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NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023
VOLUNTEER
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING?

Thank your volunteers this National Volunteer Week by sending a free **e-card Certificate of Appreciation or Thank You card** directly to your volunteer's email.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

In response to feedback from last year, we are trying to take the training to the different Zones so there will not be as much travelling. It does mean a bit of work for the zonies, but we need to get more clubs involved. Please join with the neighbouring Zone to present the training. In other words, it would be on a regional basis. We would like Zonies to identify a president, secretary, treasurer who could assist clubs understand what is required from your club. We would have a GAT person attend your day, or a guiding lion. VDG2 Geoff Turnbull is revising the booklets to be given to the clubs for reference. Part of your day would be a forum on membership.

There is no reason why these days cannot be held outside weekends either. Maybe they could take the place of zone meetings. It is a good chance for incoming zonies to work with new zonies in running these days.

I want to avoid school holiday times as well. There is no urgency as we have until late June to complete training. Most clubs have only just finalized their boards for 2023-2024. I had hoped the Zonie training could have been done before this, but that will not be held until Saturday, 13th May.

If you have any queries, please telephone PDG Les Harrison on 0417 301 797.

PDG LES HARRISON
 LEADERSHIP



DG Neil Stuart

I had the great pleasure on Saturday evening April 1st of attending the Victorian State Final of the Youth of the Year program. The

State final was hosted by the Lions Club of Wangaratta. We were present for the public speaking part of the program (impromptu questions and prepared speeches).

The public speaking winner was Noah Cameron representing District V5 and the overall winner was Sienna Gladstone representing District V2. Sienna will represent Victoria at the National Final. Congratulations to our V6 representative Arielle Dolan sponsored by the Lions Club of Lockington. Arielle's speech topic was "Togetherness - a reflection on the State lockdowns during Covid-19 and recent disasters, and the importance of feeling together." Congratulations to all the five State finalists for their excellent presentations.

Congratulations and thanks to Wangaratta Club President Michael Everard, PDG Stephen Kazenwadel, our District Chair Mark Nordbye and the Wangaratta Club members and partners for a very successful and well organised final.

On Wednesday 12th 1st VDG John Houghton and I visited the Lions Club of Upper Kiewa Valley. ZC Alison and PDG Stephen Kazenwadel also attended. We enjoyed a great night of fun and fellowship, and I had the great pleasure of inducting Tracy Hammond sponsored by John Walton.

The following week I visited the Lavington Club where I enjoyed a great night with members and their partners and had the great pleasure of presenting four Chris August Awards to Lions Phyl McCormack, Malcolm Scott, and Mick Schneider; and Anthony Nicholson (Mandala Project.) I also had the pleasure of presenting a key award to Margariete Harding.

I congratulate and thank club officers who will be taking on positions in 2023/24 and strongly encourage incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership chairpersons to attend district club development training. In response to feedback from last year, GLT chairperson PDG Les Harrison is planning to take the training to the different Zones so there will not be as much travelling as in previous years.

On all the District Governor team club visits and on several occasions in my reports, I have asked clubs to donate to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). One of our District goals was to see at least 44%, that is 24 clubs, donate by the end of June 30th. Currently we are only halfway there to achieve this goal both in the number of clubs and our District's expectation of \$33,000. I have also mentioned that individuals can make a fully tax-deductible donation to LCIF Australia. I also suggest that clubs allocate some of their disbursements to the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) and our V6 Foundation. LCIF, ALF and the V6 Foundation support those in need. Our Foundations have assisted and continue to help those impacted by the floods of last October.

From April 24th until May 1st, I attended the Council of Governors meeting followed by the Multiple District Convention held on the Gold Coast. Early Tuesday morning 41 Lions and partners attended the Southport Anzac Day dawn service. On Wednesday evening we

attended a mayoral reception, on the Thursday evening at the traditional Council Chairperson's dinner, I had the great pleasure of introducing our DGE John Houghton, and on Friday night attended the V Districts dinner.

The Multiple District (MD) Convention began on Friday the 28th. The highlights, of which there were many, included the flag ceremony, a performance from Australian soprano Mirusia Louwerse that also included a dance with our CBL Chairman PCC David Skinner, inspirational and passionate keynote addresses from 3rd International Vice President A.P. Singh, Jimmy Pham ("The Power of One"), Julie Cross ("The Power of Passion") and professor Mark von Itzstein (The Children's Sarcoma Research Project), addresses from International Director Tim Irvine and Council Chair MD 307 Felix Hady Marthadiantara, the Leo of the Year National Final, MD presentations and acknowledgements, presentations from our Foundations and projects, the Youth of the Year National Final (Sienna Gladstone from V2 won the Public Speaking Award), Lions service – disaster relief and recovery, and the Council handover ceremony. On Sunday the memorial service was a "Celebration of Service" to remember, acknowledge and thank our Lions and partners from across our V6 district and MD.

I congratulate and thank the following: PDG David Lowing from the Lions Club of Benalla was inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame. The Cohuna Leo Club was presented with the PDG Brian McGrath best humanitarian project by a Leo Alpha Club. This was presented to Lee Walkington. Lions Club of Benalla member PDG Peter Poels was presented with the International President's Award in recognition of his very successful year as our District LCIF chairperson for 2021/22.

The next MD Convention next year will be held in Darwin, and I encourage our Lions members and partners to put this in your diary. These conventions are great in not only learning more about our many fantastic projects but to enjoy the fun and fellowship.

At the Gold Coast Convention, Lions Hearing Dogs CEO David Horne spoke about a new project – Lions Diabetic Alert Dogs. This has been developed to help Australians with diabetes. The first diabetic dog was delivered late last year to a Type 1 diabetes sufferer in South Australia. To support this excellent project, I'd like to suggest to clubs that they donate by purchasing Australian Lions Hearing Dogs calendars for each of their club members.

I would like to 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 two months of my term as District Governor. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and particularly in meeting many of our Lions members across our District and to learn more of the great projects that our clubs are undertaking. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. I want to acknowledge the work that clubs are doing in building our membership base as we are net positive. However, let's not rest on our laurels - let's keep up the momentum. "Just ask."



HAIRCUT & SHAVE FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS CANCER RESEARCH RAISED OVER \$7,000!

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

Michael Metcalf, one of the other members of the Caravan Club grew his beard and it, and the hair came off at the Gold Coast Convention.

What an amazing transformation Alan - even our DG Neil didn't recognize him.



...from this

to this...



MD CONVENTION



LEOs helping with the flag ceremony



PCC David Skinner with Australian soprano Mirusia Louwerse in an impromptu dance.



Some of the V6 cohort at the MD Convention



V district LEO of the Year entrant



Public Speaking Winner - Luke Tammen WA
Overall Winner - Georgia Bailey NSW
Congratulations to both these winners and all contestants. Thank you for all you have done and will do for Leos not only in your State but around Australia.



V6 faces on the stalls around the convention - LEOs (above)
Junior Public Speaking (right)
And ALCCRF
Well done to members for manning these sites and promoting the work we do.



AWARDS



Congratulations to the Cohuna Leo Club for the best humanitarian project by an Alpha Leo Club in Australia

"Hug in a Rug" project



MD CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Past District Governor David Lowing for being added to the Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame

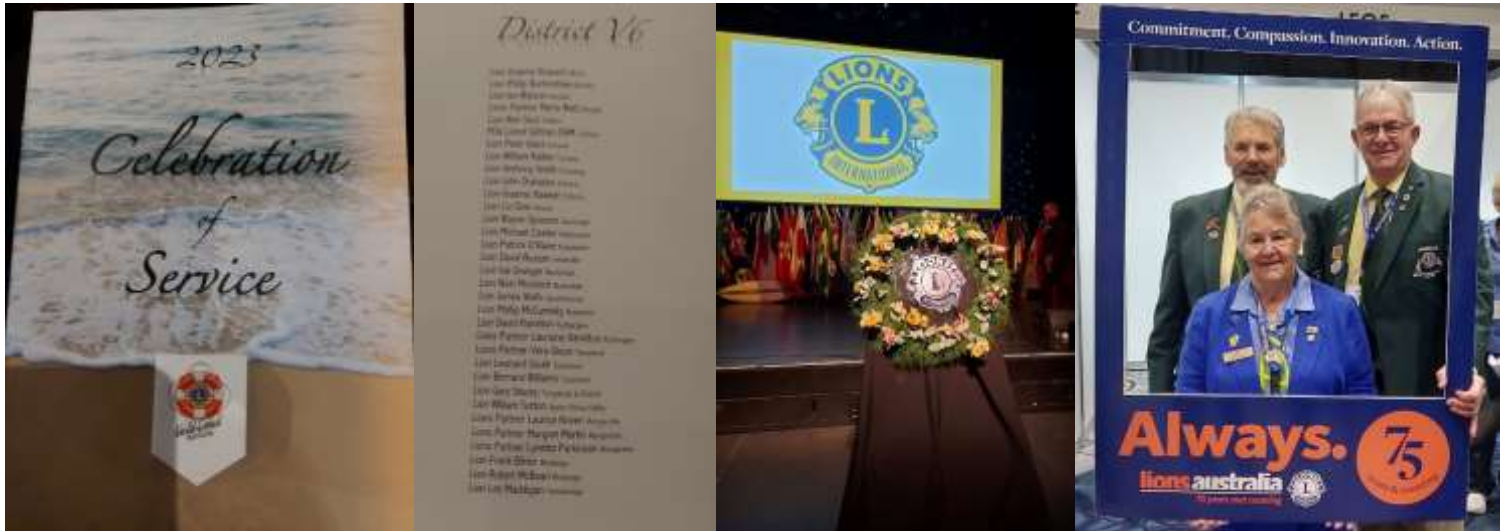


HALL OF FAME





V Districts Dinner



Remembering Lions and partners no longer with us



DG's & DGE's & partners at the MD Convention on the Gold Coast



Congratulations John Houghton



International President Award for PDG Peter Poels for his efforts for LCIF

MD CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS
Thanks for the Memories...

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR UPDATE

April has been another busy month. It began with attendance at the State Youth of the Year final, held in Wangaratta. The quality of the candidates was exceptional, and I look forward to seeing our state winner representing Victoria at the National final.

During April I spent time in Christchurch, training to become a Lions Certified Instructor. This is an important part of an ongoing process to make training and development within our district more entertaining, engaging, and practical. Hopefully when you all attend club development training and other training sessions in the coming months, you will see how much our training has advanced in recent times. This will benefit all our clubs, and make the job of club office bearers more interesting and rewarding.

Online training sessions for the Vice District Governor role continued during the month. This was followed by two full days of face-to-face training prior to the National Convention on the Gold Coast. It is encouraging to see how much effort is being put into preparing all people in leadership roles to better serve their clubs and their communities.

Finally, the month has ended with attendance at the National Convention, along with around 775 other Lions. For those who have not attended a convention before, I would wholeheartedly encourage you to attend in future. You learn so much, and have a great experience at the same time. Everyone will return to their clubs with new energy and new ideas. Our own district convention will be held in Beechworth this coming October,

and I would encourage everyone to make the effort to attend – you will not regret it.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Once again, we have had a very strong month of membership growth in our district. So far this year, Tongala, Wangaratta, and Culcairn have each added a net four members, while Rochester has added five. Several of these clubs also have other members about to be added. Congratulations to all the clubs that have been actively growing their membership!

If your club has not grown this year, there is still time. New members need to be registered by June 15 to be included in the figures for this year. Presently we are on track to have the best membership year in 14 years, which is truly something to celebrate. Let's keep it going!

MEMBERSHIP TRAILER

It has been great to see the number of clubs that have been booking and using the membership trailer to support their recruitment efforts. You can book it for your next function by going to <https://calendly.com/v6trailer>.

One word of caution though – the large TV in the trailer has suffered some minor damage. For display purposes the TV can be pulled out well forward on its mounting, however it is essential that it is properly packed away by pushing it right back into its holder before transporting it. Otherwise, it bangs against the hinges on the trailer doors, which causes damage to the frame. Please always check that the TV is fully pushed back before transporting it!



YARRAWONGA LIONS APRIL WRAP UP

We started off our Easter activities by being a part of the celebration of the end of term at Sacred Heart Primary School. In 2 hours we cooked 600 sausages and served at least 400 students, parents and teachers. After lunch everyone participated in a fund raising walk for one of the schools major charities, Caritas. Everywhere we looked there were children with sausages in their hands, on one of our buddy benches, playground equipment or nearby rocks. The queue of hungry humans was long but with the help of the very organised teachers it was a breeze, and so much fun. At the end of day we received 3 Hip Hip Hoorays from the whole school – a very special day.



Can't see the end of the queue

Following on from last month I have included a photo of our combined Lions and Tunzafun volunteers. Tunzafun President Helen Purtle said "It is truly inspiring to see what the Lions Club does to support our towns and other organisations such as ours"



Lions Joan, Ollie and Peter



Outdoor dining on one of our buddy benches



We held a Lions Awareness Day in our local Woolworths Carpark. The weather was kind to us and there was lot of interest in what we were saying and giving away. Names and numbers were taken, with 3 attending our meeting the following week. There were many very appreciative comments received in relation to what Lions do in the community. A huge thankyou to Woolworths for the location and the donation of goods that we gave away. Overall, a very good day, maybe give it a try in your area, the smell of onions is a real draw card.



Lions Gus, Denis, Ollie, Debbie, Joan and Di, ready to go



Members of the public could not get passed us; all exits covered.

UPCOMING EVENT – PUT A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

The Lions Club of Yarrawonga and Lions Club of Lake Mulwala invite you to join us for the

LIONS' walk for DIABETES AWARENESS

Saturday 20 May 2023

from 10:30am

at Yarrawonga Showgrounds, Wool Pavilion

see full advert later in this issue & registration forms available to download here:

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)



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EAT 3 DAILY SERVINGS OF VEGETABLES

TAKE THE STAIRS INSTEAD OF THE LIFT

EAT HEALTHY LIKE THIS

NOT LIKE THIS

Email: info@lions.org.au www.lionsclubs.org.au

THE GREAT SHAVE-OFF

Corowa Lions President Barry Gleeson donates to Lions Prostate Cancer Research



Lion Barry Gleeson was challenged by some members of his club to grow his hair and beard and shave it off in a public place.

Barry took up the challenge and over the past few months let his hair and beard grow to outstanding length. Easter Saturday morning in the Corowa, Sanger Street Arcade Barry offered his head full of silver locks up for Lions Prostate Cancer Research.



Barry raised almost \$4,000 which the Corowa Club will present to Lions Prostate Cancer Research.

President Barry wished to thank the local Lions clubs that donated very generously to the cause and also the many club members and public who donated \$500 on the morning of the Shave Off. He also wants to thank the Corowa Lions members who all pulled towards the big event last Saturday – dressing up in coloured wigs and other fancy dress for the occasion.



TUNGAMAH LIONS CLUB

Tungamah have been very busy lately, with their usual fund raising, social functions and helping people who are recovering from disasters.

We recently had a house fire in Tungamah and were able to make an immediate grant to assist the family in those awful days following a house fire. Fortunately, an Insurance Company with heart were quickly into action to do the right thing. The father recently passed away after a long illness, leaving mum and two daughters, one of whom has Down's Syndrome. Our club is keeping a very close eye on things with a view to ongoing help.

We just tidied up our help for a young mum and two children who were flooded out in the recent floods. They are back in their home, just and would like to thank Tungamah and District Lions as well as the V6 Foundation. The logistics of repairing and rebuilding so many homes has been enormous across the District.

We have done a couple of turns on the footy gates, and this is usually a happy time, with much banter as the locals go through the gate. Good money raiser for the club. We have also cooked sausages at Bunnings.

Robyn Harrison also promoted Hearing Dogs and Diabetes Awareness at a special Bunnings Easter Festival.

Our Local Lap the Map event was a disaster when only 20 people turned up. It was one of those cold evenings with plenty of wind. We made the grand total of \$15. Even our guest speaker failed to front as she thought we would have postponed it. Still, we had people from Numurkah and Yarrawonga.

Last meeting, we decided to have the first of what will be social functions, with a movie night, plus fish and chips and potato cakes from the local shop. The whole place rocked with laughter to the antics

of Ma and Pa Kettle. Yes, you read it right. Ma and Pa Kettle. 1952!!!!

Helen Williams won the chocolates for being the best dressed.

We are now preparing for more footy gates, another Bunnings and of course the changeover late June.

President Michael represented Lions on Anzac Day by placing a wreath on the Memorial. Thanks to Robyn for making the wreaths this year.

See you all next month.

ROARER



TUNGAMAH LEOS

Our biggest event over the past month was a small fishing comp to cater for kids on school holidays. We also welcome across the Numurkah Leos with some of their Lions. We also had DG Neil and ZC Victor. Two hours of hectic fishing and about forty kids yielded 15 carp, although a nice cod was hooked and lost.

A tasty bbq lunch was cooked. (Well as tasty as sausages can be anyway.)

Prizes were distributed with some going to lucky numbers. Ayla Harrington won the prize for the biggest carp caught by a Tungamah Leo.

We were also involved with the Anzac ceremony in the main street, and Jack, our president, laid a wreath for the Leos. Wreaths were beautifully made by Robyn.

We are still trying for new members and there is a strong stirring of interest within the town and around the district. Well done Numurkah. It is really great work on your part. Jack has accepted an invitation to be Leo liaison officer on District Cabinet.

See you all next month.

LITTLE ROARER



TOP HONOURS FOR TOCUMWAL

Tocumwal Lions Club was recently presented with a Community Recognition Statement by Helen Dalton MP Member for Murray. This Certificate was to recognise Tocumwal Lions Club as part of the 75th Anniversary of Lions in Australia.

President Glennis Pohnar and Lion Keith Kennedy met with Ms Dalton during a tour of the Murray electorate.





Fundraising Reminder from your District Chairs – Hope Lions Club Branch

It is our responsibility as your District Chairpersons to encourage all clubs in District 201 V6 to Fundraise for -

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

All clubs in our District receive the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation fundraising information which is posted directly to clubs. All Clubs receive the same information via email from our Cabinet Secretary in the Mail-Outs yet only a handful of our 55 clubs hold a fundraising event for kid's cancer!!

♥ BIGGEST BBQ

♥ LONGEST COIN LINE

♥ BIGGEST HIGH TEA

♥ JULIKEMYCHOPS

Your club can run any sort of event to raise money for ALCCRF it doesn't have to be any of the above.

Over the past 3 Months in the Roar we have featured some of the research that is being done to give every child that chance at a healthy life and to let you know where the money raised is going.

Please consider a Fundraiser for kid's cancer research at your club, and support Lions vision of 100% survival for kids with cancer.



201V6 JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

With the commencement of the Junior Public Speaking program, the School competition is to be completed by the end of June, Club Finals to be held by the end of July, Regional Finals to be held in the first 2 weeks of August and the District Final will be held on Sunday 27th August.

The 2023 **Club Registration** form is on the V6 website and is **due by the 31st May 2023**, the fee can be paid by either cheque or direct debit. When completing these forms on the computer, please save the information first then forward it to me.

On the website you will find the 2023 Student Entry Form, as well as all other forms, certificates and information for the program. The certificates can be printed with District and Club Information before printing them off.

Please use these forms so that it is in uniform all over the Multiple District.

I have sent out copies of the Child Safety Procedure, Members, Judges, Chaperones and Non-Lion Volunteers Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment to all the V6 Clubs.

Please remember to have all your Members, Judges, Chaperones and Non-Lion Volunteers hold a current Working with Children certificate and to please forward the names, certificate numbers and expiry dates to me. These are to be carried at all times.

This is a requirement is from Lions Australia and the Multiple District Child Safety Officer.

Lion Margaret Poels

201 Multiple District Junior Public Speaking
Chairperson

CLICK HERE

For everything you need to run the JPS program

A CRACKERJACK DAY AT THE BOWLS

Each year in Bright, the Bright Bowls Club host the annual 'Bright Community Bowls Competition. Run over nine Wednesday nights over summer and early autumn, it's a fiercely competed event. This year saw 28 teams from a wide variety of community groups compete in the competition. Played over both of Bright Bowls Club's greens and under lights, the Bright Lions Club team played its way into the grand final. Competing in the grand final against Bright Rotary Club, the ending was something out of the Australian movie, 'Crackerjack'.

After the first seven ends, the Bright Lions and Bright Rotary were tied at 7 all. After all the bowlers had bowled their last bowls, Bright Rotary were one up with one of their bowls resting against the kitty. On the last bowl of the evening, one of our players bowled the 'bowl of the century'. Bowling left handed, the bowl rolled majestically out to the right and then took on a course of its own direction. After what seemed an eternity, our bowl rolled to the left, gently nudging out the Rotary bowl and gave the Bright Lions Club a 2 shot win. The crowd of approximately 60, cheered like there was no tomorrow.

The result of all of this was, the winners cheque of \$500.00 was awarded to the Bright Lions Club. The \$500.00 was combined with another \$500.00 of the club's funds and a total of \$1000.00 was donated to the Lions Club of Corowa NSW to go towards there 'Shave it for a Cure for Cancer.



Pictured in the photo are from left to right. Lions, Colin Dudley, Steve Jenvey and secretary, Graham Badrock.

STRATHMERTON CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



Ian Taylor, Ron Munro and Trevor Sutton, 3 charter members of Strathmerton club who officially unveiled a plaque to honour the 50th anniversary of the club at a recent family fun day held in the Lions Park. The day was well attended with the Easter bunny arriving, a musical entertainer was popular, as well as free BBQ, jumping castle, face painting, fairy floss and popcorn available. There were photos and information of the Club's history presented on cardboard banners.





Making it Happen
2023



Driver Reviver tea and coffee on Good Friday and Good Friday eve!



KERANG'S KAPERS

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal - we helped Kerang Community raise over \$16,000!



Lions Biggest BBQ at Kerang Community Market on 22/4/23. All proceeds to ALCCRF! Super successful day!





Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast- over 120 people fed by Kg Lions and partners.



Anzac Day March and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Cenotaph.



LAVINGTON LIONS RECOGNISED

Four Chris August Memorial Awards were presented at Lavington Lions Club by District Governor Neil Stuart to recognise "Outstanding contribution and support to the Lions Club of Lavington and the Community". The worthy recipients were Phyl McCormack, Anthony Nicholson, Malcolm Scott and Mick Schneider.

DG Neil provided a citation outlining the background of each of the recipients and Club president Yvonne Holt shared in the presentation of the framed certificates and the Memorial Award medallions.



BENALLA LIONS

Once again the Benalla Lions Club Conducted their "Annual Driver Reviver Site" for the Easter Weekend the 6th & 7th April 2023.

On Thursday the 6th April we opened the site at 9.00 am and closed it down at 8.00 pm, and during that time 404 cups of Tea, Coffee or Milo were given to travellers that stopped at the North Bound Wayside stop.

On the Good Friday the 7th April our Lions Club again opened the site at 9.00 am and due to the "lack of traffic" we closed it down at 4.00 pm, and during that time 346 cups of Tea, coffee or Milo were handed out, and during the two days 27 litres of milk was used. The "travellers" were once again very generous with their donations, which resulted in our Benalla Lions Club being able to donate \$1,000.00 to the Royal Melbourne Childrens Hospital Appeal.

This year we had one "complaint" as one lady who stops purposely at the site to see our Lions Club Member Gill Smith who always takes his bagpipes with him when he is on his voluntary duty at Driver Reviver, but unfortunately, she missed his "shift". Gil once again had a lot of "onlookers" when he was playing his bagpipes and many photos were taken by the travellers.

The children were also extra lucky this year, as in addition to biscuits, savoury shapes and tiny teddies they were also able to have a small Easter Egg or a small bag of lollies, which were left over after our Carols by Candlelight.

The Photo shows the traveller that was the first one to receive a "cuppa" from our new "Food Truck", and as you can see she was a happy traveller who was welcomed by Lions Club Member Lester Watt, and ready to serve her were Lion Margaret Poels and Lions Lady Gail Watt.



Benalla Lions Club did the ANZAC DAY breakfast for the RSL again this year.

The day started at 4.30 am when our club members, with trailers loaded went to the Benalla Botanical Gardens to set up, so that egg and bacon rolls could be ready to serve, after the completion of the "Dawn Service".

This year the weather was very kind to us with a "top temperature" for the day being 22 degrees, and as usual there was a very good crowd in attendance.

Our Benalla Lions Club has been invited to do the egg and bacon rolls for breakfast, for the RSL Dawn Service, for the last-eight years and the "profit" from the day, goes to the Benalla RSL Club.

The placing of the wreath on behalf of the Benalla Lions Club President and the Club Members was done by President Denise Brown assisted by Club Member Susanne Steckyj.

Benalla Lions Club Member Peter Poels

BEECHWORTH LIONS CLUB EASTER SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A big thank you to Lions Andrew, John, Sven, Lyn H, Garry, and Anne Wilson (Friend of Lions). 500 sausages sold in 5 hours, 20 mini Lions cakes, and one large cake, you all are legends, set up by 9am sold out by 2pm. Packed up and gone by 3pm.



BEECHWORTH EASTER EGG HUNT

Held at Mayday Hills Cricket ground. What a wonderful morning, and weather beautiful. We gave out 175 goody bags with colouring book and pencils left from last year, and 36 kilos of little Easter eggs to over 200 very well behave children. A credit to these children, their parents and grandparents. Big thanks go to Beechworth Lions Lyn, John, Iris, and our Friends of Lions Joy Watts and Francie Monroe. We got to meet a wonderful young lady, 8 year old Grace and her mother Anita Fox, as Grace was finding and gathering up Easter eggs she was taking them to other parts of the search and redistributing them. Anita sent me this message which I thought it would be lovely to add to Beechworth Lions Club article:

LIFE LESSONS. Today I took Grace to the local town Easter egg hunt. It started off as you'd expect with an 8yo, racing around to gather as many choc eggs as she could find, and pretty soon she had filled her basket. She came over to show me and we had a chat about how we could see that some kids had lots of eggs and some (especially the little ones) didn't have any. I asked her how she might feel about sharing a few of her eggs and suggested she might be surprised at how good it felt to give instead of receive. She wasn't convinced but said she'd try it out. Next thing I know she is off and scattering her eggs - (making sure to show the little ones where to find them) - and pretty soon she had given away not just a few, but ALL the eggs she had collected. She came over to show me her empty basket, eyes glowing and full of smiles, to breathlessly tell me "mum! Did you know it's more fun to give them away than to find them?! Everyone is so happy now!" Right about then my heart burst and I gave her a big hug before she ran off to ask the organizers for more eggs so she could scatter and share them. No matter how many she found, she gave them all away, and we came home with an empty basket, but full hearts. I have plenty of Easter chocolate treats for her at home, so she won't miss out, and thanks to my big girl learning that most powerful of life lessons today - a few other kids went home a bit happier too. So proud of her.



Thank you Grace, Beechworth Lions are proud of you as well.

ANZAC DAY IN BEECHWORTH

Good crowds attended the Dawn Service and the Morning Service at the cenotaph in the Beechworth Town Hall Gardens.. RSL and Lion President John Eldrid conducted the Service in which Lieutenant Pauline Middleton from the Beechworth Salvation Army and also a Lion read the prayer.

Beechworth Lion Graeme Smart placed the wreath on behalf of Beechworth Lions Club.



COBRAM LIONS SHOWCASE AT HENTY LIONS HAPPENINGS COMMUNITY EXPO

What a great day the Cobram Lions had at the Community Expo in Cobram on the 22nd. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase Lions. Let's hope some of the local community decide to come along and have a look at Lions and join our small club. Time will tell.



Keith and Janet attended the Anzac Service to lay the Lions Club wreath.

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.





MOVIE RAISES OVER \$1000 FOR DIABETES

Nearly 50 people attended Lions Club of Lake Mulwala's movie/fundraiser and lunch at the Yarrawonga 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.



Lions youth of the year Youth of the Year Finals

Congratulations to Sienna representing V2 who won the Youth of the Year Public Speaking award and Fred representing N1 who was the overall winner of the Youth of the Year competition.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL 3RD VICE VICE PRESIDENT

I am happy to announce the breaking of another glass ceiling. DG Vin from Australia MD 201 has chartered 12 new clubs, and no club has been cancelled. This clearly proves that it's doable. In ISAME, DGs have been chartering clubs in double digits. But we are sometimes told it's not possible in other parts of the world. Here is someone who has shown it is very much possible. As a mark of his success, the DGEs of MD 201 have elected him as the Council Chairperson for 2023-24. Must congratulate the entire leadership of Australia as the entire council is committed to grow to 30000 members by 2030 and to 50000 members by 2050, and the MD is already recording net growth. Its all a matter of mindset, well done lions from MD 201. I truly wish you will successfully follow your dream!



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS...

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2023



Elmore & East Loddon Lions helped out recently at the Kamarooka Recreation Reserve's 150th celebrations! Elmore cooked up a storm and East Loddon provided support and gazebos on the day (and President Allan was chief taste tester for the BBQ and gave it a thumbs up).



Moira Shire Young Achiever Award was won by Emily Ford, one of our Leos!!!! Proud mum Jo accepted on her behalf.



Thanks to all the drivers who supported our tin shake in down town Katamatite this morning. We raised \$1009.75 in 2.5 hours. We did a collection last night at the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club raising \$716.00. Special thanks to the Club for allowing us to do the collection. We also are donating in our proceeds from the Rodeo Train rides which came to \$410. Thanks to Dookie Lions for allowing us to use their train. So our ground total is \$2135.75. The proceeds are going to the Devenish, Dookie & Districts Good Friday Appeal Group. This is the highest amount raised to date from the Katamatite community.



On Easter Saturday members from East Loddon, Cohuna & Hope club branch (and a couple of ring in helpers) headed over to help out the Quambatook Lions club with the Annual Tractor Pull. What a fantastic day out! Crazy hectic day for us - cooking up a storm on the BBQ, manning the gate and serving in the bar. An awesome experience and well worth a visit if you get a chance next year.



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Lions Clubs International
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LIONS AUSTRALIA FUND

Personal donations requiring tax deductibility can be made by completing the online donation form at:
<https://www.lcif.org.au/donate/>

Donations can be directed to the "Empowering Service" fund, Refugees, and displaced person or the "Disaster Relief" fund



Cobram Lions Market
Dates
Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

Dates 2023

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
Follow Cobram Lions on Facebook



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

Strathmerton Lions Club



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

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



IT SUPPORT FOR
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HELP WITH WEBSITE
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(WORDPRESS) &
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CONTACT JOHN HOUGHTON - 0407 303 691

The Lions Club of Yarrawonga and Lions Club of Lake Mulwala
invite you to join us for the



LIONS' walk for DIABETES AWARENESS



Saturday 20 May 2023
from **10:30am**
at **Yarrawonga Showgrounds, Wool Pavilion**

Our vision is to
***"Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and
improve the quality of life for those diagnosed."***

Walk as many laps as you want, within your capabilities.

bring your children; children walk for free!
enter your team and wear your team/club colours!
bring your dog!

Your \$10 fee includes free snacks and water.

Go to: *Trybooking to register or pay cash on the day.*

Come and enjoy a walk with friends & family and chat with
local health professionals to learn more about diabetes.

The Lions Clubs' objective is to raise awareness and provide education for improved care for people who have diabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. All money raised will go to the **Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation** to research the causes and treatment of diabetes.



Looking for more information please feel free to contact:
Helen White 0407 521 278 or Ollie Tufvesson 0477 143 336

Special thanks to our sponsors:





LIONS HEARING DOGS

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering. The celebration will be held on the 15th to the 21st of May 2023 and this year the theme for National Volunteer Week 2023 is **The Change Makers**.

This week-long event recognises the vital support millions of volunteers in our country provide to the communities and encourages people to consider volunteering.

This National Volunteer Week (NVW), Australian Lions Hearing Dogs wants to recognise the support Lions Clubs from

all over Australia have provided for the Hearing Dog Program.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs is a Lions project that was initially founded in 1980. For 42 years, the organisation was able to deliver Hearing Assistance Dogs to Australian who are deaf or hard of hearing a set of 'furry ears' free-of-charge. We are only possible largely due to the support of Lions all around Australia. In 2022, Lions Clubs provided 3,456 hours towards supporting each Hearing Dog placement.

We could not thank you all enough for how much you've done for our organisation. To Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, Lions Clubs are **The Change Makers**.

Find out more about how your club can get involved with Lions Hearing dogs - <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/get-your-lions-club-involved/>



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DISTRICT WEBSITE - www.201v6.lions.org.au

PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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

EMAIL - v6roar@gmail.com

