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DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

*Respect for our Environment*



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# Respect for our Environment



**DG Julie Ballard**  
2024-2025

I have now been District Governor for 3 weeks. How time flies! I look back on the last 6 months which have been a world-wind, but an enjoyable one. Following on from the International Convention in Melbourne, I have commenced my official DG duties. I again would like to thank all my Cabinet team for their support. Special thanks to the DG team, PDG John Houghton, 1st VDG Paul Shortis, 2nd VDG Alison Kazenwadel & Cabinet Secretary Steve Kazenwadel. Your assistance is greatly valued & appreciated, especially when it comes to dealing with all the associated Lions paperwork.

During July - August I am undertaking my GOTafe Student Placement with the Wangaratta Night Shelter. Wangaratta are fortunate to have 6 local churches open their doors to provide shelter to the Homeless during the Winter months. It has been a busy time for me & as a result I have had to put in several apologies to Clubs hosting their annual Changeovers.

I have however had the opportunity to attend 2 recent Changeovers, Yarrawonga & Wangaratta. Yarrawonga held their Changeover on 6/7/24. I was proud to introduce PDG Omeni Ndlovu who inducted the new club board. It was very pleasing to see 2 new Lions inducted into the club & a focus on further Club growth for the year ahead. Congratulations Yarrawonga Lions.

The 2nd Changeover I was fortunate to attend was Wangaratta Lions. I was pleased to give a response to the Lions International toast. It was lovely to meet more of the Wangaratta Lions members & enjoy a wonderful evening out at the Turf Club. The Turf Club will also host the District Convention 18th - 20th October this year. Thanks Wangaratta for your hospitality.

On a sad note, I attended the funeral of David Stillard from Barooga Lions on 13/7/24. I got to know David very well during my time as Zone 6 Chairperson. He was a true gentleman & a great Lion. His decades of service will not be forgotten, especially his role in supporting the Barooga Lions Deb Balls. PDG John Houghton & I will attend a Barooga Lions meeting on 15/8/24 to present David's family with a special award recognising his decades of service to Lions.

I have just taken part in my first GAT Team Zoom Meeting hosted by MD GMT Leader Kathy McCosker. It was great to see that year to date, Lions Australia are in positive growth of 51 members. I will be going to Melbourne between the 31st July to 2nd August for the GAT Workshop. 1st VDG Paul Shortis & 2nd VDG Alison Kazenwadel will also attend this training.

I look forward to the year ahead.

**DG Julie Ballard**  
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## Your District Cabinet 2024-2025





## IPDG REPORT

Well, they say you become a feather duster – and thank you for the duster I was presented with on the Sunday after Changeover.

It still has been a busy month and an enjoyable one as well. Jennefer and I attended the Changeover at Numurkah. It was a pleasure to hand out three Chris August Awards to not only a member but Volunteers that assist the Lions Club at their annual Carols by Candlelight each year for many years. David Geddes, Isobel Hodge OAM and Lion Marie Martin.

The next night we visited the Kerang Lions Club Changeover, where PDG Judy McKerrow was inducted as President. Lion Jennifer Shields was presented with a James D Richardson Honour Award on the evening – a great Lion doing great work! On a chilly but very warm atmosphere we attended the Changeover at the Moyhu Lions Club. The new Board was installed by PDG Les Harrison and it was an enjoyable night for all.

The 201V6 Changeover was held at Mulwala and THANK YOU to all the Clubs that attended. It was great to see a varied range of Clubs in attendance. It was a pleasure to present awards on the evening and none no more than to Lion Jo Guthrie (our ROAR Editor) for her tireless work promoting Lions and it was a well-earned International President Award for 2023-2024.

The Sunday after the District Changeover the first of District Governor Julie's Cabinet meetings was held. I wish District Governor Julie and her team all the best moving forward.

**John Houghton**

Immediate Past District Governor  
MD201-V6



Numurkah Lions Club Chris August Awards



2024-2025 Numurkah Lions Officers



Kerang Lions Club 2023-2024



Moyhu Changeover Installing  
Office PDG Lion Les Harrison



Lion Jo Guthrie receiving the  
International Presidents  
Award 2023-2024



Kerang Lion Jenny  
Shields James D  
Richardson Award

## 1VDG Paul Shortis

1st Vice District Governor Paul Shortis visited Walwa Jingelic on Thursday 11th July, for their Change Over Dinner. During this visit Paul inducted the clubs new board for the 2024/25 Lions year.

A good turn up of members and their guests led to a convivial evening being had by all. 1st VDG Paul also presented to Shirley Cheshire her 20 year chevron.

The next day a long awaited and hard worked for project of the Walwa Jingelic Lions Club, was officially opened. The club has erected a gazebo in the Walwa cemetery, it is intended as a place people can come and reflect. The project was funded by a combination of areas including monies received from the V6 Foundation.

Due to things like the COVID lockdowns, and prior to that bush fire rebuilding this project has been along time coming. Officially opened by club stalwart Don Cheshire, a lovely morning tea was enjoyed by everyone present.

**Paul Shortis**

1st Vice District Governor, MD201-V6



## GMT Report

We finished DG John's year with 1,054 members or net +6. When I submitted my last Roar report on June 27th, I stated that we had 1,048 members or net -1. Over the last three days of June seven members were added - a great finish. As of July 24th, we have 1,049 members or -5. There have been four added (Barooga, Henty and Yarrawonga) and nine dropped during the month of July. Six of the nine have been dropped for non-payment of dues.

DG Julie's membership goals for the 2024/2025 year are: induct 154 new members into existing clubs, to not surpass 127 drops, leaving net +27 at the end of the 2024/2025 fiscal year. A further goal is the chartering of one new club. We are progressing with the reestablishment of a presence in Mansfield. Currently we have the numbers to establish a club branch. The organisational meeting is still to be held. Clearly the aim is to see numbers grow in Mansfield so that the club branch becomes a chartered club during the 2024/2025 year. There is also a desire to see a Lions presence again in Hay.

Regarding Multiple District and bearing in mind our "Big Audacious Mission" (BAM), as of July 24th the Multiple District has 22,107 members or net +73, with 202 added and 129 dropped. For our V6 District to get out of transition and get to the 1,250 figure we will need to recruit 201 members or



nearly 4 new members per club net.

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. I encourage our club membership chairpersons to contract me if they would like any of these great membership resources. Also, the V6 District membership trailer is available for booking. The link to book the trailer is: <https://calendly.com/v6trailer>

There is much to be done to achieve DG Julie's goals to not only see growth in our numbers but to keep our drops well below the number projected. It is going to require a big team effort from our District GAT including our Zone Chairpersons and our club membership chairpersons. Each club needs their own membership plan. As such, we need to deliver to each club the need for a strategic membership plan that the club members can work together.

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## STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....

All District Chairpersons throughout Australia have been asked to contact their District clubs to encourage them to hold a Lions Biggest BBQ between now and 31 December 2024.

*All funds raised will go towards the fight against kids cancer.*

*every child deserves a chance at a healthy life*

By holding a Lions Biggest BBQ your club has a chance to win one of three fabulous barbeques valued at a total of \$2,500.

**This completion closes on 31 December 2024.**

For every additional \$500 raised, your club will get an extra ticket in the nation-wide draw.

*We can only ask that your club please consider helping with the fight against kids cancer.*

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### DONATIONS 2023-2024

Benalla	\$500.00
Chiltern	\$1,000.00
Cobram	\$500.00
Corowa	\$2,000.00
Corryong	\$200.00
East Loddon	\$1,025.10
Elmore	\$500.00
Finley	\$200.00
Henty	\$700.00
Hope Branch	\$7,187.55
Kerang	\$700.00
Kiewa-Tangambalanga	\$250.00
Lake Mulwala	\$500.00
Leitchville	\$100.00
Moama	\$200.00
Moyhu	\$500.00
Myrtleford	\$200.00
Nathalia & District	\$2,500.00
Rutherglen	\$200.00
Strathmerton	\$ 500.00
Thurgoona	\$ 200.00
Tocumwal	\$ 1,000.00
Wodonga	\$ 3,124.30
Yarrowonga	\$ 5,367.30
<b>TOTAL FOR V6</b>	<b>\$29,154.25</b>



## Welcome to our new Junior Public Speaking Chairpersons....

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### Jo Howell

MD201 Junior Public Speaking Chairperson  
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**Please note new email address for District contact.**

Lions Club Presidents, Secretaries and Junior Public Speaking Chairpersons,

With the School competitions completed, Club Finals are to be completed by the end of July. Club Chairpersons please forward the Club Advisory Form, together with the Student Entry Forms to the Zone Chairperson and also copies to the District Chairperson.

The Regional Finals are to be held in the first 2 weeks of August – these are organised by the Zone Chairpersons – Region 1 = zones 1 and 2, Region 2 = zones 3 and 4, Region 3 = zones 5 and 6, Region 4 = zones 7 and 8, Region 5 = zones 9 and 10, Region 6 = zone 11. Zone Chairpersons please advise your Clubs of the venue, time and details for your Final.

The District Final is being held on Sunday 25th August in the Tocumwal Lions Function Rooms, 5 Adams Street, Tocumwal – opposite the hospital.

The students are requested to be at the hall by 12.30pm for commencement at 1.00pm. As the students are representing their schools, they are also requested to wear their school uniforms.

**For catering purposes contact either Judy or Margaret.**

**Margaret Poels**

0417 139 828



## District Finals 2024

Sunday 25th August  
1pm start  
students to arrive at 12.30pm  
Tocumwal Lions Club  
5 Adams Street, Tocumwal  
(opposite the hospital)

RSVP for catering please - Judy Byrne 0418 129 367  
OR Marg Poels 0417 139 828



## State Finals 2024

Sunday 22nd September  
in Wangaratta  
More Information in  
September ROAR

RSVP for catering please - Jo Howell 0417 558 881  
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Back in 2003 -2004 one of the local Lions (in Barham-Koondrook), Tracey Davis was thinking about how Lions could become more involved with the young people of our community. After some discussion with local teachers, she came up with the idea of a public speaking competition. Along with teachers from the local schools, she designed a Junior Public Speaking Competition which had the following features:

- Two divisions – Years 3-4 who would speak for 3 minutes and Years 5-6 who would speak for 4 minutes.

A broad topic would be selected which would allow speakers to select their own topic.

Winners from each of the schools would come to a Lions Meeting to present their speech to a different and older audience and compete to become Club Champions.

The winners from the very first competition were - Corey Lowry from Wakool and Michael McConnell from Barham.

Students who have demonstrated that they have a skill in this area, get a chance to further develop their skills by speaking to a different audience in a wider competition.

A particular emphasis was on each student being asked to take part so the benefits would be widespread amongst all students, not just the elite few.

**Development of the competition** - After a couple of years, other local clubs heard of the scheme and asked to be able take part in it too. A Regional competition was organized with students from local Clubs competing to become Regional Champions. At this stage, an additional feature was added to the Year 5-6

competition. Students were given 10 minutes to prepare a 1 minute speech on a given topic. This is a part of the club competition and beyond. It is not a part of the School Competition.

In 2007, A Lion, Hedley Moon, from Pyramid Hill became District Chairman of Lions. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the concept and he suggested it be extended to cover the whole District V6. This District runs from the mountains along the Murray River as far west as Murrabit. There are over 60 Clubs in the District. As Tracey was a young mother with a job, she did not have the time to be involved further. Graham Minnis took on the job of publicising the concept and organizing a more formal structure for the competition. This involved lots of travel around the District to speak to clubs and Regions about the concept.

In 2009, Lion Alan Millar became District chairman and appointed Graham for 3 years to get the competition going in the District and beyond. It lasted for seven years. It was taken on by Jo Guthrie from East Loddon Club.

In 2015 it became a Multiple District Competition, with clubs from all around Australia beginning to show an interest in it - and now, 20 years later, the outgoing Chairperson, Margaret Poels from Benalla Club has expanded the competition into ALL states in Australia!

Each chairperson has put their own stamp on the competition, but much of it remains the same. Over 30 Clubs in District V6 take part in the competition each year. The winners of the District Competition speak to a bigger audience at the District Convention each year.

In 2023, there was an inaugural V-Districts State final in Marong and it was a great success. We hope that all the Districts in Victoria take part in the State Finals in the future.

Not only is it now a feature of Clubs and Districts throughout Australia, but there have been enquiries from clubs overseas! A remarkable achievement for a program that began as an idea to get Lions more involved in their communities.

Next Year a person will be appointed to help spread the concept internationally. Tracey's concept of something which would work for Barham Koondrook is now National and may become International.

*By Graham Minnis & Jo Guthrie*



## Henty Lions Happenings

Henty Lions Club members finished the financial year with an extremely busy weekend of activities! On the Saturday, they combined with numerous volunteers and members of the Henty and District Lifestyle Centre to conduct another successful BBQ at Bunnings, Wagga Wagga. It was a very pleasant day and there were plenty of eager customers to keep the workers busy!

On Sunday afternoon, the last day of June, the club finals of the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition were held at St Paul's Lutheran School Hall. There were seven students representing three local primary schools. Unfortunately, winter illness depleted the number of participants a little.

The young speakers acquitted themselves well. They had researched their topic well and presented entertaining and informative speeches. The judges and the audience members were impressed by the skills of all the young speakers. The winners Zoe, for 5/6 Grade and Meg for 3/4 Grade will proceed to the Regional Finals in Beechworth in August.

In another initiative which will benefit the physical and mental well-being of the local community the Henty Lions Club is to fund and promote a fast-growing sport with the unlikely name of Pickleball! The club has purchased equipment such as nets, paddles, balls etc. and provided money for the necessary tuition of coaches to instruct those of all ages who are keen to learn to play.



## July in Yarrawonga

Our month commenced with the passing on of the gong and gavel from Feather Duster Jock to President Don McPhee at our 59th Changeover. We were joined by 50 members and guests with PDG Omeni Ndlovu installing the new Board and inducting 2 new members Jo-Anne and Judi. The first pleasure for President Don was to present a \$2,000 cheque to Jan Parker from Yarrawonga Mulwala Cemetery Trust to construct gates at the Yarrawonga Cemetery.



2024/25 Yarrawonga Board - President Don McPhee, Secretary Debbie Van Corler, Treasurer George Plumb - 1st Vice President Peter Ornsby, 2nd Vice President - Linda Rate, 3rd Vice President Nora Reynen, Membership Chair - Jock McDonald, Directors - Ollie Tufvesson, Denis Griffiths, Joan Tufvesson, Diane Richardson, Lion Tamer - Andrew Toms, Tail Twisters Graeme Hodgins and Robert Sanders

New members Jo-Anne and Judi with their sponsors Deb and Diane, with the thorn between the roses Omeni.





We held our Junior Public Speaking at our Clubrooms which was very well supported by family and friends. Congratulations to our Youth Co-Ordinator Diane who contacted and followed up with schools and our club – keeping everyone up to date with what was going on. We catered the ever-popular sausages in bread and fresh fruit – always a hit – especially with the kids – and that is what it is all about.



always a hit – especially with the kids – and that is what it is all about.

Our catering started in earnest with a very full calendar with our first event was joining with Yarrawonga Health for the Naidoc Walk across the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Bridge and then on to Kennedy Park where members cooked 500 sausages – Well done Jock,

George and Linda.

The next day we fought the fog to cater for the interschool Lightning Premiership Sports competition where we cooked for 300 children from various schools competing in netball and Aussie Rules. The overcast conditions did not dampen the kids spirits or ours with a lot of fun had by all.



Lions Keith, Nora, Ollie, Joan, Linda and Jock

Saturday morning, as well as K Hub we catered at Lifestyle Yarrawonga in Hogans Road who had an open day. This new complex is for retirement living and is constructing 110 residences. Something new for Yarrawonga.



Lions Judi, Deb, George and Jock

Our 4th day in a row and last event for the month was catering for Districts first meeting of DG Julies year. We made home made soups, slices, scones, muffins and cut up fresh fruit to



serve to our hardworking Cabinet Members.

Lions Diane, Joan, Debbie, Judi and Nora

Finally, congratulations to our three recipients of the Council Chair Award – PDG John Houghton made presentations to Ollie Tufvesson, Joan Tufvesson and Debbie Van Corler – A real honour and well done everyone (see photo's in main feature story)





**Cohuna Leos** Over the past 12 months we have been very busy, visiting other Leo clubs and attending the V6 Leo Conference at Torrumbarry. Meeting Leos from other clubs had been a fantastic opportunity for us all. We have continued to cook donuts for events around the town providing us with funds to assist others in our community. We were very pleased to assist some children whose family environment had broken down and they were homeless. Our Lions club members assisted with big stuff, like furniture, we were able to help with towels, blankets and a Lions Crime Watch bear each.

We have been using the Lions club rooms as a base for meetings. We have now been offered the use of the Leitchville Scout Hall, this is not ideal as we need to travel to Leitchville for meetings etc, but it is a fabulous opportunity for our club to have not only a home but the opportunity to start a 'Youth Hub' for Leitchville, Gunbower and Cohuna youth to attend. It has taken a few working bees as it hasn't been used for over 10 years!! There was a lot of dirt and wasps that had taken up residence in the sandbags used during the last flood event. Once the electricity is reconnected, there will be no stopping us.

The most exciting event this year was attending the International Lions Convention in Melbourne. Yah. We stayed with 9 other Leos from King Island, that is off the top of Tasmania. It was great to hear how they work on a small island, one of their projects won them the International Presidents "Kindness Matter Award". Very impressive, we were finalists in this award, we have to try harder next year.

We got to march with all the other Leos from across the world (about 100 were there) to lead the 'Parade of Nations', this was amazing. We made bookmarks as a gift from our club to hand out during the parade and Lions from everywhere were giving us badges. We are all obsessed with collecting Lions / Leos badges now! If there are any Lions who don't want the badges they have collected, let me know....

The most amazing thing was that I got to give the International President, Dr Patti Hill, one of our koalas and a bookmark, she was very interested in the Leos and where we were from. Such a special opportunity for a couple of Leos from the bush.

We need more members so we can keep helping in our towns, we will keep working on this. We look forward to the next V6 Leo camp to catch up with other Leos.



Meeting the International President (left)



Ready to lead the "Parade of Nations" (right)

Cleaning up the Leitchville Scout Hall (left)



Helping kids in need (right)





## Beechworth Lions Club

Gang Plate Layers Cottage - 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 have submitted our final grant acquittal, and are making plans for the Official Opening. We are just awaiting notification from the Minister so we can set a date. Indigo Shire Council has advertised Expression of Interest for the managing of the cottage. We have submitted an EOI, and will know the outcome by the end of August, or beginning of September.

2024 Junior Public Speaking - All three 2024 Junior Public Speaking Primary Schools section of the competition completed. 28th July set for the Club section of the competition.

Guest Speaker July Dinner - Jodie Goldsworthy (Bees for Trees Beechworth Honey Bee School) Jodie Goldsworthy is a fourth-generation apiarist and co-founder of Beechworth Honey Group. Her family have been beekeeping in Beechworth since the 1880's. Jodie was awarded a life membership for her services to the global beekeeping community, and is a current Board Member of the When Bee Foundation, a not for profit working to protect bees. Jodie's spoke of her passion projects include establishing a Bee Arboretum – a specialist planting for bees across the road of the Lions Rest Area, the development of the Beechworth Honey Bee Cause range, created to shine a spotlight on the plight of the Honey



Club Level Junior Public Speaking - Sunday morning of 28th July, Beechworth Lions Club held its Club Level Junior Public Speaking event and morning tea. It was well attended by 30+ parents, children, and friends. We were fortunate to have the services of two very experienced judges, members of the Australian Toastmasters, Dr Pieter Mourik AM from Wooragee, and Tracy-Lee Walker from Albury, our time- keeper was Lion Christine Luckman. They chose the impromptu question "What makes you happy". Thanks also go to Lions Lyn and Sven for your help and the



setting up of afternoon tea. Each participants were presented with participant certificates. Outstanding candidates 3/4 Eddie Nelson and 5/6 Willow Firth-Waters were present with certificates and Beechworth Bookshop gift vouchers.





## Cobram Lions Club

A wonderful evening was held on July 9th to celebrate the change over dinner for Lions Club of Cobram. What a fantastic year the club has had. We may be small in numbers, but all our work over the last 12 months did not go unnoticed, and has seen several Cobram Community groups benefit from our activities.

Over the past couple of week's we have been visiting different places, surprising, and personally handing over donations to different groups.

All of which help in some way to assist people in our Cobram Community. Thank you everyone who supported the Cobram Lions Club. With out this support the club could not have donated over \$22,000.00 for the year. Pictures are only a sample of the surprised recipients of these donations.

At the start of the evening Lions Member Ron Simon was presented with a prestigious award. It was a pleasure to welcome his family to the evening to celebrate this award with Ron. Congratulations to Lion Ron Simon on being the presented the Chris August Memorial Award at the change over dinner. Well deserved Ron.



2024/2025 Committee



New President Max Austin



Royal Flying Doctor



Hilltop



Ron receiving his Award



Ron and family



# Lions Club of Cobram

## 60th Charter Anniversary

### 14th September 2024

## Benalla Lions Club

The Benalla Lions Club held the Junior Public Speaking Club competition on Sunday 28th July in the RSL Club rooms. Pictures show the seven children who took part along with Benalla Lions Club President Chris Vaughan and Lions organiser Denise Brown.

Left to right Benjamin Richard's representing Year 3-4, Australian Christian College, Tegan Soyer representing Year 3-4 P12 Avon Street Campus, Charlotte Feltham representing Year 3-4 P12 Waller Street Campus, Lion Denise Brown, Mikayla Noyes representing Year 5-6 P12 Clark Street Campus, Emma Moore representing Year 3-4 St. Joseph's, Lion President Chris Vaughan, Lilly Hazel representing Year 5-6 St. Joseph's and Caleb Hein representing Year 5-6 Australian Christian College.

Also included are the winners, Lilly Hazel and Emma Moore, both from St Joseph's, with their trophies.



A well attended event saw proud families listen to the children speak about their favourite character from a book or fairy tale and the older ones spoke about the most influential person in their lives. Afternoon tea was provided by the RSL Women's Auxiliary.

## Tungamah Leos

We have had a couple of really big times recently, starting with a school holiday outing to Fun Planet. We headed to Shepparton for a bit of fun, such as mini golf, and plenty of electronic games and laser tagging. When the Leos ran out of puff, they headed to Maccas where they taught Les and Robyn how to order lunch on the screens. Technology is pretty scary, isn't it?

Our changeover night in the Lions Room at the pub was really successful. Past District Governor, Peter Poels and his lovely wife, Margaret came down from Benalla to install the new board. Ed Cummins is the new president of the club and he is certain to do a great job. Taijan Ussher takes over as secretary. All members have important roles to fill. Great to have some parents along for



the evening and that is always a good sign.

On that night, the members passed the support of Shaun O'Dwyer's Sky Scraper climb for Cancer. Good on you Shaun.

Lots lie ahead with a membership drive and other fish stocking.

LITTLE ROARER.



## Lavington Lions Club

New Project - Lavington Lions Club is enthusiastic about its latest project.... 1,2,3, Read 2 Me. Our aim is to provide quality books and raise awareness of the impact of reading aloud to disadvantaged children e.g. refugees, domestic violence affected children, etc. Books are sourced through donation bins currently in local IGA stores and Bunnings. Three more bins will be operative in August. So far 21 boxes have been sorted and distributed to those in need. Boxes are placed in centres needed by these children. The great feature of this project is that children can take home the books they love and keep them. We believe it is essential that all children, regardless of background or circumstance have access to quality books.



Lion Sandra Rafferty (the driving force behind the project) with one of the 1,2,3 Read 2 Me collection boxes.



Junior Public Speaking - Club President Lion Susie Harrington congratulates Ethan Wilson and Sophie Burrell, both from St Anne's Primary School North Albury on their recent successes in local Junior Public Speaking. This is the second time that Ethan has won at this level, and we expect him to go further in this competition. A talented young man.

## Hope Happenings

JPS Club competition was held at Girgarre Primary School on 17 July. Students from both Girgarre & Stanhope schools competed. Grades 3 & 4 winner was Daisy Horton from Stanhope Primary. Grades 5 & 6 winner was Zara McKenzie from Girgarre and the Runner/up was Cooper Randell from Stanhope. Daisy & Zara will compete in the Region Final at Tongala on 11 August.



Photo: L- R Grades 5/6 winner Zara McKenzie, Chairperson Avis Weller, 5/6 Runner/up Cooper Randell and Grades 3 & 4 winner Daisy Horton



Hope Lions Club Branch also donated \$250 to each School to help a disadvantaged student/family at the discretion of the Schools Principals.

Photo: L – R Girgarre Principal Ashleigh Buckland, Hope Lions Treasurer Monique Noble and Stanhope Principal Christine Owen.

Other donations made by the club went to the following:

District 201 V6 Foundation - \$250

The Kyabram Gift (Local cancer support Group) - \$500

Victorian Lions Foundation (Bionics) - \$250

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation - \$6,730.00



*Hope Lions Recycle Project*



*Hope Lions Blooms of Hope Project*

**Tungamah Lions** a very successful year. Tungamah Lions Club celebrated their successful year with a great changeover at Club Mulwala last Wednesday evening. Installing Officer was Zone Chairperson, John Weinert, who started his Lions career at Tungamah back in the 1990s. John is a much loved identity in Lions.

Highlights on the night included a Chris August Award being presented to Lion Lesley Smith. Lesley has had many years as a Lioness in Endeavour Hills and Pakenham, as well as being the charter president of Lake Mulwala Lions. She is now a valuable member of the Lions Club of Tungamah and District.

Two years ago, we had Michael Barry in charge, and it was a great pleasure for PDG Neil Stuart to present him with a Club President's Excellence Award for his year, one of only three given in the district that year.

The whole evening was hosted by PDG Les Harrison. Victor Smith is the new president, while McKayla Peterson is the new secretary and Aydan Stark-Beswick treasurer.

Outgoing president, Neville Barber was pleased to present his report, which is included in this report. Neville had a really great year.

It has been a very busy year, one I am very proud of. It was a rough start to the year with many members falling ill and this kept going through the year.

We have achieved just so much it is unbelievable. Right through the year we have done our Bunnings barbecues and these have all been pretty successful. We even combined with Lake Mulwala and Yarrawonga to hold a combined one to promote awareness of Lions to the community.

We have supported so many people in need in the community, with grants, visits and just being there for people. Jenny's back floor has been done after a long time. Well done to Ray Saunders and his band of merry men for their help!!!!



Australia Day was simply great and our Leos received some great recognition and we were very proud of Heather Tyrrell's nomination. Once again we did a sterling job of cooking breakfast for the community.

We took on the native food trail as an ongoing club project and this should be very exciting. Our work with Halloween thrilled the kids of the town. The sno cone



machine got a good work out. We catered for a group exercise for the CFA out at Youanmite, and cooked numerous sausage sizzles for the Sacred Heart School.

The Christmas Carols were again very successful. Thanks to John Tyrrell for his great work in securing a grant and helping set up. Callum Gleeson was again a great entertainer.

We supported a show at the Wilby Hall with sponsorship when their deal fell through and that was much appreciated.

The footy gates are once again very popular and a good support of income.

Lions were very hard working at the Robbie Irvine Fundraiser. This night showed the strength of the community and the love we all have for Rob.

Junior Public speaking went well again. We love working with the school.



- We made a large donation for Love you Sis to support Cancer Awareness. Hearing Dogs received great support. We also bought a much need air purifier for a young baby who really needed it. We
- are about the take ownership of a mobile Box trailer for our equipment, courtesy of grants from the Shire and the Australian Lions Foundation.
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The Rodeo was a wonderful day and night and lots of laughter and banter made it all go quickly.

We supported Lesley's MND Walk again to the tune of \$500 and made significant donations to the Splash Park Project. Most of all, we love our Leos and their work.

Our meetings have been fun, with movie nights and footy nights happening. Well done Lesley for making this happen. Thanks also to the staff and Paul and Amanda for making us so welcome at the pub for our dinner meetings. We are so lucky to have two wonderful venues.

We now cater for the Wilby Car Races and thanks to Michelle for her great work.

Thank you all for your support, especially Les and McKayla. I am a proud man.

Neville







# District Changeover



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# ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR ~ 2024

**12th October  
10AM - 5PM**

**13th October  
10AM - 4PM**

**\$8 ENTRY - KIDS UNDER 14 FREE**

**(WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)**

**BENALLA INDOOR BASKETBALL STADIUM**

*Light refreshments will be  
available both days*

**ENQUIRIES - MARGARET & PETER - 0417 139 828  
margpoels@gmail.com**





# Australian Lions Pin Traders Club

*PDG Lance Leak OAM*  
Secretary



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Dear Club President's,

I bring you greetings as Secretary of the Australian Lions Pin Trading Club. Formed over 30 years ago, we as a club try to identify all Lions Pins, M.D. D.G. personals, Club and many other specials. In 2004, we started to identify all Australian pins and from the then current collections, found just over 400, since then, we have recorded findings of almost 200 M.D. 201 issued pins. We have recorded the pins as images on a Catalogue and as pins are issued in these times, our numbers continue to grow every Lions year. It is sometimes evident, pins are preferred to bannerettes due to costs, but sometimes both.

Recently at the Melbourne International, I identified 7 new club pins unknown to us, as well as an earlier Lioness club pin from our catalogue. I was over the moon.

That shows of course, club and other pins are out there and we as a club, will very much appreciate to know just what is there. D.G. personal and Convention we can trace, it is district and new Club pins, we find hard to know about.

My ask, with thanks to your Newsletter Editor, if possible, could you please advise me if your club has issued a new pin in the last 12 months, or if, during the future, you do issues a pin. Your details will be very much appreciated and enable us to obtain your pin and include it in our collections and catalogue. Images also would be appreciated.

We trust you will assist us in our continuing quest to identify Australian Lions pins and look forward to your generous assistance.

My email contact in [lanceleak@exemail.com.au](mailto:lanceleak@exemail.com.au).

On behalf of members of the A.L.P.T.C. I thank you in anticipation.

Yours in Lionsism thru Pin Trading.

P.D.G. Lance Leak, O.A.M.

Secretary and Bulletin Editor,



## AS MEMBERS, WE ARE LIONS FIRST : PIN TRADERS NEXT

Some recent pins found at the Melbourne Convention





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## V6 Charman's Report

Thank you to District Governor Julie Ballard for having me as our V6 Lions Australia Foundation Ltd Chairman on Cabinet for our 2024-2025 Lions Year.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 we had our first Zoom meeting, of which there are two annually, where the changes in the Foundations Executive were pointed out, and they each highlighted their portfolios responsibilities.

So far in the last three months there has not been any major disasters in our V6 District, although several Lions Clubs have received Grants to support requirements for members in their communities, and projects.

The appeal for young Nicholas Tadros is still ongoing and has reached \$600,000, as you would be aware of the tragic Helicopter accident in the Gold Coast which killed his mother and severely injured him, he has learned to walk again with his prosthesis leg, and he still has a happy face which is due to the total devotion of his father.

- The other ongoing fund-raising effort was started by Lion Sari-Elle Kraemer from the Coogee Lions Club, who took on the challenge
- undertaking the “Worlds Highest Marathon” from the Base Camp on Mt Everest, to hopefully raise \$120,000.00 for The Australian Lions
- Foundation Ltd, this she has achieved (*edited to add—she raised over \$120,000 with the final donation total so far of \$122,500*).



It is hoped that our V6 Lions Clubs will consider Donating to our Australian Lions Foundation Ltd this Lions Year, as their Motto is “HELPING LIONS help their COMMUNITY”. They also have several Awards available for clubs to purchase (and credits can be used for these), they also provide the “50 YEAR SERVICE AWARD” free of charge to Club Members that have achieved this fantastic years of volunteering commitment to our fantastic organisation.

Wishing District Governor Julie Ballard, and all Cabinet Members a happy and successful year.

**Peter Poels**  
ALF V6 Chairman

For more information on the ALF and to find out about the grants they have available - check out their [website](#) or or [Facebook page](#).





# Photography 101: How to Take Good Photos With Your Mobile Phone

Thanks to our mobile phones, we can now take high-quality photos and edit them without too many bells and whistles — these kinds of visuals remain important to telling our story as Lions.

There are a few key techniques for taking great pictures with your smartphone. Check out these tips below to improve your photography skills:



- **Lighting** is one of the most important things to consider for mobile photography. Smartphone cameras work best in natural light, because it produces sharp details and vibrant colours that stand out on social media. When composing your shot, observe how light and shadow interact and contrast with one another, and use this to create more dynamic shots.
- **Look for Symmetry** to create balance and make your photos appear more aesthetically pleasing to the viewer's eye. Seek balance by drawing an imaginary line directly down the middle of your photo and checking if both sides contain a mirror image of each other. You may also be able to use your mobile's gridlines to balance your shot.
  - To switch the grid on:
    - iPhone: Go to "Settings," choose "Photos & Camera," and switch "Grid" on.
    - Samsung Galaxy: Launch the camera app, go to "Settings," scroll down and switch the "grid lines" option to "on."
- **Set your Camera's Focus** just before snapping the picture to ensure the subject is clear. Today's phone cameras automatically focus on the foreground of your frame, but not every picture you take on your phone has an obvious subject. To adjust where you want your camera lens to focus, open your camera app and tap the screen where you want to sharpen the view.
- **Find Different Perspectives** and take photos from a unique, unexpected angle to make them more memorable — it tends to create an illusion of depth or height with the subjects. Try taking a photo directly upward and playing with the sky as negative space. Or, you can try taking it at a slight downward angle.
- **Avoid Zooming In.** When you take a photo from a distance, it's tempting to zoom in on something specific. But it's actually better not to zoom in — doing so can make the photo appear grainy, blurry, or pixelated. Instead, try to get closer to your subject or take the photo from a default distance, and crop it later on. That way, you won't compromise quality, and it's easier to play around or optimize a larger image.
- **Shoot in Landscape.** A good rule of thumb is to follow the way people actually view the world by shooting in a wide, horizontal format. This orientation is much easier to crop into an Instagram square later on. The exception to the rule is when you are taking photos specifically for Instagram or Facebook stories, which require a portrait orientation.

These tips will help to improve your smartphone photography skills and get you thinking about what looks best on social media. Remember to always make sure your phone is primed to capture each moment - keep it fully charged and make sure its lens is clean for any event!

**IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER - Make sure ALL Lions are wearing a Lions Shirt with the logo - if you don't advertise it - no one will now we are Lions!** A picture tells a thousand words - if you have the Lions Logo in the picture people will know it's us without even reading the story!! And don't be afraid to ask people to stop and look, etc so you can get the best photo.

# WANTED



## clubs for promo photos

We are looking for Lions Clubs in V6 who are willing to have some photos taken of their members in action - wearing their Lions shirts, doing what they love to do.

These images would be used for District Promotional materials including social media & print publications.

If your club is interested, please contact Jo Guthrie on 0428 366 220 or via email - [v6roar@gmail.com](mailto:v6roar@gmail.com)

## Awareness Days & Upcoming Events

### AUGUST

- 5-11th - Keep Australia Beautiful Week
- 8th - National Book Lovers Day
- 12th - International Youth Day**
- 13th - Left Handers' Day
- 25th - Junior Public Speaking District Final**

### SEPTEMBER

- 4th - Father's Days
- 8th - International Literacy Day
- 21st - Alzheimer's Day
- 21st - International Day of Peace
- 22nd - Junior Public Speaking State Final**
- 23rd - International Day of Sign Language

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**THE  
ROAR**  
V6 District Newsletter

deadline is 28th of each month



**District  
WEBSITE**  
[lions201v6.org.au](http://lions201v6.org.au)

Special "Members Only Area"

## 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](mailto:v6roar@gmail.com)**

**Promotional Trailer Bookings -**  
<https://calendly.com/v6trailer>



District 201V6

47th



# District Convention

Hosted by the Lions Clubs of **WANGARATTA**

## 18th - 20th October 2024

Oaks Conference and Function centre  
(Wangaratta Turf Club) Off Cruse street, Wangaratta

*Memorial Service* - will be held on Sunday

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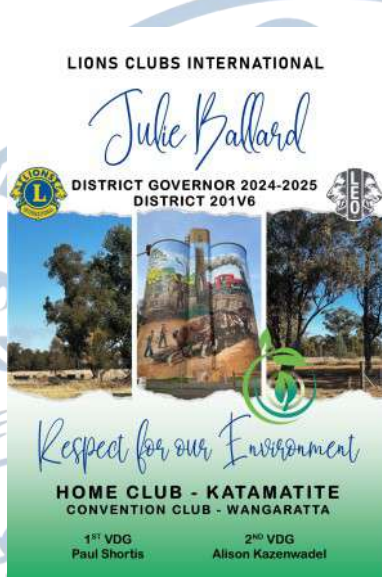
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**PCC Phillip Johnson**

MD201 Leadership  
Coordinator



*Keynote Speaker*  
**Nick Liemandt**

Training Manager  
Lions Hearing Dogs



**Partners Tour**  
to Ned Kelly  
interpretive centre,  
Glenrowan and  
Winton wetlands

*Madi Colville Walker*



*Entertainment*



*Brendan Scott*

**Lions  
Breakfast**  
Saturday &  
Sunday  
ALL welcome

**Closing date for Registrations – 6th October**

For more information – contact Chairman Alison Kazenwadel – lionsv6convention@gmail.com