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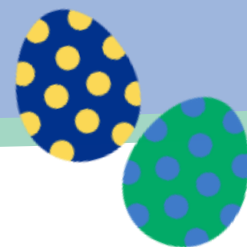
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Happy Easter

THE ROAR

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Thanks to all the chairpersons and clubs who have sent in their articles this month - we have a jam packed issue for you all to read. It would be good to see some more articles next month!

I have started using a different email program to get the ROAR out, so apologies to those of you what may received this twice! (or maybe even 3 times!)

From myself, my family, and on behalf of DG Neil and the cabinet members, I wish you all a happy Easter, safe travels if you are getting out and about during the Easter break and don't eat too much chocolate!

Don't forget volunteer week coming up 15-21 May 2023! A great time to celebrate being a volunteer.

Jo

From the Editor—

In the March Roar, it was mentioned that the Disaster Committee purchased the playground for the Elmore site, when in fact it was the Echuca Lions Club who paid for the playground. My apologies to the Echuca Lions Club for not updating the article before it was circulated. In another Echuca article it was mentioned that a presentation was made to the Neighbourhood house and a Life Membership - to clarify the President, Kevin presented the donation at a sportsman night at the Rich River Golf Club and the Life membership presented to Lion Laurie Steward was presented at their Lions Meeting - NOT on the same night as the other presentation.

Jo Guthrie





DG Neil Stuart

March was a quieter month regarding District Governor (DG) team club visits. On the 2nd of March I attended the

Benalla club together with ZC Alison and IPDG Steve Kazenwadel where I presented Margaret Poels with the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, and ZC Alison presented several Monarch Chevrons (Geoff McKenzie 25 years, Dan Brown 15 years, PDG Peter Poels 15 years, and Margaret Poels 10 years). IPDG Steve presented President Denise Brown with the Club Excellence Award (banner patch and badge). Together with President Denise, I had the great pleasure of presenting apprenticeship awards to three very deserving young local apprentices. The Benalla Lions Club has been running this program for more than 45 years, and because of the sponsorship of Benalla Mitre 10 (this year) and the Lions Club the apprentices received a framed certificate and a voucher for \$500 each, to spend on tools for their trade.

On Saturday evening March 4th at the Shamrock Hotel in Numurkah our District held our 75-year celebration of Lionism in Australia. We had a great night celebrating this significant milestone and as it turned out also fell on Lions Awareness Day. During the evening a raffle organised by Paul and Lyn Shortis raised money for ALF and IPDG Steve Kazenwadel presented a 2021/22 Club Excellence Award to Tungamah Immediate Past President ZC Victor Smith.

On Thursday 9th of March, I visited Wangaratta and along with members, partners and guests from the Lions Clubs of Corowa and Rutherglen, celebrated their 67th Charter Anniversary. During the evening I had the great pleasure of presenting Wangaratta member and V6 Safety Officer John Walker with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and presenting Rutherglen member Betty Potter with her 10-year Monarch Chevron.

On the March 19th the Lions Club of Numurkah held the Rex Wellington Memorial Bowls Day at Numurkah Town Bowls Club. This annual club 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. This Lions project receives wonderful support from the Numurkah Lions Ladies and great sponsorship from local businesses.

On Sunday 26th I attended the Victorian State Leo Summit held at the Latrobe University Shepparton Campus hosted by the Victorian Leo Council. There was a good representation from V6 on what a great day meeting and hearing from Leos from across Victoria. The highlight was the Leo of the Year State Final where we heard speeches from three outstanding Leos. Clarissa Wong from Melbourne Next Generation Leo Club in District V1-4 will now represent Victoria at the Multiple

District final on the Gold Coast. Congratulations to Sharon Sajeev from the Cohuna and District Leos representing V6 who was presented with the encouragement award.

Following on from the Leo Summit, I will be attending an information evening at Numurkah on Tuesday 28th organised by Keith Nicoll. This will be the second such meeting with the aim to starting up a new Alpha Leo Club.

Cabinet meeting report - Sunday February 26th

Cabinet meetings are held four times a year. The first following our district changeover dinner in July, and the fourth usually in May where new cabinet members for the coming year are invited to attend.

At our most recent meeting it was decided to relay key points from the cabinet meeting to all our district members. One of the things I repeated and have mentioned at our District Governor team visits is encouraging members to make a personal tax-deductible donation to LCIF Australia. I would also encourage clubs to donate to the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF). Our district is the second lowest in donating to ALF.

There was a proposal for me to consider appointing an administrator to assist clubs with their service reporting as our district was the second lowest across multiple district (MD) and at 47% way below the current MD average of 60%. There was also discussion on informal round table discussions with club members by the Zone chairperson or the Global Action Team (GAT).

There was discussion on a proposed training budget for 2023/24. It was noted that an investment in training will be of a great benefit to our district. Similarly, the need to formulate a proper budget allocation for PR and social media. There was a suggestion to look for alternate sources of funding for training and PR.

Club development training is being organised and proposed to be conducted by regions by the end of May.

There was a reminder that the OZ Clubhouse system would soon be permanently deactivated. If clubs have not yet arranged an alternative solution for their club website the Lions Australia website outlines some options. You can have Multiple District (MD) redirect the current website to a new website or to a Facebook page.

Cabinet approved the new Junior Public Speaking (JPS) safety policy, JPS judges and volunteers code of conduct and risk assessment. Cabinet also approved of a JPS state final. A budget for both JPS and PR was accepted by cabinet.

The next and fourth cabinet meeting is scheduled for May 21st at Tocumwal.



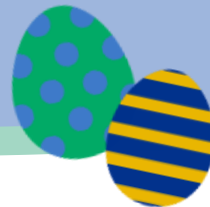


Celebration of 75 years of Lionism in Australia

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CYBER SAFETY - SCAMS



How to avoid an email and phone scam

Be aware and protect yourself



You can make yourself safer by taking some simple steps

Scammers cheat thousands of Australians using fraudulent phone calls and phishing emails. There has been an increase in these cases nowadays, so we ask you to be careful and be able to recognize a scam.

Know what to look for. View common types of scams such as dating scams, investment scams, phishing emails and text, or invoice fraud.

Go direct to a source you can trust. Visit the official website, log in to your account, or call their phone number. Don't use the links or contact details in the message or given to you on the phone.

Check what the official source says about what details they might request from you. Often companies or government agencies will say what they will and will not ask you online or over the phone. For example, the bank may tell you that they will never ask for your password. If someone claiming to be from the bank then asks you for your password, you know it is likely a scam.

Don't click on links, open any attachments or reply to requests. Scam messages may try and trick you into giving out your personal information. A scammer might ask for your bank account details, passwords or credit card numbers. They may also ask you to download files, software, or allow remote access to your computer.

If you don't trust the email content, don't click on the link, but if you happen to click on a link in an email, here are some actions you should take:

- Do not give personal information (e.g. bank account, etc)
- Change all your passwords
- Run a malware scan on the device
- Contact your financial institution (bank) if you think your accounts are at risk

- Refer to the advice on the Australian Cyber Security Centre website

Refer to Scamwatch. If you get a scam message or phone call, you should ignore it and report it to ACCC's [Scamwatch](#).

Report a cybercrime or security incident on [ReportCyber](#). Your help keeps Australia secure.

Types of Scams

Dating and romance scams - Cybercriminals target victims on dating websites and apps pretending to be other people. Scammers start the relationship with their victim on the website or app before moving the conversation to a more 'private' channel. This is to move away from the protections that dating sites put in place. Cybercriminals can easily manipulate their victims on other channels like email or text.

They create fake profiles online or take the identities of real people. Cybercriminals try to quickly build a relationship, and then ask for money, gifts or information.

Investment scams - Cybercriminals entice victims into investing money in schemes which may offer high and quick returns. This type of scam is typically a time-sensitive offer to pressure you into making a decision fast.

Invoice fraud - This is when criminals compromise a vendor's email account. They can then change the bank details on the company's invoices. The customer pays the invoice, thinking they are paying the vendor, but instead send that money to criminals' bank accounts.

Phishing emails and texts - **Phishing** is a way cybercriminals trick you into giving them personal information. They do this by sending fake emails or text messages that look like they come from someone you trust. If you fall for it, you could lose money and access to your accounts, or even have your identity stolen.

For more information about the types of scams and what to do - check out the cyber security website [HERE](#).

If in DOUBT, don't open the email or attachment, hang up the phone, delete the text and block the number.

Call your bank, supplier, etc directly on a number you know and trust and ask if they called you.



JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM

With the 2023 Junior Public Speaking program just beginning, Clubs have distributed the Topics to all schools.

The new 2023 Club Registration, Student Entry Forms and updated Club and School Information is on the V6 website, along with Judges, Timekeepers Forms and Certificates.

Club Registration is due by the 31st May, 2023.

Please remember all Members, Volunteers and Judges participating in the program at all levels have to have a current Working with Children Certificate and must carry it with them at all times. Please forward the Members and Volunteers names, certificate numbers and expiry dates to me. This is a directive from the Multiple District Child Safe Officer and Lions Australia.

Jo Guthrie has done a terrific job on updating the website making it more inviting, friendly, and easier to find the information.

A new Child Safe Procedure, Judges and Volunteers Code of Conduct and a Risk Assessment has been written and approved by the MD Child Safe Officer, Lions Australia and District Governor Neil Stuart. These will be forwarded to all Clubs and posted on the Website.

I am looking forward to a bigger and better 2023 Junior Public Speaking program, and with the topics chosen, some fun.

Lion Margaret Poels
District Junior Public Speaking Chairperson



NEW LOOK LOGO

You probably won't notice the difference, but Milo has had a makeover - he's had a little touch up and is now looking his best!

NEW Child Safety information on the V6 Website

JPS Child Safety Procedure

JPS Judges Code of Conduct

JPS Risk Assessment Template

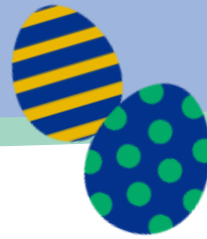


NO CHANGE TO TIME LINE - date remain the same for 2023

Last month we mentioned a possible change to the timeline - which would see the competition be brought forward by a month. After a bit more deliberation, we have decided NOT to change it this year and see how it goes.

- ⇒ **School Finals** to be held by the end of **June**.
- ⇒ **Club Finals** to be held by the end of **July**.
- ⇒ **Regional Finals** by the **20th August**.
- ⇒ **District Finals** will be on **28th August**.
- ⇒ **V District State Final** will be held on **10th September**

Apologies for the to-ing and fro-ing but there is a lot to consider with children this young and we want a little disruption as possible. So this year we will stick to our usually timeline and see how it all works with the addition of a State Final.



WHY REPORT SERVICE

By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.

Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

Inspire Service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.



Grow Partnerships

Collaborating with other organizations in your community is a great way to increase the visibility, reach and quality of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

Enlighten Leaders

High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Knowledge of your club's service history provides invaluable insight to current and future club officers. In addition, district, zone and Global Action Team leaders can best support your club when they understand how clubs in their area serve their communities.



Be Proud

Service data gives us the ability to communicate how We Serve around the world. For example, in 2021, Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people! We can take pride in that achievement thanks to the leaders who reported over 1 million service activities. Through service reporting, your club joins in that pride and is eligible for service awards.



2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR UPDATE

March began with a trip to Barooga to attend a club meeting there, and the following

day to attend a Lions Eye Health Program workshop run by national program coordinator Rob Winter. Our district has two sets of LEHP equipment but a big shortage of qualified operators, so the more clubs that get involved in this program the better. One in five children tested has a previously undetected vision issue, so this is a very worthwhile program.

On Saturday March 4 it was off to Numurkah for the district 75th Lions Anniversary Dinner. This was a really entertaining evening, and I congratulate the organisers.

On March 15 I attended a meeting of the Lions Club of Rochester, where I had the pleasure of inducting three young ladies into the club as new members. These ladies had been parents on the first round of the Licola Flood Holiday Project and had been so impressed by Lions that they wanted to join. There were four others scheduled to be inducted that night too who could not attend and will be inducted soon, so the Rochester club is looking very good!

The following morning at the Rochester Bakery we had the opportunity to catch up with quite a few of the families from the first Holiday camp, who updated us on how things were going for them (VERY slowly!) and some showed us through their homes (which still have no floors, and no walls below the 1.2m mark to the floor).

From March 19-24 it was off to Licola for another Flood Holiday Camp. This was again very successful and made a big difference to the lives of participating families. Two of these families have now indicated their intention to join Lions as a result, yet again showing how a good service project attracts membership.

On March 28 I am joining DGE John Houghton, GET Member Peter May, Peter Poels and other Lions in Mansfield for another meeting aiming to establish a new Lions club there. This will be reported on next month.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

March has been our best month for membership growth in a very long time, with ten new members officially added this month. Our district now stands at 1071 members with a solid net gain for the Lions year.

Furthermore, I am aware of at least that number again that are awaiting induction, so we are looking very good indeed. It is particularly pleasing

to see that many district clubs are in growth this year – your recruitment efforts are certainly working.

It is also great that the membership trailer is getting regular use. If your club would like to have the trailer to support any of your public functions, you can book it at <https://calendly.com/v6trailer>.

Work is continuing on establishing a new club in Mansfield. The support from the council and business community in particular has been strong, plus we have found surprising support from the arts community – artists, writers, sculptors etc have indicated a desire to establish an arts hub in Mansfield, and are seeing a new Lions club as a way of achieving this. I remain hopeful of establishing a new club there this Lions year.

Finally, just a recruiting tip that I have been using very successfully. When you meet people, either in business premises or casually, you will often be asked the question “What do you do?”. Now typically we all answer with information about our employment, or indicate that we are retired. I however have been responding with “I am a community volunteer through Lions”. It is amazing what a conversation starter that is, with them then asking YOU questions about Lions. A frequent follow up question is “So how does someone join Lions?”.

Give it a go!

Give a warm Lions *Welcome* to our newest V6 members

WENDY GIBBONS - Albury
 MERRILYN COLLINS - Berrigan
 CHRISTINE GAMBIER - Bright
 KATHLEEN FEALY - Chiltern
 GREG ANDERSON - Echuca
 GEOFF LE CORNU - Kiewa Tangambalanga
 MARGARET BOSWELL - Quambatook
 MICHELLE VAN HULST - Quambatook
 LAUREN COGHILL - Rochester
 SONIA KEENAN - Rochester
 SAMANTHA SCOBLE - Rochester
 JUDITH RENNER - Tocumwal
 JUDY BYRNE - Wangaratta
 MICHELLE SPENCE - Wangaratta
 LESLEY BENNETTS - Wodonga
 JANE DELANEY - Wodonga
 MALCOLM SNEDDON - Wodonga

LICOLA FLOOD RECOVERY CAMP #2



Over the period March 20-24, ten new flood-affected families were treated to a free five-day holiday at Licola Wilderness Village, a V6 district project.

The journey began with bus pick ups at Echuca, Rochester, Elmore and Seymour. They were treated to a BBQ lunch at Newman Park, Traralgon – thanks to the Lions Club of Traralgon for providing it. After a long journey they arrived at Licola around 4pm. They were shown to their cabins, where they were greeted with fresh sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, bath towels, bath mats, beach towels and Boomerang toiletries bags all provided to them for free, and theirs to take home with them at the end of the trip. Thanks to Big W for providing much of the supplies, and to Beechworth Lions, Paul Shortis and District Disaster Recovery team for the Boomerang bags.

There was a hearty meal of chicken schnitzel, salad and chips, followed by a tour of the grounds, and an early night for most!

Tuesday was full of fun activities – the Flying Fox and Giant Swing were very popular, as was archery, and arts and crafts. Bike riding was enthusiastically embraced by many of the kids. Around 4pm, former St Kilda AFL player Andrew Jobling arrived, and he took kids and parents alike through a footy warm up routine, followed by various games involving the footballs. Rain then forced us inside, where Andrew ran a marvellous counselling session (many of the families are suffering from serious mental health issues due to living in caravans and sheds for the past 5 months). Participants found this really valuable, and many opened up and shared their feelings.

After dinner, Andrew presented each family with a signed copy of his new book, TEARS of Joy.

On Wednesday we took a bus trip into Sale, and spent several fun hours at the Aqua Energy pool complex there. The Lions Club of Sale provided a BBQ lunch, before we then moved on to the Gippsland Vehicle Collection in Maffra. This is a superb collection of old vehicles, motor bikes and toy model cars which engrossed everyone, young and older alike. The local Lionesses then put on a superb afternoon tea before we headed back to Licola. On arrival we discovered that the Easter Bunny had visited, and the kids all rushed around finding all the hidden eggs! That evening we enjoyed chats around the campfire, and toasting marshmallows.

Thursday was again filled with all the activities from Tuesday, with the addition of canoeing on the Macalister River, and damper making in the

afternoon. After dinner, there was a very popular disco, with prizes for the best dancers (everyone got a prize!).

On Friday morning it was time to leave. Families packed up all their new possessions, but before they left they were presented with some more gifts such as electronic kitchen scales, clock radios, and an IGA voucher for each family. And a big box of Easter eggs for each family too!

The gratitude shown by the families for this experience was truly gratifying and heart-warming. There were many tears as they were leaving, and comments such as “You have no idea what a difference you have made to my life” made it clear that this was indeed a very worthwhile venture.

This could not have happened without the help of many people and organisations who deserve sincere thanks. Firstly to District Governor Neil Stuart and the district cabinet for having the vision to approve the project. To Tony Benbow, for organising funding through both the Australian Lions Foundation, and the Bendigo Bank Foundation, and who popped in to say hi to the families on Tuesday. To Council Chairman Steve Boyce, who pulled so much of it together and helped sort out some last minute glitches. He also attended on the Thursday as a helper.

To Paul Shortis and his team for much needed help. To all the staff at Licola who worked so hard and coped with everything magnificently, and who ensured that everyone had a fabulous time.

To the Lions that assisted with bus drop offs and pickups, such as Neil Hopkins of Murrabit, and the volunteers from other districts that attended the camp.

Importantly many clubs across four districts donated towards it, and it would not have been possible without such valuable support. Big W Wangaratta was incredibly helpful, donating some goods and offering others at substantial discounts.

There are many others too numerous to mention here, but thanks go to all of you.

Following the success of these two holidays, we have been approached by the Njernda Aboriginal Corporation about possibly running a similar project for Aboriginal families affected by the floods. If this goes ahead, it will probably be held at Licola in June.

Geoff and Janice Turnbull



LICOLA FLOOD RECOVERY CAMP #2



Welcome to Licola





TREASURER'S TRIUMPHS AND TRIBULATIONS

Dues

A big thankyou to all Clubs, all dues have now been paid in record time, this makes my job much easier so I can move onto other things.

On the subject of dues, as Multiple District and District dues are indexed in line with CPI, and that has gone up by over 7%, there will be an increase in next years dues. Also, Lions Clubs International dues, even though they're not indexed, will increase by US\$3.00 per Member from 1 Jul 2023.

Help Desk

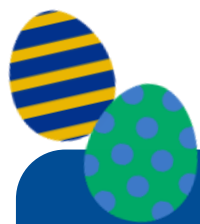
I have had a few interesting questions come up recently that I was gladly able to help with, sometimes just a fresh pair of eyes is all it needs. I see Clubs as customers, so if you want to get your monies worth from District dues, use us as much as you can.

Multiple District Convention

As you are probably aware the Multiple District 201 Convention will be held from the end of April to the start of May. A number of Clubs have Members going, with some as delegates, so it is important to remember that to qualify as a Delegate their home Club must be in good standing. In good standing means not being overdue with international dues for more than 30 days with an amount over US\$10.00.

I have a list of Clubs that have Members going to the convention and I can access Club dues status so I should be able to identify any potential problems and notify Clubs, but please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Ollie Tufvesson
District 201V6 Treasurer
0477 143 336



SOME EASTER TRIVIA

90 million chocolate bunnies are produced each year!

The world's largest chocolate easter egg weighed 15,873 pounds 4.48 ounces, it's circumference 64 feet, 3.65 inches, and it was made in Tosca Italy.

Easter always falls between March 22nd and April 25th

The first Easter eggs were dyed red



Promoting this Year's Peace Poster and Essay Contest 2023/24

Peace Poster Contest

The Peace Poster is an art contest for young people conducted internationally by Lions Clubs International.

Open to students aged 11, 12 and 13 years of age by the 15th November 2023

Details:

1. Drawings must be no smaller than 33cm x 50cm or no larger than 50cm x 60cm
2. Art paper: to be flexible material so that it can be rolled up for mailing tube use.
3. All artist's signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster (upper right or left side of artwork)
4. Winner Sticker – attach on the back – lower right-hand corner on winning entry

Peace Essay Contest

The Lions International Peace Essay is for visually impaired children in the same age bracket. Details of the Peace/Essay rules are in the Kit.

The theme for both Contests this year is "Dare to Dream"

These contests are easy to organise, usually through your local schools, and are very rewarding for members, teachers, students and their families.

Kits are available now. Clubs can purchase their Kits from Lions Australia On-Line Shop: www.lionsclubsshop.com.au. The cost is \$25.00 plus postage. (unless you order four or more Kits then the postage is free).

Some incentives for students to participate are some great prizes. Each Level and Prizes are below:

- Club Level – Clubs decide on the prize and payment of the prize
- District Level – District Winner – District donates a \$50 voucher
- Multiple District Level – Australian Winner receives \$200 and a trophy
- International Level – International Winner USD\$5,000 & a Peace trophy

DISTRICT LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR FINAL

The 201V6 District Youth of the Year Final was held on Sunday the 19th of March 2023 at the Thurgoona Golf Resort. The event was hosted by the Lavington Lions Club and the facilities and planning worked extremely well.

We had four finalists being:

Arielle Dolan from Echuca College representing the Lockington Lions Club

Jorga Ponton from Kyabram P – 12 College representing the Hope Lions Club

Cadence Pang from Cobram Anglican College representing Cobram Lions Club

Fiona Timmins from Tallangagatta Secondary College representing the Kiewa/Tangambalanga Lions Club.

Unfortunately, Stephanie Demeo from East Loddon P-12 College representing the East Loddon Lions Club was unable to attend due to another commitment.

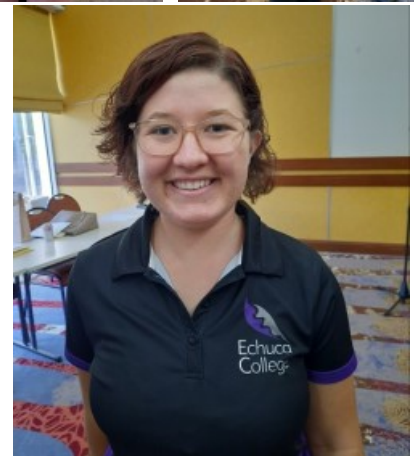
The standard was extremely high and the 5 judges had a hard time separating the students, the assembled crowd was treated to the student answering 2 impromptu questions and then presenting their prepared 5 minute speeches. This only equated to 30% of the overall marks. Each student had been interviewed by the judges earlier in the day, these interviews amounted to 70% of the marks.

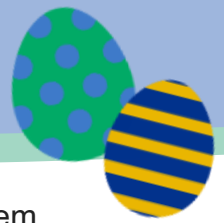
The public speaking award went to Jorga Ponton who spoke and challenged us on Body image.

The overall winner was Arielle Dolan who spoke on A reflection of the State Lockdown and the importance of togetherness.

Arielle will now represent the District at the State Youth of the Year Final to be held at Wangaratta on the 1st of April 2023.

Mark Nordbye
201V6 YOTY Chairperson





THE BUZZ AROUND BEECHWORTH

AR2023 201V6 Lions Convention - Beechworth Lions John, Chris and Iris meet with Yackandandah Lions President Jane Moore on the 13th February at the Yack Lion's Den to start the ball rolling on our hosting of 2023 201V6 Convention. We were able to get a lot in place for John to take to Cabinet for approval. It looks like we are going to have a WOW of a time. See you all there on 20th, 21st and 22nd October.

2023 Combined Changeover - It is Beechworth Lions Club turn to host the combined changeover as we last hosted in 2018. We have set this for 1st July, and will use the same format as 2018 as this went well. The other clubs have been notified by the Secretary, and will join us is Kiewa/Tangambalanga, Yackandandah, and Wodonga. Turning out to be a very busy year for Beechworth.

2023 Junior Public Speaking - Beechworth Lions Club will participate again this year in the 2023 Junior Public Speaking. We have been notified by all three of our Primary schools that they would like to participate, and have been notified of the topics.



Golden Horseshoe Festival - Beechworth Lions Club will hold a sausage sizzle outside of the RSL Hall on Easter Saturday, 8th April. This has been successfully for us as a funding raiser

other years, and it's great to get back to post Covid. It has been agreed due to the rising costs of product that we raise the price to \$3.50 per sausage.

February Dinner Meeting - President John Introduced of special guests DG Neil Stuart and First Vice DG John Houghton. DG Neil presented a



very informative and enlighten speech. President John thank them both for attending our Dinner Meeting and asked DG Neil to present Lion Graeme Smart his 60 year Monarch Certificate, and Lion Iris her Membership Key award. Prior to our Dinner Meeting Secretary Iris Mannik, Treasurer Christine Luckman and President John Eldrid showed our special quests through the Beechworth Lions project of Gang Plate Layers Cottage. President John presented Service pins to Lion Garry and Lion Brian.

COHUNA LEOS

As with all Leo Clubs, our members reach the age where they can no longer remain in the club due to their age, we wish Ebony and Fifi all the very best for their futures, knowing they will do well in what every endeavor they take on. We would like to thank them for their fantastic support of our club and members over the last 6 years.

On Monday 27th February 2023 our club was very pleased to induct a new member, Brock Smith. Brock has been helping Leos along side his sisters Ebony and Georgia since 2018, just waiting till his 12th birthday, but Brock was not a 'token' member, he was always helping however he could. In 2022 he organised a few friends and formed the Cohuna & District LEO Cubs. Assisted financially by the Leos, the Cubs purchased several outdoor games, which they provide free of charge to the public when Leos are cooking at a Market or event. This was one of Brocks ideas and has been very successful. We know he will be a great asset to our club.

Following Brock's induction, we held our Club Final for Leo of the Year with four contestants, all of whom did themselves and our Club proud. Lauren spoke about 'Equality in Sport', Zaeli spoke about Bullying; Sharon spoke about 'How to get out of homework' and Chenoa spoke about 'Accessing Mental Health needs in Rural Areas'. All very thoughtful topics.

Our judges were Lions Jan Heap and PDG Norm who had a very hard time deciding on one winner.

Sharon was determined as the overall winner with Zaeli and Chenoa as runners up, Lauren was presented with an Encouragement Award. We were so proud of all our members for having a go.

We wish Sharon all the very best as she represents our club at the District Final on Sunday 19th March in Cohuna.

Cohuna & District Leo Club is rebuilding, starting with Brock, we are keen to have lots more members so we can provide more support to our community. Keep us in mind if you are looking to 'Make a Difference in YOUR community'!



New member Brock Smith



Leo of the Year contestants February 2023 with Lions Club President Allan Walkington and Judges Lions Jan Heap & PDG Norm Walkington



Winners are grinners!
Cohuna & District LEO Club
Leo of the Year
Winner 2023.
Sharon Sajeev

WHAT'S BEEN IN BENALLA

Benalla Lions Club's Annual "Clean up Australia Day" on the 21st March 2023. The Benalla Lions Club do their Annual Clean up Australia Day in the Show Grounds every year.

The Benalla Show grounds has been very busy this Month, as they have had the Sheepdog Trials, and also a Horse Gymkhana which our Benalla Lions Club Catered for, however this year the campers cleaned up their rubbish very well. In the photo you can see the rubbish that was picked up by Lions Club Members Lion Chris Vaughan and Lions Lady Helen Vaughan, Loch Lidgerwood, Peter and Margaret Poels.



Benalla Lions Clubs Annual Apprentice Award Night was held on the 2nd March 2023. Our Benalla Lions Clubs Apprentice Award night was attended by District Governor Neil Stuart, and was held at the Benalla Bowls Club. Zone Chairperson Alison and PDG Stephen Kazenwadel were also in attendance. The Benalla Lions Club has been running this program for more than 45 years, and because of the "Sponsorship of Benalla Mitre 10 (this year) and the Lions Club" the Apprentices receive a framed certificate and a Voucher for \$500.00 each, to spend on tools for their trade (which was increased in 1976 from \$20.00 to \$40.00).

Each year our Lions Club has presented four Apprentices with their Awards, although this year like last year only three apprentices responded to accepting this "sought after award", which are presented on a special night, where our Lions Club



pays the meal for the Apprentices and one other person, whether that be one of their parents or guardian or their Employer.



In the photo is DG Neil Stuart, Apprentices Charlie Daws Certificate 111 in Engineering Mechanical Trade, Max Heaney Cert 111 Mobile Plant Technology, Aden Mac Donald Certificate 111 Electro Technology and Lions Club President Denise Brown.

Benalla Lions Club “Planting trees for the Queen’s Jubilee.” In February 2022 our Lions Club received an email from our Member of Parliament Dr Helen Haines, in which she made available a Grant opportunity to Schools and non-profit-organisations to celebrate the “Queens Jubilee” by creating a community garden or planting trees.

Our Club put in an application for this Grant, and we were successful and received \$2,500.00. As our Benalla Lions Club constructed the “Moiria Lions Park” many years ago, our Club Member Lion Chris Vaughan communicated with the Benalla Parks and Garden coordinator, and we received permission to plant more trees in the Lions Park. We were able to plant 24 trees in the Lions Park on the 14th September 2022, and we were all worried when the floods came to Benalla in late October (twice), as the Lions Park is a flood prone area, however due to Lion Chris and his wife



Lions Lady Helen Vaughan’s knowledge in planting trees, they all survived (bar one) the storm that went through Benalla this month.

A plaque to Honour the “Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Australia 2022” was designed by Benalla Lions



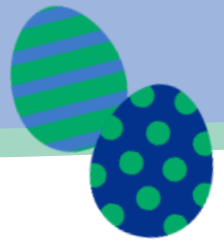
Club Member Bruce Walker, and was unveiled By MP Dr Helen Haines and assisted by Lions Club President Denise Brown. They all enjoyed the morning tea that was provided on the day of the unveiling, which was the 19th March 2023.



Visit to Benalla Lions Club by District Governor Neil Stuart on the 2nd February 2023.

During his visit DG Neil Stuart presented Margaret Poels with the “International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation”, also in the photo is Club President Denise Brown.





PROJECTS BEING FUNDED

CURRENTLY

"Cage Fighting" Neuroblastoma

OUR "LITTLE STAR OF HOPE" HAS GROWN UP



In early 2013 ALCCRF formed an amazing relationship with the Bell family. Dad Tony, Mum Jenny, and daughter Ave who all became Ambassadors and Ave our "Little Star of Hope". Ava at 12 months old was diagnosed with a five-and-a-half-centimetre cancerous

tumour called neuroblastoma in her chest and abdomen and the cancer had also spread to her bones.

ALCCRF Funded the First Phase 2 Clinical trial of two novel drugs (Interferon and Valproate) in kids suffering from neuroblastoma. The clinical trial was coordinated by Prof Glen Marshall, and it involved Children's Hospitals in Australia and New Zealand. During the Gol Week Telethon conducted by Channel 9 in Sydney in June 2012 Dr David Ziegler said this trail offers real hope for patients who have relapsed and who otherwise should be on Palliative care.

Our goal is to make it part of the standard treatment for children newly diagnosed with neuroblastoma around the world. During this time the Bell family were going to District and Multiple District conventions. Telling their story of Ava and expressing their gratitude to Lions all over Australia. In 2017 Lions International invited the Family to go to Chicago to speak on stage at the Centenary International Convention, in front of 28,000 Lions to ask for their help for other kids suffering from Cancer by supporting ALCCRF's initiative in undertaking Genome Sequencing for kids with Cancer around the World.

Anthony (Tony) Roney
AM
Vice Chairman ALCCRF



Ava starting High School
2023



Dr Andrew Care: Macquarie University

Engineering a protein nanocage for targeted ionophoric-copper therapy

Novel targets for paediatric brain tumour immunotherapy



Dr Pouya Faridi: Monash University

Every year more than 170 Australian children are diagnosed with brain cancer. Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is the most aggressive childhood brainstem tumour with no cure and median survival of only nine months post – diagnosis. Cancer vaccination is an emerging approach for untreatable cancers.

Exploiting and enhancing brain-resident immune cells for the treatment of paediatric brain stem glioma (DIPG)

Dr Jessica Buck: University of Western Australia / Telethon Kids Institute



DIPG is a fatal brain cancer that affects children, with no effective treatments. This research project is proposing a new combination of treatments targeting the immune system in the brain to treat DIPG. First, the cancer cells will be labelled with a "flag" so the immune system can see them.



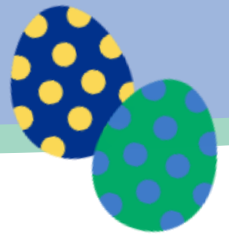
Tunzafun – feeding the troops.



Anyone for mini golf



Lions Deb and Nora – dangerous at the best of times



Lions Paul, Ollie, and Denis



MOAMA LIONS FUNDS BOOST TO HELP FLOOD AFFECTED FAMILIES

Tobin Brothers donation - After donating a mammoth \$20,000 to Rochester Lions Club, Tobin Brothers Funerals has now donated \$10,000 to the Moama Lions Club — and they're not stopping there.

They will be donating a total of \$70,000 to different flood-affected communities, with Echuca Lions Club next on the list.

Tobin Brothers managing director James McLeod announced their plans at a dinner hosted by Moama Lions on Tuesday, March 1.

"Tobin Brothers was established in 1934 and it was instilled by our founders to give back," Mr McLeod said. It's a tradition that's been carried on for generations. Following the 2019-20 bushfire crisis, they donated funds to local Lions Clubs, who then dispersed the funds throughout the community.



Tobin Bros Donation



"Why Lions Clubs? Because 100 per cent stays in the community and in the area that's been impacted," Mr McLeod said.

"They are not giving away administrative fees. They've got their feet on the ground, they know what's going on in the community, they know all the stories and they know who needs help. Wherever there's a need, there's a Lion."

Mr McLeod, himself, has been a Lions Club member for 30 years, following in the footsteps of his father, who, was also a Lion. After speaking with staff in Echuca-Moama in the weeks leading up to the floods, he knew Tobin Brothers needed to do something for the communities impacted.

"I could hear the anguish in our staff members voices, the concern and the worry. It was the waiting that was getting to them," he said. "When the new year came around, we announced that we were going to donate."

One of the only conditions of the donation is that the Lions Clubs must not give away to district or national projects.

In 12 months' time, Tobin Brothers will then come back to Moama and sit down with the Lions to find out what the money contributed to. Moama Lions Club president Colin Hosking said they were currently looking at where the money was most needed in Moama.

"Our philosophy is: we raise it local, and we spend it local," Mr Hosking said.

Our sincere thanks to Tobin Bro. for this donation.

Donation to Neighbourhood House - Echuca Neighbourhood House (ENH) was presented a cheque for \$2000 at our dinner meeting on 1 March, to go towards their flood relief fund.

The money was raised by the Moama Lions at our Christmas Carol event on December 18 of last

year. The carols were attended by more than 1500 people.

ENH manager Sarah Peake said the donation would go a long way.

"We are so grateful to the Lions Club for this generous donation," Ms Peake said. "While the river has gone down quite significantly and things look normal from the outside, we don't want the impact of the floods to become out of sight out of mind."

"Recovery is a long road and donations like this enable us to keep supporting the community for however long it takes."

Southern 80 Ski Race - Well, the successful Southern 80 Ski Race 2023 has finished and what a busy weekend did we have.

This year was one of our busier years for a while. The BBQ and Chip Cooker worked all day long non-stop. We sold out of all food, no left overs.

It was a big event, we worked very hard with a smaller crew, and still managed to have a good time. Thank you to all our members who were there this weekend. Everyone was tired but proud of what we achieved.

Our thanks go to Michael Falzon of Highview Waters Resort who allowed us to hold our BBQ on his beautiful resort once again.



Lion Ian Jenkins with Michael Falzon from Highview Waters Resort



Donation Echuca Neighbourhood House



Setting up for a busy weekend

COROWA LIONS



Corowa Lions held its Youth of the Year Club event on the 26th and 27th March. Four year 12 students from Corowa High School competed with Ryan Glare winning the Public Speaking and Clancy Tomlinson being named the overall winner.



Corrinie Barker being presented with a Builder Key Award for contribution to building membership. Corrinie received this recognition for her commitment to the growth and strength of the Lions association.

COBRAM THOSE IN NEED

HELPING

Cobram Lions Club this week have donated a new front loader washing machine, microwave, kettle, toaster and a gift card for personal items to Christine.

Christine and her 2 children lost everything in a house fire a few weeks ago. It was a pleasure to meet with Christine and have Betta Electrical deliver the donation on Wednesday afternoon. The Lions members hope that the family settle into their new home soon.



Janet Austin Secretary, Christine, and Ron Simon, Treasurer..with the Betta delivery truck.

BRIGHT LIONS

We are now getting ready for one of our busiest times of the year in beautiful Bright. We hold our meetings at our club rooms in Pioneer Park Bright. Thought you would like to see our venue with some of our members at last week's meeting. Our president, Andrina Crome is first on the left.





LOCKINGTON LIONS

The Lions Club was fortunate to have a winner at the Club Final, Arielle Dolan, who then progressed to District Final, which was held on Sunday 19th March in

Lavington NSW. Arielle was successful in winning that round of finals and now goes onto the State Final, which is being held in Wangaratta on Saturday 1st April. The Lockington Lions club is very proud to be her sponsor and wish her all the best in the State Final. The winner will then go onto the Australian Convention being held in the Gold Coast in May. This is the second consecutive year that the Locky Lions Club have had students go onto the State Final

the menu of bacon and egg sandwiches and sausages.



ECHUCA LIONS RECEIVE GENEROUS DONATION TO HELP FLOOD AFFECTED COMMUNITY



Tobin Brothers donation \$10,000 to assist EchUCA locals effected by recent floods. President Kevin receiving cheque from Tobin tps Manager Shawn Green.



KERANG LIONS

Kerang Lions invited 9 Blaze Aid volunteers who were helping out flood victims in our Kerang area to a special dinner on 28/2/23 to thank them. Great night was had by all. They have all now moved to help the Murrabit flood victims.

Kerang Lions catered for breakfast on 19/3/22 for about 50 motorcyclists who were riding to raise awareness for Depression. The riders appreciated



HOPE HAPPENINGS

Our YOTY contestant Jorga Ponton won the Public Speaking section at the District Final which was held at Thurgoona Golf Club Resort and hosted by the Lions Club of Lavington on Sunday 18 March.

Jorga lives in Stanhope and attends Kyabram P12 College and has, in the past, taken part in the Lions Junior Public Speaking at Stanhope Primary since she was in Grade 3 which has obviously put her in great stead for this competition.

Her prepared speech was titled "Body Image" which she presented very admirably.



President Monique Noble, Jorga Ponton & Youth Chairperson Avis Weller.

MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARD FOR LOCKHART LION

The Lions Clubs International Membership Key Awards Program recognizes individual Lions who invite new members to join the association. It has been recognized that Dulcie McKenzie has successfully opened the door of Lionism to 15 individuals.

Consequently, Dulcie has been presented with a Senior Builder Key.



The officers and directors of Lions Clubs International join Lions worldwide in expressing sincere congratulations to Dulcie for demonstrating an active commitment to the growth and strength of the association.

The award pin was presented to Dulcie at the monthly meeting held on Monday 27th February. The presentation was made by John McDonnell, Vice President of the Lockhart Lions Club.



LEARN FROM LIONS

Lions Club of Lake Mulwala marked Lions Awareness Day on 4th March with a promotion of the good work Lions do and details of our Club in particular. The Kiosk in Belmore Street was set up with literature to get the message out about the value of volunteering and being a member of the world's largest service club organisation. Lions' mints and handouts were distributed to many passers-by with information about the two active Lions Clubs in town. We received very positive feedback and some good contacts of interested people. New members are welcome. Call Helen 0407521278 or email akemulwala.vic@lions.org.au





TUNGAMAH LEOS

Tungamah Leos have realized a dream with the finalization of their "Fountain in the Creek" Project. Installation has finally been completed and the fountain looks a treat. It is solar powered and is at its best in the middle of the day. To raise funds, the Leos have cooked sausages at the football, washed cars, held carp catching days and many other things. An approach to the Moira Shire was very successful with the Shire putting in \$5000 towards the project. Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and the First Peoples Group were so supportive and waived all permit charges and made it easy to proceed. Council officers were great with their guidance. We mustn't forget Bob Shanahan from Cohuna Lions with his shower rose.

We are currently planning an official opening, and you will all be invited along for the day.

We are meeting again soon to launch a new members drive, so that our club survives a bit longer.

LITTLE ROARER



LEO OF THE YEAR

The V6 Leo of the Year final was held at Cohuna recently with Sharon Sajeev representing Cohuna and Ben Hall representing Cobram on the Murray. Firstly, the contestants had an interview with three judges, Fiona Fifi and Les. Both interviewed extremely well.

A big bite of a wonderful lunch and then on to the prepared speeches. Ben spoke on the Australian Tennis open, displaying great knowledge of the events and players. Sharon then gave an entertaining speech on the trials and tribulations of homework. Norm was the timekeeper which he did with great aplomb. State coordinator Lee Walkington then made the final announcement with Sharon going onto the state final, while Ben received an encouragement award for his superb efforts. Many thanks to the Cohuna Lions for their

catering and the families who attended.



How awesome are these Leos!





HENTY LIONS HAPPENINGS

At the beginning of March the Henty Lions Club was involved with the Henty Streetscape, a Covid & Bushfire Recovery Street Party. The club had a representative on the organising committee and manned a refreshment stand on the day of the event. The street party was a fantastic event the afternoon featured market stalls, rides and games for the younger folk, there was even a climbing wall which was extremely popular. There were plenty of food stalls and the local shops remained open with lots of specials. The evening's entertainment kicked off with fireworks display followed by a number of live acts all hosted by Albury identity, Steve Bowen. It was a fabulous event for the whole community & great to be part of it as a Lions Club



In the next week members were on hand to provide a tasty breakfast consisting of egg & bacon rolls, juice, tea & coffee over two mornings for the Men's Invitation Triples Bowls Competition at the Henty Bowling Club. Our thanks must go to the Henty Bowling Club and the participating bowlers for their support. All moneys raised from this venture will go to the Lions Childhood Cancer Project.



April District Newsletter

This coming April is going to be a busy month for Australian Lions Hearing Dogs!

On Saturday, the 15th of April from 10am to 2pm, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) will be once again opening our doors to the public. Come to our National Training Centre in the Adelaide Hills for our Open Day and learn about the amazing work, dogs and services we do!

This is an exciting opportunity for you to get to know our dogs, puppies, our supporting partners, the development of our Medical Alert Program for people with type 1 diabetes, and so much more. There will also be a variety of market stalls, including food and beverage vendors as well as fun activities for the little ones!

Then, not long after that on the 19th of April is National Hearing Dog Day (NHDD)! The day celebrates the role that a Hearing Assistance Dog plays in the life of someone who is deaf and hard of hearing. Celebrate the day by sharing your story with us and on social media – as a recipient, a donor, a reader and supporter, or a friend!

You can also support us with the purchase of our snazzy NHDD shoelaces!

For more information on Open Day, or resources on how to get involved with NHDD, head to our website at <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/events/> or <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/hearingdogday/>.

You can also contact us at info@lionshearingdogs.com.au.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...



Vice District Governor Elect Geoff Turnbull had the pleasure of inducting three new members into the Lions Club of Rochester. Lauren, Sam and Sonia were participants in the Licola Flood Holiday Project and joined Lions as a direct result of their experience there. All three were sponsored by Carmen Moon.



While 17 February 1975 is the official date that the Tocumwal Lions Club was chartered, it wasn't until 22 March 1975 that the club held a charter night and was officially presented with the charter. 170 Lions and partners were in attendance, with representatives from Berrigan, Cobram, Finley, Barooga, Albury, Strathmerton, Yea, Numurkah, Benalla, Mansfield, Katamatite, Emerald, Stanhope, Box Hill, Upper Yarra, Border Albury, and Templestowe Lions Clubs.



"The future is in our hands, and in order to build it, we have to help each other." Congratulations to 2022-23 Lions International #PeacePoster Contest Grand Prize Winner Emma Andreea Paveliuc, 13, sponsored by IASI D Lions Club (Romania)! For over three decades, the Peace Poster Contest has inspired thousands of children around the world. View the 2022-23 Grand Prize and Merit Award winning posters: <https://bit.ly/3J4Nlmp>



Model Jets in action at Wangaratta

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

district 201V6

Celebrating 75 years in Australia 1947 - 2022



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

To: all district clubs,
CC: V6 cabinet members

25/Mar/2023

NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

There is still a vacancy in the Office of Second Vice District Governor for the 2023-2024 year.

Qualified Lions wishing to offer themselves for consideration should notify the Cabinet Secretary in writing no later than Monday 10th April, 2023.

Notification should be accompanied by a letter under the hand of the President or Secretary of the applicant's Club confirming the Club's endorsement of the nominee together with a letter under the hand of the nominee confirming his/her consent to the nomination.

The qualifications required are that the nominee must be:
An active member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District

- a. Endorsed by his/her Club
- b. A Lion who has served or will have served at the time of taking office as an officer of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof
- c. A Lion who has served or will have served at the time of taking office as a member of District Cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof with none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

A Past District Governor is ineligible to be nominated.

An "officer of a Lions Club" means a member of the Board of Directors of that Club who was elected as a Board member. eg "a president, immediate Past president, vice president(s), secretary, treasurer, Lion tamer, tail twister, membership chairperson and all other elected directors.

In accordance with the District Constitution, a Meeting will be convened following the close of nominations, at a date and time to be determined, in order to recommend a qualified Lion for appointment by the International Board of Directors.

Nominees will have the right to attend the Meeting, in company with a Sponsor being a Lion in good standing. Both the nominee and the Sponsor will have the right to address the Meeting in support of the nomination.

Those members entitled to attend and vote will be advised directly by email/phone

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor

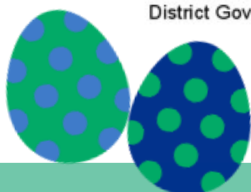
IT & WEBSITE CHAIRPERSON

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.

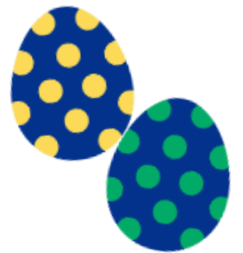
Acquiring in-depth knowledge in dermoscopy will enable volunteers to assess skin lesions with greater accuracy, detect melanomas in the early stages, and avoid unnecessary excisions.



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



V6 NOTICEBOARD



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

**28 April to
1 May 2023**

Register Now -
www.lionsmd201conv.com/



lions australia

Please support the

Lions Club of Yarrawonga

BBQ at K-Hub this Saturday!

During April the Lions are supporting the



Australian Lions

**Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation**



V6 NOTICEBOARD



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.

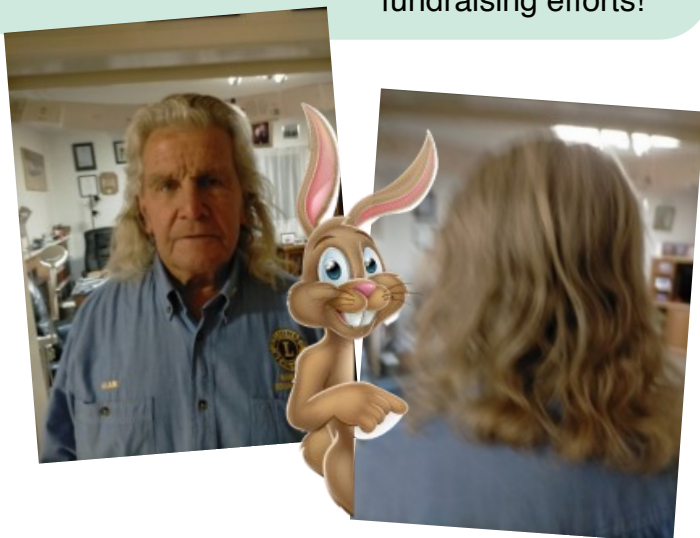
We will look forward to seeing the photos of this happening!

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!



WANTED



**Witness Corowa Lions
Club President's Full Head
& Beard **Shave-Off** to raise
funds for
CANCER RESEARCH**

**Saturday April
8th Memorial
Arcade 11.00am**



Lions Club of Corowa Inc.

Make donations to
the Lions Foundation
BSB 640000
Acct No.111043093

All funds raised go
directly to cancer
research with NO
administration costs



Cobram Lions Market Dates
Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

Dates 2023

April 8th (Easter Saturday)
April 29th

May 27th
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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Newsletter March 2023



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Dear Lions and Leos,

The Board of the Foundation recently met to review operations over the past months and to prepare for the upcoming MD Convention.

The main focus has been in providing support to Clubs through local General Grants and assistance to those individuals and families impacted from the flooding throughout the country. This will be a long term response being provided by the Foundation as we are now 12 months on since the initial flooding in Lismore and still so many families are yet to return to their homes or be in a positions to make a decision on their future. We are very grateful for the incredible support provided by Clubs in the areas affected who have assisted and supplied so many needed items to help those affected.

Since the Board Meeting, the Foundation was approached by Channel 9's A Current Affair to assist the Tadros Family following the tragic Gold Coast Helicopter Crash. A public appeal has been established and to date over \$33,000 has been raised by direct donations. The Lions Club of Paramatta has agreed to be the "go-to" club for the family which is much appreciated. They are already working in the background to assist.

Our Annual General Meeting of the Foundation will be held at the MD Convention at lunchtime on Friday 28th May 2023. All Clubs are welcome to attend. Please complete the registration form forwarded to each Club by the Foundation's Secretary. Every Lions Club that is a member of the Foundation is eligible to have a representative at the AGM and we welcome your attendance. Information will be available under the Member section of our website soon.

As Districts and Clubs start to consider end of year events, please consider the Australian Lions Foundation Awards to be presented to Lions and community members who have supported the Club and their activities. It is a wonderful way to acknowledge their efforts. Donations to our general fund will also ensure that the General Grant program continues and can support the needs of Clubs in assisting the communities in the future.

Tony Benbow OAM
Chairman



It's not too late to enter into our Incentive Program

For Districts who increase their overall support of the Foundation by increasing their general undesignated donations and participation in the awards program, the Foundation will allocate an award to each District based on their percentage increase

in support over the 2021-22 Lions year. This will be determined as at the 30th June 2023 and be available to present at your District Change-Over or another appropriate event to a deserving Lion of your choice.

The incentive levels will apply as follows and will have a two criteria to qualify:

District increase in support by at least 20% - James D Richardson Honour Award

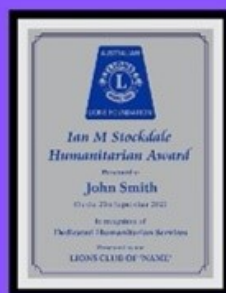
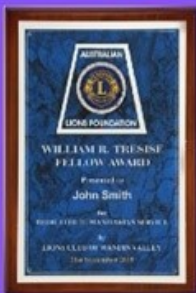
District increase in support by at least 30% - Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award

District increase in support by at least 50% - William R Tresise Award.

Each District must achieve the above percentage increase and the value of that increase must be a minimum of \$5,000.



Reward a Lion or Community Member



Current Award Application forms can be found on our Website www.alf.org.au or contact

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PLEASE ALLOW 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF AWARDS



Grants Approved & Ratified Board of Directors Meeting 18th February 2023

ALF DIRECTORS MEETING-----> MEETING: DIRECTORS MTNG Held 18 FEBRUARY 2023
GENERAL GRANTS REPORT of PDG Ken Hallam for the ALF NEWSLETTER
GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS (New or Carried Over) RATIFIED OR OTHERWISE DEALT WITH AT MEETING -

Grant No	Club	Dist	Project	
<u>GAs Carried Over from Previous Zoom Meeting (17Nov2022)</u>				
2416	Blacktown Ponds	N5	Van for Wheelchair Rugby Australia AIP>FF \$15,000	\$15,000
<u>New GAs lodged since Previous Zoom Meeting (17Nov2022)</u>				
2418	District 201V3	V3	Upgrade Gas Lines & Hot Water Service for Licola Village AIP>FF	\$15,000
2419	Mount Gambier	C2	60thAnnivProj1 - Sleeper Chairs for Boandik Aged Care	\$2,355
2420	Mount Gambier	C2	60thAnnivProj2 - Arena Rake/Roller for Riding With the Disabled	\$2,099
2421	Mount Gambier	C2	60thAnnivProj3 - Mobile Shower Commodes for Mt Gambier Health	\$2,370
2422	Hamilton	V2	MRI Machine for Hamilton Base Hospital AIP>	\$11,000
2423	Seymour Goulburn	V5	New Chainsaw for Seymour SES Unit	\$1,379
2424	Ararat	V2	Liberty Swing for Alexander Gardens Ararat	\$3,391
2425	District 201V5 obo District	V5	Food Delivery Van for Foodbank Victoria AIP>	\$12,500
2426	Sandstone Point	Q3	AED Defibrillator for Lions Camp Duckadang	\$1,247
2427	Berri (obo LCs Berri Barm	C2	Vehicle for RFDS Patient Transfer Facility Renmark Airport AIP>	\$15,000
2428	Taylors Lakes for Greenin	V1-4	Community Garden for Taylors Lakes AIP>	\$12,600
2429	Boyanup	W2	Lions Storage Shed Await Info (vis Allan Cooper email	AwaitInfo
2430	Golden Valley Keperra	Q3	Defibrillator for Kakowan Community Facility	\$726
2431	Townsville Ross Valley	Q2	Lamont Intussusception Reduction Apparatus >Not GA NWG	NWG
2432	Glen Innes	N1	Repair & Upgrade Shelters at Glen Innes Lions Park	\$2,970
2433	Bangalow	Q1	Upgrade to Lions Community Kiosk Await ApplnDocs	AwaitInfo
2434	Flinders District	V3	Sensory Garden for the Mornington Centre AIP>FF	\$15,000
2435	Corrimal	N2	Humidicrib for Wollongong Neonatal Unit	\$14,171
2436	Strathfieldsaye	V1-4	Six Computers for Strathfieldsaye Primary School	\$2,853
2437	Kingborough	T1	Snug Village Sensory Garden 75Yrs Project AIP>	\$15,000

****Total \$ value of GAs Approved/Ratified from last meeting to this Report date \$144,661**

****From Last Mtg to Report Date--> 20 <=New GAs Received (excl. Invalid Applns). Number Approved=: 18**

****This represents 1 GA rec'd every 4.5 days! **Average _GA Approved= \$ 8,037**

****Payment of 8 x AIP General Grants (GAs) was ratified.**

PDG Ken Hallam, General Grants Chairman



Club Projects Supported by ALF



At their local Carols by Candlelight event, the Lions Club of Seymour - Goulburn (V5) presented a chainsaw to their local SES. What a great opportunity to promote Lions to several hundred people attending the event.

Lions Club of Cairns (Q2) secretary Ken took the opportunity to test drive the new Fibroscan Machine, an aid in the detection of Liver Disease. The machine will make treatment more accessible for patients in remote communities such as Torres Strait, Cape York and Northern Area Peninsula.



More Club Projects Supported by ALF



A Defibrillator and Enclosure for the Valla Beach Lions Reserve was proudly donated by the Valla Lions Club with the aid of a General Grant from ALF.



Funds were raised by the Lions Club of Warragul in conjunction with the Australian Lions Foundation for the purchase of a Corpuls CPR Machine for the West Gippsland Hospital during the Hospital's Annual Appeal. The Corpuls machine helps to continue CPR over long periods so that patients have better health outcomes following a cardiac event. This machine will be used in the Emergency Department and can easily be relocated to theatre if or when the need arises.

"This machine is literally a life saver, we are so grateful to the Lions Club for this donation," said Trish O'Kelly, director of Clinical Operations at West Gippsland Hospital.

"The Warragul Lions' contributions over the years have been amazing, on a daily basis I see items with Lions' plaques and stickers some dating back to 2008.

LINKS, CONTACTS, USEFUL INFO....



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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)

EMAIL - v6roar@gmail.com

