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District Governor 2022-2023

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May it bring opportunity to serve, good
fellowship & new club members!

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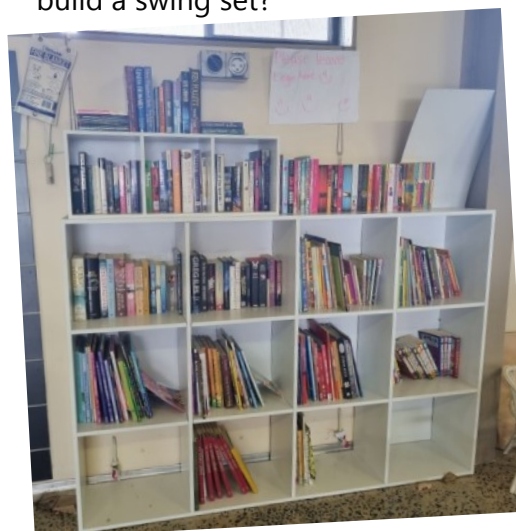
Rochester Flood Recovery

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Lions from the Lions District 201V6 Disaster Recovery Support Team visited Elmore Village to deliver a swing set along with some recycle pods for cans etc.



Q: How many Lions does it take to build a swing set?



It was good to see that the Library area in the Recreation Room had been well used, it was restocked with lots more books. More "Hug in a Rug" bears

and kites donated by the Cohuna LEO Club were delivered to Anglicare for distribution.





DG Neil Stuart

During December I made District Governor (DG) team visits to Katamatite and Henty.

Thank you to Zone Chairpersons Victor Smith, and Julie Colley. I was joined by 2nd VDG and District GMT Geoff Turnbull on the visit to Henty. During the club visits I had the pleasure of presenting Monarch Chevrons to several Lions. At Henty I presented President Noel Stein with the 2021-2022 Club Excellence Award (banner patch and pin).

I encourage clubs to apply for the Club Excellence Award. Is your club striving to finish the year with a net growth in membership? Will your club participate in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to the community? If you answered yes, then your club may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award. Our Lions International President Brian Sheehan encourages clubs to apply every year.

I had the great pleasure on December 13th of inducting two new Lions into the Cobram Lions Club – both sponsored by Secretary Janet Austin. We welcome Tina Cosby and Shaun Davies.

On Sunday December 19th at the invitation of President PDG Omeni Ndlovu, I visited the Nathalia Club and had the great honour of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Denis Dunn. Denis a forty-year member, past club president, LCIF chairperson and club treasurer (twelve years) has and continues to be a very active member of Nathalia. Congratulations and thank you Denis.

In early January the Global Action Team (GAT) under the leadership of Global Membership Approach (GMA) District Leader PDG Omeni Ndlovu will again be meeting to review the progress of our District and GMA goals and action plans. Service reporting has been a focus following our last meeting however our membership and leadership goals we developed will be key objectives.

Over the course of the last few months following the floods our District Disaster Recovery Support team lead by Lion Paul Shortis has been meeting very regularly and working hard to support our members and communities in need. I want to thank them and the V6 Foundation Directors for their great support. Thank you to our clubs who have donated to our V6 Foundation that has directly assisted those in need. Thank you also to Lions club members who have been out helping and supporting their fellow Lions and communities. I also want to thank and congratulate Lion Janice Turnbull and 2nd VDG Geoff for their great concept of supporting families in the "Licola Flood

Project." Over eighty participants will benefit from their initiative.

Our PIP Barry Palmer AO has very recently announced the LCIF Australia – Adopt a Family – Flood Relief initiative. PIP Barry is encouraging clubs to donate \$1,000 (or any amount they can manage) to "Adopt a Family." On our DG team club visits, I have spoken about our District's expectation in supporting LCIF and so I encourage our clubs to support "Adopt a Family" by donating. Further details on the project and how to donate are included in District LCIF Chairman PDG Stephen Kazenwadel's LCIF report.

I look forward to the next six months of my year. While the DG team has visited most of our clubs there are several clubs that we will visit over the next couple of months. I remind members of the 75-year celebration of Lionism in Australia. We plan to hold the celebration at the Shamrock Hotel in Numurkah on Saturday evening March 4th where we will be entertained by Brendan Scott. There will be more details to come.



A surprise visitor to Turban Angels from DG Neil Stuart. Boy Turban Angel in training. Lesson 1 PS Neil electricity helps the needle go up n down.

Dear Lions All,

In recent times much of our District has been subjected to flooding either from heavy rain events or riverine flooding.

It's is very pleasing to see that Lions clubs in the district have pulled together with assistance, both in funding to assist clubs and communities that are in dire need and also there have been many individual Lions and clubs that have donated their time and energy to assist.

The Directors of the V6 Foundation have much pleasure in announcing that over the past few months the V6 Foundation has been able to assist club such as Rochester with a donation of \$20,000 to assist both its own Lions members and the community. Rutherglen Lions Club received \$5,000 to help out community members after recent storms that devastated many homes in the town. Murrabit Lions club have also received \$7,500 in assistance and East Loddon Lions Club have

received \$12,500, again to assist their local community areas that are still inundated with water from recent flooding. Many of the above mentioned are struggling to get fuel and living necessities and will be until after Christmas.

The Foundation trustees congratulate and thank all 201 V6 District Lions clubs that have dug deep to assist financially, the Lions 201 V6 District Foundations in its efforts to relieve the burden in all the flooded and storm ravaged areas of our district.

We should also congratulate the V6 Disaster Relief committee for their tremendous work and financial assistance in aiding the setting up of the Elmore emergency accommodation centre on the old Elmore Field Days site where some 100 families will spend the next 12 to 24 months living while their homes are rebuilt.

From the Directors of the 201 V6 District Lions Foundation

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR UPDATE NOVEMBER

December has proved to be a bit different from recent months. The month began with me travelling to Perth to participate in the Faculty Development Institute (FDI) there, along with 18 others from across Australia and New Zealand. This fabulous course helps participants to teach others in a more interesting, interactive and engaging way and I hope to bring these newly acquired skills to some of our district's training programs in the coming months.

As with most clubs at this time of year, my club was very busy with various activities and projects across the month, which kept me busy. I also participated in a Vice District Governor mentoring session, and spent some time with newly appointed district GMT Assistant Peter may to further the development of new clubs.

By far the biggest part of my time though has been spent working on flood-related projects, along with many others in this district and in neighbouring districts (particularly V3 which has been incredibly helpful). There will be more to report on this next month.

District Governor Neil Stuart and I also visited the Lions Club of Henty for an official visit this month. This is a small but outstanding club. They have grown their membership by 50% in the past 13 months, they report well and on time, they make regular donations to our foundations such as LCIF, and are very active in their local community. We could all learn a lot from this fine club!

Finally, it is pleasing to report that District Governor Elect John Houghton is now well on the way to recovery from his injury, and he will be up and "back on his feet" in no time!

Janice and I wish you all the very best for the New Year.

END OF CALENDAR YEAR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As we all wind down and enjoy a short break and hopefully some quality family time, it is great to be able to report that our district has had a good month in December. With various flood recovery projects in full swing, Lions have stood up as always – and we have managed to put on 10 new members this month which is a great result. There are very positive signs of more to come in the next few months.

We are also getting closer to starting a couple of new clubs in the next three months, so we can all give ourselves a pat on the back for taking charge of the future of Lions in this district.

Let's make the next six months a time of growth and rebuilding – events of recent months have shown that Lions are important and needed more than ever, so let's all work on growing so we can better serve the communities that need us.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

Following a great start, donations have backed off, because of the floods. Congratulations are in order though, for the *Lions Club of Lake Mulwala* for their donation. I also acknowledge the 3 individual Lions, who took advantage of the tax deductibility available via the Australian fund for LCIF.

DISTRICT MELVIN JONES FELLOW NOMINATIONS

By now Clubs will have received from the Cabinet Secretary a call for nominations for the district funded Melvin Jones Fellows. This has been an annual district event for many years

All nominations need to be submitted in writing under the hand of the President or Secretary of a Lions Club in good standing in the district. The application deadline is January 28th and nominations will be considered at the 3rd District Cabinet meeting, at the end of February.

HELPING AUSTRALIANS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS “ADOPT A FAMILY” THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH LCIF

So many Australian families have been dislocated due to disastrous flooding throughout Australia.

With your Club's help, through LCIF, Lions will support needy families in Australia to help them re-establish themselves.

We encourage clubs to donate \$1,000 (or any amount they can manage), to “Adopt a Family”.

How will it work?

- Clubs can donate funds to LCIF through their Cabinet Treasurer or make personal, tax-deductible donations through the Lions Australia Fund for LCIF.
- Complete the form below to advise of your donation, and send this to our Lions Australian LCIF Officer, lcif.ops@lions.org.au. This will ensure the funds are allocated to the “Adopt a family” cause.
- Each District will be advised of the total donations, and the District Cabinet will select an affected town to be the recipient of the donations.
- Support will be allocated to families as advised by the Local Lions Club with the District Cabinet.

Note:- The video explanation from PIP Barry Palmer AO refers to vouchers. Due to LCIF constraints, we won't use vouchers but will purchase goods directly.

Find out more here. <https://lionsclubs.org.au/donations/lions-adopt-a-family-flood-relief/>

NATHALIA GAINS A MELVIN FELLOW

Dennis Dunn received a MJF from Nathalia Lions club, presented by DG Neil. Dennis served as Treasurer for 13 years during his 40 year membership at the club and continues to be actively involved in a number of other activities. Congratulations Dennis on a wonderful achievement.

Brendan Dunn had been a member of Nathalia Lions for 14 years before resigning his membership at the beginning of the year, the club issues appreciation certificates to outgoing members. Thanks for your service Brendan.





THURGOONA LIONS SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

Recently, the Lions Club of Thurgoona & District donated four boxes of Lions Christmas Cakes to Country Hope for them to include in their annual Christmas Hampers distribution.

Country Hope is a country based, family centred support organisation for children diagnosed with cancer and other chronic life-threatening illnesses. It is a not-for-profit organisation and relies on the generosity of business, community and corporate sponsorship. Money raised supports Country Hope families in our local regions

Country Hope also supports families from regional areas who need to travel to Melbourne for their sick child who needs medical or surgical treatment. Families may need financial assistance with air travel or accommodation in Melbourne while waiting for their unwell child being treated under hospital care.

The Thurgoona Lions President, Alan Brink said, "We regularly support Country Hope as they fit perfectly into our Lions Club's preference to support local issues and groups. Our members get great satisfaction in supporting any local group or individual in need. It makes all those barbeques and raffles worthwhile when we can afford to do this type of charitable donation."

Kristy McMahon from Country Hope was on-hand to receive the cakes. She said, "The only way we can carry out our support programs to our community is through the generosity of groups like Lions. We are eternally grateful for this".

COROWA LIONS ASSIST ST. VINNIES WITH HAMPERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Corowa Lions - thank you for your great support in our local St Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas Hamper program by your contribution of thirty Lions cakes, together with the preparation, packing and delivery of ten large Christmas Hampers. Thank you also to Les and Margaret Johnson for their organisation of the project. Corowa Lions packed and donated 10 of the 78 hampers.

We're very pleased to report that with the combined effort of so many contributors, like yourselves from within our generous local and district community, we were able to prepare, pack and distribute 78 hampers to many grateful recipients.

Best wishes to all your members for 2023.

*Peter & Bernie – Vinnies, Cloe – Corowa IGA,
Les – Corowa Lions, Roz – Vinnies, Mel – Corowa IGA,
Margaret – Corowa Lions.*



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Two hunters hired a pilot to fly them deep into the wilderness to look for deer. After bagging six large bucks, they were loading the plane to return when the pilot said, "Hold on. This aircraft is only rated to carry four deer." The two men objected strongly. "Last year we got six and the pilot let us take them all – and he had the exact same plane."

Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six deer were loaded. However, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down in the forest. Somehow the two men survived, and after climbing from the wreckage the first hunter asked: "Any idea where we are?" "Sure," his friend replied. "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."



COROWA LIONS SAY THANKS

The Lions Club of Corowa held a Free B.B.Q. & Information Day on Saturday 3rd December as a thank you for their support during the last twelve months. The community were very grateful and also had a gentleman approach us to join our organisation.



NEW MEMBERS IN TOCUMWAL

Tocumwal Lions Club recently welcomed new members. Past District Governor Carol Kennedy inducted new member Noelene Scott and reinstated former member Tony Akkerman. Both members are sponsored by President Glennis Pohlner. At another meeting PDG Carol inducted Dave Keith sponsored by Tony Akkerman.

On a sad note the Club lost two members. Charter member Lion Len Soule and Lion Bernie Williams will be greatly missed.



NEW MEMBERS & MARKETS FOR COBRAM LIONS

What a wonderful evening it was to be at Federation Park on Friday, for the Cobram Lions Twilight market. With over 90 stall holders spread out across the Park. There definitely was some thing for all ages, and a brilliant opportunity to find an unique present for some one special. The crowd who came along to enjoy the market were amazing.

The atmosphere was relaxed and everyone who attended was happy and smiling. The food sites were well supported with some being sold out early in the evening. The range of food available was wonderful, people were spoilt for choice. Santa was, as always, very popular. The Christmas raffle was drawn, and Several people went home very happy with a lovely prize.

Thank you to all businesses in Cobram who donated something towards the raffle. Your support was overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who supported the Cobram Lions Twilight market and the Annual Christmas raffle. The lions members have appreciate everyone's support over the year and would like to wish all Cobram, and surrounding areas a Merry Christmas. We shall see you all in the new year.



At the Cobram Lions Club meeting on Dec 13th we had the honour of introducing 2 new members into the club. The District Governor Neil Stuart inducted Tina Cosby and Shaun Davies in to the Cobram Lions Club at the Christmas dinner on the night.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YARRAWONGA LIONS

Our last month of the year was once again very busy, but there was a lot of fun had by members.

We had the continued sale of our Christmas cakes which proved to be even more in demand than ever before. Our Cake Chairperson Denis did an amazing job ensuring shops, BBQ and markets had them to sell. Last sales were at our weekly KHUB BBQ on the day before Christmas.

We helped Bunnings with their annual Christmas Community market where we cooked and gave away sausages, hence to say we were busy, but a very fun night. We are very fortunate to have an amazing relationship with Bunnings and our thanks go to Tim Roadley for including us.

December is also the time for us to make our annual donations to the schools and we had pleasure in attending both Sacred Heart and Yarrawonga P- 12 presentation events. I think our future is in good hands.

We were once again involved with Yarrawonga Health "Pay if Forward" event. We made our clubrooms available for the assembly and distribution of food and toy packages. As usual there are always people in our community that need assistance, and this is just one small way we can help.

We held our Christmas Party at our clubrooms and what lacked in large numbers was made up by the fun we all had. We were once again blessed with the company of our Life Member Bill Monahan who is now 97, such a beautiful gentleman. We have several members that are on the road to recovery at the moment and we wish them improved health and wellbeing for the coming year.

A very prosperous and Happy New Year to all clubs and members.



Lions Denis, Jock and Ken



Lions Joan & Deb



Lions John, Mischief maker Deb, Nora, Jock and Denis



Lions Jock, Bill and Ollie



Gerda and Lion Denis



Lion Ken and Denise



Lion Jock and Jenny



Lions Ollie and Joan



Lions Nora and Laurie



Friend of Lions Arch and Pearl



Lions Deb, Gus, Don and Heather



Lions Deb, Phil and Lynn



Clubroom ready to go.



Pay if Forward Crew with Lion Denis

LOCKHART NEWS

Our Members had a very busy time leading up to Christmas with a variety of functions to attend. Members attended Lockhart Central and St Joseph's Schools Annual Presentation Nights where Scholarships for a student entering year 7, as well as a second award were presented. This has been a Club project for many years. The Progress Association held Christmas Carols in The Park, at which Lions conducted a BBQ.

Our Annual Christmas Lights Competition was held with five awards up for grabs. The local Constabulary got into the Christmas Spirit winning an award. Our own members Bev Schneider and son Bradley put on a dazzling display to take out the Best Nativity Scene prize.

Members dug deep providing goodies for Christmas hampers, which were given to both the local Hospital and Aged Care Facility. Lions cakes were of course included. Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy New Year.



Lions Dulcie McKenzie and Max Day with St Josephs School Scholarship recipient Hayley McPherson



L-R Lions Lyn Hamson and Rosemary Dowdle cooking up a storm at the Carols By Candlelight.



Lockhart Police Station



Lions Bev and Bradley's winning design.

A young, inexperienced bank robber gets caught during his first heist and ends up in court. Crucial evidence – including security footage from the bank's lobby – has gone missing. After weeks of deliberation, conflicting witness statements, a hung jury and a huge amount of frustration, the young man is found not guilty.

As the foreman states the verdict, the rather unlucky defendant pipes up, "Does that mean I can keep the money?"

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MOAMA CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Our 30th Anniversary Carols by Candlelight was an enormous success. It exceeded our expectations. About 1500 people attended the event, possibly three times as many as previous years. Feedback received was that this was one of the best Carols.

We have found a new home for the Carols as well. Due to the floods the Kerrabee Soundshell was closed to all events and the Murray River Council allowed us to use the Main Oval in Moama. This venue is more suitable for larger crowds and has excellent facilities.

This years Carols were run a bit differently to previous years. We decided the event was getting too big for our members to organise on our own. The Murray River Council came onboard and between the Council and Lions we organised a terrific night. This year we obtained additional sponsors, which allowed us to outsource the entertainment part.

And how good was it to have Santa visit the Carols on the fire truck with members of the Moama RSF. This is the highlight every year.

Let us not forget our hardworking Lions members, their families and friends who all helped to make this event so successful. We can be very proud of this years Carols. Planning has already started for Moama Lions Carols by Candlelight 2023.



HENTY LIONS HAPPENINGS

December has seen the Henty Lions out and about in the community doing what Lions do best, Serving the Community. The club conducted a Christmas Stocking raffle. With generous donations from the community and members we were able to fill our monster stocking and create a second prize. The funds raised were earmarked to support our favourite Henty Community Project, the creation of a four room respite care centre, Avondale Place, being built by the Henty Respite Trust. The building and landscaping are complete and it only remains to fit out the rooms.

The DG Neil and 2VDG Geoff visited the club for our December meeting enjoying a meal and fellowship at the Henty Community Club. DG Neil commended the club on the work we have done over 40+ years and continue to do within the township. He presented the President Noel with a Club Excellence Award. At the same time DG Neil presented four members, Julie Colley and David Amery with their 20 year service chevron and John and Connie Ross with their 10 year service chevron. It was a splendid note on which to end the Lions 2022 year.

Our final effort for the year was to provide the BBQ at the annual Henty Carols By Candlelight event. Merry Christmas all and see you in the New Year.



HOPE LIONS CLUB BRANCH ASSISTING FLOOD RECOVERY AT ROCHESTER

Hope members assisted on the Lions BBQ at the Rochester Community Christmas Party which was held on the evening of 16 December. All food & drinks were free. Hope Lions also gave away over \$300 worth of "BLOOMS OF HOPE" to flood affected residents on the night.

Further to that, we have sourced 6 large bins to use for recycling (Glass, aluminium & plastics) at the Elmore Events Centre. After many hours of collecting, cutting the tops out and cleaning then placing Lions ALCCRF signs on each one, they were transported to Elmore by Paul Shortis & Ken Hastie where they were put into place.

It is anticipated that the bins will be emptied and bagged then transported to Corowa with all proceeds going to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research.



Nathalia Market

MARKET MAGIC!

We attended Nathalia Christmas market with our "Blooms" and sold \$300 worth. We shared a site with Nathalia Lions, they sold BBQ food and Lions cakes. The following day at Stanhope Monster Garage Sale business where business was not so brisk, another \$149 worth of plants was sold.

The bins heading to Rochester



Recycle Buddies" – Lions Ken Hastie & Paul Shortis

LIONS ROAR IN WODONGA AT CHRISTMAS

Wodonga Lions had a super busy period leading to Christmas this year. New Santas were manufactured for sale, and cake stalls conducted through November and every weekend in December in numerous locations.

Despite late delivery of building materials, the Santa team worked tirelessly to collect, sand, paint & deliver all the Santas made this year, plus extras left from last year – a fantastic effort by all involved, led by team captain Ray Davies. Funds raised from this activity contributed to the club's donations of over \$6,000 to the local Uniting Church, Vinnies & Salvos for distribution of food hampers to the needy, and the Christmas Day lunch put on for those that were in need.

We also achieved a record level of sales of Lions Traditional Cakes & Puddings this year. Ordering extra supplies on a number of occasions, club Treasurer Craig Hyland and his team have made record sales this year, setting a new benchmark for next year. Well done to all the members who participated.

So well known is our Club in the region, we had been requested to provide a Santa & Elf to spread some Christmas spirit at one of the local shopping centres. Without hesitation, Santa (Gary Cartner) and sidekick Elf (Michael Georgiou), dressed up accordingly to hand out





candy canes to the children present, and generally put smiles on the faces of the members of the public doing their shopping. When people were told that we were Lions Club members, several anonymous donations were made by the public as an expression of their gratitude in having their day brightened up by these two members. Very gratifying to do such a small thing, yet provide so much pleasure.

With the new year coming fast, our club is continuing to grow membership. We look forward to another rewarding year serving our community, and providing ongoing fellowship and support to the public and our members.



BARHAM KOONDROOK'S PHIL WILLIAMSON SCORES A WELL-DESERVED MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP

At his recent eightieth birthday party, with a substantial part of his rather large family present, our PDG Lion Alan Millar had the pleasure of presenting Phil with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. For those not familiar with the Melvin Jones Fellowship, it is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a Lions Clubs International member. It can be awarded to a club member upon the nomination of that member by Melvin Jones Fellows within their club, or as occasionally happens, by the District executive after consideration of a particular Lion's significant role within the Lions organisation,

In Phil's case, his award was as a result of the District 201 V6 Executive's consideration of his long and active service to his community. Firstly, as a Charter Member of the Barham Lions Club, in May 1968, and subsequently as a member of the Barham Koondrook Lions Club, which he re-joined on 1st February 2002. Phil served as President in 2007 & 2008, and Membership Secretary from 2009 to 2014.

Phil was nominated to re-join our club in 2002 by Trevor Smith (now unfortunately a resigned member and also a Melvin Jones Fellow) after an absence of several years. His business activities were just starting to wind down a bit, and as he put it "it's time for me to become a useful citizen again". Our club is glad he did, as his commitment to our club is outstanding. He is an integral part of our Bingo team, great at flipping eggs on the barbie, generous and not a bad sausage sizzler to boot. It was a somewhat protracted chain of events that resulted in his Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation at his eightieth birthday party. Normally, the award would have been given at the October District Convention at Numurka, but Phil, not being a "conventioner" by nature, was not present. So the opportunity was lost. A second attempt by newly appointed District Governor Neil Stuart to give him the award at the Barham-Koondrook and Murrabit and District Lions Club combined dinner in October also fell over when Covid 19 restrictions caused a cancellation.

But sometimes history contrives to make things go even better. In this case, on hand to share his surprise and honour were lovely wife Sandra, their children Emma, Matthew and Simone, nine of their grandchildren plus many other close relatives. PDG Alan Millar presented the prestigious award. So, Phil, on behalf of the members of Barham-Koondrook Lions Club, congratulations on your Melvin Jones Fellowship. Your community-minded, generous and practical approach to club membership has earned you the respect and love of each and every member. Unfortunately, though, there may be some repercussions at our next Dinner Meeting fines session.



LEO RECEIVES HONOUR AWARD

Tungamah Leos had a very special meeting the other evening when they were proud to present Emily Ford with a Leo of Honour Award. This award recognizes the great work she has done for our club. She has held the positions of president, secretary, treasurer and has been a Club Leo of the Year winner. Emily was the proud recipient of the highest award which can be given to a Leo. We have been so lucky to have the Ford family as part of our club over the past six years.

Our numbers are down at the moment, but we are so thrilled to have been awarded a \$5000 grant from the Moira Shire to install a fountain in local Weir Pool. This is the culmination of many years of hard fund raising and will be a lasting monument to Leos as well as keeping our creek healthy.

Sunday, 19th February has been set aside for the Carp Muster and there appear to be several carp in our pool. Eradication of carp mean cleaner water and a better environment for native fish. Stay tuned next month for more info on this.

Some of our members have suffered badly from the floods and have been isolated for a long time. Our thoughts are with these young people who now seem to be able to live a normal life.

Leo of the Year will be happening in March, so there is some excitement around that, and we will also be taking part in the District Conference on Sunday, 26th March.

That's it Folks.
LITTLE ROARER.



CHRISTMAS IN TUNGAMAH

December has been another busy month for our club. We have helped elderly people who are in need and made sure their lives can continue the way we would all like to live. Part of this was the distribution of hampers to people in the district who need support. This has included flood victims, although that is a long slow process. My heart bleeds for those affected by natural disasters.

We have been trying to sell Christmas Cakes, and some good work has been done by members. They have been beautiful products again this year and I know that the Christmas Puddings have been terrific. I know because I make the sacrifice to partake on Christmas Day. Brandy Custard. Yummo.

A sausage sizzle at Bunnings was really successful. Just when things looked pretty quiet, the SOS came through for more sausages, bread and onions.

The club was asked to cook Christmas dinner for a very large family in Tungamah, and this was a successful day once again. Quality cooking meant many people went home happy.

Our club break up was again very successful and was help in our Clubrooms. Everyone supplied food and there was also a very successful raffle and games to keep everyone entertained. Plenty of guests made the night a terrific one.



We decided this year to depart from tradition and hold our Christmas Carols in the park behind the kindergarten. We hired Callum Gleeson to come along for the night and it was great to have the One FM personality there. Callum has sung over seas in Nashville, so to get him to our small town was great. Lions worked hard to provide sausages and snow cones. The snow cone machine was a terrific acquisition by the club. Well done Caz and Michael for suggesting it. Around 250 to 300 locals turned up to brave the mozzies. This was probably the best turn up ever to come to carols at Tungamah.

We are having a much earned break till the end of January, although we will be on board to help Katamatite with the Muckatah Rodeo. Lions is all about clubs helping clubs. It will be great to catch up with our friends along the Boosey.

I don't think there is anything else to report on. Well done to Jo on the V6 Roar. We really do appreciate her sterling work.

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BEECHWORTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Beechworth Lions Club celebrated our Lions Christmas party on Friday 9th December at the home of Lions Lesley and Graeme Smart. As it was the last dinner meeting of the year President John presented the Service Yearly Pins to Lion Lesley (14 yrs.), Lion Lyn (4 yrs.) and Lion Monarch Awards to Lion Graeme (60 yrs.) and Lion Christine (20 yrs.). Congratulations to you all. And thank you to Beechworth Lions and guests for a wonderful evening.





BUSY IN BENALLA

The Benalla Lions Club were requested to cater for a Dog Show on the 1st December 2022. We were advised that there were 850 registrations for the Dog Show and there could possibly be about 500 dog owners attending, so we were requested to have "egg and bacon rolls" ready by 7.30 am, as that would be the time that they would be arriving. Our Club was also requested to provide sausages on bread for

lunch around 12.00 pm. It was great to see the different breeds of dogs at the Show, but unfortunately their owners were fully prepared for the day food wise, as we only sold about 120 egg and bacon rolls, and only about 30 sausages on bread. Fortunately, it was a "nice day" and we received a good write-up in our local paper. As can be seen in the photo we had plenty of Lions Club volunteers to serve the dog owners. Photo was taken by our local paper Editor.

On the 15th December 2022, the Benalla lions Club held their Christmas Party at the home of Lester and Gail Watt. During the evening our Lions Clubs Newest Member Sue Steckyj was Inducted into our Club. Sue has been involved in our Clubs activities since September, but due to her or her sponsors unavailability, she was not able to be Inducted earlier.

In the photo, it shows Sue Steckyj on the left who was Inducted by Benalla Lions Club Member Bruce Walker, and on the right-hand side is Sue's Sponsor Club President Denise Brown, this was a great night again enjoyed by all.



On the 18th December 2022, the Benalla Lions Club held their annual Carols by Candlelight, this being the 60th year that the Club has provided this night for the Benalla Community. The Carols are held in the Benalla Botanical Gardens at the Rotunda, where the Benalla Theatre Company Choir are set up. The Benalla Brass Band provide the backing for the Choir, and the Albury Light and Sound provided their audio equipment for this night. One of our Lions Club Members is the only "remaining member" of the Benalla Caledonian Band, and he also played some Christmas Carols "as a solo musician", which again was well received as he is dressed up in traditional Scottish uniform (kilt).



Santa also made his annual visit to the Carols (Club Member), and this year he arrived in an SES emergency vehicle. Santa sits in his chair and the children in attendance come and tell him what they want for Christmas, and he then gives them a bag of lollies, this year he was assisted by two young Elves. Although the attendance was not as big as it was "Pre-Covid", it ended up being a good night, as last year we had to cancel the night due to inclement weather, and because of Covid restrictions we were not able to have it in our Town Hall. Our Benalla Rural City Council once again were co-sponsors of the Carols by Candlelight this year, which was very much appreciated by our Lions Club.

This year's annual footy tipping competition was won by Club Treasurer Lion Lester Watt, although he did not back his "Beloved" Carlton Football Club every week. The photo shows Lester receiving the "Annual Trophy" from our Lions Club member Maddie Roff who organises the competition. The trophy has been made by Maddie from "Lego Bricks", and the winner has the honour of having it on display in their home for the year, the trophy was presented to Lester at our Clubs Christmas Party, and it created an extra "bit of fun" on the night.





ECHUCA LIONS

New member Darryl Ronchi by President Kevin Woolnough & sponsor John Nolan.



Drawing our annual Xmas trailer raffle President Kevin Woolnough, Barry Devlin Robert Taylor



Providing Xmas BBQ for Echuca Hospital Staff Ian Whatley, Howard Brettig & Keith Bremner

NUMURKAH LIONS NATTERINGS

November saw a successful "Lap the Map," Diabetes Awareness and fundraising event being held. The scenic nature of our town was well showcased and enjoyed for a very good cause.

A very successful raffle was run at the "Show us Your Wheels," event providing welcome funds for the service we provide in our community.

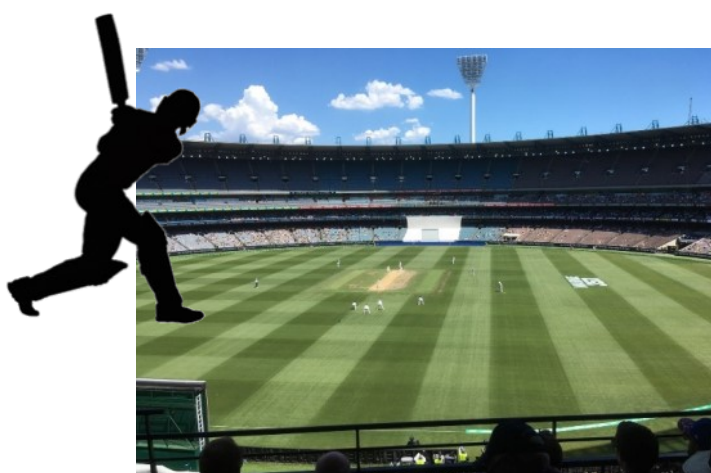
December saw a very successful market held. by the banks of the Broken Creek Great live music added to the ambience.

Our annual Lions Christmas Carols, which have a great tradition in our town were a great success. The community involvement included babes in arms through to senior citizens. All enjoying the joy and spirit of Christmas .

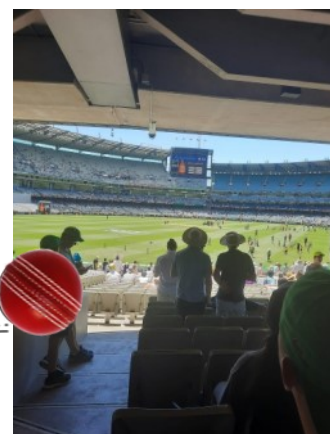
There has been strong interest shown in the formation of a Leos Club in our region.

The new year will see a SWAT analysis being undertaken by the club.

We look forward to an enjoyable and fulfilling year ahead of us serving our communities.



Cabinet Secretary enjoying some time at the cricket!



Seems another of our cabinet members headed to the cricket recently as well!

LOGGING INTO THE NEW V6 WEBSITE...



In October we launched a new, revamped district website. This was necessary as the old system is soon to be discontinued (this also applies to club websites that use the same system). The site is much more modern, and is already ranking much better in searches.

The new site has a members area, and logging in to it is a little different. You now have a username which is in the format firstnamelastname – so for example, neilstuart or johnhoughton. All lower case, no dots or spaces.

Your passwords have been changed and randomly assigned. Note that we have not yet loaded all email addresses for everyone, so the password reset function will not work if your account does not have an email address. If you would like to log in to the website you will currently need to email webmaster@lionsv6.com to request access. We will then load your email address and send you a password reset email.

Once you have a password, remember in future to log in with your username (not your email address) and the chosen password

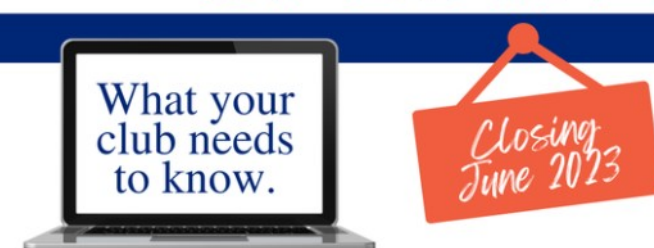
At this point the members area basically has just what was on the old site. Some of it is out of date, but will soon be updated, and we hope to develop it over time into a really useful resource.

<http://> **OZ-CLUBHOUSE
CLOSURE
UPDATE**

Closure of Oz-Clubhouse on 30 June 2023

Lions Clubs need to take steps to migrate their information to alternative platforms prior to that date. Would you like us to redirect your Oz-Clubhouse site? Lions Australia is able to redirect traffic from the Oz-Clubhouse system to your new website if you provide a link to the webmaster. If you are no longer using your Oz-Clubhouse website, please email the Lions Australia webmaster so that it can be deactivated. webadmin@lions.org.au.

For more information, view this [page](#) on our website.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...

Making it Happen
2023

Following a suggestion from North East Health staff, Zone Chairperson Alison instigated a Zone project to provide knitted or crocheted knee rugs to palliative care patients. In an amazing response from Benalla, Chiltern, Corowa, Wangaratta and Rutherglen Lions, over 75 rugs have been produced. The rugs were presented to palliative staff member, Sue, at North East Health Wangaratta on Friday. Alison passed on her thanks to all Clubs involved for their prompt and caring response.

Photo. Lions Heather and Corrinie from Corowa Lions, ZC [Alison Kaz](#) and NEHW staff member Sue



What a proud moment, Lion Faye Donaldson presenting LEO Zaeli with the Dr Peter Graham Award for Community Service.



Great to see Rochester Lions out and about again - feeding the Community with a free BBQ before Christmas, set up outside the Shamrock Hotel.



December Ulysses Club, Victorian Breakfast Club meeting at the silos in Rochester. 65 (roughly) people turned up for brekkie from as far away as Adelaide, Grampians and raised just over \$500. All proceeds to the local Lions Club.



Henty Lions Club, District Governor Neil Stuart presented Club President Noel Stein with his bannerette, and a club excellence award.



V6 NOTICEBOARD

Making it Happen
2023

lions australia Awareness Day

4-5 March 2023

If your club has plans to showcase what it means to be a Lion on 4 March 2023, you may be eligible for a **free** Event Promotions Pack!

Click here to register until 6 January 2023



What's your club doing for Lions Awareness Day? Let me know ahead of time so we can advertise your events on Social media, and in the Roar.

Need help with advertising, flyers, brochures for your Awareness Day Event? Contact me via v6roar@gmail.com for more information.

Save the Date...

CELEBRATION
Rescheduled

75 years of **LIONS** in Australia

SATURDAY
4TH MARCH 2023

Entertainment by
Brendan Scott
as seen at the District Convention

@ THE SHAMROCK
HOTEL, NUMURKAH

district 201V6
Celebrating 75 years in Australia, 1947 - 2022

Cobram Lions Log Cabin Market Dates 2023

January 28th	April 29th
February 25th	May 27th
March 25th	June 24th
April 8th (Easter Saturday)	

Phone:- 0459 340 109 for all market information and inquiries.

The Inaugural
KATAMATITE
RODEO

January 7th 2023

GATES OPEN 3.30pm
RODEO START 6pm
FINISH 10pm

Food & Drink Available
NO BYO Food or Drinks
LIVE MUSIC
KIDS AMUSMENTS

Proudly presented by
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DISTRICT WEBSITE - www.201v6.lions.org.au

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)

EMAIL - v6roar@gmail.com

