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DISTRICT 201V6 DECEMBER 2023 ISSUE

BUILDING A BETTER

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023 - 2024

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ON behalf of
DG John, Jennefer &
Family, Cabinet Members &
Families - we wish all V6
Lions & your families a very

MERRY
Christmas

and a safe, happy
New Year in
2024!

DG Report

John Houghton



Culcairn Lions



Inductee of new member



Bright Lions



Oaklands Lions

Firstly, Jennefer and I would like to wish all Lions and Families the warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

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.

On our club visits we discuss our District's goals and to stress that we need all clubs and members to support us in achieving the goals we have put in place. One of our goals is to reach 1,250 members to get us out of transition. AS I write this report our present our number is 1070 members.

It is fantastic to have another Leo Club in our District. The Leo Club of Two Rivers was officially chartered on 11/22/2023, sponsored by the Nurmukah Lions Club. Congratulations.

Don't forget to put the Melbourne International Convention in your diaries for next year. The convention is being held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre from June 21st – June 25th, 2024.

Our visits once again are always very informative, enjoyable and a wealth of knowledge gather from all the Lions that we have been meeting with during this time. We visited Culcairn Lions Club early in November and had the pleasure of Inductee a new Member on the night. 7th November we travelled to Bright for their dinner meeting of a fantastic home cooked meal shared by all. Bright has a lot of activities coming up. Wednesday 8th we went to Oaklands and joined them for there meeting and a lot of fun and fellowship was apparent. Thursday 9th was a big night with 5 Clubs being represented at Pyramid Hill. The Clubs of Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Leitchville, East Loddon and Gunbower met together for a great night of fellowship and a time to organise activities together. It was also an honour to be presented with a

Clock in a wooden mount handmade by Lion Ron Shanahan.

Jennefer and I attended the V2 Convention in Geelong on the weekend of the 11th November, and it was a fantastic time to catch up with Fellow District Governors and Lions.

Wodonga Lions Club was an interesting visit, when the lights went out in the middle of the meeting and everyone was trying to find their torches on the phones, but it made a night of fun and business still did get completed. Wodonga have been busy with there Santas and Christmas Cake distribution.

Wangaratta had their Swap Meet in November which was a great success and a great day weather wise. There have been some great reports from the day and congratulations to the organising committee for the event.

On November 22nd we went to Lockington for another visit to have the privilege to present four 50years Jewels of Service to 4 very well-deserved members of the Lions Club of Lockington. Unfortunately, one was unable to attend due to illness within his family. The three gentlemen that I was able to present the Chevrons to were very humble and show true Lionism through their commitment to Lions.

On a nice Sunday drive to visit the Hope Lions Branch Club for there Christmas Get Together at Cape Horn Vineyard, which was in the land of never, never but was amazing to come through flood barren terrain, after several kilometres, to an oasis of lush green lawns and river views to have an enjoyable lunch together.

Our last visit for the month was with the Murchison Lions Club for there business meeting. There meeting was well attended and it was a pleasure to have representatives of the community attend who were recipients of funding from the Lions Club. The Lions Club of Murchison through there fundraising were able to support one



of there local girls attend the Gymnastic competition in America in early January and also provided funds for the Local Swimming Pool to keep providing a service to the town of Murchison.

Thank you to all the Zone Chairpersons who attend on my visits to support the Clubs.

It is great to see a larger number of Lion Clubs in V6 are reporting Service and correcting their membership databases, it would be great to see 100% of Clubs undertaking these tasks.

Again, as I have said many times, 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. I would like to suggest that all clubs look at their Internet/Facebook exposure and ensure that it's kept up to date with a variety of pictures of people and activities.

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



Where is this Lions Park ?????



Hope Lions



Leitchville, Gunbower, East Loddon, Cohuna & Pyramid Hill



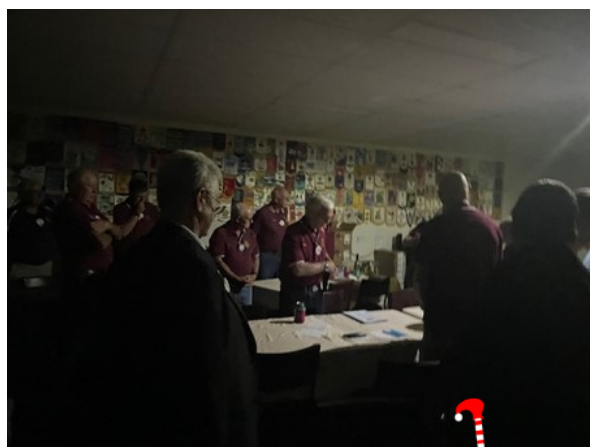
Special Gift made by a
Special Lion



Where is this Christmas
Deco???



Lockington - three well
deserved 50-year Jewel
Presentation



Lions Club of Wodonga,
when the lights go out in
the meeting



Murchison Lions

1st VDG Report

Geoff Turnbull

November has again been dominated by training sessions and endless assignments. No sooner is one finished than you are given two more – or so it seems! It has been good to begin working a little with First Vice District Governor Elect Julie Ballard and new Second Vice District Governor Elect Paul Shortis, who are both starting work not only on their training, but beginning to organise future conventions.

There were two visits to Mansfield this month in a bid to establish a new club there. The first of these was for a market day in conjunction with GMT Neil Stuart. We also had help from Peter and Margaret Poels and Omeni Ndlovu. The public reaction was strongly in favour of establishing a new club, and we collected nearly 20 names on the day. We also managed to set up a couple of Christmas cake outlets there as well, so that was an unexpected bonus.

We will be following up with another meeting soon. We are hoping for early December but the feedback from prospective attendees is that this does not a lot of people, so we might look at early next year instead. More information to follow!

Have you ever thought about being on District Cabinet? There are many types of roles available, and all are a rewarding way to extend your Lions service beyond your own club. If you would like to consider a role and would like to know more about the possibilities for the 2024-25 Lions year, please contact me.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a lovely Christmas and New Year, and I hope that we all get some time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Safety Message...

I was disappointed about the response from my last article as it was questioning that the information was not correct. I find this an insult to:

Garry Bates - Risk Management Consultant; Insurance, Risk Management & Child Safe Committee,

Lions Clubs International, Australia & Papua New Guinea MD201

As the information came directly out of a document “Community organisations and work health and safety laws (Cth)” which was supplied to all District Safety Coordinators.

Definition of ‘volunteer association’ is defined by the WHS Laws as:

“ a group of volunteers working together for one or more community purposes where none of the volunteers whether alone or jointly with any other volunteers, employs any person to carry out work for the volunteer association”

This definition means that organisations consisting solely of volunteers are exempt from the duties under the WHS laws. If your organisation employs or engages anybody (whether casually or part time) , it's not a volunteers association and must comply with the duties under the WHS laws.

It is important to note that payments that are made to volunteers for out-of-pocket expenses (such as travel and meals) when carrying out volunteers work are not regarded as a wage or salary. However, if other payments for carrying out volunteer work are made, they may constitute a wage or salary and mean that the person is being ‘employed’ by the organisation.

John Walker
District Safety Officer

Benalla Lions Club

Our Guest Speaker was Paula Currell who represented the "AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS SCHEME"

Paula works from the Centre in Wangaratta and has been working there for 20 months and still finds it to be very "emotional" at times, as quite a few people do not have any visitors, for various reasons.

The program has been running for 30 years which helps residents, and volunteers also find it very fulfilling, as they become "family" to the resident. The visits by volunteers are to be once a fortnight and they should make 10 visits in every six-month period. If the volunteer is away for any length of time, it is suggested that they send a postcard or make a phone call to their "care person" so as to maintain contact with them.

To be successful the volunteers are matched with a "resident" with a common interest eg:- farmer with a farmer, or in the same line of work or hobbies. Before commencing their visits, all prospective volunteers are required to have "reference checks", and Police check.



The photo shows President Peter presenting Guest Speaker Paula Currell with a Certificate of appreciation, as well as a small gift (a Lions International pocket torch). The Benalla Lions Club also donates \$50.00 towards a "Lions Foundation" when they have a Guest Speaker attending their Clubs Dinner Meeting.

Peter Poels on behalf of the Benalla Lions Club Members.

HOPE Happenings

LAP THE MAP 2023 Hosted by Numurka Lions for Diabetes Awareness.

Clubs represented – Numurkah, Tungamah & Dist., Nathalia & Dist.

HOPE Lions Club Branch and Leo Clubs – Cohuna, Tungamah & Numurkah.

Participants had the option of 2 walks, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch.

Nathalia President Omeni Ndlovu made a surprise presentation to Numurkah President Ron Martin with the Travel Gavel!



HOPE members and Cohuna Leo's.



Presentation of the Travel Gavel.

ALCCRF



Australian Lions
Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation

TELETHON
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Queensland, Australia

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Children's
Hospital

Australian Government
Cancer Australia

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Telethon Kids Institute - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy for Australia

ALCCRF is one of the largest donors to the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre, located in the Perth Children's Hospital.

It is a place where Researchers can come together to develop better treatments for Childhood Cancers. Cancer is still the leading cause of childhood deaths in Australia and the Telethon Kid's Centre is the only place in Australia working with childhood brain cancer.

The current methods of treating cancer (radiotherapy and chemotherapy) cure the cancer, but usually leave the healthy brain cells damaged, impacting on the quality of life of the child into the future.

Researchers are focusing on Immunotherapy, which encourages the child's own immune system to destroy the cancer cells. It is used effectively in some adult cancers such as melanoma.

The current research involves taking cells from healthy people, supercharging them and then using them in Gel form, during the surgery to remove brain cancers. Surgery is always the first treatment and the hope is that the Gel will stimulate the child's own immune system to "mop up" any remaining cancer.

Those working in the Centre speak of the satisfaction of working with the children and their families to develop treatments that will allow the children to lead normal healthy lives in the future.



As 2023 swiftly draws to a close, we find ourselves on the brink of a new year, 2024. This past year has been a whirlwind, and as we enter the final stretch, we're proud of our progress. Thanks to our expanded team and innovative methods, we're on target to place a total of 35 Assistance Dogs by December's end. This includes 31 Hearing Assistance Dogs and 4 Medical Alert Dogs, showcasing the remarkable growth of our Medical Alert Program since its inception in 2021. By the end of 2023,

we will have also accredited a total of 15 dogs.

Our Puppy Program and Breeding Program have flourished, with various strategies enhancing their success. With this growth, the need for both puppies and volunteers to guide them during this crucial phase has risen. To meet this demand, our team has explored and tested new approaches, such as recruiting volunteers in the South-East of SA. These volunteers care for some of our puppies with fortnightly video calls and monthly visits from our Puppy Socialisation team. Presently, 5 puppies are in the South East being a part of this trial.

Our volunteer program is thriving, with familiar and new faces dedicating their time to enriching the lives of our dogs. Their support ensures our dogs receive the love and care essential for their happiness and well-being.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the incredible sponsors from Lions Clubs and individual supporters who have played an invaluable role in our journey. After all, it is your support that has also been instrumental in our organisation's achievements.

As we bid adieu to spring and embrace the upcoming summer, along with the festive season of Christmas and New Year's, please note that our Training Centre will be closed during the holidays. However, our dedicated staff will be on-site, ensuring our dogs are well cared for. Our office will close from the end of business on Friday, December 22nd, reopening on Tuesday, January 2nd. During this period, our emergency phone line will remain active for urgent matters that require immediate attention. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and interest in ALHD throughout 2023. Wishing you all a joyful and safe holiday season and we can't wait to see you in 2024.



12nd MD 201 Convention



DARWIN

24-27 May 2024 | Tropical Bliss

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

www.mdconv201.com

Darwin Convention Registration - Now Open
<https://mailchi.mp/lions/november-23>

Registration Form here
<https://lionsclubs.org.au/.../06/20231130-Flyer-Rego-W.pdf>



WE'VE DONE IT!

We've gone around the map not once, but THREE times!

LIONS LAP THE MAP FOR DIABETES



Lions and volunteers from all over Australia have taken part in Lap the Map events to raise awareness for the Diabetes Epidemic.

Not only did we reach our goal of walking a distance that exceeded Australia's circumference, but we **TRIPLED** it - and are still going!!

HOPE Happenings cont'd...

District Governors visit: - DG John & wife Jennefer, visit HOPE Lions Club Branch at CAPE HORN WINERY for a Christmas lunch.



Photo – Club members with DG John & Jennefer,

HOPE Lions Club Branch made a club visit to Elmore Lions recently to present the club with an ALCCRF Silver Award in appreciation of what they have done for Childhood Cancer Research.



Photo – HOPE President Marion Whatley making the presentation to Elmore President Paul McCormick.



Yarrawonga Lions – Another busy month



November is Hot Rod month in Yarrawonga and once again we joined forces with Rotary to cater on 2 occasions. Friday evening at the Ski Club is always a lot of fun. We fed approximately 450 people with hamburgers, sausages, coleslaw, and bread. It was a quick run through, and everyone is always very happy to see us. Sunday morning it was time to feed the same quantity with bacon and egg rolls before the show and shine.

We attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the RSL where we laid a wreath on behalf of the Club.

Buddy benches were delivered to Mulwala Public School which now completes our supply to all our local schools.

Our membership drive was held in Woolworths carpark where we gave away free sausages. A big thankyou to Woollies' for supplying all our goods. This proved to be a productive day with 3 new prospective members turning up to our next meeting and another 2 or 3 still interested.

Our annual garage sale was a big success with over 30 participants and handed out over 100 maps. The weather was fine and treasure hunters were waiting for us at the club rooms well before we were ready. There was a huge variety of items available from caravans to 50 pairs of size 5 shoes. All funds raised will be donated to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Lion Denis is busy distributing, organising, and topping up stock of Christmas Cakes around the town, local market and Bunnings This is always popular with people keen to get their hands on them.

We would like to wish all Clubs a very Merry and safe Festive seasons.



Lions Joan and Ron



Rod Run - Lions Di, Nora and Joan



Membership Drive with Lions George, Di, Debbie, Don, Cathy and Denis



Lions Denis and Debbie at Mulwala Public School



Treasurer's 'TO DO' list

With the first half of the Lion's year almost over, it might be a good time to take stock of where we are with the legislative requirements of our Clubs. The Incorporation and Fund Raising Registration/Authority reports have probably been done, but now we have a new requirement; the ATO are changing the reporting requirements for not-for-profit status for ABN holders.

I understand the reporting will be very simple, but logging into your ABN account might be a challenge. I suggest any Club with and ABN (not all Clubs have or need one) have a look at the following ATO site Changes in reporting requirements for not-for-profits.

On the subject of legislative requirements, are Clubs comfortable with being able to meet the requirements, or is this something that could be covered in more detail in the District training? I would appreciate any feedback on this.

The second half year dues will be sent out mid Jan 2024 and will be much less than the first half dues and levies. Also, a reminder that Treasurers do not require Club Board approval to pay dues, they just need to be ratified at the next meeting.

A merry Christmas and happy new year to all.

District 201V6 Treasurer
Ollie Tufvesson
0477 143 336



Elf 'TO DO' list...

- ✓ Buy Christmas Cakes
- ✓ Buy Christmas Pressies
- ✓ Buy Candy Canes

Yarrowonga Lions Cont'd...



Garage Sale –
Lions Cathy,
John Debbie
and Nora



Visiting Lions
Victoria and
Carol with
Lion Ollie



Lions Joan and
Ron at
Bunnings

Elmore Lions

The Elmore Lions Club have been busy over the last few months. Until recently we had 7 member, then we inducted 9 new members all on the same night. There was a great turn out by locals to support not only the Club, but the new members too. We also celebrated our 25th year since our Charter.

The just a few weeks ago, the Elmore Lions Club received a silver award from the Hope Lions Club Branch for our dedication & contributions to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. We helped raised some of our money on Election Day by having a BBQ.



Lockington Lions

Sunday, 26th November, the Lockington Lions Club held their Club Youth of the Year Final. The 4 students that participated all attend Echuca Secondary School and they did very well. After much deliberation, the judges announced that Zac Dolan was the overall winner.

Zac with chairperson Greame Wood.



Photo from left to right are Tegan Lenne, Finn Palmer, Zac Dolan, Ryder McMullan.

It was with great pleasure to have a special guest at the Lockington Lions Club last Wednesday 22nd November.

The District Governor, John Houghton, came to our meeting to officially congratulate 4 of the members with their 50 years of service chevrons. Bill Roberts, Phil Collins, Des Pentreath and Jack Oliver have served the community very well over the years and we congratulate them. Des, Phil and Bill are also Charter members.



Photo from left to right, Bill, Jack, District Governor John, Des and Phil.



Friday 10th November, the Lockington Lions Club held an event for the community to kick up their heels and they certainly did that. Couples from Bendigo, Elmore, Echuca and locals came out to enjoy themselves and with the entertainer like Jefferson Smith, you couldn't but enjoy.

On behalf of the Lions Club, I would like to thank everyone who came along and made a great night. The monies raised from the night will go towards supporting our local community.

Cobram Lions Club

The Cobram Lions Club would like to thank the 2 schools that took part this year. Representing Cobram Anglican Grammar School was Abigail Brooker and representing St Marys of the Angels Nathalia was Elly Slatterie.

Both of the students presented fantastic speeches in what was a very close competition. Both students also took part in the interview process of the program.

Our Judges for the evening were Tracey Reilly, Bob Beggs and Arthur German.

They had the hard job of choosing the overall winner. Tracey Reilly announced the overall winner of the Cobram Lions final was Elly Slatterie, who will now go on to represent Cobram Lions and their School at the next level of the program in early Term 1, 2024.

Congratulations to both Elly and Abigail for entering the program.



Tracey Reilly , Elly Slatterie, Bob Beggs, Abigail Brooker and Arthur German.



Bright Lions Club

Firstly, the Club recently was active at Bright's Make It Bake Market, and secondly, at our meeting last night we held an Italian night at the Bright Lions Club rooms. Food was catered for by our members, and our guest speaker, Les Harrison from the Tungamah Lions Club was our guest speaker. Les was there to explain the benefits of starting a Lions Leo Club. A good night for all concerned.

This Saturday we are holding our first Car Boot Sale in Bright in front of the Club rooms in Pioneer

Park, and over 60 stalls have been reserved. Now about this next time.



Echuca Lions

Echuca Club President Geoff Crossman inducting new member Doug Binnie.



Lake Mulwala Lions

Lions out in strength at Yarrawonga Rotary Market - On Sunday 19th November at the enormous market, three Lions Clubs had separate stalls and showed the crowd that we are all strong local groups happy to demonstrate our commitment to the community. Lions Club of Yarrawonga were selling Lions Cakes and Puddings, Lions Club of Lake Mulwala and Lions Club of Cobram each had attractive Christmas raffles. Each stall was in a different part of the market but we all interacted well and promoted our own clubs as well as each other. The photo is of Lions Club of Lake Mulwala's stall where a steady stream of members volunteered at the morning market and had a lot of fun talking to potential members and passer's by about the sort of work done by Lions. Hopefully we will get a few to join our club.



THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IS STARTING IN VIC ON 1ST NOVEMBER!

There are several ways your club can become involved:

- Register with Scheme Coordinator VicReturn from 1st October to be a Donation Partner so that others can donate their refunds to your club.
- Submit an Expression Of Interest to establish an Over The Counter collection point. You need a site that you can attend on a regular basis which is large enough to accommodate bins, and someone to receive container deliveries and issue refunds/vouchers or arrange donations. Contact your Network Operator (Return It, Visy or TOMRA) to discuss asap.
- Collect containers from members, family and friends and take them to a collection point to obtain the refunds.
- Run collection drives to collect containers from the community and obtain the refunds at a collection point.

For more information visit:

cdsvic.org

vicreturn.com.au

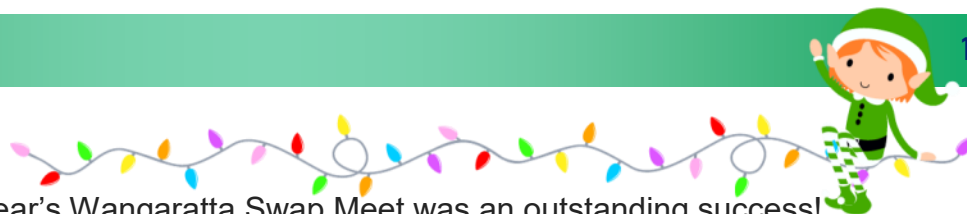
returnit.com.au

visy.com.au

mytomra.com.au



Wangaratta Lions



Wangaratta Swap Meet - This year's Wangaratta Swap Meet was an outstanding success!

Held on Sunday, November 19 and with a very early start to the day, the fine weather and nearly 200 exhibitors attracted a significant crowd, all of whom had a great day. Also on was the Show 'n' Shine event which had a full field of entries, and some beautiful machines were on display.

The gates were manned by the Lions Club of Moyhu and the Moyhu Action Group who did a great job – thanks to both organisations! - while the Wangaratta members and Lions Ladies were involved in the management of the event, and in providing a large range of fabulous foods and drinks for the visitors to enjoy. Bookings for next year's event have already begun, as we aim to make next year's even bigger!



Tungamah Lions

Tungamah continue to be very busy with meetings, Bunnings and other assistance to people who need help.

We were involved with the Remembrance Ceremony on the 11th of the 11th when Lions Heather Tyrrell used her artistic skills to make a wreath for the Lions and Leos to place at a town ceremony at the memorial in the middle of the town. President Neville Barber did the duty on behalf of both groups.

We received news of one of our young people who gave birth to a little boy. The little fellow was doing it tough right from the start and the medical team recommended an air purifier to help with his breathing. The Lions club were able to purchase this and a very thankful grandmother took delivery. It always

Tungamah Lions cont'd...

make you feel great when you can make a difference.

We had a Bunnings during November, and although numbers of volunteers were well down due to holidays and ill health of some of our members we were able to get a skeleton crew together. It was a very profitable day, one of our best and the money will go towards assisting those in need.

Some of the members will head to Bunnings next Thursday night and sell raffle tickets as well as Christmas Cakes at their Christmas market. Lion Robyn Harrison will help Bunnings staff with face painting and art activities.

Our last meeting was very much a fun night, being another movie night featuring Ma and Pa Kettle. Fellowship and having fun together is an important part of our meetings.

Coming up, we have our Christmas break up at the back of Burke's, and then we have a break until late January. Then we host the Australia Day celebrations with a free breakfast.

I must not forget though that we have our Christmas Carols in the Park on Sunday, 17th December featuring Country and Western singer, Callum Gleeson.

Have a great Christmas everyone.

ROARER



Tungamah Leos

After the excitement of the Changeover, we have had a quieter time, although some of the Leos and parents and advisors headed over to the first meeting of the Tow Rivers Leos Club, in combination with their Lions Club's Lap the Map. A couple took the opportunity to combine walking with fishing, even though this was largely unsuccessful. It was a wonderful day, and Numurkah are to be congratulated on their foresight in forming a new club.

Les and Robyn, the two advisors have taken the chance to visit Strathmerton and Bright to promote Leos in the district.

During the floods, our fountain has been washed in to the bank, and Tim Roadley from Bunnings in Yarrawonga has volunteered to row out and locate the fountain back to where it belongs. Good on you

Tim.

We have now raised enough money, we think to stock the creek with good old yellers, a tasty native fish. More will be said about that shortly, we hope.

With a meeting coming up on next Monday to organise our Christmas break up, we are looking forward to running a school holiday special for the kids in Tungamah, with the Carp Muster in February.

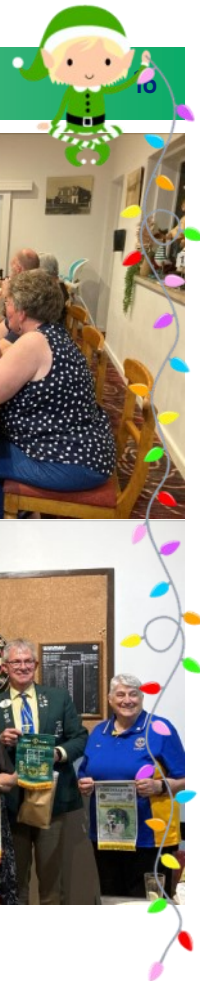
Have a wonderful Christmas.



LITTLE ROARER

East Loddon Lions

November was a busy month for us with our combined DG visit with the clubs in Zone 2. As always a great night had catching up with Lions from Pyramid Hill, Gunbower, Cohuna, &



Leitchville.

We also held our inaugural Trivia Night raising money for ALCCRF. We had over 80 people at the Calivil Hall all vying for the title of Trivia Champions! Throughout the night we held a raffle, sold some donated items and played some games along with our fantastic trivia



What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What do vampires sing on New Year's Eve?
Auld Fang Syne!

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?
Because he had a low "elf" esteem!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?
A Holly Davidson!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker!

What is the best Christmas present in the world?
A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?
Santa Jaws!

Who is Santa's favourite singer?
Elf-is Presley!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?
The elf-abet!

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?
They always drop their needles!

Why did the turkey join the band?
Because it had the drumsticks!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite!

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
A mince spy!

What carol is heard in the desert?
O camel, ye faithful!

What athlete is warmest in winter?
A Long jumper!

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinsilitis!

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

cracker
jokes



District Noticeboard

HOPE Lions Club Branch

Sponsored by Lions Club of Cohuna Inc.

Help us make a difference

1st Prize: Fire Pit

Enjoy the outdoors with this amazing, handcrafted Fire Pit with Australian Natives laser cut into the sides.



2nd Prize: Crazy Patchwork Hare

Made to sit by your door and welcome guests, this handcrafted Crazy Patchwork Hare is 70cm tall.



3rd Prize: Rustic Coat Rack

Handcrafted from old timber, Sawdust, Blades and Horseshoe nails this rack is very practical and decorative.



4th Prize: Solid Jarra Chopping Board

This handcrafted chopping board is perfect for cutting on or using as a presentation board.



5th Prize: Single Bed Crochet Rug

This beautifully crafted rug would look great on a bed or chair.



Tickets: \$2.00 each

Drawn 10th December 2023 - 1pm



Use the QR Code or go to
www.rafflelink.com.au/hope23
To purchase your tickets.



RUTHERGLEN LIONS CLUB
50 YEARS OF SERVICE

TO ALL DISTRICT MEMBERS

RUTHERGLEN LIONS CLUB WILL BE CELEBRATING
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER 2024

IF YOU HAVE HAD SOME INTEREST IN RUTHERGLEN
LIONS CLUB AND WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, COULD YOU
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST **ASAP**, SO WE CAN
START ORGANISING VENUES, TIMES ETC NOW.

PRESIDENT: Betty Potter Email b.potter@westnet.com.au OR Phone:
0448 715 357

SECRETARY: Kerry Younger Email: kerryyounger08@gmail.com

OR Phone: 0472 723 168

TREASURER: Julie Simpson Email: juledon@bigpond.com OR Phone
0419 426 139

Cobram Lions Market Dates

Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

NEXT MARKET - 15th December

Twilight Market (4pm)

★ KATAMATITE ★ RODEO

January
6th
2024

GATES OPEN 3.30pm
RODEO START 6pm
FINISH 10pm

Food & Drink
Available

NO BYO
NO Glass
NO Dogs

LIVE MUSIC
from 5pm
KIDS
AMUSMENTS
Camping
Available



BYO CHAIRS

Muckatah Recreation Reserve
Sandmount Road MUCKATAH

Online Ticket Sales Ticketbo

Contact: katamatitelionsrodeo@gmail.com



Moama Lions Club

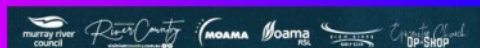


**Carols by
Candlelight**

MC Jefferson Smith, Great Local Performers & Santa
Candles & Programs available
Lions BBQ from 5.30pm

Sunday 10 December

6.30pm-8.30pm Main Oval Perricoota Rd Moama





On **Saturday March 2**, thousands of Australia's most dedicated and hard-working volunteers are taking the opportunity to tell our story for **Lions Awareness Day 2024**.

After 75 years of helping others in Australia, we know our role as a service club organisation is becoming increasingly important.

We want the rest of Australia to know more about what we do and the causes we support.

And Bunnings want to help!

They have offered their support and their stores to host local Lions Awareness Day events around the country.

So if your Lions Club is interested in promoting the wonderful work that we do at a Bunnings near you, **contact your local store to book a space in their foyer on Saturday 2 March**.

Note:

- *Lions volunteers can set up an awareness table, sell their merchandise, or run a BBQ at their local Bunnings store only if dates are available.*
- *Lions to provide Public Liability certificate.*

BUNNINGS & LIONS; LIKE SAUCE ON A SAUSAGE .



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<https://alf.org.au>



NEWSFLASH November 2023

National Disaster Appeal

To all Lions and Leos

Each year, our Country experiences disasters in many forms and we are already seeing the impact of bushfires early in this summer season. The Foundation has already been approached and assisted in the Kempsey area (N1) and we are sure that this will extend as we are seeing the bushfires impacting areas from Queensland to Tasmania.

With the approval of our Council Chair, the Foundation has already communicated with all District Governors advising that we need to be prepared to support any area that needs assistance, as it is being forecast that we might expect a "hot and devastating summer" coming up. Unlike other times when we have established individuals appeals, the Directors have agreed that we will establish an "on-going National Disaster Appeal" that will cover all situations needing the support of the Foundation and Clubs into the future.

To this end, we are letting all Clubs know of the appeal and provide details as per this communication. Clubs are invited to support in preparation for the requests we will receive in the very near future, and we will keep you updated on what is happening and what needs are being met as we meet them.

If your Club is making a direct deposit, please ensure you put your **club number** as a reference as this assists us with record keeping. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your District ALF Chairperson or your State Director for further information.

The public may also donate direct to the Foundation by using the "GiveNow link" button on the Multiple District Website and the Australian Lions Foundation Website. All public donations received over \$2 are tax deductible. Please consider supporting this appeal to help those in need.

Account Name: National Appeal Fund
BSB: 036-04 Account No: 440704
Cheques payable to the
Australian Lions Foundation can be sent to:
Treasurer Australian Lions Foundation
PO Box 278 Melville, WA 6956

Tony Benbow OAM

Chairman - Australian Lions Foundation Ltd.





LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/our-programs/youth-opportunities/youth-exchange-program/>



Seeking Host Families from any State in Australia for English Speaking Youth

Are you looking for a club project involving youth?

Why not offer to host one of the youths travelling to Australia in MONTH 2023 with the Lions Youth Camps & Exchange Program. The below youth are seeking their perfect match.

A Host Family application form is **attached** for those interested in applying.

Get in contact with us today!

(Current as at 16 November 2023)

Please note:

All host family members over the age of 18, must have a current **Working with Children Check (WWCC)** for their state/territory, when youth under the age of 18 are being hosted by the family.

Following hosting, youth will attend **CAMP NOORLA YO-LONG – South Australia, 18-30 Jan 2024**

Name	G	Age	Country	Interests	Hosting Dates
Batchimeg	F	16	Mongolia	Watching movies, reading books, listening to music, travelling, playing chess, basketball.	30 Dec 23 to 18 Jan 24
Simone	F	20	Italy	Archery, Photography, Dogs and Baking cakes.	30 Dec 23 to 18 Jan 24
Anand	M	16	Mongolia	Travelling, friendship, listening to music, reading books, language.	30 Dec 23 to 18 Jan 24
Yonatan	M	18	Israel	Hiking along long trips in Israel and worldwide with camping, working out at the gym and running regularly. Currently studying Computer Engineering and enjoys playing video games with friends.	30 Dec 23 to 18 Jan 24
Azjargal	M	15	Mongolia	Travelling, playing "morin huur", reading books, computer, drawing, volleyball.	30 Dec 23 to 18 Jan 24
Cielo	F	20	USA	Piano, Cello, Organ, Ukelele, Photography, Art, Languages	30 Dec 23 to 18 Jan 24



An Aussie Christmas

'Twas the night before
Christmas; there wasn't
a sound. Not a possum
was stirring; no-one was
around.

We'd left on the table
some tucker and beer, Hoping that Santa Claus
soon would be here; We children were snuggled up
safe in our beds, While dreams of pavlova danced
'round in our heads; And Mum in her nightie, and
Dad in his shorts, Had just settled down to watch
TV sports. When outside the house a mad ruckus
arose; loud squeaking and banging woke us from
our doze. We ran to the screen door, peeked
cautiously out, Snuck onto the deck, then let out a
shout. Guess what had woken us up from our
snooze, But a rusty old Ute pulled by eight mighty
'roos. The cheerful man driving was giggling with
glee, And we both knew at once who this plump bloke
must be. Now, I'm telling the truth it's all dinki-di,
Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky.
Santa leaned out the window to pull at the reins,
And encouraged the 'roos, by calling their names.
'Now, Kylie! Now, Kirsty! Now, Shazza and Shane!
On Kipper! On, Skipper! On, Bazza and Wayne!
Park up on that water tank. Grab a quick drink,
I'll scoot down the gum tree. Be back in a wink!
So up to the tank those eight kangaroos flew,
With the Ute full of toys, and Santa Claus too.
He slid down the gum tree and jumped to the
ground, Then in through the window he sprang with

a bound.

He had bright sunburned cheeks and a milky white
beard. A jolly old joker was how he appeared. He
wore red stubby shorts and old thongs on his feet,
And a hat of deep crimson as shade from the heat.
His eyes - bright as opals - Oh! How they twinkled!
And, like a goanna, his skin was quite wrinkled!
His shirt was stretched over a round bulging belly
Which shook when he moved, like a plate full of
jelly. A fat stack of prezzies he flung from his back,
And he looked like a swaggie unfastening his pack.
He spoke not a word, but bent down on one knee,
To position our goodies beneath the yule tree.
Surfboard and footy-ball shapes for us two.
And for Dad, tongs to use on the new barbeque.
A mysterious package he left for our Mum,
Then he turned and he winked and he held up his
thumb; He strolled out on deck and his 'roos came
on cue; Flung his sack in the back and prepared to
shoot through. He bellowed out loud as they swooped
past the gates

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and
goodonya, MATES!





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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

