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

Lion Max Arnold

45 years - City of Glenorchy Club Lion Sydney Barber

35 years - Glamorgan Club Lion Tom Purdon

- 30 years Tasman Club Lion Neil Cooper
- 30 years Tasman Club Lion Nanette McNeair

25 years – Penguin Club Lion Dick Adams

20 years –Dodges Ferry Sthn Beaches Club Lion David Llewellyn

20 years –Dodges Ferry Sthn Beaches Club Lion Howard Smith

20 years – Ulverstone Club Lion Jeremy Green

15 years – King Island Club Lion Gina Green

15 years – King Island Club Lion Robert French

15 years – Westbury Club Lion Kenneth Hughes

- 10 years Kingborough Club Lion Carolyn Huisman
- 10 years Penguin Club Lion Don Carlisle
- 10 years Westbury Club Lion Marlene Gale
- 10 years Smithton/Circular Head Club Lion Rosemary Rabbetts
- 10 years Port Sorell Club Lion Viv Cardwell
- 10 years New Norfolk Club Lion Fiona Cardwell
- 10 years New Norfolk Club Lion Martyn Evans
- 10 years New Norfolk Club Lion John Deverell

10 years – Kentish Club

A wonderful effort to you all as your involvement throughout the years have been recorded with assisting so many people within your communities - <u>Well Done</u> !!!

What a busy twelve (12) months and how quickly it has flown. A great and wonderful year that will never be forgotten. It is great to have met so many Lions and partners, while becoming very good friends with them all. The team of nineteen (19) Governors in District 201 have already organised to meet up at Echuca at the next Multiple District Convention and spend time together – that is what Lions is all about!

After arriving home from Newcastle it was on with the job by visiting the Kentish Club in Sheffield. The night was full of fun as together with being a Partners Night it was also their Trivia Night. A well attended Dinner Meeting where everyone was very friendly and welcoming. It was good to catch up with all their members and find the Club progressing well with new members and not even one dropped member this year - keep up the great work Kentish. It was a privilege to present the President with the Clubs 2013 – 2014 Club Excellence Award as well as present Lion John Deverell with his Monarch Chevron Award.

During the month I attended the last Cabinet Meeting in my year, plus the Global Membership and the Global Leadership Meeting.

It was then onto the Latrobe Club to present *Lion Kae Campbell* with her Excellence Award for the time spent as a Trustee with the *Lions Childhood Mobility Foundation*. Kae has done great works in this area and our District is very grateful a she has attended Multiple District functions and always been present assisting with displays at Multiple District Conventions. *Thank you Kae you will be missed very much in this area*. Kae has now taken on a new role, looking after the *Peace Poster in our District*, so please help her to build this area up as it is good to have Posters coming from the schools - this helps keep Lions advertised and foremost in the eyes of our younger generation.

The training weekend started in **Wynyard** and attendance was a little disappointing, but for those who attended, they certainly did receive a lot of worthwhile information for their year.

A big thank you goes to *Lion Anne Fagg Global Leadership Team Coordinator* for getting this weekend up and running. I know Anne spent many, many hours, putting everything into place. From there training was taken to **Latrobe** where the attendance was much better; also this segment included the *Safety Officers Information*. The day went very well and all presenters were pleased with the response. *Again thank you Anne and also to the presenters.*

Rocky Cape was the next Club visited to present the President with the Clubs 2013 – 2014 *Club Excellence Award*. Another friendly and lively night as several members from **Smithton – Circular Head Club** attended. The Guest Speaker was *Tammy King and her family. Indiana King was the recipient of the autism dog*

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so generously donated by the **Rocky Cape Club**. For a small rural Club Rocky Cape has been and will be very busy. *They are a friendly group of Lions!*

I then attended the new soon to be **Legana** and **District Lions Club** meeting and found the group planning activities and organising barbecues. The members are overjoyed to think at long last they are going to be *Chartered*.

A day was spent around West Tamar collecting the necessary signatures required for the *Charter Forms*. It was good to meet up with the West Tamar Lions Club President and Secretary/Treasurer plus the President and Secretary of the Legana Club. *Global Membership Coordinator*, *Amanda Olson*, forwarded the papers to Multiple District for them in turn forwarded to *Lions Clubs International* at Oakbrook and in turn the Charter will be forwarded to Legana with a Celebration Dinner to be arranged, then the new Club will be full speed ahead.

Congratulations go to the Legana members for their patience as well as their enthusiasm as they are a very energetic group. Also a big thank you goes to *Amanda Olson* for all the great work and many hours spent in assisting getting the Legana Club up and running. *Also congratulations go to the two Guiding Lions, Zone Chair Leigh Johnstone and Zone Chair Robert Scott* who also have spent hours to commence the Club as well as attending meetings and giving guidance. *A great result as it has been quite some time since our District has chartered a new Club.*

There are several *Changeover functions* I have been invited to, so I am really looking forward to visiting those clubs again. For some other invitations I will be an apology unfortunately, as I will be in Hawaii attending the *International Convention in Honolulu* – a great way to finish up my year plus a holiday and cruising for several days around the Islands.

I will be attending the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Meeting in Perth (Tas).

Again, I must report on *Membership* – our District reached **1255** and although fluctuating, it is still above **1250**, so let us keep it that way so we can hand over to our new *District Governor Annette Ogilvie*, <u>a</u> <u>District out of transition</u>. *Clubs have done well although quite a struggle but I thank you all for all your great efforts.*

In finishing up, I thank you the *Lions members of District 201T1* for your help and assistance during the past twelve (12)

months. In meeting you all I have come to know you are all remarkable people and so willing to serve your communities - *so*, *please pat yourselves on the back for the tremendous pleasing tasks, well done!*

Thank you to my *Cabinet Members* as without you my year would not have been so successful. A huge thank you to my *Cabinet Secretary PDG Robin Pulford* what an inspiration and what a great help you have been thank you so much Robin.

Also to my *CBL Chairman, Erik Madsen, Cabinet Treasurer, Stuart Richie - thank you both for all your work and great assistance.*

Then to the Vice District Governors thank you for sharing the load as very much appreciated.

I cannot thank you enough *John Salmon for* all your hours putting the District Newsletter together and look at the results - superb! Well done John, thank you so much.

Now it comes to wishing *Annette Ogilvie* all the best for her incoming year, as I know Annette will cope beautifully.

Congratulations Annette and all the best as I will observe you being inducted in Honolulu.

Good Bye - but I will still be around!!

Regards, DG Michael

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CABINET 2016/2017

All Lions who may be interested in District office in Lions year 2016/2017 are invited to contact me with details of the desired position and a brief resume of Lions and other relevant experience.

<mark>Michael Walsh</mark> VDG

Email: *mwalsh@iinet.net.au*



Kentish Lions reflect on the Youth of the Year

The Youth of the Year state finals having recently been concluded in Latrobe, it now seems a fitting time to reflect on the outcome.

While the Kentish Lions were a bit disappointed that their entrant didn't win the overall competition, *they wholeheartedly believe that Grace Williams will be an excellent ambassador for the State.*

We were interested to note that all the entrants at the state final were girls. The same was true at the northwest coast zone finals. The pattern of all-girl contestants continued all the way back to our club competition. Over the last 15 years, girls have made up the vast majority of the entrants in the Youth of the Year quest.



AN INVITATION

Lions Clubs International District 201T1 Inc

DISTRICT DINNER

Incorporating

Appreciation – IPDG Michael MacLaren and Introduction/Installation

District Cabinet 2015/16 DG Annette Ogilvie

> Wrest Point Wellington Room

Saturday - 25 July 2015

7.00 for 7.30pm

Cost - \$49.00 per person

Dress - Dinner/Lounge suit Ladies after 5 wear Awards to be worn

Dietary requirements please advise

RSVP by 15/7/15 to Cabinet Secretary e: cabsec@lionstasmania.org



A Wheelchair for Joanne

Mid-May was a special time for members of the **Lions Club of Sorell** as they attended the opening of the new Dunalley Hall and sampled the delicious country afternoon tea.

Afterwards, along with David Triffett from the Australian Lions Foundation, they travelled on to Murdunna for presentation of a motorized wheelchair to 13 year-old Joanne Leary (*pictured*).

Joanne has been a quadriplegic, needing full-time ventilation since a serious illness when she was a toddler. **Despite her disabilities, she is cheerful young lady** who was quick to demonstrate how she could do a 360 degree turn in the new wheelchair!!



She can now move easily from room to room in her home and be at eye-level with others whether they are standing or sitting, by using the scissor lift function.

Quoting her Mum Amanda: "To all Lions Club Members involved in the fundraising for Jo's wheelchair, Thank You for the Lions Club to donate the entire amount is truly amazing."

Sorell Lions Club was assisted with grants from both the Tasmanian Lions Foundation and the Australian Lions Foundation.

Lions Dawn Gatehouse & Graeme Evans

Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches Anniversary by Lion Bill Fraser



The Dodges Ferry Southern Beaches Club celebrated its 20th Charter night at the Lewisham Tavern on 23rd May, hosted by President Spike Mason along with twenty three club members and guests.

During the evening First Vice District Governor Annette Ogilvie presented Lions David Llewelyn (left) and Jean Iles-Haigh (right) with their 20 year charter chevrons.





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While many clubs have struggled to find young people interested in participating, Kentish have been particularly lucky. A teacher at the local school, Cate Haberle, has regularly identified potential candidates and encouraged them to participate. This encouragement would happen throughout their entire high school education, including introducing these young people to leadership roles and socially beneficial extracurricular activities.

While Cate has recently retired, the seeds she planted and nurtured in our school and our community have now taken root and have become self-sufficient.

Everyone admires the enthusiasm and dedication of Lion Dennis and Lions Lady Jill Rockliff have run the Kentish Club's competition, groomed and encouraged the local contestants for 30 years!

Finally the club remembers their struggle to have girls admitted as candidates in the Youth of the Year Quest.

We brought the motion to three state conventions before it was finally passed.

When lodging the notice of motion for the Multiple District Convention that was to be held in Perth in 1979, President Dennis Rockliff wrote to every club in the country to seek their support. As this was before word processors and emails had reached Kentish, it was a laborious and expensive operation.

Club Secretary Robin Pegus moved the motion and was seconded by Bill Slater from the Lions Club of Devonport. Lion Robin put an elegant and impassioned motion that was followed by a robust debate before being put to the vote.

We now wonder that if the vote had gone the other way, would we still have an active Youth of the Year Quest today?



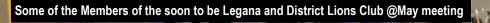
Passed Note

A nearsighted minister glanced at the note that Mrs. Jones had sent to him by an usher.

The note read: "Bill Jones having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

Failing to observe the punctuation, he startled his audience by announcing: "Bill Jones, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."





DG Michael presenting Excellence Award for Lions Childhood Mobility also for 14years of service to the Foundation

DG Michael inducting Louise Murfett while her sponsor Kae Campbell looks on



DG Michael presents Rocky Cape Pres. Tony West Club Excellence award

DG Michael awards Rocky Cape Lions Member Craig Williams Appreciation award for his work at the Top Gear Car Show and Auction in April



Rocky Cape LC President Tony West presents a cheque for \$2000 to the Riding for the Disabled Assoc. Accepting the cheque from the right are Cynthia Sushams and Pam Hutton



Tammy, Jacob, Indiana and Jill - Rocky Cape's Righteous Pup, at their Dinner Meeting 25 May



CAKE/MINT/FUDGE INFORMATION

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Congratulations to all Clubs who participated in the Lions Mint project – *Tasmania* won the **inaugural Sam Lochhead Award** (*pictured with Sue*) for the *Most Improved District*. <u>Our</u> <u>District increased the sale of mints by 13.5%</u>.

Not only did we achieve the *Mint Award* but our District came third (3rd) out of nineteen (19) Districts with the sales of *Lions Christmas Cakes*. This has been a great achievement by all Clubs who participated in these two projects.

Shortly all Clubs will be receiving the Cake information for the coming Lions year.

Please assist by returning the Cake Chairmen details to me so that I can then contact Clubs directly.

Manuals will not be sent out this year as it will be available on the Lions website

Should you require a copy please let me know, as I intend to run off a few hard copies of the manual. The Fudge agreement has now been signed off and orders can now be placed.

Look forward to catching up with you at the Convention.

Sue Johns - District Chairman - Merchandising



District Glasses Recycling Project

Lion John Medwin reports that the Burnie Eyelines shop recently contacted him to urgently come down and clear the recycle bins. "They are chockas" was the plea. Ten minutes, John arrived with shopping bags in hand and they was dead right - "chockas!"

So the partnership between Lions and this company is flourishing. Burnie would have to be the smallest

city and I estimate that at least one hundred and fifty (150) pairs are sitting on the table that appear in the *photograph*, and there are more in the bags on the table from *Specsavers* and *OPSM*.

What I'm suggesting is that with Devonport, Launceston and Hobart Eyelines branches all part of the Promo then our figures will be very close to last years. Spec Savers will be next to have a "Fire sale" no doubt.



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The Advocate, Wednesday, May 13, 201

I just can't understand how District have virtually ignored this project all this time, but it is now very firmly in place as a District project from now on! *Get YOUR club involved*!

John C Medwin DC Lions Eye Health Programs & Lions Recycle for Sight Mob: 0437 229 781



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DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

Last year a sum of \$7000 was raised to help fund the purchase of walkers for children with disabilities.

Over the past 10 years some \$30,000 has been raised and donated to the Mobility Foundation.

Lions though the Foundation have promised to buy walking aids for every child in Australia requiring assistance to walk providing they are assessed by a fully trained physiotherapist.

<u>Anyone willing to collect and donate</u> <u>stamps will indirectly be giving a</u> <u>child the opportunity to walk</u>.

I would like to say to you all that age is no barrier to participate in this project and is a project.

Very little effort is required and is equally very rewarding to you as you know your efforts are giving someone a better life.

With the drop off in letters, we need to find extra donors to help us pick up this shortfall.

I am appealing to all Lions, Leo's and Lionesses to participate in this project. we all have family and close friends and many have good business contacts.

If you don't have time to trim stamps that is no problem, as we have sufficient numbers to carry this out.

Once collected they can be sent direct to myself at

11 Camina Court, Riverside, TAS 7250,

I look forward to your continued support and eagerly await new participants.

Until next month.

Peter Burke, Co-ordinator Riverside Lions Club

P.S. Stamps if in big quantities, can be given to your Zone Chairman or Cabinet Member who will get them to me.

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: JULY 10th

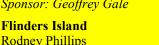
WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY IN APRIL-MAY 2015

Bridport Roslyn Gerke Sponsor: Graeme Harris

Burnie City Malcom Leatham Sponsor: Anthony Munro Jade Lockhart Sponsor: Melissa Bell

City of Devonport Hanna Mahoney Sponsor: Nancy Hughes

Devonport Mersey Damian Howden Sponsor: Peter Noble Jan Robson Sponsor: Geoffrey Gale



Rodney Phillips Sponsor: Margaret Wheatley

Georgetown Maureen Smithurst Sponsor: Harvey Gibbons

Hobart Town Conor Canning Sponsor: David Badcock

Huon Amelia Lovell Sponsor: Denis Woollev Raylene Woolley Sponsor: Peter Crowe Krystel Woolley Sponsor: Kent Wells

Latrobe Louise Murfet Sponsor: Kae Campbell

North East Neil McKeown Sponsor: Stephen O'Connor

Penguin Steven Fifita Sponsor: Desmond Hiscutt

Port Cygnet Cheryl O'Meara Sponsor: Megan Helmer

Scottsdale Darlene and Warren Rich Sponsor: Louice Mott

Tasman Pauline Kemp Sponsor: Kaye Fox

Ulverstone Geoffrey Deverdic Sponsor: Noel Viney

West Tamar John Brewster Sponsor: Allan Walker Melanie Van Barnadd

Westbury Colin Lockhart Sponsor: Wallace Ritter

Wynyard Chris Griffiths Sponsor: Anthony Allen Suzanne Lees Sponsor: Margaret Carter

Our Dístrict Count

30 April 2015 Clubs: Membership: 1248 31 May 2015 Clubs: *49* Membership: 1251 YTD ADD 163 YTD DROP 148 YTD GROWTH % 1.21



VALE





Rex was LC of Wynyard's most senior Lions member and had been unwell for some time after being diagnosed and treated for Multiple Myeloma.

Rex who was 85 years-old, joined Wynyard Lions relatively late in life in 2004 at the behest of his son Lion Kevin Hyland. This was after the death of Rex's wife Rita who, he had cared for after she developed dementia.

He was also a member of the Wynyard Aero Club and had held a pilot's licence until age precluded him from flying.

Despite his age, Rex was an attentive and contributing member, 'an absolute gentleman of the old school', and will be sadly missed by our members and partners.

The Lions family in Tasmania wish to pass on their condolences to the Hyland family.

Nick Cannell - Secretary



VALE **Lion Michael McGee**

President Tony & members of the **Riverside Lions Club sadly advise the** passing of Michael who joined the Club on the 7th April. 2003.

Michael was President in 08/09 and popular among his peers. He also was a regular convention attendee at both District and MD levels and enjoyed his Lions.

He also was actively engaged in cricket administration. He will be sadly missed and condolences have been extended to his family.

Peter Burke - Secretary



The Last Word...

"Why is the third hand on the watch called a second hand?"



