Rocky Cape Club
- Lion Kevin Radford**
15 years - Rocky Cape Club
- Lion Bill Cook**
15 years - Flinders Island Club
- Lion Robyn Cook**
15 years - Flinders Island Club
- Lion Grant Crowe**
15 years - Wynyard Club
- Lion Terry Taylor**
15 years - St Helens Club
- Lion Ann Taylor**
15 years - St Helens Club
- Lion Helen Chick**
10 years - Lilydale Club
- Lion David Scarborough**
10 years - Lilydale Club
- Lion James Pearson**
10 years - City of Devonport Club

A hearty congratulations to all and especially Lion Trevor Roach in attaining his fifty (50) years - a great achievement Trevor.

There are still quite a number of Monarch Chevron Awards still to be given out from now until the end of June, 2015. They will be forthcoming.

February has been an interesting month, firstly with visiting **Flinders Island**. What a great few days on a truly beautiful Island. Motoring all over the Island,

I then attended *the Lions Fishing Competition Day* at North East River.

The weather was wonderful, the members were very hospitable but the fish were not biting as well as they should. All in all a great day and enjoyed meeting the Lions members as they worked so well together as the day ran extremely smoothly.

I attended a dinner at the *Whitemark Hotel* with Lions members and heard about the Club's activities including:

DG Michael relaxing with some members at the Flinders Is Fishing Competition



- Annual Fishing Competition Day;
- Every three (3) months conduct a Market at the Showgrounds;
- Annual Show catering;
- Collection of sheep marbles!
- Children's Christmas Party; and
- Community Events as they arise.

The Club is extremely fortunate in now having their own quarters *"The Lodge"* which has made a huge difference as they now have a place to meet as well as store their equipment and so on.

The Club is to be congratulated in being such a hospitable hard working group.

An invitation was received from *Bothwell Lions Club* to attend their dinner meeting. A great night was experienced as I inducted Lion Tony Blake as a new member. Also Lion Malcolm Scott was welcomed as a transfer member from Victoria.

The Club has two or three more people who wish to join the Club. The Club is very active as they have just held their bi annual *"3 Day Spin In."*

The Club is involved in community barbecues, *the Hamilton Show, as well as the Festival at New Norfolk*. The Club works well with the local *CWA and Masonic Lodge*. The Bothwell Club is a great example of a rural Club linking in with local organisations to make all activities work very well.

The evening was well attended with the local Mayor and business people.

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A very friendly group as I was very impressed how the Club is progressing.

Soon after I attended the Tasmanian Lions Foundation meeting in Perth, Tasmania.

I also found myself at the annual *Southern Clubs Dinner* at Sorell. An excellent evening with good guest speakers and great company. Just wonderful to catch up with so many members and congratulations goes to the *Sorell Lions Club* for organising.

Inducted a new Members at *City of Burnie's 55th Charter Night* held at *Baltimore's Restaurant*.

Our **Multiple District Convention** is fast approaching. We are all looking forward in visiting *Newcastle* in April/May.

For our District get together we have been invited to join District V3 for a dinner on 1st May, 2015.

The Dinner is to be held at *Sinofood Chinese Restaurant, 47 Beaumont Street, Newcastle*. A banquet of 3 Entrees, 7 Main Courses and Sweets at \$29.00 per head (incl. corkage) BYO Wine only.

Minimum of 30 people required.

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Zone 4 held its Zone meeting which I was privileged to attend. It included the following Clubs:

- City of Devonport;
- Kentish;

- Latrobe;
- Devonport Mersey and
- Port Sorell.

It was a very well-attended meeting and well conducted by **Zone Chair Vere Cooper**.

I was very interesting to hear of each Club's activities as well as their Club's membership.

Training:

Zone Chair training is to be held on 28th March, 2015 at *Kings Meadows Lions Club* rooms. This is very important for all Zone Chairs to attend and learn of what has to be done next year. Even if you are interested in becoming a Zone Chairman in the future you will be most welcome but make sure to advise if you are coming for catering purposes.

Also, **Development Training** will occur in the three (3) Regions a little later and again, I urge as many members from Clubs to attend as is possible.

This is your **Lions organisation** so please help keep it up to date and viable by participating in these days as I know you will find them most beneficial and rewarding.

Our Officers have worked very hard in putting these programmes together for which I thank them very much so please support them.

Membership:

I really cannot emphasis enough that **Membership** is so important.

Clubs will have golden opportunities during March/April in holding functions to attract new members.

I know membership is all year round and most Clubs have taken this opportunity. I wish to thank those Clubs in attracting new members as this has been very pleasing.

It is most important that our **District Membership** needs to grow to over **1250** members to keep ourselves going as a

Tasmanian District.

Hopefully this may be achieved in a new Club being chartered in *Legana* and looking at a new Club in the South to replace *Sandy Bay Club*. Also we have an opportunity in a **Campus Club** in Hobart and if all goes well spreading to the Launceston and North West **Campus's**.

Monthly Membership Reports:

It has been noticed that several Clubs are behind in their reports on **MyLCI**.

Just as a reminder Clubs are to report monthly on Membership even though it may be a nil report.

If Secretaries are having difficulties in reporting on MyLCI please advise as there is always someone ready to assist you.

Forum:

A well-attended **Forum** was held recently at *Kings Meadows Club* room for **50/50 Pathways** plus other interesting topics about Lions. **District Governor Elect Ann Eldridge** from Victoria facilitated the day.

The Forum was organised through our **Tasmanian Global Membership Team Leader Regional Chair Lion Amanda Olson**. Those attending learnt a lot and enjoyed the presentations. **A hearty thank you Amanda for leading our District in this worthwhile Forum.**

It has been a great year so far and I have been so very privileged to have met so many Lions and be involved with their activities.

It is a wonderful Family to belong to as I am sure you all agree.

Regards, DG Michael



CONGRATULATIONS!
In March 1955 the first Lions Club in New Zealand (Auckland Host) [District 202L] was chartered. One of the charter members was Neil Clarke.
He has just received his chevron for 60 years service and Mount Maunganui club, where Neil is still an active member, is hosting an evening on 21st April to mark this occasion.



Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in May

Is your club hosting a Lions Worldwide Week of Service project in May? Lions around the world are planning their service projects for May 16-22.

This year, President Preston made serving children in need a priority, so consider joining the Centennial celebration by sponsoring a service activity benefitting youth in your community.

Visit the Centennial website for project ideas and resources. And no matter how you choose to serve, remember to use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your communications.

We'll share our favorite photos on the LCI Facebook page!



March-May Membership Drive

There is a membership drive March-May to increase our membership which is currently 1242 in our District. Historically previous membership drives have been successful with an increased membership in 2011.

Multiple District have asked all clubs if they could have a promotional project or a current planned project to promote Lions Awareness and increase membership in their clubs. Clubs are encouraged to have an interview with their local radio station promoting a club activity, or giving information about Lions and some of the current projects Lions support.

An article in a local newspaper/newsletter promoting your club and a special project that had a major impact in the life a community member, is another avenue. If someone has a flair for writing, an editorial in a local newsletter is a good idea.

The Lions Promotional Trailer is also available to have at your club projects. To book the trailer or if clubs would like more information and promotional material please don't hesitate to contact me.

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District Global Membership Team Coordinator



CHAIR DONATION

Lion Derek Fellows' wife (Veronica) received treatment late last year in the Oncology Ward of the St Luke's Campus of Calvary Health Care Tasmania. During treatment it was recognized that the Ward needed more specialized chairs to make patients more comfortable while receiving treatment.

The Lions Club of Kings Meadows in conjunction with the Tasmanian Lions Foundation donated over \$7,500 to purchase this chair.

The Lions Club was able to assist with the purchase as a result of various fund-raising events, including catering projects at various projects and at their Clubrooms.



Clinical Nurse Specialist Dianna Green, Lions Club of Kings Meadows President, Dennis Mann, Project Co-ordinator, Lion Judi Gorham and Lion Derek Fellows

The Tasmanian Lions Foundation manages a fund that was initially set up by Tasmanian Lions to assist Clubs in projects they would not

otherwise be able to afford, and to also make funds available in the event of a disaster. This is one of those projects.

This is a significant donation by the Lions Club of Kings Meadows, and has been made in remembrance of Lions Lady Veronica Fellows.

Lion Phil Robinson, Secretary, LC of Kings Meadows



WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY IN FEBRUARY 2015

Burnie

Margaret Dowling
Sponsor: Anthony Munro

Huon

Ann Brittain
Sponsor: Robert Gillham

Kingborough

Ann Brunton
Sponsor: Hester Van Niekerk

Penguin

Marie Wells
Sponsor: Maureen Jones

Port Cygnet

Mike Gibson
Sponsor: John Boks

Scottsdale

Trevor Clark
Sponsor: Louice Mott

West Tamar

Diane Haring
Allan Walker
Julie Monkhouse



Clubs cushion the pain for cancer patients

(from Burnie Advocate, TAS, 23 Feb 2015, by Emily Woods, General News, page 11)

SIX hours a day in the same chair can be incredibly painful for many cancer patients.

Thanks to funds raised by five North-West Lions Clubs, and a contribution from the Australian Lions Foundation, the North West Regional Hospital has received 13 cushions, which will reduce discomfort and pressure injury for patients receiving cancer treatment.

More than \$11,000 was raised for the cushions, which help prevent pressure ulcers and deep tissue injuries and increase comfort levels.

Cancer survivor Alan Margieson went to the Wynyard Lions Club for help last year. "I come here every three weeks and I sat on these seats without a cushion for six hours at a time, I used to look at a lot of the elderly people and see they were in pain," Mr Margieson said.

"I approached the club and asked for ideas for a cushion that we can put on the chairs."

Wynyard reached out to other North-West clubs and the Lions Clubs of Smithton, Circular Head, Burnie, Emu Bay, Penguin, Ulverstone and Wynyard came on board.

Funds raised by the local clubs were then matched dollar for dollar by the Australian Lions Foundation.

ALF Tasmania district chairman David Triffett said the foundation aimed to help local clubs when they needed extra financial support.

"It's been good to see in the North-West the foundation and the lions clubs contributing to the community, because it's an older area up here and we're going to see a lot more of that to come," he said.

The cushions will be used on the new chairs in the cancer centre once it is opened.



RELIEF: At the handover of the cushions are Cancer Services nurse unit manager Janine Griffin, with Wynyard Lions Club's Jean Margieson and Christine Putt, Penguin Lions Club's Stuart Greig, Australia Lions Foundation's David Triffett, and Wynyard Lions Club's Maggie Carter, Derek Putt and Alan Margieson.

Picture: Grant Wells.

Article submitted by Nick Cannell, Secretary, Lions Club of Wynyard.

FOR YOUR CLUB DIARY

NOTICE OF INCOMING OFFICER FORUMS 2015

NORTH EAST

Scottsdale
Saturday 16th May

NORTH WEST

Wynyard
Saturday 23rd May

Latrobe

Sunday 24th May

NORTH

Launceston
Saturday 30th May

WEST COAST

Queenstown
Sunday 31st May
(workshop at a later date)

SOUTH

Hobart
Sunday 31st May

EAST COAST

Bicheno
Saturday 13th June

Further details will follow in the April newsletter and clubs will also be notified by email.

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A blonde hadn't been to church for many, many months. She always promised to go, but never did.

One day, the minister was astounded when she suddenly rocked up for Sunday service.

Thereafter, she was at every Sunday service, every prayer meeting, and every home group meeting, etc.

Three months later, one Sunday after the service, the minister asks her, "What happened to you?"

You always dodged church and now it looks like you can't get enough of it?"

She replied, "It's this new car of mine pastor, they told me the warranty will lapse if I miss even one service!"

St Piran's Day March 5th - Celebrated in Launceston

The Board of the Lions Club of Launceston - Windmill Hill celebrated St Piran's Day following their board meeting.

This would not be unusual for the Lions Club of Launceston District 105SW (Cornwall, UK), but this took place in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia – Lions District 201T1!

Last year, Lions Byron and Linda Dilworth travelled from Launceston, Tasmania to Launceston, Cornwall to start the process of twinning between the Lions Club of Launceston Windmill Hill (Tasmania) and The Lions Club of Launceston (Cornwall).



Above from left – Lions Robert Whelan, Alison Bassano, Jan Gustafsson, Secretary Linda Dilworth, Peter King, Derryl Hill, President Paul Cox and Treasurer Katrina Hill.

After the scheduled board meeting, Lion Byron outlined the Story of St Piran and how he was washed up on the Cornish coast (at Perranporth in the 6th Century, after being set adrift and journeying in a currach, a small boat - Ed.) from Ireland.

He built a fire upon a black slab of rock, the fire's intense heat melted the tin ore within the rock which bled out forming a 'silver' (heraldic for white) cross upon the rock. This discovery of tin in Cornwall and how to smelt it, made by St Piran, is recognized in St Piran's Cross – The Flag of Cornwall. St Piran is also the patron Saint of tin miners all around the world.

You will notice all three (St Piran, the Flag and tin mining) referenced in the above logo for a petition for a public holiday for Cornwall on St Piran's day!

Lion Byron Dilworth



Right: DG Michael inducting Tony Blake with sponsor Tony Johnston at Bothwell



Left: back row: DG Michael, Robert Kann, Annette Ogilvie; Front row: Ann Eldridge, Max Tavesci and Hester Van Niekerk relaxing after 50/50 Pathways Forum in Launceston

DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

I would like to continue to appeal to all Lions to participate in this project.

Very little work is involved and I am sure if you get around family and businesses in your area, we will be able to pick up any shortfall from less letters with stamps attached as is the trend today!

I am sure the Lions Foundation will be thankful for your efforts.

Once collected they can be sent direct to myself at

**11 Camina Court,
Riverside, TAS 7250,**

and we will trim them ready for sale at auction. Look forward to hearing from you all.

To those participating and please keep up the good work.

Until next month.

**Peter Burke, Co-ordinator
Riverside Lions Club**

Lions Club of George Town

Last month we made mention that in the past four years, three (3) George Town Lions have been awarded the honour of being Australian Citizen of the Year.

The three (3) concerned Lions are pictured below with their Awards.

Below: L to R, Harvey Gibbons (2014), John Widdowson (2015) & Eric Cook (2012)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Regatta Fun & Co-operation

On the long weekend in early February, members from Kingborough Lions Club and of the Lions Club and Leo Club of Glenorchy City ran the Chocolate wheel at the Royal Hobart Regatta.

It was a successful event and was great to see two clubs working together as well as our Leos working along side the Lions. Fun was had by all, we look forward to working together in the future.'



If any clubs would like any more information on Leos please contact Louise Eiszle (Northwest coast) or Jenna Moate (Southern region).

From left;
Hester (Kingborough),
Lorraine (Kingborough),
Rhys (Glenorchy) and
Emily (Glenorchy)

Jenna Moate
Leo Club of Glenorchy City

NEWCASTLE 2015... 63rd National Convention...

Dear Club Members,

District 201N3 is hosting the 63rd National Convention in Newcastle from 30 April - 4 May 2015.



We have a wonderful venue – the Civic Theatre and the adjacent City Hall (pictured left).

Our theme is 'Steel time to See Change'.

This is a convention for all conventioners and a variety of functions have been planned especially for you to give you.

Functions include –

- Club hosted hospitality, 'Meet & Greet' at City Hall & Lioness Dinner on Thursday evening.
- District Dinners in multi room venues at the Newcastle Jockey Club on Friday evening.
- 'A Night at the Trots' and a PDGs Dinner on Saturday evening.
- 'Black Diamond' Gala Dinner at Panthers Newcastle on Sunday evening.
- A Conventioneers Luncheon on Monday at City Hall.

Details about the Convention can be found on the Lions Australia Website – <http://lionsclubs.org.au/conventions/Newcastle-2015/> Newcastle awaits you! It's time to register and make your bookings.

Don't delay – some functions have limited numbers!

PDG Ann Ryan
Secretary
2015 National
Convention Committee



If you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite (comic) scientist who once said: "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates." His mind sees things differently than most of us do. . . . Here are some of his gems:...

- 1 - I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 - Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- 3 - Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 - 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5 - 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6 - A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 - A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 - If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- 9 - All those who believe in psycho kineses, raise my hand.
- 10 - The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11 - I almost had a psychic girlfriend, But she left me before we met.
- 12 - OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13 - How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

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 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*

65 Roses Project 2015

Tasmanian Lions have been identified as a valued supporter of Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania for the past 12 years.

During this time we have helped struggling families with children with this condition they were born with.

This year the Project is centred on and around

FRIDAY 29TH MAY, 2015

which is National 65 Roses Day.

Clubs can (a) rattle collection tins (supplied) in the streets on Friday 29th May (Police permission has been given) and raise the profile of Lions in your community.

or (b) donate funds to CF Tasmania through the City of Burnie Lions Club (a Cabinet requirement).

All funds raised will be receipted and recognised by CF Tasmania.

If you have collected before, you know what to do. If you would like to street collect for the first time, contact Ian Lancaster.

Last year Lions in 2011 raised \$9,111.30.

Just as importantly, we let our communities know that Lions care about our local sufferers of this genetic condition.

For further information see letter sent your Club recently

Cabinet District Chairman Ian Lancaster

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Ask One in April and Be Recognized

Ask One is a small step that can make a big difference in your membership efforts.

And when you **Ask One** friend, family member or neighbor to join your club in April, you can earn special recognition.

Invite a member to join your club in April and you'll receive a **Membership Growth Award Pin!** Plus, if you invited a member in October, you'll receive a gold pin and a banner patch for your club.



Begorrah!

Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine.

As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French which Murphy could not understand, so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down. He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music.

They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance.

They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up. Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed on it.

To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business!?



The Last Word...

"Pick your friends, but not to pieces!" - Anon