

# Julie Ballard

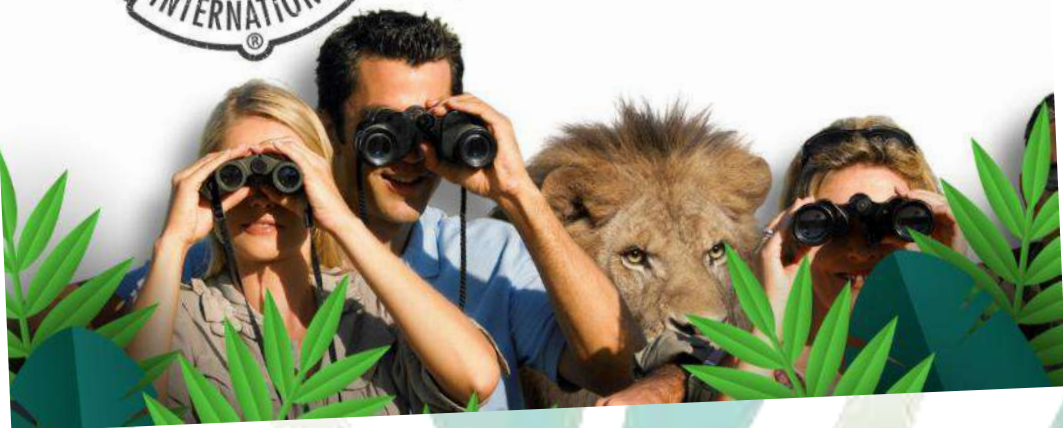
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

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Narrator: Shhh...as we observe the Australian Lion in its natural habitat...



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DISTRICT 201V6



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### Facebook

<http://facebook.com/201V6Lions>

### Member's Only Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676430540448974>

### Instagram

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

## LIONS SAFETY

Have noticed that Lions members and partners who are working at barbeques are not wearing the correct footwear.

All members, partners and others assisting should be wearing fully enclosed footwear when working on a Lions barbeque. This is mandatory when working on a Bunnings Barbeque as they have done a full risk assessment into safe work practices when

working on their barbeques. Note with Bunnings if this practice is not followed that organization will be banned from future Bunnings barbeques. Thus, I strongly recommend that this practice should be mandatory for all Lions Club barbeques in Lions Club International District 201V6.

The same practice should apply when providing tea and coffee at any Lions Club event due to the risk due to the boiling water.

## GMT Report

As of February 28th, in V6 we have 1,020 members or -34 (last report: 1,030 members or -24), having added 66 members and dropped 100 since July 1st. During the month of February two new members were added however eight were dropped. Congratulations to Gunbower and Walla Walla who inducted a new member during February.

The club health assessment for our District through January 2025 reported that nineteen clubs had year to date positive net growth, nineteen clubs had negative growth, and seventeen clubs were status quo. Sixty percent of our clubs have less than twenty members. Twenty clubs in our District have less than fifteen members with eleven of those clubs below ten members. Regarding membership growth the standouts to date have been Cobram (+4), Moama (+3), Wangaratta (+3) and Myrtleford (+3).

Regarding Multiple District and bearing in mind our "Big Audacious Mission" (BAM) to reach 30,000 members by 2030, as of February 28th, the Multiple District has 21,779 or net -258 (my last report: 21,717 members or net -320) with 1,747 added and 2,005 dropped since July 1st. Seven of the seventeen districts are not in transition. Our MD 201 Big Audacious Mission (BAM) membership challenge is net gain +1150/year, 24 new clubs and 1 member/club/year.

For our V6 District to get out of transition and get to the 1,250 figure we will now need to recruit 230 members or four new members per club net. As stated in my last report, we continue

to head in a downward slide that has been ongoing for nearly a decade. If all our clubs could finish the current year net +1 it would make a huge difference!

I have mentioned many times that there are great membership resources available. One of the key membership resources found in the Club Membership e-Book is: "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! Please feel free to contact me if you would like any more information.

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

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



### Years 3 & 4

#### Creative Invention

If you could invent something new, what would it be?

Tell us about it. e.g. what is it made of, who is it for, and how could it be used?



### Years 5 & 6

#### Technology

The impact of fast-moving technology on our lives and the environment is often overlooked, yet it can be far reaching. Is technology moving too fast for humans to keep up? Discuss.

## 2025 Topics

# Club Registration due 31st May 2025

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## 1VDG Paul Shortis

The start of the year has begun with a bang for me. I have just returned from cold and snowy Chicago. I attended a three day training seminar, along with 675 of my colleagues from around the world. We received intensive training on our upcoming roles and responsibilities as District Governors. Whilst there I along with everyone else did a tour of Lions headquarters, all be it a very short visit, in Oakbrook.

I have been doing a lot of background work in preparation for my year as your District Governor, including possible training dates for incoming officers in their various positions. The District Changeover is also being planned, look for dates, venues etc in future editions of Raw. If you have never been to a District Changeover maybe this is the year you look at

attending one. This is a great chance to socialise with other members from our district.

March coming in hot and fast for clubs, this is our election time, for the Lions year 2025/26, as a matter of some urgency could all club secretaries please inform Cabinet Secretary Designate, Lee Walkington, of the results from your club elections, this will assist greatly in the organising of various training events.

In March Lyn and myself will be attending a combined dinner with Henty and Holbrook clubs on behalf of District Governor Julie, we are looking forward to meeting members from these clubs.

I would also like to extend my thanks to PDG Tom Little and PDG John Houghton for allowing the use of the wonderful new club rooms at Wangaratta recently.

**DGE Paul Shortis**



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/>

**NO FLIES  
ON US!**  
*Let's stop Queensland  
Fruit Fly*



### Fruit Fly Project

Local fruit producers, whether large scale or backyard growers, are being invited to provide information to guide the next phase of fruit fly education and eradication programs in the region.

The Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly Project campaign - called No Flies on Us! - runs across several local councils, including Berrigan Shire.

Through a new survey, the groups want to gauge your understanding of how to manage Queensland Fruit Fly and who is responsible for backyard gardens, commercial crops and public lands.

- "Your response will help us to deliver fruit fly awareness, education and engagement strategies more effectively across the Goulburn Murray Valley region," a spokesperson said.

Queensland fruit fly attack and damage a wide range of fruit and vegetables, and is recognised as a serious pest. When fruit is attacked it is inedible.

While the Queensland fruit fly is native to eastern Queensland and north-eastern NSW, the prevalence of hosts in Queensland, Northern Territory, NSW and Victoria has expanded the area in which it is found.

Fruit fly activity generally increases in spring as the weather gets warmer, however is not restricted to a particular season.

Outbreaks have the potential to limit production for growers and result in reduced income through lost trade opportunities.

It is essential that people take a range of measures to help control fruit fly, rather than relying on one single action.

The Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly Project was established with the belief that successful management of fruit fly is a community effort.

The Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly Project region is 16,354km<sup>2</sup> and encompasses the five local government areas of Greater Shepparton City Council, Campaspe, Moira, Strathbogie and Berrigan Shires, servicing a population of 150,067 people.

Since the project's inception in 2017, the region has recorded a significant decrease in fruit fly trapped through the project's extensive trapping grid.

Key milestones include an 83 per cent reduction of the fruit fly population in the township of Cobram, and a 60 per cent reduction in the fruit fly population across the Goulburn Murray Valley region.

The group has also administered workshops to more than 14,000 participants, implemented education programs in schools and forged important partnerships to continue their education and eradication aims.

□ To help guide the group's continuing programs, complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FruitFly2025>

**PDG Keith Kennedy**





## Henty Happenings

January is usually a quiet month for the Lions Club of Henty. We take a break and gather our energies for the year ahead, but this year has been an exception. We undertook to provide breakfast for the Greater Hume Shire Council's Australia Day celebrations. Our members and supporters from the wider community were up at daybreak cooking eggs and bacon and cutting up rolls. We supplied egg and bacon rolls, tea, coffee, juice and water to crowd of over 450 people who attended the event. The catering ran like clockwork thanks to the excellent organisation of our club president, Lorri.

After the ceremony had finished a couple of members set up the Pickle Ball equipment that the club has purchased for the community and organised games for interested members of the public. All in all the day was a great success for the Council and for the Lions Club!

In addition to regular matters being considered at the Club's first meeting in February, President Lorri Roden presented Lion and Zone Chair Julie Colley with The Chris August Memorial Award, recognising Julie's outstanding contribution and support to the Lions Club of Henty. Julie has served in all offices within the Club over her 20 plus years of Lions membership and has been instrumental in the ongoing success of several Lions projects. Julie has been Zone 10 Chair for the past 5 years. President Lorri also recognised Julie's wide involvement within our community and her enduring focus on self-improvement.



*Did you know...  
lemons contain more sugar than  
strawberries!*

*Did you know...  
11% of people are left handed*



## Yarrowonga Lions – Awards, Guest Speakers, Donations and Socializing

Members of our club met at Mulwala Bakery to present the Lions District V6 Chris August Award to Lauren and Dean. They have generously donated KHub bakery products every Saturday for many years and provided support for special catering events. This award recognizes their outstanding service to the local community and their constant involvement with our Club.



Lions Denis and Ollie, Recipient Lauren, Lions Joan, Debbie, Diane and Peter

At our last meeting we had the company of two members from The Centre in Wangaratta, Sally Hughes and Emma Gerrett. These ladies are part of the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme and they informed us of the need for volunteers here in Yarrowonga. This organisation provides friendship and companionship to older individuals, connections that help to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation. Full training and ongoing support is provided to volunteers who might have a couple of hours a fortnight to connect face to face and visit with residence of aged care facilities or recipients of home care packages that are socially isolated and experiencing loneliness.



The Northern Suburbs Street Rods Club Inc has made a generous donation to our Turban

Angels, providing prepaid postage bags that will enable the distribution of our free turbans throughout Australia for the next 12 months. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to the Mulwala Post Office for their contribution. Wayne Sartori visited the Yarrowonga Lions Clubrooms to formally present this generous gift and committed to their continued support in the future. This ongoing support significantly reduces the fundraising efforts needed to keep our turbans free of charge.



Pictured L -R Angels - Lorrie, Sandra H, Nancy, Sandra B, Roma and Gerda. Front Row Turban Mum Debbie and Wayne Sartori

We enjoyed a social evening at the Ski Club when former members Arch and Pearl Laird visited. They had moved closer to family. It was a wonderful night of shared memories.



*Did you know...  
the average person falls asleep in 7  
minutes*



## Benalla Lions

Each Sunday 2 members of the Benalla Lions Club help provide meals for the homeless. This is held under the Library down by the lake where tables and chairs are set up for everyone to sit and chat as well as receive a meal. The program is gradually growing.

The Benalla Lions Club conducted a Driver Reviver at the Mokoan wayside stop on Friday 24th January for the Australia Day weekend. This was a very quiet day with only approximately 150 cups of tea/coffee or milo served.



Photo shows: Lion Peter Brown talking to two visitors to the wayside stop.

On Tuesday 28th January, the Club cooked a bbq of sausages and hamburgers at Waminda House. This was for the less fortunate people in town. Waminda House is a place where they can come together and talk and also seek help when needed.



Picture shows – David Lowing, Denise Brown, Peter Poels (half hidden) Peter Brown and Helen Vaughan cooking, and Chris Vaughan.

After quiet January, the Benalla Lions Club held a Bunnings BBQ in Wangaratta on Saturday 1st February. Although it was a very hot day, with 3 fans going, the heat kept the customers away, it was still a very good day. It is great to speak to the young ones, they like telling you about school and the sports they play etc.

At the Dinner Meeting on Thursday 6th February, the Benalla Lions Club hosted the District Governor Julie Ballard. District Governor Julie spoke about how the District is in transition and how we would be able to lift ourselves out of this position. She also asked if there was anything that she or the District could do to help our Club.



Photo shows – President Chris Vaughan exchanging bannerettes with District Governor Julie.

On the weekend of Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February the Benalla Lions Club hosted the Lions V Districts Cancer Skin Check and Awareness Unit. After the program was listed on Facebook on Thursday night, the appointments were booked out by lunchtime Friday with a long waiting list made over the next days. The truck arrived on Friday afternoon and it was set up. Saturday began with eggs and bacon on toast for breakfast with the first appointments at 9.00am Saturday morning with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea when much needed breaks were needed. During the morning our President Chris was also given a new “hairdo” by Wendy. On Saturday evening we hosted the carers with dinner at the Golf Club. Sunday commenced with the same schedule and the afternoon finishing at 4.00pm, when all was dismantled and packed away.





This was a very rewarding project where 132 clients were scanned and we look forward to a return of the unit in about 18 months time. A great job was done by our Clubs Coordinator for the 2 days, Club Secretary Denise Brown.

The annual Lions Club – Rotary Club Bowls night was held on the evening of Thursday 20th at the Benalla Bowls Club. It was a social event this year as both clubs were short on numbers, so the Trophy is still held by the Lions. The night began with a BBQ tea at 6.15pm so that bowling commenced at 7.00pm. This is a most enjoyable night to get together and have some fun.

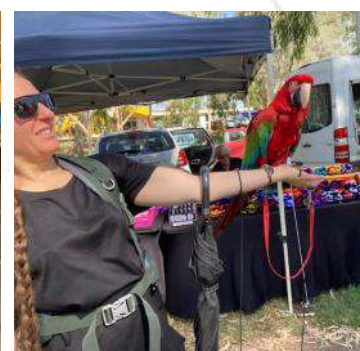
It was very interesting to speak to Rotary Exchange Students from Italy and Brazil, who learnt how to bowl and joined into the fun.



Photo shows some of the bowlers.

The Benalla Lions Club participated in the Community Connect Event on Friday 21st February, where the Members cooked 13 dozen egg and bacon rolls for the community. This event was run by the Benalla Rural City Council and it was to give the members of the community an idea of what services are available in the Benalla township. The Expo ran from 3.00pm till 7.00pm.

The Farmers and Craft Market was held on Saturday 22nd February down by the lake. Although a few regular stall holders were absent, there were some new ones to fill in and hopefully they will continue to come. The entertainment was provided by the popular band '2 Easy', and during the morning 4 young girls commenced dancing to the music, and Judith and Dale (band singers) also joined the girls and then with dancing gave a great performance of "YMCA and the Nut Bush". There were also 2 "special visitors" to the market which created some interest – a beautiful Macaw, which is quite well known around town and a beautiful Dutch rabbit.



The photo shows the dancers, the Macaw and the Dutch Rabbit.

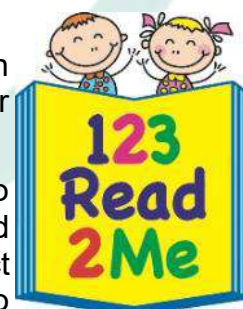
## Lions Club of Lavington

### 123READ2ME Project

Who is 123Read2me - An Australian Charity and Not-for-Profit Organisation.

123Read2me Mission - To provide quality books and raise awareness of the impact of reading aloud to disadvantaged children across Australia.

How it works - We collect books from the Community through our Donation Bins, then after checking and sorting, donate the books to the children through Schools, Pre-schools, Childcare Centres Etc.





This project is put together through our LIONS CLUB OF LAVINGTON for the benefit of our local young children.

This project is fairly new and has only been up and running through our club for the past 9 months. 123Read2me is a Melbourne based charity sponsored through Lions District 201 V5. Jeff and Melinda Shelley the Directors of 123Read2me are members of the Mordialloc – Mentone Lions Club, Jeff is the current President and Melinda is the current Treasurer of this club.

123Read2Me have expanded out across Victoria including some Gippsland, LaTrobe Valley and Western Districts Lions Clubs in recent times and now into the Albury area.

123Read2Me currently provides young children and especially children in disadvantaged communities with free quality children's books through recycled books donated by various places and the general public.

So far we have distributed 61 boxes (apple boxes size) plus 10 bags of books to schools, preschools, childcare centres and playgroups in the Albury area.

## Barham Koondrook Lions

On 4th February 2025 BK Lions Pres. Rob Daws and his Lion Lady Sue, plus Treas. Geoff Barker and his Senior Manager Marion, delivered the Travel Gavel to the Echuca Lions Club. It was received by their President Frank Ross.

We had an interesting night, with the different club "vibes" and meeting procedure being very noticable to our somewhat more laid back style at Barham. A very friendly club with a lot of older, experienced Lion members.

Their meeting venue at the historic Echuca Club is very upmarket. I believe that they resolved to hold all of their future meetings there. Good choice!

The Travel Gavel will be on its way to another club fairly shortly I believe.





## Lake Mulwala Lions

Moir Health Alliance's Food Share is one of the focus charities of Lions Club of Lake Mulwala. They perform a very necessary role in distributing food to residents who are doing it tough in our community. Club members took a trip to Cobram on 19 February, to view Food Share's main store and storage facility. We were pleased that our District Governor, Julie Ballard, was able to join us for the visit. Everyone was very impressed with the well-run set up. James Rouel of MHA Care conducted the tour and explained the running of the facility which, although big, could still be larger to handle the demand. James told us about the great help they receive from local businesses and added that they are running Mission 250 where they are appealing to individuals to donate just \$10 each per month. Funds are much needed to cover the running of their vehicles, insurance, electricity etc. They are fortunate that most of the work is done by a band of efficient volunteers. Lake Mulwala is pleased to make regular donations to the much needed service.



## Thurgoona Lions

**Combined Dinner Meeting** - My club recently organised a combined dinner meeting with the two other Lions Clubs in Albury, they were Lavington Lions and Albury Lions. At this gathering, with over 30 people present, we had a guest speaker talking to us about Foster Care. She was Annette Cork who is a Carer Development Trainer and Assessor from Marymead Catholic Care. Foster Care is all about having families take in children of various ages whose birth parents cannot look after them. The time in care varies depending on the parents and the child.



Annette is based in Wagga Wagga and her region covers up to Canberra and Goulburn.



District Governor, Julie Ballard joined us for a social lunch at Byramine Homestead after our Cobram trip on 19th February. Julie presented us with a Mission1.5 Premier Club award for our club's membership health and retention efforts during the Lion year. Mission1.5 is part of the Big Audacious Mission to recruit and retain members in Lions. The badge will be attached proudly to our banner. Julie then presented 3 service chevrons. One to Dot McKean for 40 years, one to Helen White for 15 years and one to Ruth Macpherson for 10 year's membership. She said commitment to



Her talk was extremely interesting and judging by the number of questions from the floor, her message was noted. Annette was aware that most Lions members would be too senior for any long term care, however older folks can help by giving permanent carers an occasional weekend break which can benefit both the child and the temporary carer. Her appeal/message to us, could also be passed on to our children or grandchildren who may be able to act as a Foster Carer.

**New Member** - At the end of last year, we inducted a new member to our club. She is Jillian Cain and had the privilege of having our District Governor Julie Ballard carry out the ceremony. Julie was accompanied by our Zone Chaiman, John Eldrid. Jillian was nominated by our Treasurer Betty Neville. Since then, Jillian has been an enthusiastic member and has been involved with most, if not all, club activities.



**Memorial Plant** - At our last District Convention at Wangaratta, those Lions Clubs who had current and past members pass away in the last year, had a plant given to them as a memorial to that member. Thurgoona Lions lost a past President in Vailia Brushe, due to cancer. Vailia's family held a memorial service in a park alongside Lake Hume as Vailia loved that park. Therefore, the plant was located there with a beautiful view of the lake. Our current hot summer has required many trips out there to keep the water up to it and while it may be struggling, it is still alive.



**Bad News** - Recently, our Secretary, Mike Neville had a serious accident at his home and is currently in a Melbourne Hospital. He will be for some time yet according to his wife Betty. Mike is a very active Secretary and although his work output has been reduced somewhat, he is following all Lions activities via his laptop, so our Club is still able to function in as close to a normal way as possible.

Alan Brin, President



Cobram Lions Club



For the latest information on the 2025 Convention visit –

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/73rd-md-201-convention-2025/>



## Mohyu Lions

District Governor Julie Ballard joined the Moyhu Lions Club for a BBQ dinner in the Moyhu Lions Park.

Lion Alex Mark and Lion Nicole Lindsay were both presented with 20 year service chevrons and Lion Donna Handcock was also presented with a 15 year service chevron.

And don't Panic we let DG Julie out of Gaol in time to go home!!



## Tungamah Lions

We continue to shine in our efforts with many activities taking place, as well as a couple of new members attending.

The biggest event was the catering for Tungamah's 150th celebrations where we cooked lunch on the Saturday. We set up the night before, and Victor was there early to have

- everything in place. We relaxed for about 2 seconds before the procession arrived and
- everyone suddenly became hungry. We never really let up until we ran out of food. We
- received very high praise for our hamburgers, and it was great to catch up with past members.

We were all exhausted when we finished, but all members had a great time.

We have a Bunnings coming up in a couple of days time and we will use this to promote our club.

Two days later we cook about 600 sausages for the children of the Sacred Heart College for an early breakfast on Pancake Tuesday.

No doubt our biggest challenge is going to be the hosting of the Skin Cancer Van at the end of March. What a great project to support our residents and their health. Most spots have been taken although we have a few left.

With the help of the V6 Foundation we have helped a young lady who was badly bashed and burned to get back on her feet. This has been a really sad occasion, but she is now looking at recovery.

We have a catering day at Wilby on the 15th March and this will be busy.

A huge working bee is planned for the club to split into groups and finish off the small jobs such as the painting of the tractor, painting seats, etc.

A meeting with the Shire will enable us to install six seats around the town for walkers.

See you all next month.

ROARER

## Tungamah Leos

Many of our members have moved away, but there are encouraging numbers of young members and cubs joining up, which is great for the future of the club.

A recent meeting decided to hold our now world famous carp muster on Sunday, 23rd March down by the Boosey. (Well, we are now known in the USA as that's where my grandkids are, but they are coming back home in a few days and are looking forward to fishing the Boosey again.)

Forthcoming projects are in the planning and we have the chance to paint a tree blue to bring awareness to depression. This would have to include families of Leos and the odd Lion.

We are also investigating holding a colour run in the town, as well as a movie night. It certainly looks like a busy time coming up.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, 14th March in our club rooms to fine tune the carp muster. Please remember, folks, we don't want this to be our last Carp Muster.

LITTLE ROARER.



## Cobram on the Murray

**Club final for Leo of the Year** - The club Leo of the Year Final was held at the Cobram Specialist School on Friday, 21st February.

Fourteen Leos took part in the competition in front of judges Arthur German, Lesley Smith and Robyn Harrison. There were some varied ways of giving their talk, especially for “non-verbal” contestants.

The winner of the contest was Cooper Belfall, a fairly new members of Leos. Cooper’s speech had everyone totally entranced as he spoke on the Stonewall Riots which took place near London against gay people.

Staff members have much to be proud of with their support of Leos, and many thanks go to the members of the Cobram Lions Club.

The final sets the group up for another twelve months of achievements and great works.



## Wangaratta Lions

### Hearing Dog Colleen assessment and accreditation -

A big congratulations Australian Lions Hearing Dogs graduate “Colleen”, passing her sound and public access test with her recipient in Wangaratta. Lions Club of Wangaratta sponsored Colleen and engaged in 3 visits a week over a 12 week period to practise the sounds that she will be alerting to in the home. With final assessment complete, Colleen is now an official Hearing Assistance Dog. A big thank you to all who were involved in Colleen’s journey from puppyhood through training and placement. A fantastic outcome and we look forward to future collaboration between Wangaratta Lions Club and Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.



### Annual

**Memorial Service** - Lions Club of Wangaratta recognised their departed members with the annual remembrance ceremony at Lions Park.

A wreath was laid by the parents of departed Lion Kyle Cogan and a minutes silence was taken for private reflection in recognition of those that have passed.

**Skin Scan Van** - The Lions Club of Wangaratta Skin Cancer Screening sessions with the Lions V District Cancer Foundation Skin Check and Awareness Van was in Wangaratta over the weekend of 22/23 February. A fantastic weekend of screening with 136 members of the community taking up the opportunity to be scanned







.V6 District Governor Julie Ballard attended Lions Club of Wangaratta dinner meeting as part of her DG tour. We also had Corowa Lions Club President Stuart Whisson and Lions Club partners in attendance for an enjoyable evening of fellowship. Julie spoke on the current state of Lions Club memberships and about new projects within Lions Australia and Lions International. She discussed her passion for the environment and gave us some insight around the Lions Green Canopy Environment Project. In appreciation of her visit President Tom Little and Lion Jo Howell exchanged bannerettes with DG Julie to close out the evening.



**A Fishing Experience Not to Be Missed!**



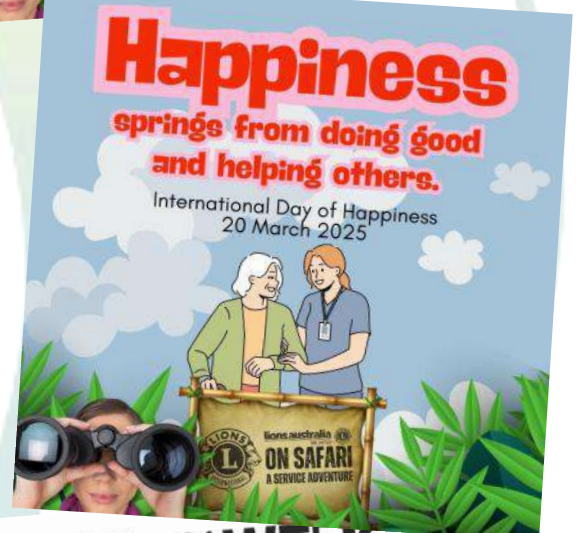
## **Tungamah Leos ANNUAL CARP MUSTER**

**AT TUNGAMAH LIONS PARK  
BY THE BEAUTIFUL BOOSEY**

**SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2025  
11 A.M. TILL 2 P.M.**

**\$10 FOR ADULTS    \$5 FOR KIDS  
\$25 FOR A FAMILY**

**Lunch included in entry fee  
Contact Les Harrison on  
0417301797**



**HARMONY WEEK**  
Monday 17 - Sunday 23 March 2025



Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. You can wear orange to show your support, or you can attend/host a Harmony Week event





**National Hearing Dog Day marks the annual celebration of Australia's first Hearing Assistance Dog, Amber, who was delivered on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1982.**

From this prestigious milestone, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs have gone on to train and deliver over 700 Assistance Dogs to valued recipients across Australia. It is in this achievement that we come together to celebrate on April 19<sup>th</sup> for National Hearing Dog Day. Not only is it a day to recognise the growth and awareness that surrounds Assistance Dogs, but to come together as a community to continue to learn, understand, support and celebrate with each other.

This year, we have plenty of exciting opportunities for learning and activities for engagement planned. In the month of April, we will be hosting casual day events at different schools around Australia. In addition to this, we will attend schools where we have spoken at in the past, and schools that have implemented Auslan as part of their curriculum. We believe it is significant to use National Hearing Dog Day and the month around the 19<sup>th</sup> to spread awareness into our early education system.

Additionally, we will again be partnering with Indepet, a membership group of independent pet stores across Australia. Through small donations customers will receive personalised items and material as a show of appreciation from us to their endless commitment and support of National Hearing Dog Day and our Hearing Assistance Dog Program.

As always, we invite all Lions Clubs and their members anywhere across Australia to join us in celebrating this important day through any means that you can. Visit [www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/hearingdogday](http://www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/hearingdogday) for resources and ways to get involved, or contact our team at [development@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:development@lionshearingdogs.com.au)



# V DISTRICTS DINNER DANCE

**\$60**  
**A HEAD**

**201 MD Convention**  
**Saturday 3rd May**  
**Kernot Hall**  
**50-70 Princes**  
**Highway, Morwell**  
**3840**  
**6.30pm**

## Menu

- *Mains (Alternate Drop):*
  - *Dinner Roll & Butter*
  - *Tuscan Flavoured Roast Beef with roast potato, roast pumpkin and medley of vegetables drizzled with gravy .*
  - *Traditional House Made Chicken Kiev. Plump Chicken Breast filled with garlic butter crumbed baked in the oven with creamy mashed potato with a medley of fresh seasonal vegetables.*
  - *Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Filo Parcel - Served with mashed potato and fresh medley of vegetables. Please note vegetarian option at time of purchase.*
- *Desserts (Alternate Drop): - Both options served with cream chantilly*
  - *Apple crumble served cold*
  - *Chocolate Bavarian Cheesecake*

**Tickets live on the Lions Shop Website:**

**<https://www.lionsclubsshop.com.au/product/3989--v-districts-dinner-dance>**





# LOCKINGTON

## ANNUAL SWAP MEET / SHOW 'N SHINE

MARKET STALLS | FULLY CATERED | EFTPOS AVAILABLE

**SUNDAY 18  
MAY 2025**

**7AM TO 1PM  
AT LOCKINGTON PARK  
(PANNOO ROAD)**

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- PEOPLES CHOICE
- BEST MOTORCYCLE
- BEST ORIGINAL MOTORCYCLE
- BEST PAINTWORK
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- BEST ENGINE BAY

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## SHOW & SHINE

2025

Free  
Entry



Lockhart NSW  
**Sun 16th Mar 2025**

LOCATION: On Urana St (in front of Museum), the street will be closed, taking the 1st 50 vehicles (Overflow to nearby carpark). Vehicles to be parked from 8:30am, & no later than 10am



**BBQ & Devonshire  
Teas available**

CONTACT:

Text 0427 207 427



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**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 use 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

### Pay it Forward Day MARCH

#### Lions Awareness Month

- 1st - International Wheelchair Day
- 2nd - Clean Up Australia Day
- 3rd - World Hearing Day
- 8th - International Women's Day
- 9-15th - World Glaucoma Awareness Week
- 17-25th - World Harmony Week
- 20th - International Day of Happiness

### APRIL

#### Leo Awareness Month

- 7th - World Health Day
- 18th 21st - Easter Weekend
- 22nd - World Earth Day
- 23rd - World Book Day
- 24-30th - World Immunisation Week
- 25th - Anzac Day
- 26th - Lions Int'l Worldwide Induction Day
- 28th - Pay it Forward Day

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**YOUR**  
club in the latest  
edition of....

**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>



# LICOLA CORNER

January - February 2025



## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - DENIS CARRUTHERS

Hello everyone,

Firstly, all the best for 2025, one month gone already!

Secondly, due to the recent actions from some Lions it is important that I highlight the issue of treatment of Licola staff. I know we all have questions or concerns from time to time regarding Licola. It may be operations, policies, procedures, or a myriad of other queries. And of course they need to be raised and answered.

We just need to remember in doing this that Trev, Tania and their team are employed by Lions Village Licola Inc and report to the Licola Board. **They are not answerable to individual Lions.**

As their employer we owe them a duty of care, and we must all be mindful of the manner in which issues are raised and indeed the amount of pressure we put on them. I also acknowledge that respect goes both ways.



With this in mind can I ask everyone, again, **that if you have any queries or concerns please raise them with the Board in the first instance. Each District has two Board representatives that you can raise issues with.** Alternatively, you can put your matter in writing and send to the Board, via the Board Secretary. This will enable our small group of employees to go about their work at Licola without undue or unfair interference.

Ian Bjorkman and I visited Licola when the January Lions sponsored camp was in progress. There is a full report on the camp further on, but it was great to see the children enjoying themselves and having a great time.

There are some that might complain about reduced numbers at the camps these days, but there is no doubt that smaller numbers mean the children can get more individual attention and this is certainly beneficial for those children that desperately need it.

The new BBQ pavilion is indeed an impressive structure, and when the internal fit out is fully completed this will be a fantastic new facility for all visitors and big groups in particular at Licola.

Finally, I congratulate President Geoff Turnbull and the members of the new Lions Club of Licola Wilderness Village and I look forward to attending the Charter Night dinner at Licola over the weekend of February 15-16.



**This is our Licola Van, many Lions would not have seen this.**

7-1-2025. It was cool and damp when we left Melbourne, travelling up to Licola for a meeting, and also to see the Licola Camp in action and in contrast to the countryside on the way Licola, was like an oasis of green.

In the October / November 2024 issue of the Licola Corner we introduced Karen (Kaz) Sawyer to you. Kaz is the L.S.C Co-ordinator and Wellbeing Officer and is also a local “girl”, currently based in Newborough.

Kaz has already visited some of the Lions Clubs around Licola and one recurring theme has come out at these meetings: Club members would like to become camp volunteers but they do not have Working with Children Certificates and have been reluctant to apply on line to get them issued. Kaz has indicated that she is willing to visit Clubs to talk about Licola and will also help members apply for their WWC on the spot, will even bring her own computer along.



This may also be a reason why other Club members are not volunteering for camps, if so please contact Licola and see what Kaz can do to help.

We will also be featuring a short Question and Answer section in future issues of the Licola Corner, so if you have a question please send it on the her at [lsccordinator@licola.org.au](mailto:lsccordinator@licola.org.au).

Here is a photo of Kaz, just so you will be able to identify her when she comes to visit your club or you come up to visit Licola.



I also had the chance to catch up with Geoff and Janice Turnbull; both were there as Camp leaders and having a great time.

Geoff (then 2VDG for V6) and Janice featured in the January 2023 issue of the Licola Corner as the instigators of the Licola Flood Holiday project bringing families a little respite from the floods in northern Victoria.

**It is with great pleasure to announce, that as at 7 January 2025, Geoff is now the president of the newest Lions Club in Australia, Lions Club of Licola Wilderness Village.**

The Club chartered on 3/1/2025 and was incorporated on 6/1/2025. It has 25 members and 4 associate members from Victoria and New South Wales, some past lions, some transfers from other Clubs but the majority are new Lions and still more on the way, and the Club would welcome further expressions of interest.

Geoff took time to explain the new club is the result of efforts of a great number of people and the reasons for the existence of this new club and can be summarised as follows:

1. The increase the awareness of the Lions Village at Licola
2. To raise funds for Licola and LS's
3. To find children outside of our traditional "recruiting" areas, including Tas. and S.A.

Geoff firmly believes that there are literally 1000's of people in our communities that have benefitted from attending camps at Licola and want to connect with them to get 1000's more.



Geoff Turnbull





Some of the members of one of newest Lions Club in the World, the Lions Club of Licola Wildernes Village - Georgie Boyce, Janice Turnbull, Mel Silby, Geoff Turnbull (Club President), Gail Carruthers and Steve Boyce.



**Left.** Trevor assisting children on the climbing wall. **Above,** Trevor and Tanya in general discussion.

## January 6th – 10th, 2025 Lions Sponsored Camps

From January 6th to 10th, 2025, Licola Wilderness Village hosted a Lions Sponsored Camp, welcoming 50 children from Southern New South Wales and Eastern Victoria districts. This camp marked a significant milestone, as it had been quite some time since children from these border communities had the opportunity to attend.

Throughout the week, the children participated in a wide range of engaging outdoor activities, including team-building challenges, adventure courses, canoeing, and bushcraft workshops. For many, it was a chance to experience the beauty of the Victorian high country, forge new friendships, and build confidence in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The Lions Clubs of the participating districts played a crucial role in making this camp possible, providing sponsorship that covered accommodation, meals, activities, and transport assistance for those in need. Their ongoing support continues to ensure that children from diverse backgrounds can access this life-changing camp experience, especially those who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

One interesting trend we've observed over the past few years is a significant shift in the activities that children gravitate toward during camp. Traditionally, our high-adrenaline attractions - such as the flying fox and giant swing - were the undisputed favorites, drawing long queues of eager participants. However, more recently, we've noticed a growing preference for Arts & Crafts, with many children choosing to immerse themselves in creative expression over thrill-seeking adventures.

This shift appears to be influenced by the fact that most, if not all, of our campers have previously attended facilities offering similar high-ropes, zip lines and climbing courses. As a result, the novelty of these experiences has diminished for some, making the calmer, more creative spaces at camp increasingly appealing.



Our Arts & Crafts sessions provide campers with a hands-on, personalized experience, allowing them to explore painting, sculpting, woodwork, and jewellery-making, among other creative activities. These sessions foster mindfulness, self-expression, and social bonding, offering a different kind of challenge - one that is intrinsic and personal rather than physical and external.

While adventure-based activities remain a core part of our camp experience, this evolving trend has encouraged us to expand our creative offerings to better cater to the changing interests of our campers. We see this as an opportunity to provide a more balanced and enriching camp experience, ensuring that every child - whether an adrenaline-seeker or an artist at heart - finds a space where they can thrive and grow.

The Lions Sponsored Camp (LSC) Coordination Team would like to extend a huge thank you to Darren Laffan from the the newly established Licola Lions Club for his outstanding support in managing the logistics of transporting children to camp. His dedication and planning ensured the smooth and safe transport of campers traveling from Lockington, Echuca, and Rochester to Shepparton, playing a crucial role in making this camp experience possible for these children. Coordinating transport for a large group of campers is no small feat.

### **Lions Clubs Correspondence**

With the introduction of our updated application process and digital forms, which are now sent via email with attached links, we have noticed an emerging challenge- many Lions Clubs are not regularly checking their emails, sometimes going months without reviewing important correspondence.

This delay in communication has led to missed deadlines, incomplete applications, and difficulties in coordinating sponsorships and logistics for camps.

Given the critical role that timely responses play in ensuring a smooth and efficient process, we encourage all Lions Clubs to prioritize checking their emails and decision making prior to club meetings that may not align with cut off dates, this will help you to be regularly informed and engaged.

✅ We are Encouraging clubs to assign a dedicated contact person responsible for monitoring emails and responding promptly.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing efforts of all Lions Clubs in supporting our programs, and we want to ensure that every club has the opportunity to participate fully. By improving communication habits, we can continue to provide exceptional experiences for children and families while streamlining the application process for all involved.

That's all for this Month..

Trev  
Camp Manager





For contact with the **Licola Board** you can email [secretary@licola.org.au](mailto:secretary@licola.org.au) or [chairperson@licola.org.au](mailto:chairperson@licola.org.au). The Board should be the usual contact for general Licola matters, particularly around sponsorships/donations etc. If you have any concerns/suggestions regarding operations etc, then the Board should be your first port of call.

**All general enquiries** from the public will be of a booking/potential booking nature. Please email [admin@licola.org.au](mailto:admin@licola.org.au).

**Lions Sponsored Camp queries** should be sent to [lsccordinator@licola.org.au](mailto:lsccordinator@licola.org.au).

**All other matters from Clubs** including working bees, Club accommodation, questions re volunteering, house maintenance and a myriad of other club questions, should be sent to [clubcontact@licola.org.au](mailto:clubcontact@licola.org.au).

## Board Members as at June, 2024

### District V1-4

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Bryan Walker

### District V3

PCC Steve Boyce **Secretary**

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Denis Carruthers **Chair**

Chester Allan

### District V6

Russell Kelly

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Tim Bull



## Licola Caravan Muster 2025

Stay tuned for more details about the 2025 Caravan Muster (after the May 2025 MD Convention).

Come and visit after the Traralgon Convention and see what Licola has to offer!

## THE NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR LIONS VILLAGE LICOLA INC.

FOR DONATIONS

BSB 633 000

ACCOUNT

216 557 231

FOR LIONS SPONSORED CAMPS

BSB 633 000

ACCOUNT

216 557 280

\*When you make a payment please ensure that you include your club name\*

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**February 2025**

**TO: All lions**

**Re: Lions Category A Project - Green Canopy - Newsletter No. 1**

Welcome to the first of many monthly reports to help guide you and your club through the process of participation and to provide ideas on how your club can support this wonderful yet simple project.

You are all aware that the Lions Green Canopy Project was passed at the Darwin Convention. It has taken time for the Council of Governors to get a suitable team together to develop this brand new Lions project. We are now in place and are preparing for the official launch at the Multiple District Convention at Traralgon in May this year.

Like all projects clubs undertake, it takes time to formulate an appropriate plan and to put that plan into action.

Our suggestions will hopefully provide you with the reassurance and support needed, to participate and nurture this ongoing project.

## **WHERE CAN WE PLANT OUR NATIVE TREES?**

Now is the time to look at the options available. Some city clubs have concerns that they cannot participate due to the lack of options. I disagree!! Each and every council area, whether city or country orientated, have areas of concern that require attention. Whilst they annually have budgets to cover the supply of suitable trees, many regions have limited options when it comes to labour to plant those trees.

Keep in mind these suitable areas are not limited to council areas. Landholders, retirement villages, homeowners and developers alike, are increasingly aware of the needs of our environment. Greening of new land developments or growing a green corridor through their properties are now high on their agendas. We are therefore only limited by our imagination as to the areas available.

## **WHAT DO WE PLANT?**

There are several factors to consider here. We need natives or others suitable to the particular area. For example a wet gully area in the city limits may require trees and/or shrubs able to absorb large quantities of water and be alkaline resistant. A rural outlook is better suited with drought resistant varieties and tolerant of a clay soil. There are varieties that are suitable to almost any soil type you may encounter. These are all issues to consider when selecting plants.





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## **WHO DO WE TALK TO?**

Most of us do not have the knowledge to select suitable plants therefore we must seek the assistance of a person suitably qualified to guide us in the selection. Choices here are endless. Nurseries, council garden staff, horticulturists, town community nurseries, Landcare groups etc. etc. For larger city areas consideration could be given to working with the local botanical garden leaders who are there to assist where possible.

## **WHAT WILL IT COST MY CLUB?**

It may cost you nothing other than your labour or administration of the project. Companies large and small enthusiastically promote the sponsorship of environmental projects, particularly in their local areas. Mining companies are required to submit a proposal on how they will rejuvenate areas after mining when applications are submitted to councils.

## **WE ARE TOO OLD TO DO THE LABOUR PART OF IT, WHAT DO WE DO?**

Many of our clubs tend to have members who, due to age, are limited in what can be done manually. This is the ideal opportunity to form partnerships with numerous options available. Schools, family, councils, other clubs, scouts, girl guides, Landcare groups, environmental bodies, social clubs, ethnic groups, senior citizens clubs. The list is endless.

## **WHEN DO WE PREPARE THE SOIL, PLANT THE TREES AND WHAT THEN?**

There will be variations state to state and area to area. However, as we progress with our reports, we will attempt to provide suggestions to assist you.

Tim Moore  
Chairman

## **CONTACT YOUR COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tim Moore (**Western Australia**) – 0419 040 036  
Secretary Jean Saxby (**Victoria**) – 0421 442 045  
Geoff Turnbull (**Victoria/Tasmania**) – 0427 229 322  
Paul McInnes (**New South Wales**) – 0413 758 979  
Geoff Freudenstein (**Queensland**) – 0432 233 983  
Norm Sommerville (**South Australia/Northern Territory**) – 0408 859 386





February 2025

To all Lions and Leo Clubs  
Multiple District 201

Dear Secretary.

## Lions Quest Announcement

After proudly running Lions Quest as part of the Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation since 2010, we regret to announce that the program in its current format has closed as the resources used to deliver Lions Quest in Australia no longer align with the current Australian curriculum and the program is not sustainable in its current format as highlighted by our consultant.

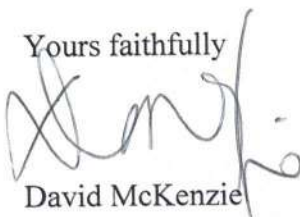
LCIF is looking at the possibility of updating these resources and delivering them in an electronic version. The Foundation will keep up to date on these developments, and assess any future opportunities as they arise.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Lions who have been involved in running Lion Quest since it started in Australia in 1986 delivering this valuable program to hundreds of schools and positively impacting thousands of young people. Special thanks go to Bronte Cameron and Donna Munro for their unwavering dedication and commitment to making Lions Quest a success for over 35 years including the period it was part of our foundation.

You can read interviews with both Donna and Bronte about their journey with the Lions Quest program over 35 years at our website [alwf.org.au/alwf-news](http://alwf.org.au/alwf-news)

We look forward to continuing our work to support the wellbeing of young people through other initiatives. A copy of our latest foundation handbook detailing our projects can be viewed at our website [www.alwf.org.au](http://www.alwf.org.au).

Yours faithfully



David McKenzie  
Secretary