



# V6 THE ROAR

Welcome to the new Lions year. A year that is starting very different to what we are accustomed to.

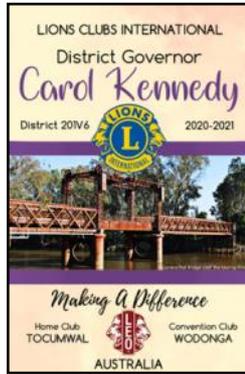
Thank you IPDG Omen and your cabinet for all you achieved in difficult circumstances. Welcome to my cabinet, thank you for accepting the challenge offered by being a district chairperson.

The COVID 19 enforced social distancing, sanitizing, isolation will all be here for some time. Our Clubs have been in recess for a few months and are now coming out of their hibernation. Even with these restrictions we can still care for each other and serve our communities. The people in need require our help just as much if not more than before. So, let's get back out there and do what we do best. SERVE.

In the last two editions of The V6 Roar there were lists of the many great things we can be doing or planning to do in the coming months. Have a look at them again and make your own list.

Because our clubs have been in recess for so long it is my concern that some members may have enjoyed that time at home too much, no meetings, no working bees or fundraisers. Some members may decide to leave Lions. PLEASE DON'T. You are needed, your Club needs you, your community needs you. Anyway, how much reading and cupboard cleaning can you do!

So, for obvious reasons retention is high on my list for this year as is gaining new members. I would like to see us improve our succession planning, give all our members an opportunity to take on an



executive position in the club, utilize their skills. We need to be seeking new members to take our place.

I would also like us to improve our knowledge of Lions International. Let's aim to learn a little more this year. There is so much information available to us on the Lions Australia Website and MyLion. Resources about all sorts of topics. There will be something of interest to you.

I am looking forward to my year. My induction to the role of District Governor has been perhaps a little disappointing. No MD Convention, no International Convention, all training online. I am not alone, the other eighteen District Governors and the 700 plus DG's around the world are also feeling a little cheated. After an online Investiture Ceremony with PIP Barry Palmer and an Oath ceremony with IP Dr Jung-Yul Choi we are now District Governors.

At this stage our own V6 convention will be a one day event to be held on Saturday October 24 at the Albury Commercial Club. More information will be available later.

I am looking forward to my visit to your Club and meeting members and learning about what you all do. My visits will start a little later and run further into next year than usual, but that is OK. I am here for you, to listen, to talk, to help.

My theme is  
*Making a Difference*  
and together  
we will.



*Making a Difference*  
DG Carol Kennedy



# Lions International...



Dr. Jung Yul Choi  
International President



**United in Kindness and Diversity**  
2020-2021 Presidential Theme



## COVID-19

COVID-19 Frontline Relief Grant Update: Thanks to your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation has now been able to award 288 grants totalling US\$4,708,432. Donations for our COVID-19 response are accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund.

## Club Welfare

**WELFARE OFFICER**  
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Unfortunately no New members hit the books in June, and sadly we lost 36 members. Our District membership at 30-6-2020 was 1158.

On behalf of District Governor, Carol Kennedy, Lions and partners of Lions District 201V6, our deepest sympathy to the families of the following Lions who have passed away;

- Attila Ollari-Hazy of Kerang*
- Frank Winzar of East Loddon*

Please stay safe everyone and keep in contact with family, fellow Lions and friends.



# From our Cabinet...

## A NEW ERA OF SERVICE...

by Lion Omeni Ndlovu (GMT)

Let me begin my reflecting on this quote, "Those who look ONLY in the past and the present are certain to miss the future" – John F. Kennedy, 1917 – 1963.

Since March, our organisation from international office to clubs and individuals as it were has been forced to critically look at how we have been conducting business in the past and now and what that holds for the future. At the time of going to press, Victoria is experiencing another wave of the pandemic which will further make the traditional way of conducting meetings more difficult.

However, we do not need to be going back to the past, most clubs have embraced new technologies of communicating and conducting meetings through the social media and what remains is how to meet community needs that might not be met effectively during this time. This will be done through innovation, through turning

challenges into opportunities, adapting traditional protocols and focusing on what it will take to get the job done. To be able to achieve this clubs will need to share their experiences and activities, support each other with navigating technologies and celebrate their successes.

As club members we will be faced by challenges of uncertainty at this time like never before. This period requires collective decision making and engagement to do better. It is a daunting task when we are forced by circumstances to unlearn the past and reflect on how we engage the future and learn new things.

What is exciting about this is that we will restore our identity, reclaim our purpose as an organisation and redefine the way we do business to better meet the needs of those vulnerable in our communities.





# Around the District...

## 201V6 Fruit Fly Project 15/06/2020

### Fruit Fly Project big success for Lions

In August 2018 the 201V6 Lions Fruit Fly project was launched across our District. There was a major promotion by The Goulburn Murray Fruit Fly program, including TV, Radio and newspapers. Lions were a large part of this promotion with our name being included in all the advertising.

**NO FLIES ON US!**  
Let's stop Queensland Fruit Fly



Over 30 Lions Clubs have been involved in preparing, organising and conducting Fruit Fly activities in the Primary Schools in their town including making Fruit Fly bait bottles to take home.

Over the past 2 years Lions Clubs have run activities in events such as "The Big Day Out" at Katamatite, many Ag Shows, Euroa Shine & Shine, the Wangaratta swap meet and a Fruit Fly expo in Beechworth just to mention a few.

We started this Lions year with more school activities and local community events and then, WOW, we were nominated as a finalist in the Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Awards. The Goulburn Murray Valley Regional Fruit Fly Project including Lions 201V6 and a number of Local Horticultural groups and Shires took out the Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Award at the Victorian Regional Achievement and Community awards in Melbourne. We were also the winner of the Victorian Regional Achiever of the Year Award. Each group including Lions and Shires has played a vital part in supporting, promoting and encouraging involvement. More than 30 Lions clubs have already distributed over 6000 resource folders and assisted Primary School students to make almost 4500 Fruit Fly traps, all of which helps to raise the awareness of Fruit Fly and control their numbers.



This is a great opportunity for Lions to show what we can do in our community and to also increase membership.

The Goulburn Murray Fruit Fly program continues to offer all the Lions clubs that take on this project all the resources they need to ensure the project is a success at the local level.

And to think that this all started from one Club having the foresight and commitment to try this at club level and then take it to District so that it is now a District Project, this is what makes Lions strong. We should all say well done and thank you to the Lions Club of Tongala.

The Fruit Fly project continues to show lots of interest with clubs. Most of the clubs I have spoken to so far are keen to pick it up as a Club Project. They all have their own ideas on how or what they can do in their local community.

Preparation for the control of Fruit Fly starts in August. So it's time to start planning what your Club will do the coming spring.

Any club that is keen to pick this project up please contact me for further information

**John Weinert**  
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**201V6 District Chairperson Fruit Fly project**



# From Social Media...



*This is from Lion Greg Dunn.....In 1999, I was fortunate to visit the Tennessee Lions Eye Centre in the Vanderbilt Children's hospital, I was shown around by Dr. Tammy Johnson MPH (Outreach Director) who explained the Partnership between the Tennessee Lions Clubs and the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and development of the Lions Outreach Program aimed at early detection of vision problems in Children.*

*The camera at the time was a specialised MTI Polaroid Camera. The photos were examined by an Ophthalmologist in the Eye Centre with the ones needing attention, returned to the Lions Club for follow up with the parent. I have held the dream for 20 years that one day, Australian Lions might adopt such a programme and now it has happened.*



LEHP-Australia  
Lions Eye Health Program



Thank you to the Lions Eye Health Program. (LEHP)

## CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING @gregdunn

I didn't know my eyes were bad, I thought they were ok.  
Why should I be different to the others where I play;  
I'd stumble over rocks and things and often bump my head;  
"How come you didn't see that"? I often heard it said.

In fact, I really did see it, but it didn't seem so near,  
and it looked a little hazy; it wasn't very clear;  
I often wondered why the other children where I play  
Did not encounter all those things I met with every day.

They used to call me stupid and I always wondered why  
The bigger kids would taunt me and they often made me cry.  
My mum would hug and kiss me but she didn't understand  
Just why her child just could not cope with danger close at  
hand.

The teacher where I went to school thought I was really dumb.  
"Your child appears backward", I heard her telling mum.  
Then one day when I went to school, I wasn't really sure  
Just why this group of people were waiting at the door.

They set up their equipment then called us one by one;  
They covered one eye then the next, it seemed a lot of fun.  
They all were very friendly; except for one big bloke;  
He opened up this book type thing and told me where to poke.

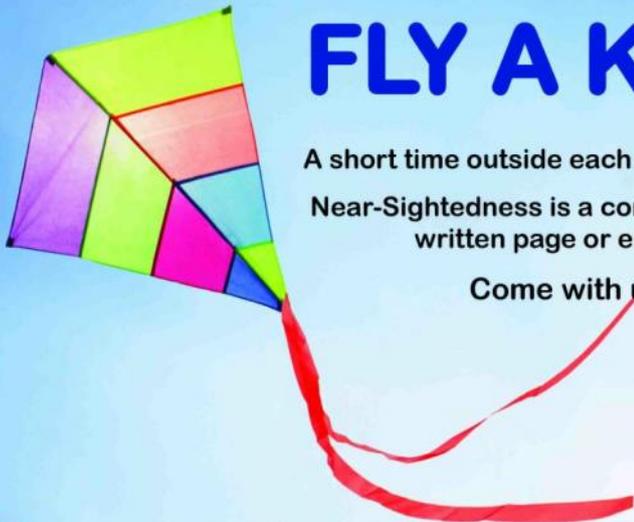
He put some glasses on my nose, I wasn't sure just why;  
He wanted me to see if I could pull wings off a fly.  
Another test with colours and then to my surprise  
They brought out this big camera and took a photo of my eyes.

They said it was a Lions Club who check for children's sight.  
I'm not sure just what Lions do but they must have done it right;  
'Cause mum took me for further tests, and I'm so glad she did,  
'cause now I jump and run around like any other kid.

The playground looks so different, things so crisp and clear;  
And mum's a happy lady now without ongoing fear.  
My new glasses don't bother me in fact I look quite smart.  
And thanks to Lions who checked my eyes, I've won my  
girlfriends heart.

**THANK YOU LIONS**





# FLY A KITE FOR SIGHT

A short time outside each day helps reduce the incidence of Near-Sightedness.

Near-Sightedness is a common vision problem where people see very well on the written page or electronic device but distant objects are blurred.

Come with us, Fly a Kite and help Save your Sight!

**How:** Grab your club members, family and friends - get outside and Fly a Kite.

**Where:** Go to our website [lehp.org.au](http://lehp.org.au) for a sample Kite template or create your own design!

**Snap:** Capture the moment and send a copy to [enquiries@lehp.org.au](mailto:enquiries@lehp.org.au) by 15 September. Your moments will be our major promotional tool for World Sight Day on 8th October 2020.

**Prizes:** 1. Best Designed Kite  
2. Best Photo 3. Best Video



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## Lions Foundations...

Dear Lion,

The need for Lions has never been greater. In these times of uncertainty, Lions are coming together to provide stability and hope. As they continue to serve communities hit hard by the coronavirus (COVID-19), Lions are looking forward to the future.

By now, I hope you have heard about the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)'s response to COVID-19 and stories of inspiration as Lions throughout the world safely serve their communities in this time of need. If not, I encourage you to read the features stories here in this newsletter. Lions are delivering much-needed medical supplies, protective equipment and support to communities in need. With grant funding from LCIF, Lions are able to help on a large scale.

Lions are called to serve, but if your club or district is currently limited due to necessary social distancing, please consider donating those



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

unused project funds to Campaign 100. It is the generosity of Lions around the world which has made it possible for the LCIF to award more than 280 grants totalling US\$4,668,432 for COVID-19 relief efforts.

As we look forward to a new Lion year, I want you to know that these efforts will continue, along with continued support of projects in all LCIF's cause areas. When it is safe to do so, Lions will move forward with plans that serve the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger and the environment.

As I continue in my role as LCIF Chairperson in the 2020-2021 Lion year, I look forward to another year working with the foundation to serve our Lions, who are serving the world.

In Friendship  
Gudrun Yngvadottir  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



# Everyone needs a little **FUN & GAMES....**

So, we STILL have a bit spare space in our Monthly Roar. Lets see who knows their stuff? The answers for this month will be in next months edition.

## Answers from JUNE Roar...

- 8 What is the 8th ethic of Lions Clubs International? **To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy**
- 9 In what year was Melvin Jones President of the Association? **Trick question – he never was**
- 10 When and where did Lions become International? **1920 with the chartering of the Lions Club of Windsor, Ontario, Canada**
- 11 In 1925 a famous woman issued a Lions challenge. Who was the lady? What was the challenge? **Helen Keller, to become "Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against darkness"**

- 12 What is the primary service activity of Lions Clubs worldwide? **To eradicate preventable and curable blindness**
- 13 How many countries have Lions Clubs today. **Over 200!**
- 14 When did Lions Clubs come to Australia? **30<sup>th</sup> September 1947**

**GOOD LUCK with this month's questions - and try not to google ALL the answers!**

- 15 What was the first Lions Club in Australia?
- 16 What was the first Lions Club in our District?
- 17 What is our multiple district designation?
- 18 Where is the national office located?
- 19 Who is the District Governor? Who is your Zone Chairman?



# WANTED

## CLUB HISTORIES

### CREATION OF A V6 HISTORY DATABASE

I have started collating the history of our clubs in V6 and at the moment have created spreadsheets on each club which shows the Executive Officers & Members past & present back to 2002/03 with the help of MyLCI as long as it has been kept up to date.

I am asking you all for your assistance by forwarding any information you might have in relation to your club going back to your charter date, such as:

- Executive Positions (Past & Present)
- Members (Past & Present)
- Newsletters
- Cabinet Positions ((Past & Present)
- Activities
- Members Awards
- Club Awards

Yours in Lionism, **Paul Shortis**  
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## Notice Board....



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# SAVE THE DATE!

# Around the Clubs...



## BARHAM-KOONDROOK LIONS CLUB

Presidents Annual Report taken from their June 2020 Bulletin

Well, the year certainly got off to a great start, with the Changeover Dinner going well. Then we had the Junior Public Speaking Contest, with a good attendance of parents and grandparents at the Club Final Dinner, lending support to the participants. All children spoke very well, with the winner of the year 3 & 4 section being Riley De Silva and the year 5 & 6 winner being Ruby Lake. The JPS Shields went to Koondrook Primary and Barham Public Schools respectively. I must thank Graham for his organisation of this event, and the judges who gave up their time to adjudicate.

The next highlight was the combined Changeover Dinner Meeting with our neighbouring Murrabit and District Club, and the attendance of DG Omen Ndlovu and his wife Tabasile. It was a great success and it would be good if we could make it a regular event.

My thanks to Past President Tammy for organising the Trivia Night. It turned out to be a great get-together, and all who attended had a good time. Lion Ruth's team won out on the night and our club went on to win the V6 Trivia Battle Royale in Yarrawonga. We should try and make Trivia Nights a regular event.

September saw us do a barbecue in front of Elders in support of a Men's Health Day. It was well-attended with forty-six attendees having their blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checked.

Unfortunately, we could not muster enough support to do the football gates at Moulamein or Barham this year. Hopefully, we will have the numbers to do the gates this year (*if there are any*). However, we did have enough members to man the Barham Show gates/

November saw another great effort in selling raffle tickets for our annual Christmas Raffle. Again, the raffle was won by a local resident. Many thanks to Lions Garry for the work that he puts into organising it. The Christmas Mardi Gras was another of our successful events and I would like

to thank all of those who make the effort to participate, but especially to John Boyd and the Burbury girls. Thank you.

Koondrook's annual New Year's Eve street party saw another good turn out from our members to man the spinning wheel. A great way to spend time together and share fellowship.

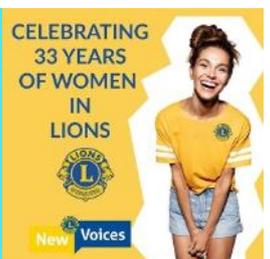
The Australia Day Breakfast was well attended by the public and our members were there in force to ensure that the morning ran smoothly. However, it would be good if some more members of the general public would get out of bed and attend our function.

A few members turned up to do a barbecue for the 2020 River Daze event. We did not expect to do much business, being only there to service those who did not like the gourmet foods on offer. But we did turn a tidy profit nonetheless.

I was pleased to induct five new members into our club this term. They were: Chris and Jenny Pye, Michael and Leah Wenman and Tracey Davis (being a welcome returnee to our club). Unfortunately, Michael and Leah have had to move to Coleambally for work reasons.

Thanks to all those members who put their hands up to fill all of the jobs in the club's executive for the next year. I would also like to thank everyone for their support this year, particular when I was away late March and April with medical issues. The Covid 19 Pandemic has had a massive effect on our club's activities, but there is a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, with a gradual easing of restrictions that will allow a return to some semblance of normality in the coming months. A few of our members have missed their annual migration north to the warmer climates due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

Our next BUSINESS MEETING has been scheduled for MONDAY, 13 JULY 2020. There will be some new rules in place to minimise risk to our members, so please be mindful of these on the night.





# Around the Clubs...

## BEECHWORTH LIONS CLUB

During the time of COVID 19, the Executive have met to deal with: matters, make recommendations and then emailed the minutes to all. The monthly newsletter, *The Beechworth Pride*, has continued to keep all members informed and updated relating to Lions and the Gang Plate Layers Cottage project. The June Dinner Meeting at the Hibernian Hotel was the first opportunity to get together since the COVID 19 crisis and its varying regulations. Everyone was pleased to see each other at the purely social occasion. To ensure that all members could attend, the dinner was complimentary and was much appreciated.

As it was Christine's last Dinner Meeting as President, she thanked all members for their support, contributions and work. Next month the new Executive takes over the reins: President - John Eldrid , Secretary - Iris Mannik , Treasurer - Christine Luckman

Member Update - Daris Olsauskus and Sani have relocated to Paynesville for a more moderate winter climate. Via email, Daris thanked everyone for their friendship, support and the Club's generosity in taking care of the subs for the half year. Pauline updated members on Andrew's health. We continue to support Pauline at this difficult time.



*Our No Flies on Us Expo and Workshop held on Oct 5 2019 with the help of a Fruit Fly Community Grant, and entered into the Keep Victoria Beautiful Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns as a Beechworth entry, has been selected as one of the finalists. Again, thanks and congratulations to all Lions who contributed to the event and to our resident arborist, Peter Chambeyron who conducted the pruning demonstration and answered participants' questions about: feeding fruit trees, nuisance birds, grafting and the disposal of infected fruit etc.*

## COHUNA LIONS CLUB

COVID Lockdown could not stop Cohuna Lions from getting out and supporting their community . We have continued to deliver wood around town making sure everyone was able to keep warm. Our wood yard is a hive of activity on a Saturday morning, members observing social distancing, loading utes and delivering following our strategic plan, once all loads are delivered its time for a cupper and scones. On the 24<sup>th</sup> June we were lucky to get our Annual Changeover in before restrictions changed. The Bower Tavern were renovating, so were closed to the public but allowed us a private gathering of 20. Beautiful meal and good company. DG Omen managed to drop by and join us, his scheduled visit had been missed due to COVID. He was pleased to induct officially, a new member who joined up in February and was not able to be inducted when his visit was cancelled and we all went into shutdown. We welcome who has already shown that she is going to be a good Lion. Welcome Charmaine During the night DG Omen also had the pleasure of presenting



Lion Rob Shanahan presented the DG with an impressive handmade clock, Rob has been doing this for 8 years now. A very special memento for a special year.

Lion Rob Shanahan a V6 Chris August Award, Rob has made a beautiful clock for each Governor since Brenda Henderson from Red Gum timber from his farm. During our Convention Rob also made clocks for each of the Guest Speakers and Guests. Rob is also our Grants Guru, and has been very successful in this role. In keeping with his tradition, Rob presented DG Omen with a special clock to mark his year.

During "Lockdown" we decided to try this new technology called Zoom, despite misgivings at first we did well, for meetings were held. We did learn that it was important to think about your environment, sitting in bed was not a good look or in the kitchen with a mess behind you. Very proud of our team, you can always learn something new if you try!



We welcome Charmaine Fallon into the Lions Family



Immediate Past President Anne exchanged Banners with DG Omen

# Around the Clubs...



## H.O.P.E. LIONS CLUB BRANCH

Hope Lions Club Branch members braved cool weather conditions recently for a get together with “Good Food” (which was a very scrumptious BBQ lunch), and especially “Good Fellowship” around a roaring and sometimes smoky fire drum. During the course of the social gathering ideas were discussed on how to continue the privilege of serving during the current restricting circumstances. Also, DG Omeni had the privilege of inducting new member, Ron Fleming to the Lions Branch Club. Hope Lions have been meeting regularly through Zoom during the past months and are busy planning a volunteer project aimed to improve quality of our water and land. Protecting and restoring our environment to improve the well being of all communities – one of Lions global causes the Environment. The program involves growing trees from seed and or caring for established seedlings.



Two happy Lions!

There are two growing rounds to choose from, November for autumn planting and one in January for spring planting, some members will be “Growers and some will be “Careers”. We also have plans underway for a fundraising event when people can be out and about with fewer restrictions due to the COVID19 virus. Remember, if your club needs “More Hands” to run an event just give us a call and we may be able to help. You can contact us by – email at [hope.vic@lions.org.au](mailto:hope.vic@lions.org.au) phone or text us on 0428 590 348 or you can find us on Face Book and our Lions Directory.



Induction - a smoky induction ceremony. DG Omeni induction new member Ron with sponsor Mal looking on.



Group BBQ Lunch

*Hope for Humanity*

## KERANG LIONS CLUB

Kerang Lions had a get together BBQ on 7/6/20 at the Den to have some fellowship and update members on activities. Highlight was Jeff Jackson, receiving a Key members Award from President Graeme Hayes. Well done Jeff!

A number of members rolled up their sleeves to help the Bus Stop Op Shop with their relocation to Bendigo



Our Catering Van shed was built quickly by AB Constructions and has come up well! Thanks to Adam Bujdoso and his workers and Lions John Poole and Joe Tartaglia for their hard work. Hopefully no more vandalism will happen!





# Around the Clubs...

## THURGOONA LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Thurgoona and District has this year continued with their financial support of their local community including the Thurgoona Public School, The Hilltop Centre and the Albury/Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre. President of the Thurgoona Lions, Alan Brink said, "These three organisations received \$2,000 each with another \$2,000 being spread among several Lions Foundations. The Thurgoona School donation is an on-going project our Club has undertaken so that those children from our local school can participate in activities that they possibly would not have participated in without the optional financial support."

"The Hilltop donation was to help fit out one of the new rooms that are now being built to accommodate patients while receiving cancer treatment, their carers and families. Our other major donation was to the Regional Cancer Centre Trust for equipment, training, research and wellness programs", said Alan.



Theresa Kane (Principal, Thurgoona Public School)  
Alan Brink and Jessica Brooker (Deputy Principal,  
Thurgoona Public School)

"Being fully aware of the demands on our Lions Foundations, our Club is always happy to help contribute to these causes, especially following the disastrous bush fires not far from us at Jingellic, Walwa and Corryong", Alan said.

However, Alan was very concerned that ongoing support for all groups could be difficult this year with many of the Thurgoona Lions income streams no longer available due to the Covid 19 virus lockdown. "No doubt all service clubs will be feeling the pinch this coming year so we will just have to be prepared to do whatever we can to help service our communities", said Alan.

*Alan Brink*

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## TUNGAMAH LIONS & LEOS

Just when we thought it was safe for normal service to resume, we have been hit by a rise in numbers making physical meetings impossible, although the Leos did manage to sneak in a meeting the day before it all shut down again. Aydan Beswick-Stark is now the new president and he will take over from Emily Ford who has had a very successful year. Emily has been a wonderful leader for our club and we are looking forward to Aydan's leadership.

Olivia Ford will be the new secretary, while Maddi Lawrence will take over as treasurer. We are looking forward to the carp muster later in the year, as well as other fund raising and environmental projects. All members will have roles to play, so no one gets left out.

Lions were to have a bbq and meeting on Saturday, 27th June around at the Tozers, but this is now impossible, and we are attempting to meet via zoom on Wednesday, 1st July. This will be Robyn Harrison's last meeting as president before she hands over to Neville Barber. Robyn has had a great year and feels a lot of disappointment in having her year cut off so suddenly. We have been so lucky with our new members as they have added so much vitality to the club.

Keep your eyes open around the area as you may see ways you can help us assist others. We have helped out the outer district in so many ways over the years, from assisting the juniors at Burramine tennis, to fire victims around St James and out from

Devenish. We certainly help out the Dookie community as well as Katamatite as clubs band together to achieve their dreams and projects. This year, we helped out a wide area with the Lap the Map Diabetes Awareness evening, which reached out as far as Strathmerton, Cobram, Barooga and Katamatite. We also supported a young family in Wilby whose son had nearly drowned and faced a long battle back to good health. We also supported the Wilby CFA and Social Club. Need for Feed is well supported by us as is the Bushfire Relief which is still ongoing. We sure are Tungamah and District.

This week we held a zoom meeting, not an easy task as very few of us have the facilities to host such a meeting. We did it though and each base had a wonderful social night as well as meeting to finalise the new office bearers and sort out a club changeover. I am looking forward to a year on the back benches as it were. I'm sitting right down the back with the naughty children, so look out President Nev.

I guess one day all this will be behind us and be just a bad memory, but there have been so many positives. More time spent in the garden has been one and helping each other when we can. Lots of those jobs waiting for a rainy day have been finished and I now have a great range of fishing rods with runners replaced and ready for action. I'd hate to be a school principal or teacher these days but all that will return to normal I guess.

*Les Harrison*

# Around the Clubs...



## WALWA-JINGELIC LIONS CLUB

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 120 Quilts made by Robin's Roses and 29 Quilts by Spirit of the Bush from Gympie Queensland arrived with Zone Chairperson Lion Julie Wilkins and Lion Sarah McBean from Wodonga Lions Club.

During the Bush Fire Recovery in February our Club had been asked by Lion Julie Wilkins if we would like some Quilts for the Children of the Walwa Primary School. With contact to Principle Steven Lynch the children were asked to detail what they would like to have on their Quilts. This set the ball rolling for a large group of Quilters making the Quilts to their requirements. So, when they arrived Lion Julie presented the children with their Quilts to a delight to all who witnessed the event. Lion Julie Wilkins also presented Quilts to Principle Steven Lynch and Lion Shirley Cheshire which we were both over whelmed.

Quilts were also presented to other children in Jingellic and those attending the Corryong High School who were affected by the recent Bush Fire. The remainder of the Quilts were taken to the Corryong Lions Club to disperse in their Fire affected area.

Robin's Roses and Spirit of the Bush are an amazing group of volunteers and we thank them for their generosity to our Community. Our thanks to the Wodonga Lions Club for all the arrangements that took place especially the transportation of all these Quilts.

# QUILTS FOR KIDS

Principle Steven Lynch (Lion) Lion Sarah McBean Wodonga, Lion Shirley Cheshire, Lion Julie Wilkins Wodonga and Lion Vyner Smithwick



## WODONGA LIONS CLUB

### Quilts for children in the fire Zone

When Wodonga Lion Julie Wilkins had a call from her sister-in-law in Gympie, Qld, wanting to help the children of the Upper Murray after the bushfires earlier this year, she suggested making quilts and approached the Walwa Primary School. The students were excited by the idea of designing their own quilt to be made. Last week Lions Julie and Sarah had a wonderful day giving the children their specially ordered quilts from Robin's Roses. The smiles on the children's faces was priceless and the Principal, Steven Lynch stated that it will be something they can feel secure under because they are still thinking about the fires.

The extra quilts made were given to the Corryong school, the Corryong and Walwa-Jingellic Lions Clubs and the Towong council recovery hub to hand out to those most in need. A special thanks to Finnemore's Transport who transported the quilts from Queensland free of charge.



## QUILTS FOR KIDS

### Walwa Primary School receives quilts donated through Lions Club of Wodonga, tailored to each student's interests

(Reprinted from Border Mail 29.06.2020. Reporter Ellen Ebsary)

What is traditionally a symbol of comfort has also become a physical reminder of resilience for Walwa's primary school students.

The 12 children at the school have been given quilts, individually tailored to reflect their interests.

On Friday, Lions Club of Wodonga member Julie Wilkins delivered the quilts, made by her sister-in-law Robin Wilkins 1400 kilometres away.

"Robin lives in Gympie, and her quilting group normally provide quilts to the children's hospital in Brisbane," she said.

"They wanted to do something for people in the areas affected by fire, and I knew Walwa was a small school, so I suggested they might like to make quilts for the kids."

Principal Steven Lynch was heartened when contacted about the idea in February and compiled a list with the children's requests, ranging from pineapples to Star Wars.

"It's nice the kids will have them for winter, and it will be something they can feel secure under, because I know a lot of them are still thinking about the fires," he said.

"It was very overwhelming; the Green Valley fire on one side came within 500 metres of the school.

"We have an air conditioning unit that stays on to keep our server room cool and it sucked in all the smoke - we have just had the carpet redone.

"For one of the children, their house burnt down."

Mr Lynch said the children were engaging with school well, now that fatigue had worn off, and there was much to celebrate in acts of kindness.

"We had a card addressed to Walwa primary from a school in England, and we've had families in the area donate to us," he said.

"We were given permissions from the Department to bring all the kids back at once (in COVID-19), which was really important, because they were feeling isolated.

"I've employed an extra teacher to make sure we fill in any gaps in learning from the fires.

"I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to the broader community for thinking of us - we're only a tiny town, but I can't believe the support that's come from so far."

Walwa primary was not the only recipient of the Queensland-made quilts; 120 made by the group and 29 donated were also delivered by the Lions Club of Wodonga on Friday to Corryong's school and Lions Club, the Walwa- Jingellic Lions, and the council recovery hub.

"The workers there will hand them out to those most in need," Mrs Wilkins said.

While these quilts are just as impressive, they could never be as special as those given to the Walwa primary school kids on Friday.

## Send those Articles in...



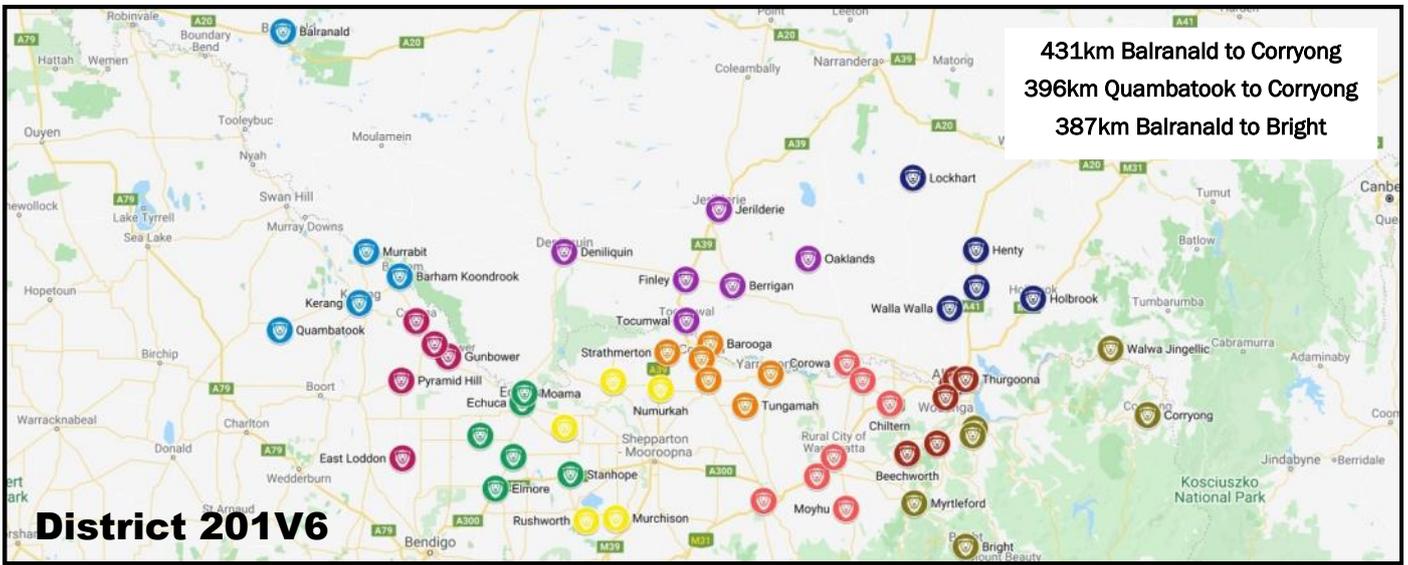
Got something to share...a handy tip? A special event coming up? Share a piece of history from your club? A funny photo from a club event? **How about one of those "true stories"?**



Lots of events and club happenings have been cancelled under the current circumstances and news items are limited but we'd love to share what everyone has been up to during the last few months. And remember if your event has been rescheduled - send in the new information for us to share with your fellow Lions.

I'd love to hear from you! Email your submissions to [v6roar@gmail.com](mailto:v6roar@gmail.com)

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