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DISTRICT 201V6 ~ FEBRUARY 2024 ISSUE



BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

JOHN HOUGHTON

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023 - 2024

Mount Buller

What's in this Month's Issue...

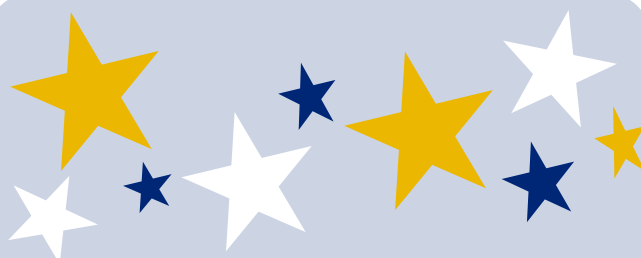
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VALE Wendy Walkington (Lions Lady)

The Lions Club of Cohuna would like to advise V6 members on the sudden passing of Lions Lady Wendy Walkington on Friday 26th January. We pass on our deepest sympathy to President Allan and family.

Childhood cancer looks like this...



WINNERS OF HOPE LIONS CLUB BRANCH ONLINE RAFFLE

1st Prize Fire Pit

Ian Whatley (Echuca Lion)

2nd Crazy Patchwork Hare

Faye Donaldson (Cohuna Lion)

3rd Rustic Coat Hanger

Meg Bourke

4th Solid Jarrah Chopping Block

Libby Gilson

5th Single Bed Crochet Rug

Wayne Edwards (Elmore Lion)

A BIG THANKYOU to all who supported this online raffle. All proceeds went to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

DG Report

John Houghton

Another month has passed, the weather has been wet but I believe we are now in for a hot February, so all please be conscious of water intake during Lions Projects as we still have work ahead of us to ensure Lions are there to assist and help our communities. 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.

There has been a change in the Cabinet and Structure of Lions District 201-V6 with the resignation of Lion Geoff Turnbull as District Governor Elect and he has transferred to District 201-V3. There was a meeting undertaken with PDG and PCC Chairs as well as executive of the Cabinet – Lion Julie Ballard has taken up the position of DGE for 201-V6 from 1st July 2024 and Lion Paul Shortis has moved up to 1st VDG. Therefore, we now have a vacancy for a 2nd VDG and I request that everyone consider who in our District may take up the challenge for this position to progress Lions into the Future.

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, which I mention every Newsletter but the importance is for all of us to work together to achieve the goal of getting out of Transition.

Our visits are always very informative, enjoyable and a wealth of knowledge gather from all the Lions that we have been meeting with during this time. January 7th saw our first visit of the Year at Rochester. It was a very enjoyable night as there were several Lions Clubs in attendance to celebrate the New Year – Cohuna, Hope,

Moama, Elmore, Lockington and Echuca. It was a pleasure to induct two new members Lion Belinda and Lion Trent. Also, on the evening there were Service Awards presented to Lion Helen Hastie – Hope Lions, Lion Robert Knight – Rochester Lions, Lion Gary & Lion Rhonda Whiteman – Elmore, Lion Margaret Dowie – Lockington. Rochester Lions and Lockington Lions received Club Excellence Awards for 2022/2023. I had the privilege to attend the Home of Lion John Prigg to present him his 50 Year service Award for Rochester as he was unable to attend on the night. We were lucky we attended on the Sunday as on the Monday President Damien reported that Rochester was on standby again to evacuate due to the increase of rain.

Wednesday January 10th, we headed to Yackandandah and again a great night of fellowship and the induction of two new Lions. Lion Mick Sodotti and Lion Carmel Kelley. A fantastic meal was provided by the 'Pub' and we were able to talk Lions and what events were coming up and their community involvement. The Market in Yackandandah each month is a great draw card for tourists as well as the Local Community that the Lions Club of Yackandandah provide.

Yarrowonga was next and again a great night of fellowship with President Jock and his Lions and partners. Service Awards were presented to Lion John Weinert, Lion Debbie Van Corler, Lion Phillip Olive and Lion Robert Stone. There were also three Chris August Awards presented to Lion Peter Ornsby, Lion Russell Cook and Lion Laurie Reyden – congratulations to all for their Service to Lions International.

January 17th, we visited Rutherglen Lions for an enjoyable meal together in their Den and learnt the history of the venue and the future



New Members at Rochester – Lion Belinda Cooper Green and Lion Trent Riordan also with his familyand more Lions for the future



Lion Helen Hastie from Hope Club with her Service Award Presentation at the Rochester Get Together.



Rochester Lions Gary and Rhonda Whiteman Service Award - accepted by Lion Gary

development planned for the area. Rutherglen Lions support all schools in their catchment as well as conducting their market whilst utilising other Community Groups to assist. Lion Robyn Marshall is the recipient of the 20 Years Service Award which President Lion Betty was going to forward on my behalf. Thank you to all the Zone Chairpersons who attend on my visits to support the Clubs.

From January 18th to January 21st, I attended the Multiply District Council Meeting in Sydney. There was a wealth of information provided. I have included the Briefing Notes from this meeting with the Newsletter.

I would like to congratulate all those Lions Clubs and Lions Members that gained Service Achievements and Personal Awards from their Local Council areas for the Australia Day Awards.

Saturday 27th Jennefer and I attended with Lion Neil Stuart and Lion Margaret & Peter Poels to promote Lions International to the Mansfield District at their monthly market. There is a planned meeting for February to invite all those who have shown interest in forming the High-Country Lions Club in Mansfield.

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.

It is great to see a larger number of Lion Clubs in V6 are reporting Service and correcting their membership databases, we would like to aim to get 100% of Clubs undertaking these tasks by the end of March 2024.

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.

2024 will be a busy year, and we must continue to strive to make District V6 one that is moving forward with the times, listening to our members and caring to our communities close to home and those farther afield.

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*



Lion Margaret from Lockington received a Service Award



Lion Robert Knight receiving a 35 Years Service Award



Yackandandah Lions Club with Sponsors & New Members– Lion Mick Sodotti and Lion Carmel Kelley



Service Award for Lion Robert



50 Year Service Award for Lion



20 Year Service Award for Lion John Weinert



Exchanging Bannerettes with President Trevor (Jock) from Yarrawonga

DG's Journey...



Lion Phillip Olive from Yarrawonga
40 Year Service Award



25 Year Service Award for Lion
Debbie Van Corler



Exchanging Bannerettes at Rutherglen
with President Lion Betty



Lion Peter Ornsby, Lion Russell Cook and
Lion Laurie Reyden were all presented with
Chris August Awards at Yarrawonga



Early morning at Mansfield prior to Market
commencing for promoting Lions



Now..... I Believe those
Ice Creams were for
Lion Peter at Mansfield
Market??????

Safety Message...

Reason for Good and Accurate Documentation - Recently a club had an incident which required medical attention a couple of weeks after the incident.

The Lions member who was assisting in preparing for an event and at the time had a small accident and did not report it. This is understandable.

But after a couple of weeks of what was considered, a minor injury developed and required medical attention.

Because the club kept good attendance records, they were able to verify that the member was at the event and this record was then presented as part of the accident report.

Thus, at any event make sure you keep an attendance record which is then kept by the Secretary for future reference. Would suggest at the bottom of the attendance record a comments section be included. In this section any incident no matter how small is noted.

Also, at any meeting SAFETY is a high priority and should be just after attendance. Under SAFETY you should discuss any future events and note any possible hazards which may exist and what measures may need to be taken. Also discuss any past events and note anything which may need to be taken when doing similar events.



John Walker
District Safety Officer

What does YOUR club have planned for Lions Awareness Day??



If your club has plans to showcase what it means to be a Lion on 2 March 2024, check out our **free** public relations resources!

Includes a slideshow of our promotional videos.



Resources available from the Lions Shop



Social Media tiles and flyers available to download from the Lions Australia Website **HERE**

Moyhu Lions

The Moyhu Lions have discussed Lions Awareness on the 2nd March there aren't many opportunities in Moyhu on that day, however we have decided to have a **Lions Awareness Theme** at our **Next market on the 16th February** (8am- 12pm at the Moyhu Lions Park).

If there are foundations or Cabinet Members that would like to pop out on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone wishing to participate, please contact the club directly.

Can YOU help Mohyu





Australia Day AWARDS



Congratulations Tungamah Leos on winning Environmental Project of the Year.



"A proud daughter moment. They do what they do because they love it."

Taken from a post by Kim Poels

And yes Kim, we agree - they do it because they love it.

And I'm sure there are more Lions who could say the same. **Congratulations** Peter & Margaret Poels (Benalla)



"Thank you Katamatite Community. Special thanks to Katamatite Lions Club; we are such a strong team & accomplish so much together"

Julie Ballard (Katamatite)

Congratulations Julie & Katamatite Lions - you've had a big year!



"It was a great honour as a club, to be nominated for an award at the Australian Day awards celebration in Cobram. It was a surprise to be announced as the Community Organization of the Year for 2024."

Congratulations Cobram Lions!

Cobram Lions Club

It was a great honour as a club, to be nominated for an award at the Australian Day awards celebration in Cobram. It was a surprise to be announced as the Community Organization of the Year for 2024.

It was a pleasure and a very Humbling experience to accept the award in behalf of all the Lions Club of Cobram members.

Thank you to the person who nominated the Lions Club Of Cobram. We are a small club which works quietly in the back ground to help in the community where we can.

On behalf of all the Lions, Thank you Cobram for all your support of the club. Well done to the Moira Shire and Cobram Rotary for hosting the celebrations. Fantastic to see the Civic Centre full today.

Congratulations must go to all the nominees in each section. So many volunteers doing so much for Cobram. Congratulations also goes to Emily, who comes along and helps Cobram Lions at many events, for being presented Junior Citizen of the Year. Emily enjoys helping others. Well deserved Emily.



Neighbourhood House who were very grateful and gave them out to those who they knew were worthy.

Guest Speaker, Sergeant Andrew Neil APM from Kerang Police gave an entertaining talk on growing up in Kg, his interesting career and an insight into real police work.

L-R -: Sergeant Andrew Neil APM and President Ros Campbell.



Kerang Lions

Carols by Candlelight at Atkinson Park was a lot of work but very successful!

Kerang Lions instead of giving each other presents at their Christmas Party, donated presents for less fortunate children. Secretary Greg Gin delivered all the presents to Kerang



Gannawarra Toy Run 2023

Lockington Lions

On Sunday 7th January an interclub get together with Elmore, Lockington, Rochester, Echuca and Moama Lions was held in Rochester. It was a very informal evening with a 2 course meal, lots of banter, a quiz and with District Governor John Houghton present, it made for a great night. DG John presented some much deserved members with Chevrons. Neil Haines was one of those people who received a badge for 25 years of service for the Lions. Congratulations. Marg Dowie received a badge for 10 years service. Congratulations.



Tungamah Lions

Busy times over Christmas/New Year, with the Lions running Christmas Carols once again in the park. This was a huge night, and the provision of a grant by the Moira Shire meant we were able to hire local artist, Callum Gleeson to entertain us. Once again we had a very good crowd, with the Lions providing sausages in bread, plus snow cones and primas. We were certainly on duty very early to set up and then a late night to pack up. Santa made his annual appearance much to the joy of the younger folk.

Our Christmas do was at the back of Burke's and this was another great night, highlighted by quizzes set by Les (Music) and McKayla. Lesley Smith did a great job with the arrangements and it was a good note to end on.

GMT Report

We have crossed the half way mark of our year and still remain in a positive position regarding membership. After beginning the year at 1048 members we are currently at 1059 or +11 for the year. During January while 5 members were added it was disappointing to drop 13. This meant that we finished January at -8. Once more we find that a few members are dropped after only being Lions for less than three years.

On Saturday 27th DG John and Jennefer Houghton, PDG Peter and Margaret Poels and I attended the Mansfield Bush Market. Further interest was gained regarding reestablishing a Lions Club in Mansfield.

A meeting has been organised for Sunday February 18th at the Delatite Hotel in Mansfield commencing at 10.30 am. Membership National coordinator PDG Ann Eldridge will be our guest speaker. Invitations and further notifications will be sent out to those who have expressed an interest and to any other interested community members.

I look forward to this meeting and to a positive outcome regarding reestablishing a Lions Club in the Mansfield district.

IPDG Neil Stuart
V6 GMT Coordinator

"Building a Better Future" / "Changing the World"

JUST ASK!

Quick tips for effectively recruiting new members!

- Build a Team
- Build a Vision
- Build a Plan
- Build Success
- Repeat the Process

Contact your GAT Team to find out more!

Early January, we put in a power of work to prepare to support Katamatite's Rodeo. We needed extra help, thanks to John, Trish and Lois. An early set up and then home for a break before the real action hit. It was a very busy night and it was great to see Katamatite have another really successful event. They certainly put in a heap of work!

Lots left over, but we were able to make good use of it and ended up with a tidy profit.

Australia Day was our next big event as we run the whole show. Lion Heather Tyrrell was recognised for her great work in the community. It was great to see Heather recognised because her and her husband clean the toilets every day at the Lions Park for the campers. Heather can always be found helping with our catering, preparing the trailer and making sure it is put away clean. She also does volunteer work at the school. With her work at the Show Society, she is one busy lady.

Our Leos were to receive the award for environmental project of the year. They seem to pick up recognition very frequently. It was to recognise their work in putting a solar fountain in the creek. With fish ordered for the stocking of the creek with native fish, they are doing a great job.



That's it for this month. ROARER.

Tungamah Leos

Well, we've done it again, with our club taking out the Moira Shire Award for Best Environmental Project. We worked hard for a long time to raise the dough for a solar powered fountain in the creek. We learned how to deal with bureaucracy

and work our way through permits. With guidance from Les, we learned the best way to get things done was to be nice and respectful to people.

The fountain quickly attracted attention and improved the water, so we are in the process of stocking the Weir Pool with native fish.



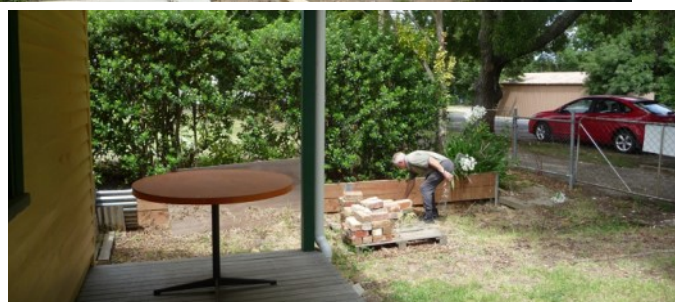
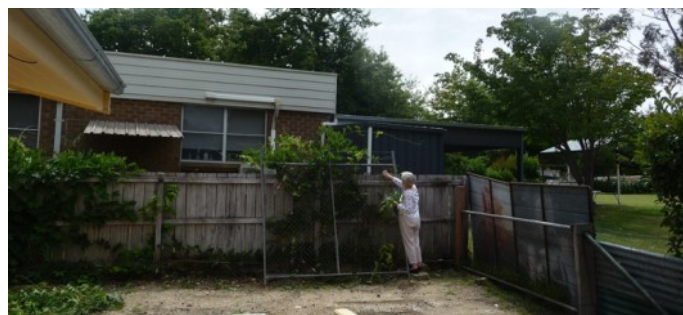
Our Carp Muster is coming up soon, and we will be working hard to reduce carp numbers in the creek.

We have an outing to Shepparton planned in the next couple of weeks and then looking for more projects.

LITTLE ROARER.

Beechworth Lions

Working Bee Saturday 20th January - Thank you Beechworth Lions Christine, Garry, Lyn, Sven, and John with Along with Anne Wilson. We got quite a bit done on the working bee at the Gang Plate Layers Cottage. Lyn trimming the Wisteria and sanding the mantelpiece ready for sealing and painting, Garry touching up paint work and cleaning outside, Christine cleaning, and Christine and Iris making a start on assembling the kitchen trolley, and Iris preparing lunch for all. All round very productive 3 hours work.





Lion Christine and Iris spend three hours putting together a flat-pack trolley for the Gang Platelayers cottage on Wednesday 24th January and finishing on Thursday 25th. It was tough going but we finally got there. It adds the finishing touch to the beautiful new kitchen. Thank you Christine and Iris.

Australia Day - Thanks to Beechworth Lions Club along with Beechworth Rotary, CWA, and Scouts, what a fantastic Australia Day Breakfast in Beechworth at the Memorial Hall. Moved from the Town Hall Gardens to the Memorial Hall due to the fog and early possible rain. About 140 community members and another 20 volunteers attended and celebrated as a community. Dr Pieter Mourik gave his fascinating talk about the local Aboriginal Ring Trees that marked boundaries and directional paths – look out for them. The only sad note was that someone slashed and threw paint on the community Australia Day banner. This was brought by volunteer groups fund-raising. We will now have to replace it.



East Loddon Lions Club

East Loddon had a great morning on Australia Day - cooking up bacon, eggs & snags for breakfast. A reasonable size crowd gathered, coffee in hand, to celebrate the local awardees. Our guest speaker was local policeperson Leading Senior Constable Marcus Uren, who gave us a great talk about his life on the force and where it has taken him and all the different roles he has had with VicPol. Amongst the usual Citizen of the Year awards, etc our Lions Club gave a Lions Community Award to a past member, Neil, who for many years has audited our books for us. Along with the service he gave when he was a member - it was a well deserved award.




Culcairn Lions



Terry Weston, Ken Schuner

Year 3-4



2024 TOPICS

Favourite Fairytale or Book Character - If you could talk to your favourite fairytale character or a character from your favourite book - who would it be, why are they your favourite character and what would you ask them?

While some of the details may be fictional - it must be based on true facts.

Who is the most influential person in your life?
Interview this person and then tell us about them - who are they, what do they do and how have they influenced you?

Note: They may be a member of your family, grandparent, local policeman/woman, firefighter, doctor, nurse, teacher, or a member of the community. This should be a true account of the interview, not fictional.

Year 5-6

"Anyone who goes to an Elvis Tribute Artist concert knows that the ultimate prize is an Elvis scarf with Elvis sweat on it that is thrown out to the adoring crowd. When we saw ShElvis aka Sheryl Scharkie we commented that she was singing very well and she sounded as good if not better than many of the ETAs around. ShEvis then brought out her scarves and on the spur of the moment all of a sudden there were 25 women and one guy out there in front of the stage clawing for a scarf!

I thought I had missed out as she wandered across the stage throwing scarves out, but she came back towards me, looked at me and screwed up a red scarf and threw it straight at me! A woman to my left went to grab it but my superior right hand cricket catching prevailed and I snatched it from her grasp and smiled at her and pronounced proudly - "MINE!" Lol!



With my Chez hiding her face, I proudly wore my new red scarf back to my seat, smiling like a Cheshire Cat, with people high fiving me! It was simply karma as red is a lucky colour in Chinese custom!"

(From G.Gin on Facebook Jan 24)



National Hearing Dog Day marks the annual celebration of Australia's first Hearing Assistance Dog, Amber, who was delivered on 19th April 1982. Over 40 years ago, Amber was provided free-of-charge to a Deaf recipient who resided in metropolitan South Australia.

In the decades since, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has extended its impactful reach, training and delivering now almost 700 Hearing Assistance Dogs to individuals across the Australia who are deaf or hard of hearing. From Albany in WA to Far North Queensland, these Hearing Assistance Dogs have made a significant difference in the lives of their recipients.

This year, National Hearing Dog Day is providing a platform to celebrate Hearing Assistance Dogs of all shapes and sizes, underscoring the diversity and uniqueness of each individual companion, and that not just one breed of dog can change someone's life for the better.

We would like to invite all Lion Clubs to celebrate National Hearing Dog Day with us this April, join us and spread the love whatever way you can: purchase and wear a pair of our iconic National Hearing Dog Day shoelaces, or even hold a good old Lions BBQ in celebration of the day! Your participation will make a meaningful contribution to the special day.

Updated resources will soon be available on our website at <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/hearingdogday/> and further correspondence will be circulated to clubs closer to the event. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

ALCCRF



Australian Lions
Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation



HUDSON
INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

Helen Hastie

ALCCRF

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hope.vic@lions.org.au



Walter and Eliza Hall Institute

With financial support from the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, the WEHI researchers are developing a new generation of CAR-T cells to more effectively treat Childhood leukemia.

Leukemia is the most common form of Childhood cancers. It arises from the production of abnormal white blood cells.

CAR-T-cell therapy involves collecting the patient's own T-cells (a type of immune cell) and engineering them to selectively destroy cancer cells. It is used as a last line treatment after other treatments have failed. It has been remarkably successful in trials, but sadly many patients eventually relapse. Hopefully the research being undertaken in developing a new generation of CAR-T-cells will lead to lower rates of remission and allow for those children who do relapse to be treated to make a full recovery.

Many CAR-T-cells can only kill cancer for a short time, while others survive for a long time and go on killing cancer cells.

Part 1 of this research is identifying the genes that can be edited to generate CAR-T-cells that have the long-term cancer fighting ability.

Part 2 of the project aims to develop and test new therapies that enable the CAR-T-cells to be engineered directly inside the body.

At present the therapy requires the procedures to be undertaken in the laboratory, which reduces the cancer fighting function once they are returned to the body. Using technology developed as a delivery tool for COVID-19 mRNA vaccines that will allow CAR-T-cells to be engineered inside the body. This has the potential to optimize the quality of the CAR-T-cells produced and significantly reduce the cost of the therapy.

Medulloblastoma

Medulloblastoma is a devastating brain cancer that mostly affects children and young adults. It is the most common form of childhood brain cancer.

Researchers at the WEHI have developed a 'street map' of the genes involved in medulloblastoma. This genetic map shows connections between the different genes that contribute to more aggressive tumours. In this project the researchers will expand this genetic map to discover the genes and pathways that control tumour dormancy, drug resistance and relapse. Using computational biology techniques, they aim to discover how cells that are tolerant to existing therapies survive treatment and become resistant to the treatment. With this knowledge, weak points in the survival process will be identified and then targeted by drugs and used in combination with existing therapies to prevent relapse and resistance.

PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL PACKS ARE BACK available from ALCCRF Chairpersons -Hope Lions or ALCCRF Trustee Paul Shortis.

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LION MINTS NEWSLETTER



January Edition

Stock Update

GREAT NEWS ... We are now back on top of orders and have stock on hand of all products!!!



Peppermint Drops

These are no longer available and have been removed from the order sheet.



Display Items

Please note that the display items can only be purchased together with a Stock Order.



LION MINTS NEWSLETTER



Mint Order Fact Sheet

Please review the Mint Order Fact Sheet before placing your next order, as there have been changes made. All orders must be lodged on the current order form and sent via email.

New Orders on Hold

New Orders on hold if unpaid invoices exceed 90 days overdue.



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.



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 .

Lions Club of Numurkah



Rex Wellington Memorial Bowls Day

Sunday 17th March 2024

Numurkah Bowls Club

Great prize money

2 bowl triples (any combination)

3 games of 10 ends

Cost \$60/Team

10 am start

Casual dress

Lunch supplied

All proceeds to Lions charities

Contact: Neil Stuart 0460 868 088
Lindsay Mitchell 03 5862 1679
Ian Clark 0429 058 009

District Noticeboard



Cobram Lions Market Dates Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

NEXT MARKET – 24th February

30th March (Easter Market)	27th April
25th May	29th June

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

LIONS V DISTRICTS CANCER FOUNDATION INC

PATRON: MR FRANK COSTA AO (dec)

AMBASSADOR: MR DAVID MANN AM
DR DAVID SPEAKMAN OAM, FRACS



Lions V District Cancer Foundation, PO Box 554, Colac, Victoria, Australia 3250

FREE SKIN CANCER CHECKING

Lions Club of Corowa Inc

In a joint project with

The Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation Inc.

Foundation volunteers will conduct a **FREE** Skin Cancer Checking in the Skin Check and Awareness Unit at:

Corowa

On Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February 2024
At Bangerang Park, 100 Edward Street, Corowa

To book a free skin check appointment -

Phone: Val on 0493 841 795

Or email: prefer mobile for bookings





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>



**Lions Clubs International
Convention 2024**

**MELBOURNE
2024**



June 21 - 25

Early Bird registration fee will close **January 12th** where the regular fee will be US\$265 until June 16th.

This is once in a long time where a Lions Clubs International Convention is held in Australia. The first convention in the Southern Hemisphere was held in 1991.

This is an opportunity not to be missed. This is a forum that presents an opportunity to learn from others, exchange ideas and explore new ways of reaching out and supporting our communities.

Visit www.melbourne2024.org.au and register before the cut off date for early bird registrations.



**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.

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0419 426 139



V Districts LEO OF THE YEAR

All V Districts Leos are invited to enter the
2024 Leo of the Year Competition.

**"IT'S YOUR TIME
TO SHINE"**

The State Final will be held on
Sunday 24th March 2024

Dorset Gardens Function & Conference Centre
335 Dorset Road, Croydon 3136

Meals are available in the
Bistro for family and Lions
supporters.

Public Speaking
Competition

opens to the Public at 1pm



LIONS OBSERVATION CAR RUN

**BRING THE FAMILY FOR A FUN DAY
AND WEAR A TOUCH OF GREEN**

**MARCH
17
2024**



8:30 START AT TONGALA

**MORNING TEA AT
ECHUCA**

**FINISH WITH A
LUNCHTIME SAUSAGE
SIZZLE AT NATHALIA**

PRIZES TO BE WON

TO ENTER:

**online: <http://forms.office.com/r/WzQCLCgksq>
(copy and paste into your web browser)**

OR

email: hope.vic@lions.org.au or contact Helen on 0428590348

**ENTRY \$50 PER CAR includes morning tea and sausage sizzle at finish line
Entry form and payment must be received by **Wednesday 13th March****

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Council Chairperson's Committee - MEETING NOTES

- LCIF - Council resolved to accept an additional grant for flood relief from LCIF of SUS60,000. This grant will support existing flood relief in Australia and extension to supporting the relief efforts in North Queensland using the "Adopt a Family" model. CC Vin Pang and DG Jo Lynes will join the existing Committee to manage the grant.
- Dress pattern for the Lions Uniform:- The MD201 Convention in the Gold Coast adopted a resolution to amend the constitution to permit a dress option to be worn as part of the official uniform. Council agreed on the style of dress and a pattern and specification will soon be made available through the national office. The colour will be consistent with the current skirt option.
- Council handover:- Council resolved that handover session be conducted with the Council-elect as part of the final Council meeting or Shadow Council Meeting.

LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alumni and Supporters Lions Club:
DG Action required: - Council endorsed the Lions Alumni and Supporters Lions Club model. These clubs will provide an opportunity for Lions who leave a club due to ill health, employment or family issues etc. to continue their membership through a club with more relaxed participation requirements. Such a club will also provide an opportunity for suitable individuals with busy work commitments to join as a supporter. For example, corporate CEOs and Members of Parliament.

MD201 is wishing to pilot at least three clubs of this model one District Governors are requested to advise GMT National Coordinator Ann Eldridge if they wish to participate in the trial.

Establishment of a Convention Standing Committee: - Council resolved to establish a Convention Standing Committee to support early-stage planning of MD201 Conventions. The Convention Committee including the immediate past Convention Chairperson and up to three other members. The Standing Committee will support Convention Committees up to 1-2 months in advance, at which time

sole control will revert to the Council Chairperson supported by the Executive Officer.

The Convention Policy will also be amended to direct Convention Committees to use a common website established by the Multiple District.

Professional Support for Club Building Project: - Council has resolved to direct the report back to the LRDC for further consideration with a request that alternative models be presented to the Council for consideration in May 2024

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Annual accounts: - The Annual Accounts will be reviewed by the Council at a Special ZOOM meeting on Thursday 14 March 2024. Subject to endorsement, the accounts will be signed by CC Vin. Pang and DGN5 Paul McInnes
- Action by District Governors: Governors are requested to initiative financial positions a full review of current and future and are encouraged to establish five-year financial plans. Governors are requested to bring the MD201 Bequest program to the attention of members.
- Insurance: - Please note that JUA will employ a staff officer to carry out the role of the MD201 Insurance Consultant. Full details will be provided to clubs in due course.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- Committee reports: - Minutes and agendas of Committees will be recorded in the MD201 SharePoint and a procedure will be provided.
 - Anzi Pacific Forum and the associated Council Meeting: - The ANZI Pacific Forum will be held in Bali, Indonesia from Thursday 12 September 2024 to Saturday 14 September 2024. District Governors are requested to promote attendance at the forum within their Districts.
- As a result, the schedule for the Council meeting has been adjusted to assist those District Governors who wish to attend the ANZI Pacific Forum. The Council meeting will commence Sunday 8 September 2024 and conclude Tuesday 10 September 2024.

CONVENTIONS

- Leo Conference:- Council endorsed the proposal for a Leo Conference to be held as part of the Traralgon Convention subject to budget. Applications will be sought for membership of the Leo Conference Organising Committee.
- Darwin Convention: Planning is now advancing for the Darwin Convention. District Governors are encouraged to strongly promote attendance at this Convention.
- Convention 2026:- Council approved the Convention Bid for 2026 and resolved that the location will be Adelaide, South Australia.
- Convention 2027:- We have received a bid from WA to hold the MD201 Convention in Perth. The bid will be considered at the Darwin 2024 Convention.

OTHER

- Public Relations:- District Governors should note that the next major PR event to be conducted is Lions Awareness Day, that will be held on Saturday 2 March 2024.
- Office 365 Licences:- Microsoft has discontinued free Office 365 licences that were provided to Lions Australia. Lions Australia will

pay for a 12-month subscription for existing club licences to enable clubs to consider whether they will pay for future licences or transition to other services. From 1 February 2025, clubs will need to pay for such licences. This also applies to District positions beyond the District Governor, Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. Full information will be distributed to clubs.

LEGAL COMMITTEE

- Income Tax Exemption Changes — URGENT ATTENTION:- Legal Officer David Skinner presented a paper regarding the changes by the ATO to the income tax exemption self-assessment process that applies from the 2023-2024 year. This will affect almost all clubs and districts and requires the lodgement of a new annual self-review return. District Governors should ensure that all clubs are aware of these changes and start making preparations as soon as possible. If clubs do not lodge the new return on time, they risk losing their income tax exempt status.

Guidance on the process has been provided in an FAQ to Cabinet Treasurers.

- Nomination for the Office of International President — PID Tony Benbow OAM is endorsed for the position of International 3rd Vice President to be considered at the Lions International Convention in Mexico in 2025. Information will be circulated to Clubs shortly.
- Licences to seek funds: Licences to seek funds were granted to the Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Australia, Operation Smile and the Lions Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Project
- Redress Scheme:- Council has approved the Lions National Redress Scheme Fact Sheet that will be circulated to each District for use as required. Please note that this Fact Sheet is not for general distribution but will be provided to clubs on request if they receive notice from the Redress Scheme.
- Category B Projects:- Council has resolved to issue a Memorandum of Acknowledgement to operators of Category B Projects, to confirm responsibilities for operations and reporting.
- Child Safe Requirements:- Council has directed that those Lions that

apply for and hold child related positions must agree in writing to support and uphold the MD201 Child Safe Policy.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

- Lions Green Canopy Project:- Council resolved to put a motion to the Multiple District Convention in Darwin to adopt a new Category A Project, the Lions Green Canopy project to improve the environment around Australia through tree planting.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Leadership programs:- The Leadership National Coordinator reported on the status of current leadership development programs.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

- improvement to District Conventions:- District Governors are requested to gather information to contribute to a process to improve the quality and appeal of District Conventions including:
 - o Records of numbers attending District Conventions over the past five years.
 - o Reflections on the positive and negative aspects of their own Convention
 - o Surveys and reflections from members regarding the Convention experience. The outcomes of this investigation will form the basis of a workshop to be held at the May 2024 Council meeting.
- The GMT National Coordinator will arrange a video conference on the topic of New Club Development early in the year.
- The Membership Team has commenced development of a "Young Lions" Taskforce to better engage the interest and commitment of current members under the age of 35.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Leo Advisory Panel:- Council expressed its appreciation in receiving the report of the Leo Advisory Panel and looks forward to receiving additional reports in the future.
- Youth Exchange approved countries for exchange:- In order to streamline the process for

obtaining approval for outbound travel, Council has adopted the following policy. This replaces the previous system of providing reports on the matter of Child Safe Policy compliance to Council. "The Youth Exchange Chairperson provides evidence of compliance with the Child safe Policy for outbound countries, to the Multiple District Child Safe Officer. The MD Child Safe Officer will assess the suitability of these policies and maintain a register of suitable countries. That register be furnished to each Council Meeting."

FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Art Union Raffle:- The Product Development Committee is investigating the viability of an Art Union raffle to raise funds.
- Lion Mints:- There is a continuing investigation into a brand refresh for Lions Mints to increase sales and develop new markets.
- Bunnings Mini-Cake Sales:- Council resolved to donate the proceeds of mini-cake sales in Bunnings stores to the Australian Lions Foundation.

NOMINATIONS

- All Districts are encouraged to view Multiple District vacancies and to share that information with suitable Lions, encouraging them to apply. The Multiple District has currently far too many vacant positions.

Income Tax Exemption Changes — URGENT ATTENTION:

As previously communicated and as discussed at the recent MD201 Council Meeting, significant changes have been made by the ATO to the income tax exemption self-assessment process from the 2023-2024 year. This will affect almost all Lions clubs and districts, and requires the lodgement of a new annual self-review return.

It is important that all districts and clubs are aware of these changes and start making preparations as soon as possible. It may take some time for districts and clubs to update the authorised contacts associated with their ABN and to get set up for the ATO's online lodgement system. The first annual self-review return is due for lodgement between 1 July 2024 and 31 October 2024.

It should be noted that organisations who do not lodge the new return on time risk losing their income tax exempt status and penalties may apply.

Attached (on next page) is an updated version of the Fact Sheet explaining more about these changes, which has been prepared by the MD201 National Office and reviewed with your Cabinet Treasurers. The MD201 National Office will also organise some online presentations over the coming weeks and months to help communicate and explain these changes to clubs. This information is intended to compliment any communication and training being done by districts.

This new self-assessment process will also require clubs to consider if they have appropriate not-for-profit clauses in their constitution, as the new return includes a question specifically about this. If they do not have such not-for-profit clauses in their constitution, they will be required to amend their constitution to include them.

To assist with this, MD201 Legal Officer David Skinner and the MD201 National Office have produced a revised Australian version of the LCI Standard Club Constitution that includes appropriate not-for-profit clauses, dealing with distribution of funds while operating and when winding up. A copy of this is attached for your reference.

This Australian version of the LCI Standard Club Constitution has had the following two not-for-profit clauses added to satisfy the requirements of the Australian Taxation Office:

Article XI Section 3

"NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS. The assets and income of the Club shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Club except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Club."

Article XII Section 3

"WINDING UP OF CLUB.

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2. *If the Club is wound up, following the payment of all debts and other liabilities (including the costs of winding up) any remaining assets:-*
3. *Must not be distributed to the members or former members of the Club and;*
4. *Subject to the requirements of Australian Law and any Australian Court Order, must be distributed to another organisation with similar purposes which is a charitable and/or not-for-profit and not carried on for the profit or personal gain of members.*
5. *In making distributions upon winding up, the Club must satisfy any obligations that apply to assets over which a trust exists."*

Clubs who have adopted an amended constitution should ensure their constitution includes these or similar clauses, and if it does not, follow the amending procedure in their constitution to add such clauses.

(Note: adding these not-for-profit clauses to a club's constitution will also have the added benefit of making it easier for a club to prove it's not-for-profit status, when asked to do so in other situations).

The ATO has also recently released a guide on their website about how to prepare the annual self-review return, which outlines the questions that will be included in the return. This guide can be found at the following link:

[How to prepare a NFP self-review return | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](https://www.ato.gov.au/How-to-prepare-a-NFP-self-review-return/)



FACT SHEET

Income Tax Exemption Self-Assessment

SUMMARY

- From the 2023-2024 financial year onwards, non-charitable Not-For-Profit organisations with an active ABN are required to submit an annual self-review return to the ATO to remain eligible for income tax exemption.
- This will apply to all Lions Clubs in Australia, as Lions Clubs are not registered charities with the ACNC and currently self-assess as income tax exempt.
- The first annual self-review return is due for lodgement between 1 July 2024 and 31 October 2024.
- Lodgement of the return is to be done using the ATO's Online Services for Business.
- To use the ATO's Online Services for Business requires the authorised representatives on the Club's ABN to be updated, at least one of those authorised representatives to set up a personal myGovID digital identity, and then for their myGovID to be linked to the Club's ABN.
- Failure to lodge the return may result in a Not-For-Profit organisation becoming ineligible for an income tax exemption and penalties may apply.

ACTION CHECKLIST

- Update Associates on the Club's ABN by contacting the Australian Business Register (ABR).
- Have at least two Associates set up their own personal Digital Identity using the myGovID app on a smart device.
- Have those two Associates each connect their personal myGovID to the Club's ABN using the Australian Government's Relationship Authorisation Manager (RAM) service.
- Have each of those Associates login to the ATO's Online Services for Business using their personal myGovID and familiarise themselves with the service.
- Complete the current income tax status review worksheet to confirm that your Club is still currently self-assessing as income tax exempt.
- Review your Club's governing documents (Constitution & By-Laws) to ensure they meet all the requirements for income tax exemption self-assessment.
- Lodge the first annual self-review return in the ATO's Online Services for Business between 1 July 2024 and 31 October 2024.

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Background

Not-for-profit (NFP) organisations that are not registered charities can self-assess as income tax exempt, if they fall within one of the eligible categories of NFP organisations and meet the other requirements of the ATO.

Lions Clubs have historically self-assessed as income tax exempt on the basis that they are:

- NFP organisations that are not registered charities;
- usually accepted as falling within the “Community service organisation” eligible category; and
- typically meet the other ATO requirements by
 - o having a physical presence in Australia
 - o complying with all the substantive requirements in their governing rules
 - o applying their income and assets solely for the purpose which they are established.

Further information about income tax exempt organisations can be found on the ATO website at the following link:

[Does your not-for-profit need to pay income tax? | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#)

Prior to 1 July 2023, an NFP organisation was not required to submit anything to the ATO to evidence this self-assessment. The ATO recommended that an NFP organisation should review their tax status once a year (or when there was a major change to the organisation’s structure or activities) using a review worksheet available from the ATO website. The completed review worksheet was to be submitted to the organisation’s Board for approval and then retained with the organisation’s other records.

A copy of the review worksheet can be found at the following link:

[Income tax status review worksheet for self-assessing non-profit organisations | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#)

From 1 July 2023, an NFP organisation with an active ABN that is self-assessing as income tax exempt is required to submit an annual self-review return to the ATO to remain eligible for income tax exemption.

The reasons for this change were so the ATO could ensure that NFP organisations were conducting an annual review of their tax status, and that only eligible NFP organisations were claiming an income tax exemption.

Failure to lodge the annual self-review return may result in an NFP organisation becoming ineligible for an income tax exemption (and hence becoming liable to pay income tax on their income) and penalties may apply.

The first annual self-review return will be for the 2023-2024 financial year, with the lodgement period being from 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024.

The return will have a series of questions which will be similar in nature to those in the existing self-assessment worksheet. The ATO has released a guide on their website about how to prepare the annual self-review return, which outlines the questions that will be included in the return. This guide can be found at the following link:

[How to prepare a NFP self-review return | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#)

The return will be available for lodgement through the ATO's Online Services for Business or through a tax agent.

The lodgement of this return through the ATO’s Online Services for Business can only be done by an Associate that is recorded on the organisation’s ABN in the Australian Business Register (or by an authorised user added by an Associate).

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Steps to prepare for the lodgement of the annual self-review return

The following steps are involved in preparing for the lodgement of the annual self-review return:

1. Update Associates on the Club's ABN by contacting the Australian Business Register (ABR).
2. Have at least two Associates set up their personal Digital Identity using the myGovID app on a smart device.
3. Have those two Associates each connect their myGovID to the Club's ABN using the Australian Government's Relationship Authorisation Manager (RAM) service.
4. Have each of those Associates login to the ATO's Online Services for Business using their personal myGovID and familiarise themselves with the service.
5. Complete the current income tax status review worksheet to confirm that your Club is still currently self-assessing as income tax exempt.
6. Review your Club's governing documents (Constitution & By-Laws) to ensure they meet all the requirements for income tax exemption self-assessment.

More details on each of these steps is provided below.

Updating Associates on the Club's ABN

An organisation with an ABN has an obligation to maintain their ABN details on the Australian Business Register (ABR). ABN details must be updated within 28 days of becoming aware of changes.

It is important for a Club to ensure their ABN details are up to date, as only Associates on the Club's ABN are able to login to the ATO's Online Services for Business to lodge the annual self-review return (or an authorised user added by an Associate).

An Associate is a person who is a principal authority for the organisation. For a Lions Club this would include:

- A director
- A Public Officer
- An office bearer of the Club

ABN details can be updated in one of the following ways:

- Using ABR online services at the link below - this requires you to already be an Associate (or authorised contact) on the ABN, and to have your individual myGovID linked to the ABN.

[Update your ABN details | ABR](#)

- Using an authorised registered tax or BAS agent.
- Calling the ABR on 13 92 26 - this requires you to already be an Associate (or authorised contact) on the ABN. The ABR will not provide any information to a person who is not an Associate (or authorised contact) on the ABN.
- Ordering a Change of Registration Details form (publication number NAT2943) from the ATO Publication

Ordering Service ([Main Page \(iorder.com.au\)](http://iorder.com.au)), and completing and returning the form - this form can only be signed by a person who is already an Associate or authorised contact on the ABN.

A difficulty arises where an organisation has not kept their ABN details up to date and none of the Associates and authorised contacts connected to the ABN are still involved with the organisation. In this situation, the ABR will apparently accept a completed change of registration details form accompanied by proof that demonstrates the appointment of the current Associates. This may include annual general meeting minutes, resolutions or a notification from the Club Board.

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Once the ABN details have been updated, it is important that in future whenever there is a change in the office bearers of the Club, that the Associates on the Club's ABN are updated within 28 days of the change.

Setting up a personal Digital Identity using the myGovID app

To connect to online Australian Government services, such as ABR Online Services and the ATO's Online Services for Business, it is necessary for an Associate on an ABN to set up a personal Digital Identity using the myGovID app.

myGovID is the Australian Government's Digital Identity app. An individual downloads it to their smart device to prove who they are when logging in to a range of government online services. It is different to a myGov account.

Information and videos about myGovID can be found at the following link:

[Home | myGovID](#)

To set up a personal Digital Identity using the myGovID app, you will need:

- A smart device - such as a mobile phone or tablet. The myGovID app is compatible with most smart devices and is only available from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- A personal email address - as you are setting up a personal Digital Identity, your identity documents will be linked to the email address you choose. It should not be a shared, work or club email address.

The steps to set up your myGovID Digital Identity are:

1. Download myGovID app - download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play to your smart device.
2. Enter your details - open the myGovID app on your smart device and follow the prompts. You will need to enter your full name, date of birth and a personal email address.
3. Choose your identity strength - you can set up a Basic, Standard or Strong myGovID. To access the ATO's Online Services for Business, you will need a Standard or Strong myGovID.

For a Standard identity strength, you need to enter your personal details and verify at least two of the following Australian identity documents (and your name must match on both):

- Driver's licence or learner's permit
- Passport (not more than three years expired)
- Birth certificate
- Visa (using your foreign passport)
- Citizenship certificate
- Immicard
- Medicare card

For a Strong identity strength, you need to enter your personal details and verify the following Australian identity documents (your name must match on all):

- Passport (not more than three years expired)
- One of the following - birth certificate, citizenship certificate, driver's licence (including learner's permit) or Medicare card.

For a Strong identity strength, you will also need to complete a face verification check, which is like a selfie that is compared to the photograph on your passport.

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Further information and support for setting up your myGovID can be found at the following link:

[How to set up | myGovID](#)

Connecting a personal Digital Identity to the Club's ABN

To access most Australian Government online services on behalf of an organisation, you need to link your personal myGovID to the ABN of the organisation, using an Australian Government authorisation service called Relationship Authorisation Manager (RAM).

Information about RAM can be found at the following link:

[Home | Relationship Authorisation Manager](#)

A Principal Authority needs to be the first to link their personal myGovID to the organisation's ABN using RAM. For Lions Clubs, a Principal Authority is an Associate listed on the ABN in the Australian Business Register.

A Principal Authority can link their myGovID to an ABN online using RAM, or by contacting the RAM support line.

To link to an ABN online, the Principal Authority must have an Australia passport (not more than three years expired) and have a myGovID with a Strong identity strength.

If the Principal Authority cannot link online, then they can contact the RAM support line on 1300 287 539 and complete a proof of identity check. Once confirmed, the Principal Authority will receive an email with an authorisation code and summary of the authorisation request. They can then log in to RAM to accept the request and complete linking to the ABN.

It is recommended that at least two Principal Authorities of a Club link their myGovID to the Club's ABN using RAM.

Further information and videos for linking your myGovID to an ABN using RAM can be found at the following link:

[Principal authority | Relationship Authorisation Manager](#)

Logging in to the ATO's Online Services for Business

Once a Principal Authority has linked their myGovID to an ABN, they can login to the ATO's Online Services for Business at the following link:

[Online services for business login page | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#)

The steps to login are:

1. Click "Login" on the Online Services for Business login page.
2. Enter your myGovID email address on the myGovID page that appears and click "Login".
3. You will receive a notification on your smart device. Access this notification and enter the 4-digit code that is shown on the myGovID page. This will verify your identity and you will be logged in.

One of the Principal Authorities for the Club who have linked their personal myGovID to the Club's ABN will need to login to the ATO's Online Services for Business between 1 July 2024 and 31 October 2024 and complete and lodge the first annual self-review return for the Club.

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Completing the current income tax status review worksheet

In preparation for lodging the new annual self-review return, it is a good idea for Clubs to complete the existing ATO worksheet to review their eligibility for an income tax exemption now.

This worksheet is to support record keeping and good governance. It is not required to be submitted to the ATO.

Completing the worksheet now will provide greater certainty to the Club of income tax exemption status before the first 2023-2024 annual self-review return is due.

This worksheet can be found at the following link:

[Income tax status review worksheet for self-assessing non-profit organisations | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](https://ato.gov.au/income-tax-status-review-worksheet-for-self-assessing-non-profit-organisations)

The completed review worksheet should be submitted to the Club's Board for approval and then retained with the Club's other records.

Reviewing the Club's governing documents

The ATO requires that organisations self-assessing as income tax exempt will have governing documents that set out the organisation's purposes, not-for-profit character, and requirements for how it operates and makes decisions. For Lions Clubs these documents would be the Constitution & By-Laws of the Club.

The ATO accepts an organisation as Not-For-Profit if its governing documents prevent it from distributing profits or assets for the benefit of members - both while it operates and when it winds up.

The annual self-review return includes a question about whether such not-for-profit clauses are included in the organisation's Constitution. If they are not, the organisation will be required to amend its Constitution to include them (at an AGM or specially convened General Meeting).

It is therefore essential that Lions Clubs locate and review the Club's Constitution to ensure it contains appropriate not-for-profit clauses, and purposes consistent with the Club's operations. If they are not already included, examples of such not-for-profit clauses that could be added to a Club's Constitution are as follows:

Not-for-profit clause

"NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS. The assets and income of the Club shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Club except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Club."

Dissolution clause

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Just Ask!

Quick tips for effectively recruiting new members

1 Build a team

Get started by building a team of people who are dedicated to increasing your club's membership.

- » Decide who will help your club recruit.
- » Use the membership development team form in the Just Ask! guide to organize your team.

2 Build a vision

Take time to assess your club and your community to find out what you need for successful recruitment.

- » Determine what you want your club to be.
- » Choose what you want your club to support.
- » Establish your goals.
- » Decide who you will recruit.

3 Build a plan

Map out your club's action plan and completion dates, then assign tasks to help you reach your goals.

- » Decide where and when will you recruit.
- » Determine your recruitment materials.
- » Review your growth plan.
- » Reach out to your target members.
- » Promote your informational meeting and activities.
- » Follow up with participants.

4 Build success

- » Conduct an induction ceremony.
- » Ensure that new members are properly on-boarded.
- » Find ways to involve new members in your club's activities.



Repeat the process

People join Lions International to serve—make sure that your new members are involved in ways that align with the reasons they joined your club.

For details on these steps, as well as additional tools and resources your club can use for successful member recruitment, download the complete Just Ask! Fostering a Culture of Recruitment guide from the Resource Center at www.lionsclubs.org.



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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)

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