



THE

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BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

JOHN HOUGHTON

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023 - 2024

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Awareness Days & Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 1st - First day of Autumn
- 2nd - Lions Awareness Day & Clean Up Australia Day**
- 15th - World Speech Day
- 20th - International Day of Happiness
- 29th - Good Friday
- 31st - Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 1st - Easter Monday
- 7th - World Health Day
- 11-21st - National Youth Week is celebrated in some parts of the Country
- 19th - National Hearing Dog Day**
- 22nd - World Earth Day**
- 24-30th world Immunisation Week
- 25th - Anzac Day
- 27th - Lions International Worldwide Induction Day**
- 28th - World Day for Safety & Health at Work
- 28th - Pay it Forward Day

MAY

- 4th - May the Fourth - International Star Wars Day
- 8th - World Ovarian Cancer Day
- 12th - Mother's Day
- 14-21st National Road Safety Week
- 20th - National RA Day** (Lions Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation)
- 20-26th National Volunteer Week**
- 24th - National Coffee Day
- 28th - World Hunger Day**
- 31st - Last day of Autumn

DG Report



Service Awards awarded and exchanging of Bannerette at Jerilderie



Walla Walla DG visit – celebrating President Lion Shane 25 years and two new members inducted on the night

Welcome to another Month of the ROAR. Please ensure you read all articles and learn about what your fellow Lions Clubs are participating in their area and beyond and it may even give your Club some ideas.

Sunday 4th February saw our first Membership Forum of two being well attended by over 30 participants. All of those attended contributed to the success of the day. The second one in Albury again was well attended with over 30 Lions not only gaining some knowledge on the day but some great Fellowship.

Monday 12 February Jennifer and I attended the Jerilderie Lions Club where we learnt of their involvement in the community and had the pleasure of handing out some service awards to members in attendance.

Walla Walla was next on our schedule and again a great night of learning about the club and the privilege of inducting two new members and handing out a 20-year service award to Lin Dawn and a 25 year service award to President Shane. Thursday 15th we made the trip to Barooga to enjoy a night with Barooga Lions Club. Again, a small club but a club that assists their community through many different ways.

Sunday 18th February, we held a general meeting in Mansfield for those people who indicated on previous visit regarding the formation of a Lions Club for Mansfield. The meeting was well received and at this stage we have received some membership forms returned and there is another planned get together in the future.

Wednesday 21st February we visited the Chiltern Lions Club for a great meal and a night of many laughs. I was fortunate enough to induct a new member with many laughs in between and they have another member to induct in the near future as well.

Thursday 22nd we joined the

John Houghton

Tocumwal Lions Club for their afternoon meeting followed by dinner enjoyed by all. Lion Glennis was awarded with her 25-year service award for her dedication to Lions.

Saturday 24th February, we celebrated with the Culcairn Lions Club their 40th Charter anniversary. The evening was well attended by many different Clubs and Past District Governors. There was a lot of storytelling and reminiscing of the past events that the Culcairn Lions have undertaken as well as the surprise for one of their members Lion Lindsay of his 92nd Birthday.

The Cabinet meeting was held on Sunday 25th, which was well attended. Lion Jo – editor of the ROAR and PR Guru has undertaken the mammoth task of realigning all job Descriptions for members of Cabinet as well as updating several different manuals, please keep an eye on the Email, for your input to be provided. Throughout the Roar there should be other reports on the Cabinet meeting. The Cabinet meeting was catered by the Yarrawonga Lions Club at their Den, thank you for their help on the day.

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 Dawn 20-year Service Award (Walla Walla)



President at Barooga



Chiltern President



New member inducted and welcomed at Chiltern



Celebrating a 92nd Birthday at Culcairn of Lion Lindsay



Exchanging of Bannerettes at Tocumwal



Lion Gleniss 25 years award



Reminiscing old times at Culcairn's 40th Anniversary

Safety Message...

The Injury Reporting form attached should be used to report any incident or injury to personnel who are performing Lions Club functions no matter how minor. Then send a copy to the V6 Safety Officer for their records.

John Walker
District Safety Officer

Download copies from the V6 Website

Microsoft Word version [HERE](#)

PDF version [HERE](#)

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 201V6
INJURY REPORTING FORM

Report Person's Details
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____

Witness Details
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____

Reporting Person's Details
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____

Date / Time of Incident: ____ / ____ / ____
Location: _____
Nature of Injury: _____
Was injured person transported to hospital? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Was injured person advised to obtain professional medical opinion? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Signature of Safety Officer: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of District Governor: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club President: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Secretary: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Treasurer: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Public Relations: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Membership: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Education: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Service: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Finance: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Administration: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Club Other: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____



1st VDG Report

I learnt as a young woman that life never seems to go to plan. I had carefully planned out my life 18 months ahead at the end of 2023. Family, Work, Farm, Study, District Governor journey. However on the 19th January my District Governor plans all changed. I got the sad news that DG Elect Geoff Turnbull had chosen to resign his position. After careful consideration & much discussion with fellow Lions, I decided to step into the role of DG Elect. Paul Shortis has stepped up to 1st VDG. We now need to find someone to fill the position of 2nd VDG. Paul & I are now on a very short & sharp learning curve. I truly appreciate the support I have had from fellow Cabinet members. Thank You to everyone who has taken up Cabinet positions for 24/25. Special thanks too, to my Club Katamatite, for the support & understanding shown me in recent weeks. 2024 will be a big year for me. I started Cert 4 in Mental Health at Wangaratta TAFE, Tone Rd Campus on 07/02/24. DG Elect studies are now also on the agenda. This is all in addition to managing a small business & part time farm management. I will be juggling many roles & will endeavour to do my best. Special thanks to DG John Houghton for your incredible support & understanding as I step up into this role. On Sunday 11th February I attended the Membership Drive Forum in Albury. On the 14/2/24 I joined with Stephen & Alison Kazenwadel for a Zone 7 & 8 Meeting at Moyhu Lions Park. I was proud & honoured to take out the Citizen of the Year for Katamatite at the recent Australia Day Breakfast held in Katamatite on 26/1/24. Our Club had a very big year in 2023 taking out Art/Culture/Environment Project of the Year (Katamatite) with the Silo Art. We also took out Community Organisation of the Year (Katamatite) & Community Event of the Year (Katamatite) for the Rodeo.



Julie Ballard

Beechworth Lions

Beechworth Lions Club President Iris, Lions Christine, and Zone Chair and Lions John attended the District Membership Drive Forum at the Commercial Club Albury on Sunday 11th February. This was to discuss and share tools that clubs can use to recruit new members as well as looking at innovative way of providing service to our communities. The forum was held under the theme - "Strategies to Achieve Success." The facilitators from the Whittlesea Lions Club held a very informative session under the title BAM ("Big Audacious Mission"), with great input from all the attendees. We finished the session with lunch with Lions from various clubs. Now to put the information received into practice.

On the morning of 16th February Paynesville Lions Director and Life Member Peter Buchanan presented a Life Member Certificate and badge to Daris Olsauskas. Daris has had an amazing Lions Career spanning 22 years at Berridale (NSW), Beechworth and now Paynesville.



2024 Junior Public Speaking - Beechworth Lions Club will participate again this year in the Junior Public Speaking. We have been notified by all three of our Primary schools that they would like to participate, and have been notified of the topics.

Easter Egg Hunt - Beechworth Lions Club as part of the 2024 Beechworth Golden Horseshoe Festival will again hold the Easter Egg Hunt at Mayday Hills Cricket ground on Easter Sunday, 31st March. We are looking forward to a great turnout and good weather.

Gang Plate Layers Cottage – Beechworth Lions Club's major Community Project has taken a giant step forward. On receiving a long awaited \$30,000 grant via the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions we have been able to purchase a TV, dishwasher, urn, microwave, electric kettle, garden shed, and organise the landscaping. TV aerial and internet also to be arranged.



B2B Walk – Beechworth Lions Club is supporting this amazing event by donating the use of our catering trail. Starting on 23rd March the Walk and talk is in solidarity for survivors of mental illness and suicide. B2B 2024 is a 73km walk event over 3 days on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. The walk is to connect people with lived experience of suicide, mental illness and survival. B2B walkers might walk in silent remembrance, or fall into step with another survivor and find strength in supporting each other. Hard chats are a little easier when walking shoulder to shoulder.

Benalla Lions

Benalla Lions Club and Benalla Rotary Clubs Annual Bowls Night on the 15th February 2024.

This year was the tenth year of our annual challenge, and it started when my Doctor said to me, Peter I believe that you are going to be your Club President next year and so am I, so it would be good if we could have a combined Dinner Meeting, however I instead suggested that perhaps we could play bowls instead, which he agreed was a good idea so that is how it started. We arrive at the Bowls Club at 6.00 pm, and at 6.30 the Bowls Club staff have a Barbeque tea available for our combined Clubs players and spectators, and after that we start our games where we play eight ends. Because Rotary have 54 Club members and Lions have only 23 members, I asked a former Lions club member and his wife to come and play for the Lions Club team, knowing that his wife was a "pennant Player", and Margaret also asked a former "work colleague" would she and her husband like to play bowls with the Lions Club, and yes you guessed it the husband was also a pennant player, and together with the help of a couple of Lions Ladies, and friends we beat the Rotary Club by "one point" which made it five games each for the ten years of the competition. Perhaps the reason for the extra smile on my face was that this year I was our



Clubs President again, however I do not believe that I will be our Lions Clubs President again in ten years time, although I hope to be a spectator then. The photo from left shows Rotary Clubs Secretary Kelly MacNamara Lions Club President Peter Poels, Lion Lock Lidgerwood and Rotary Club President Bill Parish, these have been very enjoyable nights.

Attending the Moyhu Market on the 17th February 2024. The Market was to support the "Lions Awareness Day", and the funds raised by the Moyhu Lions Club went to the "Childhood Cancer Foundation". Although the site holders were down a little in numbers Lions were well represented, as District Governor John Houghton brought the "Lions Promotion Trailer" and Margaret Poels had her Junior Public Speaking information table available, and Peter Poels had the Australian Lions Foundation brochures available as well. Unfortunately, a lot of the visitors to the Market were from "out of town" however the



food that the Moyhu Lions Club had for sale was fantastic, and the weather on the day was the same. It was a great morning spent in Moyhu although one Lion must have done the "wrong thing", so she was placed into the "Old Moyhu Police Cell".

Peter Poels



Cobram Lions Club

Members of the Cobram Lions club have been out and about around Cobram over the past month. 3 members ventured to Albury to attend the membership seminar, lots of ideas and discussions at this event. Following up from the event the members have been exploring social media, and have attended 2 very different but informative workshops. So many ideas and so much information to explore and put into action.

The market was fantastic on February 24th. A beautiful morning to be out on the park at the market. So many came along to enjoy the market.

We wish both Cobram Lions Youth of the Year representative, and the Cobram on the Murray Leo club, Leo of the Year, representative, all the best at their respective District level competitions.

GMT Report

As at the 26th February we have 1052 members after beginning 2023/24 with 1048 members. We have added 76 new members and dropped 72. We are net +4 for the year and net -7 for the month of February. Congratulations to Albury, Chiltern, Tongala, Wodonga, and Thurgoona who inducted new members. I understand that there are members who have very recently been inducted but not yet added into MyLCI.

While we are still trending positively regarding new members as DG John's goal was 95 new members, disappointingly we are fast approaching the goal of no more than eighty drops. During February eleven members were dropped (other 1, resigned in good standing 9 and non-attendance & non-payment of dues 1). We must focus on reducing the drops, look at why members are resigning, and what needs to be done to rectify any issues or problems. I am also concerned when members are dropped for non-attendance - why are they not attending?

One of DG John's membership goals is the chartering of one new club. The reestablishment of a presence in the Mansfield area is a key goal. On Saturday January 27th we again attended the Mansfield Bush Market having had a site in November. We also held a meeting in Mansfield on February 18th at the Delatite Hotel. Thank you to Membership National Coordinator PDG Ann Eldridge who addressed those at the meeting. As

a result of that meeting, I currently have four completed applications for membership. I am confident that we should receive at least a further three to four completed applications. Further, a market site has been booked for the Easter Saturday Bush Market. Those who attended the meeting at the hotel have been notified.

Earlier in the month two membership forums were conducted at Moama and Albury. I attended the Moama forum where 33 members from zones 1 - 6 attended. The forum was conducted by PDG Ann Eldridge. This was a very good interactive session and I'm positive that members went away armed with plenty of information and ideas. There was also a similar number that attended the second forum in Albury.

Lions awareness day is March 2nd - 3rd and I encourage clubs to plan for that weekend and to have a goal to recruit at least one new member. There are plenty of membership resources available. If you would like me to send you any membership material or where to source these resources, please let me know.

Clubs have used the V6 District membership trailer over the last several months to promote their club. The link to book is: <https://calendly.com/v6trailer>

IPDG Neil Stuart

V6 GMT Coordinator

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Picture below is from the Sun Country on the Murray tourism networking breakfast.



From L to R - Janet Austin, John Hall, Ron Simon and Glynis Bailey.

It was a great pleasure to be invited along to the Cobram on the Murray Leo Clubs, Club level of Leo of the Year. What a fantastic range of subjects the Leos spoke about with such confidence and passion. The Club winner was Xavier North who will now go on to the District Leo of the Year on March 17th in Cobram.

Cobram Lions will be hosting the event at Killara House.



Lions youth of the year

I will begin by thanking all the Clubs that have run a Youth of the Year Competition.

Reminder to all clubs who ran Youth of the Year this year.

ALL Club competitions MUST be completed by Sunday the 25th February.

If more than one club within a Zone are holding a competition, then the Zone Chairperson for that Zone must hold a Zone / Regional final by Sunday 10th of March.

I then ask that Clubs forward the Winners Notification forms to their Zone Chairperson and to me, (District Chairperson) immediately after completion of the competition.

For winners advancing to the District Final, I also require the student entry form and a suitable Head shot of the winner via email ASAP.

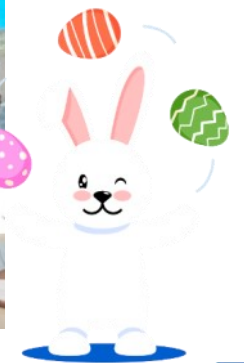
The District Youth of the Year Final this year will be held at Tocumwal on the Sunday 24th March.

The State Youth of the Year Final is to be held in Maryborough on Saturday 27 April.

Regards

Mark Nordbye

201V6 Youth of the Year
Chairperson



October 2024

FRI 10	SAT 11	SUN 12
IMPORTANT FRI 18	IMPORTANT SAT 19	IMPORTANT SUN 20
V6 LIONS CONVENTION	V6 LIONS CONVENTION	V6 LIONS CONVENTION
FRI 24	SAT 25	
TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR - COME TO THE 47TH V6 DISTRICT CONVENTION!		

SAVE THE DATE!

World Speech Day
15th March

The theme for this year is **"Ideas for a Better"**

Lions Junior Public Speaking

Tips To Brave For Public Speaking

- Don't compare yourself to others
- Know where you have to look
- Know your audience
- Make it simple as possible
- Utilize positive body language

LIONS AWARENESS DAY

Share your Lions story Everyday

Tocumwal Lions Club

Tocumwal Lions Club enjoyed a meal and social evening after their meeting last week. This included a visit from District Governor John Haughton and Jennefer Haughton from Wangaratta Lions Club and Zone Chairman John Weinert from Yarrawonga Lions Club.

District Governor John congratulated the Club on their continued service to the community. He also presented Lion Glennis Pohlner with a 25 year Milestone Chevron and a Membership Key Award for sponsoring five new members during that time.



DG John Haughton and President Keith Kennedy exchanging bannerets



DG John Haughton and Lion Glennis Pohlner.

Corowa Lions Club



Corowa Lion, Gary Leadbetter's celebrated his birthday and he is also now a pensioner. But he's getting no discounts from Lion Lynn



Tungamah LEOs

Cobram on the Murray Leo of the Year - Thirteen contestants lined up for the Leo of the Year Final for the Cobram based club, in front of intrepid judges, Janet Austin, Robyn Harrison and Clancy Tucker. Time keeper was Ron Simon.

The quality of the speeches was extraordinarily high reflecting on a vast development over many years. We marvelled at topics covering World war 2, dogs, cats, the school band, Michael Jackson, AFL and school days.

Xavier North took out the award with a wonderful speech about his educational journey through the Cobram Specialist School. He held everybody spell bound with his enthusiasm and pride in the school. Now a noted musician, he is making a big impact on society.

Xavier's speech at the end was heartfelt and we wish him well in the District Final.



We have been a bit quiet of late and had a really hot meeting down at the park recently. Hot stifling night, and the sausages seemed a bit over the top, but they still got eaten.

Club members are having an outing shortly to Fun Planet in Shepparton as a reward for their efforts over the year. This will be followed by day out during the school holidays which will be open to local kids. We are looking at mini golf, followed by swimming then Maccas.

The biggest project will be happening on the 14th April down by the creek and will be the annual Carp Muster. This is the big one, and there will be prizes for teams, individuals and other categories. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and includes lunch and prizes. Get the gear out, dig some worms, open some corn and let's break last year's record of 360 carp.

Tungamah Lions Club

We are hard at work once again, with a couple of very large months ahead. Our last Bunnings effort made a very large profit with a heap of willing workers. The profits made go to benefit local



projects as well as Lions projects. Our help is always appreciated and much valued across the world.

The first meeting of the month was held in the Lions Den at the pub and it was a terrific night with plenty of fellowship afterwards. Meals were great.

We are in the process of repairing the bain marie in the bbq trailer as well as buying a second, more portable one to help with our larger catering efforts.

We have also received grants from the Moira Shire and the Australian Lions Foundation to purchase an Emergency Response Trailer to take to wherever the need may be. This saves time and means we are ready to go immediately. We seem to be undergoing more disasters than we used to. It is also available to other community groups free of charge in case of emergency.

We are involved with the Lions Awareness Day at Bunnings on the 2nd March, along with Yarrawonga and Lake Mulwala. Too many people do not know what we are about.

Each Year, the local group committed to improvements in the town, hold a free fun day for residents, and members will be volunteering to help with the barbecue and the snow cone machine.

March 16th locals are rallying behind a young family man, Robbie Irvine, who is very ill with cancer. We will of course be there cooking sausages, hamburgers and chops, plus snow cones. Robbie and Felicity have brought up four boys and have been very active in footy and cricket. It is so sad such a great fellow should be stricken like this. Many times PDG Les and Robbie led each other astray.

March 17 is the District Leo of the Year Final at Cobram. Thanks Janet and her Club for hosting this event.

We have a huge catering job at the Wilby Car Races in March, over a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. We are confident we

District Treasurer's Report

Hi all, there are a few things we all need to be aware of.

Its probably not news to anyone, but there are new requirements for Clubs to report their ABN not-for-profit status to the Australian Tax Office, Cabinet will try and provide training for all Clubs that require it, please contact your Zone Chairman, or me, to arrange training. It would only take an hour or so and evenings would be ideal, we hope to get most of it done in March or early April.

Not many would know this yet, but the free Microsoft 365 (previously Office 365) email (i.e. clubname@lions.org.au) will no longer be free from Feb 2024, Multiple District will be picking up the cost for the first year, but it will cost about \$88.00 per year from then on. There are many benefits with paying the fee and sticking with the Microsoft email, but for those who wish to use an alternate platform, such as gmail, we advise that you arrange this promptly and use the new email address in your Multiple District Directory entry. This way you have a 12 month overlap with 2 addresses where you can advise senders using the Microsoft address of your new address.

For those having delegates at the Darwin Multiple District Convention, please note that for your Delegates to vote, your Club must be in good standing, i.e. No unpaid balance of International dues and fees greater than U.S.\$10, outstanding more than thirty (30) days. If unsure give me a call, but I will probably sending out estimates for any amount in arrears requiring payment to get you in good standing.

That's enough dreary news from me, stay positive, we can do this, and if in doubt don't hesitate to ask me.

District 201V6 Treasurer

Ollie Tufvesson
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can handle it, but we will probably be looking a bit like hamburgers at the end.

Some members banded together to head to Wilby Hall for the Fanie Lumsden Country Music Concert. The night was well supported by Lions from Tungamah, Yarrawonga and Lake Mulwala. By all accounts it was a wonderful night.

We are always on the lookout for new members so we can keep doing all the things we like doing.

Footy Gates are up soon and it is always great to be involved with the local footy club. That's it for now.

Henty Lions Club

Henty Lions Happenings - After a busy pre-Christmas round of activities the Henty Lions took a well earned rest over Christmas and New Year. All hands were back on deck for the first event of 2023, a Bunnings BBQ in Wagga Wagga. Once again the Lions Club combined with the Henty Lifestyle Centre to conduct a sausage sizzle at

Bunnings in Wagga which will provide much needed funds for projects dear to the hearts of those involved in both organisations.

Number of members of the club attended the Culcairn Lions Club 40th Anniversary dinner. It was a very enjoyable night the highlighted the achievements of the Lions Club. It was excellent to be able to help celebrate the achievement of 40 years of Lions in Culcairn and renew old friendships.

At the end of February Henty Lions look forward to a visit by the DG John Houghton.

Yarrawonga Lions Club

Yarrawonga Lions a New Year - January and February have come and gone and once again we have been busy. We catered and sponsored the Yarrawonga Lawn Tennis Club tournament which is an event we love doing. We manned the Café inside in the cool for 3 days and had time to have a laugh and mingle with the competitors.



Hearing Awareness Week runs from 1st – 7th March and is an annual event that highlights the issues affecting Australians living with hearing loss.

One in six adults in Australia experience some degree of hearing loss. However, only one in three do anything to address it. For most people, hearing begins to deteriorate from their mid-thirties, and it usually declines slowly over time, meaning it can be hard to detect. The small, sensitive hair-like cells within the inner ear get worn out over the years.

When this happens, you don't simply go deaf, but it becomes more and more difficult to understand

sounds clearly, particularly speech. Eventually, untreated hearing loss can become a significant problem, impacting your relationships with others, participation in the community and even your independence.

So, how do I know if I need to see an audiology professional?

- You have the TV or radio volume louder than is comfortable for others
- You find hearing over the telephone hard work
- Group conversations have become difficult to follow
- You ask people to repeat things or misunderstand what they say
- You've started avoiding places because you can't hear properly
- Someone suggests you might not be hearing as well as you used to

If these tell-tale signs sound familiar, you may benefit from a free* 15-minute Hearing Check with a Specsavers Audiology Professional. To find your nearest store or to book online, visit www.specsavers.com.au/hearing

**If further testing is required, a fee may apply.*





Lions' helper Gerda (thankyou), Lions Keith, Linda, Debbie, John, Don and Gus.

We had our annual DG visit at a dinner meeting with DG John and Jennefer where we acknowledged and congratulated some of our amazing members. Chris August Awards were presented to Lions Peter Ornsby, Laurie Reynen and Russel Cook who all work tirelessly for our club.



President Jock, Chris August Award Recipients Peter Ornsby, Laurie Reynen, Russell Cook and DG John Houghton

Chevrons to Phil Oliver for 40 years' service, Debbie Van Corler for 25 years, John Weinert for 20 years and, Ron Stone for 10 years. Our Club is so fortunate to have so many long serving members and we appreciate you all.



We are an amazing club always doing what we can when we can, helping the community whenever possible.

Our flagship project "Made with Love Free Chemotherapy Turbans" have been very busy and have just donated to Chelle's Saving Starfish (Cancer Care Packs). They donated 100 pieces of beautiful headwear to be included in their Cancer Care Packs for distribution through Melbourne oncology units. Super Cheap Fabrics in Collingwood have now joined the project as a major sponsor. They donated an enormous amount of quality fabric in amazing colours and combinations that will be turned into beautiful free headwear for our oncology units. Maybe check out their facebook page "Made With Love Free Chemotherapy Turbans Yarrowonga Lions Club 201V6 Project" – lots of good reading.

As part of the Fanny Lumsden's Country Halls Tour, which was held at Wilby Hall, we catered for the masses cooking burgers and sausages. There was a big crowd and proved a huge success for all involved. Well done to the Wilby Hall Committee for organising this event.

Lion Peter Ornsby, who also volunteers with Food Bank bought to the Clubs attention that there was a need for new freezers at Yarrowonga's Food Bank, due to the age and unreliability of their old ones.

At a recent meeting Yarrowonga Lions welcomed Guest Speaker James Rouel, Moira Foodshare Co-Ordinator, who addressed members giving a very interesting talk on our local Foodshare facility and the wonderful things they achieve in our area. James advised that the need for this service has grown dramatically in the past 12 months right across our Shire.

Lion Peter Ornsby presented a cheque for \$2000 to go towards the purchase of much needed freezers for the Yarrowonga area. This donation was in memory of our Lion John Ellis, a dedicated Foodshare volunteer whom we sadly lost last year.

Lion Ornsby also a Foodshare volunteer and Foodshare Coordinator James Rouel.



We finished February by hosting the District Cabinet Meeting. Cabinet members joined together to do the necessary District formalities and enjoyed our catering and planned for the next few months. Once again, we are very fortunate to have such amazing facilities capable of catering for such events.



Pyramid Hill Lions

Recently Pyramid Hill catered for a local Clearing Sale.



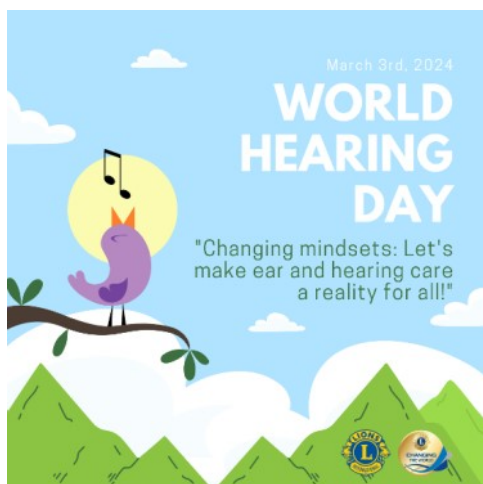
Lockington Lions

A workshop with Ollie (Cab Treasurer) was held last night in Lockington - great turn up from around the place - members from Cohuna, Hope, Gunbower, East Loddon, Echuca & Moama joined in the workshop, which was fun and easy to follow along.



East Loddon Lions

Recently East Loddon Lions Member Jo Guthrie entered her artwork titled "Leo" in an art show in Pyramid Hill.



Global Membership Approach (GMA)

Lions Australia embarked on the Big Audacious Mission in 2022 whose plan is to grow membership to 30,000 by the year 2030 and 50,000 by 2050 to meet the growing needs of our communities and to service 10 million people annually.



One of the benefits of BAM is **“Increased Capacity to Serve: Inviting new members to your club will increase your capacity to serve the community and the people who depend on you. You bring special talents and unique skills to the service we provide”.**

In responding to the above benefit and the goal of increasing members, 201V6 GMA team organised and held two membership and service forums on the 04/02/2024 at Moama Bowling Club and 11/02/2024 at Albury Commercial Club. These sessions were attended by a total of 64 Lions from various clubs. The forums would have been a very big success had almost all clubs been represented as information shared and discussions had would benefit all clubs if implemented.

What is the way forward? After these sessions it is imperative that

- All those who participated in the forums take it upon themselves individually and collectively as a club to immediately implement the tools shared. This will help to mobilise membership and within six weeks share their experiences, challenges and successes so that these could be adopted and implemented elsewhere.
- There will be no meaningful membership drive or growth without “service”. We call on clubs and especially those who attended to spearhead service renewal in clubs by engaging communities and finding out what matters and is relevant in those communities than our traditional service projects.
- There is need to look at and take advantage of opportunities in communities in general to mobilise membership and remain positive about the future.
- In coming months we will be looking at the **objective “Our existing Lions clubs will have a positive change culture that nurture our existing members and embraces our new members”**. We are losing too many members and for retention to be a success, culture change has to be implemented which will support service provision and an enthusiastic membership.

As we approach the Lions awareness day on the 2-3 March 2024, the GMA team encourages all clubs to take this opportunity to reach out to about five community members, be it teachers, nurses, doctors, fire-fighters, tradies, sportspersons, businesspersons, etc and invite them to be part of this organisation.

It is only when we truly take that first step that a journey of a thousand miles can truly be travelled.

Omeni Ndlovu

Leadership & Learning

Hi Everyone. I had announced my intention to retire from Cabinet in June/July after 25 years. Robyn had also been on Cabinet for 9 years. We reconsidered to support the District and Geoff as it is important the District runs well. As things have panned out, we are very happy to support Julie in her quest to be a great DG.

Zone Chair Training is the first Sunday in May, and I would love to have all Zonies new and old, along on that day. I am hoping to meet with Zonies via Zoom well before that to discuss concerns and ambitions.

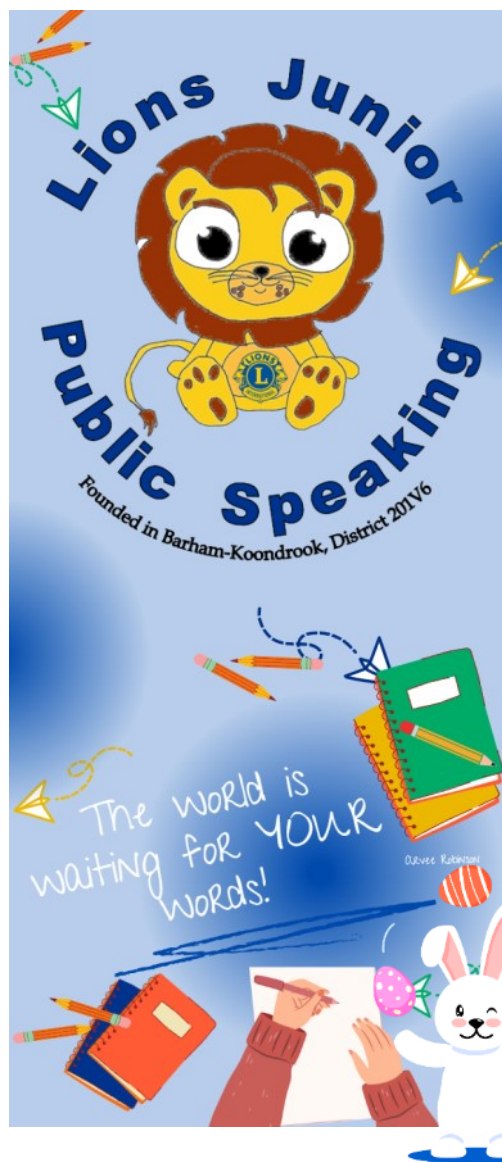
Guiding Lions Training will be held soon. It was to be held this month, but I cannot do it without good support. Guiding Lions are going to be vitally important as we would like to see them assist the Zone Chairpersons in their roles. Being a Zonie can be an onerous task. Plenty of critics who sit on their hands when asked. This will take some pressure off the long suffering Zonies.

We badly need GLT support. I did this for some years for PDG Lyn Fredericks and the role is an important one but an invaluable one. I'd like someone at the Cabinet Meeting to sidle up to me and say “I'm the person you are looking for.”

Well done, DG John and Jennefer. You are great ambassadors. It is also great to see the support being given to Julie and also Paul, whose time has been pushed forward.

I have attended a couple of national meetings on GLT and it is obvious we need to keep searching for new members and forming new clubs. We also need to target future leaders. Don't be afraid to set your sights on being a DG. It will be the most wonderful year in your life.

PDG Les Harrison



The 2024 Lions Junior Public Speaking information has been sent to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Junior Public Speaking Chairpersons.

I hope all Clubs participate in the program and give the young people in their Communities the opportunity to gain confidence to present a speech to an audience other than their peers, teachers, and parents.

The 2024 topics are show below. These Topics have been posted on the District V6 website, along with newly drafted Student Entry Form, Club, Region and District reporting forms, where there is a section to enter all participating students, Judges, Chaperones, Timekeepers and Volunteers names and Working with Children Certificate information.

The Timeline for the 2024 program is School competitions to be completed by the end of June, Club competitions to be completed by the end of July, Region Finals to be held in the first 2 weeks of August, the District Final to be held on Sunday 25th August at venue to be advised.

The proposed V District State Final to be held on Sunday 22nd September, at a venue to be confirmed.

While I was attending a meeting in Mansfield last week, I spoke to a gentleman from Nepal and he is very interested in introducing the program to the schools in Nepal. How fantastic would that be for the program to go around the world.

I look forward to a bigger and better year and listening to the young people in our communities presenting their speeches.

Margaret Poels

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2024 TOPICS

Year 3-4

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

2024 CLUB REGISTRATIONS

ARE DUE BY...

31ST MAY

SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON

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Hope Lions Club Branch committed to the District Chairmanship for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation for 2023/24.

The ALCCRF stall at Beechworth Convention made \$337.55.

(Coin line \$80. HOPE Lions donated 20 "Blooms of Hope" @ \$10 each = \$200. Merchandise sold \$57).

HOPE Lions Club Branch presented Elmore Lions Club with an ALCCRF Silver Award in November for their assistance with the 2022 Observation Car Run and for their efforts in raising funds for ALCCRF.

In October ALCCRF asked all Chairpersons to contact all clubs in their Districts that had not supported the Biggest BBQ. NO action was taken by us.

It was agreed at HOPE Lions Club Branch meeting 5th November 2023 that we do not wish to continue with the ALCCRF Chairmanship past 23/24 year.

We continue to promote ALCCRF in the District Roar each month with articles on programs that are currently being funded by Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Our thanks go to Jo Guthrie for making the page look great each month!

Region 2 is holding another **Observation Car Run** on **Sunday 17 March 2024**. The flyer has gone to all clubs via Cab Sec Mail-out and look for it in February & March District Roars.

Below is a list of Receipts to date this Lions Year.

Thanks to all clubs who have raised funds for ALCCRF so far this Lions year.



	Biggest BBQ	Coin Line	Donations	Merchandise	Grand Total
Chiltern	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
East Loddon			\$1,025.10		\$1,025.10
Henty	\$700.00				\$700.00
Hope Branch		\$80.55	\$4,200.00	\$57.00	\$4,337.55
Kerang	\$300.00				\$300.00
Kiewa-Tangambalanga			\$250.00		\$250.00
Nathalia & District			\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Rutherglen			\$200.00		\$200.00
Strathmerton	\$250.00				\$250.00
Thurgoona			\$200.00		\$200.00
Wodonga		\$25.50	\$1,745.20		\$1,770.70
Yarrawonga			\$1,367.30		\$1,367.30
V6 Total	\$2,250.00	\$106.05	\$9,987.60	\$57.00	\$12,400.65

LION MINTS NEWSLETTER

February 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.

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



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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.



To All Clubs,

My Licola report to the 3rd V6 District Cabinet was discussed at length with concern. At the request of District Governor John and the support of Mark Nordbye (our other Licola Board of Management members) is circulated for your attention.

We are all concerned for the viability of our Camp and the continuation of sending local children to Licola.

Neil

Lions Village Licola

Report to V6 Cabinet 25th February 2024

It was disappointing to report that the usual District V6 camp was cancelled – or not scheduled this year disenfranchising our clubs the opportunity to send local children to our Camp.

Further, it was disappointing that following the cancellation of the September Camp due to lack of volunteers a concerted effort was not evident to recruit adequate volunteers and qualified instructors for the Christmas Camps and the Wild4 program. Only two Christmas camps were scheduled and one only proceeding for the V2 District for approx. 100 children. There is no certainty that the April Lions Sponsored camp will proceed.

The N4 District that has for the last 43 years as a District project has run Special Needs camps at Licola involving over 5500 Special people. They provide their own volunteer staff and were discouraged from proceeding with their April booking due to Licola being unable to provide assurance that three qualified staff for three days and that basic facilities normally available could not be assured.

I was asked to rejoin the Licola Board of Management in the belief that my experience over 50 years with 25 years in management positions on the Board could help. Unfortunately, the current Management continue to ignore my involvement with comments "it's all different now".

Times have changed. How long can we continue to blame COVID and the lack of Lions involvement when we don't use the Lions system by actively involving the District Licola Chairmen of each District. They need basic information on current bookings, maintenance issues, approved development, financial planning and a wish list of equipment and facilities.

The Licola Board of Management has not met face to face in the last 18 months, relying on short Zoom meetings to approve limited reports. Approval of non-urgent items by email is not appropriate. There are no committees of Finance, Development, Leader's recruitment or Fund raising etc. where the experience of Lions and specialists could be harnessed.

I have said many times that our Camp Manager Trevor cannot do his job properly without the necessary staff to

effectively manager the facility. He needs to spend more time 'on' the business rather than 'in' the business. There are many tasks that can effectively be done off site.

From the inception of Licola, the income from Lions activities including Lions Sponsored, Special Needs and family camps is approx. one third of the income necessary to fund this 24-hour year-round facility. The balance of the funding required has come from a wide variety of outside hirers being Schools, special interest, Universities, 4-wheel drive clubs and Church groups etc. With a change of Education policy in relation to teaching staff entitlements and the cost of their in-class replacement have resulted in a significant decline in the Schools Camping program.

The increase in using the facility as a tourist location without the use of Camp program facilities is a welcome cost-efficient use of the Camp providing it doesn't conflict with or diminish the number of Lions Camps.

The redevelopment of the old 1st Aid facility to the Wellington unit and the Macalister unit was sold to the Board on refurbishing staff accommodation and the preposed BBQ redevelopment without prior plans and costings is inappropriate. These facilities will be useful for weekend hiring but little significance in Lions Sponsored or Special Needs programs.

The Board as is now configured is unprofessional and that decisions involving major Capital expenditure reports after the event.

There is no doubt that the new gas hot water system and the Solar electric program are providing significant savings. However the need to replace the lead acid battery storage units with lithium over the next two or three years at a cost of about half a million dollars will need to be addressed.

The Licola Board of Management has employed Wendy Brooks and Partners to advise and develop a Strategy to approach Corporate and Philanthropic for grants to allow Licola to have more specialist programs to address the mental health of young people. The majority of the money requested is for the provision of Specialist staff to administer, manage and evaluate the Primary, Secondary and indirect impacts of the program.

There are many opportunities to provide special interest camps at Licola such as the Police Camp, Diabetic, the mixture of able-bodied children with physical special needs, Lions Conventions, church camps – all of which have been run at Licola.

Licola will only be successful if the Licola Board of Management recognises that Lions Clubs – the owners of the Village, see the benefits of their camps to their local Communities.

Neil Ware

District Licola Chair
Licola Board Member



District Noticeboard



Cobram Lions Market Dates

Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

NEXT MARKET - 30th March

27th April

25th May

29th June

Every Market has new surprises to be found.

For more information on the market:

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Sunday 17th March 2024

Numurkah Bowls Club

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