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“If we have no peace, its because we have forgotten that we belong to each other”
- Mother Teresa -

As I have been travelling around the Clubs the last couple of weeks, I have been pleased with the favourable comments from lions who attended the **District Convention**. The praise about the Rokeby Police Academy being an excellent venue, the quality of the meals provided and the very polite and helpful staff. The settings for the Flag and opening and the remembrance ceremonies.

Again all thanks goes to the members of the **Lions Clubs of Sorell and Clarence** who worked so hard under the Chairmanship of Lion Dawn Gatehouse.



My black cat is sitting on the cabinet, (photo below left DG at Convention with her black cats for luck - the quizzical look maybe says herding Lions is something like herding [black] cats!?)



Is this rock big enough for me to stand on?

I had to put the rock back in the garden (above), didn't want to be add up for stealing police property!

I have continued my visits this month far and wide, from the **LC of Kingston, Sorell, Hadspen South Esk** to, **St Helens** in the North East to **Smithton** in the North West, where I have never been before; we then had a combined meeting with **Rocky Cape**, and lastly at the **City of Devonport**.

All the Clubs have very busy calendars for the festive season I only hope that they all will be able to have a break with family and friends at Christmas, and there are some huge Christmas stockings to be used in raffles, there will be some very happy people at Christmas time.

I was impressed with young **Sam** the **St Helens Leo** who organised a successful road trip for their members,

visiting different stops in the area. I caught up with three (3) **Leo's** and a young pup at **Smithton**. **Lion Pam** took me to **Rocky Capes shed**, and we walked around the old cemetery that the club maintain.

The amount of community service the Clubs are doing in the community will insure our less fortunate will share in the festive season.

GLT/GMT team are still working on revising and updating, including the most relevant information, for the incoming officers information days. **I encourage all incoming officers to attend even if you are being recycled, thing change and you can always learn something new which will be helpful in your portfolios.**

P.T.O...

MERRY Christmas to All

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The District's Newest Lions Club

The Legana and District Lions Club was Chartered on 20th June, 2015. After a lot of canvassing and meetings the Club obtained twenty (20) members and from thereon was well set to go.

Club Members have been busy – they have one Business Meeting a month and also a Social Night once a month – quite a different Club to what we are used to but the Members selected this format and it really works well.

In addition to their Meetings they have and are busy with Projects including: Legana Market BBQ at the Presbyterian Home in Legana, selling of raffle tickets as well as assisting Hadspen South Esk Club in manning gates at Symmons Plains Raceway and Entally Open Day. Planned is a BBQ through their Sponsor Club West Tamar at Exeter Markets in January.



Some of the Charter Members (and others!) of the new Legana District Lions Club

Members have adopted another project - linking in with The Legana Child Care Centre. The

Centre is in urgent need of equipment etc. and the Legana Club is purchasing an under bench refrigerator and will continue working on toward assisting with further items for the Centre.

The Club is also involved in selling Mints and Christmas Cakes and Puddings - outlets have been secured.

The most exciting event was their Charter Night Dinner held on Saturday 31st October, 2015 at Grindlewald. Seventy (70) Lions and Partners

attended from throughout the District - South, North West and West Coast, Circular Head and Northern Region.

IPDG Michael Maclaren presented President Lion Gary Preece with the Club Charter and Members with their Centennial/Charter Pins. President Kevin Townsend of the Penguin Lions Club presented President Gary Preece of Legana with a Gong and Gavel. A great night was spent in truly Lions fashion.



The Club is well cared for by two (2) Guiding Lions and a Guiding Lion/Mentor.

The District is proud to have a new Club especially with members who work as a team and have bonded so well together.

Good Luck for the future Legana and District Lions Club!!

IPDG Michael Maclaren

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In the new year we will be looking to take the first steps together in the planning to form a new club in the South. The proposed area is in the West/North Hobart, and it will need involvement from Clubs and District.

As we are coming towards Christmas and New Year I wish all the Lions and their families, are able to spend some special time together and have a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

In Lionism, DG Annette

What's it called?

The pictured rose was a great source of enjoyment as well as providing much discussion at the recent District Convention Dinner .

Lion Dawn Gatehouse advises that the gold rose is most likely called "Honey Dijon".



2011 GLT LIONS SURVEY – LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE

I would like to thank those Lions who have taken the time to submit a response to the survey.

For those who have not yet done so – **a reminder that the survey closes on 31st December.**

This is your opportunity to have a say so get your response in now. Apart from the form you should have received via your club secretary you can also enter your response online by typing the link below into your browser

2011.lions.org.au/links

which will take you directly to the survey page– and I would like to thank Stuart Greig, our IT Communication and Webmaster for setting it up.

It's that easy. Have a go. It only remains for me to wish every one of you a happy and festive season.

Anne Fagg
GLT Coordinator





TASMANIAN LIONS FOUNDATION

Firstly, I would like to welcome recently appointed new members Lion Geoff Triptree and Lion Paul Cairnduff.

We hope that your stay with us will be a rewarding and satisfying one.

The next Meeting of the Foundation is to be held during the lunch break at the Convention on Sunday

7th February 2016

Any Lion interested in attending are most welcome. Following the A.G.M. a **General Meeting** will be held to discuss any loan applications.

Any Club wishing to submit a grant application please feel free to do so and have it in the hands of the Secretary by:

11th January 2016

along with details of any other matter you may like discussed.

If you need a grant application you can download from the web page.

The Foundation is looking forward to working with you in the coming year and please keep us in mind when you may be in the position to purchase a TLF Fellowship or make a donation to us.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season and that will be a good one.

MERRY CHRISTMAS....

Until next month,
Regards to you all.

Peter Burke Secretary



Awards, Awards & Togetherness...

Smithton Lions recently held a combined night with Rocky Cape Lions and Smithton Leos to welcome DG Annette.



The DG presented Lion Eddy and Lion John from Smithton Lions there twenty (20) year pins.

She also presented Smithton President, Ian Neilson and Rocky Cape President, Kev Radford with her DG's pin.

Smithton were also presented their CEP award.

A great night was enjoyed by all attendees and well done to all award recipients!



P.S. Speaking of praise, on Sat 28th November, Lions Eddy and Lloyd walked in high heel shoes down main street, for domestic violence against women! Well done to our two lions members!

Sheryl Robson Secretary



Christmas Facts



Christmas Day is celebrated by millions of Christians around the world, usually on December 25th. It is also a popular holiday celebrated by non-Christians.

Christmas Day is an annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Although the exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown it is estimated to have been between 7 and 2 B.C. The date of December 25th was chosen in the 4th century.

The popular customs of celebrating Christmas include gift-giving, sending holiday cards, Christmas trees and lights, caroling, a feast and church celebrations.

CORRECTION

In the last edition, a reference to only Latrobe hosting the 2016 Convention, should have in fact read, *with assistance from the Devonport, Devonport Mersey and Port Sorell Clubs.*

Apologies, Ed!

Deaf and Hearing IMPAIRED Children's Camp



To all 201T1 Lions Clubs

This is an early 'warning' to ask if your club could please consider supporting this Camp for Deaf Children In our Centennial Year we are asked to support youth, and I think this is a very worthwhile project that T1 Lions can assist with.

The Lions Club of Hadspen South Esk will write to all Clubs with more information soon, together with how we as clubs can help. Details such as how many children will be attending the camp for instance as well the cost to each child.

Below is pat of a letter received in relation to the camp.

'The Deaf and Hearing Impaired Service is in the process of organising a statewide camp in November 2016. As we do not have deaf schools within Tasmania and our students' academic needs are met within their regular schools, many of our students are socially isolated and have limited opportunities to interact with other children who have the same needs as themselves.

It is also important for these students to be able to find their own identity as part of the deaf community and as part of the hearing community, so they need to be provided opportunities to interact and learn with other deaf and hearing impaired students. The camp provides these opportunity

We are also hoping to bring successful deaf and hearing impaired adults to the camp to provide our students with positive role models and so are delighted to have Lions interested in our project.'

Annette Ogilvie DG T1



All in a day's Service for a LION!

Lions Club of Hobart Town 'hardy' members selling cakes at Salamanca Market on 5 December on a wet and windy day!

Lion
Heinz Maarseveen

PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2015

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the National winner of this year's *Peace Poster contest* is from the **Lions Club of Oatley** which is in **District N5**.

May I extend my congratulations to **DG Elvio and the District's Peace Poster Chairman** for their dedication and support of this wonderful Lion's Project.

I have phoned **Club President Jim Ede** to inform him of the results.

CC Phillip Johnson
MD 201

Lions International Peace Poster Contest



DISTRICT STAMP COLLECTING GREAT NEWS!

LAST YEAR A SUM OF **\$10,000** WAS RAISED TO HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.

THESE FUNDS ARE DONATED TO THE LIONS MOBILITY FOUNDATION. LIONS THROUGH THE FOUNDATION HAVE PROMISED TO BUY WALKING AIDS FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING ASSISTANCE TO WALK PROVIDING THEY ARE ASSESSED BY A FULLY TRAINED PHYSIOTHERAPIST.

ANYONE WILLING TO COLLECT STAMPS WILL INDIRECTLY BE GIVING A CHILD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WALK.

I WOULD TO SAY TO YOU ALL THAT AGE IS NO BARRIER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

VERY LITTLE EFFORT IS REQUIRED AND IS EQUALLY REWARDING TO YOU AS YOU KNOW YOUR EFFORTS ARE GIVING SOMEONE A BETTER LIFE.

WITH THE EXPECTED DROP OFF OF LETTERS WITH FORTHCOMING PRICE RISE WE NEED TO FIND EXTRA OMER TO HELP US PICK UP THE SHORTFALL.

HENCE, I AM APPEALING TO ALL LIONS, LEOS AND LIONESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT. WE ALL HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS AN ANY OF YOU HAVE GOOD BUSINESS CONTACTS.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO TRIM THE STAMPS THAT IS NO PROBLEM, AS WE HAVE NUMBERS TO CARRY THIS OUT. AS THIS IS A PROJECT COST OF POSTAGE CAN BE DEBITED AGAINST ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT.

STAMPS CAN BE POSTED DIRECT TO ME AT 11 CAMINA COURT, RIVERSIDE 7250.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND EAGERLY AWAIT NEW PARTICIPANTS AND HELP A CHILD TO WALK.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY I WISHING YOU AND YOURS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE **FESTIVE SEASON AND 2016 WILL BE A GOOD ONE FOR YOU.** HAPPY NEW YEAR,

Until next month
Peter Burke,
Co-ordinator
Riverside Lions Club





Dear Lions

No matter where you live, you have probably heard about the refugee situation in Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to leave their homes and make their way into Europe. They are leaving Syria, Kosovo, Afghanistan and several other countries, usually on foot and carrying what few possessions they still have.

They are searching for a place to call home, where they can safely raise their families. Many of them are crowded into camps, lacking adequate food, water and medical supplies.

This is where Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions can help. LCIF has approved US\$200,000 to help Lions address the needs of refugees in host countries. The Lions of Sweden and Turkey are already hard at work providing relief materials to refugees near the Greece/Turkey border.

The Lions in the Istanbul, Turkey, region have received a grant for refugee assistance, with which they plan to establish a school for refugee children and support the nutrition and hygiene needs of 100 families for two months.

Lions in Europe and the Middle East recently met to share stories, resources and ideas for helping the refugees. A steering committee comprised of Lions leaders in Europe was formed to help coordinate efforts.

Please consider making a donation to LCIF's disaster fund so Lions in the affected areas can help where help is needed most.

If your District or Multiple District is interested in aiding refugees, you can contact LCIF to find out how to request funds for local relief projects through a pilot grant program.

Thank you for your dedication to improving lives of people all over the world.

Sincerely

Joe Preston,
Chairperson,
Lions Clubs International Foundation



DON'T FORGET...



Our District Count

31 October 2015

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1261

30 November 2015

Clubs: 50

Membership: 1245

YTD ADD 44

YTD DROP 53

YTD GROWTH % - 0.72

Status: "Established district"



Sorell Lions Club February Dinner

Sorell Memorial Hall

Wednesday 3rd February

\$30 a head (note the change)

6.30 for 7.00 enter via RSL

Good Food and Fellowship Guaranteed

Contact Geoff Clow 0408281176

Or email geoff49@bigpond.net.au

**Come and enjoy a LION
of a NIGHT with fellow
like minded LIONS**

**Organise a group and bring a
FRIEND.**

**THEY may enjoy and join
LIONS.**



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 201T1

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: JANUARY 10th

Lions Memorial Grove of Trees Replanted

At the Multiple District Convention held in Tamworth in 1991, the twenty-two (22) District Governors of the day planted a Gum Tree each in a memorial grove on the banks of the Peel River in the Memorial Service as a remembrance to the Lions and members of the Lions family who had passed away in their District over the past year.

The twenty (20) trees that survived had reached thirty (30) or forty (40) feet high and were thriving in their natural habitat.

Unfortunately the area where the trees were planted was gazetted for the construction of a huge children's play park.

The architects, not being aware of the significance of this grove of trees simply looked on them as trees to be removed.

By the time the decision to remove the trees was brought to our attention it was too late to do anything about it. However following a meeting between the three (3) Tamworth Lions Clubs and a representative of Australian Lionsonoz, the Tamworth Regional Council agreed to replant a grove of trees to provide the same significance the original grove held, and reinstall the original plaque, identifying the site.

On Saturday 28th November 2015, four (4) Tamworth Lions, five (5) South Tamworth Lions, three (3) Tamworth Peel Valley Lions and one (1) Lion from Australian Lionsonoz cleaned out holes previously dug by an auger and planted the first seventeen (17) American Ash, Fraxinus Pennsylvanica, in the new grove. The remaining five (5) trees will be added later.

The type of trees selected were chosen because they give good shade without the danger of falling branches, as Australian Gums are prone to do.

The new grove will enhance the playground area, which is reputed to be one of the best of its kind in the state.

PDG Lion Warren White



Left: Lions of South Tamworth, Tamworth and Australian Lionsonoz planting one of the seventeen (17) American Ash Trees in the new Children's playground, as a replacement for the Lions memorial Grove of Trees.



Are you looking for a guest speaker for your meeting?
Do you enjoy seeing a child smile?
Do you want to make a difference to a child's life?
Does your Club need a good cause to donate to?

If you can say yes to any of these questions I am ready to make your wishes come true....

I have the latest DVD promoting our Lion's Australia Children's Mobility Foundation to give away FREE to any Club who wants to feel good about helping a child with the gift of a better life.

Please contact me on 0407 877 460
or

Email george.bugeja@bigpond.com
and I will put a smile on YOUR face.

PDG George Bugeja
Tasmanian Trustee
Australian Lions Children's Mobility
Foundation



The Last Word...

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." Helen Keller