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**DISTRICT 201V6 ~ OCTOBER 2022 ISSUE**

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No you aren't seeing things! Lions haven't changed their colours. And yes that is the Grinch you can see... We've gone PINK for breast cancer awareness month! As for the Grinch theme - all will be revealed if you keep reading!



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# 45TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Hosted by the Lions Club of Numurkah

## 8-9th October 2022

**To be held at Numurkah Town Hall  
-Knox Street Numurkah**

*The Memorial service will be held on the  
Sunday morning.*



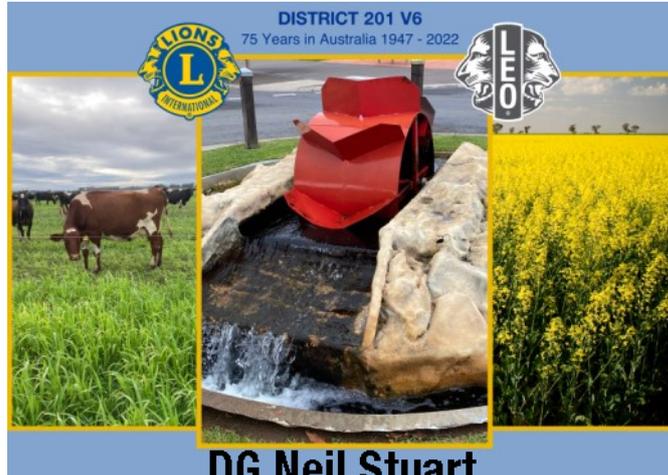
*Brian Sheehan*

**Virtual opening by  
International President**



*Sue Dight*

**CEO Mission to Seafarers  
Keynote Speaker**



**DG Neil Stuart**

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**SATURDAY NIGHT -  
DINNER &  
ENTERTAINMENT  
BY BRENDAN SCOTT  
@ THE SHAMROCK**

**Closing date for Registrations – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

For more information – contact Chairman Keith Nicoll - 0408 646 300

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## DG Neil Stuart



September was a very busy month. I made District Governor (DG) team visits to Benalla, Echuca, Moyhu, Numurkah, Murchison, Moama, and Lavington. Thank you to Zone Chairpersons Alison Kazenwadel, Ian Whatley, Don Rosie, and John Eldrid and PDG Steve Kazenwadel and PDG Omeni Ndlovu who attended or accompanied me on the visits.

I had the great pleasure of attending the East Loddon 40-year celebration on Sunday September 18th where the mural and memorial garden was officially opened. Zone Chairperson Jeanette Cowan was also there to mark the celebration and enjoy a great afternoon of fellowship. Together with Lions Lady Pauline I will be attending the Tongala Lions 50-year celebration on September 29th. Congratulations to both East Loddon and Tongala clubs on reaching these significant milestones. Thank you for your many years of service to our great Lions organisation and to your communities.

On the club visitations the DG team has continued to talk about our District's goals and to stress that we need all clubs and members to support us in achieving the goals we have put in place. One of our membership goals is to reach 1,250 members to get us out of transition. If we consider drops, then this equates to five new members per club. At present our number is 1,069 and we are now net plus two!

Over this last month I have had the very great pleasure of inducting six new members. Our new Lions are Maddison Power (Numurkah), Robert Maitland, Jeffery Stainsby and Joanne Sapwell (Murchison), and Joan and Graham Johnston (Moama).

From September 20th to 25th I was in Cairns where I attended my first Council of Governors (COG) meeting and the ANZI forum. It was great to meet up with my fellow District Governors and many other Lions over what was a great six days of learning, fun and fellowship. We all had the pleasure of meeting and hearing from our Lions International President Brian Sheehan. He is an inspirational speaker and his energy, enthusiasm, and passion for Lions is infectious.

President Brian Sheehan encouraged all clubs to every year achieve a Club Excellence Award. This award ticks all the boxes re: membership, service, leadership and organisational excellence, and marketing and communication. In short, in achieving this award it means that your club is achieving membership growth or chartering a new club, Leo or club branch, is reporting service, is attending training and are up to date with dues and is promoting what you do.

I hope to meet many of you at our District Convention at Numurkah over the weekend of October 8th and 9th. Please enjoy the fun and fellowship of our Convention.

## The DG's Diary

### OCTOBER 2022

Tuesday, 6	Echuca
Tuesday, 4	Glenrowan-Warby Ranges
Wednesday, 5	Rochester
Wednesday, 12	Henty
Thursday, 13	Walwa Jingelic
Monday, 17	Kiewa-Tangambalanga
Tuesday, 18	Lake Mulwala
Wednesday, 19	Berrigan
Tuesday, 25	Murrabit & Barham Koondrook

### NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday, 1	Bright
Wednesday, 2	Corryong
Monday, 7	Corowa
Thursday, 10	Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Gunbower, Leitchville & East Loddon
Tuesday, 15	Yarrawonga
Wednesday, 16	Chiltern
Wednesday, 23	Walla Walla & Culcairn
Sunday, 27	HOPE

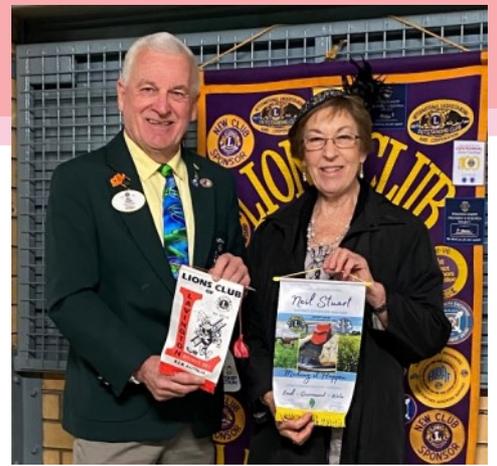
# Around the District with the DG Team



Murchison club visit - exchange of bannerettes with Pres Alan Rosser. A great night of fun & fellowship where I inducted 3 new members - Robert (Bob) Maitland, Jeffery (Jezza) Stainsby, & Joanne (Jo) Sapwell. Pres Alan has now sponsored 9 members. I was accompanied by PDG Omen & ZC Don Rosie.



Lions Club of Moama –I had the great pleasure to induct 2 new members - Joan & Graham Johnston sponsored by Rysha & Ron Hosking.(L-R Ron & Rysha, Graham & Joan) I also exchanged bannerette with Pres Colin Hosking



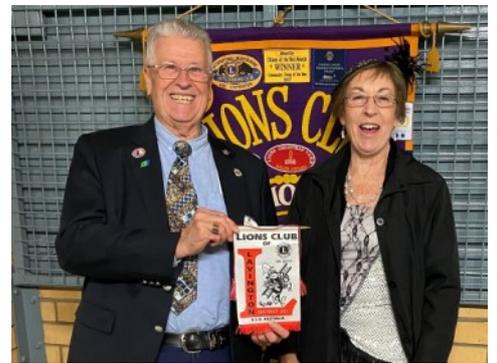
Visit to Lavington - Exchange of bannerettes with Pres Yvonne Holt. A great night of fellowship where the club celebrated their 52nd year. I joined with PDG Charlie Leaney in cutting the birthday cake.



DG Neil Stuart with Echuca President Kevin Woolnough. A great night was had with a musical performance by Life Member Morris Jackman.



On Sept 12, DG Neil Stuart inducted new member Maddison Power into the Lions Club of Numurkah. Maddison is the 12th Lion sponsored by Keith Nicoll. Congratulations.



DG Neil with his harem that dressed up for the occasion



DG Neil at a Club visit on Wednesday night to Moyhu, pictured exchanging bannerettes with President George Snowling. It was a very good night. ZC Alison, IPDG Steve and Neil enjoyed the great hospitality of the Moyhu Lions with a sensational 3 course meal.

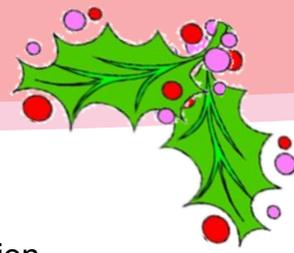


District Governor Neil Stuart and Benalla President Denise Brown exchanging bannerettes during the club visit.



Cutting the cake with PDG Charles Leaney





## LOCKHART TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

The Lockhart Changeover Luncheon held on Sunday 28th August was celebrated for the first time without stalwart David Skinner. In his absence 2nd Vice District Governor Geoff Turnbull carried out the Inductions with our newest, and committed members Bill and Lyn Hamson, taking on President and Secretary respectively. Shirley Morgan remains Treasurer and Dulcie McKenzie now holds the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator after 15 years as Secretary. Going from 5 to 15 members in 2021 has brought new ideas and willing hands to the Club. The main source of income emanates from our Recycle Centre which was in danger of closing. Thanks to those new Lions it is still going strong. Cardboard and paper earns the Club \$175 a ton, paper \$270 per ton plastic \$525 and in the last 12 months, through Return and Earn, 52,300 cans and stubbies were picked up from the centre. Our Council covers all freight costs and is of great assistance in many ways. Batteries are another good source of income.

Members have been busy knitting for the past few weeks.



An invitation was received to yarn bomb a tree along the avenue into the showgrounds, prior to this year's Lockhart Show. Members excelled, with enough to decorate 2 trees.

Front - Lyn Hamson, Bill Hamson. Back - Rosemary Dowdle, John Irons, Dulcie McKenzie.. Photographer, Lion Carolyn Dowdle also assisted with this Project.

## THURGOONA JUMP INTO ACTION

The Lions Club of Thurgoona & District recently got involved with the Thurgoona Community Action Group (TCAG) in a tree and bush planting day in St. John's Wood, a suburb of Thurgoona.

President of Thurgoona Lions, Alan Brink said "The Thurgoona Lions Club is involved with the TCAG as an observer member to see how we can assist this group. Activities like this are a perfect way to carry out some community service, one of the ideals of Lionism".



Geoff Turnbull with Incoming President Bill Hamson and Outgoing President John Irons.



Front. L-R. John McDonnell, Carolyn Dowdle, Rosemary Dowdle. Back. Dulcie McKenzie, Kerry McDonnell, John Irons, Bev Schneider, Bill Hamson, Lyn Hamson.



"Several of our members joined others from the wider community of Thurgoona in this project. The TCAG was able to gain a grant from the Albury City Council to cover the costs of small trees, shrubs and ground cover plants as well as mulch



to ensure the maintenance of soil moisture throughout the upcoming summer”, said Alan.

Alan also said, “This location in a place called The Bishop’s Walk is already lovely parkland in a typical suburban area. The addition of these plants is sure to make this area even better when they start to grow and reach maturity”.

The Thurgoona Lions are keen to take on more tasks like this to serve their local community and



develop a higher level of public awareness of the local Lions Club. It is hoped that new members will flow from these activities.

### MULWALA LIONS GET CRAFTY

The talents of 25 crafts-people from around the district were on display at the magnificent Craft Expo held by the Lions Club of Lake Mulwala on Saturday 20 August in the Uniting Church Hall. A diverse range of handicrafts was on show to captivate the large crowd. There were wooden creations, handmade and dressed dolls, lace making, handmade jewellery, macrame, scrapbooking, pet goods, quilts, card making, china painting, art and pencil sketching, many wonderful sewn, knitted and crocheted items, and much more.



Yarrowonga Mulwala Artists Association had an impressive display of their members’ work. Other local groups’ sales were dedicated to raising money for worthy causes such as Friends in Common.

Moira Shire Councillor, Judy Heather was on hand to officially open the Craft Expo and said how impressed she was with the display and the quality of the exhibits. She congratulated the Club for re-commencing the Craft Expo which has been held biennially for over 30 years with just a few years off recently due to the COVID pandemic.

President Ilba Prosser responded thanking Moira Shire for their support for such an enjoyable and significant community event. She also thanked all the stallholders and members of the Lions Club for putting the Expo together and all the visitors for attending and supporting the event.

Lions Club members were on hand to serve Devonshire teas, sandwiches, cakes and slices. The Lions information trailer was set up in the



grounds to show visitors the good work that Lions Clubs do in the community and to promote membership of the Club.





## KERANG FEEDS THE MASSES

Kerang Lions at the Book Week Parade doing popcorn vending.



On the Sunday the club catered at the Arts 4 All Makers Market in Cobram with all the proceeds also going to the Homeless shower program. Overall a wonderful start to commence and the showers will open very soon.



Last weekend, WOW, what a wonderful market the club hosted. We were very grateful to the Moira Shire for allowing us to move to the car park area around the Cobram Civic Centre. The rain stopped, blue sky and sunshine appeared for a beautiful morning, a spectacular range of stalls filled the entry area.



Lions 75th Anniversary in Australia was celebrated at lunch time, with free sausages being handed out, and a free spinning wheel in action.

It was wonderful to see so many locals out and about, plus numerous families of holiday makers in town. We hope they enjoyed their stay in Cobram.

The travelling gavel spent a week on vacation in Cobram. It was delivered by the Barooga Lions Club members to our meeting on September 13th. A few members visited Strathmerton Lions on the 21st to deliver it to its current holiday destination. Plus the travel road tax was forwarded on as well. I am sure it will visit another club very soon.

Over 90 hungry farmers were catered for BBQ lunch at the Irrigated Cropping Council Field Day in Kerang on 16/9/22.

## COBRAM RAISE MONEY FOR THE HOMELESS

Cobram Lions club have had another busy month during September.

We kick started the fund raising for the Homeless Shower program at the opening of Mantos produce and Providore shop in Cobram. The new shop owners donated all the sausages and bread and all the proceeds went straight to the new program.



## HOPE LIONS CLUB BRANCH MEMBERS LOVE THEIR EYES!



Front L- R Secretary Helen Hastie, Ken Hastie Tabi Ndlovu Back L- R President Monique Noble, Avis Weller, Marion Whatley and Clarrie Weller.

HOPE Lions Club Branch supported WORLD SIGHT DAY at their lunch meeting recently.

Members had a bit of fun and used their imagination to brightly decorate their "Heart Glasses".

World Sight Day is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment and is held on the second Thursday in October each year.

The theme this year is #LOVEYOUREYES.

Approximately 90% of vision loss is preventable or treatable if identified early.

Eye tests are the early warning system for vision loss and can save your sight.

In Australia, almost half a million people are blind or vision impaired.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are three times more likely to be blind or vision impaired than other Australians.

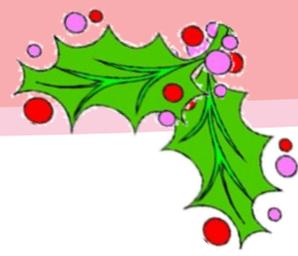
The majority of vision loss and blindness can be attributed to five main conditions, refractive error, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, cataract and glaucoma.

By 2050, 1 in 2 people will require eye care services.

Hope Lions are taking the pledge to love their eyes this October. Please join them and pledge to. Have an eye test as soon as you can and not ignore changes in your vision.



President Monique Noble & glasses



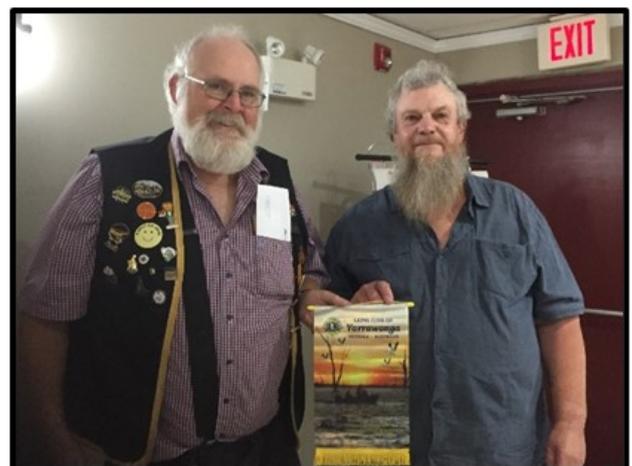
## YARRAWONGA LIONS CLUB

### Travelling Again

A few words from our traveller Lions Phil Oliver who is currently in Canada where he visited Sparwood Lions Club.

"I was made most welcome at Sparwood Lions last night, dinner meeting first back from summer break. 6pm start 8.10 finish which is late due to backlog of correspondence usually about 7.30. They were very pleased to receive bannerette as they have become a rarity over here.

They allowed me a short break till 6.45am before putting me to work on one of 3 BBQ 's to cook 800+ pancakes for school breakfast. Must have done alright as was invited back for next year's school breakfast. Their meeting was interesting similar correspondence to us, aging membership, most members were couples 17 in attendance of 23 members.



Flying the flag for Yarrawonga



Cooking up a storm

Interesting to note that they also do the Buddy Benches – love the wording “Make a Friend, Be a **Friend**”



Woollies Yarrowonga

Another 2 of our amazing Buddy Benches are off to help kids at the Corowa Primary School. Jo from Bunnings, Lions Deb and Denis with Sue from

This is a very rewarding project to be involved with. Helps with isolation and bullying, makes kids school situations just a little better. We thank our friends at Bunnings Tim Roadley, Jo Bujrslem-Heslin, Jenny Barnes from Border Trophies for always being onboard for this Lion’s Yarrowonga Project.

Clubs are reminded that Yarrowonga does have a pattern, so if you are interested, please contact us.

**Mark’s Murray Paddle – Caring For Our River**



**Buddy Benches**

We have had further request to supply our benches.



Another pigeon pair of our Buddy Benches have been delivered to the Primary Campus of the Sacred Heart School here in Yarrowonga. Just in time for their 8th September, School RUOK Day. Well done all for doing your bit for another of Yarrowonga Lion’s Club’s brilliant community projects. Thank you to Lion’s Denis and John for delivery.



Members John and George with Mark Darby

Members met up with Mark Darby at the Ski Club - Mark is paddling down the river to raise funds to support Trust For Nature and their work at Neds Corner Station. He is a Lions Club member from Tathra on the far south coast of NSW and I will be paddling a kayak solo and primarily unassisted for 2,400 km during September and October. We were happy to support him and this cause. Helping restore the health of the Murray River and preserve Australian native vegetation, birds and animals.



## EAST LODDON'S UNIQUE TAKE ON A GARDEN FOR THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF LIONS

Being a unique club without a town, it made us think outside the box for our garden project. That and a lack of water supply where we wanted the garden. So between us we came up with a memorial garden and a garden mural featuring a metal sculpture.

On 18th September, members gathered with local community members, past members and relatives of past members to officially open our memorial garden and our mural project. With the traditional "snag in bread" for lunch, attendees looked through photo albums of the clubs' events, reminisced over old times and enjoyed a small art show put on by some students who entered our art competition.

Apart from the rain coming down just as the Mayor and DG Neil were about to unveil the rock, the day was a wonderful success and we are very proud of our garden and enjoyed the day. We will run another day soon where locals can come and put their handprint on our community mural as we couldn't do this either due to the rain.



Neil Stewart and Dan Straub unveil the memorial garden during Sunday's 40th anniversary of East Loddon Lions. *LH PHOTOS*

## District governor praises club on 40th birthday

EAST Loddon Lions Club had given outstanding support to district communities, district governor Neil Stewart said at the club's 40th anniversary celebrations on Sunday.

Mr Stewart said the memorial garden being developed by the club was the latest example of service by members.

Loddon Mayor and club member Cr Dan Straub joined Mr Stewart in unveiling the garden stone and the adjacent metal leaf sculpture. Cr Straub crafted the sculpture. Sundays celebrations also saw the of-

ficial unveiling of the Lions Den mural. Joining the club's current members Cr Straub, president Alan Guthrie, Jo Guthrie, Helen O'Donohue, Emma Leach and Sharyl McCallum were guests with connections to the club over four decades.

They included Rosalie McCarthy whose late husband Kevin was an early president and Susan Rudkins whose father Tom was a driving force in the club's foundation and its charter secretary.

Artwork by East Loddon P12 College students was also on display.



Rosalie McCarthy and Susan Rogers view memorabilia.



Matilda Smith, a Year 7 student, with her art work on display.



Current members of East Loddon Lions.

## BEECHWORTH LIONS

### Community Volunteers Expo

The Lions Club of Beechworth Inc., hosted a Community Volunteers Expo at the Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall, Ford Street, on 11th September 2022 from 10am to 2.30pm.

The Expo gathered all community groups together, in the one venue, where each community group maintained information booth. Here members of the community obtained information about each group that may interest them and found out how to become involved. We had 12 Groups that participated from across Beechworth, Stanley and Wooragee. Several groups picked up some new members.

### Grace Brown

To further assist Grace Brown financially to get to Australia National Hockey Carnival in Tasmania, Beechworth Lions Club held a Sausage Sizzle outside Beechworth IGA on Saturday 10th September which Grace, and her mother Rachael were there to help. Matt Batey, Beechworth's Swimming Coach (pictured) approached Lions for the assist for Grace. Due to this fundraiser and Beechworth Lions Disbursement we were able to donate \$1000 to assist. Many of the community came to congratulate her including Coral Cooksley of the Ovens and Murray Advertiser Newspaper to report for 16th Sept paper. Grace is in Hobart until the 4th October competing with the Victorian State team.



Grace and Lion Lyn



Lions Lyn, Sven, Zone Chairman and President John, and Iris

### 2022 Beechworth Lions Presentation of Disbursements



Rachel, Grace and Matt



Treasurer Christine explained why, how, where, our disbursements come from and go to for the benefit of our visitors.



## TUNGAMAH LIONS CLUB

Regardless of the time of year, there is always something happening around the Tungamah Lions Club. We thought the end of the football season was a bit of respite, but we were called back into harness to do some catering on the night of the Grand Final. Well done to our intrepid Tungamah Bears, with the 3rds winnings the flag, while all four senior netball teams asserted their superiority in bringing home the bacon.



Beechworth Scout disbursement – accepted by Thea Fraser



Wooragee Land Care disbursement – accepted by Pieter Mourik



Beechworth Urban Landcare disbursement – accepted by Steve Burnett

ALF and Cancer Can disbursements – accepted by Zone Chairman & Lions Christine

Each recipient thanked the Lions Club for their inclusion in our disbursements for 2022. Lion Brian did the photographs and took down the details of those present.



A great time was had by the Lions who attended the evening. Bunnings barbecues continued to happen, even at the last minute. A couple of days' notice saw a skeleton crew work hard all day for a larger than normal profit. Nomads Les and Robyn made a brief appearance between trips to be major workers on the bbq before they headed north. Prior to that they had spent a month in Ohio catching up with family, especially the grand kids. They met Noah for the very first time.

Coming up on Tuesday, the 4th October, we are holding our high tea which has been postponed three times because of Covid restrictions, but we are sure it will be happening this time.

A social night at the clubrooms saw Neil and Trish Lonie presented with a lovely cake to celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.





On Monday evening, 31st October the club is hosting a Halloween night for the local kids, and this should be a ripper. We will be giving the sno cone machine its very first outing.

The Convention is coming up and several members will be attending the event.

We were fortunate to have PDG Barry and Barb Higgins as our guests at the last meeting. Barry spoke on running conventions and also the Skin Cancer Van which will be on display at the Convention. Both were great speakers and we had a great "light" or "not so light" supper.

Plenty is happening, so keep your ears open for what we are doing.

was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Jack Harrington. Luke's daughter Paige is a Leo and Luke is always there helping the Leos and has a lot of generosity, especially with car washes and other events. We are most fortunate to have the support of some great parents.

We are also going to help the Lions make decorations for the Halloween night, and this will happen on Sunday, 16th October at the rear of the Garage. This will be a great afternoon for the local children.

Next meeting will be 4th October at the old Civic Centre. We expect a good turn up that evening.

## TUNGAMAH LEOS

Hopefully we are coming to the end of the battle to place a small fountain in the creek. The Council has changed the rules for grants, but with a bit of luck, the process will be much easier, as promised. We are pretty keen to have this project sorted out.

Plans are well under way for the Carp Muster, a very popular and important project to enhance the health of our creek. Notices will be out shortly for this.

Last meeting, the club thought fit to honour Luke Mason for his unwavering support to the club. He



# Lions donate \$20k to Echuca cancer centre

By Adair Winder

Echuca Lions Club has shown its support for the new Cancer and Wellness Centre by presenting a cheque of \$20,000 to go towards the new facility.

The Lions Club raised half the money itself through its annual golf day and then convinced the Australian Lions Foundation to match that amount.

Laurie Stewart, John Hewlett and Graeme Birch of the Echuca Lions said they had all been impacted by cancer, which was a big factor as to why they wanted to raise funds for the centre.

Mr Stewart said he spent six months in a cancer centre.

"It means something to all of us," he said.

"I had pancreatic cancer, John had prostate cancer and Graeme had bladder cancer."

Echuca Regional Health clinical liaison project officer Lyn Jefferson said the donation was appreciated.

"We want to acknowledge the commitment of the entire community, who, through donations like this have given back to the community," she said.

"A big thank you to the Echuca Lions for their support."

Mr Hewlett collected more than \$3000 towards the total amount raised.

He told *The Riv* he and the rest of the Echuca Lions were thankful to all the local community members and businesses that donated on the golf day in March.

"We know it's been difficult time for a lot of local businesses after all the lockdowns, so we really appreciate the support," he said.

The Echuca Lions hold a golf day annually, with past events raising money towards Echuca Neighbourhood House, VIVID Disability Support and other upgrades at ERI.

Cheque for charity: Echuca Lion's Club John Hewlett, Laurie Stewart and Graeme Birch with Echuca Regional Health's Lyn Jefferson.

## ECHUCA LIONS ON A FUNDRAISER ROLL

Echuca Club ran a sports man night Tuesday 20th Sept. in conjunction with the Rich River Golf Club who were very generous in their support of this function, a full house of 140, very successful in raising in excess of \$5,000.

Story from local paper - Echuca Lions raised \$10,000 through their annual golf Day and then asked Australian Lions Foundation to match it - which they did, enabling Echuca Lions to donate \$20,000 to the Cancer Wellness Centre.



## NATHALIA LIONS IN PICTURES

### Make -A – Wish Blanket Collection



Some of the Nathalia Lions Clubs members were out at the Katunga Football Grounds on the 11/09/2022 during the season's grand finals collecting donations towards the Make-A-Wish Australia. This is an annual project that the Lions undertake every year, and it receives resounding support from community members attending the sports grand finals. Make-A-Wish, is about granting inspirational, life-changing wishes for children with a critical illness. The charity works in partnership

with sick children, their families and medical teams to design and deliver wishes that are as unique as the children who imagine them.

### Maloga House Support

Nathalia Lions Clubs members worked during the month to clear old furniture at Maloga House in Nathalia and some Brian Setters (examining the gate) and Peter Commadeur (standing) took time to weld the gates at Maloga House. This is a new transitional accommodation centre for women aged 55 years and above who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.



## JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Another successful Junior Public Speaking program has been finalised at the District Final on 28th August, 2022 in the Girgarre Memorial Hall. The winner of the Years 3-4 section was Ethan Wilson

from St Anne's, North Albury. Ethan's topic was "Italy – How Fantastico". Runner-up was Lola Crook from St Josephs, Benalla, in her speech Lola took the audience to Paris. Adele Maughan was awarded the Encouragement Award, and she spoke about Hahndorf. The winner of the Years 5-6 section was Isaac Finlayson from St Anne's, North Albury, and in his speech Isaac introduced Abraham Lincoln. Runner-up was Georgia Fealy from Oaklands Central, she spoke about Helen Keller. Spencer Cowan introduced Winston Churchill and he was awarded the Encouragement Award.

The standard of the students speeches was very high and is improving each year with their teachers and parents help and encouragement. They

certainly give the judges a very difficult task.

I would like to say a big thank you to District Governor Neil Stuart for stepping in and conducting the afternoon for Peter and myself as we were unable to attend, due to unforeseen circumstances. Also thank you to Helen Hastie for organising the judges and the gift vouchers for the winners, Avis Weller for organising the Girgarre Hall, and the Hope Branch Club for providing the afternoon tea. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Both Ethan and Isaac are to present their speeches at the Convention on Sunday morning, and I am sure all who attend the Convention will be very impressed when they hear these 2 young people present their speeches.

This year 35 Clubs participated – 3 more than in 2019, I am now looking forward to the 2023 Junior Public Speaking program and even more Clubs coming on board and giving the young people in your Communities the opportunity to gain confidence to speak to an audience other than their peers.

*Margaret Poels*

Multiple District 201 and District V6 Junior Public Speaking Chairperson



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

The second of International President, Brian Sheehan's four key priorities is "Supporting our global foundation, LCIF". I would like to thank DG Neil for emphasising this goal in during his talks. It seems to be paying dividends. Clubs also seem more willing to contribute than over the last 12-18 months.

It is most important that we are good citizens of our Lions community. Since 1968, over \$18 million has been given in grants to causes in Australia. The majority is from overseas. Our international Lions colleagues are very generous when it comes to assisting those in need financially.

The main reason for the existence of the foundation is to help people and communities in times of need and to magnify the reach of humanitarian projects.

Foundation Chairman IPIP Douglas Alexander has encouraged Lions to consider applying for an LCIF grant. Grant details are available in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger and the environment. Go to the website; <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission> for information.

Donations, so far, have been received from.

**Cobram  
Kerang  
Rochester  
Walwa-Jingelic**

**Jerilderie  
Numurkah  
Tungamah  
District 201V6**

This gives a total of district donations of US\$6128.28 (approx. AUS\$8920).

LCIF have set a target of US\$23,013 (approx. **AUS\$33,495**) for our district for this Lions year. **26.6% is a great result so far.**

Thank you to those Clubs. **Seven down, 48 to go.**

Clubs currently have Melvin Jones fellowship credits ranging from a few dollars to several thousand. I can advise how much each Club has. Please consider rewarding a Club or community member for their service.



Congratulations to IPDG Steve Kazenwadel (pictured with Alison) on receiving the LCIF Gold Chairpersons medal for overseeing large District 201V6 donations to LCIF



Lion Lee & PDG Norm spotted on the Gannawarra Shire Council social media page. Great promotion for the program and for Lions!



## SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR - SEPTEMBER FEES A BARRIER TO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH?

It was a relatively quiet month this month, with time spent in Cairns for the ANZI Pacific Forum, preparing for the upcoming convention, and a few online meetings being the main highlights.

Next week we have our first proper District Convention in a long time, and I hope to see many of you there. Although I have only been in the Second Vice District Governor role for three months now, it is already time to nominate for First Vice District Governor for the coming year. I will be seeking your endorsement and ask for your support.

Unfortunately, we once again have no nomination for Second Vice District Governor for the coming year, so will be calling for nominations from the floor at the convention. To be eligible to nominate, you need only to have been a member of your club executive for one year in any role, and to have had any role on cabinet during a different year. If you qualify I would urge you to consider nominating – I can tell you from experience that there is plenty of help available to guide you, and it is a very enjoyable and fulfilling role. Please, put your hand up for this role at the convention.

**Note from Editor** - if you're wondering about the Christmas theme here, and the odd little image throughout the Roar - 2nd VDG Geoff mentioned that the Christmas decorations were out far to early in the shops in Cairns - after some discussion on social media with some Christmas fans, he dared me to give the Roar a Christmas theme...well Geoff, never dare a newsletter editor who loves Christmas! PS I made it subtle so as to not detract from the theme of Breast Cancer Awareness! Merry Christmas!! Only 84 Days to go!



I have often heard it said that our fees discourage new members. However, it is becoming clear that subsidising fees is bad news! Read on!

If you are up front about the fees and explain why they are charged at the start, they are never actually an issue (though will sometimes be used as an **excuse**. Explain in the initial conversation that we pay fees so that we are fully insured, and so that **100%** of every donation we receive from the public goes back to where it belongs - we are the only charitable organisation that can claim this, so be proud of it! Once this is explained, the fee is not an issue at all.

However, many clubs subsidise the fees for members as they believe that people will leave if the fees are raised. When this is actually put to the test, few if any people actually leave, and if any do, I would be concerned about their reasons for being in Lions in the first place.

A massive issue is arising in our district for clubs that heavily subsidise fees, and that is that it is HUGE barrier to recruiting new members. Why? Because the more members you have that you subsidise, the more money you must raise to cover the subsidy. Far from attracting members, it actively works against membership growth.

Those clubs in the district that charge full fees or close to it have not lost members and are growing. Those that heavily subsidise are shrinking.

I would urge every club to look seriously at how heavily you subsidise your fees – raising them allows you to recruit and grow; keeping them low keeps your membership low and harms the future of your club and community.



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## Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

During the month of September, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Bear and Elroy were delivered to their Deaf recipients! Bear and Elroy were Hearing Dog #24 and #25 that ALHD have delivered so far, free-of-charge, in 2022.

Bear is a Pomeranian x and Elroy is a Terrier x; both boys are from Yorke Peninsula Puppy Rescue and both are fantastic Lions Hearing Dogs; cream of the crop. Because of Heather from YP Puppy Rescue, who had thought they would make fantastic candidates for our program, ALHD were lucky to have these two pups graced us with their presence. Bear has been such a favourite in our talks and demonstrations out in the community, and Elroy won the hearts of many with his mature, easy-going and respectful personality. Now, they each have a very lucky recipient who have many years ahead with their new Hearing Dog partnerships, thanks to the support from many Lions Clubs around Australia.

It is clear these two boys are well loved amongst our staff and volunteers and, while they will be dearly missed in the Training Centre, ALHD wishes them well settling into their new homes and is excited to see the difference they will make to the lives of their recipients.

We would like to thank each Lions Club for all the support given to ALHD and know that we wouldn't have been able to accomplish the wonderful work we do without your help.



To continue to support Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, please discuss with your Lions Club about making a Christmas gift to our wonderful Hearing Dog or Medical Alert Dog programs, and continue changing the lives of many Australians.

For a discussion on how to support, you can contact Development Director,

Alix Katala, on 08 8388 7836

or [alix@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:alix@lionshearingdogs.com.au).

Otherwise, you can make a donation below:

Account Name: Lions Hearing Dogs Inc

BSB Number: 035 094 (Westpac)

Account Number: 118 965

Keep an eye out for our Lions Clubs newsletter in the coming months for more exciting updates and stories on how Lions are helping us change the lives of the deaf and hard of hearing.

## AUSTRALIAN LIONS LONGEST COIN LINE

Clubs can find marketing material on the ALCCRF website under events. Posters, Marketing Brochure, and labels for collection tins. Also, there are Facebook tiles and posters that Clubs can use in conjunction with project promotion on community pages to collect coin jars and sell meterage in the record attempt.



Australian Lions



The perfect gift for a Guest Speaker or visitor to your club, ALCCRF Pen – high quality, great value for users. **\$5.00** each (minimum order applied) pdf writable order form on ALCCRF website

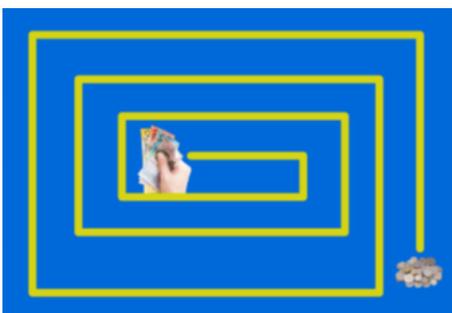
With District Conventions coming up, this is a great opportunity to put our Christmas Pins on sale.

Pins can be obtained at a cost of **\$6:00** per pin from our Christmas Pins Coordinator

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# LION MINTS NEWSLETTER

## September Edition 2022

Welcome to the LIONS' September Edition where you'll get the latest updates right at your fingertips.



### MINT DELIVERY UPDATE

Dollar Sweets is continuing to manufacture and sending out Lions Mint orders. Each club is emailed as the order/s leaves our venue. Thank you for your patience.

### NEW ORDER FORM

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of using the **NEW Lions Mints Order Form**. There are updated information hence please use the new form when ordering. You can obtain the new form via Lion's website: [www.lionsclubs.org.au](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au) or request a copy via email to: [admin@dollarsweets.com](mailto:admin@dollarsweets.com)

### HOUSE KEEPING

A friendly reminder when placing your order/s, either by phone or via email, please be sure to include **Club LCI number**. Lastly, payment terms is 30 days.

Dollar Sweets' office hours for orders are:  
**Monday to Thursday 11am to 3pm**  
We ask that all orders to be placed during this time frame only.

Changes to your email address, please contact:  
\* [admin@dollarsweet.com](mailto:admin@dollarsweet.com) or  
\* call our new landline 03 5945 0500 or  
\* Brendan Delahunt - [mints@lions.org.au](mailto:mints@lions.org.au)

### CHOC PEPPERMINT BALLS RECIPE

Prep time: 10mins / Chill time: 1hour

#### Ingredients

- \* 1/2 cup cashews
- \* 3/4 cup almonds
- \* 1/4 tsp salt
- \* 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- \* 1 1/2 cups pitted dates (Soak in water for 5mins)
- \* 1/4 cup shredded coconut
- \* 1/4 cup chocolate chips
- \* 1/4 cup crushed Dollar Sweets Peppermints

#### Instructions

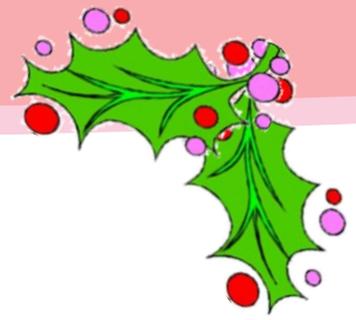
1. Place cashews, almonds, salt, and cocoa powder in a food processor until it forms a powder consistency.
2. Add remaining ingredients into the food processor and blend until dough begins to ball up.
3. Line a tray with baking paper. Portion the dough into bite sizes with a spoon and roll it into a ball with your hands.
4. Place tray into fridge. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving. Alternatively store in an air tight container in the fridge; it will last for up to 2 weeks.

Resource: <https://www.milkandhoneynutrition.com/recipes/chocolate-peppermint-energy-bites/>



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<http://facebook.com/201V6Lions>

Member's Only Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676430540448974>



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## PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

- Do you have an UPCOMING EVENT? Have you had an event you'd like to tell us about?
- Best place to promote it is through the Roar!
- Cut off date is the 28th of each month (items arriving after that date may not make it in but will be held over till the next one.
- Please send articles in a Word file (not a PDF)

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