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## 1VDG Paul Shortis

It has been an enjoyable but rather busy 6 months with Club visits, training, meetings and online webinars.

We attended the Walwa Jingellic & Corryong changeover and the opening of the Walwa Cemetery Gazebo.

I had my 1st VDG visit on the 13th October to the Lions Club of Glenrowan representing DG Julie. Glenrowan are struggling for members at the moment but are doing great things in their community with such small numbers.

**Portal Information session with Alice McDonald (GLT New Zealand)** - PDG Alice McDonald is the GLT team leader for New Zealand & also member of the testing committee for the new lions portal so I asked PDG Alice to give a presentation on the new portal for the secretaries in V6. PDG Alice gave her presentation to 29 members made up of Secretaries & Presidents from across the district, and from feedback I have received it was well received & why wasn't this done earlier a great idea and I will be organizing another session in the new year.

**LCIF Grants Webinar with Dr Patti Hill IPIP** - This webinar was explaining the new grants that LCIF are offering it was amazing to see what is available to clubs in relation to grants I recommend that clubs have a look at the website <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

**Meeting with Group Leader & other DGE's** - All the DGE's from around the world are assigned a particular group with a Past District Governor to lead the group in assisting us leading up to our training in Chicago in February. Our leader is PDG Potter Kai Fong from Malaysia who was DG in 2023/2024 our group is made up of 4 from Canada, 15 from USA, 4 from Australia, 4 from the Philippines and 2 from Malaysia.

**Jerilderie** - Lyn & I had a wonderful time visiting the Lions Club of Jerilderie. It is amazing the work the club does in town with such small numbers.

**Culcairn & Walla Walla Visit** - It was heartening to see that the Lion Clubs of Culcairn, Walla Walla, Henty and Holbrook do a lot of activities together this saves one club having trouble in finding willing hands. It would be great if other clubs could look at assisting the clubs around them as the saying goes "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

**Convention 2025** - work is underway on the 48th Annual V6 convention. Watch this space

for more information in the coming months.

**GMA Meeting** - PDG Omen organized a zoom meeting with the GAT team members & zone chairs to discuss the current declining membership situation.

**50th Anniversary Rutherglen Lions** - Lyn & I attended the 50th Anniversary of the Lions Club of Rutherglen where approximately 80 people attended from across the district. PDG Peter Poels presented 50 year Service Medal & Monarch to Lion Ian Stones, a Distinguished Service Award to Lion Ken Good, a 15 year Monarch to Lion Julie Simpson and a JD Richardson Award to Lion Peter Graham OBE

As well as the above I have been assisting the district secretaries with there issues with the portal and reminding clubs to enter their monthly activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the secretaries for 2023/2024 who entered their activities regularly it eventuated in V6 being one of only three districts the others being V2 and V5 achieving over 90% service activity reporting in our Constitutional Area 7 which covers the countries of New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the South Pacific Islands we are currently the only district in Constitutional Area 7 tracking at 90% or over.

Once again thanks to the clubs for entering their data and keep up the good work

I still have some vacancies on my Cabinet for 2025/2026 if any member is interested in coming onto the Cabinet please give me a ring and we can discuss this further.

**Paul Shortis**

1st Vice District Governor, MD201-V6





## Cabinet Vacancies for 2025-2026

### Cabinet Treasurer

The Cabinet Treasurer shall act under the supervision of the District Governor.

Duties include:

- Make reports to the cabinet as the District Governor or Cabinet may require.
- Collect and receipt all dues required to be paid by clubs to District and disburse the same by order of the district governor.
- Remit and pay over to the multiple district council treasurer the multiple district dues and taxes, if any, collected in the sub-district, and secure a proper receipt.
- Treasurer makes District payments in accordance with the District Constitution and By-Laws, District Policy Minutes and District budget allocations or as determined by Cabinet.

### Zone Chairperson

(for Zones 4 & 8)

Duties include:

- Actively work towards the success of the current district plan and encourage club participation.
- Serve as chairperson of the District Governor's Advisory Committee (Zone Meeting) in their zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.
- Support club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.
- Be knowledgeable of tools available to support club health.
- Visit each club in their zone & communicate with clubs regularly to ensure effective operation.
- Support new clubs.
- Represent each club in their zone in any problems with district, multiple district or Lions clubs International.
- Become familiar with district operations and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- Assess personal leadership skills to encourage personal growth.
- Perform such duties and other directives as may be required by the district officers or by the policy of the International Board of Directors

### GMT Chairperson (team leader)

Duties include:

- Your main role is to be the team leader for the Global Membership Team - you will be the driving force to ensure that the District is strong, stable and focused on increasing membership.
- Working with clubs and cabinet to develop solutions and overcome membership obstacles.
- Collaborates with GAT (Global Action Team) to maintain effective communication via multiple channels such as in-person visits, newsletters, correspondence, social media, etc.
- Recognise clubs that are increasing membership and supports clubs that are losing members.
- Implement strategies and provides ongoing motivation and support the district in achieving targets for membership growth and extension.
- Ensure new members are provided an effective and timely member orientation at the club level, in collaboration with the GLT district coordinator.

## GMT Report

As of December 27th, we have 1,034 members or -20, having added 55 members and dropped 75 since July 1st. During the month of December, no new members were added however eight were dropped (five resigned in good standing, one moved, and two for non-payment).

The club health assessment for our District through November 2024 reported that twenty-one clubs had year to date positive net growth, eighteen clubs had negative growth, and sixteen clubs were status quo. Twenty-one clubs in our District have less than fifteen members.

Regarding Multiple District and bearing in mind our “Big Audacious Mission” (BAM) to reach 30,000 members by 2030, as of December 27th the Multiple District has 21,805 members or net - 232 (net +96 from my November Roar report), with 1,274 added and 1,505 dropped since July 1st. Seven of the seventeen districts are not in transition. For our V6 District to get out of transition and get to the 1,250 figure we will need to recruit 216 members or 4 new members per club net.

In the October and November newsletter I spoke about two membership resources - the Club membership e-Book, and 100 Plus Ideas that was emailed to our clubs. I pointed out one of the key membership resources found in the Club membership e-Book “Just Ask! – Fostering a culture of recruitment” guide. If you have not yet had a look at this guide, I encourage you to do so - it will assist your club in navigating the Global Membership Approach (GMA) process to recruit new members and effectively manage club growth by cultivating a culture of recruitment in your club.

At a zone meeting for zones 3 and 4 on November 3rd I presented the Just Ask! Workshop power point presentation. At the zone meeting I also shared a power point presentation – “Membership success great stories.” One of the key messages was to have a recruitment strategy plan!

- Membership counts - Lions are the key to service in our communities, nationally and globally. More Lions means more service. Ask yourself – what does being a Lion mean to you? What value do
- Lions bring to your community? What impact would additional Lions have on your club and community?

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For club resources and more information on BAM - check out the website here:

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/bam/>

## Zone 10 Combined Project

The LHAC Committees of Culcairn, Henty & Holbrook in conjunction with Billabong High School held their annual Mental Health Forum Day for students of Billabong High and surrounding primary Schools. The focus this year was 'Keeping Safe in Cyberspace' presented by Susan McLean from CyberSafety Solutions. She spoke to 240 primary school students in the morning and about 315 high school students in the afternoon plus conducted a adult session in the evening for parents and community members.



Members from the Lion's Clubs of Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Walla Walla worked together to cook and serve a sausage sandwich lunch to over 500 students, staff and LHAC members. We manned three bbq's and cooked over 800 sausage plus served drinks. A massive effort by the combined Lions Clubs of Zone 10.

## Henty Happenings

With Christmas approaching the Henty Lions conducted their annual Christmas Stocking raffle. The stocking was full to overflowing with an amazing array of beautiful gifts catering for all ages. There was also a basket of goodies as second prize. The contents were kindly donated by the business houses of Henty, generous citizens and Lions members. The club is very grateful for the support of all these people. Along with the Christmas Stocking Raffle we were selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Lions Puddings. The raffle was drawn on the Friday before Christmas! Proceeds from this venture are going to buy equipment for the Henty Pre-school!

Carols in the Henty Park was a great community event on the weekend before Christmas. It was preceded by some children's activities: a animal nursery, treasure hunt & face painting. Once again the Lions Club was there providing a sausage sizzle and cold drinks before carols started. It was a perfect night weather wise and we did a roaring trade. The choir and musicians presenting the carols were fabulous!



This year the Lions Club ran a Christmas Lights Competition for the first time. There were many excellent light displays on homes throughout the town making it was hard to choose the best! It was lovely just driving around town looking at the displays!

The sale of Lions Christmas cakes and puddings have been excellent this year! The club made a donation of a selection of cakes and puddings to Myoora Aged Care Facility to add to their Christmas celebrations!

## Yarrawonga Lions

### Yarrawonga celebrates 60 years of Service -

The Lion's 60th Charter Anniversary dinner was held at Club Mulwala last Thursday Night. 5th December 1964 was when our Charter dinner which was held at Cypress Garden Motel in Mulwala. Our club was chartered on the 14th of September 1964 and was sponsored by Corowa Lions Club.

With over 80 Lions from 9 clubs, Guests and Dignitaries the evening was launched with a very auspicious event. Guests could reflect on our years of service with a display of memorabilia and a power point running during the course of the evening.

Life Membership to a club is not given lightly it is earned by many years of tireless effort and dedication. Phil Oliver is one of those rare people. Phil has been a member of the Yarrawonga Lions Club for 41 years serving on all executive positions and on too many committees to mention. Phil is a quiet achiever but always there when needed. Congratulations and very well-deserved Phil.

The night continued with District Governor Julie presenting our club with a "Club Excellence" award for 2023 – 24. There are strict guidelines that must be met to receive this award, and our club was 1 of 6 in our District to achieve this. There are currently 55 clubs in our district – so well done us.

Years of service Chevrons were presented to Robert Gover for 20 years and Jock McDonald for 25 years. Russel Cook was also awarded a 15-year Chevron which was presented to him at our Christmas Party. We are very proud of the longevity of our members they seem to hang around. Congratulations to you both.

This evening was the launch of our history book written and designed by Lion Ollie Tufvesson. This has been a labour of love since the beginning of COVID. This covers the first 60 years of our club with many historical newspaper articles and photos. Copies were presented to our current members and was available for purchase for \$15.00. Thanks to the Yarrawonga Chronicle for the printing of this book.

The Club took the opportunity to present cheques for monies raised from events held within Yarrawonga. President Don McPhee presented a cheque for \$3,500 to Robyn Harrison receiving this on behalf of Australian Hearing Dogs. This money was raised from our recent Dachie Cup. Then Don presented to

Immediate Past District Governor, John Houghton, on behalf of Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, a cheque for \$1,500. These funds were raised from the Town Garage Sale held a couple of weeks ago. Both events have been pencilled in for next year.

There were many photo opportunities but one very important one being one of our current Melvin Jones Fellows. This is the highest award that is presented to a Lion and we have 8 members who have been awarded this fellowship.

Our clubrooms were once again utilized for Pay it Forward to distribute Christmas hampers which were assembled by volunteers. This year The Yarrawonga Mulwala Community Learning Centre ran the event with huge support from members of the community and local businesses.

Our weekly KHub BB's are this year sharing the takings with Friends in Common and Helping Hands – two very worthy causes.



Back Row – Denis Griffiths, Ollie Tufvesson, Daryl Davey, Phil Oliver, John Weinert, Jock McDonald. Front Row – Debbie Van Corler, Joan Tufvesson



Brendan, Phil, Lyn and Damian Oliver – Phil - Life Member Recipient



Life Member recipient Phil Oliver cutting the Celebration Cake (Which was generously donated by Crusty Loaf)



Cheque presentation with funds raised from the Dachie Cup



Ollie (author) launching the release of our 60-year history book.



Cheque presentation with funds raised from the Town Garage Sale



Pay it Forward event

## Benalla Lions Club

The Benalla Lions Club had another successful Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 7th December – a VERY HOT day and although down on workers, our usual BBQ crew and helpers did an excellent job. Its a long day but very rewarding.

On Sunday 15th December the Carols by Candlelight was held at the Benalla Botanical Gardens Rotunda. Upwards of 500 people enjoyed listening and singing to Christmas Carols and music from the Benalla Theatre Company and the Benalla Brass Band.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Councillor Justin King who did a great job, with the Mayor Councillor Bernie Hearn welcoming members of the Community, this was followed by our Lions Club President Chris Vaughan, who thanked everyone for attending our Benalla Lions Clubs 62nd year of presenting the Carols by Candlelight, and he also thanked the Community for supporting our Club. Our Benalla Salvation Army Captain Ben Anderson then presented his Christmas message to the attendees. Santa arrived via the SES truck, as it was a little hot for the Reindeer's, and as usual he was very popular with the children, and he gave them all a bag of lollies while the parents took photo's of their child with Santa.

The photo shows Santa with Mayor Councillor Bernie Hearn, and MC Justin King together with the singers from the Benalla Theatre Company, and also the Benalla Brass Band and watched by some of the community enjoying the evening.



On Thursday 19th December the Club members and partners and deceased members wife ventured out to President Chris and Helen Vaughan's home in Lurg for a very pleasant evening, where the usual "Kris Kringle" gifts were given out to all attendees, the night was enjoyed by all.

The photos shows some of the Club members enjoying the Christmas Party.



On Saturday 21st December the Farmers and Craft Market was held at the Benalla Lake Foreshore – although down with both site holders and public attendance, due to the market being held a week earlier than normal and other Markets being held in nearby communities, it was still a successful day and again Santa was very popular with the children and site holders with bags of lollies.

Photo – Santa (Benalla Lions Club Member).



The Benalla Lions Club members would like to take this opportunity to wish all V6 Lions members and their families a Very Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Best wishes Margaret Poels Benalla Lions Club Member.

## Beechworth Lions

**December Business meeting** - This was a very productive Business Meeting to end the year. The Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Christine Luckman. Decisions that were put in place for the running of the Gang Platelayers Cottage - a cottage committee formed to manage day-to-day operations consisting of three members, and the cottage committee members for 24/25 will be the Treasurer and Secretary with one other. President John has completed Beechworth Lions Membership Address Booklet. Beechworth Lions, along with Rotary and CWA will host the Australia Day breakfast will be held in the Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall starting at 8am. In addition, it has been decided that Beechworth Lions Club are happy to host and present breakfast for the 2025 National Tidy Towns of the Year to be held on Sunday morning, 4th May 2025. The Towns that that will be represented at these awards are VIC – Rye, WA – Port Hedland, NT – Ikunji (Haast Bluff), NSW – Parkes, TAS – Launceston, and SA - Kingston SE. We feel that this will be good PR for both Beechworth Lions and Lions in general.



As of 2025, Beechworth Lions Club mail contact will be 1B Harper Avenue, Beechworth VIC 3747. It was been decided that the cost of a Post Box would be better used with our disbursements. We have purchased and installed a secured locked mailbox.

**Beechworth Lions Club Christmas December Dinner Meeting** - Beechworth Lions Club had a wonderful night despite the rain at Lions Graeme and Lesley Smart's Home for our Christmas December Dinner Meeting. It was attended by Lions members John, Brian, Pauline, and Garry. Also joined by family, friends and neighbours. What a wonderful way to end the year. Lions Christine, Iris and Sven were apologies due to previous commitments. Photos: Our hosts Graeme and Lesley Smart with our chef for the night Zone Chair and President John Eldrid.



## Tocumwal Lions

Tocumwal Lions Club welcomed four new members during December. Lions Club members, Lions Retirement Village residents and Railway Heritage Museum volunteers came together for a Christmas dinner on a Sunday evening at the Lions Function Rooms. During the evening V6 District Governor Julie Ballard inducted new members Kylie and Oli Flury and Geoff Edwards sponsored by Keith and Carol Kennedy. District Governor Julie also presented Millstone Chevron Awards recognising years of service to Dr Balaji Rao 50 years, Keith Kennedy 45 years, Arthur Dixon 30 Years, Carol Kennedy 25 years.

At a later Club meeting Coral Wegmann was inducted into the Club by PDG Carol Kennedy. The Lions Club have lost a few members during the past year recent inductees bring the Club numbers to eleven.

The Lions Club members also attended the presentation night of Tocumwal's Public School and Sacred Heart School to present an annual scholarship and book award.

Members and museum volunteers were on hand to greet passengers who were enjoying Seymour Railway Heritage Centre's recent dinners trains to Tocumwal. More tourist trains are expected during the year. In the meantime, the Tocumwal Railway Heritage Museum is open every Saturday 10am to 3pm. Group bookings outside these times can be made by contacting 0417 868 498.

The annual Whole Town Garage Sale was very successful with \$1000 raised for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.



Photo: Keith Kennedy, Oli and Kylie Flury, Geoff Edwards, DG Julie Ballard and Carol Kennedy  
Photo: PDG Carol Kennedy, Coral Wegmann and sponsor Lion Keith Kennedy.

## Hope Lions say Thank You!

A HUGE BIG THANKS to the 38 Clubs that have supported the AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION RAFFLE that was drawn at Stanhope on the 8 December 2024.

### WE HAVE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$2, 239.50

Lucky Winners:

1st Kerrie Pryke (Upper Kiewa Valley) - Hand painted Cross-cut saw donated by Ron Fleming (Hope Lions) and painted by Jo Guthrie (District Website).

2nd Ian Clark (Numurkah) - \$100 Bunning's Gift Voucher (Donated by HOPE Lions).

3rd Mal Davey (Capel Sound Vic). - Childs Quilt donated by Anna Kaye Tongala.

4th Lynda Shortis (Yackandandah) - Bucket of car cleaning products (donated by GTS Farm Supplies Tongala).

**PLEASE NOTE** - that all proceeds from this raffle are being donated to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. All prizes had been donated by HOPE LIONS Club Branch. The only costs taken out were for postage of raffle books to all District Clubs and postage of the third prize. (\$95.50).

WE especially thank Jennefer Houghton for attending on the day and drawing the first prize. We also thank her for supporting this raffle by selling 9 books of tickets at her Wangaratta Cafe. We also appreciate the fact that she delivered the first & fourth prizes back to Wangaratta for us, Great work Jennefer!

Thanks to District Cabinet for permission to sell tickets throughout the District.

"Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

**Helen Hastie**

Secretary

HOPE Lions Club Branch.



# A lifetime of Lionism

*By Beechworth Lions*

## **Life Member Graeme Smart**

Joined lions on 1/12/1962

President 1975 – 76 & 2008 – 09

Awards: Melvin Jones Fellow

Life Member

On Friday 27 September I had the pleasure of interviewing Lion Graeme Smart (Life Member) and Lions Lady Lesley Smart both members of Beechworth Lions Club,

Graeme was born in Yackandandah in 1933.

He was enrolled at the Wooragee School until the age of six. His family lived with His Grandmother who owned the Wooragee hotel that had been closed for many years then, in 1939 his parents built their own new home on Myrtleford Road Beechworth, and he went to the Beechworth State School until the age of 14.

After leaving school he went to work at Parkinsons Garage as a mechanic, only stayed one year and then went to work with his father driving a gravel loader until the age of 18.

- The Australia National Service Scheme was introduced in 1951 in which all males aged 18
- were called up for training in the Navy, Army, or Air Force. A total of 227,000 Australian served in 52 intakes. Graeme was called up for
- National Service and did three months basic training at Puckapunyal and then did 4 years with the CMF (Citizen Military Forces) on a part time basis.

After national service, he began driving buses for Parkinson Motors driving buses between Beechworth and Wangaratta twice a day and working long hours. His day started at 6.30am until 9.45pm, they were very long days and so after 12 months he went back to driving gravel loaders until the age of 21. That year he purchased a Taxi Licence (licence only) from Tom Parkinson.

He then began driving taxis in Beechworth for Leo Kavanagh until 1954 When he started his own Taxi Service with a 1948 Chev and that same year he bought his first FJ Holden. In those day there were no lady drivers, no school buses and no government cars and his

## **Lion Lesley Smart**

Joined Lions on 5/12/2008.

President 2009–10, 2010-11 & 2013 -14

business started to grow. There were four other taxi operators in Beechworth. Leo Kavanagh (3 cars) Harold Mc Intosh (1 car) Frank Jarvis (1 car) Wal Price (1car) Graeme's (1car) Seven altogether.

Graeme and Lesley met 1956 and were engaged 10 times over a period of 4 years and eventually got married in 1960 Lesley worked as a nurse at May Day Hill and was lucky to meet up with the taxi driver, Graeme. They have four children Faye, David, Michael, and John. They have 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Over a short period they (Lesley and Graeme) bought out three of the other operators and ran the town taxi service until 1971. During those years they also ran a transport business that transported apples that were grown in Beechworth and Stanley to both the Sydney and Melbourne markets as well as General Freight.

They operated these businesses from a garage on the corner of Ford and Church Street where the Beechworth Honey Shop is today. They also ran a fuel depot for a few years until they sold it to AMECO a large foreign company that was starting out in Australia.

They built their new house in 1972 and then they both started work at Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital in 1974. Graeme was driving there until it closed in 1994. Graeme then began driving buses for Beechworth Bus Lines and drove trucks for an Albury firm to Sydney market on weekends.

When they retired, they travelled extensively – driving around Australia four times at different times plus some wonderful holidays with their children.

To join a Lions Club in 1962, one had to be invited to join, and club had a restriction on the class of membership in that there could only be



one member from an occupation. That is one teacher, one mechanic, one doctor and so on. In 1962 Harry Poyntz invited Graeme to become a member of Beechworth Lions Club. (the term Lion's Lady is given the wife or girlfriend of a Lions Member and they would be introduced as e.g. Lion's Lady Lesley Smart).

After being invited to join, the invitee was thoroughly vetted to ensure he would be a suitable member. Graeme was inducted as Lions club member on 1/12/1962 at the Wallace's Hotel, now known as the Hibernian Hotel. Lions Ladies were invited.

In response to the question, "What type of service projects did the club undertake around the time you were inducted?" We did lots of difference projects, for instance.

Pensioners, widows and the unemployed would write in and request a load of firewood and these requests were vetted and if genuine, the member would get a load of firewood, deliver it and split, chop, and stack on the veranda for the person.

Paper collection was conducted on a regular basis to recycle cardboard, newspaper, magazines and the like and when there was enough for truck load, it was loaded onto Graeme's truck and taken to the paper mills at Broadford.

When the gas company closed, the land where the gasometer was located was given over to the Lions Club where all the appropriate work was carried out to make the site safe, the Club Project to build the present-day Senior Citizens Club.

The club was also involved with the establishment of meals-on-wheels in Beechworth. Over the years the club purchased many pieces of equipment for the Ovens District hospital.

Another significant project was the refurbishment and painting of the old Goldfields Hospital Façade and the time capsule which was buried in the Town Hall gardens and reopened 50 years later in the year 2000.

There was the Dressed Pig Raffle just before Christmas, where an undressed suckling pig in a wheelbarrow loaded of vegetable was wheeled to each of the hotels including Stanley

to sell raffle tickets. A great Christmas hamper to win.

Portsea Camp was a major project that was conducted over a few years where a large Bus full of children including two deserving children from the community were sponsored by Beechworth Lions to the annual Portsea Camp. Sometime a Lion Member would go along to be a volunteer at the camp.

Graeme related to a service project that still haunts him to this day. One day a fellow Lion said, we have to go and chop some fire for Mrs Mounce, so off they went, arrived at the lady's place and commented on the quality of the wood, it being pretty awful. They had to hire a wood splitter from the RSL. Then proceeded to split the wood then stacked very neatly on the verandah. When they got home and told Lesley, she responded, "that not the right place Mrs Mounce lives on High Street she moved from the old house months ago. The grateful recipient was surprised and amazed how well the wood had been cut and stacked no one had done that for her before. So, the two volunteer Lions had to get another load of wood then split and stack for the correct pensioner.

Then there was the annual Deb Ball which the Lions Ladies were allowed to assist them with this event.

The Lions Ladies although not official member of the Lions Club would meet socially on the same night their partners were at their Lions Meeting. They would discuss projects and recommend them to the Lions projects they needed to do in the community.

Another project on an international level was the bringing out to Australia, people from China to be involved in the clean-up of the Chinese Section of the Beechworth Cemetery. This group painted the burning towers and cleaned up and interpreted the engraving on the Chinese Headstones.

When women were accepted into Lions, Lesley decided to join and take an active role in the future of the club. She has served as president for three terms, first in 2009-10, 2010-11 and again 2013-14.



# Lions are feeling festive

By Emily Donohoe

Echuca Lions Club members are gearing up for the silly season, promoting their annual Christmas trailer raffle around town.

With five trolleys in tow, members of the trailer committee picked out items at Big W and Bunnings.

"We've been doing it for a while," trailer co-ordinator Lal Whyte said.

"Electrical goods, sporting goods, kids' toys ... we just fill them up."

The first prize is the trailer itself along with everything inside it, from an outdoor dining set, camping gear and appliances to toys and games, an esky and more.

Last year's winner was a family from Koyuga, and they were grateful to be successful.

"They were amazed," Mr Whyte said.

"They were there a couple of hours after we rang them to say they won.

"Between now and Christmas, there's a lot of visitors in Echuca, and we're probably lucky if we get someone close to town.

"We haven't really had to deliver it over any distances yet, but we always say, 'we'll get it to you somehow'."

Every Monday and Tuesday, they will be at Big W, on Wednesdays they're at Aldi, Tatts Lotto on Thursdays, and Fridays they head to Echuca Post Office.

Each member has a raffle book, and the crew is stationed at different locations in the lead-up to the raffle draw at noon on Christmas Eve.

"It's amazing how many

we sell that day," Mr Whyte said.

"Everyone is standing around there waiting. We have a 44-gallon drum, and it's always chockers."

The number one prize is the filled trailer, number two is a lawn mower, three is a barbecue, fourth is a \$200 fuel voucher, number five is a microwave and sixth is an air fryer.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

"I think we average about \$10,000 in ticket sales and the money goes to needy causes around the town," Mr Whyte said.

"We supported Rochy with the flood last year."

Another festive staple, the signature Lions Club Christmas Cakes, are also available to purchase from members, as well as at various businesses in town.



Echuca Lions Club president Frank Ross, secretary Jenny Brearley and trailer co-ordinator Lal Whyte promoting the raffle at Aldi Echuca.

Photo: Aiden Briggs



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

### NEXT MARKET

25th January      22nd February

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



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



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



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

## Has your club's Facebook page been suspended / deleted?

It seems that Facebook police are ramped again and Lions pages are being suspended/removed. And it's got a lot to do with our profile pics - here is some advice on what to do to avoid it:

IF your Club pages uses the Lions logo (any version) as its profile photo (like shown), you should probably consider changing it immediately. The logo as a profile photo seems to be the common denominator in suspensions we have been hearing about recently. So while we know we have permission to use the logo, Meta's (Facebook) definition of impersonation, a Community Standard, doesn't seem to allow that for our clubs.



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Lions Club

Community Standards

### Impersonation

We don't allow people on Facebook to go against our Community Standards.

### Examples of things we don't allow

- ✗ Creating a Page or profile that looks like it belongs to a brand or business
- ✗ Pretending a Page or profile has a business relationship with a business, celebrity or public figure

Read in full

Account integrity and authentic identity

### Your freedom of expression

We want you to share freely with others. We only remove things or restrict people to keep the community respectful and safe.

What alternatives are there? Plenty. You could use AI to generate an avatar for your club and highlight something your club is known for (think Lion recycling, Lion running a marathon, Lion flipping pancakes). Now is the time to brand your Club!

These samples show minimal or no use of Lions Logo - make it small and part of the design, not the main feature, and have all been created using Canva.



Canva is a great and FREE software program you can use to come up with your own unique profile pic for your club.

Just remember there are rules about using the Lions logo and no changes change be made to the actual logo (eg, do not remove the middle and replace with an image).

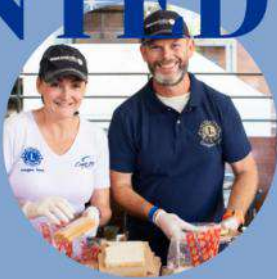


If you need any help, please contact me, I'm happy to create a profile pic or help you to do it yourself.

**Jo Guthrie**

District PR / Social Media Chairperson

# 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

### JANUARY

4th - World Braille Day

13th - Melvin Jones' Birthday

26th - Australia Day

29th - Lunar (Chinese) New Year

**Topics for 2025 JPS will be out by end of January!**

### FEBRUARY

2nd - National Rheumatoid Arthritis Day  
(Lions Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation)

4th - World Cancer Day

11th - Safer Internet Day

14th - International Childhood Cancer Day

24th - International Family Drug Support  
Day (ALWF)

17th - Random Acts of Kindness Day

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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>