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### District Governors David's snippets

This is my last report to the Lions Tasmania District Newsletter as your District Governor. I have enjoyed my term as CEO of our District, **it has been very rewarding firstly to see just how importantly our Members and Clubs have contributed to the humanitarian services in their respective communities**, but also be able to congratulate all Members who give freely of their time in their Lions Club that I have visited and spoken to, that their programs and activities have been given with kindness and empathy.

As my year as District Governor comes to a close I understand and commend that Lions are still *the Leaders in Community Service in Tasmania, and thru-out this world, "Where there is a Need, there is a Lion"*, we can certainly reflect back before March of this year where the record breaking temperatures continued with the severe drought and horrendous bush fires that have torn our towns, bushlands, infrastructure and lives apart with in South Australia, Victoria and NSW. **Tasmanian Lions have given enormously and generously to the National Drought and Fires Appeals thru the Lions Clubs International Foundation** with supplying water tanks to drought affected areas, the Australian Lions Foundation for Recovery programs in these renowned areas.

Our Clubs on the North West have contributed feed and fodder to the Drought areas on the mainland.

Of course, how can we not forget the pandemic of Covid - 19 that has impacted all our lives with the social distancing and isolation, which may be with us for a longer time than expected. Lions have not forgotten that their Services are still being extended to these affected areas on the mainland. Our District continues to work and deliver small services where they can, with assisting the elderly, collecting warm clothing for the needy and the most important part of this is looking and keeping in touch with our most valued members. Lions Clubs thru out the world face many challenges to continue operating, new doors will open for service in this District as looking after the elderly and disabled, environmental programs, to clean up our waterways and park lands. Our Clubs will start meeting together and we will take ownership to these and accept the changes that are placed upon us in our following months.



Membership numbers with our Lions Clubs is a concern at this time, *with the extraordinary loss off 53 Lions resigning this year*, we will find it very difficult to climb back to the 1250 membership of 5 years ago. We have not had positive growth for this amount of time, yes, we are still having enquires and new members joining but we are unable to hold the retention rate of our most valued members who leave us for reasons of not fitting in, Clubs not doing service –

and finding another organisation to be part of to give their time. I often think that if we do not have a reasonable membership, we give no or very little service why do we call ourselves "Lions" and want to be a member of a Lions Club! Our Service continually drives our Membership which continually gives us new Leaders in the future.

***Although Clubs have postponed their meetings over the past 3 months, I would suggest that there may be a possibility for a Lions Club who would have the endorsement for Club Excellent Award, 2019 – 20. Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organisational operations may qualify for this prestigious Excellence Award. Please give some thought, may be your Club (Lion/Leo) has achieved the criteria for Club Excellence!*** (see Page 2 for further information, Ed.)

I would like to extend to **District Governor Elect Byron and Linda my very best wishes for a successful 2020 – 21 Lions year** and with this we will ensure positive support and continue with the building of success stories and leadership in this District. This following year will be very different and challenging to all, but I believe that this will be championed as we are continuing to go in to post Covid 19. Thank you is extended to all Cabinet Officers who have served with me in their capacity to achieve a small positive change in managing this District.

On closing I would like to thank my wife Carolyn and Family for their continued support and understanding during this year, to those many Lions who have been there with support, thankyou also for your friendship and wisdom over the many years through my journey in Lionism.

**District Governor David  
"Kindness Matters"  
"Connect Together in Service"**



### Club Excellence Award

Make it your club's tradition to achieve excellence every year!

Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Awards. Please use the qualifications outlined in the club excellence award application as your road map to excellence.

Club Excellence Award:

Is your club striving to finish the year with a net growth in membership? Will your club participate in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to the community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

The Club Excellence Award is more than an award... it is proof that your club is STRONG!

For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application you may contact us by email [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or by phone (630)468-6828.

Make achieving the award a winning tradition!

[2019-2020 Club Excellence Award Application](#)

Deadline date to submit your Club Excellence Award Application is **August 31st.**

**2020**

Enquires, please contact DG David,  
0418 544 838

## District Governor's Goals for 2020 – 2021

*As your District Governor for 2020-2021, I am HERE TO SERVE you and your Club*

*The District Governor's Team (DG, 1VDG and 2VDG) are here to help you!*

Our Goals for 2020-2021 are as follows -:

- Expedite the recovery of clubs from the COVID-19 restrictions back to face-to-face meeting and the resultant fellowship and camaraderie., whilst recognising the part that electronic communications did play in the interim and into the future.
- To have clubs return to community service activities and pick up from where the restrictions started – Remember “We Serve”. To also develop new projects and Ideas and report such activities on “MyLion” – (GST to assist here)
- To ensure all clubs have members who are “Tech Savvy” and can assist in the on-line reporting of activities and / or assist other members to achieve reporting skills.
- To encourage all clubs to participate in the “Club Excellence” program and benefiting from the learning and growth than participation can facilitate.
- To Encourage clubs to contribute to all Three foundations being the Tasmanian Lions Foundation (TLF), Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). This is achievable under the 80-10-10 percentage rule (80% Local, 10% District and 10% International).
- Clubs to adopt the +1 membership goal = at least ONE member gained per year on a nett basis. (lose 2 members, gain 3 members = +1 nett gain!) – (GMT co-ordinator to assist here)
- Clubs to PLAN for their future leadership and succession – make sure the good work carries on and that members receive adequate training to lead – (GLT to assist here).

All Zone Chairs to visit their allocated clubs and report back to your District Governor feelings within the Clubs and what we can do to assist them. Let them know that we exist to serve the Clubs and we welcome their feedback, good or bad.

*If we are “Here to Serve” then we must “Hear to Serve”*

**DGE Byron Dilworth**

Upcoming  
Events

District Governor's  
Calendar

**District 201T1**

**District Dinner 2020**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Penny Royal Gunpowder Mill**

**RSVP 4 July 2020**

**[amandaolson@bigpond.com](mailto:amandaolson@bigpond.com)**



LC ROCKY CAPE welcomes  
Myles Redmond  
SPONSOR: Victoria Cochrane

No new figures for May

**Our District Count**

**30 April 2020**

Clubs: 48

**Membership: 1105**

Same Time Last Year 1145

YTD ADD 70

YTD DROP 105

YTD GROWTH -35 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**

**New Leadership Role  
for DG David**

I would like to let everyone know that our District Governor David Triffett has recently been voted **Council Chairperson 2020/21.**



This is a great honour and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating David on his new position, and wish him well. I know he will do an outstanding job, and serve Lions Australia well.



Amanda Olson  
**Cabinet Secretary**

**The TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION** *Incorpo-*



Nominations are being sort for the election of 3 representatives to fill 3 positions on the Foundation.

**Please refer to Back Page for Secretary Paul Cairnduff's full letter**



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"Helping Lions Help Their Community"

**Hall of Fame**

The tradition at each MD Convention is to announce the Inductees into the Australian Lions Foundation "Hall of Fame". As we were unable to hold our Convention this year, the Foundation announced on Sunday 17th May 2020 this years awardees.

They were:

- PDG Anne Jones OAM ( District N4)
- Lion Peter Boge ( District Q3)
- PCC Ian Kelly OAM ( District W2)
- PDG Bob Goldsworthy (District Q3)

PDG Anne Jones OAM



PCC Ian Kelly OAM



Lion Bob Goldsworthy



PDG Peter Boge



Please join with all the Directors of the Foundation in congratulating these worthy Lions on their recognition of their support for Club, District and Multiple District and their ongoing community involvement over many years.

These Lions are still very active in Lions and their affiliated organisations.



Photo credit: The Advocate



Lions Australia acknowledged members who were awarded in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. **Lion Rodney Bramich, Port Sorell**, received a **Medal of the Order of Australia** for service to the community of Port Sorell. Rodney has been a member of LC Sorell since 1984. Congratulations from your District Lions.

### Clarence delivers a little Southern Comfort

Lockdown does not stop Lions from helping those in need.

**Clarence Lions Club** has not been idle. Neighbourhood House Week usually involves a celebration dinner in Hobart. But this year, the dinner came to people's homes with Clarence Lions helping to deliver meals across Clarence. Lion Alan and Geoff drove a bus around delivering meals. Organised by Leah from Warrane Neighbourhood House, they delivered fun as well as the meals.




Hobart's homeless community are doing it extra tough. Lion Christine Tilyard and Lion Christine Miley prepared 20 back packs full of goodies like socks and jocks, toiletries and beanies. Lion Christine delivered the backpacks to Ian at Housing Connect, (Salvation Army project) for them to hand out to those in desperate need of help.

The project continues with more backpacks being prepared for homeless women. Special thanks to Clarence Lions members who personally donated everything from backpacks to socks and funds to support Hobart's homeless.

**Stephen Smith**



 Read more about the LC Clarence on their active and interesting Facebook page...

### 53 000 REASONS TO RECYCLE THOSE STAMPS

The Australian Chapter of LCI Stamp Club has just completed a record 12 months when they sold in excess of 400 kilos of stamps to raise a record \$53 000 to be used solely to purchase walking frames for children born with cerebral palsy. Every stamp donated was sold and every cent received was passed on to the *Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation* to be used to purchase the walkers.

Stamp collections that are no longer wanted, postage stamps clipped from envelopes, first day covers – in fact anything philatelic is just what the Lions Stamp received and sold this year and they are again seeking similar material right now.

This project has been running now since 2004 and has donated almost \$200 000 to the foundation in this time including \$101 000 in the past 2 years alone. As club secretary Ross Paine tells us, “we are always seeking donations of philatelic material to sort and sell. There is a coordinator in every state to send your stamps to and they will then sort the items into saleable lots for the auctions.”



**Pictured - Social distancing: Stamp Club International President Ted Henebery (with tongs) handing over cheque to ALCMF Chairman Danny Richardson (also with tongs).**

If you or your club would like to participate in this project, please forward your philatelic donations to

**Lion Liz Mainard,**

**22 Endeavour Drive,**

**Port Kennedy 6172**

ph. 0418 916 712. If you would like more information, secretary Ross can be contacted at [rosspaine@bigpond.com](mailto:rosspaine@bigpond.com) or 0419 449 881

## Winter Warmers for Woollies

The Lions Club of Glenorchy City have been working with the wonderful staff at WOOLWORTHS MOONAH to provide donations to the various charities around Glenorchy.

Without their kind donations the charities would be struggling in these unusual times to help those in need.

They are working tirelessly to support the homeless and needy in the Glenorchy Community.



Each month Woolworths organize the donations to the charity and we provide the transportation and delivery.

Woolworths Moonah have donated to City Mission and this month we were able to give a donation to the Salvation Army

The goods provided range from essential food items such as pasta, long life milk, personal hygiene items, spaghetti, baked beans and they also give special items such as biscuits and chewing gums.

Members of the Glenorchy Club have also been busy making bags, knitting beanies and scarves.

Members have also been buying and collecting items such as deodorant, toothbrushes and other personal items for donation.



Left: Twiddle-muffs are also good for people experiencing dementia and other mental illnesses.

Twiddle-muffs are sensory comforts for people with restless hands. They are essentially woollen hand warmers with lots of bits and pieces attached for people to fiddle with. They are made in bright colours and decorated inside and out with lots of different shaped, sized and textured objects. The muffs are good for fidgeting with and calming people in distress.

Jennifer Pritchett  
Lions Club of Glenorchy



Recent donation activity seems to have been minimal : Due to Covid-19 restrictions in the US recording of activity has been severely affected and reporting delayed..

To date this quarter only one LCIF donation has been reported for our District. It should be noted that total donations for the year to date have exceeded last year by a considerable sum. Nearly US\$20,000 from 18 Clubs, and for this contributing Clubs are to be commended. Also this quarter there have been no MJF applications and only 8 so far for the year.

**It has just been announced by LCIF that the Campaign 100 has been extended for a further year and will now be completed in 2022.** Part of the programme has been to encourage Clubs to become 'Model Clubs'. To achieve this status Club fund raising for LCIF of a total of US\$500 per Club member for the years 2017-18 to 2021-22. It is pleasing to note that one 201T1 Club has already achieved this level.

Some administrative changes for 2020-21 are being developed to make LCIF operations in Australia simpler and more efficient. Details will be circulated when available.

Let us hope that the Covid-19 problem resolves soon and allow Club to fully support LCIF in its national and international roles of assisting Club and Districts support their communities.



**John Gillham**  
LCIF District Coordinator

## AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS.



My name is Liz, I'm 54 and a retired Aged Care Nurse. I suffer from Meniere's Disease and can no longer work. I was not born deaf, but due to Sensorineural hearing loss, and Meniere's Disease, I'm now almost deaf. My life was very lonely, and I felt socially isolated because of my hearing loss.

**Since 21 January 2019, the day I received Gidget, my life has changed in ways too numerous to mention!** She has given me back my self confidence, I now have so many friends every-where we go! Gidget makes me want to go out and engage in the community, we are always stopping and talking to people, who want to know what an Australian Lions Hearing Dog is and does.



**Puppy Program Co-ordinator Mary Knight and ALHD's Chewie & Cooper, the first 2 puppies to graduate as fully Accredited Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.**

**When Chris received his Australian Lions Hearing Dog Chewie in July 2019, Life changed for Chris and his family.** Chris, who has dealt with severely diminished hearing all his life, was often missing important messages from clients and suppliers which was a problem when on-site for his building business. Now, Chewie taps Chris to tell him "phone Message" and Chris can respond immediately. At home, Chris always felt anxious. When they had friends and their children visiting, Chris was always afraid of children falling into the pool. Chewie lets him know if the pool gate is opened, ensuring everyone is protected, and Chris can relax more. At night, Chris says he sleeps so well now knowing that Chewie will alert him to any emergency and help keep his family safe.

News from LC Bothwell

The Covid-19 stay at home had included no fishing unless you lived close to a lake or a river. **Bothwell President Tony Johnston** is an avid fisherman and when the opportunity arises, he is off to the lakes or rivers seeking to catch a salmon or trout.

So, to keep his hand in and satisfy his urge to go fishing Tony has modified his fishing techniques, by utilizing an old bath tub to keep up his skills.



President Tony trying his new technique.



Tony's catch of the day – puffer fish.

Club member Noreen Monks decided to Light up the Dawn for Anzac Day and honour those who made the supreme sacrifice. Noreen knitted about thirty-three poppies to be placed on letter boxes.

Noreen, Immediate Past President of Bothwell CWA placed these poppies on those boxes belonging to local CWA members and Bothwell Lions Club members. Several locals who are not members of either group received a poppy, because of their volunteer work completed for the CWA and Lions.

Several local businesses which have supported both groups over the last year also received a poppy.



Noreen Monks placing one of her handmade poppies on a letterbox



Wayne Doran



**City of Burnie Lions Club** was busy back in April working with GROW GATHER GIVE to help get produce out there to those in need. Pictured are Burnie Lions Kathy (left) and Marion (right) helping to finish off hampers before delivery .





CFT has greatly appreciated the assistance we have received from our local community over the last 14 years with our annual 65 Roses awareness and fundraising campaign, in particular **the Tasmania Lions Clubs**, and we again ask for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

While we cannot hold our normal fundraising efforts of tin rattling and merchandise stalls in May of this year, **we do ask that where your Lions Club is able to make a donation to CFT during May, or at any time during 2020**, the donation would be greatly appreciated and make a huge difference in the lives of Tasmanians living and impacted by CF.



**Sharnee Kelly**  
 Fundraising and Administrative Coordinator  
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**News from our Spectacle recycling**

Earlier this year, prior to the virus, we were collecting 12000 used spectacles each week from our Post Office box number in Clontarf DC, Queensland.

The virus closed temporarily our Work for the Dole manpower at our Recycling Centre in Redcliffe. Clubs responded greatly to our request to defer forwarding used spectacles to our Centre through Australia Post each week. Since that time, the initial deliveries dropped significantly but our stockpile of un-refurbished spectacles, continues to grow, initially in small numbers but increasing since the virus shutdown started to ease.

We still have a few logistical issues and need to ask you **to defer forwarding boxes** of spectacles ready for refurbishing **for at least another two months**.

*Ken Leonard*

PDG Kenneth G Leonard OAM JP(Q)

**King Island Leos beaming in green**

On an island where lush green pastures abound, the King Island Alpha Leos chose to make their new uniform a vibrant green colour. They raised enough funds to purchase a hoodie and polo top each, plus a couple of spares for the Club. On their backs is the motto—Leadership, Experience, Opportunity. The Leos have launched their winter competition inviting locals to decorate their mailbox or gate with quirky, rural, recycled ideas for a small cash prize and a chance to raise community spirit.



**The Last Word.....**This is my final edition as Newsletter Editor after 4 years. Having had to carefully read all the articles, I can say I have learnt a great deal about the service my fellow Lions and Clubs perform. It's been a great way to connect with others, whilst being "disconnected" over here on King Island. I believe in taking turns and sharing the load, and although I am relieved to be handing the newsletter over to the capable hands of Lion John Salmon (LC Sorell), it is disappointing to think that out of 1000 Tasmanian Lions, there is no one else who would put up their hand to take a turn.....Lion John has held this role previously...for many, many years. Thank you John.

I'll leave you with this caring Lioness, who reminds us that **there are always two sides to every story.....**regards, Linda Payne, Editor





## The TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION *Incorporated.*



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May 2020

To - The Lions Club Members

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION INC

The Tasmanian Lions Foundation was set-up in the late 1970's as a result of the Hobart fires, where Tasmanian Lions wanted to help, but didn't have the necessary finances. It was from this scenario, that Clubs (and the newly formed District) banded together to donate to a disaster relief fund. To ensure continued funding, Tasmanian Lions Fellowships were able to be purchased (\$500) to ensure the fund continued to increase to a level where it could be of substantial assistance should it be needed.

The Foundation members are the District Governor or his nominee and the First Vice District Governor together with elected members, made up of 3 Lions from each area (62, 63 and 64 Area Codes), with each member serving for a 3-year term. One Lion from each of these areas is up for election each year, and to nominate, Lions must be in good standing of any Tasmanian Lions Club (within that area), and only one Director from each Club is allowed.

The current TLF members are:-

District Governor – David Triffett		
1st Vice District Governor – Byron Dilworth		
62 Area	63 Area	64 Area
Sue Johns (Jack Allen)	Mervyn Chilcott	John Medwin
Paul Cairnduff	Geoff Tripptree	Stuart Ritchie
Peter Goldstone-James	Phil. Robinson	Phillip Viney

The election process is about to commence (in line with the District Rules), such that the 3 members (shaded) are due to retire (but are eligible to re-nominate).

**This note is to formally advise you that nominations are being sought to fill these positions.**

In compliance with the Rules of the Tasmanian Lions Foundation Inc., “. . . **nominations shall be made in writing by a Tasmanian Lions Club in good standing in the Area concerned and shall be delivered to the Cabinet Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of the District Convention together with the written consent of the member nominated**”.

While there are other clauses concerning the election process, **the most important issue is that nominations should be made by the Club in compliance with the above.** If you have a member in your Club that is interested in nominating, please follow the above procedure **NOW.**

Paul Cairnduff  
Secretary - Tasmanian Lions Foundation