



LIONS TASMANIA

Lions Clubs International District 201T1

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DG says "It ain't over, till it's over".....

To all the members of the Lions Family.

We are quickly approaching the end of our year, our last lap of the race.

We have held all our Pit Stops and hopefully completed our Community Needs Assessments.

For those clubs in the District that have participated in the International Presidents Programs, such as the Reading Action Program, thank you all for a magnificent effort in making it a major success around the world.

I hope that your club has had a successful year, but if history is an indication, we know that much can happen in the last two months.

Some interesting statistics from International are:

... 23% of new clubs are chartered in May/June

... 18% of total adds occur in May/June

BUT – 30% of drops occur in May/June

On the District scene I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who were involved in the March Membership Month around the state.

At the time of writing this report I am preparing for our final Cabinet Meeting in Launceston. I am expecting positive reports

from our regions as a lot has gone into making this a success.

Following our Cabinet Meeting, we will have our final GMT/GLT Meeting where we will review our performance year to date.

Members, as I said, "It ain't over yet".

At the request of Lion Geoff Clow, The BlazeAid catering project coordinator, our Fire Disaster Response Group hosted an evening at the Sorell Memorial Hall to thank all of those who were involved from the many clubs who assisted with the catering for the Blaze Aid Team.

The night was a huge success and I thank all who were involved in the organising and catering for the evening. Job Well Done.

The Lions Communities Amenities Block is now proudly on site at its new home in Bay Street, Dunalley, situated on the same block as the Fire and Ambulance Station.

There have been many hurdles placed in front of our Committee, but I am proud to say we have cleared the main ones. Final touches such as fencing and landscaping are being finalised as we go to print.

I repeat, this has been a team effort and it would be unfair for me to single out individual Lions members, but please one and all,



take this as a huge thank you.

Delivering on this first project has made me proud to be your leader.

By the time you read this report we should be placing the Tool Library and then we will deliver on other commitments.

Our appeal has now exceeded \$600,000. A magnificent effort from all Lions around Australia and some donations from overseas.

While still on magnificent efforts, the "Fletcher/Spencer Appeal Major Fundraiser" is being held this week end. With the hard work that has gone into this fundraiser, we are looking for a very successful and financial event.

There are many great things being done in our District by our members and that has been highlighted by the recent disasters.

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**Wayne
Madden**
International
President

Lions should embrace social media.

Admittedly, I'm part of the generation considered to be behind the curve when it comes to cutting-edge communications. I may never quite catch up to my children and grandchildren, but I am the first international president to have his own Facebook page. I've enjoyed many informative interactions with Lions through Facebook.

Lions Clubs International recently surveyed Lions on social media use: more and more Lions are using Facebook and Twitter to connect with one another and to publicise their service. But we need to increase our use of these communication tools. We live in a digital world, and Lions, who always have prided themselves on being part of their communities, must be fully engaged with their communities in every way possible including social media. We belong in the mainstream, and today the flow of communication travels down the digital highway.



"It ain't over, till it's over"

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I could go on for pages - but - all members of 201 T1, give yourself a BIG pat on the back.

In conclusion, the very important Multiple District Convention held in Canberra in May was a great success.

I was very impressed with the attendance from 201 T1, in fact 53 attended – some of our mainland colleagues stated it was in fact 106 in attendance – so what a great roll up. Forty registered delegates and a team of Leos who made us all very proud.

Congratulations to Council Chair Lou and the team from Head Office for an outstanding Convention

DG David

Port Sorell Lions Club hosts Zone event

The Lions Club of Port Sorell recently hosted a combined Zone 4 Lions Club member's event at the Gateway Inn Devonport where guest speakers from the Menzies Research Institute addressed 85 Lions club members and partners.

Keynote speaker was Dr Kaylene Young who presented her research to date entitled "New Cells for old Brains".



*Dr Young is
pictured (centre)
with Port Sorell
Club President,
Jeanette Mason
and Zone 4
Chairman, Lions
Mike Walsh*

Larissa Bartlett the Community Engagement Co-ordinator for the Institute provided an overview, history and outlined current programs being undertaken by around 400 staff and research students at one of the country's best research institutes.

Dr Kaylene Young is a young Australian neuroscientist, who received her PhD from the University of Melbourne, and has 10 years experience in the brain repair research field. She has had an extremely impressive career to date, making a number of important

scientific discoveries that have been published in the highest ranking research journals.

While working in the UK, Dr Young discovered that there are multiple types of stem cells in the brain that make many new nerve cells. Dr Young published ground-breaking research on an immature brain cell, the OPC, demonstrating that it can generate very large numbers of

insulating cells - the type of cell lost in Multiple Sclerosis. Her research team aims to understand how new cells can be successfully added to the adult brain. Dr Young hopes that in the future, these new cells could be used to treat patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease, Stroke and Multiple Sclerosis.

A raffle and Lionella on the night raised \$182.00 which was donated to the trust fund for the grandchildren of Bill Lander's - President of the Forth Valley Lions Club, whose 2 grandsons were badly burned several months ago.

URGENT NOTE

**Melvin
Jones
Fellowships**

**completed application forms
should be sent direct to
LCIF District Coordinator
PDG John Gillham**

As the Australian processor of applications for MJFs and PMJFs will be leaving Australia on June 15 for the Hamburg International Convention it is essential that processing of applications for fellowships for presentation at ChangeOver be completed by that date. If not received in time plaques and pins will not be delivered before August.



Smithton Club's Lion Ross inducts seven new members - Shaune Keating, Caaren Young, Kathryn Blyth, Carolyn Gale, Peter and Robyn Jackson and Anita Cohen

Incoming Club Officers - training dates in place

Dates, times and venues have been set in place for information/orientation sessions for incoming club officers.

Region 1 - North West Coast Wynyard

Saturday, 25 May 2013 - 9.30am
St Brigid's Primary School
Jackson Street, Wynyard

Latrobe

Sunday, 26 May 2013 - 9.30am
Latrobe Primary School
Lewis Street, Latrobe

Rosebery

Sunday, 2 June 2013
Rosebery District High School
Morrisby Street, Rosebery

Region 2 - Northern Tasmania Scottsdale

Saturday, 18 May 2013 - 10.00am
Trade Training Centre, Scottsdale

Launceston

Saturday, 25 May, 2013 -10.00am
Kings Meadows High School
Kings Meadows

St Helens

Saturday, 1 June, 2013 -10.00am
Community Senior Citizens Centre
St Helens

Region 3 - Southern Tasmania Glenorchy

Sunday, 26 May 2013 - 9.30am
West Moonah Community House
130 Springfield Avenue, Glenorchy

Sorell

Sunday, 2 June 2013 - 9.30am
Sorell Lions Clubrooms
4 Station Lane, Sorell

As at the end of February
there were
1,354,208 Lions
in 46,177 Clubs
in 753 Districts
in 207 countries
and geographic areas

Membership
of District 201T1
as at 1 May
1207

VALE
Snow (Graeme)
Sharman
a member of the
Lions Club of Forth Valley

2013
DISTRICT CONVENTION
hosted by
LIONS CLUB OF WYNYARD
8>10 NOVEMBER 2013
Enquiries –
wynyard@lionstasmania.org

2014
DISTRICT CONVENTION
Scottsdale
22>24 November 2014

Welcome New Lions

Clarence

MARTIN MOOY
sponsored by Robin Pulford
LAVINIA PIKE
sponsored by Lynda Pitfield

Glenorchy City

MAUREEN COSTELLO
ROY COSTELLO

King Island

DWAYNE ROOKE
HEIDI WEITJENS

Kingborough

PAMELA BATROUNEY
sponsored by Hester Van Niekerk

Lilydale

ROBERT KING
HEATHER PETERSON
sponsored by Catherine Allen

Smithton Circular Head

KATHRYN BLYTH
sponsored by Sheryl Robson
ANITA COHEN

sponsored by Joan Krause
CAROLYN GALE

sponsored by Anthony Hine
PETER JACKSON

sponsored by Heather Johns
ROBYN JACKSON

sponsored by Heather Johns
SHAUNE KEATING

sponsored by Sheryl Robson
CAAREN YOUNG

sponsored by Sheryl Robson

West Tamar

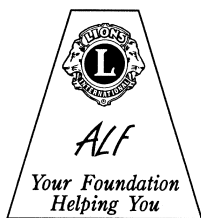
ELISHA DEEGAN
sponsored by Narelle Martin

Westbury

CHRIS NEWMAN
VICTORIA NEWMAN

Wynyard

MARY SMYTH
IRENE ZIELINSKI



Australian Lions Foundation

Alan Pretyman
Secretary

Before the commencement of the Multiple District Convention held in Canberra last month we knew that Dick Smith OAM was to be a keynote speaker, but what we did not know at the time was his intention to make a substantial donation to the Australian Lions Foundation.

Dick and his wife Pip donated \$1,000,000 to our Foundation and I might add it was in the Foundations bank account prior to the Convention.

What a very generous gift to our Foundation from a truly great Australian.

The Trustees had the pleasure of meeting with Dick following our AGM where he was able to explain his intentions and using his and Pips words "we would like it to be used to help families and individuals who are enduring tough times and need financial assistance. We would like to see our donation being used to, top up money, that has been, or is to be raised by individual Lions Clubs. For example, a Lions Club might apply to the Foundation for some assistance for a family who have a child/children with severe medical problems. Let's say the amount that is necessary is around \$10,000 – we would like to see the local Lions Club raise some of that money and then the balance come from our funding plus ALF Funds".

Hopefully a photo of the Trustees with Dick Smith will appear in the next edition of the Australian Lion.

The last Meeting of Trustees held prior to the MD Convention 17 Grants were ratified or approved totalling \$102,950 which included a Grant of \$10,000 to the Lions Club of King Island to upgrade the Reekara Community Centre.

I would like to congratulate David Triffett who has been elected to take my place as Trustee for Tasmania but I have been invited to continue as Secretary of the Foundation for the next twelve months.

Should any Club within T1 require assistance with a Grant Application/Compassionate/Emergency or an Award please contact David either by phone 62727923 or email cabsec@lionstasmania.org

*A conscience is what hurts
when all your other parts feel good*



PDG John Gillham
District Coordinator

This year to date the contributions made to LCIF by Lions in Tasmania are considerably lower than in recent years. To 31 March only US\$3585 has been contributed.

Contributions make it possible for LCIF to make grants such as the US\$10,000 emergency grant made to 201T1 as a consequence of the January bushfires.

While it is recognised that Tasmanian Clubs gave generously to the local bushfire relief appeal all contributions to LCIF will be appreciated. Clubs can now choose from five general categories to designate donations and receive Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition for each donation -

Area of Greatest Need: Donations in this category will support all program areas and allow LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.

Disaster: Donations designated here enable LCIF to direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters in order to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief.

Sight: Donations here seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.

Youth: Donations in this category support the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.

Humanitarian Needs: Donations here will fund projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

Note - For Clubs to be eligible for the 2012-2013 Club Excellence Award, the Club must have made a contribution to LCIF.

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships [PMJFs]

Currently Clubs in the District are holding substantial credits for MJFs. In addition to consideration of granting an MJF, consider granting a PMJF to a Lion member already holding an MJF whose continuing service to Lions and their community is outstanding and worthy of an MJF.

IMPORTANT : Clubs requiring MJFs or PMJFs for ChangeOver must have their applications to me by June 7 for processing.

"Drugs and Depression"

another outstanding ALDAF DVD

Lions who attended the 2013 MD 201 Convention in Canberra were most impressed with the premier viewing of ALDAF's third DVD "Drugs and Depression."

District Chairman Wendy Brady

says "I was busy on the ALDAF/ Quest stand, where almost 100 copies of the DVD were ordered. I would recommend this DVD, along with our other DVDs "Alcohol, your mind, your body" and "Ice" should be owned by all Lions clubs in Tasmania so that they can lend them to schools and Youth groups and also medicos who work with people with addictions"

DRUG ACTION WEEK will be held from 16 to 22 June 2013 and District Chairman Wendy Brady would like to encourage all clubs to try to participate in activities in their community.

1. Display posters, pamphlets and show our DVDs in a shopping centre near where you live.
2. Visit your local High School or, and College and ask if a display etc could be incorporated in to their programmes or displayed in the school library
3. At the Primary School Level and lower High School try to hold a Poster competition within the school.
4. Display Posters, brochures etc in Medical clinics or in the local library.

Material is available from ALDAF, order from the brochure that is delivered with THE LION MAGAZINE, or order through PCC Davib McKenzie on aldaf@bigpond.net.au

YOUTH WEEK

Last November ALDAF ran Youth Week and it was a huge success. It has been decided that we would organise this event for November 2013. Most clubs held a BBQ where information regarding Youth activities and Drug awareness, was available for young people. Please consider participating this November. Remember one life saved, helped or repaired is worth our work and interest in our youth with inappropriate behaviour.

Our New Leader. Lion Barry, on a Stamp

The Lions International Stamp Club in conjunction with Australia Post will issue a special Personalised Stamp on 9 July featuring our incoming International President, Barry Palmer AM.

A spokesman for the Stamp Club, secretary Ross Paine said "these stamps will be a wonderful memento of an very proud event in the history of Lionism in Australia and every Lion is encouraged to purchase one of the items being prepared"

The stamps will be available in sheetlets of 20 x 60c and will cost \$25 per sheetlet. The stamps can be used on regular mail. Also available will be a First Day of Issue cover bearing one stamp and costing \$3. Any profits from the sale

of these items will go to the Follow Your Dream Foundation which has been established by Lion Barry.

Orders are now being taken for the sheetlets and intending purchasers are being asked to ORDER AND PAY NOW to facilitate their printing. Orders in the first instance to rosspaine@bigpond.com detailing the requirements together with the name and address, and payment can either be made through PayPal using this email address or direct deposit to the Stamp Clubs bank account. The bank account details will be sent to buyers upon receipt of their order. As the stamps will only be printed to fill the orders received it is suggested you order now. They will be dispatched shortly after 9 July.

Crime Stoppers targets Arson, Pot and Cars

Crime Stoppers Week is a campaign to encourage and empower Tasmanians to join Crime Stoppers Tasmania in its mission to assist and support crime solving.

It seeks to do this by helping Tasmanians recognise that they play a part in keeping their community safe.

Crime Stoppers Week was held in the first week of May this year.

The campaign has two key aims: ... to drive usage of the 1800 333 000 Crime Stoppers number and, ... to highlight three current priority crime categories.

"We will be asking people to make sure that the 1800 333 000 number is a number they know and have stored in their phones" says Tamara Stokes, Chief Executive Officer of Crime Stoppers Tasmania.

"This year's themes are Arson, Residential Grow Rooms and Motor Vehicle Theft "



District Chairman Robin Pulford presented a cheque to Crime Stopper Chairman, David Daniels while Cabinet Treasurer Erik Madsen just wouldn't let go.

CrimeStoppers has been a District Project for the 24 years that the organisation has been running and Lions contribute to the Crime Stoppers advertising and publicity programme.

Crime Stoppers Week is the largest campaign run each year by Crime Stoppers Tasmania.

Crime Stoppers Week 2013 saw a new series of Crime Stoppers Week specific advertisements across television, radio and press.

One project done but more to go!!

The **Blaze Aid catering project** has been completed.

Lions from all Clubs in the South of the State have now completed the job of feeding the volunteer fencers who were part of the BlazeAid project to fence farm properties in the fire-affected areas.

The project based at Sorell ceased operation on 28 April after 597 volunteers had worked 3253 volunteer days in a 15 week period to clear 122 kms of damaged fencing and build 177 kms of new fencing on 120 properties.

In that time, Lions cooked and served more than 3000 evening meals, sourced and provided breakfasts on each day and supplemented the lunch packs provided by Meals on Wheels.

Almost \$15000 was expended on this project.

The **Lions Community Amenities Unit**, a converted relocatable building, has been delivered to Dunalley and will be up-and-running before the end of May.



*The Lions Community Amenities Unit
on site in Bay Street, Dunalley*

It contains four shower/toilet units including one for the disabled and a laundry containing three washing machines and three clothes dryers.

A **Tool Library**, a large shipping container, fitted with a wide variety of tools of every shape and size, and developed in response to the 2009 Victorian bushfires is in transit and will be located in Dunalley, again, before the end of May.

Lions continue to distribute food hampers, gift vouchers and animal feed in all fire-affected areas and assist in all sorts of ways.

ThankYou

*An Open Letter from the fire-affected farmers
in the Dunalley area*

To everyone who has contributed to the Tasmanian bushfire recovery.

As a group of farmers in the Dunalley area, we would like to take the time to thank the countless individuals, groups, non-for-profit organisations, businesses, industry groups and government agencies who have helped us in so many ways following the devastating bushfires on the 4th January 2013.

Obviously, we can't possibly name everyone who has contributed, but we would like to show our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of generosity and overwhelming community support that we have been shown over the last 5 months.

We quite honestly couldn't have made it through the last few months without the support of the Tasmanian and wider Australian community. Your thoughts and well wishes mean a lot to us, and have helped us get through what has been a really tough time.

We don't usually like to make a fuss, but there are so many people out there who deserve recognition for their outstanding efforts (in no particular order):

Emergency response services and coordination/
Water carriage/Communications/Power restoration/
Essential services restoration/Road restoration/
Health Services/Law enforcement/Veterinarian services/Wildlife assistance/Volunteer labour/
Fencing assistance/Fodder, hay and grain for stock/Pasture seed/Animal food/Storage, collection, distribution and transportation of support goods and equipment/Fencing equipment/Generators/Chainsaws/Machinery/Tools/Equipment/
Agricultural supplies/Sawmilling/Discounted goods and services/Promotional activities/Government Support/Industry representation/Fundraising/
Donations/Professional advice/Understanding and flexibility/Coordination of meetings/Cleaning up of debris/Moral Support/Food and homebaked goodies/Cups of tea/Financial support/Business mentoring and support/Sharing a laugh, a tear, and a well deserved beer.

We've still got a way to go before we're back on our feet, but knowing that we have the community's support makes a world of difference. We've all been moved by your kindness, and seeing the progress of the recovery efforts is both reassuring and inspiring.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you've done for us, and all you will do for us as we continue our recovery from the January bushfires.

Yours sincerely,
The fire affected farmers of the Dunalley, Copping and Carlton River area