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This weekend we are hearing of the National Three Step Plan to decrease the Covid 19 Government limitations. Various States thru out Australia have different views of a date to which these restrictions can be limited. This will give a clear opportunity with the first stage 1 as to be lifted on the 18th May in Tasmania, when it will be allowed to have a face to face meeting or social activity with our fellow Lions and friends with an absolute limit of 10 people allowed. Stage 2 of the 3-step plan will hopefully be implemented on the 15th June and we will see a slightly more increase to 20 for indoor and outdoor activities. This will continue only if we as a community are very self-disciplined and practice of social distancing of 1.5 meters, avoid physical greetings (which Lions have always in the past have shown) and practice of good hygiene to name a few.

Around July 13th we could see the turn to nearly back to "normal business" for all limitations to be lifted thru out Tasmania. Of course, flight travel restrictions will still have its limitations from Tasmania, again this would be continued with the "stay safe" and stop the spread!

During our time at home over these past weeks it has given us all time to reflect on those previous weeks before the

Covid 19 lock down and to look on the other side when the pandemic has receded.

For some it has been difficult as we do like to be amongst our family, friends and work colleagues, for some being very active in our lifestyles we have had to turn to alternative ways to fill in those hours during the day. To have socially distancing is ok, but to be socially isolated from friends and family during this time, this is not right. Thank you to all Clubs who continue to contact their members to see how they are managing. Some Clubs have stepped up to using virtual communications as social and business meetings which is possible the way that the future holds for all community service groups.



During these past 2 weeks I have been able to ring a few Clubs and members to catch-up to see how they are, and their Club members are travelling. I continually hear of the small success stories from our Lions/Leo Club members in this District who continue to deliver small services to those in their local area.

When we can continue with our Lions meetings and activities, we may require planning a little different on how we are able to reconnect and restart the service in this new Lions Year of which our Clubs have been used to in the past.



It would mean that an explanation and introduction of services/activities that our Clubs have given previously, if there would be any change in how, why and to continue these services for the new Lions year. In the event to recover, **Clubs may look at revisiting the Lions Orientation Program to members which would play a key role to recover the inspiration and motivation to Community Service.** Our Lions meeting venues where we meet may change for a couple of months, do we continue with Club Changeovers in June/July, delivery of meals, refreshments and whether these venues will accept a gathering to be allowed. These are some of the challenges that we will all face in the following weeks!

Our new Lions year will soon be upon us with change of Club Executive Officers and Board, congratulations on your elected Lions positions for the following 12 months. All Clubs will be receiving their Dues Invoice for the months, July thru to December shortly. These invoices are made up from your Club Membership as of the 30th June 2020. Because of the difficulty that some Clubs may have thru not being able to raise Administration monies over these past months to offset part of their Club dues, I am asking all Clubs to check their Club Membership as of this week is correct and entered on your Clubs MMR to MYLCI. It is imperative that this is followed thru as all Clubs should only pay Club Invoice payments

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for those who are Members of your Club. Clubs would have to bear these costs as there is no reductions to resignations of members after this date.

The traditional Anzac Day Services were very different this year, many Lions that usually attended the dawn and the mid-morning service at many towns and regional centres thru out Tasmania were hosted to a virtual Dawn Service from the Hall of Memory in Canberra early Saturday morning. Lions thru out this District were able to give tribute from their driveways to these many men and women of the ANZACS who gave their lives during the great war. **Thank you to all those Lions and Families who were able to make this tribute of support by displaying medals and regalia, dressed in Lions uniform or Service uniform and showing homemade poppies on that morning.**

Yes, Covid 19 has changed the way we think and do things to continue to Serve!

Till next Month
District Governor David
"Kindness Matters"
"Connect Together in Service"



Upcoming Events

District Governor's Calendar

There will be a Cabinet meeting on Sunday 31 May 2020. At this stage due to the COVID 19 restrictions we are not sure if we will have our usual meeting, 9.30am at Kings Meadows Club rooms, or GOTO/Zoom meeting instead. I will advise you closer to the 31st May, when we find out if restrictions have been lifted, which meeting we will have.

Due to the possibility of a GOTO/ Zoom meeting, please send Cabinet reports to Cab. Sec Amanda Olson by **Wednesday 27th May.**

ANZAC Day

This year was a very different Anzac Day to those in the past.

The LIGHT UP THE DAWN remembrance saw members of our community lining their streets with their candles paying silent homage to our fallen heroes.



People took to the recycled poppies idea—the wreath pictured above is made from egg cartons. The **Lions Club of Glenorchy City** had to change the way they paid respect, so their light up the dawn saw **Korrena Wall and Jennifer Pritchett** stand in silence for all service-men and women, past and present.



At 11.00am Secretary Jennifer Pritchett placed the wreath on the Glenorchy City Council Memorial on behalf of all the members of the Lions Club of Glenorchy City.



On King Island, fences were decorated with poppies and Lions Linda and Jenny laid the club wreath.



In Smithton, Lions Sheryl and Joan laid the wreath on behalf of their club and community.





No new members have been reported in April 2020.

Our District Count

30 April 2020

Clubs: 48

Membership: 1105

Same Time Last Year 1145

YTD ADD 70

YTD DROP 105

YTD GROWTH -35 members

Status: **DISTRICT IN TRANSITION**

VALE

We note the sad passing of **Lion John Park** on 11 April 2020, who was a member of the **Lions Club of Deloraine**. John was a very enthusiastic and dedicated member of his club. He will be sadly missed by his club, family and those in the community who knew him.

Amanda Olson
Cabinet Secretary



VALE

Penguin Lions and Leos are mourning the loss of **Lion Nanette McNear** who passed away on Sunday evening, May 3rd with her family by her side. Nan was a Lion for almost 30 years, was a past President of our club, a Tasmanian Lions Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow recipient, and an advocate for Lions caring for each other. She will be sadly missed by our members and our thoughts are with Lion Stewart and their family.

Noeleen Stringer
Secretary Lions Club of Penguin

Rest in Peace



lions australia we serve

District 201T1 wishes Brendan all the best...



Leo of the Year competition



Due to social gathering restrictions, this year's competition is being hosted on a digital platform. **The Lions Australia Facebook page** is presenting all state finalists on video, in the comfort of their own homes. **Penguin Leo and Tasmanian State finalist Brendan Bos**, gave a great speech on "Doors" when he spoke Live on April 23rd. You can find the recorded speech on the Lions Australia Facebook page. Three other finalists have presented their speeches with others to following in coming days.



Chelsea Webb

NSW



Chi Kiet Vong

Victoria



Kai Spence

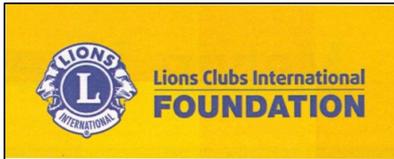
Queensland



ALHD
40th Anniversary Pin
Contact Geoff Clow
0408 281 176
to order.



North Lakes Lions Club, Queensland inducted a new member via a zoom conference. You can watch how successful this event was on the Lions Australia Facebook page, April 8th, and consider it as an option for your club to welcome new members.



AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS.

2019-20

Clubs are commended for their effort this year of need, particularly with respect for the natural disasters Australia has faced in 2019-20. To date nearly US\$20,000 has been raised by 17 contributing Clubs. As previously noted this includes 3 27,000 L. replacement water tank units for bushfire sufferers in need. While over 100 have been funded nationally, many more are needed at a cost of A\$3,000 each.

Club Excellence Awards are a significant recognition of overall Club achievement for a year. One of the qualifying points is a contribution by the Club or members to LCIF. To date only 17 Clubs have made a donation. At this time of the year it is appropriate to make a donation as part of qualification for Club Excellence but also to consider recognising a Club members with a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive MJF. It is now recommended to make donation this month so that recognition of the donation can be recorded : the current COVID-19 problem has slowed down processing which must be completed before the end of June.

The share pin programme designed to recognise individual Lions who make a donation during the year can also be used by Clubs to recognise members for their efforts during the year. As District Coordinator I have a supply of these pins and can with appropriate payment [cheques made out to LCIF Empowering Service Fund].



\$70
(One-star)



\$140
(Two-stars)



\$280
(Three-stars)

Note that 100% of every dollar raised for LCIF goes back to the community through grants to your Lions Clubs. while the Bushfire season officially finished at the end of March 2020, but the rebuilding of communities and looking after vulnerable families by Lions will continue for many months, possibly years.

The need for contributions continues.



John Gillham
LCIF District Coordinator



“Dusty” was rescued from Yorke Peninsula Puppy Rescue, and now lives in a loving home as an Australian Lions Hearing Dog.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs is a national Lions organisation based in South Australia, who procure, train and place Hearing Assistance Dogs with people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, all around Australia. We are helping to address the silent and growing issue of deafness in Australia. You may not know that 400,000 Australians suffer from severe or profound hearing loss, and the number is increasing rapidly.

We are currently in the process of establishing a team of Campaign Leaders including a National Chair, state based Campaign Advocates, Patrons and Ambassadors.

We would love to talk with you if you'd like to explore our Campaign Leadership roles either as a member of our Campaign Task Force or to perhaps suggest other people who might be a good fit. These roles are for the period of the Campaign only and don't involve a huge time commitment. Typically Campaign Leaders might be personally touched by hearing loss, people of standing and influence, community and commercial leaders, or dog lovers.

It's a really exciting project and certainly a much needed one. You'll be amazed and incredibly touched by the difference these dogs make in not only the lives of their owners but also the people who love them. ***It's very rewarding when your work helps people feel less lonely!***

If you would like more information, please contact:-

ALHD Development Director - Tass Schmidt.

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Story Dogs is another Lions project keenly waiting to resume after COVID19 restrictions are lifted. It is a reading support program designed to improve the literacy skills of children using dogs!

Children with reading difficulties get to practise their reading skills in a non-classroom environment with accredited dogs. The program is proven to improve reading skills, increase focus and comprehension and build confidence.

Story Dogs is a non-profit organisation. The program is free of charge for children and one-on-one reading sessions are delivered entirely by volunteers.

At Story Dogs, we believe that volunteering should be cost-neutral. We feel that volunteers give so much of their time that it should not cost them any money to be involved. As such, all costs are covered by dog sponsorships, fundraising and donations. It costs approximately \$500 per year to put a Dog Team into a primary school.

As Story Dogs is a non-profit organisation, all monies raised go directly to putting more dogs into schools to help more children become life-long readers.



From Lion Anne Fagg, LC Rocky Cape



I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old girls
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s ...
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex 'n drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum
Somebody's wife, then nana
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For four weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over idrils
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and good health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through this crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

Many thanks to PDG Gordon Bailey
for passing this one on!

Mother's Day Classics on Hold



Many towns usually hold fun runs on Mother's Day but this year, everyone got to sleep in. This photo shows the Lions Club of Toowoomba West, Queensland reminding us on their Facebook page how much fun and fellowship can happen at events like this. Let's hope we can all get out and about in the not too distant future and get back to doing what we do best....

Service with a smile



On behalf of Crime Stoppers Tasmania, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Lions Clubs of Tasmania for continuing to support our Crime Stoppers Week campaign and contribution to a safer Tasmania.

The COVID-19 pandemic this year has brought about not only many changes in the Crime Stoppers business, but to everyone's way of life. I am sure the virus has also impacted on Lions Clubs of Tasmania activities and interaction with your valuable volunteers.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 meant that Crime Stoppers Week (scheduled for the end of April this year) has had to be postponed until later in 2020. We are hoping to confirm the date as soon as we are able; and to deliver an even bigger week than 2019, which we were proud to say was our biggest to date! Therefore, Crime Stoppers Tasmania is wanting to reassure Lions that this important event for Tasmania will be held when possible, and the valuable sponsorship from Lions is in safe hands. We are hopeful that for the safety of everyone in Tasmania, Australia and across the world, the worst of this pandemic will soon be behind us, and we can once again work together to deliver Crime Stoppers Week for the State.

While business as usual doesn't deliver the same type of campaigns that Crime Stoppers usually delivers, our Team has been very busy over recent months communicating safety messages related to COVID-19, providing retail safety messages in support of safe shopping for retailers and consumers, and delivering a timely and relevant campaign on eSafety for children (which has been particularly important given the increased online usage of children with home schooling and less other social activities). These campaigns have been delivered through social media, and Tasmanian's can be assured that Crime Stoppers is still working hard to deliver a safer Tasmania.

<https://www.crimestopperstas.com.au/news/newsletter/>



In addition to these campaigns, our focus has been on developing our organisational capabilities and strengths. This includes a brand identity review, stakeholder engagement plan, social media plan, review of the online reporting system and our internal IT infrastructure.

Crime Stoppers has also been working hard to increase public awareness of its 100% private community service as an alternative option to report information on crime and criminals without revealing their identity. There is also an increasing understanding that the community can itself play an effective role in keeping Tasmania safe. Increasingly, criminals don't have friends in Tasmania.



Importantly, we can proudly announce that the number of reports to Crime Stoppers Tasmania more than doubled in the last five years to 2019. Tasmanians are increasingly using Crime Stoppers services to give information about crime. We have also experienced a huge increase in online crime reporting, with over two thirds of reports being submitted through the Crime Stoppers website.

The statistics tell us that our range of campaigns on crime is relevant to the community, and there is a growing awareness of Crime Stoppers as a confidential and anonymous reporting system for crime. Most tips relate to drugs, but other serious criminal offences such as wanted persons, firearms, murder, theft, sex offences, and even road offences are also reported.

In 2019, reports to Crime Stoppers provided key information for police investigations. Some major investigations included:

- ◆ Information regarding a murder in northern Tasmania, which led investigators to change their search location, finding the deceased in bushland. This led to the arrest of a number of individuals.
- ◆ Recovery of stolen goods in bushland as a result of a report to Crime Stoppers. The goods were valued at over \$100,000, and had been missing for a number of months, with no significant leads as to their location.
- ◆ Information about a false report to Police where a serious crime had been committed. As a result, Police changed the direction of their investigation and were able to charge the offenders involved.

There is always more that can be done, and we are driven to continue to develop meaningful campaigns for Tasmanians, and be flexible with the delivery of these into communities. It is the contribution of our partners and sponsors that enables this, and once again our heart-felt thanks to Lions Clubs of Tasmania for your continued trust and support, which helps make Tasmania one of the best places in the world to live.

MariaeLeckie
CEO
CRIME STOPPERS TASMANIA

Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation

Resources to help promote a healthy lifestyle are available on line

www.aldaf.org.au