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VP Patti Hill will be sworn in at the International Convention in Boston

Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 22 through June 28, 2022. Vice President Hill is president of a consulting firm. With 30 years of experience as an educator and psychologist, she has mentored graduate students and psychologists in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind. A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Vice President Hill has held many offices within the association, including district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding.

Vice President Hill and her husband, Greg Holmes, also a Lion, enjoy time with their family which has grown to include Pieter, Carley and grandson Alexander, Erin, Mike and granddaughter, Violet, and Jessica and Mitch.



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DISTRICT 201V6

Changeover DINNER

SATURDAY, 29 JULY 2023
6:30 FOR 7:00PM

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RSVP BY 17th JULY 2023

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DG Report - June 2023

Neil Stuart

My final month as DG has been a very busy and very enjoyable one.

In the company of HOPE Club Branch members Ken & Helen Hastie and Monique I attended Rochester's 54th Changeover on Wednesday evening May 31st. The installing officer ZC Ian Whitley installed President Damien McInnes and his 2023/24 club officers. During the evening I had the very great pleasure of presenting Carmen Moon with a Chris August Memorial Award. There were several visitors from neighbouring clubs who enjoyed a great night. Congratulations and thank you to outgoing President Ken Hocking and his Board in what was a challenging year following the devastating floods.

On Saturday evening June 3rd I attended Strathmerton Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration and Changeover dinner. Approximately 80 attended including two of the club's three Charter members – PDG Trevor Sutton and Ron Munro. PDG Trevor Sutton gave a brief history of the club's projects and achievements. After being introduced by ZC Victor Smith, I had the great pleasure of installing President Geoff Coates and the officers of the club for 2023/24. During proceedings the club presented Graeme Godson with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Evan Bouchier with a Chris August Memorial Award. We all had a great night and were very well entertained by Rodney Vincent. Congratulations to the Strathmerton Lions on 50 years of service to their community. The following day Lions Lady Pauline and I travelled to Girgarre, and we had a very enjoyable social luncheon with the HOPE Club Branch members. I had the pleasure of presenting Avis Weller with a Chris August Memorial Award and Ken Hastie with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

On Sunday June 11th I not only attended the unveiling of the Tungamah Weir Pool Fountain – a project of the Tungamah Alpha Leos, but was very honoured to do the unveiling. I congratulate PDG Les Harrison and Leo President Jack Harrington and members of the Leo Club for this great project. V Districts Leo State Coordinator Lee Walkington together with PDG Norm was joined by other Lions members from Tungamah, Cohuna, and Numurkah to witness the unveiling. The Tongala Lions Changeover was held on 15th May at the Tongala Hotel. I had the great pleasure of installing President Andrew Bader and club officers for 2023/24. I also had the great pleasure of inducting Terry Shephard sponsored by Andrew Bader. This was another great night of fellowship with club members. Congratulations and thank you to outgoing President Ross Taylor who led the club over the past two years.

Club development training for secretaries, treasurers, and presidents for zones 3 and 4 was held by Zoom. Lee Walkington conducted the secretary training, Cabinet Treasurer Ollie Tufvesson the treasurer training and I

conducted the president training. Thank you to Paul Shortis who hosted the Zoom meetings, to Lee, Ollie, and to the club officers who participated.

On Tuesday 20th afternoon I had the great pleasure of installing President Margaret Best and the Lake Mulwala Club officers and inducting Dominique Vattan sponsored by Helen White. Cabinet Treasurer Ollie and Yarrowonga Club President Joan Tufvesson, ZC Victor and Lesley Smith, and PDG Les and Robyn Harrison from the Tungamah Club were in attendance, and we all enjoyed a great afternoon. Thank you to outgoing President Ilba Prosser.

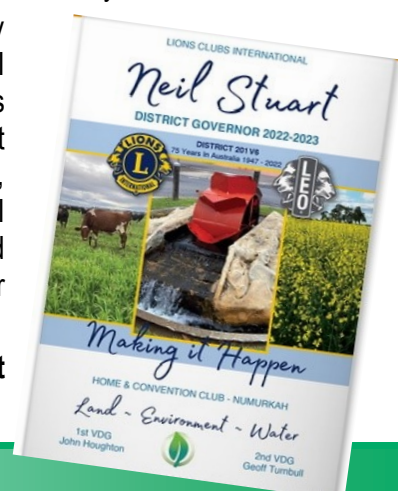
The Numurkah Changeover was held on Monday evening 26th. Guests included PDG Omen Ndlovu (Nathalia), Ken and Helen Hastie (HOPE), and President Geoffrey Coates, and Ron and Josie Munro (Strathmerton). I had the pleasure of installing the new President Ron Martin and club officers. Thank you to outgoing President Ian Clark. During the evening I was honoured to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Howard Lowe. Howard has been a member for 46 years, is a past president, director, membership chairman and has and continues to be a very dedicated and active member. Also, I had the great pleasure of presenting a Chris August Memorial Award to Keith Nicoll. Congratulations and thank you to Howard and Keith.

On Wednesday 28th I attended the Tungamah 46th Changeover dinner. A big number of guests from Katamatite, Cobram, Benalla, Wangaratta, Lake Mulwala, Moyhu, Yarrowonga, and Numurkah enjoyed an excellent night at the Tungamah Hotel. PDG Peter Poels installed incoming President Neville Barber and club officers. Thank you to outgoing President Michael Barry. During the evening I had the great pleasure of inducting Heather Beswick sponsored by her son Aydan Stark-Beswick and on behalf of the Lions Club of Tungamah presented Michael Barry with the Lions Star Award in recognition of his outstanding year as President.

Our District team developed several goals and action plans around membership, leadership, service, and support for our Foundation LCIF. We have not achieved everything I would have liked however I believe we are on the right track and can be proud of what has been achieved this year.

Finally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as DG and I again thank all clubs, members and my cabinet for your great support, encouragement, kindness, and commitment. I wish DGE John Houghton and his cabinet the very best for 2023/24.

DG Neil Stuart



DGE Report - June 2023

What a busy time it has been over the last few months and the months ahead. I am looking forward to meeting as many Clubs as possible and the Members who make this a great organisation to be involved with.

One of the highlights of my position is the visits to clubs within our District and the people and places I have visited. June 15th, I visited and installed the incoming executive at the Benalla Club at their Annual Change-over and their presentation of funds to their local Community and beyond. Saturday 18th Corowa Lions Club hosted their Changeover for the Rutherglen and Corowa Lions Clubs, where I installed both Clubs executive for the 2023-2024 year. Monday 26th June with Jennefer's help sharing the driving we took a three-hour trip to enjoy a lovely evening with the Barham and Koondrook Lions Club, the fellowship and good fun they had on the evening was a sign of a Club doing it well in their community, conducting the Installation of their executive was very memorable. Wednesday 28th June, a wet and cold night but a warm reception at the

Tungamah Changeover, which saw many other Clubs join them to celebrate the year just gone and the year ahead. I wish everyone well who have their Change-overs coming up in the near future.

All Clubs should be proud of the work they have done within their own community and the way they assist Lions in different areas in 2023 and may we look forward to another great year in 2024. Don't forget to send your photos and stories to Jo Guthrie to share all the great work and enjoyments of your events.

Wangaratta has been busy with Bunning BBQ's, Monthly Community Breakfasts, providing a much need Bacon Egg Roll at an Industrial Expo, The Men's Health Check and getting ready for the 2023 Season of the Road Safety School. We were also fortunate to provide a breakfast with Sunrise Channel 7 at our local park for their weather broadcasts.

There is always training and more training as we go forward, zoom meetings and face to face. Thankyou to all the Zone Chairpersons and Officers for undertaking the training required. If you have missed out on any training, please contact your Zone Chairman to organise alternative arrangements, maybe with another Zone.

The Beechworth and Yackandandah Clubs are well underway with the organising of the Convention in October from

John Houghton

20th – 22nd. The Guest Speakers have been organised, a Smoking Ceremony on the Friday evening, catering, venue, and anything else possible but the weather. I hope that everyone can get behind them and their efforts they have undertaken to host the Convention for 2023 by attending and book NOW as accommodation may be limited.

I would like to again thank those people who have committed to being on the team for the 2023-2024 year. I look forward to working together with you and we have some work to do and some challenging times ahead but let's make it FUN as that's what Lions should be.

My theme moving ahead is...

Building a Better Future

which is for us, all to work together, sharing ideas and working closely with your neighbouring clubs to enhance fellowship and mutual understanding of projects.

Looking forward to my year ahead once I return from the Boston Convention.

Wishing everyone well in Lions.

Regards
John Houghton
District Governor Elect



John will be officially inducted on 11th July at the International Convention in Boston

V6 Cabinet Meeting Update - May

The fourth and final cabinet meeting for 2022/23 was held at Tocumwal on Sunday May 21st. New cabinet member Z1 Chairperson Tammy Barker (Barham-Koondrook) and 2nd VDG Julie Ballard (Katamatite) were welcomed. All cabinet members and in particular retiring cabinet members Z4 Chairperson Don Rosie, Z1 Chairperson Norm Walkington, and Peter May were thanked for their work and commitment during the 2022/23 year.

In addition to tabled reports to cabinet the following additional key points were raised:

- 1st VDG and DGE John Houghton reported on changes to cabinet for 2023/24: Julie Ballard 2nd VDG, Tammy Barker Zone 1 Chairperson, Neil Stuart Zone 4 Chairperson, John Weinert Zone 5 Chairperson, Stephen Kazenwadel Zone 8 Chairperson, and Lynda Shortis Environment.
- 2nd VDG and GMT chairperson Geoff Turnbull reported on the Zone Chairperson training and the current membership position.
- Global Membership Approach (GMA) District Leader PDG Omen Ndlovu will be looking to have a review of the 2022/23 District's goals & action plans by the end of June.
- Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) chairperson PDG Peter Poels reported on the current state of donations & requested that clubs show greater support.
- Environment chairperson Julie Ballard gave an update on recycling.
- Youth of the Year Chairperson Mark Nordbye thanked Lockington and Wangaratta for hosting the district and state finals.
- Mark Nordbye as V6 District representative on the Licola Board gave an update on Licola.
- Cabinet Treasurer Ollie Tufvesson presented his financial report – statement of accounts, payments, and proposed training budget increase. There was a motion passed to an increase to the training budget.

General business:

- The 2023/24 training budget and an annual plan was discussed. Excess Licola funds from donations following the floods were donated to Licola.
- There was discussion on the membership trailer, shipping container, and district property.
- A district donation to the Australian Lions Wellness Foundation (ALWF) and consequently an award to present was passed.
- Assistance to administer the district website was raised.
- Junior Public Speaking (JPS) – the state final, child safety requirements and funding of the JPS program (all youth projects) was discussed.
- ZC John Eldrid gave an update on the district convention to be held in Beechworth.
- Following the lunch break Peter May (District GMA extension) presented the district goals for 2023/24.

2VDG Notes...

At the end of this Lions year, I would like to congratulate outgoing District Governor Neil Stuart on the way that he has conducted himself and worked so hard for our district. Although we are finishing the year with slightly reduced numbers compared with last year, the year remains the best that we have had for membership in this district for well over a decade. The hard work of Neil and his team is starting to show results, and I am confident that under DGE John Houghton this coming year, the district and its clubs will have an excellent year.

I thank Neil for the honour of having served in his team, and I wish John all the best for the year ahead.



Geoff & his lovely wife Janice are currently on an overseas trip - making their way to Boston for the International Convention.

Safe Travels guys and we look forward to hearing about your trip upon your return.



Benalla Lions

The Benalla Lions Club visited another 2 schools to judge the 30 students entering the Junior Public Speaking program.

The students were truly amazing and brought quite a few smiles to our faces – on a couple of occasions it was hard not to laugh while we were judging. After the students at Avon Street had finished their speeches, the years 3 – 4 teacher told me that one young man has dyslexia,

but he was determined to present his speech to us – he gave a fantastic presentation and I will award him with an Encouragement Certificate. Also the young lady who was Most Outstanding – I was told that she cried for the first 6 months after commencing at her new school – she was terrific.

This is what the program is all about, enabling the young people to gain their confidence to speak to an audience other than their peers.

For Clubs who don't do the Junior Public Speaking program, PLEASE consider it for next year – you will receive as much enjoyment as I do seeing these young people do amazing things and the parents will thank you for this fantastic program.

Who knows you may gain new members when people see what your Club is doing for the young people in your Community.

Margaret Poels



Beechworth Lions

Combined Changeover Dinner - Lions Club of Beechworth Inc. due to unforeseen circumstances the combined Changeover Dinner on Saturday 1st July was moved to German, Austrian, and Australian Club in Wodonga. We have bookings for 55 Lions Members. We expect a good night fun and fellowship to be had by all.

Beechworth Lions Club Major Project - Gang Plate Layers Cottage

Thank you Stephen and State-

wide Kitchens. The kitchen is being installed at the Gang Platelayers Cottage as I write this. Another step forward, and the painting is going ahead in leaps and bounds.

2023 Junior Public Speaking - Beechworth Lions Club had all three school participate in Lions Junior Public Speaking school level – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (18 students), Beechworth Montessori (8 students), and Beechworth Primary School (26 students). This was a total 52 students, and many other students looking on which hopefully we will pick up

next year. Thanks go to our judges, and Lions Christine, John, and Iris. Lions Junior Public Speaking Club Level will be held on 30th July at the Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall.



Junior Public Speaking - July 2023

Some **EXCITING NEWS** – we are currently organising a V District State Final to be held on Sunday 10th September 2023. The Maiden Gully – Marong Lions Club in V1-4 have offered to host this event. The Most Outstanding Speakers from each V District will present their speeches. More details regarding times and location will be coming soon.

With 29 V6 District Lions Clubs registered for the 2023 Junior Public Speaking program, I hope you have all enjoyed listening to these amazing young people presenting their speeches at the school level, as much as I have had. They have certainly brought some smiles to our faces.

With the School competitions now completed, the Clubs are now preparing for the Club Finals, which are to be completed by the end of July.

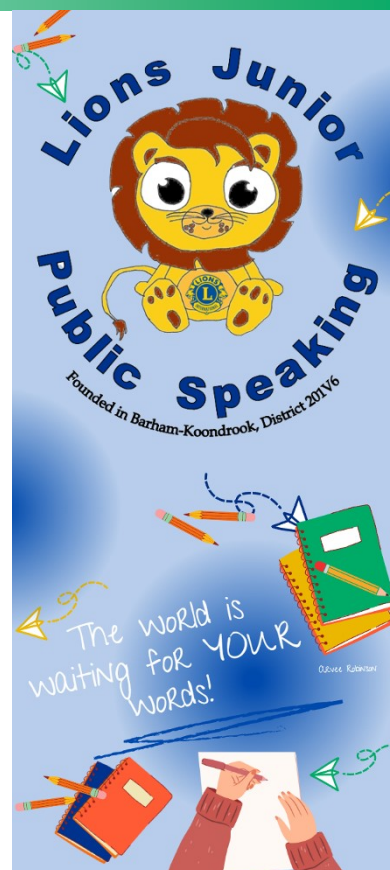
Zone Chairpersons will be organising the Regional Finals, these are to be held in the first 2 weeks of August -

Region 1 – Zones 1 & 2,
Region 2 – Zones 3 & 4
Region 3 – Zones 5 & 6,
Region 4 – Zones 7 & 8
Region 5 – Zones 9 & 10.

The District Final will be held in the Memorial Hall, Morgan Crescent, Girgarre on Sunday 27th August, 2023. This will take the same format as previous years – students are requested to arrive at the hall at 12.30 for commencement at 1.00pm.

As the students are representing their schools they are also requested to wear their school uniforms. As there is not any food outlets in Girgarre, the closest outlets are in Kyabram and Stanhope.

For the Clubs who haven't forwarded me the Working with Children Certificates as yet, please do so as this a requirement from Lions Australia, and must be carried by all members and volunteers when working with children at all times.



Margaret Poels

MD & V6 Junior Public Speaking Chairperson

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Every year, more than 950 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancers, and three will die from cancer every week.

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Networks are now established to share research both nationally and internationally.

All funds raised by Lions, and donated to ALCCRF are directed to high impact scientific and clinical research available in Australia for personalised medicine programs for children with high-risk or relapsed

cancer – without ALCCRF much of this research would not happen.

WE CAN HELP GIVE EVERY CHILD A CHANCE AT A HEALTHY LIFE and 100% survival becomes a reality

V6 Clubs that have donated to the end of May 2023 – (V6 average is \$30.11 per member)!

Albury; Benalla; Bright; Chiltern; Echuca; Elmore; Hope Branch; Katamatite; Kerang; Lake Mulwala; Moyhu; Wangaratta; Wodonga; Yarrawonga

**V6 GRAND TOTAL
\$35, 064.00.40**

- ♥ Hold a fundraiser at your club for kid's cancer research
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Helen Hastie

ALCCRF

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Email sent to DG Neil...

I would like to update you on the progress of the coin line. **We have reached 77.95954 km which has beaten the current Guinness World Record of 75.24km.**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank your Districts participation in the coin line. I know many of your V6 Clubs assist the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation either through holding a BBQ, purchasing Awards or making donations but today I would like to bring to your attention the Clubs that have held coin lines and have been part of the attempt to exceed the current record during your year.

♥ DM Scrap Metals

♥ O'Toole Haulage

♥ Lake Mulwala

♥ Wodonga

I would like to make special mention of the crew who recycle the cans and send through the funds for ALCCRF. I know it is their passion in Lions.

I appreciate all of their hard work and thank them for their commitment to 100% survival of children with cancer.

Kind regards
Lion Kate Moore
Appointee ALCCRF Coin Line

Wodonga Lions

Wodonga Lions in conjunction with Wodonga Primary School, held junior public speaking. It was a very strong turnout in both grades 3 to 4, and 5 to 6. Our two judges, both retired teachers, were most impressed with the standard of the speakers, and picking winners was not an easy task.

Our winners photographed here with our judges will attend a dinner meeting at Wodonga Lions in the near future so all of our members can hear their presentations.

Lion Sandra Temple who took on this role this year has done a tremendous job in organising this event, and our congratulations to her for all her hard work.



Holbrook Lions Celebrate 50 years of Service

Holbrook Lion's celebrated their 50th Birthday on the 26th June 2023. What a milestone! This achievement was only possible by the dedication and service provided by Charter Members, past and current members, thank you all.

Holbrook Lions were joined by past members, Lion's from Walla Walla, Culcairn, Henty and Walwa -Jingelic and the 201V6 Zone Chairman Julie Colley and local community members on the night to mark the occasion.

The celebrations included a two-course meal, walkdown memory lane through old photographs and newspaper clippings (how young we all looked). The travelling Lion clubs were given a job, to talk about their current projects and Holbrook Lion memories. Many thanks to Peter Straw for the booklet containing current members memories, old photos and a copy of the Charter.

The 50th Birthday cake was of course, Lion's Christmas Cake, which was iced and decorated by Lion Katie Locke, thank you, served with coffee and tea. Five lucky seats received a gift bag and three raffle prizes were drawn.

Holbrook Lions look forward too many more years of service in our local community.

President Elizabeth MacLean



Treasurers Final Report for 2022-2023

Club Treasurers are now busy finalising disbursements, end of year financial reports, preparing the books for their successor and changing the Club signatories, if they haven't already done so.

The District Treasurer is also very busy with the added task of preparing the July invoices, a task made more interesting with a new accounting package (Reckon One) that District has signed up with. Apart from a better layout, Clubs will notice the following changes to their invoices:

Only two payments required, one from Club Admin and one from Club Activities, each from a separate invoice.

The Lions Clubs International invoice will be included with the Multiple District and District dues invoice.

The Reckon One package has a lot more additional features such as easily producing receipts, where I have an email to send it to, and better reporting. Even though there is a cost involved, it is hoped that the system will significantly reduce the cost of the mandatory formal audit.

I was asked to provide Club Treasurer training and the face-to-face sessions have been extremely successful in providing a forum where Treasurers can discuss how they can implement the Treasurer requirements into their own Club settings, as they are all different. The Zoom version I presented was way too short, but I have contacted all the participants to see what additional help they needed. We all learned something.

District 201V6 Treasurer
Ollie Tufvesson
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Henty Happenings

The changeover dinner for the Lions Club of Henty was held at the Henty Community Club. The incoming board members were installed by Zone Chair Julie Colley. The in-coming committee consists of: President Noel Stein, Vice President Lorrie Roden, Secretary Ken Dale and Treasurer John Ross. President Noel Stein said that the club was looking forward to a busy year ahead with the continuation of the club's community projects.

Outgoing President Noel outlined the achievements of the past year including fundraising for Avondale Place, Hilltop Cancer Residence in Albury and Lions Childhood Cancer Research. The club held BBQ's at the Carols Service, Avondale Place Open Day, Bowl Competition and a clearing sale, as well as conducting two Bunnings BBQs. The club also provided morning tea at the Anzac Day Service. They held a Spelling Bee competition and Junior Public Speaking Competition amongst the local primary schools. In November the club was presented with a Club Excellent Award and a Membership Excellence Award by the DG Neil Stuart.

Three member of the club, President Lion Noel, Lion Garry and ZC Julie, travelled to Holbrook to join with representatives of Culcairn, Walla and Walwa-Jingellic to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Charter of the Lions Club of Holbrook. It was an enjoyable night with many reminiscences of the achievements of the Holbrook Lions Club over the last 50 years.



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Yarrawonga Lions

The year has now come to an end, and it is time for a change of leadership at all clubs. We wish all the incoming Executives and their Board all the best for the coming term.

It is time to attend changeovers and we thank clubs for their invitations and have enjoyed attending where we could. Our change over is on Tuesday 4th July and preparations are well under way.

Our club has once again continued to carry out our usual BBQs at K Hub and Bunnings however we were also asked to assist with catering. These jobs were to help the community and in turn help our administration account.

We held a marathon cook up at the clubrooms cooking 1,000 sausages in 90 minutes. We placed them in tin foil trays, held them in the oven and then transferred them to eskies. This procedure works well maintaining the temperature for transportation. On a very wet Friday we headed off to Sacred Heart College with our 1,000 sausages and 50 loaves of bread to be greeted by students from both the primary and secondary schools who were celebrating Sacred Heart Day, 60 years on the site and the opening of a new building. Service was all over and done with in 90 minutes and members could return home to dry off.



Lions Nora, Ollie, Joan, John, Jock and Don – slightly damp



Lions Peter, Don, Ollie, Joan, Nora, Jock and John



Lions Ollie, Diane, Jock and Debbie

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Corowa Lions Club

Lions & Rotary come together for a great result

- At a working bee on Sunday the 25th June, members of Corowa Lions and Corowa Rotary including some members of Rutherglen Lions came together to complete the task of raking up the winter leaves at the Corowa Pioneer Cemetery. Twenty-five service club members came together for the Sunday project achieving a fantastic outcome. All the raked leaves were taken to Mr. Peter Wallis's gravel yard and will be turned into compost – another win for the community.

The Pioneer Cemetery is an ongoing project of the Corowa Lions Club who are planning to develop the Cemetery into a more interactive and interesting tourist stop over point for the traveling public. They plan a new front fence and entrance gate and a Rotunda in the lower section for visitors to rest. The Corowa Men's Shed is also planning to provide more suitable seating throughout the area.

This year, the Corowa Lions club's new President, Mr. Stuart Whisson is planning to get more involved with other Corowa and Rutherglen service clubs on various community projects. Mr. Whisson said his aim this year is to make current and future Lions projects community focused and to be more pro-active with the other Corowa and Rutherglen service clubs.



Lions collect CANS for Lions Cancer Research Projects - Corowa and Wodonga Lions clubs are kicking goals with their Can collection project.

The funds raised by these clubs are being sent to the Australian Lions Childrens Cancer Research Foundation to assist children and to further the research into Child related cancers.

Over the past 3 years the above-mentioned clubs have raised over \$45,000 for these worthy Lions Cancer and Medical Research Projects.

Corowa Lions Club members have been the main drivers behind the project and dedicated members like Herman Fransen, Barry Barker, James O'Donovan and Lynn Fredericks have worked tirelessly on the project for the last 3 years collecting cans and bottles from over 40 local businesses and private houses that collect their cans, stubbies and other 10 cent redeemable containers for the project.

Wodonga Lions Club member, Paul Shortis is also doing great things for the collection process by collecting from businesses in Wodonga, Yackandandah areas. While Herman and crew collect from Corowa, Wahgunyah, Rutherglen, Wangaratta and further afield.

Wangaratta business owner, Mr. Rodger King has been a great supporter. His Greta Road Tavern and Bottle-shop staff have been very positive in their support of the project.

Mr. Shortis is now redeeming all 10 cent refundable containers for the Wodonga Lions Clubs cans at the Lavington recycle center to save transporting costs to Corowa.

All 10 cent refundable containers from Corowa district are being redeemed at D & M Recycling in Corowa who process the collections.

Going forward the funds will be deposited directly to the Corowa and Wodonga Lions club's activities accounts to be dispersed to Lions Childrens Cancer Research Foundation and other Lions Cancer and Medical research projects.

The Corowa and Wodonga Lions Clubs would like to thank all the community that are helping with the project and welcome other community members who wish to assist Lions with this worthy project to contact Lynn Fredericks (Corowa) on 0478-633791 or Paul Shortis (Yackandandah) on 0407-854829.



Cobram Lions

The Cobram Lions Club had the pleasure of welcoming Will Hoyle along to the meeting on 9th May, to speak to the members on his Wood Chopping ambitions.

Will is an enthusiastic young man who is working towards going Professional as a Wood chopping Competitor. Will gave the members an insight into the world of Competitive Wood chopping, from where and when he started up to today. His passion in his chosen sport came across in the presentation and in his voice. He has made a huge commitment and dedication to this Sport. Complete with photographs of his achievements.

Will's father Grant has been behind his son through out this journey. Grant has also spent many years on the wood chopping competitive circuit as well, he travels with, and supports Will. Will has been actively competing for many years now. He is looking forward to competing in Europe very soon.

The Cobram Lions Members had great pleasure in

presenting Will with a cheque for \$1000.00. To assist him on journey to becoming a professional Wood Chopper and to represent Australia.



Picture is First Vic President Keith Anderson, along with Will Hoyle and Grant Hoyle. When Keith presented Will with the cheque

Junior Public Speaking - congratulations to all the students from all 3 Cobram Primary schools who took part as their School representatives at today's Lions Junior Public Speaking competition.

All of the students gave fantastic speeches in what was a very close competition. Going to the regional level will be Ruby Berry in the 5-6 year level and Alice Lebner in the year 3-4 level. Congratulations to these winners and we wish them every success at the regional level.



Hope Happenings

Presentation of a Chris August Award - At a recent lunch meeting held at Gargarro Botanical Gardens Cafe in Girgarre. Hope Lions Club Branch presented a Chris August Memorial Award to their most deserving member Lion Avis Weller.

Chris August Memorial Award is recognition for outstanding service to the local community dedicated to the memory of Wangaratta Charter President

Chris August who was generally recognised as the founder and father of Lions Clubs in north east Victoria and Southern NSW.

Avis has served many organisations over the years among them the Lord Mayors Camp at Portsea for 43 years and given a Life Membership. She served the Girgarre Tennis Club as President and Treasurer and given a Life Membership. For many years served the Kyabram & District Tennis Association and given a Life Membership. Avis was the Shire of Deakin Australia Day Citizen of the year in 1988. Avis received a Girgarre Community Award for 25 year

service in 2005. Avis was a member of the Lions Club of Stanhope and held the position as Treasurer before becoming President which she held for several years prior to the clubs closure in 2021.

Avis continues to serve her community and is a valued member of the Hope Lions Club Branch.

Lion Ken Hastie was presented with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation by DG Neil in recognition of Distinguished Achievements in fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International.



Avis receiving her Award from DG Neil Stuart with Hope Club President Marion Whatley.



DG Neil presenting Lion Ken Hastie with his certificate.



DG Neil with the Gargarro cows!

Tungamah Changeover

A large crowd of 46 Lions converged on the Tungamah hotel on Wednesday, 28th June for their 46th Changeover Celebrations. Lions from across the District came from a number of different clubs to witness PDG Peter Poels install the new Board. During the evening, DG Neil Stuart inducted a new member into the club, Heather Beswick. Heather was warmly welcomed by all in attendance.

Outgoing president, Michael Barry, gave his report on the many activities undertaken during a year affected by floods around the town and district. Apart from the usual Bunnings and footy gates, it seemed Lions were there when needed. Well done,

Lions

Michael, on a great year. This was capped off by the presentation to Michael of a Star Award, a very prestigious recognition of a job well done. Disbursements for the year totalled \$5660 in addition to \$5556 already disbursed during the year.

Neville Barber is the new president, taking on the reins for the 3rd time. McKayla Peterson takes over as secretary and certainly adds some much needed youth to the club. Les Harrison remains treasurer, but has said this is the final time. Club administrator is Michelle Wild.

Once again, we enjoyed a terrific meal, due to the hard working efforts of Zak and his helpers in the kitchen. We now look forward to another great year.

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East Loddon Lions

On the 1st day of June, East Loddon had the V District Skin Cancer van parted at the Bush Nursing Centre at Dingee and over the two days it was here we screen exactly 100 people - most from our local community but some from Rochester and even a couple of drop ins from Swan Hill who were driving past and saw the van so stopped in. The team who organizes the van and does all the checks were amazing - cannot speak highly enough of them. We all enjoyed a meal out on the Thursday night and got to know each other a little more.

The Skin Cancer van was well received by everyone who visited and comments were very positive. People were very happy to have the service available. After their skin check they even got a little care pack to take home - to have a cuppa on the Lions, something we do every year after our Driver Reviver at Easter.

Unfortunately we did have a very high referral rate - but that just goes to show how important this service is!

Big thanks to the Dingee Bush Nursing Centre staff for supporting the project & to Lion Paul Shortis from Wodonga for making the trip over to lend a hand.



Tungamah Leos

Tungamah Leos open their fountain in the creek.

Tungamah Leos finally achieved a three year dream of installing a fountain in the local creek.

This was unveiled over the long weekend in June, when townspeople and visitors descended on the Lions Park, firstly to partake in a delicious free barbeque lunch hosted by the Leos. There was also fairy floss and snow cones on offer. Despite the cold weather, these were very popular.

At one o'clock, the large crowd converged on the Creekside to see the unveiling of the plaques by the Lions District Governor Neil Stuart. Leos President, Jack Harrington welcomed everyone and expressed his pride in the project. Leo Advisor, Les Harrison gave a run down on the history of the project and his pride in the group of Leos. The dream started about three years ago, when club members saw a fountain at Cohuna. They decided to raise funds to emulate this in Tungamah. They had on side, the man who designed the Cohuna fountain, Rob Shanahan, a member of the Cohuna Lions Club. We then went to Roe and Cook Plumbing in Shepparton East for their advice and

they were able to make adaptations to allow a very efficient fountain to be made using solar power.

Leos cooked barbecues at the local footy practice matches, held fishing competitions and washed cars to raise the \$6000 needed. In between times, they supported Shave for a Cure, Hair Colour Days and helped people in need. They are a worthy bunch of young people. Successive leaders such as Aydan Stark-Beswick, the Ford family and Jack and Ayla Harrington kept the pressure on to make the project happen. Then in stepped the Moira Shire, and they were able to see us through with a large grant, and lots of expertise and advice.

Permits needed to be obtained through the First Peoples Group and Goulburn Murray Broken Catchment Authority. Permit fees were waived and they were able to fast track permissions. These people were so keen to help and came out to Tungamah to give

some really great advice.

Tungamah Kickstart members, Lions, Social Club and others gave great support. We thank Brendan Lawrence for the rock for the plaques and gravel to go around the rock, plus Michael Barry from the Garage and Neil Lonie and Neil Greaves for installing the rock. Our thanks go also to Greg and Di Ford for their wonderful support.

It was a great effort by a small town. Leos numbers are small and they did a great job. The fountain seems to have made a marked difference in water quality and now they are looking at stocking the Weir Pool with native fish. The last two fishing competitions have resulted in 500 less European Carp. It really is a great environmental project.

We can always do with more young people aged between 12 and 18 to join our club which will combine fun with service to our community.



Global Service Team

Welcome to the new Lions Year. Here is an opportunity to start afresh with new ideas, activities and projects.

I hope executive members have been able to attend the Club Information Days recently held

across the district. If you were unable to make it ask your Zone Chairman for a manual.

Keep a watch for the training for the New Lion Portal. In the meantime continue using MyLion for your reporting. And don't forget to send your stories to the local newspaper and put on your social media.

I hope all Clubs have ordered MD Directories. This handy

resource has the name and contact details of Lions who can help you. Remember there is help available for anything you are stuck on. These Lions are also available to attend your Club and Zone meetings, so give them a call.

Carol Kennedy
GST



Tocumwal Lions Club

Tocumwal Lions Club celebrated another successful year with a Changeover Lunch at the Tocumwal Terminus Hotel. Past District Governor Les Harrison from Tungamah Lions Club installed the incoming executive for the next year. Keith Kennedy will be president, Carol Kennedy secretary and Lidy Soule treasurer. Vice presidents are David Keith and Glennis Pohlner.

Two new members were installed, Judy Renner

and Clive Haynes bringing the membership to eighteen.

The members have been busy during the year catering for functions, holding street stalls, selling Christmas cakes and puddings, running the Railway Museum and maintaining the skate park and lawn cemetery.

The Club recycles cans and bottles, old postage stamps, glasses and hearing aids. Supports the local schools and holds a Public Speaking competition each year.



Back Keith Kennedy, PDG Les Harrison, David Keith
Front Glennis Pohlner, Lidy Soule, Carol Kennedy



Carol Kennedy, Judy Renner, PDG Les Harrison, Glennis Pohlner, Clive Haynes.

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Katamatite Lions

Our Silo Art Project came about as an idea first floated around by a group of women back in 2017 at the local community dinners held at the Community Hub in



Katamatite. The Project originally came under the Katamatite Steering Committee as part of Katamatite's 5 year Community Plan. However this group folded & our Lions Club took it over at the end of 2018. We formed a Silo Art Working Group which is made up of both Lions & local members of the community. Our first fundraising activity was the Kite Festival held in September 2019. We have held raffles, markets & opened the Op Shop which has been a major fundraiser for the Project. We have received \$15,000 from Moira Shire & a grant from the FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) for \$9667. We have also received over \$7000 in community donations.

The Silos are owned by GrainCorp who gave permission for them to be painted. GrainCorp

& Moira Shire have provided a great deal of work & support towards getting this Project off the ground. We have also worked closely with the Katamatite Historical Society, local indigenous community members, the local Katamatite community & the North East Art Trail Group.

Artist Tim Bowtell has been involved with the project for over 3 years. He has worked with our Silo Art Working Group to make our vision a reality. There are several components to the design which Tim has blended together to form a cohesive composition. Tim commenced work on 1st of June & has just finished day 9 of painting. He anticipates it will take 3 - 4 weeks to complete the large scale mural, so weather permitting, the artwork should be completed by the end of June.

Katamatite Silos are Tim's third Silo Project following on from St James & Colbinabbin.

Our artwork features in the top left hand corner an eagle which links to the metal eagle in the Lions Park in town. Wedge tailed eagles are native to our local area, but can be elusive to spot. We pay homage to our traditional owners, noted in our local history book as the Kwat Kwat/ Bangerang. The left Silo shows indigenous figures camped along the Boosey Creek. A Scar Tree runs down the centre which links the two silos together. These trees still exist in the Broken Boosey State Park surrounding the silos. The design also features local plants & rare wildflowers. Top Right features

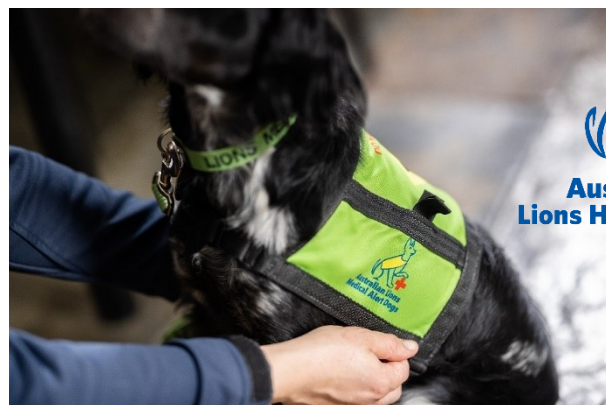
the first passenger train engine built in 1857 which serviced Katamatite in the early days of settlement. The train was sold to the Katamatite Tramways in 1890. The image that runs across the bottom of both silos is of horses pulling a scoop to form irrigation channels; irrigation opened up the region to farming. I hope that our painted silos, which will form part of the North East Silo Art Trail will help to rejuvenate our town. I hope people will visit our silos & stop a while to take in everything our small community has to offer. I hope that visitors will support our local businesses so that they continue to thrive. Our Lions Op Shop has played a significant role in fundraising to make this

project a reality, I hope people will continue to make purchases from the shop. All money raised goes back into the Katamatite community & funds raised will contribute towards the ongoing development of the site. I hope to see the beautiful painted silos with an attractive viewing area, informative signs, seating & landscaped areas where people can take in the beauty of the Broken Boosey State Park. No longer will our silo site be a target for graffiti & dumping ground for rubbish. I hope it will look like a beautiful natural feature of the park that surrounds it.

Follow the project here -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/344049149434869/>





National Diabetes Week is marked from July 9 - 15 and the event is all about raising awareness about diabetes, its impact on individuals and the community, and promoting strategies for prevention and management. This week-long campaign, organised by Diabetes Australia, focuses on bringing the community together and to highlight the importance of understanding diabetes.

The campaign also aims to provide a supportive environment for individuals and their families living with diabetes, highlighting the significance of self-care, regular monitoring of blood glucose levels, healthy eating habits, physical activity, and medication adherence.

With diabetes as a global cause of Lions International, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs is proud to join other organisations in providing solutions for people living with diabetes in Australia through our Medical Alert Dog program.

A Lions Diabetic Alert Dog is provided to eligible applicants living with diabetes to assist with detecting blood glucose level changes and various life-saving tasks in the home. You can read more about our Medical Alert Dog program and the role of a Diabetic Alert Dog here: <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/medical-alert-dogs/>



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Supporting the Tadros Family

On Thursday evening the 22nd of June, Members of the Australian Lions Foundation and Parramatta Lions Club joined Channel 9's "A Current Affair" in support of the Tadros Family. Lions will recall, the Foundation commenced an appeal last March to support the family following the tragedy of the Gold Coast Helicopter crash where Simon's wife was killed and Nicholas was severely injured. He was in hospital for months and underwent numerous surgeries and lost part of his right leg through amputation.

Since the Foundation started the appeal, Lions Clubs around Australia together with many individuals and families have donated almost \$100,000 to the appeal. On Thursday night, the Foundation also contributed another \$100,000 which made the total support to nearly \$200,000. This is such a wonderful result, but we have a long way to go.

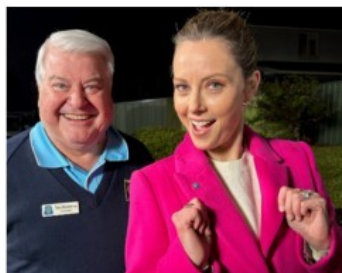
For those who saw the program and many subsequent Facebook updates and posts, we were joined by other companies such as Westpac, Woolworths, Mobil and Instantscripts to provide additional help. Your Foundation will continue to support the family and with your continued help,

Lions will make the family's future a lot more secure. We hope that with this boost in public awareness, the Corporate, business and philanthropic community will also come on board as we start a new financial year.

The team at Channel 9 enjoyed a real Lions sausage sizzle provided by the Lions Club of Parramatta who are the Foundation's liaison Club and work direct with the family. Host presenter Ally Langdon really enjoyed the food particularly as it was a very cold and wet night outside where we were filming, and she is now the proud wearer of an ALF pin as presented on the night.

Please continue to keep your community aware of what Lions are doing and hoping you will continue to support your Foundation.

Tony Benbow OAM
Chairman.



SOCIAL MEDIA & PR WORKSHOPS

HOW TO USE CANVA

SUNDAY 23rd JULY
7.30-8.30PM

link to TEAMS meeting
in main post and/or via
email.

- How to set up the Lions Brand in Canva
- How to get Canva Pro for FREE
- Which Logos to use
- How to create tiles to use on social media, print media, etc



DISTRICT 201V6

INTER-CLUB



Hosted by the Lions Club of Wangaratta
Questions from International Quizmaster - Dany Hudecek

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023

6.30 - 10PM

Da Vinci Social Club - 55 Pyles Lane, Laceby

\$10* per head - TEAMS OF 6 PER CLUB

NO BYO - Drinks at bar prices - remember some cash for games & raffles

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Club RSVPs to wangaratta.vic@lions.org.au by July 28

*includes complimentary snack platter - dinner available beforehand at own cost (bookings essential)



Cobram Lions Market Dates

Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

NEXT MARKET - July 29th

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Email: 2020cobrammarket@gmail.com

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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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