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DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023 - 2024

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**We change the world one life, one relationship,
one community at a time.**





DG Report ~ John Houghton



Thank-you to everyone who continues to work with dedication, fellowship, growth and ensuring that this fantastic organisation continues to provide service to not only our own communities but also those around the world.

The 5-year plan is a working/moving document and I thank all those on the Team and out in Clubs who are striving to make this happen not only for my Year but for Neil's Year and for those in front of us.

Again, there is such pleasure and admiration from both Jennefer and I when we have visited Clubs over the last month. We started the month off visiting Albury Lions and it was interesting to hear how they manage and run their old time Dances each month. I did a Sunday visit to Nathalia Lions where I met them at their Den for an enjoyable lunch and chat. Jennefer attended the Junior Public Speaking for Wangaratta on the same day. We joined the Cobram Lions Club for their meeting on 8th August and heard about there up and coming Art Show comprising of the Peace Post Competition, there news of finding a new permanent home to call there own and other projects they have coming up. The V6 Trivia night was held and by all account was a huge success as well in August. Katamatite Lions held there meeting on August 15th and what a mighty effort by a Club to hold a Rodeo earlier in the year and to again hold a bigger and better one next year with organising already happening. Katamatite has just finished their project of sign boards for the Boosey Bunyip trail where the local schools were involved and the Silo Art Project which is nearly at completion.

Into NSW we went to Holbrook, the night the Ladies Soccer was

being held. The Lions of Holbrook, may only be a small Club but have lots of projects and involvement with the community occurring with there up and coming Garage Sale that attract people from far and wide. Saturday 19th August Jennefer and Michelle Spence – V6 Co – Ordinator of the Peace Poster Project attend the Cobram Art Show where there were excellent pieces of Art on show. The Cobram winner of the Peace Poster has done Cobram proud with her Poster. Monday 21st Thurgoona Lions hosted us at the Golf Club which is a great facility for meeting. Thurgoona Lions is also a small club but have a huge plan for their community. They have obtained a grant to widen the knowledge of the Sloanes Froglet through a walking path, with signs acknowledging Lions and the Froglet's whereabouts, which is diminishing in the area but this project may help the sustainability of this little creature. Wednesday 23rd – Myrtleford Lions was my next destination. There is plenty of Fellowship at Myrtleford, they are in the planning of their Rodeo and other events in the Community.

The Junior Public Speaking Competition Final for V6 was held at Girgarre hosted by the Hope Lions Club. What a fantastic event that was and to hear those young people speak and out themselves out the front of the hall that was full of spectators is an achievement in itself. Thankyou to everyone that travelled as it of a great to have seen so many Lions attend to support this project. Thankyou also to everyone that stayed back and help cleanup the hall etc, which again many hands make light work. The overall winners I am sure will do us proud in the next stage of the competition-





State Finals on September 17th at Maiden Gully. My Last Club visit for the month was Lockhart Lions Club where we arrived early so, we could have a tour of there Recycle Centre that is one of the main projects. What a great way to not only help the environment but to raise funds for Lions. They also Publish a Local Paper the Verandah Post which has a wealth of information contained in it about the community far and wide. Thank you to all the Zone Chairpersons who attend on my visits to support the Clubs.

Meetings are still occurring with the Beechworth and Yackandandah Lions Clubs for the up-and-coming Convention on October 20th-22nd to be held at Beechworth. Please look up the Registration form and submit your attendance and also don't forget the Christmas Cake Decorating Competition that you might like to enter, which is always good fun.

As I have said before and, on my visits, - that there is such a big focus on NUMBERS and retention but it is also the work we undertake and why many of us joined Lions - to serve our communities and beyond and we need to ensure we do not lose that focus. Sometime we can get caught up on the BIG PICTURE but actually lose focus on what's going on around us. I ask each

and every one tonight here to stay focus, watch your clubs, your members and the catch phrase of 'R U OK' also applies to Lions. With R U OK day occurring in September let's all stop and check on each other.

It is great to see Lions Clubs moving forward to try and increase membership. Lions Clubs are the best kept secret and we need to promote ourselves and our projects to the wider community. The more hands we have assisting in our projects the more hearts and minds we can help in our community and beyond.

As my theme for 2023-2024 is Building a Better Future I believe we can do this together and Change the World.

John Houghton
District Governor 201V6
*Building a Better Future
Changing the World*



For the Trivia Buffs...

- Which spray uses the slogan "More smart, more safe,"?
- Name a clothing and shoe store that shares it's name with a body of water.
- Which ex-Australian Cricket captain promotes Fujitsu?
- Where on your body would you wear "Redbacks"?
- Nylex made what famous brand of portable coolers?
- Which product has the slogan "it's moments likes these you need....."?
- If you were using a Melways, which state would you be in?
- Name the brand that makes tyres, shoes & rubber.
- Which tea brand asked "another cup of"?
- Name the security company beginning with "A" that transports money?



SAFETY - ASBESTOS

With many Lions Projects working in aging buildings, we have to be aware the potential of asbestos.

It's estimated 4000 Australians die from asbestos-related diseases every year and tradies are among the most at risk for asbestos exposure. Breathing in asbestos fibres can lead to diseases such as asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma. These diseases can take decades to develop and have no known cure. They can cause debilitating illness and premature death.

Asbestos is the name for a group of minerals that were used to manufacture a wide range of products including many that were used in Australian buildings until the mid-late 1980s. Exposure to asbestos fibres may cause diseases such as mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis.

The asbestos exposure standard does not represent a 'risk free' level at which every employee can be guaranteed absolute protection from any asbestos related illness. Nor does the asbestos exposure standard constitute a 'fine line' between satisfactory and unsatisfactory working conditions.

Under the law there are duties and requirements for managing asbestos in workplaces, working with asbestos and removing asbestos.

Club Excellence Award

I'm very pleased to say that 12 Clubs in our District applied for the 2022-2023 Club Excellence Award. This is 4 times the number from the previous year. To qualify for the Club Excellence Award clubs must meet requirements in four categories: membership, service, leadership and organisational excellence, and marketing. Applications must be signed by the current District Governor. The 2023-2024 applications are due by August 31, 2024.

The specific requirements for 2023-2024 are:

1. **MEMBERSHIP** - achieved a net growth of one or more members; or chartered a new Lions Club or Club Branch.
2. **SERVICE** - contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US\$5; started a new service project (consider one of our Global Causes); and list three service activities your club participated in that were reported to LCI.
3. **LEADERSHIP & ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE** - Club is in good standing and District dues are paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more; reported Club Officers to LCI; and Key Officers participate in club officer training.
4. **MARKETING** - the club has publicised its service activities through local media or social media.

Upon receiving the award, a banner patch and pin will be awarded to your club president.

Our Immediate Past International President Brian Sheehan encourages clubs to apply every year. This award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organisational excellence and marketing.

IPDG Neil Stuart





Junior Public Speaking



WOW – what a fantastic day we had at the District Junior Public Speaking Final yesterday – Sunday 27th August 2023, in the Girgarre Memorial Hall. We listened to 10 amazing young people deliver their speeches to an audience of approximately 80 parents, teachers, grandparents and supporting visitors.

Congratulations to all the contestants for the way they presented their speeches, they are all winners, and they provided quite a few smiles and laughs for those in attendance, and their imagination in putting their speeches together was simply fantastic.

Unfortunately, as with all competitions there can be only one winner, and the winner of years 3 – 4 was – Oakley Elliott – a Year 3 student from St Anne's Primary School, North Albury NSW, and represented the Lavington Lions Club.

Runner up – was Hamish Lloyd - a Year 4 student from the Cathedral College in Wangaratta and represented the Wangaratta Lions Club.

An Encouragement Award was presented to Mia Muller – a Year 4 student at the St Josephs Primary School in Numurkah and represented the Numurkah Lions Club.

Year 5 -6 winner was – Ethan Elliott – a Year 5 student at St Anne's Primary School, North Albury NSW and he represented the Lavington Lions Club.

Runner up – Iris Cagalj – a Year 5 student at the Cathedral College in Wangaratta, and represented the Wangaratta Lions Club.

An Encouragement Award was presented to Georgia Robertson – a Year 6 student from the St Joseph's Primary School Numurkah, and represented the Numurkah Lions Club.

District Governor John Houghton presented the participants, winner, runner up and encouragement certificates to all the speakers, and they also received medallions, and DG John also presented them all with his personal Bannerette, which was a very nice thought.

Special "Thank Yous" to Helen and Ken Hastie for organising the 3 Judges, Timekeepers and Vouchers for the winners and runners up, Avis Weller for organising the venue and catering, which was provided by the Hope Club Branch.

If your Club does not take part in the Junior Public Speaking program, please consider it next year, the enjoyment your club members receive from listening to these amazing young people in your communities is fantastic.

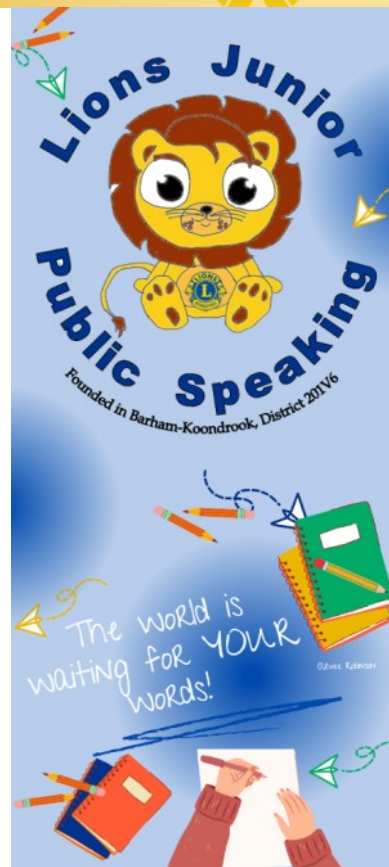
The Junior Public Speaking program is one of the easiest programs to do, as long as continuous communication is provided between the club, the school and the parents of the students.

Public speaking will be the hardest thing to do for most students, so with this Lions Project we give these young people in our communities the opportunity to gain confidence to speak, on a given topic, in front of an audience other than their peers.

It is a stepping stone to the other Lions Youth programs – Youth of the Year and Leos.

It also helps them later on in life when they begin to enter the work force, to have these certificates as part of their resume for their potential employer to see.

Thank you to all the Clubs that participated in the Junior Public Speaking program this year, which helped in making it another successful year. The quality of the speeches is improving each year.



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Hope Lions Club Branch

JPS Contestants – Stanhope & Girgarre Primary Schools competed in the 2023 JPS competition. The Representatives that went through to the Regional 2 Final were both from Girgarre Primary.

Grades 3 & 4 - Zara McKenzie

Grades 5 & 6 – Adele Seabrook

Photo – with Hope JPS Chairperson Lion Avis Weller



Benalla Tales

At our Dinner Meeting on August 17th, we had the pleasure of the company of 3 Members from the Moyhu Lions Club – Max Baker, George Snowing and Alexander Mark.

They had a sheepish look on their faces and a large case was being carried– the Travel Gavel, after a few laughs, Max was asked by Club President Peter Poels to please explain to our Club Members what the Travel Gavel is all about.

It was only a short stay at our Benalla Lions Club, as on the following Monday evening Peter and Margaret Poels visited the Corowa Lions Club with a large case being carried by Peter and was eventually presented to Lion Julie Ann Glare, the 2nd Vice President who was presiding over the meeting, due to President Stuart Whisson being unavailable on the night, Julie accepted the “Travel Gavel” on behalf of the Corowa Lions Club, much to the “amusement” of the Members.

Again Peter explained to the Club Members what the Gavel is all about, Which is an extremely “fun way” of raising funds for our V6 Foundation.



Region 2 Finals for JPS

Both winning students are from St Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah – sponsored by the Numurkah Lions Club

Runners up were Sophie Connelly Yr 3 & 4 & Ruby Connelly Yr 5 & 6. Both attend St Joseph's primary School, Rochester & represented the Rochester Lions Club.

The competition was hosted by the Lockington Lions Club and held at the Community Centre. It was a great afternoon well attended by families and Lions & partners. The winners progress to the District final to be held at Girgarre on Sunday Aug 27.



L-R: Mia Muller Yr 3 & 4,
Georgia Robertson Yr 5 & 6



ALCCRF

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Why we should give...

Over the past few decades global medical research efforts have seen survival rates from childhood cancer improve dramatically.

More than 8 out of 10 children today in Australia survives their disease.

Lions Australia through ALCCRF has become one of Australia's most important philanthropic donors to childhood cancer.

Australian researchers are amongst the best in the world and are playing a significant role in the treatment of and research into childhood cancer.

To give every child a chance at a healthy life; and 100% survival will become a reality.

FUN WAYS TO RAISE MONEY AND JOIN THE FIGHT FOR A CURE

The Coin Line Project – organise a line at your club meetings, at your local schools, BBQ's, sporting clubs, workplace, the list is endless!

Lions Biggest BBQ – organise a BBQ anywhere at any time of the year.

Why not donate one or part of your BUNNING'S BBQ's to kid's cancer research!

Biggest High Tea – organise a high tea, a cuppa and delicious food of mini savouries, club sandwiches and cream cakes, always a very popular event!

JuLikeMyChops – this fundraiser is aimed at encouraging all men across Australia to grow their "Chops" for the month of July... Giving Childhood Cancer the 'Chop'!

Invent your own fundraising ideas, people never say "no" to support for kid's cancer.

Look out for the ALCCRF promotional stand at the Beechworth Convention October 20-22 Brochures, Award forms, Aprons, Travel packs, bios and the 2023 Christmas pins will be available. There will also be a small collection of plants from BLOOMS of HOPE for sale.



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Cobram Lions

Cobram Lions have been busy for the month of August. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by the Cobram Lions Club members, with the District Governor John Houghton and Zone chairman Victor Smith, visiting club for the DG visit on August 8th.

5 members and 2 partners attended the Trivia night hosted by the Wangaratta Lions Club. What a great night, enjoyed by all. Thank you Wangaratta Lions. Congratulations to Wodonga Lions on their win.

On the 18th and 19th August the club hosted a successful Art show in Cobram, incorporating 10 to 14 year old sections plus the Lions International Peace Poster Competition. It was fantastic to see a large number of students entering the 10 to 14 year sections this year. Along with these was an over 15 years section incorporating art, photography and sculpture. Thank you to Michelle Spence the V6 chair person for the Peace Poster this year, and Jennifer Houghton for visiting, and Michelle for handing all the winners their prizes.

Yesterday we had our August Market, what a beautiful day to have a market. The next market is on September 30th.



Corowa Lions

Lion Peter and Lion Margaret Poels visited the Corowa Lions Club on Monday the 22nd August to speak to the members of Corowa about the benefits of supporting the Australian Lions Foundation

PDG Peter spoke fluently about the various foundation grants available to Lions Clubs and the need for all Lions Clubs to support the Foundation.

Peter & Margaret had a great night with the members of the Corowa Club and enjoyed a baked dinner and plenty of informal chat with members.

One of the highlights that PDG Peter brought to the Corowa Club was the handing over of the District Gavel. This has been an ongoing District project since the early 2000's and raises money for the Lions 201 V6 District Foundation.

Acting president, Lion Julie Glare was delighted to receive the Gavel and she said that it will be passed on to another local Lions Club very. There was no indication as to which club would be receiving the Gavel but all local clubs should be aware that it's in the Corowa area and to expect a club visit.





Trivia night 12-8-23 - A small group of CLC members had planned to attend the V6 Trivia Night, which was held on Saturday 12th August in Wangaratta. Unfortunately, the flu bug hit half our club team and we were reduced to 2 members to fly the Corowa Club banner, being Lynn and Heather. Luckily, we were accompanied by guests, Pam Fredericks and Maria and Peter Slater.

Our table was dressed for the occasion, with colour and glitz and lots of nibbles (nibbles were eaten before we took this photo). We didn't win any points for best dressed table, but we did a magnificent battle and came equal THIRD in the Trivia competition. Not a bad effort, even if I say so myself.



It was a great night, and not only was the competition fearless on the trivia questions, but also the silent auction. You don't want to get into a battle with Wangaratta members for silent auction prizes.

CANS for Lions Cancer Research Projects

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 \$49,000 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.



L to R, Mr Dean Druce Corowa Whiskey and Chocolate, Lion Lynn Fredericks, Lion Paul Shortis, Lion Herman Fransen.

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 633 791 or Paul Shortis (Yackandandah) on 0407 854 829.



Corowa Whiskey and Chocolate Factory owner Mr. Dean Druce was presented with a certificate of thanks for all his support offered to the Lions Can's for Cancer project.

Dean and his willing staff, have for the past 4 years made it possible for the Corowa Lions Club to operate a collection and sorting place. Dean was very willing to provide a secure area to the Corowa Lions to sort and collect their Cans and Bottles as part of the Can's for Cancer Lions project.

Victorian Trustee for the Lions Childrens Cancer Research Foundation, Lion Paul Shortis was very pleased to present Dean with a certificate and said that without the Chocolate factory support the project would not have been able to raise the \$49,000 it has over the last 4 years.

Dean and his staff have always been very willing to help when needed and the local Lions clubs are most appreciative.

Inter-Club Trivia night

Saturday August 12 was the night, and Wangaratta was the location for the latest instalment of the District 201V6 Inter-club trivia night.

Around 60 people across 10 teams attended the event, which was a very entertaining and closely fought contest.

We were graced by International Quizmaster Dany Hudecek, direct from Europe, who set an array of challenging and interesting questions, and threw in some unusual diversions and activities as well.

There was good food, and great camaraderie throughout the night. We stopped after round three to watch the Matildas vs France penalty shootout, before a decisive final round that saw Wodonga take out the championship by a single point. Wodonga takes home the trophy, and will now host the event next year.

Everyone agreed that it was a great night. Congratulations to all who took part, and thanks to all who helped make it happen. We look forward to next year's event.



GMT Report

As of August 25th, we have 1058 members after beginning 2023/24 with 1063 members. We have added 34 new members and 19 dropped. We are net +15 for the year however last month we had a net loss of -2.

Congratulations to the following clubs that have added members over the past two months: Albury, Barooga, Benalla, Corowa, Corryong, Lake Mulwala, Lockhart, Myrtleford, Ruthergen, Strathmerton and Yarrawonga. There are also 3 more members that were inducted in early July that have yet to be added to MyLCI.

DG John's membership goals are: 1 new club, 95 new members plus 20 charter members, and no more than 80 dropped members to have a net growth of 35 at the end of June 2024. Looking at DG John's goals we currently are tracking well in terms of adding new members however retention is critical if we are to finish the year with no more than 80 drops.

Work in reestablishing a club in the Mansfield district was begun by 1st VDG Geoff Turnbull and GMT Extension Peter May in particular, during the last term. This is an important focus of the membership team, and we will be putting together further plans to realise this key goal.

IPDG Neil Stuart
V6 GMT Coordinator
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Tungamah Lions Club

Another month has passed by and gradually our sick and wounded are returning to action. We still have some of our members away on holidays in far north Queensland and also the USA and Mexico. We are all so envious of the travellers and let us pray they return fit and healthy.

Now for the really big news. Tungamah have a new Leo Cub, born to proud parents Aydan Stark-Beswick and McKayla Peterson. McKayla has been in the Royal Women's Hospital for several weeks and it was a great relief when Codi Joan Beswick was born. She weighed 1189 grams, not much over 2 pounds but both mum and bub are doing well, although McKayla and bub face another 5 to 6 weeks in hospital. Both parents are great Lions, with Aydan being a Leo-Lion.

We also welcome back our president Neville who has been on the sick list. Nev spent several weeks in intensive care in Wangaratta Hospital but is back at the helm.

Last year's president Michael is still battling multiple fractures to his right arm when he fell from a ladder. We wish him well in his recovery as he is the town's mechanic, and not only are we suffering, but our cars are as well. (He does have a good crew keeping the garage running.)

We had a big day recently, when we were rostered on at Bunnings, only to have a late offer to run the gate raffle at the first of the Picola League Finals. With so many out of action, Les had some sleepless nights trying to cover the manpower and womanpower needed, but we were rescued by the Leos!!!! A group of Leos and one of the Dads did an outstanding job of cooking and helping Victor set up.

The Lions have donated the profits from Bunnings to the Leos to help pay for the forthcoming camp.

We were very please to see our reps for Junior Public Speaking attend the Regional Final at Tocumwal. Annabel Delaney, the tiniest contestant on the day spoke so well, while Jameson Dickins was superb, upholding the family tradition.

We are looking forward to the District Governor's visit. This is probably the highlight of the year. Following that, we will have a footy finals night the following meeting. There are still a few misguided Collingwood supporters who are hoping for the holy grail. Should be a great night.

We are helping a member this week to make things safer around her front door. Great to have a

former Lions put his hand up to guide us through the hard work.

Nothing much else as we keep working for a better future for the world.

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Tungamah Leo Club

We are having a very busy time with our Leos. Since the installation of the fountain, we have gained some new members with a real purpose. Our main project is to stock our weir pool with yellow belly fingerlings. The recent sighting of a platypus in the creek, plus one of the campers catching a 57 cm Murray Cod has given hope for our waterway which has been deteriorating since the permanent flow was stopped some years ago.

We have several members getting ready to go on the Leo Camp which Lee is organizing. We look like having Leos from Lake Boga, Nhill, Cobram on the Murray, Tungamah and Cohuna.

The last week of the holiday, we are running a fishing comp for the local kids as part of our school holiday program.

Our changeover is coming up on Friday the 13 October and will be a games night, plus dress according to the night. Should be a fun night.

The Leos certainly came to the fore to help the Lions run their Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

We are aiming at \$1400 to buy fish for the creek and this will be raised by Car Washes, raffles and Bunnings.

Go Leos.

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Yarrawonga Lions Club

Yarrawonga Lions Welcome New Members - At our last meeting for the month in August we had the company of PDG Neil Stuart who performed our induction ceremony for our three new members.

Kathy Fisher, Keith Rate and Linda Rate were all warmly welcomed into our club by members and their sponsor Debbie Van Corler.

All three members have commenced activities with the club and are very keen to be involved. It is important that new members have an early opportunity to join in and do things.

Early in August we catered for the Lightning Premiership at our local netball and football grounds. This is an interschool event where approximately 400 students, teachers and supporters travel to Yarrawonga to partake in sporting events. This was a very busy day, but we have plenty of able bodied and not so able-bodied Lions present including two of our new members.



PGD Neil Stuart, Lions Kathy Fisher, Debbie Fan Corler, Keith Rate, Linda Rate and President Jock McDonald



Lions Gus, Jock, Ollie, Linda, Denis, Keith and Joan behind the camera.



Lion John, not deterred by an injury (Not sustained at Lions)

Lockhart Lions Club

Lockhart Lions celebrated their Changeover at the Ex-Servicemens Club on Sunday 9th July.

Special Guests, P.C.C. David Skinner, Shire Council's General Manager Peter and Leanne Veneris and Mayor Greg and Marie Verdon were in attendance.

David has been a regular visitor since day one, and is always happy to carry out inductions and any awards. Doug Skillicorn, a volunteer at the Lions Recycle Centre for some time, was welcomed into the Club following his induction. Membership is now a healthy 18.

Congratulations go to Shirley Morgan who was presented with a Chris August Award. Shirley joined the Club in 2009 and immediately took on the publishing of the ever popular Verandah Post. In 2010 she became Treasurer and still holds that position. Shirley is also Treasurer of a number of other local organisations. Well done Shirley - a fantastic effort.

President Bill presented an Appreciation Plaque to volunteer Bob Kendell, for his many years of assistance at the Recycle Centre.

The Club proudly supports many local organizations with the most recent addition being



support to the Students of 10,000 from 2022. Breakfast Program at Cardboard, paper and plastic Lockhart Central School. Continued donations are also sold, with truck and machinery batteries also a valuable money earner.

The Recycle Centre is the main source of income with Return and Earn being a major contributor. 65,000 cans, stubbies and soft drink bottles were sold, an increase

The Club looks forward to another enjoyable and productive year.



Beechworth Lions Club

What a wonderful day had by all for Beechworth Lions Club level Junior Public Speaking 30th July. Thank you to our judges Peter Croucher and Christine Luckman, our timekeeper Garry Jarvis, and our chaperones Pauline Middleton and Sven Mannik. And our students, what can we say what a great bunch of

children, but there can only be 2 to go on to represent Beechworth Lions Club at regional level 3/4 - Lily Jobson (Beechworth Primary School), and 5/6 - Cleaver Green (St Joseph's Primary School). Our Runner ups are 3/4 - Jackson Iaria (St Joseph's), and Henry Lloyd (Montessori).



A few words from your District Treasurer...

Bendigo Bank not issuing cheques after December.

I have been advised that some Clubs, that bank with Bendigo Bank, have received letters saying that the Bank will no longer be processing cheques after December this year, hope I've got that right. As 22 Clubs paid by cheque last year and most were from Bendigo Bank, I think this may affect a lot of Clubs. The move by Bendigo Bank is part of a move to wind down the cheque system in Australia by 2030, New Zealand apparently was cheque free by 2021.

If your Club is affected by this, I suggest you contact your Bank and see what your options are, a lot of Clubs have already done this. The Electronic Funds Transfer as a good option, which I use only ever having written 2 cheques.

Australian Business Number (ABN), Not for Profit Declaration

A number of Clubs have ABNs, which are useful for dealing with some businesses and applying for grants, and they are mostly registered as not for profit organisations, not to be confused with deductible gift recipients (DGRs). In the past, Clubs could self-assess and were not required to send anything to the Australian Tax Office (ATO), but this is changing, and it looks like Clubs with ABNs will now have to lodge a form with the ATO to declare their not-for-profit status.

There should be more details coming out in the District mail-out, and if you need more details don't hesitate to give me a call or email. Also bear in mind that the details are not yet finalised by the ATO, so watch this space. My understanding is that the process will not be onerous but just another bit of administration we don't need.

I have no idea how many Clubs are involved in this, but if there are enough, we could arrange a seminar or fact sheet or something.

Ollie Tufvesson

District 201V6 Treasurer
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Beechworth Lions Club would like to thank Beechworth Bendigo Bank, its staff, and Board for their Sponsorship Grant for the 201V6 Lions Convention hosted by Beechworth and Yackandandah Lions Clubs in October. All the communities' members of Beechworth, Yackandandah and surrounds are invited to attend the opening and Smoking Ceremony to be held in Beechworth Town Hall Garden from 5pm Friday 20th October.



Club Presentations – Lions John and Pauline. Lion of the Year - This year this has been awarded jointly to Lion Treasurer Christine Luckman and President Iris Mannik. Smartie Award - This year this has been awarded jointly to Lion Garry Jarvis and Lion Lyn Hayes. Beechworth Lions Service Pins - Andrew Cudars – 9 years, Lynne Cudars – 1 year (not present), Pauline Middleton – 11 years, John Eldrid – 11 years, Iris Mannik – 11 years



201V6 Inter-club Trivia Night - Lions John, Sven and President Lions Iris attended the Annual District Inter-club Trivia Night was held in Wangaratta. Hosted by Wangaratta Lions Club, Club President Geoff Turnbull and International Quizmaster Dany Hudecek, it was a great night of friendship, laughter and close competition and to add to a fantastic night we were able to watch the Matildas beat France in a penalty shootout! The winners were Wodonga, who have taken the trophy home and will be hosting next year. Beechworth table shared by 3 Wangaratta Lions, and one member from Katamatite Lions Julie came in third.

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Beechworth Lions Club hosted the Zone/Region Level of the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition on 13th August at the Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall. This was well attended by 50 people from 5 Lions Clubs of Zones 9 and 10. Our judges were Peter Poels from Benalla and Christine Luckman from Beechworth. It was a very enjoyable afternoon finishing with afternoon tea. Well done to all 10 students that participated, and good luck to our Zone representatives Ethan Wilson (5/6) and Oakley Elliott (3/4) representing Lions Lavington. Our Runner ups – Cleaver Green (5/6) representing Beechworth Lions Club and Lucy Cole representing Wodonga Lions Club.





Trek 4 Kids - On Saturday 26th August Beechworth Lions President Iris Mannik, Lions Christine Luckman and Pauline Middleton meet Trek4Kidz motorcade at the Beechworth Bakery for Breakfast. This group was one of Beechworth Lions Club 2023 disbursements.

Trek4Kidz was started in 1997 by a small band of like-minded people from Tuross Head on the far south coast of NSW - with a shared passion for exploring Australia and helping change the lives of seriously ill children. The annual week-long event sees a group of trekkers explore different regional areas of the Australian countryside by car. Trek4Kidz is unique, in that 100% of funds raised goes directly to Starlight Children's Foundation. Most other treks take some money from the donations to cover administration costs. In our case, each trekker pays an amount of money each year, which not only covers the costs of accommodation and meals for the week we are away, but also covers those few administration costs. Since its inception the Trek has visited more than 482 towns, 57 schools and raised over \$2,536,965 for the Starlight Children's Foundation. These funds enable Starlight to bring happiness to sick kids in hospital when they need it most.



Turban Angel Project

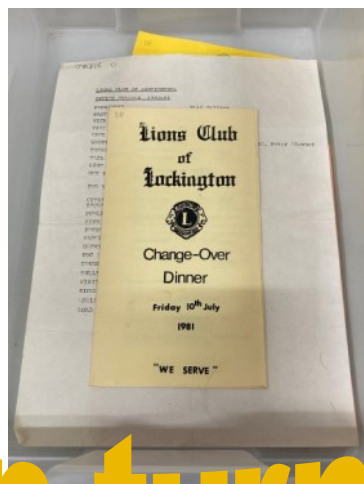
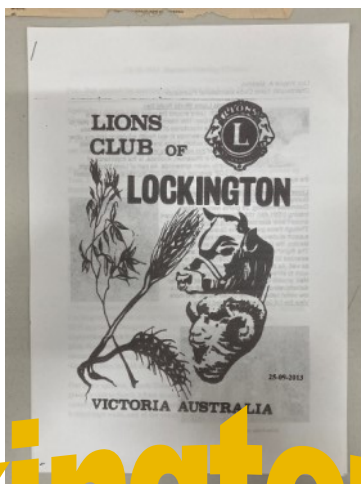
The Turban Angels started off our 23-24 with year with the fantastic news that we have reached 60,000 units distribution. This is the actual number of pieces that have been delivered to oncology units over our 8 years of operation. A Great achievement by Yarrawonga Lions Club's flagship project.

Winter is always a quiet time with volunteer numbers, however we have still managed to create around 100 a week, so no one is missing out.

Again our Project has attracted new members some of whom are considering joining our Lions. Tuesdays continue to be an important day in the week for these women, they deem it their mental health day. Even new Club President Jock got put to work helping.



Worrying works! Case in point: 90% of the things I worry about never happen.



Lockington turns 50!

A great night of celebration was had in Lockington recently when the club celebrated 50 years in the Community. There was a great turn up as Lions came from near and far to celebrate with the club.

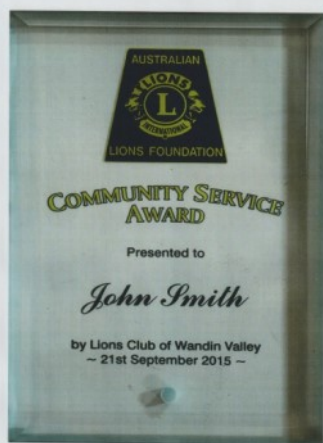
There was Lions history and memorabilia around the room to look at, bulletins, photos, etc.

President Stephen Peter along with Zone Chair Ian Whatley presented 50 year membership awards to Phil Collins, Bill Roberts & Des Pentreath. Lion Kevin Oliver cut the cake, and Lion Bill Roberts gave a fantastic condensed history of the club of it's achievements.





Social Media Highlights



Australian Lions Foundation 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.

The cost of the Award is \$250 and can be ordered using the normal Awards Application Form.



Mohyu Lions - Busy day at Wangaratta North manning the football gates



Berrigan Lions - 50th Anniversary Celebrations



Official Unveiling of the Boosey Bunyip Story Boards at the Lions Park



Tocumwal - What a beautiful morning for a street stall!

CAR BOOT SALE

SATURDAY NOV 25TH 9AM TO 2PM
PIONEER PARK BRIGHT

\$20 per site

Bookings and enquiries: Lisa: 0408 392 919
Email: admin@brightlions.org.au

Make some \$\$\$ for Christmas!

Marketing Tip #How to take photos for social media

One of the biggest components of succeeding on social media is high quality imagery. But how do you take great photos for social media that increase engagement with your followers and reach potential new members?

Here's a detailed guide for taking great photos on your mobile phone for social media.

Smartphones have pretty impressive cameras nowadays that shoot photos in such high-quality that the untrained eye (aka the average person) could easily mistake the photos for professional. With that said, there are a few things to consider when shooting with your smartphone:

- Wipe off your camera lens. These smudges can distort your images and make them look foggy.
- Tap on your subject when taking the picture. Once you've framed your picture, tap on the subject of your photo. This lets your phone know where to prioritize the focus, and will ensure a sharper photo.
- Improve your lighting. Lighting can make or break a picture, whether you're using a mobile phone or an expensive DSLR.
- Shoot from several angles. Don't shoot one picture and call it a day.
- Utilize negative space. By adding empty, negative space around your subject you'll actually demand more attention to the object or person you're photographing.



Lions Learning Opportunities...

Coming up we have some great opportunities for leadership and leadership. Please have a look at the courses being offered in Sydney and New Zealand. If you are interested, please contact me. These details will be sent out in more detail by the Cab Sec as well.

Les Harrison

GLT

Ph: 0417 301 797

or by email les.harrison29@gmail.com

LIONS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM TRAINING

Location: Sydney, Australia

Dates: February 9-12, 2024

Application Due Date: October 17, 2023

The purpose of the LCIP training is to provide Lions who have training experience the opportunity to expand their knowledge and demonstrate their training ability, including the opportunity to be evaluated for certification.

Training Eligibility Requirements

Candidates for the LCIP training should meet one or more qualifications before applying.

- Experience as a professional trainer or educator for five or more years.
- Considerable experience serving as faculty at local Lions trainings (e.g. Regional Lions Leadership Institute, district-

level training for club officers, etc.) or conducted Lions training at forums.

- Previous experience as FVDG/DGE Seminar Group Leader or Lions Clubs International-directed institute faculty.

Selection Process

Selection is based on a combination of factors, including initial assessment of the application by representatives of the Leadership Development Team and final review by the Global Action Team Constitutional Area Leader. Candidates will be notified of their application status approximately four weeks after the application deadline via the email address provided on the application form.

LCIP Certification Process

Determination of an applicant's status as a Lions Certified Instructor will be based on the applicant's performance during the

skill evaluation opportunity that is provided during

the training. Candidates will receive their evaluation result approximately six to eight weeks after the training.

Participant Expectations

Upon acceptance to the training, participants are obligated to the following:

- Attend all sessions of the 4-day training.
- Arrange personal travel to and from the training.
- Complete pre-assignments prior to arrival.
- Pay a non-refundable participant fee of US\$200.

Application Submission Process Application Due Date: October 17, 2023

Submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance to the training. Ensure that your application is complete, and all

questions have been thoroughly answered. Applications are evaluated based on the applicants' qualifications and experiences.

- Completed applications should be emailed to institutes@lionsclubs.org by the application due date above.
- Lions Clubs International (LCI) will email a confirmation of receipt within 7-10 business days.

TIP: For ease of completion, this application has been created in PDF typable format. In order to type directly onto the application, you must have Adobe Reader. Download it for free at the secured website, <https://www.adobe.com>. It is also recommended that you download the application from the LCI website and save it to your computer before completing.



ADVANCED LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
ALLI

**Location: Auckland, New Zealand Dates:
April 12-14, 2024**

Application Due Date: December 29, 2023

The purpose of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region, and district levels.

Review the information provided below to ensure that your application meets the requirements for submission.

Applicant Qualifications

Candidates for ALLI must meet all qualifications before applying:

- Current member of a club within the constitutional area.
- Completed a full term as club president.
- Not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor.*
- Has not attended an ALLI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- Capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.

**Second Vice District Governors are highly encouraged to apply.*

Participant Expectations

Upon acceptance to the institute, participants are obligated to the following:

- Attend all sessions and meals of the 3-day institute.
- Arrange personal travel to and from the institute.

- Complete pre-assignments prior to arrival.
- Pay a non-refundable participant fee of US\$125.00.

Application Submission Process Application Due Date: December 29, 2023

Submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance to the institute. Ensure that your application is complete, and all questions have been thoroughly answered. Applications are evaluated based on the applicants' qualifications, experiences and endorsements from the district leaders.

- Applicant completes sections 1 through 3. District Governor and GLT District Coordinator complete section 4.

Applicants from undistricted areas, should have section 4 completed by the country's coordinating lion and GAT Area Leader.

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Contact:

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Some things to ponder... Can you solve them?

*I know a word of letters three.
Add two, and fewer there will be.*

.....

*You heard me before, yet you hear me again,
Then I die, 'till you call me again.
What am I?*

*Each morning I appear to lie at your feet,
All day I will follow no matter how fast you run,
Yet I nearly perish in the midday sun.
What am I?*



District Noticeboard



Lions Club of Lockington
PRESENTS:

**JEFFERSON
—SMITH—**
& Route 66

LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY HALL
SHAKESPEARE CRES, LOCKINGTON
7:30PM ARRIVAL - 8PM START

FRIDAY
NOV 10

TABLES OF 10 - COST \$30 PER PERSON: NIBBLES SUPPLIED, BYO DRINKS
FOR BOOKINGS: MARG 0427 795 576 JOHN: 0417 999 144

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**LIONS 201V6
FOUNDATION**



PLEASE SUPPORT THE V6 DISTRICT FOUNDATION

THE V6 FOUNDATION PROVIDES URGENT NEEDED FUNDS DIRECTLY TO CLUBS IN UNDER 24 HOURS TO ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.

Please contact Foundation Treasurer
PDG Lynn Fredericks
for details on how to make your club donations.
Email: lfredericks23@gmail.com

*Who makes it, has no need of it.
Who buys it, has no use for it.
Who uses it can neither see nor feel it.
What is it?*

SAVE THE DATE!

OBSERVATION CAR RUN

17TH MARCH 2024

raising funds for

Australian Lions

Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

REGISTER NOW TO HOST A

Biggest High Tea

IN 2023 TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

Contact Lion Kate for details 0409228075

Childhood Cancer Research Foundation



Cobram Lions Market Dates
Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

NEXT MARKET - September 30th

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



THE ANNUAL

Lions Christmas Cake Decorating Competition

If your club is looking for a challenge then this may interest your club and its members. The Annual Cake Decorating Competition.

I challenge your members to have a go and make this a social time, having a go and enter into the competition, your Lions members will certainly have a lot of fun and fellowship when it comes time to decorate a Lions Cake.

An entry form is available from our V6 website. If you require extra copies then please print/photocopy as required.

The rules and regulations are simple and are published below. **Your entries need to be lodged at the Merchandise display no later than 10am on the Saturday of the convention.** They can be submitted once the cake display has been set up. Judging will take place on the Saturday afternoon and the announcement of the winners will be announced Saturday evening.

So... organize yourself and your team and enter this decorating competition.

Good Luck and Happy Decorating!

Cake Decorating Competition Rules

- 1 The task is to decorate one Lions Christmas Cake **and only Lions Christmas Cakes will be accepted.** The decorations can be any theme, not necessarily Christmas.
- 2 This is a team competition, with teams of up to four members, who may be Lions, Leos or partners.
- 3 There will be four sections:
 - ✦ All male teams
 - ✦ All female teams
 - ✦ Mixed male and female teams
 - ✦ Leos
- 4 Judging will be done on a handicapped system taking into account the experience (or lack of experience) of team members.
- 5 Hand made decorations will receive more points than bought ones.
- 6 Judging will take place on the Saturday of the Convention.
- 7 The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.



Ever wondered what
other Lions clubs across
Australia do?

CLICK HERE

To check out the latest stories from across the
Lions Multiple District

LION MINTS NEWSLETTER



July Edition

Stock Update

As you are aware we have been behind with our deliveries. However, we have almost caught up with our backlog and now we are sending our orders from May/June



New Pricing

This new pricing will be effective from 15/05/23. Any orders received from this date will be at the new pricing and any orders we are still fulfilling from the backlog will be at the current prices.

New Order Form

The current order form has been updated due to new pricing. This will be effective from 15/05/23. Please ensure you are using the updated form (attached) when placing future orders.



LION MINTS NEWSLETTER



Lions Header Card

The header card will need to be updated with the new minimum donation price. We have created an easy solution to update the pricing.

Print, cut and glue the attached sheet with the new pricing of 80c for all existing Lions header cards.



Damaged or Lost in Transit Products

If a product is damaged during transit, contact Dollar Sweets. You will need to provide details of the extent and type of damage and the quantity and type of goods affected. Dollar Sweets will lodge a complaint with the freight company on behalf of the relevant Lions Club. Photographic evidence of damaged goods may be requested so it is advised to hold onto any damaged goods until you have spoken to Dollar Sweets.

Goods lost in transit will only be replaced once confirmation has been received from the courier that the order is unrecoverable. Once confirmation has been received, replacement goods will be sent on the next available dispatch day.

Dollar Sweets must be notified as soon as possible of any damaged or lost in transit goods. Credits claims may be rejected if too much time has lapsed.

Mint Orders Fact Sheet

Placing Your Order

- A copy of the most up to date order form and price list can be downloaded from the Lions Website: www.lionsclubs.org.au and follow these prompts; Get Involved → Fundraising → Mints
Password (no username required): md201
- Orders can only be placed via email, and you will receive a confirmation email within 24-48 hours

Preparing Your Order

- If your order is not able to be supplied in full, we'll advise this on the email sent through with your invoice, including the anticipated delivery date for the backordered items

Despatching & Invoicing Your Order

- Orders are dispatched once a week
- Orders cannot be delivered to PO Box addresses
- Please note any specific instructions on the order e.g. Please leave in garage if not at home
- Once your order has been picked up by the courier company, an invoice will be sent to the email address we have on file
- Payment terms are strictly 30 days and payments can be ONLY be made via EFT (please include your invoice number as the reference to avoid additional charges) or cheque

Tracking Your Order

- Depending on the courier company we use to ship your order, you will receive a text and/or email with a tracking number to track your delivery
- If your order is not received after 14 days, please contact Dollar Sweets via email

Receiving Your Order

- If a product is damaged during transit, contact Dollar Sweets. You will need to provide details of the extent and type of damage and the quantity and type of goods affected. Dollar Sweets will lodge a complaint with the freight company on behalf of the relevant Lions Club. Photographic evidence of damaged goods may be requested so it is advised to hold onto any damaged goods until you have spoken to Dollar Sweets. Dollar Sweets must be notified as soon as possible of any damaged or lost in transit goods. Credits claims may be rejected if too much time has lapsed.

LION MINT AUSTRALIA

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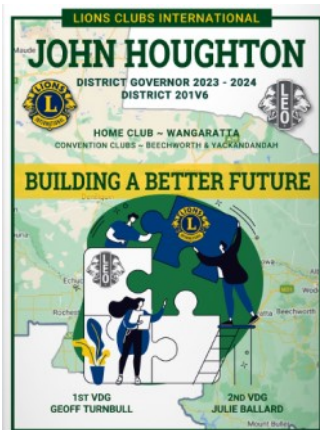
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46th DISTRICT CONVENTION



Rob Oerlemans

*Executive Officer
Lions Australia*



PDG Donna Hedges

*MD Child Safe
Programme*



Welcome Reception ★ First Conventioneers & all Lions Breakfast

20th - 22nd October 2023

Hosted by the Lions Clubs of

BEECHWORTH & YACKANDANDAH

Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall

101 Ford St, Beechworth Victoria

Memorial Service will be held on Sunday morning

Dr Pieter Mourik AM

Indigenous Ring Trees

Matthew Charles-Jones

Totally Renewable

*Breakfast
Speaker*



*Keynote
Speaker*



**Welcome
Ceremony**

*Friday Night at the Town
Hall Gardens*

Smoking Ceremony

Darren "Dozer" Atkinson

**Download your
Registration
form HERE**

**Dinner &
Entertainment**

*Saturday Night - the
theme is*

"United Nations"

*Entertainment by local
artist - Adam Crossman*

district 201V6

Celebrating 75 years in Australia 1947 - 2022



Closing date for Registrations – 6th October

For more information – contact Chairman John Eldrid 0418 054 553

Email – yackandandah.vic@lions.org.au



Bendigo Bank is sponsoring the public Smoking Ceremony & Saturday night's entertainment



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Member's Only Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676430540448974>

Instagram

[@lionsdistrictv6](https://www.instagram.com/lionsdistrictv6)

Twitter

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Links, Contacts & Useful

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

MEMBERSHIP TRAILER BOOKINGS - <https://calendly.com/v6trailer>

Promoting Clubs through the District Newsletter - the ROAR

- 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

