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From
the
DG's
Desk

Greetings Fellow Lions & Leos!

Again, it is with great sadness that we mark the loss of another distinguished Lion.

Mr. Jack Allen – Jack was possibly the first senior Lion that I got to know outside of my own club.

Jack's real first name was John, a fact that I learnt at his Memorial service. He will always be 'Jack' to us (see reports next page).

In recent months I have received reports that there are some clubs are facing difficult times, especially when it comes to finding new members and finding members willing to undertake club executive positions.

As we are still living under the threat of COVID 19 and may be until we all are vaccinated, then some members (especially older and those with chronic medical conditions, it is understandable that reluctance to participate may exist.

Remember, District Cabinet is here to help the District's Clubs – a belief I have held throughout my DG journey. Already some Cabinet

members (Zone Chairs and GAT team members) are working with clubs to help them recover and succeed.

It is most important that such clubs have the desire to continue to serve and request assistance!

I am currently working on the completion of my Club Visitation programme so, if your club has not yet been visited **PLEASE** contact me as soon as possible.

We all recognize the value of local Lions Clubs in their community – and each club operates as an autonomous entity under the Lions Clubs International Banner. It is up to each club to identify any issues it has and to seek help – Help is available – Just ask!

The days of strict attendance record keeping are long gone – any Lion should be able to serve their community when they can and within their own abilities. Please make this known to your members.

As District Governor, I am here to **SERVE** Clubs, not cajole, harass or threaten – remember, I am just another Lions Club member who seeks to serve fellow Lions.

Even with the loss of membership within districts, I still encourage clubs to be honest in reporting membership.

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NOTICE

Please find below the new postal address for Lions Club Queenstown.

Lions Club of Queenstown
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Queenstown Tas 7467

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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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FOR 2021 - 2022

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Members should maintain some activity in their club and pay dues as requested by their club.

Any club that 'carries' non-paying members is creating a burden upon fellow members of over \$170 each.

So do not be afraid to drop such members.

With Club Development days approaching in your area, consider attending and learning how you can help your club and your community.

You will learn the duties and actions of club executive members – without committing yourself. These day long sessions are planned and delivered by well trained and experienced Lions, who once were new Lions themselves!

The Club is the supreme level within Lion Clubs International – it is the Club that holds membership of LCI, take a look at your club's Charter - we are all unified as club members and it is through our club that we can achieve a world of service.

As your District Governor I am still beholden to my club and to every Lion within our District.



Byron Dilworth

District Governor/MD201T1



A LIFE OF SERVICE

It is with much sadness this newsletter begins by announcing the passing of our dear friend and fellow Lion Jack Allen.

Jack was a member of our club for many years after he transferred from the Moonah club, after it ceased operating.

Jack subsequently transferred to Hobart Town club as it was easier for him to attend a day meeting venue, though he continued to keep in touch with our club and made visits whenever possible... I will miss our coffee catch-up's too.

Jack was a true inspiration and mentor to many in our club and was highly respected by everyone.

There just isn't enough space in such a small newsletter to list all his accomplishments in Lions and his life.

By the time this newsletter is read the Memorial service will have been held where I am sure everyone will wish to pay their respects and share their memories of our dear friend Jack.

Below is a recent photo of Jack, being presented with his award for 50 years service to Lions by CC David Triffett.

Our sincere condolences go to all of Jack's family at this difficult time.

Jennifer Pritchett, Secretary
Lions Club of Glenorchy City



VALE

**LION
JACK
ALLEN
PDG**



Members, we have lost our mentor and a great friend.

PDG Jack Allen, you will be missed by all at Lions, especially at the Glenorchy Lions club.

Your many tales and stories of your seaman ship life

We remember the twin of Lions when you and Joan came as a pair

Your 50 years of serving others in the community!

Your days of fish net making and supplying rope to members

Your great craft work in leather; making us belts etc.

The many trips we took away as a group and your love of a great drop of wine - the list goes on and on...

You have always be a leader and a great mentor to all Lions.

From a bus driver to sausage turner to all-round helper.

You and Joan will now be together again forever.

I for one will always have you both in my heart

You have definitely done our Lions motto proud...

You served!

RIP MATE

President James Fisher
Glenorchy City



CLUB NEWSLETTERS

Don't forget to send your **CLUB NEWSLETTER**



to DG Byron or to myself (Editor) each issue.

By doing this, it puts your Club in the running for the best Newsletter Award at the end of the current Lions year. Also, articles of interest from your Club newsletter can be submitted for inclusion in the **T1** District Newsletter. **Newsletter Editor**

Our District Count

31 March 2021

Clubs: 48
Membership: 1008

Membership 31 Mar 2020: 1105

YTD ADD 56
YTD DROP 114
YTD NET GROWTH -58
YTD NET GROWTH % -5.44%

Status: "Transitional" (24 mths)

YEAH, YOU GUESSED IT....



IT'S A SEA LION.

CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING

Last year just before Covid locked us out of schools, we managed to conduct vision screening at St Paul's School in Bridgewater. Now a year later we are back and have conducted screenings at St Peter Channel and Circular Head Christian Schools in Smithton, as well as the Play and Learn Centre in Warrane, Hobart. **This brings the total of children screened in T1 to just over 200 so far.**

The children at the Play and Learn Centre were quite young 3 to 5 years old, which made it a bit of a challenge. They were delightful and very cute, which more than made up for any difficulties.

How could any Lion, not want to get involved with vision screening?

With 43 of those children tested referred for a full eye examination the statistics demonstrate a very real need for vision screening to be continued across the State.

Please, raise this issue at your club, encourage your members to get on board. Get trained to be a vision screener. We now have three screening teams, one each at Rocky Cape, Brighton and Clarence. We need more, especially in Devonport and Launceston.

Children's Vision Screening is a low cost way for your club to make a real difference in your community.

It is not hard, in fact it's a lot of fun.



At the Play and Learn Centre in Warrane. Centre features Leon Spencer At left are Rod Wright and Sally Jones.

CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING PROGRAM

With restrictions easing we are looking for Lions interested in joining our **team of screeners**. Over the next few months LEHP will be focusing on travelling to different locations, providing **face to face** information and **hands on** experience.

To book a facilitator to visit your club / zone you will need:

- A minimum of 8 participants
- All participants must be a registered Lion, partner of a Lion or Leo
- Essential for participants to have completed an online information briefing prior to the face to face session (lehp.org.au/online-training-course)
- Have access to a pre-school / primary school (LEHP Management can assist with this)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT DC LEHP STEPHEN SMITH ON 0402 483 355

LIONS CLUB OF PENGUIN 2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MORNING TEA

Recently Lions Club of Penguin celebrated its seventh International Women's Day at the Penguin Sports & Services Club. The event was well attended with over 75 guests.

Robyn Sinfield from Home Travel Company, Erin Cooper Journalist from the ABC and Colleen Day and Nikole Waller from Look Good Feel Better a non-profit organisation that supply moral support and help to clients undergoing Chemotherapy for cancer treatment.

All four speakers were diverse, informative and interesting. President Julie Crawford done a great job as MC and from this event the Club was able to make a sizeable donation to Look Good Feel Better.

Also, at this event the Lions Club of Penguin introduced a perpetual trophy for International Women's Day and *our inaugural winner was Mrs. Judy Ling* who has been a stalwart of the Penguin Community for many, many years. Home Travel Company, Penguin very generously donated a travel voucher for Mrs. Ling.



At right:

President, Julie Crawford,

LCOP Inaugural Quiet Achiever Award, Judy Ling,

IWD Co-ordinator, Kathy Townsend

Article by Kathy Townsend

WELCOME TO THE LIONS FAMILY...



IN MARCH 2021

RIVERSIDE

TREVOR SOFIELD

Sponsor: **ROBERT HARKNESS**

SMITHTON-CIRCULAR HEAD

IAN MONSON

Sponsor: **MONICA MONSON**



Q: What's Forrest Gump's password?

A: 1forrest1

What does an air conditioner have in common with a computer?

They both lose efficiency as soon as you open windows.

You know it's true!



LIONS CLUB OF LATROBE

A busy month with our 50th Charter Anniversary and a speedway canteen to manage with the final nights being on April 2nd and 3rd.

Three members and a family member erected a large trampoline for another family, (somewhat challenged by the amount of dog droppings about the place!) however, a child is surely going to have some fun with the trampoline and that's all that matters.

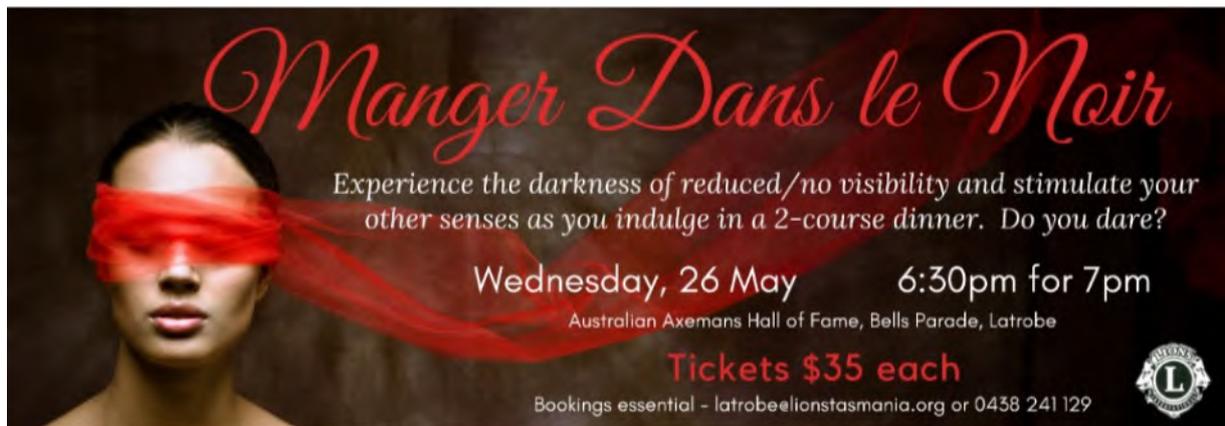
The 50th Charter Anniversary seemed to go off well with 87 members, partners and guests hopefully enjoying themselves. President Stuart did a great job as Master of Ceremonies, our keynote speaker, Past Council Chairman Tony Roney made a lasting impression on members of the community, even if he did have to be forced to leave at the end of the night. We have had some very positive feedback from Lions and community members regarding his presentation.

Our entertainers for the evening were Autumn George, who was the winner of the public speaking section of the club final of youth of the year and Peter Atkins a teacher from Geneva school. It's great to showcase young local talent.

Members are now back to "manning" the football gates, having started on Good Friday with a huge crowd all within COVID Safe guidelines. Certainly kept us on our toes.

Our next project is the Zone Dinner at the Axeman's Hall of Fame on May 26th - the Theme "Dining in the Dark" to highlight the difficulties face by people with sight impairment (Flyer below).

We are hoping for a good attendance, members of the public will also be invited.



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About Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

Since 1980, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) have provided a set of “furry ears” to over 600 Australians, all made possible from the ongoing support of our generous donors and Lions Clubs across Australia. **Each Hearing Assistance Dog costs ALHD upwards of \$37,000 to train, deliver and support, and is gifted free of charge, to its deaf or hard of hearing new owner.**

As a Lion, how can I help?

By serving our local District as a Lion, you DO help! You can also spread the word about the great services that ALHD provide and promote further within our community. Most importantly, through our **Puppy Champion** program, you can directly support our puppies in training like Bella (above) by making a monthly donation for as little as \$10 per month. In return, you will receive exclusive monthly updates on Bella’s progress in the Puppy Program, as she continues her journey to become a Hearing Assistance Dog providing life-changing support to a deaf or hard of hearing Australian.



Take the lead and become a Puppy Champion today, and you will be transforming the life of someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Scan the QR code to the left to visit our website and sign up, or visit www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/puppysponsor. When you sign up, you will receive a special ‘welcome pack’ to acknowledge your incredible support.

How can my Lions Club support?

Lions Clubs can support ALHD in many ways, and by getting involved as a Club, this promotes community spirit in our Lions network. A great way to get your Lions Club involved is to **‘name a puppy’!** This is a great group experience to get your Club Members engaged and suggesting or voting on names, or even naming a pup after something associated with your Club!

Some great examples of effective naming opportunities are; Lions Club of Theodore Inc. recently naming a pup ‘Theo’, and Lions Club of Salisbury Inc. naming an upcoming pup ‘Sal’. Upon making a \$3,000 donation, ALHD will work with you to put forward your name suggestions and prioritize your wishes; **PLUS** a monthly update on the puppy you name will be sent through to you for you to share with Club Members and discuss your impact at your regular meetings. To discuss a naming opportunity please email Fundraising Manager, Alix Katala, at alix@lionshearingdogs.com.au.

Other ways to get involved with ALHD:

Spread the word about our amazing work. We are a home-grown Lions project that is now the only Hearing Assistance Dog provider in Australia; we place dogs with people who are deaf or hard of hearing far and wide!

Volunteer with us and contribute to our daily operations to support our services. You can foster a puppy, volunteer in our kennels, or provide administrative support to our marketing and fundraising team.

Host a fundraiser as part of your workplace, Lions Club, community group, or friends; we can provide resources for you to raise funds to donate back to ALHD.

For more information on Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, to get in contact, or support; please contact our team info@lionshearingdogs.com.au or 08 8388 7836.

**LIONS V DISTRICTS
CANCER FOUNDATION**
Patron: Mr Frank Costa AO
Ambassador: Mr David Mann AM

The LVDCF was formed with the initial mission of establishing a mobile Skin Cancer Skin Check and Awareness Unit in Victoria and Southern New South Wales with related skin check facilities provided by accredited trained Dermoscopists and other appropriately qualified personnel.

BOARD:

The Board of Management is representative of Lions V Districts and manages and oversees the project.

Chairperson:

Mr Bruce Hudgson (V2)

Secretary:

Ms Delwyn Seebeck (V2)

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Phil Clinkaberry (V1-4)

Professional Advisory Coord.:

Pat Mills (V5)

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Tony Benbow (V5)

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BSB: 633 000

Account no.: 168189413

ABN: 80 754 119 500

Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible

FACEBOOK: @Lions V District Cancer Foundation

WEB: <http://lionsvdcf.org.au/>

LIONS V DISTRICTS CANCER FOUNDATION INC NEWSLETTER



March 2021

LAUNCHED AND READY TO GO!



Looking very auspicious in all it's glory—and Government House doesn't look too bad either!

It was a very proud day on March 10, 2021, when the brand new Skin Check and Awareness Unit was launched by the governor, the honourable Linda Dessau AC.

Her Excellency did the honours, after acknowledging the work of Lions and, specifically the work of the Foundation and all of its supporters.

Foundation Chair, Bruce Hudgson, outlined the very valid reasons for the project and thanked the Board of Trustees and all of the supporters of the project, as well as acknowledging the

support of key mentors and advisors.

After cutting the ribbon to make the launch official, Her Excellency Ms Dessau was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of her support and encouragement for the Foundation and for the Lions organisation.

This marks the start of what will be a long term life-saving project and we are very grateful for the support of Lions Clubs and major supporters, without whom the project would not have become a reality.



Clockwise, from top left: Her Excellency, The Governor of Victoria Linda Dessau and Foundation Chair, Bruce Hudgson; Invited guests; The ribbon is cut; Morning tea is served; Wendy explains the process; Greeting the guests;

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Noonan Family Foundation



And - V Districts Lions Clubs

With thanks & appreciation to our patron, Frank Costa AO and ambassador, David Mann AM



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NEWSFLASH March 2021

National Disaster Appeal – Flooding Queensland : New South Wales : Victoria

To all Lions, Leos and Lioness Clubs,

With the agreement of Council Chairperson David Triffett, the **Australian Lions Foundation** is commencing an appeal throughout Australia to support those residents in the mid coast and inland regions of New South Wales, Queensland's Gold Coast and south to the border and East Gippsland areas of Victoria, who are currently being impacted by devastating flood waters.

If clubs wish to donate, you can either send your cheque directly to the Treasurer of the Australian Lions Foundation or make a deposit direct to the National Appeal Fund Account, as detailed below. If you are making a direct deposit, **please ensure you put your club number as a reference** so that we are able to maintain records. Clubs please note that donations to the Disaster Appeal are not eligible for awards credits.

Account Name: National Appeal Fund

BSB: 036-048

Account No: 440704

Cheques payable to the Australian Lions Foundation can be sent to:

Treasurer Australian Lions Foundation

PO Box 278 Melville, WA 6956

The public may also wish to donate direct to the Foundation by using the "GiveNow link" button on the Multiple District Website and the Australian Lions Foundation Website. All public donations received over \$2 are tax deductible. Please consider supporting this appeal to help those in need. The Australian Lions Foundation will start this appeal with a \$100,000 contribution from funds at hand.





The Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award is a significant recognition of your Club and your President.

You will note on the application form that one of the essential criteria is that the Club has made a donation to LCIF during the year.

It is noted that by the end of March 2021, only 9 Clubs have recorded a donation for 2020-21.

To achieve and ensure this essential qualification Club donations either by the Club or Club members should be received by our Cabinet Treasurer for processing by the end of May.

As advised in the last Newsletter many Clubs have funds in credit for granting a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a PMJF to worthy members.

This is an opportune time to make application for an end of year presentation.

John Gillham, PDG
District LCIF Coordinator

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or lcif@lionstasmania.org

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Latrobes



NOT ALL IS DOOM AND GLOOM BY GAEL GAULT

As I see the news on TV and the papers that I read,
I wonder where we're headed in this world of hate and greed.
Drug dealers selling poison and making big dough,
leaving brain damaged addicts wherever they might go.

Then the crime rate rises so their craving can be fed,
some end up in hospital and some just end up dead.
So just where are we headed, this intelligent race,
the world has gone mad, just a terrible disgrace.

The Pope, the Queen and others, for peace they do pray,
but torture, bombing, killing still goes on every day.
And right here in our own patch there are things that need attention,
neighbours fighting, family feuds, street violence, are some
that I can mention.

It looks all gloom and, doom, and our futures looking bad,
but when I look about, I see things that make me glad.
What brightens up my day, as it would for anyone,
is meeting lovely young folk and hearing what they have done.

There are plenty of them out there, but not the ones we read about
but they're the ones we really need, of that there is no doubt
so to all you good young people, you are the ones that make my day.
I say thanks, god bless you and may good things come your way.

Gael Gault is a member of the Devonport Mersey Lions Club



UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

- May 15th Club Development Day – Officers and members
Hobart
Venue TBA
- June 5th Zone Chair Training
LC Kings Meadows Clubrooms
- June 19th Club Development Day – Officers and members
Launceston
Venue TBA
- June 20th Club Development Day – Officers and members
North West
Venue TBA

Leigh Johnstone
District 201T1 GLT Co-ordinator
0418 138 035



Steps on how to make the World a better place:

1. Join a Lions Club.
2. Stay in Lions Club.
3. Get others to join Lions Club.



HOW'S THAT?

Two old guys, Fred and Sam went to the movies. A few minutes after it started, Fred heard Sam rustling around and he seemed to be searching on the floor under his seat.

"What are you doing?" asked Fred. Sam, a little grumpy by this time, replied "I had a caramel in my mouth and it dropped out. I can't find it."

Fred told him to forget it because it would be too dirty by now.

"But I've got to", said Sam, "my teeth are in it!"

While he was visiting, a father asked for the password to sons Wi-Fi.

"It's taped under the modem," [L]he was told.

After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

Retirement is the best thing that has happened to me, said one man...

"I never know what day of the week it is," he gloated. "All I know is, the day the big paper comes, I have to dress up and go to church."

Bit like living through Covid but not going anywhere! - Ed

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY!



Easy Riders

The Almaguin Highlands Lions in Ontario couldn't hold their annual bike rodeo this year due to the coronavirus, but that didn't stop them from creating a vibrant bicycle course to show kids of all ages how to hone their bike handling skills.



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 then submitted for publication by e-mail.
Please forward (where possible) photos and newspaper cuttings with your article.

Scanned images should be of high quality (300dpi).

Deadline for next issue is: MAY 10th



AFTER THE SERVICE

by Jeff Cook

I saw a man parade today, in uniform complete,
His hat cocked neatly on his head, clean boots upon his feet,
His buttons highly polished, and his belt was shiny too,
His head held high, his shoulders back, like I once used to do.
The pride in him was evident in every move he made,
The smile and twinkle in his eye, that time would never fade,
So young and fit and confident, with his gun upon his shoulder,
And I prayed that he would never see his mates with him grow older.

For if I could alter history the wars would not have been,
No-one should ever have to face the horrors I have seen,
In the stinking, sweaty jungles, with the bullets and the bombs,
And the fever and the insects, in a world so full of wrongs.
I saw fighting in the deserts too, in blinding, searing heat,
Saw men go mad with thirst, or fear, or not a thing to eat,
I saw injuries and damages that no-one could believe,
And saw months of non-stop "action" without a day of leave.

I was part of ocean warfare in a ship and submarine,
Part of sinking other tortured souls - a memory obscene.
I saw oceans full of burning oil, and lifeboats upside down,
And officers and "other ranks" who would either burn or drown.
I piloted a bomber and I bombed from in the skies.
I saw planes explode, or crash to earth, and airmen, too, likewise,
I also flew a fighter and I flew it mighty well,
And I reckon what I saw of war would coincide with hell.

I was nursing sick and broken men to bring them back to health,
And I did all that I could do to protect the Commonwealth,
I fought and fed and flew and rode and drove and sailed and nursed,
And if I could have a dying wish, I'd see those days reversed.
Then no-one would be hurt next time, no mates or coppers fall,
And everyone would understand the futility of it all,
Now I pray that that young man I saw will be just a sentinel,
And I pray that I'm a dying group - for I am the R.S.L.

© For Teachers, For Students

From the Northern Lion (Q2)

People are often shocked to find out that we pay yearly dues but... they only work out to about a cup of coffee a week & these dues cover the cost of running our club which means

100%

of the money we raise through events & donations goes right back in to our community.

We're PROUD of that!



Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"
Student: "Meat!"

Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"
Student: "Bacon!"

Teacher: "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?"
Student: "Homework!"

Valé Roley McAtee

A very sad note to inform you all of the passing of PDG Roley McAtee OAM.

Roley was the Chairperson of the Lions Eye Health Program. Roley worked tirelessly for Lions with an extremely great interest in the Lions Eye Health Program.

Roley will be very much missed from our Lions Family.



LEHP-Australia
Lions Eye Health Program



The Final Word...

"A Sense of Humour: a personality that gives someone the ability to say funny things and see the funny side of things."