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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 Ron Sutton

35 years - Kentish Club

Lion Garry Beaton

35 years - City of Devonport Club

Lion Eric Cook

20 years-Georgetown Club

Lion Peter Hyland

15 years - Spring Bay Club

Lion Margaret Hyland

15 years - Spring Bay Club

Lion Charles Baird

15 years - Forth Valley Club

Lion David Carswell

10 years - Riverside Club

Lion Joanne Treloar

10 years - Kentish Club

Further congratulations go to the following for Club President Excellence Awards:-

The International Board of Directors extend their congratulations to these past officers for the contributions they have made to further enhance the image of the Association.

Huon Club John Gillham Ira Cooke King Island Club Hester van Niekerk Kingborough Club Kings Mds Club Judi Gorham Latrobe Club **Peter Burk** Laun/Windmill Hill Paul Cox **Daniel Eiszele** Penguin Club **Robert Donoghue** Port Sorell **Geoffrey Billett** Riverside Club **Tony West** Rocky Cape Club Wayne Harper Scottsdale Club Joan Krause Smithton/Circular Head Club **Geoffrey Gilbert** Sorell Club Nigel Sheahen Wynyard Club

A wonderful effort to you all as your involvement throughout the years have been recorded with assisting so many people within your communities. *Well Done !!!*

January was a quieter month but still work goes on. Plenty of paperwork plus a Council of Governors Meeting in Sydney.

The Meeting was of great interest in hearing all the other Governor's reports of what has happened in their Districts .Quite a number have chartered new clubs including several Campus Clubs.

A couple issues of importance were discussed and it is important that all members are aware.

1. **GoToMeeting** Conferencing - a number of districts have expressed an interest in *GoToMeeting* or similar and to see if a deal could be done through Lions nationally.

Several internet conferencing programs have been investigated and *GoToMeeting* is as good as any and suits our needs very well. Members of T1 tried it out with a few teething problems but can really see it being very worthwhile as it will do away with a lot of travelling as well as getting answers so much sooner to any problem that may arise unexpectedly.

The motion was passed that each district take advantage of the free one month trial available from *GoToMeeting* and conduct a series of

meetings and/or session training over that time to determine its suitability for their needs and that they report back by 20th March 2015 on its suitability and whether they would be prepared to take on a year one subscription approximately \$500.00 for one fixed licence and 5 "floating licences."

2. **Dues Increase** – the Multiple District is the administrative arm of Lions in Australia and Papua New Guinea to facilitate and support the efforts of our members in the Clubs and Foundations who perform community service – locally, nationally and internationally. The Multiple District does not raise monies from the public.

It now costs more to administer our Multiple District that we receive in dues. Membership dues are the primary source of income to fund the Multiple District.

Project levies are used exclusively for the project (e.g. Youth of the Year, Youth Exchange, Leos etc.) and are not available to fund administration costs.

<u>Membership numbers have steadily declined</u> <u>in recent years, for example</u>:

> 1990 31,823 2010 27,790 2014 26,936

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There has not been an above CPI dues increase for 8 years.

Real costs have been increasing at a faster rate than CPI.

An increase is necessary now for the Multiple District to remain financially viable rather than wait until we reach crisis point.

The motion to go to Newcastle Convention will be: Requesting an annual increase in dues of \$4.94(including GST) per member from 1st July, 2015, then a \$3.00(incl. GST) increase for each of the next two years ,then annual CPI increases hereafter.

These increase over the next three years will bring our MD dues to \$43.00 per annum. This equates to the LCI annual dues of US\$43.00 p.a.

The Council of Governors is asking for your support for this motion at MD Convention in Newcastle.

After leaving Sydney, I motored down to Bendigo, where I had been invited to attend a Graduation for an Autism Dog.

Rocky Cape Lions Club fund raised to obtain funds to purchase a Righteous Pup for a child with autism in the Wynyard area. I handed over the dog to the family who were ever so delighted and it was very moving to see how the new owner engaged with her new friend.



Congratulations Rocky Cape Lions as you have certainly made a family very happy and also make such a difference to their daily lives.

Membership in our district has had its ups and downs and currently at 1,245 and I have 4 new members to induct at Smithton-Circular Head Club at their 45th Charter Night next week.

Keep up the good work as I am sure we will pass 1,250 well by the end of the year.

Regards, DG Michael

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Below: Photos of the Graduation of the Autism Dog funded by the Rocky Cape Lions Club.



(Love the Hat! (Sorry, Mortar Board!)





PORT CYGNET LIONS STILL IN THE GROOVE!

Cygnet was buzzing again. The Cygnet Folk Festival was in full swing for the 33rd time last weekend.

There was music all over town and as Saturday was a bit overcast, Sunday weather was perfect.

As in years past the Port Cygnet Lions Club had their BBQ trailer in the car park and were feeding the masses.



For two days all members were busy, this year there was Hester van Niekerk from the Kingborough Lions Club lending a hand, as well as Lorraine from the Sandy Bay Club.

Karin Bluemmel Secretary





members are really proud of three of their own.

At the recent Australia Day Ceremony, Lion John Widdowson was made George Town Citizen of the Year.

In the past four years, three (3) George Town Lions have been awarded the honour.

Lion Eric Cook in 2012, Lion Harvey Gibbons in 2014 and Lion John in 2015.

To top off a great day, President Margaret and Lion Harvey's grand-daughter Courtney Gibbons, was named Young Citizen of the Year in 2013, and the club shared the Event of the Year award for the Country Music Festival.

Margaret Gibbons - President





Just a reminder that the next meeting of the Foundation will be held on Sunday,

15th March 2015

Any Club who may wish to submit a grant application please have it in the hands of the Secretary by:

7th March 2015

If there is any matter you may wish to be discussed, please have it to me by the same date above.

During March I will be writing to all Clubs asking you to consider purchasing a Tasmanian Lions Fellowship Award for a Lion or a member of your Community who maybe worthy of such an award and which can be presented at your forthcoming change over.

Keep up the good work in your communities.

Until next month,

Regards to you all.

Peter Burke Secretary

Why is a boxing ring square?



50/50 Pathway Forum

District Governor Elect Ann Eldridge from Victoria is conducting a 50/50 Pathway Forum in Launceston. She will cover the following topics to help strengthen and enhance our clubs:

- ♦ Increasing our volunteer resources
- * Reinvigorating and regenerating Clubs
- Becoming a significant and relevant force in our communities
- Attracting women as members and leaders
- * Involving young people and families

All Lions are encouraged to attend, bringing your thoughts and ideas to help our clubs grow and bring new life to them.

Venue: Kings Meadows Lions Club Rooms

Date: Saturday 28 February 2015

Time: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Lunch will be provided

RSVP: <u>14 February 2015</u>

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Club finals are about to begin in the Lions Youth of the Year Program for another year, and a new State Winner to represent our District at the Multiply District Convention in Newcastle.

Our last year State Winner Laura Wood enjoyed her prize trip to New Zealand and learning all about the Maori Culture followed by a week in Western Australia the home town of National Winner Jordan Green.

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Laura is an outstanding ambassador for our District and is willing to speak at clubs on her experience in the Youth of the Year program.

- Dates of finals have been set out below
- Club finals must be completed by: 22nd March 2015
- Regional finals completed by: 29th March 2015
- State final to be held 12th April 2015. (to be advised of host club)



Kae Campbell (Latrobe Club) is the North West Coast Coordinator to contact if clubs need assistance, and VDG1 Annette Ogilvie (Hobart Town) in the South. In the North clubs can contact me.

With the declining number of clubs participating in this Youth program the Coordinators may have to approach clubs to hold a club final to accommodate students wanting to enter once all entry forms have been collected, please support this program if approached.

Jenny Tripptree

State Coordinator YOTY

LORS TASMANIA

LIONS HELP TO GET THINGS GROWING...



Above: left to right Lion Don Binns; Allied Health Team Leader, Annette Keen; Lions John Dakin; Margaret Whitmore and Susan Wallis

Right: A composite of the Ravenswood garden opening - photos at top feature: #1: Lions, fire service officers, dignitaries and local residents attend the opening ceremony; #2: Lion Merv Whybrow, Hon Sarah Courtney MHR, and Mayor of Launceston Albert Van Zetten

at the opening of the Ravenswood Neighbourhood house community garden. #3: Ravenswood garden opening

The Ravenswood Neighbourhood
House and many local Ravenswood
residents are working hard to establish
a community garden on some vacant
land in their suburb. They have brought
in soil and have built raised garden beds
where they propose to grow vegetables
which can be looked after and shared by
residents in the neighbourhood. Although
vandalism has been a major problem in
their suburb, the people have high hopes
that by working together, with the support
of community groups, they can overcome
these difficulties.

The City of Launceston Lions Club donated \$2000 to help with the cost of materials and plants.

Lion Margaret Whitmore

Our District Count

30 December 2014

Clubs: 50 Membership: 1241

31 January 2015 Clubs: 50

Membership: 1245

 YTD ADD
 101

 YTD DROP
 92

 YTD GROWTH %
 0.73

Status: "Established district"

The John L. Grove Rehabilitation Unit at the Launceston General Hospital, is establishing an outdoor recreation area and garden to assist patients who are recovering from illness, surgery, accidents, strokes etc. Raised vegetable and flower garden beds have been built and can be tended by patients. A variety of hard surfaces such as paving, gravel paths, and lawn areas are intended to help patients regain their mobility prior to their going home. The City of Launceston Lions donated \$3000 towards the cost of paving and seating in the garden.



Smithton-Circular Head 45th Charter Night Meeting

DG Michael presenting Past President Joan Krause Club Excellence Award for 2013-2014

Past President Joan Krause presenting President Ian Neilson his Life Membership with wife Penny (36 years service)

President Ian Neilson and Past President Joan Krause honouring Secretary Lion Sheryl Robson, for her tireless work, and for the 14 new members she has brought into the Club









Sorell Lions Annual Southern Clubs Dinner

Wednesday the 4th of February saw the Sorell Memorial Hall decorated and set up for the annual Lions Southern Clubs Dinner, sponsored by the Sorell Club.

The guest speakers this year were Leonie Young of *Beyond Blue* and Tony O'Malley of *RAW (Rural Alive and Well)*.

Guests at the dinner included District Governor Michael Maclaren, Annette Ogilvie, 1st VDG, Hester van Niewkerk, 3rd VDG, Councilor Kerry Vincent, Mayor of Sorell and wife Jan, Councilors Carmel Torenius and Graeme Evans and their partners, Paul Kregor from the Masonic Lodge, Barbara Kregor from Sorell CWA, Andrew Benson from Southern Midlands Council and Danial Rochford, CEO of RAW.

The Lions Club of Sorell donated \$500.00 to both charities on behalf of the attendees.

Entertainment was provided in the form of string instruments by *David Ritson* and bar service was provided by *Sorell RSL*.

An excellent three course meal prepared by *Bronwyn Holobradek* wonderfully presented and served by a very friendly and helpful team together with the bar service, set a great background to convivial discussions, enlightening talks and fellowship throughout the night.

Milestone Meeting in Burnie

The City of Burnie Lions Club members met at Baltimore Restaurant on Tuesday 10th February, to celebrate 55 years of service.

We were pleased to have the company of our DG and fellow Lion, Michael Maclaren, along with past member, John Packham and his wife Betty.

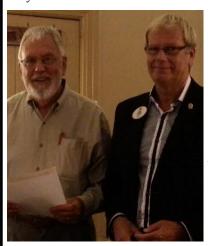
President Christine congratulated members and reflected on the history of the Club. She noted that though our membership has reduced recently, we are still able to achieve

outcomes at the same level as in past years, clearly a sign of quality membership.

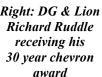
The Club was proud to induct new member, Marg Dowling who was accompanied by her partner, Bob Walters (pictured right).

Also joining the celebration was a prospective member.

Lion Melissa Bell City of Burnie



Left: DG & Lion Ian Lancaster receiving his 35 year chevron award





Photos below: L to R: David Ritson; Guest Speakers (RAW & Beyond Blue); Happy Guests!

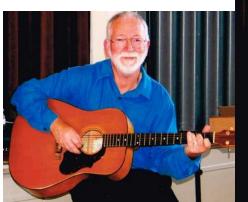
Confirmation of Lions involvement in cooking at *Ronald McDonald House* and the introduction to *Trauma Bears* were highlights during the night. The event has become very popular over recent years with

enquiries to the Sorell Club often as to the date of the next dinner. It is always set down for the first Wednesday in February each year (unless circumstances prevent it).

Planning for next year has already begun so put it in your diary as the dinner is open to all community groups and individuals.

See you there in 2016!

Lion Geoff Clow - Event Co-ordinator







It's all in the Spelling

A pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express Praise for answered prayers.

A lady stood and walked to the pulpit. She said, "I have a praise point: Two months ago my husband, Jim, had a terrible bicycle accident and his scrotum was smashed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

She continued, "Jim was unable to hold me or the children and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation. They were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Jim's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

The men in the congregation squirmed uncomfortably in their seats.

She continued, "Now Jim is out of the hospital and the doctors say that, with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with relief. The pastor rose and rather tentatively asked if anyone else had anything to say.

A man rose and walked to the pulpit. He said, "Good morning, I'm Jim and I want to tell my wife ONCE AGAIN that the word is STERNUM."

A single act of service can change a life.

But, when

1.35 million

Lions members come together to serve, we can change the world!

Proud to be a Lion!



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Often the hardest workers in your Clubs and District already have been honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF).

Club Presidents and District Governors sometimes are at a loss how to recognise these Lions continuing high standards of service.

Honour them with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. With a gift to LCIF of US\$1,000, current Melvin Jones Fellows can receive a stylish single diamond MJF lapel pin. Additional gifts to LCIF in US\$1,000 increments allow further diamonds to be received on a MJF lapel pin; recognising each level of support to LCIF.

100% of every donation to the MJF and PMJF Programs goes towards a LCIF Grant. By growing and strengthening the Foundation, LCIF is able to award many more grants – to assist local Lions do more and help lift the profile of Lions in your community. LCIF Grants also assist Lions around the world to help their communities following disasters; Preserve Sight; Combat Disabilities; Serve Youth and Promote Health.

LCIF Grants are saving children's lives by Lions partnering with the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) to vaccinate millions of children in the world's poorest countries. This partnership is really working with 157 million children to be vaccinated in 2015.

Our goal is to raise \$30 million by our centenary year 2017. Every dollar donated by Lions will be matched dollar for dollar by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation or the Department of International Development UK, giving a total of \$60 million in the fight against measles and rubella. The One Shot, One Life-Lions Measles Initiative vaccinates a child for less than \$1 and gives that child the chance to live a healthy life. At the start of our Lions Measles Initiative 430 children died each day from measles, now it stands at 335, help Lions to reduce the number of children to die from measles and rubella to zero.

Please help Lions do more by making a donation to LCIF.

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A New Partnership and Challenge for Lions and LCIF

The GAVI Alliance and Lions Clubs International announced a unique partnership at the Hamburg Convention that will help to protect tens of millions of children in the world's poorest countries against measles, a highly infectious disease that kills an estimated 430 people every day, mostly in developing countries.

Under the partnership, Lions Clubs International will deploy its network of 1.35 million volunteers to raise US\$30 million and to improve access to vaccines through the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunization in the world's poorest countries.

The funds raised by the Lions will be matched by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. The announcement was made at the Lions Clubs' 96th annual convention in Hamburg, Germany.

"Lions Clubs International and its members are excited to continue our commitment to the fight against measles and rubella," said LCIF Chair Wing-Kun Tam. "Through our joint

efforts with GAVI and other partners, we will increase access to quality immunization services at every level – globally, nationally and locally – to benefit children in developing countries."

Cont'd next month...







Aloha Lions! The 98th Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26th – June 30th, 2015.

Honolulu is like paradise. Over 100 beaches surround Honolulu, more than any other city on the earth. You can relax on the white sandy beaches of Waikiki, hike the magical trails on Diamond Head crater, and view incredible waterfalls such as Waimea and Maunawili Falls are among the many favorites not be missed. Also, take time to explore the history Honolulu offers. The USS Arizona Memorial is a renowned portrayal of World War II, while the Pearl Harbor Park provides a sobering yet stunning piece of history that will never be forgotten. In today's ever-changing world, Lions from all walks of life symbolize a 'ray of hope' in their commitment to touch the lives of 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!

NOT JUST RING PULLS - ALL METALS

Now that you have had a good clean-out over the Christmas holidays, it's time to take all your ring pulls and metals [even gold if you have it] to your nearest Sims Recycling Depot, or their subsidiaries. The funds will then be credited directly to the **LIONS SPINAL CORD FELLOWSHIP.........** how easy is that?

Clean up the yard [or paddock] and help one of our projects at the same time. If you have a large quantity of bulky items then **Sims** will arrange for a bin or truck to come to you.

Don't forget to give them the code for your State - [Victoria & Tasmania is LION02], [NSW is LION16], [SA and NT are LION04], [WA is LION03] and [QLD is LION04].

Sims will then give you a receipt and if you could send us a copy it would help us to reconcile the deposits and also we would like to acknowledge your donation.

Do you know of or work for, a corporate who would be willing to donate a percentage of their industrial waste to the

cause? Even 1% from a mining group would be a great return...... think outside the square and see what you can come up with so that we can get our friends out of wheelchairs.

David Oakley

LASCF District Chairman Liaison oakheat@bigpond.com / 9544 1161



DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING

As you would be aware on Post Office advises that less letters are being processed in the current manner. Hence less stamps are being collected.

I would like to appeal to all Lions to participate in this project. Very little work is involved and I am sure if you get round family and businesses in your area, we will be able to pick up our shortfall.

I am sure the Lions Foundation will greatly 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 your efforts are most appreciated and keep up the good work.

Until next month.

Peter Burke, Co-ordinator Riverside Lions Club

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 conventioneers 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



DSRG NEWSETER 2017

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: MARCH 10th

In September 2013 George Bugeja, the Lions District Governor of Tasmania, contacted the MND Tasmania President with the idea that MND should be the focus of Lion's fundraising for a year.

The following report appeared in the Newsletter of Motor Neurone Disease Association of Tasmania Jan/Feb 2015.

Lions and MND Tasmania Care Contacts booklet

The 2014 MND Awareness Week culminated in a meeting between District Governor George Bugeja and MND Tasmania President Tim Hynes in Hobart, where District Governor George presented a cheque for \$10,400 from Lions Tasmania to MND Tasmania.

All funds raised came from Lions Clubs in many parts of Tasmania.

The Board has allocated a substantial part of these funds to a MND Tasmania Care Contacts booklet which is issued as a free service to all members living with MND in Tasmania.



One of the challenges of living with MND is finding out which services and service providers are needed, where they are, what they do, how they can be contacted, when they will be visiting,

This booklet can be used to assist members to keep track of their health professionals and service providers. It contains a brief overview of the roles of the various health professionals and other service providers, provides space for recording key information and for tracking appointments, contacts and milestones to act upon.

The first 100 of these Booklets were printed in November 2014 and Leanne Conway, our Regional Advisor, commenced issuing them to our members living with MND in December 2014.

Thank you Lions!

And... Well Done PDG George!

Burial Plans

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

Neighbours feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died when he was 98. After the burial, her neighbours concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

(HERE IT COMES!!!)



The wife said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down... and I know he won't ask for directions."



WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY

Clarence

Rhonda Day

Sponsor: Todd Hitchins

Diane Polglase Sponsor: Susan Lowry

Glenorchy City

John Tesoriero

Sponsor: Karen Delaney

Kentish

Catriona Roberts
Sponsor: Peter Spinks

Peter Spinks

Sponsor: Laurence Connors

Kingborough

Peter Brokate

Sponsor: Timothy Woolley

New Norfolk Elaine Hands

Sponsor: Barry Adlard

Smithton-Circular Head

Nicole Avery

Sponsor: Jodie Young

Peter Satler

Sponsor: Sheryl Robson

Lorna Winton

Sponsor: Royden Milner

Sorell

Michael Flanagan

Sponsor: Geoffrey Gilbert

Tasman

Alison Bretag

Sponsor: Leon Lisson

David Carr Sponsor: Maria Stacev

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Tony Sushames Sponsor: Frank Wolf

