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HAIRCUT FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS CANCER RESEARCH!

Alan Millar from Barham-Koondrook Lions club has been growing his hair for nearly three years. He was to have it cut at the at Perth Convention last year but Mr. McGowan wouldn't let them over to the west, so Alan has continued to grow his hair.

Alan's intention is to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research. The Millars belong to a Lions Caravan Club who travel to the conventions and on the way they have some fun - a raffle and Happy Hour with fine sessions every evening. The money raised from this goes to different Lions projects and this year it will go to Childhood Cancer Research.

One of the other members of the Caravan Club is growing his beard and it, and the hair will come off at the Gold Coast Convention this year.

We will look forward to seeing the photos of this happening!

While we wait...perhaps clubs or individuals would like to make a donation to this worthy cause.

Donations can be made by cheque made out to Barham Koondrook Lions Club or transfer money to

Barham Koondrook Lions Club
BSB 633000
Acc. 156033508

Alan & Rose are heading off on the 25th March and heading for the convention with fellow caravanners. Best of Luck Alan for your fundraising efforts!





DG Neil Stuart

During February I made District Governor (DG) team visits to Beechworth, Kiewa Tangambalanga, a joint meeting of Kerang and Quambatook, Berrigan, Elmore, HOPE and a joint meeting of Corryong and Walwa Jingellic. Thank you to all the clubs I've visited during the month for your very warm welcomes. It's been great to meet our Lions members and to learn more of the fantastic work our clubs and members do to support our Lions organisation and communities.

2nd VDG John Houghton accompanied me to Beechworth where prior to the meeting Secretary Iris Mannick, Treasurer Christine Luckman and President John Eldrid showed us the Beechworth Lions project of Gang Plate Layers Cottage. During the meeting I presented a membership key award to Secretary Iris and a 60-year Monarch Chevron certificate to Graham Smart.

Zone chairperson (ZC) Alison and PDG Steve Kazenwadel joined me at Kiewa Tangambalanga where ZC Alison presented Peter Croucher with a membership key award.

ZC Norm and Lee Walkington accompanied me to Kerang where prior to the meeting Kerang President Ros Campbell and Secretary Greg Gin showed us their excellent Lions den and their Lions memorial wall. During the meeting I had the pleasure of inducting Dora Jordan sponsored by Carmel Adams, presented 40-year Monarch Chevrons to Peter Jones and Neil McKenzie and a 45-year Monarch Chevron to John Dear, and a membership key award to Joseph Tartaglia.

Lions Lady Pauline and I together with ZC and HOPE member Don Rosie attended the HOPE Branch Club meeting at Ken and Helen Hastie's on Sunday 19th. During the lunch time meeting I installed the new club officers with Marion Whatley the incoming club president for 2023/24, we heard from YOTY contestant Jorja Ponton who presented her excellent speech, and the club presented ALCCF trustee for Districts V6 and V1-4 V6 Paul Shortis with a cheque for ALCCF.

ZC Paul and Linda Shortis joined me at the joint meeting of Corryong and Walwa Jingellic held at Corryong on Wednesday 22nd. I presented Walwa Jingellic president David Hanna with his 15-year Monarch Chevron. The following morning Secretary Lorraine Griffiths showed us their Lions den and their new and very impressive food van.

On Sunday 26th we held our third cabinet meeting at Tocumwal. It was a good meeting with plenty of discussion. Thank you to the Lions Club of Tocumwal for hosting us yet again.

On Saturday evening March 4th at the Shamrock

Hotel in Numurkah our District will hold our 75-year celebration of Lionism in Australia. As it so happens, Lions awareness day is on the weekend of March 4th and 5th that will coincide with our celebration of this significant milestone.

On the March 19th the Lions Club of Numurkah will host the Rex Wellington Memorial Bowls Day at Numurkah Town Bowls Club. This annual event has been conducted for over thirty years and is named in Rex's honour as he was the key organiser for the great majority of those years. If you would like to join us in a game of bowls and support the Lions Club of Numurkah, please give me a call.

Making it Happen
2023



Lions
youth
of the year

V6 District Final
Sunday 19th March 2023
Thurgoona Golf Resort
For more information contact

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2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

February has come and gone way too quickly. I suspect we all feel that way! It was a busy month, dominated by cabinet meetings and both short and long-term planning.

Many of the things that we have been working on are centred on making everything that we do more interesting and enjoyable, from how we deliver training to how meetings are conducted, and how we get our message out to the public.

There has also been considerable work done on helping the flood-affected families in our district, including developing a second Licola Flood Holiday Camp, which will be held on the week of March 20-24.

Most clubs around this time will be accepting nominations for club officer roles, with elections not far away. I would urge everyone to consider stepping up to some sort of leadership position in your club, and for those who have been in club leadership positions before to consider stepping up to district roles. This is not only a really interesting thing to do, but makes room for others to fill your shoes within the club.

We have so many talented people in our district clubs. Let's make use of those talents for the betterment of all.

I want to congratulate all those clubs that continue to add new members while retaining their existing members. Our district is currently enjoying its best year for membership in around 14 years.

So far this Lion's year we have had 53 members dropped – much lower than normal – and in a sign of our aging membership, a significant number of these have been people who have unfortunately passed away. That is somewhat unavoidable!

We have also seen better than average membership growth this year. Furthermore, I am aware of quite a few clubs that have recently added members which are not yet shown in the statistics, and know of around 9 new members who are to be inducted during March.

This is all highly encouraging, so please keep up the good work!

Also this month, an initial public meeting was held in Mansfield as the first step in establishing a new club there. VDGE John Houghton and I were there, and joined by Peter May, Peter and Margaret Poels and Ann Eldridge. We are now moving into a bigger publicity and recruitment campaign with the next public meeting to be held on March 28. If any of you have any contacts in Mansfield, please let them know what is happening and let's see if we can get this new club off the ground!



The 2023 Topics for the Junior Public Speaking have been sent to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Junior Public Speaking Chairpersons for distribution to schools. The new Student Entry Form will be on the website soon, along with our new Judges Code of Conduct, Child Safe Procedures and risk assessment form. Other items, including handbooks, will be updated over the coming months as well so keep an eye out for the new ones.

There has been quite a bit of planning happening with the Junior Public Speaking program, with the possibility of a V District Final in September, this was approved at the Cabinet Meeting today. More details will be made available soon.

Due to this happening the new timelines are as follows:

- ⇒ **School Finals** to be held by the end of **May**.
- ⇒ **Club Finals** to be held by the end of **June**.
- ⇒ **Regional Finals** by the end of **July**.
- ⇒ **District Finals** to be completed by the **20th August**.

It is proposed that the V District Final will be held on Sunday 10th September and for this to take place, there needs to be 3 V Districts to participate in the Junior Public Speaking program – this date and venue will be confirmed once other details are finalised.

Please remember to make sure that all Members, Non Members, Judges and Chaperones who participate in your Clubs program have a Working With Children Check and please forward these to me with their names, Working With Children Check numbers and expiry date.

I look forward to another bigger and better year.

LION MARGARET POELS



AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION LTD.

ABN 14 612 099840

"Helping Lions Help Their Community"

The Foundation does not provide complete funding for any project however the goal of the Foundation is to assist the applicant, Lions Club, or District. The Foundation makes Emergency funds available to Clubs and Districts to assist people affected by Earthquakes, Floods, Bushfires, Droughts etc.

The Foundation also assists the Multiple District Council of Governors, when requested to administer National and International Appeal Funds.

To be able to apply for Grants from ALF Ltd Lions Clubs need to be members of the Foundation, which can be provided at no cost to the applicant Lions Club. The Foundation was approved at the Multiple District Convention at Mt Gambier in 1983, and has been able to assist Lions Clubs because of the donations they receive from Lions Clubs and individuals and Districts.

Although there are 45 Lions Foundations that seek our Lions Clubs Donations, so that they are able provide funds to those in need, and also to provide funds for "Medical Research", and also assist Clubs with Projects for the benefit of their communities.

So far for this Lions 2022-2023 Year, our V6 Donations to the Australian Lions Foundation Ltd is only \$1,100.00, which places our V6 District in 18th position out of 19 Districts, however the Foundation has assisted many of our V6 District Lions Clubs due to the "devastating floods" that some of our communities have experienced, and still trying to recover from.

The Australian Lions Foundation Ltd "MOTTO" is Helping Lions, help their Communities.

However, to be able to keep on doing that they need our Lions Clubs donations, so it would be fantastic if our Clubs could provide part of the profits from one of their Barbeques that would be much appreciated. The Foundation also has several Awards available that can be purchased for deserving Club or Community Members.

Lion Peter Poels.

Latest News



Newsflash December 2022

Houses were inundated with flood waters and moved from their foundations, even with family members inside. The whole township was

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NEWSFLASH April 2022

The Foundation has already provided 6 Grants totaling over \$230,000 direct to Clubs in affected areas and we are currently processing another 3 grants for similar assistance to other areas to the value of over \$250,000.

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Platinum Pre School Randwick Appeal Donation via the Coogee Lions Club

A massive thank you to all our little ones for listening and showing empathy and commitment to community.

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As V6 has only one demoscopist registered to assist with the cancer screenings we do throughout Victoria & Southern New South Wales I am asking that all clubs seriously consider nominating a member/s to volunteer to assist with this very worthwhile project.

- Medical background is not necessary
- Online training is available (Subsidised by Foundation)
- There is no time limit on completing training it can be done on your own time
- You are required only to attend 4 screening events in the year, but more would be greatly appreciated
- The course is delivered by the University of Queensland and is a fully online training course

I have listed the statistics from the start of this project till 14th February 2023 also a map of where we have visited is shown in green and in red are the clubs waiting.

Once again please consider becoming a demoscopist the more we have the more clubs can be visited if you wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact me OR go the website for more information and register your interest—<https://lionsvdcf.org.au/#about>



Paul Shortis

V6 Trustee - V District Lions Cancer Foundation

Results Status @	Grand Total			
14/02/2023		2023	2022	2021
Number of Attendees for Skin Checks	5204	259	3238	1707
Referrals for follow-up	2078	70	1322	686
Referral Rate %	39.9%	27.0%	40.8%	40.2%
Screening Days Completed	106	4	62	40
Life threatening lesions	39	0	15	24

Note: Some sites with breakdown data not provided:	5058	148
Males Screened	2163	43%
Females Screened	2895	57%

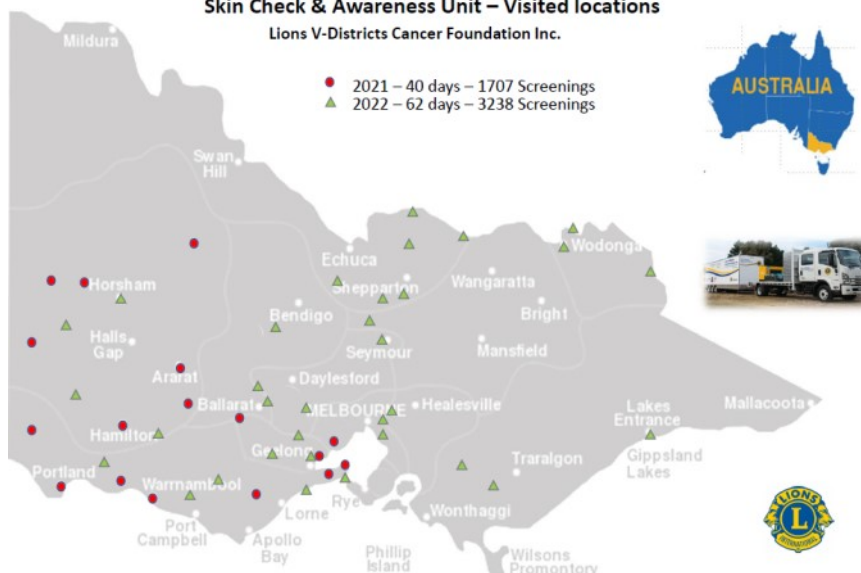
Last Screened <6mths	152	3%
Last Screened 6-12 mths	417	8%
Last Screened > 1yr	1929	38%
Never Screened	2311	46%

Recent Sessions

Date/s	Host Lions Club	Number of Attendees for Skin Checks	Referrals for follow-up
17/11/2022 s/f	Ballan	49	20
18/11/2022 f	Ballan	58	16
26-27/11/2022 s/	Brownhill	44	9
26-27/11/2022 s/	Brownhill	49	10
3/12/2022 s/s	Geelong Hamlyn Heights	45	9
4/12/2022 s/s	Geelong Hamlyn Heights	33	12
10/12/2022 s/s	Queenscliff Point Lonsdale	57	12
11/12/2022 s/s	Queenscliff Point Lonsdale	57	11
28/1/2023 s/s	Brighton	54	14
29/1/2023 s/s	Brighton	81	16
4/2/2023 s/s	Rosebud	55	12
5/2/2023 s/s	Rosebud	69	28
17-18/2/2023 f/s	Redhill & District		
17-18/2/2023 f/s	Redhill & District		
25-26/2/2023 s/s	Koo Wee Rup & District		
25-26/2/2023 s/s	Koo Wee Rup & District		

Skin Check & Awareness Unit – Visited locations

Lions V-Districts Cancer Foundation Inc.



LVDCA recognises the contributions of all sponsor organisations, Lions clubs, members and volunteers in supporting this project.

HENTY LIONS HAPPENINGS

Avondale Place, a respite house being build in Henty with a great deal of community support, is complete and an open day was held for those interested in looking over the facility. The Lions Club of Henty was asked to cater for the Open Day. There was a great deal of interest in the facility and those who attended welcomed the sausage sandwiches supplied. The club also catered for a clearing sale on a local farming property.

In January the club's major project for 2022 was realised with the publication of the The Lion's Henty & District Telephone and Business Directory 2023. Sales are going well and we have had to do a second print run!



LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ECHUCA LION

At a recent sportsman night at the Rich River Golf Club, Lions Laurie Stewart was presented with e Life Membership to Lions - Congratulations Laurie.



Lions also presented \$5,000 to Neighbourhood house President Kevin.



LOCKINGTON'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Lockington Lions Club held their Youth of the Year Club final, Sunday 12th February and it was a great success. 3 students from Echuca Secondary School competed with outstanding public speaking skills. The scoring was close with Ella Burtles the winner for the Public Speaking, and overall winner being Arielle Dolan.

Congratulations girls and all the best for the future.

From left, Arielle, Warren Duffy, Ella Birtles and Gabbey Beveridge.



Arielle with President Stephen Peter.



THE GREAT DUCK RACE

Each year for the past thirty years, Bright has been the annual location for the 'Great Australian Duck Race'. This has been a community event usually held on the second weekend in January in support of the local Life Education program, supporting the youth of the region. During the COVID years the event caused to original organisers to lose interest and the event was cancelled. The Bright Lions Club decided in the second half of last year to become the organisers of the event. One thousand tickets were printed, under the Bright Lions banner, and were sold for \$5.00 each. Lions combined with the Bright Chalet to host the revitalised event in Centenary Park Bright on Saturday 14th of January. The Lions Club provided hot food, fairy floss and snow cones to the hundreds who were in the park. The Bright Chalet provided the music, with a wonderful youth brass band. The Bright SES provided the safety barriers either side of Morse's Creek and corralled the 1000 ducks at the starting line. Lions members were in the creek to catch the first four ducks across the finishing line. \$3500 will be donated to the local Life Education program. The Bright Lions Club has taken the event 'under its wing' and will next year ensure the event is bigger than ever.



COBRAM LIONS

Cobram Lions have been actively out and about this month.

We set up for Lions Awareness Day at our market on Saturday 25th. The No Flies on Us stand is always available at every market.

A wonderful market was enjoyed by so many people. It was a beautiful morning to be out and about on the park.

Cobram launched its Easter Raffle at the February market, Easter is not that far away for 2023.

Three large wonderful baskets, not all is Chocolate. A few surprises amongst the Easter Eggs.



At our last meeting Robert McPherson received an key award, which Zone chairman Victor Smith presented to him.

Community service wise the Community Shower Program is open every Friday.

The members have helped an elderly lady pack everything, ready for her move into town.

Plus a couple have been helping with gardening for another couple.



KERANG LIONS

DG Neil Stuart Visit to Kerang and Quambatook clubs at Kerang Lions Den.



DG Neil inducted Deodora Jordan (centre) into Kerang Lions. Sponsor is Carmel Adams on the left.





Hudson Monash Paediatric Precision Medicine (HMPPM) Program

Rajithri (Dilru) Habarakada is the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) Biobank Specialist for the Hudson Monash Paediatric Precision Medicine (HMPPM) Program, in a maternity leave appointment.

In the collaborative HMPPM Program, scientists at Hudson Institute have established a 'Living Biobank' of childhood brain/CNS and solid cancers – including living organoids or lab-grown 'mini-tumours' – to trial and develop targeted treatments and improve clinical outcomes, survival rates and quality of life (limiting sideeffects) for childhood cancer patients.

As the ALCCRF Biobank Specialist, Dilru brings technical and operational knowledge to the development of the 'Living Biobank' platform at Hudson Institute and oversees all biobanking activities for the HMPPM Program. She also coordinates the Monash Children's Cancer Biobank led by Dr Peter Downie at Monash Children's Hospital. Dilru completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Psychology at Victoria University, then



joined the HMPPM Program in 2021. She is currently undertaking a Masters of Cancer Sciences at the University of Melbourne to expand her knowledge in the areas of quality of research, cancer care, prevention and education.

Telethon Kids Institute Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation Trustee, Peter Lamb, with Telethon Kids cancer researcher and clinician, Dr Rishi Kotecha. Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation has announced it will provide \$1.05 million of funding to the Telethon Kids Institute.

The funding will support the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre's vital research aimed at improving survival rates, longevity and quality of life for children with cancer.

"At Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation we believe every child deserves a

chance at a healthy life," Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation Chairperson John Thorpe said. "We are very proud to be providing \$1.05 million worth of funding to Telethon Kids."

Chair of the Telethon Kids Institute, the Hon. Julie Bishop, said they are excited to be partnering with such a well-respected, community oriented organisation like Lions Australia. "We are so grateful for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's support," Ms Bishop said. "This \$1.05 million in funding will enable the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre to continue its leading research into childhood cancer – particularly in the area of cancer immunotherapy, which focuses on supercharging the body's natural defences to destroy cancer cells."

Mr Thorpe described cancer immunotherapy as one of the most exciting and promising cancer treatments being developed, particularly for childhood cancer. "It is our hope that this work will benefit kids all over Australia and beyond," he said. "More than 800 children aged 0-14 years are diagnosed with cancer in Australia each year. Many of these cancers are aggressive and hard to treat and we are losing too many young lives. "Although survival rates have improved greatly for some, most cancers take a toll on young people's lives and often side effects of treatment can be serious and lifelong. "Telethon Kids Cancer Centre's research into cancer immunotherapy is focused on finding ways to help these children's immune systems fight cancer cells."

This will be revolutionary in the treatment of childhood cancer." Professor Terrance Johns, Head of the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre, said that as one of Australia's only comprehensive, paediatric cancer immunotherapy centre, the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre was making its mark on medical research. "The Centre is on a mission to prevent paediatric disease and improve the wellbeing of children with cancer. We bring together leading researchers and oncologists focused on developing therapies that destroy cancer cells, while minimising the side effects to children's short- and long-term health," Professor Johns said. The \$1.05 million of funding to Telethon Kids Institute builds on the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's long history in supporting leading and innovative research into childhood cancer.





DG Neil presents his banner to Kerang President Ros Campbell.



DG Neil presents his banner to Quambatook Lions President Chelle Espagne.



Peter Jones- 40 year Chevron.



John Dear - 45 year Chevron.



Joe Tartaglia - Key Member award.



Working Bee at Ibis Rookery to clean up after floods.



President Ros Campbell presenting Kg banner to Martin Bull, Blaze Aid Co - Ordinator who spoke about their work in the flood affected properties in the Kerang district.



Greg Gin -
40 year
Chevron (3
years late!)

Neil
McKenzie -
40 year
Chevron.



HOPE HAPPENINGS

Hope Lions are collecting Elmore Recycle every three weeks. It is stored at Kyvalley then transported to Corowa.



Ken Hastie tipping the bin at Elmore.

Paul Shortis loaded for the second part of the journey to Corowa.



All proceeds going to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.



Photo – Club members with ALCCRF Trustee Paul Shortis.

Hope Lions Club Branch new Office Bearers for 2023/24

At a recent luncheon meeting 201 V6 District Governor Neil Stuart formally inducted the new officers for 2023/24. In doing so congratulated the club on its achievements over the past 2 years since its formation.

Lions Club donates of \$3,500 to Childhood Cancer Research

Hope Lions Club Branch presented a cheque for \$3, 500 to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation Trustee Lion Paul Shortis at a recent meeting of the club.

The amount raised by the club over the past 12 months has been from 2 club Projects –

“Blooms of Hope” and “Cans & Plastic’s Recycle”.

The “Blooms” are sold at various markets including the monthly Monster Garage Sale in Stanhope. This project has been made possible with the help and generosity of people supporting our cause with pots and sharing their plants & cuttings to help aid kids cancer research. The plants are sold well established in 6-8 inch pots all year round.

The club also has many clients who donate their cans & plastic’s that have a 10 cent refund.



Office Bearers pictured L – R

Membership Chairperson; Eileen Brettig, Treasurer; Monique Noble, Dist Governor Neil Stuart, Secretary; Helen Hastie & President; Marion Whatley.

TUNGAMAH LIONS

Well, we certainly keep ourselves pretty busy with our little club. We started the month with a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle being offered to us at very short notice. Naturally we rose to the occasion with a very hot day greeting us. To make matters worse, we only had two shifts of four hours each, but we sweltered through in the heat. A great profit was made, so we were very happy with what we did. Yesterday, we had another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in warm pleasant conditions, although our profits were down due to the farmers' market in the town. Still a tidy sum to go to our projects.

We were given the opportunity to do some cooking at the opening of the new Pet Supplies Store in Yarrawonga. This was wonderful fun for all as we marvelled at all the pets being taken around. Everything was a gold coin donation, and we benefitted from the generosity of some people. Thanks to the staff for inviting us along.

The biggest job we had for years was catering for the Clearing Sale out at Lawrence's. The temperature soared to just over 40, but we were well looked after as we cooked sausages and hamburgers, made sandwiches and slices, cups of tea and coffee and went through soft drinks and

water like it was going out of fashion. Thank you to Ian and Liz for your generous offer. We made a fair bit of money for projects, although it was great to hit a cold shower later in the evening and some frothies at the pub.



We also helped the Leos with their carp muster. Lions helped out with the cooking and serving, and donated some of the food.

Wednesday, 29th March we are holding our Lap the Map Evening down at the Lions Park. Robyn Harrison is organizing that and there will be plenty of notices around the town and on Facebook.

Nominations night is the 8th March at the pub, so all members are urged to be in attendance.

Not much else going on, so we will see you next month.

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TUNGAMAH LEOS

Tungamah Leos have just concluded their best carp muster yet, with over 90 people fishing in the creek for the much maligned carp. In 4 hours, we rid the creek of over 350 carp. A free sausage sizzle was offered, along with soft drinks and Paige's magical milk shakes.

Leo Advisor, Les Harrison was kept on the run collecting carp and counting them. A 3 pound carp by Rory Saunders won the prize for the biggest fish. No doubts about it either as Les was standing right beside him when he reeled the beat in.

Adam Cook from Numurkah caught the most fish with 55, while his son got 14. Doc Doherty's group was a big winner in the teams event, while Jamie

Saunders never stopped reeling them in. James Moodie was the winner of the Lions Club section.

Jack Harrington, the club president was thrilled with the way the day went, and was pleased to hand out the prizes. Emu Spirit was a major sponsor as was Tony Bennett from Yarrawonga





him goodbye and present him with a plaque thanking him for this involvement with our club.



and Mulwala Fish and Ski. Jason and Donna from the General Store were very generous with their sponsorship, as well as making sure we had all the food we needed. They are terrific people. Paul and Amanda at the Pub were also major sponsors, while the old fishing guru, Lex Haebich, sponsored us as well as Les and Robyn and the Tungamah Lions Club.

We only have a small club and badly need more members, so please join.

This week, the fountain the Leos have worked so hard for gets installed in the creek! This has been three years of hard work. Many thanks to the Moira Shire for their generous grant to see this project fulfilled.

See you all next month.

LITTLE ROARER

YARRAWONGA LIONS – More to do than just cooking sausages.

FARWELL KEN - February commenced with a farewell to one of our members. Ken George has moved to Adelaide and members meet at a local café to bid



DONATION - We had a social evening at The Yarrawonga Mulwala Historical Society. We cooked them a meal and presented them with a cheque in the sum of \$4,000 which was made up of the proceeds of the sale of wool from our last wool show with the club voting to add an additional \$2,000 to assist in the digitising of the Mercury Newspaper from 1879 to 1927. Members of the Historical Society also maned our K Hub BBQ for 4 weeks with raised another \$1,000.

CATERING - We catered breakfast – egg and bacon sandwiches for 5 mornings at the Victorian Country Week Tennis Tournament. The Yarrawonga Lawn Tennis Club is a fantastic club to be involved with. We also catered for parents at Sacred Heart Primary School at their Meet and Greet. – There is always sausages to be cooked somewhere.



Lions Jock, Laurie, Nora and Russell

GARAGE SALE – ALCCRF - It is not always cooking that our club is involved in. We have commenced our annual fundraising for Childhood Cancer. We had a huge volume of books donated to us (thanks to Lion Debbie) so we decided to have a garage sale at our Clubrooms. This was a huge success raising over \$600 on the day. This sum will be added to our takings for 5 BBQ's to be held in April.



LIONS AWARENESS - While we had the crowds at the market we decided to display the District Membership Trailer and talk to locals and make them to raise awareness of Lions.



Membership Chairperson Don, Lions Denis and Diane

SUNDAY WALK - Some of our members (and Elvis) walked in the “Lift the Lid” walk on Sunday morning in aid of Mental Health. Yarrowonga Mulwala Rotary Club organised a great event and there was an excellent turn out of walkers. Runners and amblers. The event aims to “lift the lid” on local mental health and support local

awareness and associated organisations will proceeds from the day to be used to assist the vital Australian Rotary Health Research programme into mental health.



Lions Laurie, Nora, John and Gavan



Honorary Lion for the Day Elvis.



Lions Diane, Elvis and George

STRAW - Just to end February off members gathered early and visited one of our members property to collect bales of straw for resale. This is an annual event, and we are very grateful for this annual donation. There were 100 bales sold even before they left the farm, definitely in demand.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...



DG Neil exchanging bannerettes with club president Paul McCormick. Also pictured is Zone Chairman Ian Whatley.



DG Neil Stuart Visit. Wed. 15th Feb. Presentation of a 40-year Chevron to Ian Fox, Induction of new member Merrilyn Collins, and exchange of Banners. A very enjoyable evening.



What a wonderful time we had at the Rochester's 'Great Northern Show'



Tonight we welcomed a new member, Brock Smith into our Club officially. Brock is responsible for the formation of our Cub Program as he has been working hard for a few years now along side our Leos.



Busy Lions at Bunnings BBQ. Doing a great job Margaret and Bob



DG Neil Stuart exchanging bannerettes with President Ken Jones of Kiewa Tangambalanga Lions Club



Congratulations to Cody for winning the Wangaratta round of Lions Youth of the Year

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...



For their wonderful support of the Licola Flood Holiday Camp, certificates of appreciation were presented to Matt Joyce of Wangaratta Coachlines and Brendan Wyatt of K Mart Wangaratta.



Cash a joint effort for cardiac machine

NSW Maroon group president Elaine Strong said a CWA jumped at the opportunity to get involved. "It was an essential area we need," she said. "It was also an amazing thing that we were able to help with our passion, really."

So proud to be a Lion when our fund raising goes to such a wonderful cause. Let's hope we can continue serving - Albury Lions



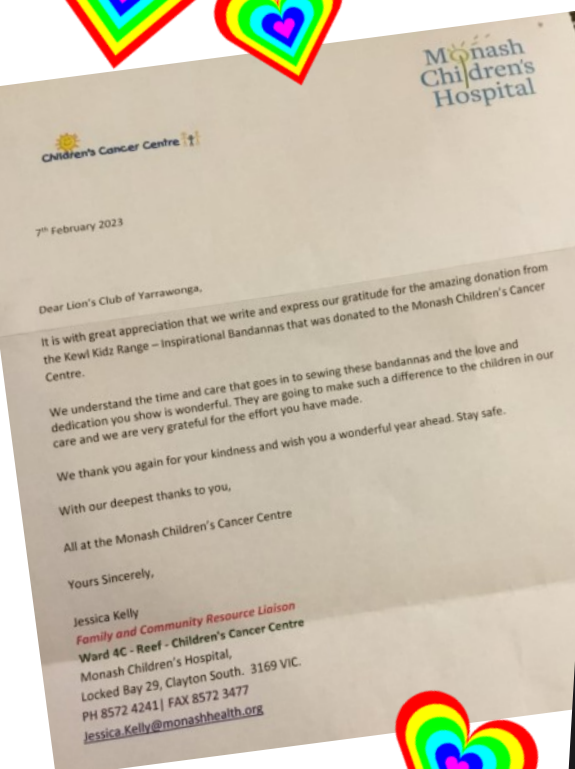
Lions at work at the last summer Lakeside Market for 2022/23, Autumn is just around the corner!!!!

Chemo Turban Love....

Just wanting to say thank you for the head wrap. My daughter finished treatment for leukaemia 5 months ago, when we were in Monash Children's today she was excited to get a head wrap. Thank you so much it's such a shittv journey, this just gives kids a smile. Cheers Michelle - HOAH



Hello Deb, I am a volunteer in Anam Cara at St John's Ballarat Hospital. Today we opened your wonderful package with such lovely turbans. I can tell you 4 patients today were so thrilled to get them. Our supplies we few at this stage. So please thank every one of the 'Angels'. To buy turbans they are very expensive. It gave the ladies such a boost and to be free was an added surprise. We are very grateful. From Christine Allen 🙏



V6 CABINET VACANCIES



We Need You!

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING ON A CABINET ROLE?
There are some current vacancies on our Cabinet Team - if
you are interested please contact ~ VDG John Houghton
PH: 0407 303 691 OR john.houghton@elders.com.au

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WE WANT YOU

FOR OUR V6 DISTRICT PR TEAM

We are looking for Lions to join our PR Team to help with promoting Lions & our Projects throughout our **AWESOME** District and helping with Lions Branding.

Want to know more? Contact Jo on 0428 366 220 or Send your expression of interest to: v6roar@gmail.com

IT & WEBSITE CHAIRPERSON

**GOT A KNACK FOR ALL THINGS DIGITAL?
THEN WE NEED YOU!**



**IT SUPPORT FOR
CLUBS IN THE
DISTRICT**

**HELP WITH WEBSITE
MAINTENANCE
(WORDPRESS) &
SOCIAL MEDIA
SUPPORT**

CONTACT JOHN HOUGHTON - 0407 303 691

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...



**Lions
Eye Health Program
Australia**

LEHP has partnered with the Centre for Eye Health to create a comprehensive Children's Vision Screening Program and Education Initiatives on Avoidable Vision loss in Australian Adults.

Lions who wish to participate in the Vision Screening program need to become a Qualified Vision Screener.

We would like to run some screening sessions across V6 but we need more Lions to undertake the training or update their existing skills.

To undertake training, including updating skills -

<https://lehp.org.au/>

VOLUNTEER DERMOSCOPISTS (SKIN CHECKERS)

The Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation Inc is making a call for volunteers to undertake training as a Dermoscopist Trainee. Once training is completed, committed Dermoscopists will be reimbursed their training costs following active participation in the screening program.

The Course, delivered by University of Queensland, is a fully online training course collectively known as the Professional Certificate of Dermoscopy.

Acquiring in-depth knowledge in dermoscopy will enable volunteers to assess skin lesions with greater accuracy, detect melanomas in the early stages, and avoid unnecessary excisions.



<https://lionsvdcf.org.au/>

V6 NOTICEBOARD



Cobram Lions Market Dates

Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

Dates 2023

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

Every Market has new surprises to be found.

For more information on the market:
Phone 0459 340 109.

Email: 2020cobrammarket@gmail.com

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Remember
MD Convention
is **early** this year!

**28 April to
1 May 2023**



Register Now -
www.lionsmd201conv.com/



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.

V6 DISASTER RECOVERY SUPPORT - ELMORE VILLAGE



When the devastating floods arrived in Echuca then Rochester, the waters had already been through many parts of our District. Rochester was hit from both sides of the town, with only 8 houses not affected by the flood waters!! Leaving the residents shell shocked.

Some of the residents were renters and were evacuated out of their homes soon after the event, others who were uninsured found themselves in a position of great stress, not sure of how or when they could afford to repair their properties, still others whose homes were uninhabitable needed to be evacuated to a safer place. Some families chose to remain at their properties, putting caravans in their yards and continuing to live at home though under much different circumstances.

Government agencies were soon on the ground helping, organising evacuations and support. Some of that support came in the shape of a caravan but these were in the nearby town of Elmore, the Elmore Field Days Event Centre to be exact!

As a member of the V6 District Disaster Recovery Support Team, Lion Lee and her husband PDG Norm, took a visit to the Event Centre to see what was being done for the evacuees and what if any, help or assistance was required from the District Lions. The first impression was confronting, bare paddocks and row up on row of caravans or Dongas (cabins with a bed and bathroom). The people moving into this accommodation had their immediate needs met, food, shelter and clothing. It was their mental well-being that was our first concern. What were they to do, what was going to keep them, and the children occupied and out of the cramped conditions of a caravan?

The Cohuna Leo Club asked how they could be of help, knowing from the Lismore Flood event how devastating this type of event can be for children. They were advised that play equipment was needed and books. They got together and created their signature project a “Hug in a Rug”, a teddy in a sleeping bag (these had been taken to Lismore children), 150 were made along with 50 library bags.

The Leos purchased outdoor giant Jenga, Connect Four, cricket sets along with a large wooden dolls house, bean bags and big cushions to sit on, colouring books, pencils and lots more, \$500 in total was donated. Setting up a library area in the Recreation Room too. They organised a trip to Elmore with their Donut Van to deliver their donations. With Lions help, they also donated a BBQ lunch to everyone available including free donuts!

The “Village” is being managed by officers from the army, from Townsville in conjunction with a management team from Downer Defense. On a subsequent visit, we approached the officer in charge, Site Manager Adam, with our concerns for the resident’s mental health. He was open to any suggestions we came up with. Very soon after we had a team from Downer to help us put together some ideas for a community garden, playground and BBQ area. Once the plan was finished, it was up to the DRST to find funding to complete the project. Donations were coming in to assist the flood victims, which was great, but these funds would be needed in other areas.

An approach to Bunnings Echuca Activities Organiser Mel to see if we could get some garden beds donated for the Community Garden Area.

Mel decided it was best to travel to Elmore Village, assess the situation for herself and see how Bunnings could be of assistance. This visit produced the most amazing response!

Bunnings not only came to the party with four large, raised garden beds, four children's garden beds, soil, plants, hoses and garden tools, but also supplied two large BBQ's, outdoor table and benches, four park benches, four outdoor chairs and four market umbrellas and a gas heater.

This support was increased on the 9th February, when 12 of their staff volunteered to visit the Elmore Village and construct all the furniture and play equipment!!!

The DRST purchased a large piece of play equipment from Bunnings for the children to play on. This equipment included a tower, the top being a fort, underneath, a cubby with its own BBQ and sink, climbing wall, swings and two slides, one of which is a tube curving down to the ground.

Corowa Men's Shed are constructing two large outdoor BBQ tables and benches which will complete the BBQ area and Yarrawonga Lions Club are building two 'Buddy Benches' which will be placed near the playground equipment, so mum has somewhere to rest while the kids play.

Another piece of equipment that was requested was a large outdoor movie screen and projector. This has been installed and put to good use already.

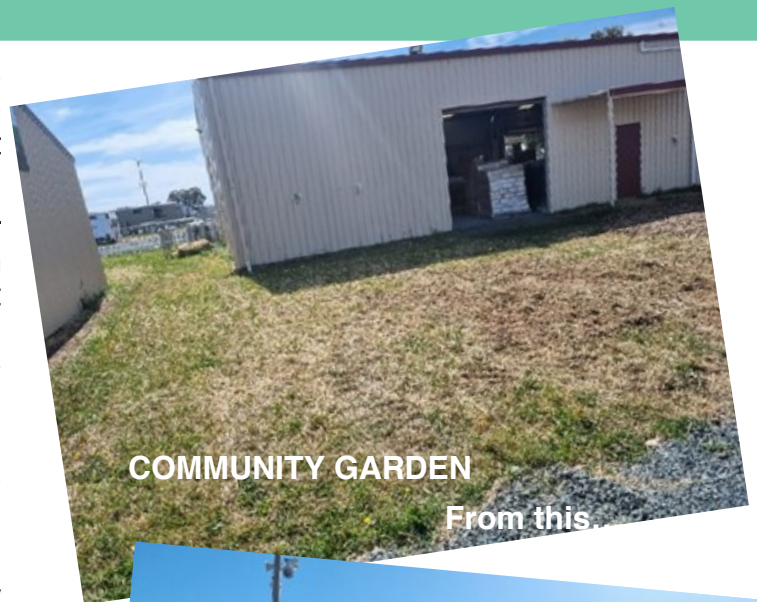
Lions from the DRST were also on hand to assist the Bunnings team to erect and install the play equipment. Elmore Lions Club provided their BBQ trailer and Lion Paul to cook lunch for all the workers and interested residents, thanks also to Lion Lynda from Wodonga for her assistance cooking lunch.

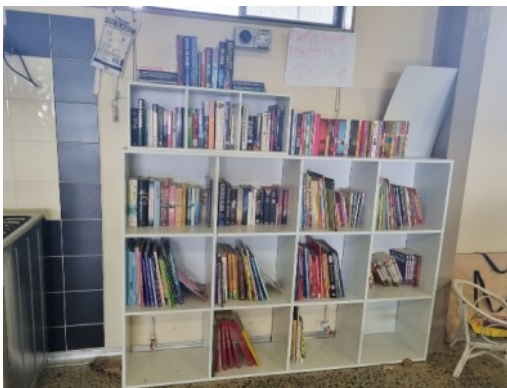
Residents of the Village came out to see what was going on and stayed on to help plant and water the gardens. Two residents have taken ownership of the gardens and set up a roster to make sure they were well watered and looked after.

The community meeting area was created, much to the delight of the residents.

A feeling of great pride and achievement. Teamwork makes the dream work!!

Although the Elmore Village is a temporary site, the equipment provided will remain for the use of the residents while they remain at the village, once they have been re-housed, the equipment and furniture will be transported to a Lions Park in the area, so it remains for their use.





LINKS, CONTACTS, USEFUL INFO....



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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 (except February is the 26th) 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

