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NEW and UPDATED Quick Guide to the Lions Logos - now available for download from the V6 Website Member's area



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

WENDY GIBBONS - Albury
DAVID COLLINS - Barooga
MERRILYN COLLINS - Barooga
DALE FRANKLAND - Benalla
STEVE LARKIN - Kiewa Tangambalanga
TESS BROWN - Lake Mulwala
BRENDAN PENTREATH - Lockington
JULIA BUTLER - Rochester
PAUL BUTLER - Rochester
VINCENT CHILDS PDG - Rochester
LAUREN COGHILL - Rochester
DAVID KEENAN - Rochester
TRACY HAMMOND - Upper Kiewa Valley
MARK MATHIESON - Wangaratta



DG Neil Stuart

I congratulate Julie Ballard from the Lions Club of Katamatite who was endorsed at a special meeting on Sunday May 7th as

our 2nd VDG for 2023/24. Julie who is the first from her club to take on this position will soon begin her training. We wish her all the very best as she begins her journey to become a DG in a few years' time.

On Saturday May 13th I along with eight other Zone chairpersons for 2023/24 attended a Zone Chairpersons training day held at Corowa. The training was very well conducted by 2nd VDG Geoff Turnbull. Our District Publicity Officer Jo Guthrie also delivered an excellent presentation. Thank you to Geoff, Jo, and the Lions Club of Corowa for their great hospitality in hosting the training event.

On Wednesday May 17th I visited the Lions Club of Rutherglen and together with PDG Peter and Margaret Poels enjoyed a great evening. During the meeting Peter inducted a new member Kerry Anstee, and I had the pleasure to speak about 49-year member Ian Stones and in doing so to seek his support and endorsement for a plaque the club had designed to mark their 50th Charter anniversary that will occur in November 2024.

Sunday May 21st was our 4th Cabinet meeting and my last as DG. We welcomed Barham Koondrook 2022/23 Club President Tammy Barker who will take up the role as Zone 1 Chairperson for 2023/24. Thank you to PDG Norm Walkington who was Zone 1 Chairperson this year. PDG Stephen Kazenwadel will be the Zone 8 Chairperson for 2023/24. Thank you to Alison Kazenwadel who was looking after Zone 8. Alison will

continue as Zone 7 Chairperson for the coming year. I also thank John Weinert will be Zone 5 Chairperson for 2023/24.

I look forward to attending Rochester's 54th Changeover to be held on Wednesday evening May 31st. I'll have more to report on their Changeover in the next edition of the Roar.

A reminder that District Club development training will be organised on a region level, and I encourage our Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairpersons to attend.

As Clubs make decisions on their disbursements, I again please ask that you donate to LCIF, ALF and our V6 Foundation. I appreciate that there are many Lions Foundations all worthy of our support.

I again encourage Lions and partners to attend our District changeover dinner to be held at Club Mulwala on Saturday evening July 29th. All club members and partners are very welcome to attend. Please let Cabinet Secretary Clinton Cathro know if you wish to attend.

I'm now in the final month of my term as District Governor and I again thank my fellow Cabinet members, Clubs, and members for their commitment, work, and great support to me personally, to our organisation and to the communities you serve. At the time of writing our District is net -4 in membership after being in a positive position at the start of the month. Let's keep working hard to finish this year positively – "Just ask".

I wish incoming DG John Houghton from the Lions Club of Wangaratta and his Cabinet the very best for 2023/24.



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WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

World Day for Safety & Health at work took place on 28th April, prompts Australian Organisations to consider how they can improve workplace wellbeing, safety and health.

It's also Workers Memorial Drive when we remember the 41 Australian workers who lost their lives while at work in 2022.

Both events remind us that we have a responsibility to prevent illnesses, injuries or fatalities and also to support the positive mental wellbeing of workers, according to Marie Kinsella, CEO of the IEC group - organisers of the Workplace Health and Safety Show (WHSS).

Among the latest in regulatory amendments is the recent launch of the new, 10-year Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy which highlights the psychosocial hazards that are often associated with bullying, harassment or stress.

"Many of the symptoms of mental health condition are "invisible, making them difficult to detect," says Kinsella. "If your organisation has adopted remote or hybrid work, the challenges around managing psychosocial hazards and risks are especially complex".

Psychosocial hazards: the numbers

A TNS Social Research report of the *State of Workplace Mental Health in Australia* found that 6 per cent of all workers' compensation claims may be directly linked to psychological injuries. In addition, mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety cost Australian businesses \$10 billion a year.

Meanwhile, a new Aon survey on Global Wellbeing has found that organisations which prioritise the implementation of integrated wellness programmes see an 11 per—55% per cent improvement in performance.

"A new bill which relates to the treatment of employees in a domestic abuse situation has also recently been introduced, requiring businesses to support these employees and provide them with information about mental health and wellbeing," says Kinsella.

"All the new legislation, including the Australian Work health and Safety Strategy, is a very positive first step towards ensuring not only the wellbeing and support of Australian workers, but also helping to prevent the negative impact of psychosocial hazards on our economy".

Taken from an article by Mignon D'Souza

<https://www.manmonthly.com.au/prioritise-worker-wellbeing-ahead-of-world-day-for-safety-and-health-at-work/>

NEW UPDATED FRUIT FLY INFORMATION

The new Fruit Fly information cards are now available to all Clubs



Contact me by phone or email if you would like some.

I can also supply you with bags and bottles that you can hand out to people/students for that special event or school activity.

The Fruit Fly Promotional trailer is no longer available for our use

John Weinert

201V6 Fruit Fly Chairperson

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TREASURER'S NOTES

Club Treasurers are probably now looking forward to handing over their role to the incoming Treasurer, here is a list of things you may want to consider:

- Ensure the Board or Club minutes show the new signatories for the accounts, the bank will require this to update their records.
- Prepare the end of year financial report.
- Get things ready for any audit that the Board has arranged.
- Make sure all your documentation and records are organised and filed.
- Remind the incoming Treasurer to book in for the Regional training to get up to date.

By the time you read this I should have a factsheet written to explain the ins and outs of audits, I have had a few questions about this and even though it's not exactly black or white, the factsheet should provide some guidance.

I have also had a few questions about a suitable accounting package for Clubs, as the Excel spreadsheet offered by Multiple District may be confusing and it is no longer supported. Excel is also less common now and the online version that comes with the Microsoft email account is a cut down version and does not support a lot of the features on the MD spreadsheet.

I am currently looking at implementing the Zoho accounting package for District and at this stage it looks like it does everything I need. It would be good if this was adopted around the District so we can assist each other in setting it up. The best thing about Zoho is that is free. You can find out more here - <https://www.zoho.com/au/books/>

And once again remember if you need a hand give me a call, I'm here to help.

Ollie Tufvesson

District 201V6 Treasurer
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**Lions ANZI
Pacific Forum
2023**

Otautahi
Christchurch, New
Zealand
8-10 September



Lions, if you are not already doing one of these projects. I suggest you have a look. The names of the District Chairman who can help you can be found in your Multiple District Directory.

Youth of Year, Junior Public Speaking, Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings and Mints, Lions Emergency Medical Information Book Project, Lions Club Project Need for Feed, Lions Alzheimer's Foundation Project, Lions Disaster Relief Project, Zero Waste Warrior Project

and more.

A new project your club will recently have received information on is CaringKids Charity Project go to www.caringkids.org.au for information.

PDG Carol Kennedy
GST

RETENTION – STOP THE END OF YEAR DROPS

As we approach the end of the Lions year it is tempting to tidy up the books and drop members. Let's stop and think about why we are dropping a member.

Non-payment of dues? Have you asked him why he has not paid? Maybe he is having financial difficulties at the moment. Work out a payment plan for him.

Non-attendance? Why is she not attending? Meetings boring? Maybe it's time to make changes. She doesn't feel involved. Give her a job, a project, put her in charge of something that interests her. Maybe work or family commitments prevent her from attending regularly. It is not necessary for a member to attend every meeting and every working bee. Members need only give what time they can.

Members circumstances change and we need to accommodate them. We cannot function without our members. So, keep in touch with absent/non paying members. Maybe they need help or support. Have a discussion with them before you decide to drop them.

So please give serious thought to what you can do to keep members. We are losing too many to death, ageing, health issues and work commitments without overzealous secretaries hitting the drop button for no real reason.

PDG Carol Kennedy
GMT



With the Junior Public Speaking program on the way, I am looking forward to listening to the students and their speeches. After the Benalla Lions Club listened to 15 students last Thursday, there were quite a few laughs, imaginations can “run wild”.

At this stage I have 18 Clubs registered with the closing date being **31st MAY 2023**.

Please remember to forward your members Working with Children Certificate names, certificate numbers and expiry dates to me.

The timeline is:

School competitions to be completed by the end of June,

Club Finals to be completed by the end of July.

Regional Finals in the first 2 weeks of August

District Final is to be held on Sunday 27th August 2023.

District Governor Neil Stuart, District Governor Elect John Houghton and Lion Jo Guthrie and I have been holding zoom meetings with the other V District Governors with the aim of organising a V District Final to be held on Sunday 10th September, 2023. Elders Insurance Wangaratta has kindly offered sponsorship for this to happen and I thank District Governor Elect John Houghton for this. Watch this space with further exciting news about this.

During the Gold Coast Multiple District Convention, I spoke to 24 members from different Lions Clubs, now hopefully I will be able to find some “homes” for the schools who have contacted me and would like to participate in the program.

I also spoke to a lady from Tasmania who is very interested in forwarding the information onto a school in the Philippines. I look forward to hearing from them, it will be fantastic if this happens. Launceston in Tasmania are again running the program with more schools taking part.

Districts W1 and W2 are also commencing a District program with some Clubs already participating.

There are quite a few Clubs in Queensland and New South Wales also participating now.

The program is GROWING.

Lion Margaret Poels

Junior Public Speaking Chairperson

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS, GUIDES, POLICIES & FAQ's

Click the links below to learn more about the National Child Safe Standards and how they relate to your Club.

[Lions Australia Child Safe Policy](#)

[Junior Public Speaking Child Safe Procedure](#)

[Junior Public Speaking - Risk Assessment](#)

[Lions Australia Child Safe Policy– FAQ's](#)

[Child Safe Standards VICTORIA](#)

[Child Safe Standards NEW SOUTH WALES](#)





Hope Lions Club Branch committed to the District Chairmanship for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation for 2023/24.

Promotion – we have been promoting ALCCRF fundraising events in the V6 Roar and over the past 3 months have featured current research that is being done and where funds are making a difference.

Merchandise - we have been advised that Travel Packs have been reduced to \$10 each.

We have Apron's at \$20, Travel Packs at \$10 and Pens at \$5 in stock.

Fundraising – V6 receipts at the end of April 2023.

Club	Biggest BBQ	Coin Line	Donations	Merchandise	Total
Benalla	250.00				250.00
Bright	250.00				250.00
Chiltern				80.00	80.00
Echuca				80.00	80.00
Elmore			710.00		710.00
Hope Branch			4,202.95	247.00	4,449.95
Katamatite	258.00				258.00
Kerang			300.00	60.00	300.00
Lake Mulwala		50.00			50.00
Moyhu	363.35				363.35
V6 Recycle		19,455.80			19,455.80
V6 Total	\$1,121.35	\$19,505.80	\$ 5,212.95	\$327.00	\$26,307.10

Elmore Recycle – 5 collections have been made and 4 of those are included in the above list for V6. Hope Lions now collect every 5 weeks, they are stored at Hastie's and collected by ALCCRF Trustee Paul Shortis, and delivered to Corowa Recycle depot.

The ALCCRF Banner has been raised at **Yarrawonga** during the month of April while Yarra Lions have raised funds for ALCCRF.

Thanks to all clubs who have raised funds for ALCCRF to date.

**\$26, 307.10
DONATED BY
V6 LIONS!**



\$12 Million donated

Supporting Childhood Cancer Research in Australia with worldwide benefits



16 Major research projects

Funded since the foundation began



10 YEAR MONARCH FOR THURGOONA LIONS

A valued member of the Thurgoona Lions recently received her award for being a Lion now for 10 years. She is Chrissy Sullivan, an Aged Care Nurse at a Wodonga Nursing Home.

Due to her demanding job and long hours, Chrissy rarely makes it to the Club's Dinner or Business Meetings. However, she makes up for this in the amount of voluntary work she carries out with the Thurgoona Lions. As she is so well known in the Albury area through her current and previous work experiences, she becomes a real attraction when she works on our regular sausage sizzle projects. We make sure she is on the front table in a very visible location and Chrissy then uses her considerable inter-personal skills to invite conversation and then of course, convince them that they just **MUST** purchase a sausage and drink, which they inevitably do. Chrissy is also a regular raffle ticket seller at our local Golf Club and once again is so recognisable by so many that the ticket sales usually increase when she is on shift.

Chrissy epitomises all that is in Lionism and ably demonstrates what can be achieved as a Lion without needing to attend any meetings. She is also a popular member within our Club and a joy to work with. We hope Chrissy continues to enjoy our Club for at least another 10 years.

ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Lions Club of Thurgoona & District has been financially supporting for some years now, certain underprivileged children at the local Public School to ensure they do not miss out on the many external activities in which the school encourages their students to become involved.

With many local parents struggling to make end meet, often it is the child who either cannot get the appropriate uniform or cannot afford to go to school outings that are considered beneficial to the development of the child. A special account has been set up at the school to act as a financial pool to draw on under the Principal's and Financial Officer's control following an assessment of the parent's needs. The identity of the recipients of this support is kept private and only a few at the school are aware of just who gets this assistance. Each year, the school provides an overall report to the Lions Club on how the account has been used.

This has been a very popular item for Club disbursements and has this year been increased to \$3000 to allow for the recent rise in the cost-of-living expenses.



LIONS OUT AND ABOUT IN NATHALIA

Nathalia & District Lions Club have been pretty busy over the past few months. With our new (reasonably) BBQ trailer, we have been out and about in the community. We have done numerous Local Flood Recovery Days in the district and cooked up a storm for a local family who held a clearing sale. Next on the calendar was the Nathalia Easter Market where funds raised were donated to Childhood Cancer Research.

Not long after Easter, we were asked to bring our wonder BBQ along to Barmah, where the Moira Shire put on a Family Fun Day. This event was put on to support the local community which had been affected by the recent floods. It was a great day with lots to do for the kids and of course great snags & burgers to enjoy!



ANZAC Day had us, once again, cooking up bacon and eggs at the Dawn Service. We set up in a local mechanic's workshop and serve yummy food to the community who come along to the service. Approximately 160 bacon & eggs sangas were handed out for the morning.

We also have been active on the Waaia Football Netball Gates for home games this year. Recently Waaia played at home to Katunga. Generally, we run a raffle, but this time we assisted in selling tickets for a raffle where proceeds raised went to Australian Breast Cancer Network and Peter Copulous Cancer Centre. There was a sea of pink around the grounds with fantastic weather and the day ended with over \$2000 raised for the cause.

We also have recently purchased some flags which have been awesome to pop up at any place that we may be in the community. With these and a new board, we should be noticed from far and beyond!



HOPE LIONS CLUB BRANCH TREE PROJECT

From December 2022 – May 2023 Hope Lions have successfully grown about 1,147 tubes (25 boxes), of healthy seedlings for TreeProject Victoria.

Some species have done better than others and a very bad hail storm earlier this year did some major damage to a couple of boxes, overall, not a very good growing season.

All 1,147 seedlings will be planted on a property at Eppalock Victoria. (25 boxes) They have been grown by 11 different growers in Cohuna, Gunbower, Shepparton and Kyvalley.



We also coordinated another 6 growers during the season. Those growers were at Nagambie, Sunbury, Diggers Rest, Inglewood, Strathfieldsaye and Northcote.

The seedlings from these 6 growers were grown for Landholders including Congupna Bushland Reserve and properties at Neilborough, Heathcote and Korong Vale.

For this season TreeProject Victoria have coordinated 134, 736 seedlings/tubes with 77 Landholders. There were 361 growers, growing 189 different species in 401 Kits (2807 boxes).



ECHUCA LIONS DONATE TO CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH

Graeme Birch, our golf day coordinator, handing over \$15,000 to Teresa Coulson for cystic fibrosis research



Lion Ken Hastie (Hope Lions), collecting seedlings from Lion Jeanette Cowan (Gunbower Lions).

LOCKHART LIONS SWING INTO ACTION

A new style of swing has been installed at the playground in the Walter Day Park, thanks to the Lockhart Lions Club. A Lions Club member went to Barham, NSW and saw the tango swing in a park in the town. She enjoyed using it with her grandson and brought the idea back to the Club. The members eagerly went ahead with the project, with the help and support of the Lockhart Shire Council.

The Tango face-to-face swing seat is a unique design promoting interaction and communication between generations during play, allowing an adult (or older child) to swing face-to-face with the toddler. This enhances positive interaction whilst, of course, having fun.



Healthy seedlings ready for planting at Eppalock.



20 YR CHEVRON FOR LOCKHART LION

Lockhart Lions recently had the pleasure of the company of Zone Chairman Julie Colley, who presented Lion Dulcie McKenzie with her 20 Year Chevron.



Pictured - Dulcie, Julie, Secretary Lyn Hamson and President Bill Hamson

BENALLA LIONS COOK UP A SNAG OR TWO

Benalla Lions Club catered for Benalla Waminda Neighbourhood House on the 20th April 2023. Our Club was requested to cook 100 sausages with onions from 11.00 am till 1.00 pm, as they were holding a "public housing renter engagement" and the Barbeque was to provide food for those attending.

The Waminda staff suggested that they will be conducting several other events in Benalla in April and May to announce the release of the "Benalla West draft master plan" for new social and affordable housing. This was not a big job, but it showed the Benalla Community that the Lions Club is ready to help where required.



The photo shows from left to right Lions Dan Brown, Margaret Poels, Denise Brown, Chris Vaughan and Lions Lady Helen Vaughan.

MOVIE RAISES OVER \$1000 FOR DIABETES

Nearly 50 people attended Lions Club of Lake Mulwala's movie/fundraiser and lunch at the Yarrowonga Golf Club cinema on Thursday 27 April. The movie screened was LIVING starring Bill Nighy who has been nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role. It is set in post WWII London, is beautifully filmed and very poignant. The Golf Club very generously donated the cost of the cinema hire which meant that \$1041 will be donated to Australian Lions Diabetes Awareness Foundation which is the particular cause Lake Mulwala has adopted for the year. A very successful day and way to raise money.



HENTY HAPPENINGS

On a beautiful autumn day in April the Henty Lions Club along with the Lifestyle Centre Committee ran a very successful Bunnings BBQ in Wagga Wagga. There were 17 volunteers from the two organisations manning the bbq on the day and the funds raised will be used to improve the Lifestyle Centre and for ongoing Lions projects.

On ANZAC DAY the Lions Club members served morning tea to the veterans and members of the public who attended the March and the service of remembrance. The morning tea was a simple affair with tea, coffee and Anzac biscuits that was enjoyed by all allowing for a time of fellowship.

At a recent dinner meeting our guest speaker was Narelle Morey, manager of IGA. Narelle spoke about her recent holiday in Japan. She shared some of statistics and highlights and her talk was illustrated by some beautiful photos. She noted she felt safe everywhere, the country was clean and bullet trains were very punctual. Narelle visited a popular site where Bonsai trees were displayed,

some may be 1,200 years old. A visit to Hiroshima evoked mixed emotions! Altogether, a fascinating insight into modern day Japan and her people.

In Lions Club is currently working with local primary schools to run the Junior Public Speaking Competition. It is hoped to hold the finals in late June or July. Future projects include a wood raffle and a bbq in Sladen Street as part of the World's Largest BBQ which raises money for Childhood Cancer Research.

DRIVER REVIVER ACKNOWLEDGES VOLUNTEERS

Recently East Loddon along with Cohuna & Pyramid Hill celebrated volunteer week and also some special recognition from Driver Reviver for all volunteers, but especially to long serving volunteers who have been serving cuppas to travellers over the years. Lions Allan (from East Loddon) and Bill (from Pyramid Hill) were awarded a special medallion acknowledging their many year of dedication to Driver Reviver—over 30 years for each of them! Other members were presented with a small pin as a token of appreciation for their work this year.

East Loddon, who holds their driver reviver on the Loddon Valley Highway at Bears Lagoon, is one of 2 left on the highway - the other one is Kerang.



BEECHWORTH DISPERSE FUNDS

2023/24 Disbursements - After much discussion it has been decided that the following is the list of Beechworth Lion Clubs 2024 Disbursements:

- \$500 Trek-4-Kids
- \$500 201V6 Lions Foundation
- \$200 Angel Cropley – Disable Sleeping Mat

\$100 Soldier On (distributed) –
Sponsoring President Lions John
\$100 Lions Eye Health (distributed)

BEECHWORTH FAREWELL LION DARIS

Our Lions Member Daris is transferring to Paynesville Lions Club. Daris joined Beechworth Lions Club on 1st February 2002, and was a very active and valuable Beechworth Lions Club member. Due to ill health he moved to Paynesville but remained a Beechworth Lions Club member. In 2022 Lions year Beechworth Lions Club awarded Daris his 20 year Monarch Certificate and Service Pin. Daris decided to transfer to Paynesville Lions Club on 19th May 2023 which is Beechworth Lions Club loss and Paynesville's gain, and he will be sorely missed by all members of Beechworth Lions Club.

Daris was a planning professional that worked across private and public sectors for over 30 years. Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at the beginning of 2019 he retired from planning and consulting. He is now focusing his time and energy on increasing the awareness of Parkinson's disease, developing relationships to support the Parkinson's community in the East Gippsland region and maintaining a sense of humor. (Daris's own words)



Daris: 3rd left Back Row - Australia Day 2018

COMBINE CHANGEOVER DINNER

Lions Club of Beechworth Inc. will be hosting the combined Changeover Dinner on Saturday 1st July at the Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall, Ford Street Beechworth, along with Lions Clubs of Wodonga, Yackandandah, and Kiewa/Tangambalanga

BEECHWORTH LIONS CLUB MAJOR PROJECT - GANG PLATE LAYERS COTTAGE

We now have a paved driveway at the Gang Plate Layers Cottage. Thank you Lion Christine for sourcing the contractor, and thank you Indigo Shire for arranging the work to be completed. Great connection to the disable ramp. One more step towards completion. One more step towards completion.



Thank you Beechworth Correctional Centre, its Work Gang has commenced the painting on the interior of the Gang Plate Layers Cottage. George (the builder) and his apprentice have volunteered their time to help with the preparation work.



BENALLA LAKESIDE CRAFT AND FARMERS MARKET

Held on the 27th May 2023. At this Market our Club Conducted a "New Members Information Site", as well as running a wood raffle. The wood raffle was very successful even though Chairman of the wood raffle Loch Lidgerwood had the price of tickets changed on the "A Frame" from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per ticket, and this was the first time the price increase has ever been made. The result of our wood raffle is usually between \$200.00 and \$300.00, however the result this time was \$542.00 although the attendance at the Market was not as good as usual. The draw for the wood raffle is held at the completion of the Market, and then Lion Loch delivers it to the winner. This was a fantastic result.

Unfortunately, the result of our endeavour to attract New Members was not what we hoped, as only two people made enquiries about Our Benalla Lions Club, however one person that has previously been to two of our Lions Clubs Dinner meetings (by invitation) with a desire to become a Lions Club Member helped us with selling our raffle tickets, so we will hopefully be inducting him at our Changeover Dinner.

Membership Chairman Peter Poels.



JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING STARTS IN BENALLA

Benalla Lions Clubs first attendance at a School for the Junior Public Speaking Competition, on the 25th May for 2023. Our Benalla Lions Club attended the St Josephs Primary School to "Judge" the students that had been selected by their teachers from their respective class of students, as all the classes take part in preparing their speeches.

The first students to be judged were the year 3 & 4, where six students presented their speeches in front of their fellow students, and some parents of both classes, and their topic was:- “Oh no - you’ve turned into a Giant!” One morning you wake up and something has happened, and now you are a giant, just like the BFG in Roald Dahl’s book or the giant in Jack & the Beanstalk! How did this happen? What’s it like being a Giant? What do you do while you are a giant? Do you stay that way? Tell us your story of being a giant.

As usual their imagination and presentations were fantastic from all of the six students that presented their speeches, which did not make it easy for the judges. The winner was Jack Crook and the runner-up was Aillah Wakley.

In the Year 5 & 6, nine students presented their speeches, and their topic was:- Strange World records set in History – there are many world records held for many things – some strange and wonderful records over the course of history. Choose one and tell us about it. (A world record is usually the best global and most important performance that is ever recorded and officially verified in a specific skill, sport, or other kind of activity, held by someone).



Once again, their speeches were well “thought through” and presented to their audience. The winner in this section was Lola Crook, and the runner-up was Pauneet Kaur. The winners of both sections will now compete in the Club Final, after the other school students have been judged.

Peter Poels Benalla Lions Club Member

THE ADVENTURES OF COHUNA LEOS

In February the V Districts Leo Summit was held in Shepparton with over 70 Leos, Lions and friends attending. One group of Leos travelled from Nhill to attend the Summit, a distance of over 370

kilometres, a big effort for a small group. They raised the funds by working at the Lions markets, holding cake stalls etc. Members of the Cohuna & District Leo club who attended the Summit, became friendly with the Nhill Leos and saying they would visit.

The Nhill Leos decided that they had such a great time at the Summit, they would like to host the 2024 V Districts Leo Summit!! As the V Districts Leo Coordinator, I needed to visit them to see where and how they would host the Summit.

A visit was arranged and 3 Cohuna Leos were to travel with me and Leo Advisor Faye on the weekend of the 20th & 21st May. Unfortunately, 2 were unable to travel but the trip went ahead accommodation was booked, Cohuna Leo President Sharon joined Faye and I for the trip.

On arrival in Nhill were booked into our cabin at the caravan park and were soon greeted by Mandy, one of the Nhill Leo Advisors who took us to see their Den and meet the rest of the team. They have great facilities in the Lions Club complex.

One place on my bucket list was to visit the ‘Australian Pin Ball Museum’ which is located in Nhill, what an amazing place, memories from my childhood came flooding back, unfortunately my skills did not!!

In order to see where the Nhill Leos thought they might hold the 2024 Leo Summit we needed to travel out to the “Little Desert Lodge” around 15 kilometres out of town into a picturesque bush setting. The Lodge itself is a combination of bunk rooms and motel style rooms, great dining room and kitchen facilities, along with a ‘bush kitchen’ and BBQ area. Lots of discussion about how to make it work, then back to town.

We were invited to join the Lions members for tea, they were hosting members from the Naracoorte Lions Club in South Australia for the weekend, who had spent the day visiting the sights of Nhill. This was a wonderful, warm, welcoming group of Lions enjoying great fellowship. We were privileged to join them.

While we enjoyed the fellowship of the Lions, Sharon enjoyed the company of the Nhill Leos and helped out decorating cupcakes that they had cooked the night before and would be sold at the Lions Market on Sunday morning, along with lollies and raffles.

We all rocked up on Sunday morning ready to help anyway we could, but breakfast first, Bacon & Egg rolls were the go at the Lions BBQ. Sharon was

put to work on the Leo stand selling cupcakes and raffle tickets. Faye and I enjoyed a stroll around the market, it was small but with lots of great stalls, we did bring back a few goodies!

This was a very productive visit, new friends were made, who knows, we may visit Naracoorte when they open their Leo club?? We will visit Nhill again, next time with all our Leos or they may come to visit us. Interclub visitation is such a great opportunity to share ideas, meet new people and see how other clubs work in their communities.

Lee Walkington
Cohuna Leo Advisor & V District Leo Coordinator.



Sharon with Nhill Leo Olivia at the Pinball Museum



Leo President Sharon at the town sign as we arrive in Nhill, cold and windy!!



Leo Liam at the Leo Market Table

The raffle was in memory of their club first President who had been killed in a car accident 2 years ago.

All proceeds are in support of a small child who had been transferred to the Royal Childrens' for treatment for Cancer.



Friendships made, Sharon with Nhill Leo President Amelia and Leo Olivia in their club rooms.



Gifts presented to Sharon during the Dinner Meeting.

LIONS INAUGURAL WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

The Lions Club of Yarrawonga and the Lions Club of Lake Mulwala joined forces to host the inaugural walk for diabetes awareness at the Yarrawonga Showgrounds on Saturday 20th May. Support for this event from local businesses and professionals was fantastic and very much appreciated.

The weather behaved itself providing cloud cover for the 70 walkers, plus 2 dogs. A total of 280 km was walked which equates to approximately 459 laps of the oval.

There was a "Pit Stop" provided halfway around the oval where snacks, fresh fruit and bottled water were handed out. At the final "Pit Stop" which was held at the Yarrawonga Lions Wool Pavilion a selection of diabetic friendly food was cooked – chilli con carne and wholemeal pancakes which were given to walkers. All produce and snacks were generously donated by Woolworths and Midland Fresh and was included in the \$10 registration fee.

Advice was given free of charge and our thanks go to Janet Lagstrom – Credentialed Diabetes Educator, Liza Black Accredited Practising Dietitian at Yarrawonga Health, Sandra Heaney and Andrew Banks – optometrists, Robyn Harrison Lions District Diabetes Chairperson. Posters with QR codes were placed on the fence which when scanned with your phone took you to a website that had relevant diabetes information.

A pizza oven was donated by Bunnings with the winner being the President of Finley Lions Chris Horne – who would have thought. All funds raised from the registration and sale of raffle tickets will go towards prevention, awareness, and research in the fight against diabetes with money being forwarded to Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation. Without volunteers and sponsors these events could not happen - so a very big thankyou to everyone involved in this event.



And away we go



Lions from Yarrawonga and Lake Mulwala Clubs



Time to rest – all done.



Team Mens Shed register, who registered and donated.



Team SES who walked 15 laps



Robyn
District
Chairperson

Harrison
Diabetes



Tim from Bunnings and Lion Chris Horne



Friend of Lions Dave, Lions Deb and Ollie cooking up a storm

06/23

MALOGA HOUSE WORKING BEE – NATHALIA LIONS CLUB

Nathalia Lions Club members held a working bee on the 13/05/2023 to build vegetable gardens for residents at Maloga House in Nathalia.

Maloga is a 12 room medium term transitional accommodation for women aged 55 years (45 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) and above who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The facility is run by The Salvation Army and gives women time and opportunity to address barriers to securing long-term housing and other personal circumstances whilst they are supported by case managers and the Nathalia Community House.

The vegetable garden will among other programs and projects give the women the opportunity to be engaged in hands on activities and also produce vegetables for their own use than buying from the shops.

The Lions Club will continue to assist in other projects to improve the grounds at Nathalia.

If there is any woman you know who might benefit from this facility, please call 5820 8000.



TUNGAMAH LIONS CLUB

Another very exciting month with the usual Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Footy Gates and helping those in need. These bring in much needed funds for the club to use in their projects and to help those in need. We have now fully expended our grant from the V6 Foundation to assist a young mum and two kids who were flooded out and are now moving back into their home. Amazingly, this young woman, after being



flooded out, returned to Tungamah to help volunteers with sandbagging.

During the first meeting in May, we celebrated the 21st birthday of McKayla Peterson who is coming in as our new secretary. It was a great night with Robyn making a beautiful cake to celebrate the occasion. Her partner, Aydan Stark-Beswick will soon celebrate his 21st birthday and he is eyeing off the treasurer's job next year. He is being trained by Lion Les in the requirements. This young couple are also "expecting" later in the year.

By the way, PDG Les and Robyn Harrison recently became grandparents again, when Ollie James was born to Tanya and James who hail from Numurkah.

Club members will be assisting the Leos with the unveiling ceremony for the fountain in the creek on Sunday, 11th June. It's been a long process, but we are very proud that it is finally happening.

Our club's changeover will be held on Wednesday, 28th June at the Tungamah Hotel. PDG Peter Poels will be the installing officer on the evening as we celebrate a wonderful year under Michael Barry and of course, to welcome in Neville Barber for the third time. Well done to Michael, and good luck to Neville.

We can always do with new members, so please don't be afraid to contact Lisa Peachey or Les Harrison from our Membership Committee if you would like to help other people as well as our wonderful community.

Lesley Smith had a great idea of giving mum around the town a special chrysanthemum for Mother Day. These went very, very quickly. We all love and value our mums, so it was great gesture.

I think that's about all for this month folks. Catch up in four short weeks' time I guess.



ROARER

LEOS PREPARING FOR A BIG CELEBRATION

Tungamah Leos are putting the finishing touches to their biggest celebration for the year, with the unveiling of the fountain in the creek. This has been about three years in the making as we have had to raise substantial funding, plus talking to the Moira Shire, First Peoples and also Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority. All these groups were more than ready to cooperate and waived ALL costly fees. Roe and Cook Plumbing installed the fountain in the creek, a concept based on the prototype made by Rob Shanahan of the Cohuna Lions.

We have done barbecues at the Footy Club, washed cars and held fishing competitions to try to raise the \$6000+ in expenses. At the right time, we were granted a large sum of money from the Moira Shire to make sure it all happened. Many thanks too, to Neil Lonie, Neil Greaves and Brendan Lawrence for the granite rock to hold the plaques.

The day will feature mini golf, with thanks to Bunnings, free bbq and snow cones and fairy floss. Feel free to fish in the creek and have a game of tennis.

In the next few weeks we will have a recruitment drive to gain more members.

Good to see clubs in the district are making really positive steps to gain some Leos.

All the community are welcome to the unveiling with a free bbq. Lunch is at noon with the opening happening at 1 p.m.

LITTLE ROARER

LIONS CLUB OF PARK ORCHARDS RAISES \$11,000 FOR LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Before losing his fight to cancer, the late Graham (Andy) Mergetts donated his classic Suzuki 380GT to the Lions Club of Park Orchards where he was an active member to finish off his restoration unfortunately, Andy didn't survive to see the finished product.

With the help of club members especially Lion Stephen Scott an auction was organised with Burns & Co Auctioneers in Bayswater

Around \$11,000 was raised with the auction being won by a member of the Lions Club of Cowra.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...

I would like to thank Ashley Burns from Burns & Co for there assistance in auctioning the bike and donating all proceeds including commission and buyer's premium to ALCCRF

Paul Shortis
V Trustee
ALCCRF



Our Stories: Meet the inspiring 10-year-old that stole our hearts at our National Convention, and other highlights including the future leaders from our Youth and Leo of the Year programs and the winner of the Top Club Service Project 2023 -

MORE MD CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...



Supported by the [Hahndorf Lions](#) is Betty's next puppy "Coda". The word coda has lots of different meanings that are an appropriate name for a pup in training. In Italian it means "tail" and it is also an acronym meaning "child of deaf adult".



Zone chair workshop which was very well attended, and packed with interesting new information and activities. By all accounts it was a very worthwhile day with lots learned, and above all it was FUN! More days to follow!



Our most recent Hearing Assistance Dog Placement was ALHD "Jane". She made the big trip on the plane to her new recipient a few weeks ago. Jane is a little pocket rocket and although small in stature took everything in her stride. Jane is a Tenterfield Terrier from Gumhaven Kennels. She has been settling in well over the last few weeks and working with the local Lions Club to let her recipient know when sounds are occurring in the home plus accompanying her recipient in the local community.



Moyhu Lions - Tonight we had the pleasure of Myrtleford Lions Club joining us for our casserole night Dinner meeting.



Lions Club of Wangaratta welcomed our newest member, Mark Mathieson, inducted by District Governor Elect John Houghton (R) and sponsored by President Mick Everard (L). Welcome Mark



Did you see our Executive Officer Rob on Channel 10 talking about Lions?? Check it out here - <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsVS8-VAKuX/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>



Lockington Lions Club - Swap Meet, Show 'n Shine & Market

V6 NOTICEBOARD



Strathmerton Lions Club



District 201V6 Lions & Partners are invited to attend the

Strathmerton Lions Club

50th Anniversary & Changeover Dinner

Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah
Saturday 3rd June
6pm for 6.30pm start

Entertainment by

Rodney Vincent

Cost is \$40 per head
RSVP 27th May - Sara 0420 905 009



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V6 NOTICEBOARD



CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAYS

These were once known as Incoming Officers' Schools and have been changed to properly reflect what they are intended to be. They are open to all members of your club, not just presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs.

This year we are calling on the expertise of zonies, experienced presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs to deliver the message in a relaxed setting. We are making it easy for you to get to the training to ensure your club is successful and thrives. So much has changed over the past twelve months and you need to be aware of it all.

The first training day takes place for Zones 5 and 6 at Tocumwal on Sunday, 4th November. 9.30 for 10 a.m. start and concludes in time for a light lunch and off home. Cost is \$10 and please claim it back from your club's admin account. This has been our usual practice over many years. If you cannot attend your Zone's training, feel free to fit in with another zone.

Norm and Lee are organizing one for 18th June, Alison for the 17th June, Paul Shortis on a date to be confirmed and Les Harrison and Paul are going to Corryong on 2nd July for Corryong and Walwa Jingellic. Confused? So am I, but it is going to work.

The Zonie workshop was the best attended for years and was very well put together and delivered by Geoff Turnbull. This is the sort of involvement we need.

Help save our district. Membership has turned around and we need to really build on that.

PDG Les Harrison
Leadership Development

Zones 5 & 6

at Tocumwal on Sunday, 4th June.

9.30am for 10 a.m. start and concludes in time for a light lunch and off home.

Cost is \$10 and please claim it back from your club's admin account.

Zones 9 & 10

At Wodonga Lions Shed on 11th June

10am for 10.30 start and will conclude with a light lunch.

RSVP Paul Shortis - 0407 854 829

Zones 1 & 2

At Cohuna on 18th June

9am for 9.30am start and will conclude with a light lunch.

RSVP 12/6 Norm Walkington 0427 563 470

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

DIGITAL MEDIA HELPERS WANTED!

**GOT A KNACK FOR WEB DESIGN / MAINTENANCE?
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WILLIAM R. TRESISE AWARD

This award, named after the Founder of Lions in Australia. As a National President of Apex in 1946, Bill had unsuccessfully proposed the establishment of the Past Apexian Association, but being a determined fellow, he decided to establish one of the American Service Clubs in Australia. Whilst in the USA in 1947 to attend the World Conference of Young Men's Service Clubs, to which Apex was affiliated, he met first of all with the Executive Officers of the Kiwanis Association, then later with Past President Fred Smith and Melvin Jones of Lions Clubs International.

From them he gained a contract to establish Lions Clubs in Australia. With the title of the Provisional District Governor, and financial support, he returned to Australia and formed the Lions Club of Lismore on July 12th, 1947.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



IAN M. STOCKDALE AWARD

This award is named after Past International Director Ian Stockdale – a most popular and respected member of the Lions organisation.. He was a true Christian gentleman who devoted his life to ensuring a bright future for others. Ian was co-founder of the Lions Licola Village

In 1941 Ian enlisted and served in New Guinea with the AIF and spent months in the Repatriation Hospital before returning to the real estate business. Ian served as District Governor of District 201 M in 1969 – 70, as International Director from 1976 to 78, and was awarded one of the Association's highest awards, The Ambassador of Goodwill. In 1979, he was awarded the MBE.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



J. D. RICHARDSON AWARD

This Award is named after James D Richardson, who in 1958 was the first Australian to serve as a Director on the International Board of Directors.

Jim Richardson was one of the most beloved and respected members of Lions in the formative years of the Association in Australia. Jim was second District Governor to be elected in Australia in 1956 - 57 and the first Australian to serve as a Director on the International Board of Directors in 1958. He was recognised internationally for his magnificent oratory which held people spellbound at conventions and gathering of Lions. The growth of new clubs during his year as District Governor, fifty-two, was never approached again by any District Governor.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award has been introduced by the Directors, following many calls and enquiries from Clubs who wanted to acknowledge members of the community or organisations that have supported their club or have done activities in their area worthy of recognition.

The Award is designed to be presented to Non-Lions or organisations by Clubs.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

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

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