

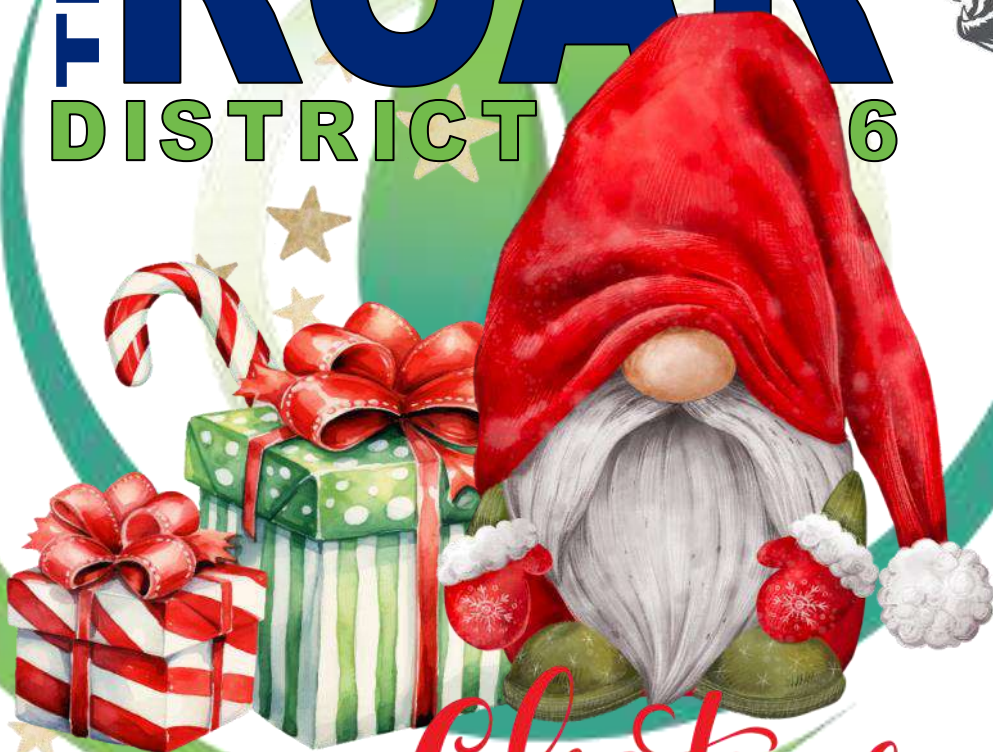
Julie Ballard

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

Respect for our Environment



**THE ROAR**  
DISTRICT 6



**Merry**

*Christmas*

**DECEMBER 2024 ISSUE**

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- V6 Foundation

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### Instagram

[@lionsdistrictv6](https://www.instagram.com/lionsdistrictv6)





**Lavington Lions** - Lion Ray Parker was pleased to announce at our recent dinner meeting that we took over \$16000 at the 2024 Albury Show. With Ray's leadership and dedicated team catering has been a financial blessing for our Club.

So much so that we recently donated \$5000 to Lions V6 Foundation



The workers

The thinkers

Service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on Earth.

**Lockington Lions** - Sunday 17th November, the Lions Club held their Youth of the Year Club Final, where 3 students from Echuca College competed.

This program is to teach students the art of public speaking. This program has been running for 60 years.

This year's winners were Cooper Groves, from Moama, for the Public Speaking section, with the overall winner being Finn McPherson. Finn will now go onto the Regional Final, which will be held in March 2025.

Pictured the 3 students with Pres. John Van Den Bosch, overall winner Finn.





**Lockington Lions** - The Lions Club held a Musical Night at the Hall with entertainment supplied by Jefferson Smith and Route 66. The hall was filled with people who either wanted to listen to great music or dance the night away.

There was great support from Rock n roll groups from Echuca, Bendigo and Kerang which made for great watching and admiring.

During the night, the drawing of the raffle winners were announced and they were: Side of lamb-John Dowie, Fuel voucher- Dustin Kemp, Coles vouchers- Matt Daniels, Sue Harris, Kieffer Haines, Simon Eishold, Hotel voucher- Pauline Humbert. Congratulations to all winners.

For those who attended and helped support our event, a big Thankyou.

All proceeds from the night will be put back into the community.



**HOPE Happenings** - District Governor Julie visits HOPE Lions Club Branch on a wet Sunday for a lovely lunch and a relaxing afternoon under the veranda in a picture perfect garden. How perfect for our DG who has the environment at heart!

D G Julie was also able to see firsthand our Tree Project at its earliest stage – in the back of a Ute, boxes of compost, and bags of tubes and packets of seed, which had been collected from Bendigo that morning.

When all planted will be a total of 672 tubes (48 tubes in each of the 14 boxes) made up of 5 different species of Acacias. We are hoping for a successful growing season. Respecting our Environment!

Photo: DG Julie with HOPE members "Bay-side". (Bay Tree).





**Beechworth Lions Club** - President John introduced our special visitor District Governor Julie Ballard who joined us for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday 19th November at the Hotel Nicholas. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all with lots of stories, a lot of laughs and a very informative narrative given by our DG. There were two prizes won by Lion Brian and Graeme, drawn by DG Julie and Lion Brian. Thank you President John for supplying the prizes.



Official Opening, Sunday 24th November - Well we are now officially open. Welcome to Beechworth Lions Club's new home, which we are sharing with Beechworth Boomerang Bags. We are now open for enquiries if you are looking for somewhere to hold a meeting or small group function. Contact the Beechworth Lions Club Secretary on [beechworthlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:beechworthlionsclub@gmail.com)



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## Rutherglen Lions 50th Anniversary Luncheon

The Rutherglen Lions club celebrated their 50th Anniversary luncheon on the 17th November with Lions from five District Lions clubs.

The Rutherglen Lions club anniversary luncheon attracted some 80 Lions past and present and large contingent of community members also attended. Corowa Lions who were instrumental in forming the Rutherglen club back in 1974 had a good number of members attend.

The event was conducted by Lion Peter Graham who ensured the day flowed without a hitch. He was assisted by PDG Peter Poels who was the guest speaker and also presented the awards prior to the unveiling of the memorial Plaque in the adjacent gardens.

PDG Peter presented a number of awards to Rutherglen members. Lion Ian Stones was presented with a 50 years monarch and a 50-year Lions International service medal for his incredible service to Lions and his community.

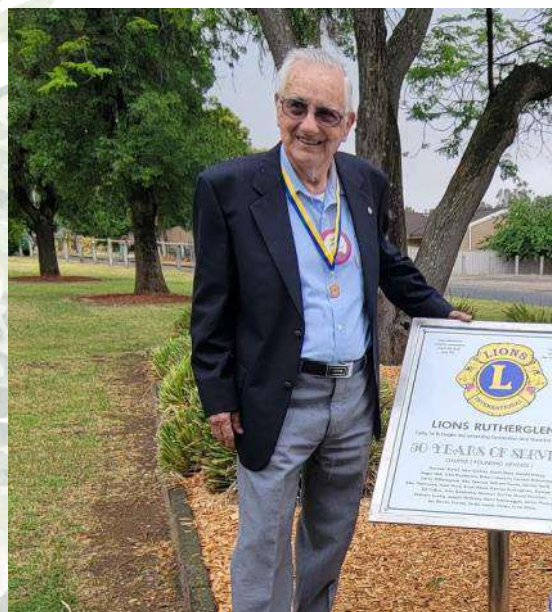
Lion Ken Goode was presented with a Distinguished Service award for his commitment and service to the Rutherglen Lions Club. Lion Peter Graham was presented with a James Richardson award for his continued service while Lion Julie Simpson was recognized with a 15-year monarch for her ongoing and devoted service to Rutherglen Lions club and the Lions V6 District.

Lions Betty Potter and Julie Simpson were recognized for their tremendous work in setting up the history display at the back of the hall and also preparing the video presentation.

The day was only marred by a short bout of rain that delayed the unveiling of the Plaque but in general the whole day was a huge success with all who attended enjoying a great meal mixed with plenty of hospitality.



Lion Julie Simpson receives her 15 year monarch



Lion Ian Stones pictured at the unveiling with his 50 year medal

District Governor Julie Ballard and Club Secretary Betty Potter at the unveiling ceremony



Lions Julie & Betty in front of the history display





**Kerang Lions** - On Monday November 25 th, Kerang Lions visited LC of Barham/Koondrook and passed on the Gavel to them. President PDG Lion Judy McKerrow, and Lions Joe Tartaglia and Jeff Jackson had a good dinner with them and talked about the Gavel and what they had to do next. All the instructions are in the Gavel box, so all clubs are asked to read them carefully when they receive the Gavel from a visiting club!

Barham/Koondrook President Lion Rob Daws was suitably impressed and promised to pass the Gavel onto another club asap. Kerang will pay the Gavel Tax into the Gavel account and get the ball rolling for 2024/25.

Lake Mulwala



With Christmas coming the Lions Club of Lake Mulwala have been happily supplying Lions Cakes and Puddings to the community. Last Monday members manned the kiosk in the main street in Yarrawonga. Lots of locals were pleased to be able to pick up their favourite Christmas fare and also purchase a ticket in the Christmas Hamper raffle which is to be drawn at our end of year lunch on 10 December.



*Christmas*

For the latest information on the 2025 Convention visit –  
<https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/73rd-md-201-convention-2025/>





**Benalla Lions Club** - On Saturday 2nd November the Benalla Lions Club members held another very successful Bunnings bbq, in Wangaratta, where we cooked 480 sausages. It is a long day, leaving home at 7.00am and not returning till approximately 6.00pm but a lot of fun and very rewarding especially speaking to the young children, there are some potential leaders.



The photo shows – money man Peter Poels, Denise Brown serving, in the background is Chris Vaughan, Helen Vaughan, Garry Clues and Margaret Poels, also helping in the afternoon was Peter Brown and David Lowing.

At the Benalla Lions Club meeting on Thursday 7th November, the members had the pleasure of listening to Hannah Humphries about her trip to Papua New Guinea with her sister Michaela and a group called No Roads Health Patrol in August 2024.

Hannah was a V District Finalist in the Youth of the Year representing our 201V6 District in the V District Youth of the Year State Final in Mornington in 2016. Hannah contacted the Club seeking sponsorship for their trip which took place in August. They were based in the Tufi area which is an hour plane trip from Port Moresby.

Hannah is a nurse and Michaela a physiotherapist, and the other members of the group attended to over 800 various health problems – one young boy had broken his arm and without any pain relief they realigned it and placed it in plaster, he then began to cry for the first time because he thought his arm was going to be like that forever. They helped another lady give birth to twins, both in breech position – again without any pain relief. The only pain relief medication they have is panadol and can only supply 2 tablets to a patient at a time as it is in such short supply.

It is amazing to think of what we consider normal and easy obtainable, in our lives would be gold over there.

Our members were in awe of Hannah's presentation – so interesting and inspiring of such young ladies making a difference to other people less fortunate than ourselves.

Hannah is hoping to join the group again in 2025.



Photo shows Hannah accepting a Certificate of Appreciation from President Chris Vaughan.

A Day in the Gardens – The Benalla Lions Club had another busy day with a BBQ on Sunday 10th November – Chris Vaughan, Dale Frankland, Loch Lidgerwood and Garry Clues commenced cooking Sausages and Hamburgers at 8.30am, while Denise Brown, Helen Vaughan and Margaret Poels served them with or without Coleslaw and Onions, it was very busy and never stopped running till 2.00pm. David Lowing, Peter Brown and Peter Poels acted as cashiers, Peter was also our “run about man” replenishing stock as required. A long but very successful day.

On Saturday 23rd November the Benalla Lions together with the Rotary Club organised the Benalla Craft and Farmers Market on the banks of the lake. Although there was a large number of site holders with a variety of goods attending the hot weather kept the visitors away. Hopefully the December Christmas market will entice the community to do their Christmas shopping.

We would like to wish all V6 Lions Members – A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year - May the magic of the Christmas Season fill your home with Joy, your heart with Love and your Life with Laughter.





**Tungamah Lions** - Busy is the word you would use for our wonderful Lions Club at the moment. We catered for a breakfast the morning after a local wedding and this was a wonderful time for all. We helped restore the health of quite a few seedy looking characters and it wasn't long before everyone was bright and cheerful once again.

The next day we had a luncheon to prepare for out at Wilby, and it suited the band of volunteers we had. We introduced hash browns to the menu and they were very popular.

Another day at Wilby was a bit quiet, although everyone was busy and well organised. Meetings have been well attended, despite Covid raising its ugly head and affecting members but we are able to get through.

McKayla and Aydan are off to the RLLI course at the start of March and it will be a great experience for them as well as helping them perform their duties at a higher level.

- Coming up, we have our Christmas Carols in the park and this takes a bit of setting up and organising.

We are also catering for the CFA Christmas Break up and awards night in the middle of December. This is a bit posher than we are used to, but we shall do a good job. The start of January will see us attack the Katamatite Rodeo once again. It does show we need some new young members with some muscles.

Our Christmas Break up will be self catered and will take place down at the Civic Centre.

Les and Robyn attended a great meeting at Numurkah, where a cheque for over \$2000 was presented for Diabetes Awareness. Robyn is the District Chairperson for this and was proud of what Numurkah have achieved.

We also attended the Daschund Cup, run by Yarrawonga!!!!!! A large amount of money will be donated through Robyn to the Hearing Dogs. Well done Yarra!!!!

That's it for now. ROARER.



**Tungamah Leos** - A free mini fishing comp has been the highlight of the month with 16 European Carp and one Crucian (Goldfish) Carp being landed. We have started a competition until Easter to see how many carp can be hauled out of the weir pool. A form will be put up for people to "register" their catch and then it will be transferred to a larger board, prominent in the town.





## Tungamah Leos continued

Fisheries are going to stock the weir pool with 3000 yellow bellies following an approach by the Leos and they will also host the Leos at Arcadia where their new facilities are being completed.

The Leos are decorating a tree down by the creek for Christmas and this will be done on the 13th December, followed by a sausage sizzle.

New members and cubs have been coming along and the last meeting was quite a good one.

Don't forget, LEO stands for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

LITTLE ROARER.

A Leo from Cobram on the Murray was presented with a highly prestigious Leo of Honour Award by Cobram's Ron Simon and PDG Les Harrison.



## And just like that another incredible year at Australian Lions Hearing Dogs draws to a close.

We are on track to place a total of 34 Assistance Dogs this year. This includes 29 Hearing Assistance Dogs, 4 Diabetic Alert Dogs and 1 Psychiatric Assistance Dog, the very first in our exciting new program. There were some big milestones in these numbers with the exciting milestone of our first interstate delivery of a Diabetic Alert Dog, followed by 2 more throughout the year. By the end of 2024, we will have also accredited 28 Assistance Dogs, which is almost double our numbers last year.

Our Breeding and Puppy Programs have grown significantly, with our puppies showing tremendous progress in both development and confidence. Thanks to our dedicated team and volunteer puppy carers, each puppy is receiving an exceptional start to their journey to become an Assistance Dogs. After a slow start to the year, four gorgeous litters of future Assistance Dogs were introduced into our

world and we are eagerly awaiting the fresh pitter patter of another litter due mid-December! We also proudly celebrated the graduation of 27 adorable puppies from our Puppy Pre-school, equipping them with the foundational skills needed to excel in their training journey.

Our thriving volunteer program ensures our dogs are loved and cared for daily. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, Lions Clubs, and sponsors, whose generosity is the backbone of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.

This year we implemented a Bed and Breakfast Program, which enables our dogs in training to be dropped off to 'school' four days a week and spend the rest of their time in a loving volunteer home. The standard of the BnB dogs is very high and we are excited to bring on more volunteers in the program next year. This year we have had eight dogs in the BnB program with five already successfully delivered to their recipients.

As we welcome summer and the festive season, we want to sincerely thank you for your incredible support and kindness throughout 2024. Please note our Training Centre will be closed during the holidays, though our dedicated staff will still be on-site caring for our dogs. Our office will close from Tuesday, December 24th, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, with our emergency line available for urgent matters. Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season—we can't wait to see you in 2025!



**Henty Lions Happenings** - On Saturday morning, 26th October, the township of Henty was a hive of activity. The annual Lions Town Garage Sale was underway! The event had been widely advertised on noticeboards in Henty and nearby towns, at the entrances to town, on radio over several weeks and on social media. Now the vendors waited for the people to come.

The day dawned fine and sunny. There were vendors' stalls lining Sladen Street selling plants, jams and sauces, cakes and slices and a myriad of household items. The CWA had a stall with scones, jam & cream and other baked items. Forty sites in all across the township had set up stalls selling their surplus items; bric-a-brac, shed tools, car parts, saddles and even two sulkies. During the morning there was a constant stream of people surveying the various wares. Most vendors were pleased with their sales and the number of visitors seeking a bargain.

Recently the Lions Clubs of Henty, Holbrook, Culcairn & Walla Walla combined to cook and serve a sausage lunch at to students of Billabong High School and local primary schools for their Mental Health Day. Over 1000 sausages were served to primary and high students, staff and visitors.

The day was hosted by the Culcairn, Henty & Holbrook LHAC & Billabong High School. Year 5/6 students from the primary schools attended the morning session and year 7-11 students attended the afternoon session with a evening session for parents & community members. On the day Susan McLean, an expert in the field of online safety gave presentations to students entitled 'Keeping safe in Cyberspace'. It was a good day that delivered very important messages to the young people involved.

As we move into December the Henty Lions have several Christmasy projects underway. The ever popular Christmas cakes and puddings are selling rapidly and the club is gathering items for the

- Christmas Stocking Raffle with tickets going on sale in mid December. They are also catering for Carols in the Park and conducting a Christmas Lights Competition for the best decorated residence.
- All making for fun times ahead!

### **NOTICE TO ALL V6 DISTRICT CLUBS**

**IT'S CLUB DISPERSMENT TIME AGAIN AND AS THE TREASURER OF THE V6 FOUNDATION I AM ASKING THAT YOUR CLUB CONSIDERS MAKING A DONATION TO THE DISTRICT FOUNDATION.**

**THE DISTRICT V6 FOUNDATION HAS ASSISTED MANY CLUBS THROUGH OUT THE PAST YEAR WITH FUNDS FROM THE FOUNDATION. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT.**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL DONATIONS TO THE V6 FOUNDATION TO:**

**LIONS V6 DISTRICT FOUNDATION**

**BSB – 640000 ACCOUNT – 111224528**

**PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL [lfredericks23@gmail.com](mailto:lfredericks23@gmail.com) ADVISING THAT YOU HAVE MADE A DONATION**

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**43 GUY STREET COROWA 2646 NSW**

**REMEMBER ALL YOUR DONATIONS ARE CREDITED TOWARDS A FUTURE CHRIS AUGUST AWARD.**





## Yarrawonga Lions - What a month – where to start

On the 19 July 1994 a motion was passed that the Club accept the Lansell Close Project as a Youth Affair Activity and a park and playground was established. Last year Lion John Weinert put a proposal to the club that the park be upgraded with seating and shade be supplied for families. After a successful grant application and additional funds supplied by our Club setting, table and shade was installed.



All proceeds from the event will be donated to Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.



- The Yarrawonga Lions Club Inaugural Dachshund Cup was held at Yarrawonga
- Showgrounds with people and pups travelling from near and far to participate or spectate.

What an entertaining event, few dogs knew what to do with most of them either stopping, turning around or just didn't run. They were supposed to be released by their owner, run 35 meters to their other catcher at the end of the track. Seemed like a simple process, maybe not to a dachshund, to many low-lying obstacles on their way to the finishing post.

There were other novelty events that could be entered into by the non-racing bred, such as biggest/smallest dog, longest/shortest dog and of course the fancy dress for dogs and handlers. A lot of fun which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The annual Rod Run was once again held in Yarrawonga and we catered for the masses-approximately 600. Every year Lions and Rotary join forces on Friday Night to serve up a BBQ dinner and Sunday morning serving bacon and eggs. This is a huge event each year but one we all seem to enjoy – maybe not the very early start on the Sunday.







in Woolworths voucher which will enable FoodShare to purchase items they need in their shop front, which in turn will be passed on to those in need in our community.

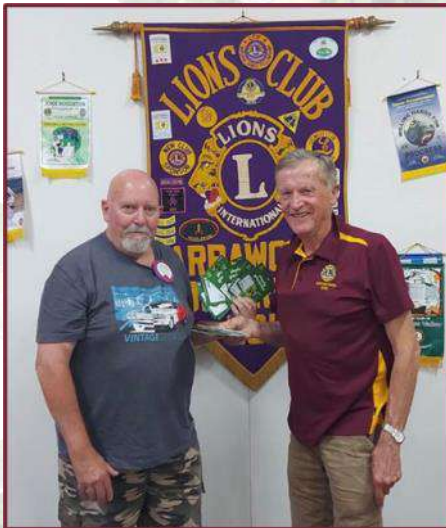
Our 4th Town Garage sale was held over the weekend with a record Number of houses taking part. A total of 37 properties registered and paid the \$20 fee which will be donated to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. With the change in weather there were plenty of bargain hunters travelling from Albury, Shepparton, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Glenrowan Corowa, Myrtleford, Tocumwal, Chiltern just to name a few, who collected the maps and listings and went in search of the blue and yellow balloons. The maps were given out at 7:15 and to say it was a stampede was an understatement, we needed more exits from the Showgrounds, or traffic lights. Once again, a gold coin was paid, and this was added to the coffers with an anticipated donation totally around \$1,000.

Merry Christmas to everyone and may your Christmas be filled with laughter, lots of naps and remember calories don't count during the holiday season.



We paid our respects with President Don McPhee representing our Club, laying a wreath at the RSL Club on Remembrance day.

At our fortnightly meeting President Don McPhee presented FoodShare's Peter Ornsby with our latest donation, supporting this fantastic community group. The Club purchased \$1,000



**Merry** *Christmas*





## Cobram Lions Market Dates Federation Park, Punt Road, Cobram

**NEXT MARKET**  
Twilight Market December 20th

For more information on the  
market:  
Phone 0459 340 109.



**ORLANDO 2025**  
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

For more information - <https://lionsclubs.org.au/event/2025-lions-international-convention/>



For more information - <https://lionsclubs.org.au/event/2025-anzi-pacific-forum-gold-coast/>

## Lions Christmas Mints

JUST A REMINDER TO PLACE ORDERS BEFORE 6/12/24 TO RECEIVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Our factory will be closed from Friday 20th of December and reopening on Monday 13th of January 2025.

USE AS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE/ HAMPER PRIZES	SEND A BAG TO OUTLETS AS A THANK YOU GIFT	SELL ALONGSIDE CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS
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## Lions Club of Yarrawonga Inc Charter Anniversary Dinner

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

President and Members  
Invite you to help us celebrate  
60 Years  
of service to our Community  
Thursday 5th December, 2024  
6:00 pm Club Mulwala  
Pre Dinner Nibbles  
2 Course Dinner @ \$40  
Drinks at bar prices  
RSVP: 20th November, 2024  
[yarrawonga.lions@gmail.com](mailto:yarrawonga.lions@gmail.com)



WISHING YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILIES A

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

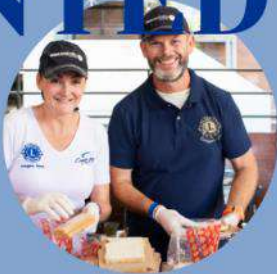
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

May this festive season be a  
time of celebration, reflection  
and gratitude for the  
blessings in your life.





# 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

### DECEMBER

- 3rd - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5th - International Volunteers Day
- 5th - International Leo Day**
- 10th - Human Rights Day
- 25th - Christmas Day

### JANUARY

- 1st - World Day of Peace
- 4th - World Braille Day**
- 13th - Melvin Jones Birthday**
- 26th - Australia Day
- 29th - Chinese New Year



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club in the latest  
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**THE ROAR**  
V6 District Newsletter

deadline is 28th of each month



**WEBSITE**  
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## Promoting Clubs through the District Newsletter - the ROAR

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

**EMAIL - [v6roar@gmail.com](mailto:v6roar@gmail.com)**

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



## DISTRICT 201V6 LIONS FOUNDATION LTD

The Foundation was established in 1996 for the purposing of assisting those persons or organisations in need within the boundaries of the Lions 201V6 District.

Since that time, in consequence of monies donated by the public and by Lions Clubs within the District, the Foundation has been able to financially support requests for a large number of Lions Clubs. Support has been extended to families who have suffered losses by the devastation of fires, floods and droughts as well as individuals who, in consequence of physical infirmity or mental disability, require help and assistance.

Requests for support are made by a Lions Club within the District and considered by the board of Directors of the Foundation. All funds made available are paid to the Lions Club seeking support on the basis that the Club distribute the monies and confirm to the Board the manner in which such funds have been disbursed.

The Board meets at least four times each year. Extraordinary meetings are held in the event of an emergency. All Board members are active Lions and members of Clubs within the District. Chaired by the immediate Past District Governor, two Board members are elected each year by delegates at each District Convention.

The availability of funds is, of course, dependent upon the generosity of Lions Clubs. Your support is much appreciated and will ensure that your Foundation will continue to grow and be in a position to assist those persons and organisations requiring help within our communities.

Funds can be made available from the Activities Account of your Club.

The Foundation offers the Chris August Award, named in honour of the founding member of the Lions Club of Wangaratta, and recognised as the "Father of Lionism in North Eastern Victoria and Southern New South Wales." The prestigious Award is available for presentation by Clubs to deserving members of Clubs and the general public, upon the donation of the sum of \$500 to the Foundation. Payments may be made, if required, by instalments.

Your Foundation looks to you for continued support in order that it may continue to help the needy in our communities.



# REUNION



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MEMORIES**

*ARE YOU A PAST LIONESS?  
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THURSDAY

**13TH FEBRUARY 2025**

*AT THE DANDENONG CLUB*

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