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**THE ROAR**

DISTRICT 201V6



**MAY 2025 ISSUE**

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## 201V6 CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers,  
Membership Chairs

- 15<sup>th</sup> June at Echuca & Yarrowonga
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Thurgoona

9 for 9.30am start - locations to be advised

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## Are YOU following us....



### Facebook

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

### Member's Only Group

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

### Instagram

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



## 1VDG Paul Shortis

The Lions Skin Screening Unit was in Numurkah and once again I was asked by the foundation to assist the club with the administration work. I was able to mix with the Dermoscopist's and club members, which gave me the opportunity to meet the club members before my DG year.

I attended a meeting of the Lions Club of Holbrook representing DG Julie, there was a guest who had approached the Lions club regarding a project she needed assistance

with. This lady showed a lot of interest in joining the club so we could have a new member of the Holbrook Lions

Lynda and I will be travelling to Traralgon in early May to attend some more DGE training which runs into the Council of Governors meeting, then the MD201 Convention in Traralgon.

I also have a three-day training course in Sydney at the end of May run by LCI in relation to Mission 1.5 and the targets for 2025/2026

**DGE Paul Shortis**

**2025-2026 Council** - A few really big days have been had by 201 incoming District Governors. Tonight it all culminated in the Chairman's Dinner. A great night for everyone current and incoming District Governors, Tony Benbow and his wife were also present.



**Incoming District Governors 2025-2026** - Current District Governors introduced to everyone their upcoming DGs and a night of good hearted friendly banter was enjoyed by everyone present.





## Lavington Lions

The newest project for the Lavington Lions is 1-2-3Read2Me. This highly successful venture has been led by Lion Sandra Rafferty. So keen is she that she has spoken with Wodonga Lions and now schools in Wodonga will benefit from quality, free books that the program distributes.

Recently Bunnings Albury had a free Family Day. Our Club was invited to attend, and we gave away hundreds of great books as an Easter surprise. Community response was amazing.

Pictured are Lions Sandra, Susie, Margariete and Scotty (along with Easter Bunny) at the 1-2-3Read2Me stall at Bunnings.



## Beechworth Lions

**March Public Meeting** - On Saturday 29th March, Lions Club of Beechworth held a public meeting and afternoon tea to celebrate "A history of 66 years community service to the residences of Beechworth & surrounding areas". This included a power point of photos over this period put together by President John Eldrid.

We hope also that this event has possibly encourage new members to our club. Thank you Beechworth Lions and President John for your hard work on this event.

**Beechworth Golden Horseshoe Festival** - Thank you Beechworth Lions Club Members, 6 hours on Easter Saturday on our Sausage Sizzle at what was a very busy but wonderful Easter Festival. This is our main fundraiser for our club. Then we were all back again Easter



Sunday morning for three hours with the Easter egg hunt. 200 plus children and parents attended, and what a wonderful morning had by all. We would like to thank 11-year-old Zachary for turning up and volunteering to help. Zachary is a Beechworth Scout and a member of the Beechworth Junior Mountain Bike group. Thank you so much Zachary.







## Another 3 years for our Category B project - Lions Junior Public Speaking!

Excited to confirm that the Lions Junior Public Speaking project been approved at this year's Multiple District Convention as a National Project for a further 3 years.

It's fantastic to have so much support for this wonderful Lions Club project and we look forward to the 2025 Junior Public Speaking competitions.

***Congratulations to all involved in getting this project through for a another 3 years!***



### 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?



### 2025 Topics

### 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.

## Club Registration due 31st May 2025

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

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



### Farmers are left stranded

Farming communities will pay the price when funding for a critical program to control the Queensland Fruit Fly runs dry, a local MP has warned.

Since its genesis in 2017-18, the Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly Program has been instrumental in suppressing numbers of QFF, a serious pest that devastates yields by laying its eggs in fruit and vegetables.

But that's set to end should the Victorian Government not renew its funding of the program beyond June this year.

State Member for Ovens Valley Tim McCurdy said since funding began, the program had slashed QFF numbers by 95 per cent.

- "But ongoing cuts have seen monitoring traps fall from over 400 to just 200" he said.
- Growers were fed up with the uncertainty and lack of long-term support from the government over the issue, Mr McCurdy said.
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"Our growers are already doing it tough. They don't need more uncertainty. The government needs to stop gambling with regional jobs and livelihoods" he said.

Instead, Mr McCurdy is pushing for the government to commit continued funding for the program in its next budget, to be handed down in May.

"I stand with our growers, and I'll keep pushing for the funding they deserve. This is about protecting crops, securing jobs and backing the people who feed our state," he said.

The government did not respond to questions asking whether it would commit funding in the May budget to continue the management program.

A spokesperson said the government had invested \$14.3 million to empower industry and home gardeners to embed fruit fly management in their communities - improving community and landholders' understanding of how to best manage fruit flies on their property, placing them in the good position to limit the impact of the pest moving forward.

**PDG Keith Kennedy**

*As printed in the Cobram Courier*



Honoured to be a part of the Lions community as a major Lions Project, we recognise that our growth and development can be credited towards Lions Clubs and their many valued members across Australia.

As we are a non-for-profit organisation, our funding and achievements are possible through the efforts and donations from you, Lions. As we approach the end of the financial year, it is a crucial and important time of the year for us. We reflect and recognise on the accomplishments from the year prior, and we reach out to you asking for your support to help us continue to grow. In early April, we sent an appeal to all Lions Clubs across Australia, hoping that members will include us in their disbursements as Clubs wind up the year that was.

In the past year we saw multiple advancements of our programs, with a major one being the delivery of our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog Yannis. It stands out as an indicator that our organisation is continuing to progress with our mission of helping Australians who are Deaf or hard of hearing, free of charge. Furthermore, the growth in our Medical Assistance Program has been very successful with positive feedback coming from our recipients living with type 1 diabetes. Building from these successes, we have also been able to introduce our Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program for Veterans of the Australian Defence Force living with PTSD. Our work within these programs are making a profound difference in the lives of Australians through our life-changing Assistance Dogs.

We take this opportunity to not only ask for your continued donations and support, but to thank you for enabling us to thrive and grow over the past 45 years as a Lions Project.

For more information on our programs or ways to donate, contact us through [development@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:development@lionshearingdogs.com.au)

Bank Account Details

BSB: 035 094

Acc No: 118 965

Acc Name: Lions Hearing Dogs Inc

Ref: Club name/your name

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## Yarrowonga Lions

April is Yarrowonga Lions Childhood Cancer Research fundraising month. The profits from our four Saturday KHub BBQs will be donated to this foundation. This is the club's largest BBQ event for 2025. During Easter weekend, sales were strong, and members were kept busy.



Lions Debbie, Ollie and Joan  
New Member John, Kathy, Judi and John W

While the weather was pleasant and many people were out and about, we conducted a membership drive. This event took place in the Woolworths car park, and we extend our



gratitude to Woolworths for their support in providing sausages and bread, which allowed us to offer a complimentary sausage sizzle. This occasion provided an excellent opportunity to showcase our projects and events that we are involved with throughout the year.

For a something different, we provided catering for a post-wedding breakfast at Airtree Resort. The menu featured individually packaged



bacon and egg rolls, which were highly appreciated by the guests.

Easter would not be complete without a barbecue at Bunnings. We hope all members of every club had a wonderful Easter. Once





again, our members came together in great numbers to distribute sausages at the Yarrowonga store, demonstrating the community spirit of locals supporting locals.

Members participated in the march to commemorate Anzac Day, marking the anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers' landing at Gallipoli in 1915 during the Allies' invasion. This year, we observed the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign.



Lest We Forget.

President Don laying a wreath on behalf of the Club

## Benalla Lions Club

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and you didn't eat too much chocolate.

On Saturday 5th April the Benalla Club had another very successful Bunnings BBQ where we cooked over 400 sausages. These are long days but very worthwhile. Thank you to all who helped on the day, from cashiers, cooks and waitress's, it is all much appreciated.

Thursday 17th April the Benalla Club went out to the Mokoan Wayside stop and set up at 9.00am for Driver Reviver and the Easter weekend, finishing on Thursday night at approximately 9.00pm. Next morning Good Friday we set up again at 9.00am and went through till 4.00pm.

These 2 days were very successful raising \$1300.00 for the Royal Children's Hospital, there were many appreciative people stopping for a break and a chat as we used 510 cups for the two days, for these two days we also took out our Lions Clubs "Tyro Machine" which recorded sales totalling \$517.00.

Our Benalla Lions Club has been doing Driver Reviver on long weekends for 38 years.

It was a good team effort from our club members.





The Benalla Lakeside Market was on Saturday April 26th, and although with the predication of rain, there were still 41 site holders, and we also conducted our wood raffle this again at this Market which was very successful again, so April has been very busy.



## Cobram Lions

Cobram Lions are happy to announce the installation of two pieces of equipment in Killara House that they hope never to have to use but are potentially lifesavers. A new defibrillator and fully stocked first aid kit was purchased following a successful grant application to Cobram Community Enterprise. These have been installed in their Club room ready for use if needed.

As well as being used for our regular meetings, the rooms are used for Lions Training and Lions Projects including the Art Show, Youth of the Year and Shower Program. Training on the use of the defibrillator is expected to be held sometime in the next months. . .

It is not just Lions that will benefit from the installation and training, A number of other community groups including Legacy, Cancer

Support, U3A and the Gardening Club use the rooms on a regular basis. These groups will also be offered the opportunity to be trained on the defibrillators use as well as Girl Guide Leaders as the Girl Guides share the premises.



## Tocumwal Lions

The Big Ride stopped in at Tocumwal for lunch on Friday April 11.

The Big Ride is a volunteer run event raising funds and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) SA, NSW & Vic. The Event is a jet ski tour event from Albury (NSW) to Goolwa (SA) from Thursday 10 April finishing in Goolwa on Easter Saturday 19th April.

Tocumwal Lions Club members provided a BBQ lunch for the twenty five or so riders and support crew.





## Kerang Lions

District Governor's meeting, attended by 1st VDG Alison Kazenwadel and husband Cab. Sec. Steve. Awards presented were to Joe Tartaglia - 50 yr Medallion and Monarch - great achievement, Greg Gin - 45 years Monarch, Graeme Hayes 35 yr Monarch and Peter Hatton - 10 yr Monarch. Delicious meal thanks to Lions Ladies Beryl, Cheryl and Mary.



## Murrabit Rodeo



Driver Reviver on Good Friday eve and Good Friday - very busy. The Honorable Peter Walsh, MP for Murray Plains dropped in for a cuppa!



Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. \$13,459.00 was counted, not including money from woolworths, Bunnings etc so this was a great result!





Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast, March and Cenotaph Ceremony.

Kerang Show and Shine Catering - huge weekend, great work by Lions and partners.



## Tungamah Lions & Leos

When it comes to action, the Lions family at Tungamah continues to achieve outstanding feats.

Last weekend, the Lions Club of Tungamah and District hosted the V Districts Skin Cancer check van for two days. This was a huge undertaking by the Lions Club who had cooked many sausages to raise the funds to provide a very important medical facility.

Within days, vacancies at the Cancer van were filled, although we were able to cater for all late bookings. Over the weekend, some 124 people were checked for skin cancers. All lesions are considered suspect until proven by

further investigations. Screening was carried out by trained medical staff who volunteered their time. We had two doctors and a senior nurse trained in skin cancer on duty, as well as administrators and our team of friendly Lions.

Alarming, 54% of those attending were referred for further investigation. Eleven were identified as having life threatening lesions. In this case, it was certainly a worthwhile project, one which we hope to repeat in two years time.

We would like to thank for Tungamah Hotel for accommodation and meals and to the General Store for lunches. Central Murray Bank were terrific sponsors and all Lions worked hard to make it a great weekend. Administrator Paul Shortis did a great job, as did Harry who drove the bus. Most of all, thank you to the locals who came along.

More Lions work revolve around providing benches around the town for those who need a break during their daily walk. This is only the start of an ongoing project and it is great to have the Moira Shire and Men's Shed on board with a great project. The club was involved last weekend with catering for car racing out at Wilby. This was a 2 day event and the whole weekend's food was sold out by lunchtime on the first day. There was lots of chasing around to get more food and also change. We are all so very proud of our band of workers who did so well. Michelle and Helen organised the weekend and boy were they proud, as well as so exhausted.

Leos have been very busy with their annual Carp Muster, which saw 40 keen fisherpersons gather in the Lions Park. The fish refused to cooperate early on, although they came on around lunchtime, and 14 carp were removed from our creek, although there were several monsters which got away. Every participant received a prize, thanks to Jason Haebich of Emu Spirit, Mulwala Fish, Camp and Ski, Tungamah Hotel, Tungamah Store, Thawn Waters and Lex Haebich. The young people have been so keen on looking after the creek, that a further surprise arrived on Monday, 31st March, when the Fisheries rewarded the kids with a release of 5000 yellow bellies into the creek after approaches by the kids. Moira Shire backed us up with fresh water in the creek, which was great. Well done, Lions and Leos of Tungamah and District.



We would like to thank all those clubs and Lions who supported our Demmi who went on the Variety Bash. She was so thrilled to smash her target of \$750 with a sum just short of \$6,000! Well done Demmi! Team Basse who drove Demmi around also raised \$166,000 for kids with special needs. We have some amazing people around Tungamah!

The Anzac Day Ceremony saw a wreath being laid by President Victor Smith, while the president of the Leos, Ed Cummins also lay a tribute from the Leos. Lions Les Harrison carried the Aboriginal flag in the March.



## Wangaratta Lions

Easter came a few days early for the residents of the Wangaratta aged care facilities with Alison Kazenwadel and Jo Howell presenting Easter baskets full of chocolate treats from Lions Club of Wangaratta to the residents of St John's, Illoura, St Catherine's, and Rangeview this afternoon.



A busy Easter Market for Glenrowan Warby Ranges Lions Club on Easter Monday. Lending a helping hand to our neighbouring club, members of Lions Club of Wangaratta joined in to assist on the BBQ for the day.



In recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the Lions Club of Wangaratta President Tom Little proudly presented long-serving member Keith Martin with a 50-year medallion at April's Lions dinner meeting.



During his heartfelt acceptance speech, Keith reflected on the opportunities Lions has given him to serve his community and spoke warmly of the fellowship and friendships he has formed along the way. He also acknowledged the invaluable guidance and support of his mentors throughout his Lions journey.



Congratulations, Keith, on this remarkable milestone and thank you for your outstanding contribution to the Wangaratta Lions Club.



The Business BBQ Breakfast with 102.1 Edge FM in April saw members of Lions Club of Wangaratta serving up Bacon & Egg Rolls at North Vic Caravans Wangaratta



## GMT Report

As of April 28th, in V6 we have 1,017 members or -37 (last report: 1,025 members or -29), having added 81 members and dropped 118 since July 1st. During the month of April three new members were added and nine were dropped. Congratulations to Albury, Rochester, and Echuca for inducting new members during April.

The club health assessment for our District through March 2025 reported that nineteen clubs had year to date positive net growth, twenty clubs had negative growth, and sixteen 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 (ten last report) of those clubs below ten members. Regarding membership growth the standouts through March have been Wodonga (+7), Cobram (+4), Wangaratta (+3), Myrtleford (+3), Bright (+2), Lockhart (+2), Moama (+2), Rochester (+2), Tungamah (+2), and Yarrawonga (+2).

Regarding Multiple District and bearing in mind our "Big Audacious Mission" (BAM) to reach 30,000 members by 2030, as of April 28th, the Multiple District has 21,886 members or net -151 (my last report: 21,852 members or net -185) with 2,252 added and 2,403 dropped

since July 1st. Seven of the seventeen districts are not in transition. Re membership growth - six of eighteen districts are net positive. 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 233 members (my last report: 225 members) or just over four new members per club net. Our net growth remains in negative figures, and our net position regrettably has worsened since my last report. Over the remaining couple of months of DG Julie's term, we need to keep the drops to a minimum and focus on recruiting new members.

There are many great membership resources available on the LCI and Lions Australia websites. One of the key membership resources found in the Club Membership e-Book is: "Just Ask! – Fostering a culture of recruitment" guide. I encourage you to contact me if you would like any more information.

**PDG Neil Stuart**

V6 GMT Coordinator

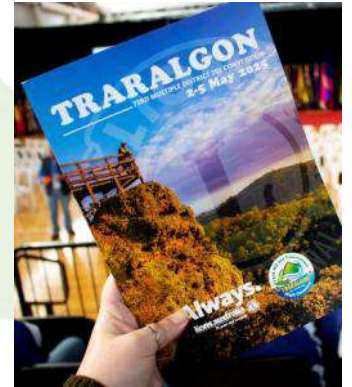
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# 73rd MD201 Convention - Taralgon

Members from across V6 headed to the big smoke and attended the 73rd Annual MD201 Convention. Here are some snaps take and shared by Tocumwal Lions, Greg Gin (Kerang Lions) and Jo Howell (Wangaratta Lions), along with some from Lions Australia.



Keynote speaker, ultra-marathon runner Pat Farmer, gave an excellent speech. His mantra of only looking forward and wide during his running is also his philosophy in life and is what he emphasises in his talks.

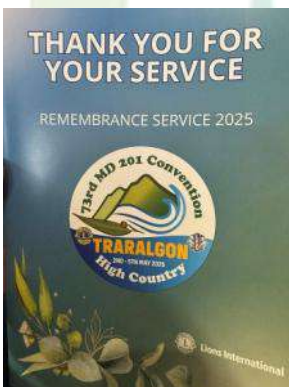
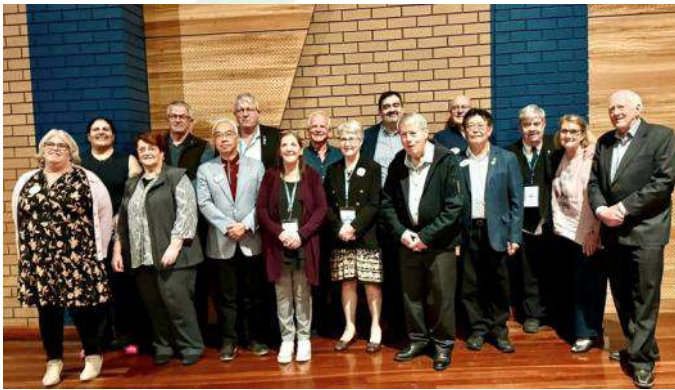






The Leo of the Year was Chuck from Victoria and the Public Speaking winner was Hope from West Australia. Our future is in good hands I believe!

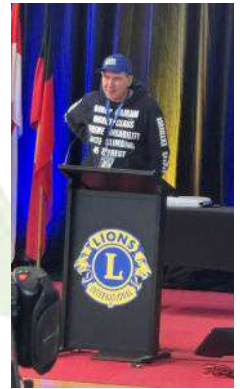
V district dinner  
Great night in Traralgon for the V Districts dinner at Kernot Hall Morwell, Good meal, great dancing to local band Borderline and excellent fellowship with fellow Victorian Lions.



# 73rd MD201 Convention - Traralgon



# 73rd MD201 Convention - Taralgon



Congratulations to Jasper Robinson, our 2025 Lions Youth of the Year!

What an incredible day filled with inspiring speeches from all the contestants. You each made it a challenging decision for the judges - and a memorable event for everyone!



## Did you know...

- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.





**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

### MAY

- 4th - May the Fourth -International Star Wars Day
- 8th - World Ovarian Cancer Day
- 11th - Mother's Day
- 20th - World Autoimmune Arthritis Day (Lions Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation)
- 19-25th - National Volunteer Week
- 28th - World Hunger Day
- 29th - National Coffee Day

### JUNE

- 7th - Lions International Birthday
- 9-15th - Men's Health Week
- 11th - Thank a First Responder Day
- 14th - World Blood Donor Day
- 15-21st - National Diabetes Week
- 27th - Helen Keller 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>





**Echuca Lions Club Inc**

**ChangeOver & 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**We are inviting all members and partners**

**To help us celebrate**

**Where: Rich River Golf Club**

**24 Lane Moama**

**When: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

**At 6.30 for 7.00 pm**

**Cost \$50.00 per head for a 2 course buffet dinner**

**Drinks at bar prices**

**Please R.S.V.P. by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**(An early reply would be appreciated if possible)**

**To [Echuca.vic@lions.org.au](mailto:Echuca.vic@lions.org.au)**

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# DISASTER APPEAL

April 2025

## Cyclone Alfred - UPDATE

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Thank you for the generosity of your Lions Club towards this appeal.

This appeal has now raised sufficient resources to assist communities affected by the recent floods and the appeal is now closed.

As we all know, the effects of flooding and other disasters don't disappear overnight. The water is still flowing, and communities are engaged in assessment, clean up and recovery.

The Australian Lions Foundation is encouraging Lions Clubs from the affected areas to apply for Disaster or Emergency Grants if needed, and those applications will be processed quickly to ensure those clubs can commence their work in recovery.

The guidelines for these grants and application forms can be found on the website by following the links below and we would encourage clubs to reach out to their District ALF Chairs and the Foundations' Emergency and Disaster Chairperson, PDG John Houghton to discuss proposals.

- [Disaster and Emergency Grants](#) are available to Districts and Clubs from the Australian Lions Foundation and just follow the links above for more information.
- Application forms can be found [here](#).

### Other disasters

Despite the flooding, we know that many parts of Australia remain drought affected. Lions Clubs in drought affected areas may apply for Disaster Grants in areas of high needs.

Our thoughts are with our Lions and their communities in all affected areas. Let's work together towards the recovery.

Lion Rob Oerlemans  
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# The Australian Lions

## Children's Mobility Foundation

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AUSTRALIAN LIONS  
**CHILDREN'S  
MOBILITY  
FOUNDATION**

### V & T District Lions Clubs.



We look to be given the opportunity to help others. Here is one... I'm gifted with mobility and here's a chance to help children with growing & delayed development. I seek help from all the wonderful Lions in our V and T Districts to assist me to get the best results.

This is a walker presented by ALCMF to a very excited little girl. Meet young Ela! Just to see the face of her mother when she was fitted and moved off on her trip with a Mobility Walker was priceless! This child was grinning from ear to ear and singing "Happy Birthday" a gift never dreamed it was possible. It becomes quite a process. A harness is fitted so that so if she had a loss of balance or her legs failed, she would not fall onto the floor but would be able to regain her balance and head off again.

In our V & T Districts we have stopped supporting this project and it has slipped away! Thankfully all other Districts in Australia have elected to assist to supply any walker requests that have been sort after to ensure that these energetic young people have received their required walker.

Because I have not been able to find the District, Zone, Club or even Lions members (or in fact the area Ela lives in to assist with when requested) the ALCMF has come to the party after a request from a support group called ANAPA (a disability assistance organisation) in the area she lives in.

The ALCMF have paid the amount to get this lovely young person up and walking

There are many Physiotherapists who wish to find help and resources for the children who need this equipment to improve health, mobility and incentive to grow.

There have been many things in my Lions life that has, made me so proud and brought tears to my eyes, but I must be so very honest not that many has affected me the way this did. The pure pleasure in the faces of all the people who witnessed this event. There are many more out there who have not heard of our help and support and there are many more who require our assistance. Please all members remember with clubs' funds disbursements that this foundation requires help, and every little bit helps so much in getting feet on the ground and legs moving on the pavement.

It is also admirable nice to see that a lot of the stamp collection funds goes to help this project.

Encourage LIONS, NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS to save used postage stamps at least!



Mum becomes involved and the harness is fitted and the fun starts as Ela wants to be up, up and away before she even gets fitted into the walker. The most wonderful staff need to ensure that the harness has been fitted correctly, and that the freedom Ela has allowed for all the movements required to be able to function correctly in the walker.

Then, when all is in place, the walker is brought in, and Ela was fitted to it and then “boy did the fun begin” walking everywhere...stopping for nothing. When Ela saw the walker come into the room she started to squeal. Excitement and promise to hear!

The whole team waited in anticipation.

We all have hopes and dreams, but you read the delight in her eyes when she saw that walker even more so when it started to move!



We need to become involved with the Physios, but WE have the power and the resources for families to make it happen.



Thanks again for your support and needed funds to ensure that more young people can become involved with getting up and getting out!

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# Lions Australia Green Canopy Environment Project



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**April 2025**

## LIONS GREEN CANOPY PROJECT NEWSLETTER NUMBER 3

It's great to see the number of clubs that have their own projects up and running. If you are looking to get involved, keep in mind that you can look at completing an individual project or your club may choose to work on a joint project with other clubs in your area. Perhaps your zone as a group, or even your District as a whole may set goals and challenges for each of these areas to attain. From the number of questions received and discussion on the Green Canopy Project, my committee sees a bright future for this program.

For the project's success we do require clubs to keep up the good work and **continue to report their efforts on the portal**. We also need clubs to send us photos of these projects so we can keep our web page up to date and share with everyone what we all are doing. All that is needed is to simply send them to [greencanopy@lions.org.au](mailto:greencanopy@lions.org.au) – you may even see yourself in our next newsletter!



We all must remember that our goal is to **plant** one million trees by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Several people have voiced concern that while they can get their share of trees planted, the manpower may not be available to satisfactorily service the needs of the plants as they grow and some may be lost. I cannot emphasise enough, that our purpose with this project is to **plant 1 million trees**. In an ideal world we would have a team available to support each and every tree through to adulthood. However, in the real world this is not always possible therefore we will have losses to varying degrees which we must cope with.

Planting trees gives us the opportunity for fresh lush growth. Not planting trees gives us and our environment nothing, so that the ongoing loss of trees continues. We know growing any plant or plants has its challenges - nature continues to hamper our best efforts. Unpredictable floods, drought, fire, wind and pests will always be there to challenge us. We ask you all to join us in opposing these forces of nature and for us to achieve our aim of planting one million trees by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027. **The more we plant, the more that survive!!**

*Being seen to plant trees will also involve the community – communities may even want to take responsibility for nurturing what we plant. What a great way to involve them! The more we are seen as a green organisation, supporting the environment, the more we will be relevant to our communities - particularly younger people. The potential to grow our organisation through this project should be front of mind at all times.*

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*One million new trees by June 30, 2027*





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May 2025 will see us all at the Multiple District Convention at Traralgon. Our committee members are pleased to say we will have booths at the function with people in attendance to answer your questions. We have always said that the strength of this project is its simplicity and the opportunity to meet your community. We wish to hear what you are doing so we can share it with fellow Lions. This is also an opportunity for you to meet with your State representative on the committee and possibly the chance to arrange for them to either visit your club or participate in a zoom meeting with your team.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tim Moore  
Chairperson  
Lions Australia Green Canopy Project



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*One million new trees by June 30, 2027*





## **LIONS AUSTRALIA DIABETES FOUNDATION**

**ABN 81 053 872 446**

**LADF Newsletter –Autumn 2025**

Welcome to our ninth Newsletter.

### **INAUGURATION OF INCUCYTE LIVE CELL IMAGING PLATFORM AT ST VINCENT'S INSTITUTE (SVI) IN MELBOURNE**

The Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation was pleased to be represented by Trustee & Secretary Lion Stephen at a special celebration on 26 March 2025 at SVI to mark the inauguration of the Incucyte platform. The platform was jointly funded by LADF and other Lions foundations, the Lions of District 201V1-4 and a private donor. The cost of the platform was around a quarter of a million dollars.



Trustee Stephen & PDG V1-4 Robyn Falloon and others inspect the Incucyte Live Cell Imaging Platform at SVI

The platform is capable of analysing up to 6 samples of living cells at one time, thus showing the changes in the cell over a period.

### **GRANT TO DIABETES ALLIANCE PROGRAM (DAP+)**

You may recall that in our last newsletter, we told of our grant to fund a PhD scholarship, which is to investigate the delivery of the nutrition and exercise components of DAP+. The Trustees met with representatives of DAP+ and online with the researcher, Wendy. It is hoped that Wendy will be able to address conventioners at the 2025 District 201N3 Convention.

Meantime, the Trustees will be present at the launch of the DAP+ Bus at Blacksmiths NSW on 15 May 2025.

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR DIABETES PROJECTS**

The Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation welcomes Grant Applications from any Lions Club in Australia or its territories. A Grant Application form is available for downloading from the LADF website. Details about how to fill in the form are included in the instructions attached to the form.

### **PDG JOHN HAYES OAM HONOUR AWARD**

Would your Club like to nominate a member or other person for an Award? Details are in our brochure and on the website.

### **DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION**

Personal and corporate donations (of \$2 or more) to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Receipts are issued for all donations made. Direct deposit to the Foundation's bank account are encouraged: **BSB 032-569, account number 580405.**

**The LADF has produced attractive brochures and Bookmarks. They are available free of charge to Clubs and Districts for promotion of their Diabetes Awareness activities. We only ask that the Club or District contribute towards the cost of the postage.**

On behalf of the Trustees and Management Committee of the Foundation,

keep on smiling. 😊

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# LIONS RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Australia DISTRICT 201 V 1-4

ABN 97 824 299 568

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April 2025

Dear Club President and Lions members.

Again, I would like to thank all clubs who have supported the LR&AMRFAustralia over many years. The last few years have been very hard on Lions Clubs, in the eastern states as well as other areas of Australia, which has caused untold hardship to families, plus devastation to business as well as bush fires and more floods. With this in mind the LR&AMRFAus. would, if possible, like you to donate this time, and I ask that you consider supporting the LR&AMRFAustralia.

The reasons are as follows as there would be very few members of your club who do not know someone, a friend, relative or acquaintance, who has Arthritis, Osteo-Arthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis or other forms of the disease.

The aim of the Lions Rheumatism, as you may be aware, is to raise 2 million dollars. This money will, with the interest it accrues, enable the foundation to fund a Research Fellow, for the foreseeable future, and also include necessary equipment with the funds. The Lions Rheumatism are continuing to sponsor a PhD research student, and with your assistance, would like to continue this, to help further assist the cause, and also help find the causes and a cure for this insidious disease. Recently the Foundation supported a PhD Student for an International Conference, to help assist with their education into research.

The way that your club can help could be a donation and I ask that you assist the LR&AMRFAustralia in this way if possible. Also, by **Promoting the project through BBQ's and presentations would also be of great benefit.**

**A Presentation DVD is available on the web site for downloading, and also the use of the LR&AMRF Aus. Flyer.**

Currently our funds stand at \$450,000.00. Still a way to go, but with your help, not too far away.

I hope that you can help and thank you in anticipation.

Thank you

Eric Gittins JP PDG



**Please email the Secretary/Treasurer when you make a donation,  
so it can be confirmed on the bank statement**

## **PREFERRED PAYMENT IS BY DIRECT TRANSFER PLEASE**

Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Donate the following; \$\_\_\_\_\_ by **deposit/ EFT** details shown below

Donations of \$2.00 or more are Tax Deductable

Bank details Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Aus. **BSB 063 130; A/c 10229690**

***Please include your club's name and District (or club number) in the bank deposit /EFT***

***and forward a copy of this, by email, to me please.***

A receipt will be emailed to your club secretary.





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# Victorian Lions Foundation INC.

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Representing Member Clubs of Lions Clubs International in Victoria and Southern New South Wales

## We Serve

President & Members  
Lions Club as Addressed,

The **Victorian Lions Foundation** (VLF) coordinates many Lions charitable projects undertaken in Victoria and southern New South Wales on behalf of all Lions of the "V" Districts. Those projects are:

***Lions Rheumatism & Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Australia***  
***Bionics Institute - Hearing Research Fellow and Lions Neurobionics Research Fellow***  
***National Vision Research Institute (NVRI)***  
***Baker Heart & Diabetes Institute***  
***Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) incorporating the Lions Eye Donation Service (LEDS)***

We contributed \$305K to medical research last year but have aggressively managed income sufficient to support our researchers, without any reduction of capital. Our Council is acutely aware that we are managing money made available over the years by the Lions of Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

All we ask is **"If you do have some money that you can offer the Victorian Lions Foundation, can you please help us to keep OUR research commitments going."**

We Lions have helped make the Bionic Ear a world wide reality with financial benefit to Australia, A new Bionic Ear for infants ("EarGenie") is Being marketed due to research into fNIRS = Functional Near InfraRed Spectroscopy, funded by Lions. Parkinson's disease symptoms are being electronically subdued in several ways, as are the symptoms of Crohns disease, and severe pain reduction, all with help from money from the Victorian Lions Foundation. Now that "EarGenie" is a reality, our research money goes to treatment and prevention of tinnitus, a condition that causes great distress to many.

We are now also supporting a Baker Institute program that hopes to cure a percentage of type two diabetes sufferers. Human trials should start late this year.

Banking details are: BSB: 633 000 / Account Number 150 261 121

**Please do NOT forget your Club Name as a "REFERENCE"**

Or

Cheques to Victorian Lions Foundation, c/- John Mitchell, 37 Arden Avenue, Leopold 3224

**Thank you for at least considering us when disbursing funds.**

Yours in Lionism

John Mitchell

Secretary

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