



THE ROAR



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BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE



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DG John having fun in Darwin



DG John's Granddaughter Abigail was hoping that the Crocodile would not eat us both whilst in Darwin.

Awareness Days & Upcoming Events

JUNE

1st First day of Winter
 5th - World Environment Day
7th - Lions International's Birthday
 10-16th Men's Health Week
12th - Thank a First Responder Day
 21st - Winter Solstice
 21-25th - Lions International Convention
 (Melbourne)
27th - Helen Keller Day

JULY

3rd - International Plastic Bag Free Day
 25th - Christmas in July
27th - V6 District Changeover
 30th - International Day of Friendship

AUGUST

5-11th - Keep Australia Beautiful Week
 8th - National Book Lovers Day
12th - International Youth Day
 13th - Left Handers' Day



DG Report



Induction of two new members at Lavington



Always pleasure to give out Service and Chron awards to well deserved members – Lavington Lion Club.



A Chris August Award for Lion Milan of Lavington Lion Club.

Oliver Baitch Representing Victoria from V6 with DG John and his mother



Our own PCC Lion David Skinner preparing to tell a 'true story' at the



John Houghton

Well, this is my last report as DG for the ROAR and I wish to thank Lion Jo Guthrie for all the hard work that she puts into the ROAR and PR for Lions in V6. She has a wonderful array of information, knowledge and enthusiasm that everyone should try and harness for Lions. Thankyou Lion Jo for your tolerance and putting some easy question on the sheet at the trivia night at Dingee.

There were countless Zoom Meetings especially to the Lead up of the National Convention in Darwin. Jennefer and I hosted at our home DG Geoff Fruendstein from N4, as V6 were able to help a fellow Lions Club with a LEHP unit to assist them for the testing that they had booked at numerous schools and their device had not been delivered as yet and it was important to ensure that we did not lose the opportunity as Lions to focus on Youth Health. Geoff drove 5 hours to pick up equipment, which that on its own shows the Commitment that his District has to the Sight Programme.

In May we attended the Lavington Lions Club where I inducted 2 members. The highlight for the week was attending the East Loddon Trivia night at the Dingee Hall with Lion Marg and Lion Peter Poels and not coming last. We didn't win but had an enjoyable night. I attended Rutherglen Lions on their PR night for new members. The month has finished with attending the MD201 National Convention at Darwin. My week of meetings commenced on Monday 20th and we left the convention on Monday 27th, we had family with us who enjoyed the sight of

Darwin and all the crocodiles whilst we were at the Convention. The convention was well attended considering the distance for most Lions to attend. The Youth of the Year and the Leo of the Year are always a highlight at the Convention. Oliver Baitch sponsored by Albury Lions Club represented V6 proudly, although not an overall winner, all contestants were of a very high caliber and also shown that they had formed a close friendship with all the group. The Leo's were represented well by a cross section from all over Australia and were a lot of fun to interact with. The speakers across the convention were very informative and it was also great to see the promotion of activities that Lions Support and the benefits of that support.

Please consider going to the Melbourne International Lions Convention being held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre from June 21st – June 24th, 2024. Even if you go for one day, you will experience and learn a lot about Lionism and also join in the great fellowship with Lions from all around the globe.

I congratulate and thank club officers who will be taking on positions in 2024/2025 and strongly encourage incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership chairpersons to attend District Club Development Training that will be coming up.

District goals and action plans were undertaken and developed in a five-year plan. The message has been delivered to clubs during DG team visits and reports in our district newsletter for the past two years. Let us

continue with our growth and harness the members we have. However, we still have a long way to go to get our District out of transition but we need to ALL work together and put in the hard work to gain results that can only benefit us all. One of the Goal in our plan was to have more clubs reporting and this has occurred. I would like to express a Thank you to Lion Paul Shortis who took up the challenge that I handed him to assist Clubs to Report Service and Membership on My Lion and now the new Lion Portal. There were many phone calls and conversations, and as you all know Lion Paul, they are never a quick chat. Thanks again for undertaking this task and continuing to do so fortnightly to assist Clubs with membership and service reporting. We currently have over 90% of Clubs reporting service, which is a fantastic result, lets hope for that little bit more by the end of the Year. I would also like to congratulate the 35 Clubs that have all inducted new members this year – Well Done!

A further goal was to see an increase by clubs to donate to V6 Foundation, ALF and LCIF by the end of June 30th. Currently we are short of achieving this goal

both in the number of clubs and our District's expectation. Given that we are coming up to the end of the Year where most disbursements occur our 'giving' will increase.

Well, it is nearly the end of my term as District Governor (in the words of International Director Tim Irvine – "you have 24 days to go - enjoy it.") and I can assure everyone that I have met, it has been a pleasure and an enjoyment to learn so much of what OUR Lions Clubs undertake. The Highlight of visiting and talking to our own members is something I will remember always.

As this is my last Report to the ROAR as DG, I want to acknowledge and thank all my Cabinet members for all their hard work and commitment. Thank you to all our Clubs. Our Clubs undertake many great projects in serving their communities and maybe sometimes it would be a good idea to talk to other clubs about their projects which might work in your area. Sharing information and resources is a valuable asset that all Clubs possess.

Finally, I wish DGE Julie Ballard and her Cabinet the very best for

the next year and hopefully you can fulfill the plan to keep V6 from being in transition.

As I have said all year and will continue to do so - Lions Clubs are the best kept secret and we need to promote ourselves and our projects to the wider community. The more hands we have assisting in our projects the more hearts and minds we can help in our community and beyond. As I have said many times, I would like to suggest that all clubs look at their Internet/ Facebook exposure and ensure that it's kept up to date with a variety of pictures of people and activities.

As I also said before – 'We must continue to strive to make District V6 one that is moving forward with the times, listening to our members and caring for our communities close to home and those farther afield'.

As my theme for 2023-2024 was Building a Better Future I believe we all made this happen due to our involvement with Lions International.

John Houghton

District Governor 201V6
Building a Better Future
Changing the World



The District Governors of MD201 - 2023-2024 who all enjoyed there time in Darwin



The Leo of the Year Contestants who all gave wonderful speeches and the Service they do for their communities is outstanding and something that Lions should be proud to have them possibly coming up to join them at a Club level.



Sorry the photo is not that good but the introduction of the DGE's for MD201 2024-2025 at Darwin Convention. DGE Lion Julie Ballard is third from the left.

LIONS MD CONVENTION

Day One - It's been a fabulous first day of the 72nd Multiple District Convention here in sunny Darwin! Today's highlights include:

A beautiful Welcome To Country by The Youth Mill



Official opening by His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory

Professor Len Notarus AO, Executive Director and Founder of National Critical Care & Trauma Response Centre, gave an engaging keynote address about his experience in Darwin's response to the 2002 Bali Bombings, and how that sparked the creation of the NCCTRC and the Australian Medical Assistant Team (AUSMAT).

Project Spotlight Caring Kids - a

project supported by Lions that has so far delivered over 500 Joy Boxes to kids caring for siblings/parents with disabilities or illness.

Project Spotlight: Australian Lions Hearing Dogs - over the last 42 years over 700 Hearing Assistant Dogs have been placed, free of charge, Australia wide; 9 Medical Alert Dogs have been placed since October 2022, free of charge; and a Psychiatric Assistance Dog program has been established to provide dogs to veterans through the Department of Veteran Affairs.

And the day was rounded out with a hearty business session where delegates voted on the continuation of projects, the adoption of projects, and constitutional changes.

Day Two - Another fun-filled day here in sunny Darwin! Today's highlights include:

The national Leo Clubs Australia Leo Of The Year final - it's always so inspiring to hear from the amazing Leo members who are making a difference in their community and their own lives. Congratulations to Melbourne Next Gen Leo Charlize Chow on being announced as the 2024 Leo Of The Year!



An entertaining convention host bid from Perth, who will be hosting Lions from all over Australia in 2027 - we're already excited!

Project Spotlight: Australian Lions Stinger Research - funding research to better understand envenoming jellyfish and other marine stingers so that there can be better management of human/animal interactions as well as improved preventative and curative measures to ensure that no sting is lethal.

DARWIN 2024

LIONS MD CONVENTION

Project Spotlight: Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation - funding walkers & mobility aids to get kids out of their wheelchairs and onto their feet so that they are able to walk, explore, play, work and socialise.

Project Spotlight: LCIF Adopt A Family - supporting families involved in floods to re-established themselves.

Project Spotlight: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) - funding vital research to reach the goal of 100% survival for kids with cancer, not just here in Australia but around the world.

The day finished off with the option of four different workshops in four different locations around Darwin - we opted for the social tour and headed off to the Darwin Military Museum and heard from the museum's director Dr Norman Cramp, who gave an interesting overview of Darwin's military developments in the lead-up to the bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942, before exploring the museum at our own pace.

Day Three - It was a jam-packed day today for the penultimate day of the 72nd MD Convention here in Darwin! Today's highlights include:



A very moving Remembrance Ceremony, remembering those in our Lions family we have lost in the last twelve months, including Tocumwal's Lion Val Tunn.



Samoane Regattieri, manager of Aboriginal Bush Traders, gave an insight into the work of the art gallery and bush food inspired cafe.

Council Chairperson Vin Pang and other national project co-ordinators presented a number of awards in recognition of dedicated service in a variety of categories.

Sacha King, the founder and managing director of TWO TWO ONE Mental Health Charity, talked about the importance of looking after our mental health and how we can offer our support for others.

Project Spotlight: Australian Lions Foundation - we got to link up with Lion Sari-Elle's Everest Marathon for Lions who is about to embark on the World's Highest Marathon on Mount Everest to raise \$120,000 for the foundation, with the current total at \$112,00. In the last twelve

months, ALF have given grants totalling over \$577,000, and the National Disaster Fund has raised almost \$698,000 since its launch in November 2023.

Project Spotlight: Lions Christmas Cakes - as always, everyone loves a Lion Christmas Cake or Pudding for the festive season, and now a new 400g Lions Christmas Pudding has launched, which we will be looking into for this Christmas season!

Our own Lions International Director Tim Irvine spoke on the passion of Lions service and the importance of mixing things up in order to attract new members and the potential of establishing a Leo club.

Council Chairman Ferry Yonwan Foeh, from Multiple District 307 (Indonesia), and Council Chairman Stephen Barr, from Multiple District 202 (New Zealand), shared updates on what Lions have been up to in both of their countries.

Dr Barry Kirby AO, from the PNG Birthing Mothers Project, gave an insightful keynote about his work in Papua New Guinea to ensure that all women are given access to a safe birthing environment and the essentials they need to care for themselves and their baby post-birth.

Then we all boarded buses to head to the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets for the Farewell Reception - watching the sunset on the beach while enjoying delicious food and good company was a fabulous way to end the day, even if the humidity was a bit much to handle...

Day Four - And that's a wrap on the 72nd Multiple District Convention here in Darwin! It's

been a fun-filled four days spent catching up with old friends, forming new friendships, and getting to see all the good things Lions are doing in our communities. Today's highlights include:

DARWIN 2024

The always-inspiring Youth of the Year Australia National Final - it is always amazing to hear these fabulous young people presenting their speeches and answering their impromptu questions. A massive congratulations to Queensland's Cadence Taylor on taking out both the Public Speaking and Overall Winner titles for 2024! And a massive well done to V6's own Oliver Baitch from Albury Lions Club for representing Albury, V6 and Victoria proudly!

An invitation to the 2024 ANZI Pacific Forum to be held in Bali in September - this forum brings together Lions from Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia, as well as the South Pacific

Islands, to connect and network.

Welcoming in the new Council of Governors for 2024/25, under the leadership of new Council Chairperson David Horne. We are looking forward to working with our incoming V6 District Governor Julie Ballard!

An invitation to the 2025 MD Convention in Traralgon - a nice easy road trip south next year that we are already excited about!

And closing with a fun closing ceremony featuring the musical and comedic talents of the fabulous Shalom Kaa!

This story was taken from Tocumwal & District Lions Club Facebook Page, with permission.



Treasurer's Report

Hi All,

Just a few reminders as we move into the new financial year.

ABN Not-For-Profit reporting

I have done a few workshops which I hope have helped Clubs come to terms with the new ATO requirements, and am happy to do more, either contact your Zone Chair or me and we'll see what works.

Lions Club International Invoices

When I send out invoices for your regular half yearly dues, please remember that it also includes the international dues. So, if you get invoices from Lions International please ignore them or check with me first before paying.

In Good Standing Estimates

For your Delegates to be able to vote at Conventions, your Club needs to be in good standing, i.e. no more that US\$10.00 overdue for over 30 days. Before Conventions I generally email Clubs with an estimate of how much they need to pay to be in good standing, if your Club does not have any delegates attending the Convention just ignore the estimate.

Cheers

Ollie Tufvesson

District 201V6 Treasurer
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Safety Topic

Slipping, tripping and Falling

Slips, trips and falls constitute some of the most frequent workplace accidents and can result in serious injuries. To mitigate these risks, it is essential to maintain clear, unobstructed walkways and workplaces. Regular cleaning and immediate attention to spills or wet surfaces can prevent slippery conditions.

Additionally, promoting suitable footwear with a good grip can reduce the risk of slips and trips. Adequate lighting is also critical, as it illuminates potential hazards and allows people to navigate their environment safely. Implementing these practices can significantly reduce the incidence of these common accidents.

Safety Meetings

Safety meetings, also known as safety briefings or safety talks, are formal gatherings in a professional setting where all Lions Club members come together to discuss health and safety concerns within the workplace. Before any project or major event it is strongly recommended to have a safety briefing which is recorded.

Having a line item in the minutes labelled SAFETY with nothing to report is unacceptable. Maybe having a video on Health and Safety at a club meeting occasionally would be an idea.

Find out more at WorkSafe Victoria - [HERE](#)



GMT Report

We began the 2023/v2024 year with 1,048 members. As of Saturday May 25th, we have 1,056 members with 101 dropped and 109 added. Our membership is net +8 for the year. In my last report of April 26th, we had 1,055 members. Congratulations to Barham Koondrook, Lavington, Lockhart, and Katamatite who have inducted new members during May. I had the great pleasure of inducting two members into the Katamatite Club on Friday evening May 17th at their 50th celebration.

Reviewing DG John's membership goals, we have surpassed his goal of 95 new members - that's great news. However, we have exceeded DG John's goal of no more than eighty drops. We must focus on the remaining month of June. We must make sure that clubs do not drop members for the wrong reasons. During May one member was dropped for non-attendance. Seeing members dropped for non-attendance is concerning. Has the club contacted the member in question and asked why the member is not attending?

Another of DG John's membership goals was the

chartering of one new club. The reestablishment of a presence in the Mansfield area has been a key goal. During the year (November 4th, January 27th, and March 30th) I booked a site at the Mansfield Bush Market, where we had the membership trailer on site. A meeting was held on Sunday February 18th at the Delatite Hotel in Mansfield. Membership National Coordinator PDG Ann Eldridge addressed those in attendance. We were happy with the response we received from those who attended. As a result, from that meeting and further enquiries we have six application forms for membership. I have booked a site for the upcoming June long weekend market. I will be encouraging those who have signed up to have a presence at the market so that we can gain further interest with the goal is to see a club branch (minimum of five members) formed and in place prior to June 30th.

Regarding Multiple District and bearing in mind our "Big Audacious Mission" (BAM), as of May 15th Multiple District has 22,518 members and is net +289. 2,798 members have been added however 2,509 members have been dropped. Twelve of our 19 districts are net positive

including V6 - good news. There are 11 Districts currently with less than 1,250 members. For our District to get out of transition and get to the 1,250-member number we will need to recruit 194 members or 3.5 new members per club.

I have mentioned several times that there are many great membership resources available: Just Ask New Member Recruitment Guide, 100 Plus Ideas, Membership Satisfaction Guide, New Member Orientation Guide, Lions New Member Questionnaire - Why Did They Join? New Member Sponsors Checklist, and Club Membership Chairperson e-Book. If I can assist with any of these great resources, please contact me. A reminder that the V6 District membership trailer is available for booking. The link to book the trailer is: <https://calendly.com/6trailer>

Finally, let's make sure that during this month of June we finish DG John's year strongly by reducing the drops and building on our net positive position.

IPDG Neil Stuart

V6 GMT Coordinator

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TRY SOMETHING NEW
THIS YEAR - COME TO
THE 47TH V6
DISTRICT CONVENTION!

18-20TH OCTOBER 2024



SAVE THE
DATE!

Yarrowonga Lions

Volunteers Week - To help celebrate Volunteers week Yarrowonga Lions members enjoyed a complimentary dinner on Tuesday night and were fortunate to be joined by 2 representatives from local groups. Both groups work tirelessly in our community assisting residents.

Friends in Common President Christine Merett advised members as to the extent of their assistance given to residents in their fights against cancer. All funds for this assistance is through donations and the dedication of volunteers to be there when needed. Funds are used to help people in the Yarrowonga Mulwala and surrounding districts pay for travel and accommodation costs during treatment.

Ex Lion Daryl Davey and Tony Cusack spoke on how Tunzafun is supported by fundraisers and local skilled Members conducting assembly and maintenance work. Unfortunately, Tunzafun experienced a burglary recently, but our Lions Club was able to assist with a donation of \$2,000 towards the replacement of items stolen and damaged.

President Jock presented both groups with our bannerettes to display.



Daryl Davey,
Lions
President
Jock
McDonald,
and Tony
Cusack from
Tunzafun



President
Jock
McDonald
presenting
bannerettes to Friend in Common President Christine
Merett and Daryl Davey from Tunzafun.

Yarrowonga Lions held an Awareness Day in Woolworths Carpark and enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather. This event was to raise awareness of Lions in our area and to celebrate this by holding a free sausage sizzle. A huge thankyou to Woolworths for sponsoring this event. This was an opportunity for members of the public to have a chat and find out more about our Organisation.

"Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, they are not paid because they are Priceless".

Lions Ollie Tufvesson, George Plumb, President Jock



McDonald, Diane Richardson and Don McPhee and
photographer Joan Tufvesson

Local Thyme for Coffee owner Vikki Bye dropped by the sewing room at our clubrooms to spoil our Turban Angels with some sweet treats. Vikki is a great believer in this project.



Turban Mum Debbie

ANZAC Day - A small but dedicated contingent of members marched today to show our respect for those that served this country through war.

Lions Ron Stone, George Plumb, President Jock McDonald, Denis Griffiths, and Andrew Tom, plus photographer Di Richardson and Don McPhee, represented the Lions club of Yarrawonga laying our wreath.



Guiding Lion Course was conducted by Lions John Weinert and PDG Les Harrison with Lions from surrounding clubs attending, Catering by Yarrawonga, our Deb, Jock and Denis. Impressive mentoring by our John.



DG John Houghton - Our Guiding Lions – Margaret Poels, Debbie Van Corler, Denis Griffiths, John Weinert, PDG Les Harrison, PDG Peter Poels

Mother's Day – Bunnings. Congratulations on our combined effort Yarrawonga Lion's and Bunnings Yarrawonga

Mother's Day BBQ was great. We love helping our Bunnings family.

Thanks for having us Tim Roadley from Bunnings.



Lions Gus, Di, President Jock, Linda, and Kathy feeding the masses.

Out and About - District Treasurer Ollie travelled to Gunbower to present a workshop on ABN for Not-For-Profit Assessment. Great company and fabulous food.



District Treasurer Ollie and Zone 2 Zone Chairperson Janette Cowan and Lion Members

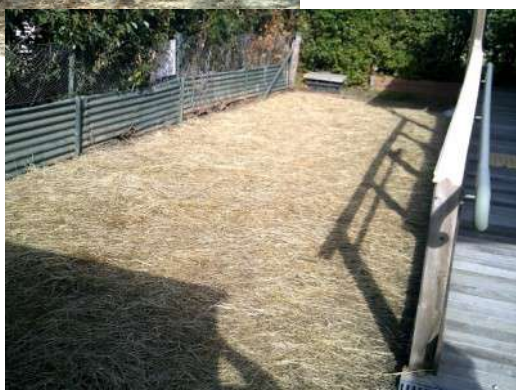
Beechworth Lions

May has been a quiet month for Beechworth Lions Club with so many members away, Lion Christine overseas, President Iris in Western Australia for National Sustainable – Tidy Towns bring home the trophy for Beechworth and Victoria, 2024 National Sustainable Communities – Tidy Towns of the Year.

However, we have had success at the Gang Plate Layers Cottage, the final major projects completed, shed installed, footpath from the gate to house installed and the landscaping completed; now waiting for the grass to grow and appear. In the meantime, Lion Sven has the job of watering every couple of days. We are ready to submit our final grant acquittal by the 1st June, and will then

be doing the plans for the Official Opening.

We are all ready for 2024 Junior Public Speaking with all three Primary Schools entered, and working towards the June School Section of the competition.



great hit with the community. The club also had a stall selling other Lions products such as cakes and mints. On the table we had the new trifold brochure created for the Henty Lions Club promoting Lions to the local community. The event coincided with IGA's Market Day and was a great success, raising a little over \$600.

Our guest speaker at our recent dinner meeting was our newest member, Libby Draper-Smith who shared her life story with members. She told of her time nurse training in Canberra, joining the RAF as an air force reservist before becoming full time and now part time with 31 years experience. She is also a fitness trainer at the Lifestyle Centre in Henty and specialises in chair based exercises. Libby has led a very interesting life.



Henty Lions Happenings

Mid May the club held a wood raffle and BBQ outside Dales IGA in Henty to raise money for Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation and a Henty resident who is raising money for the Cancer Council. The wood raffle was well supported as it coincided with the start of the cold weather. The lunchtime sausage sizzle was a

Cobram Lions have been once again out and about promoting Lions programs.

The members were invited along to the Cobram Primary School to talk to the children and teachers about the Fruit Fly educational program.

Students from grades 3 to 6 participated and enjoyed making the Fruit fly traps to take home at the end of the day.

Cobram Lions

The 2 sessions the children all enjoyed, and we thank the School for the invitation to attend.



Thurgoona Lions

To demonstrate the all-round ability of our Thurgoona Lions members, we recently carried out two completely different activities in Albury.

The first was the catering of bacon and egg rolls for a large group of historic truck enthusiasts who drove up to Albury from Melbourne in an event called "Crawlin' the Hume". All vehicles had to be a minimum of 30 years old and several dated back to the 1950's. Around 100 trucks gathered in Melbourne and gradually made their way north sticking generally to the Hume Highway and

picking up other truck owners on the way.

They set off on a Saturday morning 7th April and started arriving at Albury during the late afternoon parking and staying within the grounds of the Albury Racing Club.

As they had a full day planned for the Sunday, an early brekkie was ordered so our Lions members got going very early to ensure they had their bellies full before setting off around 9.00am. This was a really fun event with a group of happy Lions enjoying the company of the happy truckers.

Our other event was for the parking of up to 150 Porsche cars in Hovell Tree Park on the banks of the Murray River in Albury. This event was a national annual gathering of Porsche vehicles called the "Luft Wasser", meaning for both air- and water-cooled Porches. With so many classic and expensive vehicles to be safely parked in a display pattern in a limited area, some serious thought and planning was required. Of course, our Lions Club was well up to the task making sure there was sufficient space between the cars and also to ensure they were not parked too close to trees for root compaction issues.

The Thurgoona Lions did such a good job that the coordinator of the gathering wants us to do it again next year. There was only five Lions needed for the task which went very well due to planning and smart Lions who knew just what to do.



Thurgoona Lions continued....



volunteered over the past 12 months in our community.



Lockington Lions

Well, what a day, how can I put this into words... The supporters of this event is overwhelming, and on Sunday 19th May was no exception. A total of 100 stall-holders and 30 cars plus 3 motorcycles, and plenty of site seers, came along on a cooler Sunday to grab some bargains and saw some beautiful machinery. I would like to thank our sponsors, Autobarn, Shannon's Insurance and Shire of Campaspe, EMFM radio, for their support.

We are planning to have this event again next year, Sunday May 18, so keep this date free. A BIG thank you to all Lions members for all their support. All funds raised from this event will be distributed around the community throughout the year.

Mulwala Lions

Zone Chairman Victor Smith attended the Lions Club of Lake Mulwala meeting to present a Club Excellence Award with a badge and cloth patch to display on the banner. He also congratulated members who have completed 10 years as a Lion and were given a chevron to attach to their badge. Their dedication is an inspiration to all. Photo attached. Jenny Adkins, Helen Hollingsworth, Lorraine Dean Victor Smith and Ilba Prosser (seated) who accepted the Club Excellence award.



Lions Club of Lake Mulwala members were asked to MHA's Volunteer's Week morning tea on Wednesday 22 May at Club Mulwala. Great spread and inspiring guest speakers who have



Lockington Lions continued...



We finally got around to installing a sign to mark the project today, that is the 10th May 2024.

Main players in the scene were Alan Mathers, who grew the eucalyptus seedlings from seed that he collected from a massive tree in Koondrook, and then spent countless hours watering and looking after them, John Boyd who supplied watering equipment/irrigation system, and Rob Daws, who set-out and drilled the planting holes, and who also fabricated the sign. It is constructed from stainless steel donated by Alan Mathers and built like a brick dunny.



Barham/Koondrook Lions

Many moons ago I sent you some stuff on a centenary project that B/K Lions did at a truckstop site about 5 kms outside of Barham on the Moulmein Rd. We completed the planting of 100 eucalypts (Lemon scented gums) in 2018. Here's an update.

The little trees had a really hard life, with hard frosts, drought, insect pests and damage to some by vandals. But they have survived (well, most of them-we have seven to replace)

As you can see by the picture below, some have done far better than others, with the best hitting around five metres now.



Kerang Lions

Lions Den Memorial Garden maintenance!



Wood cutting for our Lions Club of Kerang wood Raffles.



Lions biggest BBQ - donated \$400!



IGA Market Day Sausage Sizzle



Tungamah Lions

Tungamah Lions Club continues to be very busy with their usual round of catering and Service Work.

We are assisting an elderly lady in the town with some urgent safety upgrades around her home. There are lots of helpers doing this and it is great to see town spirit coming to the fore.

We have had a couple of very large catering days out at Wilby recently. One was a two day event over the Friday and Sunday and by all accounts this went off extremely well. Amazing what can be achieved when everyone comes together with one focus.

Last weekend we again gathered at Wilby to prepare breakfast and lunch for the drag racing. Breakfast was a last minute request, but there was soon a steady stream of customers lining up for egg and bacon rolls. Lunch was very busy and for a long time we were run off our feet with our hamburgers and sausage and onions in bread.

It was a very tired group of Lions who packed up and returned that evening.

Thirteen from Tungamah attended a very special evening at Katamatite to celebrate their 50th Charter Anniversary. It was an exciting night, with the highlight being an appearance by singer/songwriter, Peter Danahy. Peter once again entertained us with his songs new and old. For Robyn and Les, as well as James Moodie, it was an even bigger night as those three travelled 650 kilometres from the outback of southern New South Wales after another successful fishing trip.

We have helped so many people this year around the town. This is mostly kept very quiet to protect privacy.

Coming up, we return to Bunnings and also the footy gates before a busy time at Wilby.

We can always do with new members, so don't be frightened to see Les Harrison or Lisa Peachey. See you all next month.

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Tungamah Leos

It has been a fairly quiet time for the Leos with preparations being made for the annual changeover of positions.

Our new president next year will be Ed Cummins, with Zade Ussher as the secretary. Taijan Ussher will be the next treasurer. Vice President will be Paige Manson. Immediate Past President is Ayla Harrington.

Australian Lions Foundation (ALF)

Since my last report I have only signed off on one Lions Clubs request for a Compassionate Grant, which has resulted in the Club receiving a Grant to assist in the purchase of a wheelchair for a "resident in need".

At present the following Lions Clubs are still not members of the Australian Lions Foundation Inc, which can be obtained at no cost to their Club and the advantage of being a member is that if the "need occurs" when they are trying to accumulate funds for a community project, the Foundation may be able to assist them with a Grant as long as they are a "member of the Foundation" so there is plenty of gain from being a member. In the past I have emailed ALF Membership Applications to Club Secretaries and Zone Chairman, and since then I have also posted Applications to the current Club Presidents private address, however there are still six Clubs that are not ALF Members and hopefully they will see the value of becoming ALF Members.

At present there are fourteen Lions Clubs that have "Accrued Credits with ALF" and as we are heading towards the end of our current Lions Year these could be used to award an outstanding Club member with a suitable award for their service to the Club and their Community.

The Awards available are as follows:-

William R Tresise Fellow award \$2,000, Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award \$1,000, James D Richardson Honour Award \$5000, and there is also an Award that can be presented to a Community Member, which is the Community Service Award \$250.

The Australian Lions Foundation also provides the 50 Year Service Award, which is provided to the Club at no cost to them, this is a Fantastic Medal to recognise a long time of service by a Lions Club Member.

Peter Poels
V6 Chairman

Membership Directors will be Chloe Lawless and Demmi Einsporn. Board members will be all of the above plus Jack Harrington. Head of Leo Cubs will be Xavier Whiting.

There are a number of projects in the pipeline as the health of the creek remains a priority. There has been suggestions to investigate a battery back up for the solar fountain in the creek.

Our changeover has to be fine tuned a bit before we announce the full details.

Our big day out will be happening soon with a visit to Fun Planet and then a meal at La Porchetta.

That's it for the month.

LITTLE ROARER

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ALCCRF



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Our "Little Star of Hope"

CHILDHOOD CANCER

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CAUSE

We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life.

OUR MISSION

"Prevent Kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating those funds to the best high impact childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia"

OUR PROBLEM

Each year approximately 1,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in Australia.

Sadly 150 of these will die, that's on average of 3 each week.

Most of the survivors experience severe, often lifelong side effects of therapy.

WE NEED MORE CLUBS TO DONATE

We have 55 clubs in our District!!!

Clubs that have contributed to date – Chiltern: Corryong: East Loddon: Henty: Hope Branch: Kerang: Kiewa-Tangambalanga: Leitchville: Moyhu: Mulwala: Nathalia & Dist: Rutherglen: Strathmerton: Thurgoona: Tocumwal: Wodonga: Yarrawonga:

TOTAL raised in V6 so far this Lions year - \$17, 226, 15 – can we make it \$20,000 by 30 June 2024?

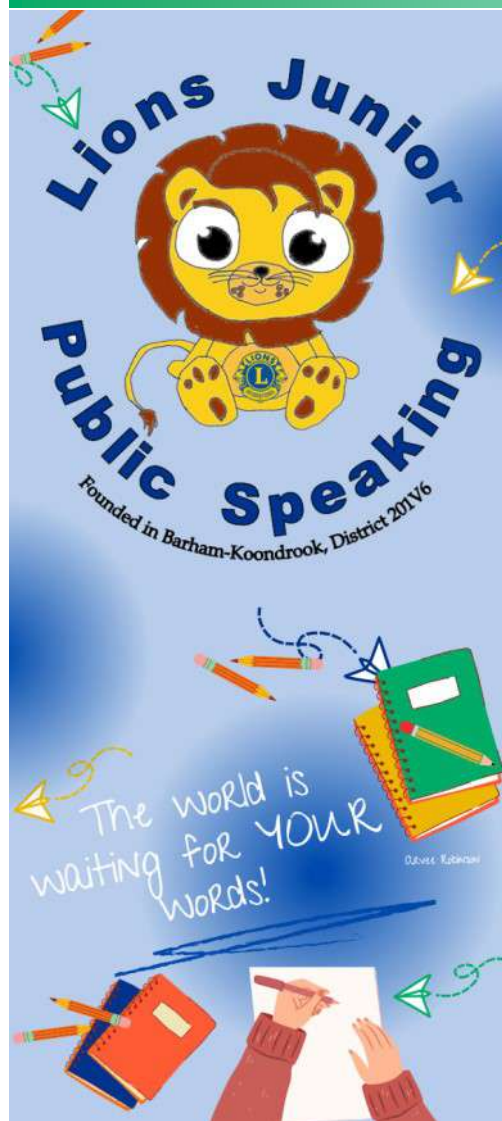
Thanks to all clubs listed above for your support in the fight for 100% survival for kids with cancer.

SPECIAL THANKS TO - Jo Guthrie for always making the ALCCRF page look great each month!

All clubs who have supported **ALCCRF** for the last 3 years of our Chairmanship.

ALCCRF Trustee Paul Shortis for always being on hand to help.

Hope Lions Club Branch
201 V6 Chairpersons 2021 -2024.



With the School competitions on their way, I hope you are all enjoying listening to the students and their presentations.

I have received 17 Club Registrations so far, thank you to those Clubs.

Please remember that **CLUB REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 31ST May, 2024.**

The timeline for the program is –

School competitions to be finished by the end of June.

Club Finals to be held by the end of July,

Regional Finals to be held on the first 2 weeks of August.

Region 1 is Zones 1 and 2. Region 2 is Zones 3 and 4, Region 3 is Zones 5 and 6,

Region 4 is Zones 7 and 8, Region 5 is Zones 9, 10 and 11.

District Final will be held on Sunday 25th August, at a venue to be confirmed.

V District State Final will be held on Sunday 22nd September, 2024, in Wangaratta at a venue to be confirmed..


Margaret Poels

201 Multiple District Junior Public Speaking Chairperson



CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD JPS PAPERWORK FROM THE V6 WEBSITE!

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

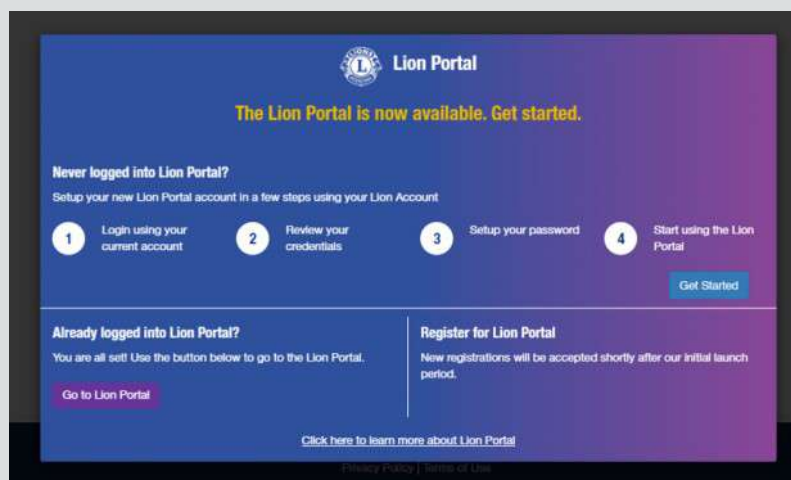


2024 CLUB REGISTRATION 31ST MAY

SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON



New Lions Portal – Have you logged in yet?



Information and Resources

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.

There are additional training videos on the link below, to those advised several weeks ago- those relevant ones for clubs were Navigating Lions portal as a club officer, and Navigating Lions portal as a Lion or Leo.

The new topics cover how to Edit/Transfer/Add/Reinstate/Drop members, plus how to assign an officer at Club level, and manage a sponsored Leo club.

www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining

When you have the page open, click on “videos” to see all displayed in a grid. It is expected that as more videos are made, they will be available on this page.



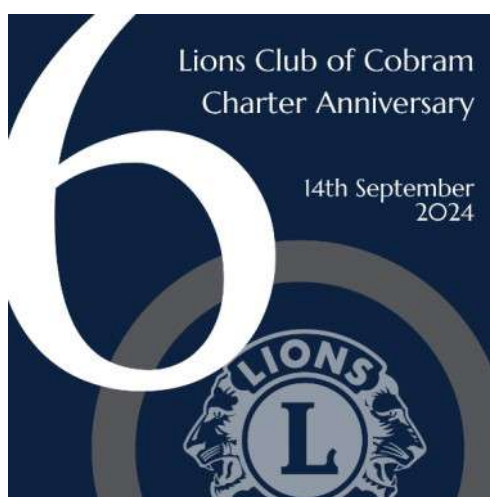
Convention 2024 June 21 - 25

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



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEBSITE?

CHECK IT OUT HERE



<https://lions201v6.org.au/>

We now have an independent website! Solely our own - hosted by the very lovely Georgina from Separ8, who created our wonderful site.

Everything else remains the same - **but your old links may not work** due to changing from 201V6.lion.org.au to lions201v6.org.au. So make sure you updated your links and saved pages.



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Australian Lions Hearing Dogs' most anticipated merchandise of the year is out now!

The 2025 Calendar a brand-new collection of photos, featuring ALHD's best and brightest Assistance Dogs and puppies for each month of

the year. All Australian Public Holidays are included, as well as school term dates and holidays. So if you want to get your hands on a calendar before it sells out, it is available for purchase now from our online shop for the low low price of \$10!

Additionally, in honour of placing our 700th ALHD 'Yannis' this year, we also present the limited edition 'Yannis' pin! Purchase of this pin comes with a complimentary pair of shoelaces, which you can wear with pride as we celebrate 700 Hearing Assistance Dogs provided by Australian Lions Hearing Dogs free-of-charge.

Every merchandise purchase goes towards supporting our amazing dogs in training! Visit our online shop at www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/shop/ to explore and buy our full range of merchandise.

Benalla Lions Club

66th Changeover Dinner

To All Clubs,

Our Incoming President Elect Lion Chris Vaughan invites you to attend our 66th Change Over Dinner.

Venue: Benalla Bowls Club, Arundel Street, Benalla.

Date: Thursday 20th June 2024

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Dress: After Five

Cost: 2 course meal - \$38.00 per head

RSVP: 13th June 2024

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DISTRICT WEBSITE - <https://lions201v6.org.au/>

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

Promoting Clubs through the District Newsletter - the ROAR

- Do you have an UPCOMING EVENT? Have you had an event you'd like to tell us about?
- Best place to promote it is through the Roar!
- **Cut off date is the 28th of each month** (items arriving after that date may not make it in but will be held over till the next one).
- Please send articles in a Word file (not a PDF)

EMAIL - v6roar@gmail.com

