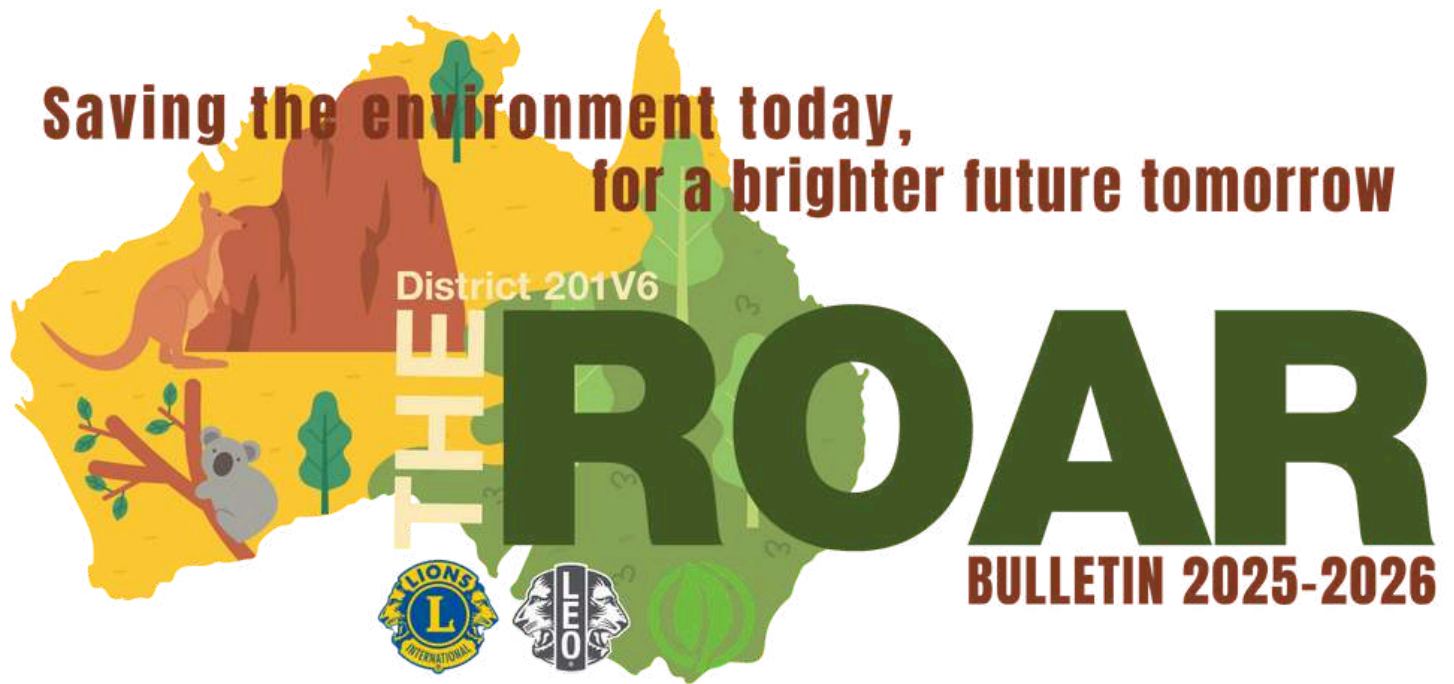


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A newsletter for Lions across the V6 District

July 2025

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Welcome, DG Paul & Lyn

As your District Governor for 2025/2026, welcome to a new Lions Year, I'm not officially District Governor until the rising of the International Convention in Orlando Florida on the 17th July (18th in Australia) this is late date is a result of the cancelation of the Mexico Convention as there were some security issues, my year has already started with changeover dinners inducting new boards & new members.

We attended the Echuca Lions Club 60th Charter Night, where I inducted a new member.

Lyn & I decided to have a couple of weeks holiday in Darwin in early June before I became District Governor. A fellow Lion who is the zone chair for the 4 clubs below, asked me if I would induct the new board, it was my privilege and honour to accept, it was a bit different to a changeover as we are used to, it was held at East Point Reserve around fifteen Lions in shorts, thongs and each with a stubbie looking at the bay.

Darwin Casurina Lions Club - Inducted New Board

Nightcliff Lions Club - Inducted New Board

Palmerston Lions Club - Inducted New Board

Litchfield Lions Club - Inducted New Board

Upper Kiewa Lions Club - Inducted New Board & two new members

Yarrowonga Lions Club - attending their changeover dinner

Numurkah Lions Club - Inducted New Board & a member

DG Paul and Lion Lyn have recently spent time in Darwin and while there they attended the Casuarina Nightcliff Palmerston & Litchfield Lions clubs at East Point, Fannie Bay



This Froddo - who is a very cute & cheeky Lions Assistance dog that DG Paul and Lyn sponsored.

DG Paul was honoured to be able to to the installation of club officers for 2025-26 while he was there.

DG report continued.....

I attended the monthly zoom meeting with the MD GMT Coordinator & other DG'S, DGE's & GMT Coordinators from each District where we discussed the membership situation and how we can improve that across the country.

LCI had a webinar on Preparing for the new year which explained the Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers roles & where to find the information on the portal

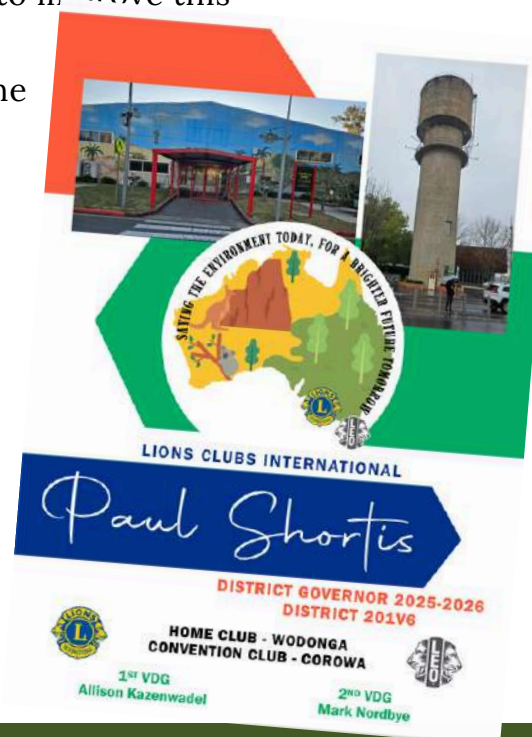
Attended the monthly zoom meeting with the MD GET Coordinator & other DG'S, DGE's & GET Coordinators from each District where we discussed ways to save our current clubs & membership as well as new clubs.

I was unable to attend the Incoming Officers Training at Echuca & Yarrowonga on the 15th June but was able to attend the training which was held at at the Thurgoona Golf Club & Resort overerall as a District we had about 1/3 of ours members attend, this isn't good and needs to improve we are looking at ways to improve this

I attended the Walwa Jingellic Lions Club Changeover it was an enjoyable night, with the Zone Chair Lion Lorraine Griffiths doing an excellent job in inducting the new board.

I attended a zoom meeting with the Chairman of the Licola Board DG's & DGE's from the five "V" Districts discussing the issues we are facing at Licola more will be sent out in relation to this matter in due course
In finishing I would like to sincerely thank the members of V6 for having the confidence in me to perform the duties of District Governor and will to the best of my ability keep up the great traditions of our District.

Paul Shortis



PDG Les Harrison, PDG John & Lions Lady Jennefer Houghton recently received King's Birthday Honours

"Congratulations to PDG John Houghton and Jennefer Houghton who have both been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours list for their contribution to our community.

Their OAM is a fantastic recognition of their tireless contribution to the Lions Club of Wangaratta and the wider Wangaratta community."



On Behalf of DG Julie and all V6 Lions, a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** for a few of our Lions and partners....PDG John Houghton and his wife Jennefer - both work tirelessly for the Wangaratta community and for Lions. PDG Les Harrison who also works tirelessly for his community and for Lions.

"The Yarrawonga Lions extend their congratulations to PDG John and Jennefer Houghton from Wangaratta and PDG Les Harrison from Tungamah as recipients of the King's Birthday OAMs. They have made significant contributions through their work in Lions and the community, deserving this recognition."

Congratulations

to Barham Koondrook Lion Rose Miller on her recent Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Rose has been a Lion for 16 years. She has had a hand in all rolls except President and Treasurer. She was a Zonie for 1 year. Rose has been to all V6 Conventions and 7 Internationals (and many MD Conventions as well no doubt, accompanied by PDG Alan I'm sure! ~ Ed) Rose still collects stamps, glasses and hearing aids. She has really enjoyed Lions. Alan has been a Lion for 46 years so I decided to join as I was helping with most things anyway.



Lion Rose receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship

Congratulations

Lesley Smith received a wonderful shock when the club presented her with a very prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship for her nearly forty years in Lionesses and Lions. Lesley was the charter president of Lake Mulwala Lions before joining Victor at Tungamah.

**Lion Lesley receives a
Melvin Jones Fellowship**



Club Development Workshops

District recently ran three successful Club Development workshops across the district. DG Julie, PDG Norm Walkington, Belinda Cooper-Green, Lee Walkington and PDG Les Harrison travelled to Echuca and helped clubs with over 20 Lions attending. Discussions were lively and there was plenty to talk about. Over all it was a very positive day. Another workshop was held at Yarrawonga with PDG Tom Little looking after the day and imparting his wisdom on the incoming presidents. Ollie and Joan Tufvesson, Deb Van Corler and PDG Omen Ndlovu spread their knowledge over the room before Yarrawonga's catering skills rounded off the day.

PDG Tom Little, PDG Norm Walkington, Lee Walkington, and Joan and Ollie Tufvesson headed off to Thurgoona for a very well attended day. Hospitality was excellent and once again clubs came away with new ideas.

Over all, we had 81 attendees from a possible 220. Not good enough, as there are too many clubs happy to have attended 5 or 10 years ago. Lions, like all other things are changing at a rattling pace and we need to keep up. Thanks to the facilitators for their time and travel and sharing of knowledge.

PDG Les Harrison



Turban Angels celebrates 10 years AND 80,000 free chemo turbans

The amazing ladies of the Yarrawonga
Turban Angels are well known for
helping cancer patients, in this region
and beyond.
~Yarrawonga Chronicle

On June 10th, our Flagship Project, the Made with Love Chemotherapy Turban initiative, marked its 10th anniversary. The Angels commemorated this milestone at our clubrooms with a chocolate cake generously donated by Woolworths. Additionally, they celebrated the achievement of distributing 80,000 units both within Australia and internationally, consistently highlighting that these turbans are provided free of charge.



Yarrawonga Lions

The month began on a sombre note with the passing of one of our esteemed members, Graeme Hodgins. Graeme joined our club in 2013, sponsored by Bill Monahan. He dedicated himself to his roles as Tail Twister, K Hub Coordinator and Board Member, demonstrating tireless commitment to our organization. His absence is deeply felt.



Food Safety Revision – Lion Ollie held a revisionary session with members keeping them up to date with food safety rules and regulations. Covered in this presentation was The Law. Community Groups, Who has Jurisdiction, Personal Hygiene, Temperature, Cross contamination, Record keeping and cleaning.

June is Club Development Time for Lions, and we had the opportunity of hosting one on Sunday 15th June. What a fantastic turnout with 36 Lions attending to help transition into their new role. Thanks to the trainers - PDG Tom Little. PDG Omeni Ndlovu, PDG John Houghton, District Treasurer Ollie Tufvesson and Lions Debbie Van Corler OAM and Joan Tufvesson. A special thanks to McKayla Peterson from Tungamah who joined the trainers demonstrating how to access the Portal. Thanks to our members for catering, lots of compliments on our soups.



This month, cooking activities took place twice at Bunnings and on four Saturdays at KHub. The profits from K Hub were donated to the Mulwala Community Garden. This organisation is a group of volunteers who collaborate to develop a functional, sensory, and edible garden in a safe, accessible, and inviting environment.



District 201V6
CHANGE OVER DINNER

Saturday 26th July 2025
6.30pm for 7pm
Club Mulwala

Lavington Lions

Congratulations Mr. Historian



Ever since our Club was established in 1970, Lion Charlie Leaney has been taking photos, collecting memorabilia and writing articles on Club activities and the characters involved.

The seven, very large albums have been documented, catalogued and will be scanned to become a permanent record of our Club and its history and will be homed at the Albury Library Museum. The albums have been classified as “of historical significance”.

Congratulations Lion Charlie on recognition of your profound interest and passionate documentation of our Club’s history over the last 50 years.

Members of Lavington Lions Club and their partners recently gathered to say farewell and thanks to the late Graham Walker. The memorial service was held at Forester’s Grove where the Club has a memory wall recognising deceased members of the Club. President Susie Harrington conducted the service and gave a powerful presentation on Graham’s contributions to Lions. His wife, Pam, was in attendance and was pleased to see so many Lions in attendance. The service was followed by an enjoyable morning tea in the rotunda.

Bright Lions

Changeover meeting

Stephen Jenvey was MC for the evening and did a great job in keeping things running smoothly and on time.

The installation of the new Executive was performed by Alison Kazenwadel with new committee:

President – Lisa Buckley

1st Vice President – Alistair Vanderpol

Secretary – Christine Jenvey

Treasurer – Paula West

We had a wonderful turnout with special guests of the CEO from the Alpine Shire Will Jeremy attending and delivering the International Toast, Steve & Alison Kazenwadel with Alison performing the installation, several Friends of Lions and Rotarians attending to celebrate the evening. The dinner was catered for by Erin Kelly who did a wonderful job in delivering a very tasty three course meal. We are excited to support the new executive and welcome some fresh ideas into the club.





Club Registrations were due 31st May – if you are participating and haven't registered yet, please send in your registration ASAP.

School finals should be finished by the end of next week.

Clubs are to hold their finals by the end of July.

Zone finals are usually held by the end of the 2nd week in August.

The **District Final** is to be held by the 31st August at Corowa at 1pm.

The **State Final** is to be held on 21st September in a location yet to be decided.

Important things to remember:

- **ALL** students **MUST** have a signed permission form **BEFORE** they participate in any level of the competition.
- A JPS Child Safety Risk Assessment **MUST** be filled in before club & zone finals.

- **ALL** club members, judges and helpers involved with club JPS programs **MUST** have a working with children's check if they are over the age of 18. Judges & non Lions Volunteers **MUST** fill out the "code of conduct" form.

- Winners notification forms to be filled in and emailed to Judy Byrne ASAP after your Club / Zone Final.

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Wangaratta Lions

Changeover 21-6-2025



Beechworth Lions

Walk for Autism - Beechworth Lions Club has donated to Beechworth Secondary College student Tahji Browne "Walk for Autism". Tahji words was: "I have set my goal to \$1500. All funds raised are going to an awesome place helping make the lives of Autistic children, adults and their families a little bit easier as well as helping the 70% of Autistic Australians that live with mental health issues every day. I am walking this May to help make our nation more Autism inclusive. Your support means the world to not only my family but also 1000's of others. I have also managed to convince one of my friends to join me so my team is growing.

Junior Public Speaking - Beechworth Lions Club has completed Lions Junior Public Speaking School this week - St Joseph's Primary School - 21 students, Beechworth Primary School - 40 students, and Montessori Beechworth - 5 students. These young people are amazing to listen to when they present their speeches. Well done Beechworth Lions Club, what an achievement 66 students from three schools over three days, and well done to our amazing students. The Club will hold their Club Final in the Beechworth Memorial Hall, where 11 students from the three schools will present their speeches.

Photos from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School not available in time for closing date of ROAR, but results are Outstanding (3/4) - Eve Martin and Runner up Catalina Neumann, 5/6 - Adara Keady and Runner up Archie Primerano.

Lions Club Combined Changeover

Dinner - Lincoln Hotel, Wodonga. 19th July - \$45. 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start to the evening.



Montessori Beechworth



Beechworth Primary



48TH ANNUAL V6 CONVENTION

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 24-26TH

HOSTED BY THE COROWA LIONS CLUB

Club Project Feature!

Wangaratta Road Safety School

From the 1st July 2013 the Lions Club of Wangaratta accepted an offer from the Apex Club of Wangaratta to take over the ownership, operation and management of the Apex Road Safety School in Ryan Avenue, Wangaratta.

The Road Safety School has been in operation since October, 1970, when it was established by the Apex Club of Merriwa Wangaratta in response to concerns by the community about the lack of a safe environment in which children could be taught Road Safety.

Our purpose today remains the same, to:

- Develop children's traffic awareness and provide road safety information and support to organisations in a safe and secure environment.
- Allow children to gain confidence and develop road safety skills, away from the dangers of our busy roads.

Our sessions are based on content from Vic Roads resources, where we visit and reinforce 5 core objectives of road and bike safety.

- Left hand side of the road
- Footpath usage (up to 12 years of age)
- Helmet fit
- Stop, Look, Listen, Think message
- Road signs

The facility can also be hired out privately for kids parties and events.



Cobram Lions

Cobram Lions held the 60th annual change over dinner on June 24th. The event was hosted at the Grand Central Hotel. We welcomed Alison Kazenwadel to induct this year's board. The team at Cobram Lions have achieved so much across the year. Several Distributions have gone out. We are watching 2 major projects for the club are actually near completion, these we have made larger donations to. It is exciting to see them coming into fruition this month. The seat at Federation Park is about to be installed and the Cobram off lead Dog Park is nearly finished.



It was with great excitement we can now announce that the club has been successful in having the Melbourne Lexus Cup visiting Cobram on its tour around the country.

Cobram Lions had a wonderful Club Final for this year's Junior Public Speaking Competition. Well over 50 in attendance. The 3 judges had a hard job this year. All of the contestants were fantastic and had put so much effort in to their speeches. We look forward to the next level in August.

On June 20th and 26th the Cobram Lions launched into a new program available for Schools in Cobram. The Lions Eye Health Program. Offering a free screening service to our students. 8 Lions undertook the required units of training from Lions Eye Health Australia required and are the club is now able to start visiting schools. This program has been very positively received amongst the local Primary Schools. Thank you to the Wangaratta Lions and Lake Mulwala Lions, Seymour and Goulburn Lions who assisted with the screenings.



Tungamah Lions

The highlight of the Lions Year for Tungamah and District has been the changeover evening held at Club Mulwala on Wednesday, the 25th June. The installation was carried out by our District Governor, Julie Ballard.

It was a great celebration of the year of Victor Smith as president. Victor had also been the Zone Chairperson for Zone 6 for the past 6 years. I am including Victor's presidential report in this article.

President's Report 24-25 - Well, it is the third time I have been president of the club which I thank the members of the club for, to ask me to take this position. I have done my best for the club. This time, I also had the position of zone chairperson which I have done for four years and with the clubs being so far apart, it took a lot of my time.

It was great to see the other clubs and meet all the members and see how the other clubs worked. I was also on Cabinet and attended many of the meetings. Our own club had a lot of work and activities and work. We worked hard at Bunnings, plus we hosted the Skin Cancer semi9 trailer and crew who were her to test people for signs of cancer. Plus, we had the nurses to look after. It was a really big job over the two days. We also do the footy gates where we collect fees from the people coming to see the game. Wilby was also a very big job over two days every month which took a lots of time and people helping.



We did a clean up at a member's place and put in a form in the annex. Lesley also did a work for MND in Gippsland. We also assisted with table tennis in Wangaratta. We also hosted the District Leo of the Year final, and helped with a huge fundraising day for Robbie Irvine, a local who has cancer. We were also busy with the 150th Celebrations, which were so hectic and busy.

We have 5 members on Cabinet, a great effort for a small club. We also assisted a lot of people needing help with travel vouchers to get to appointments. We helped a young lady who was badly scalded with boiling water. We replaced tables, chairs a bed and television. We thank the V6 Foundation for their help. We are placing chairs around the town for people who are walkers and need a spell.

Thank you to the members for my Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. It was a great surprise.

Thanks Les, McKayla and Aydan for your great work.

Changeover night was highlighted by the installation of Helen Williams, who was having her first experience of being president. Helen was very proud to be called upon to lead the club. She follows in the footsteps of her Dad, Ray, who did such a wonderful job some years ago.

McKayla Peterson and Aydan Stark-Beswick continue in the roles as Secretary and Treasurer. Both are very young and dedicated to Lions. Both are attending a Lions training weekend this weekend.

PDG Les Harrison is in charge of membership as we attempt to grow our club and our district.

During the year we have helped so many people in needs, with travel requests for medical treatment, improvements around the town and assistance at town events. We are always proud to lend a hand, and while we make some money from catering and doing the footy gates, we do a lot for no financial reward. We support Friends in Common very well and it may be interesting

Tungamah Lions continued...

to note we have donated \$6000 towards the Splash Park.

Many have enjoyed Australia Day and the wonderful Christmas Carols each year. We thank John Tyrrell and his wife Heather for their help to make that happen.

We like mixing with the other clubs and do our Fair Share on District Cabinet. We have five on Cabinet, with Neville Barber organising Children of Courage. The changeover was highlighted by Neville receiving a Chris August Award for his wonderful work over many years. Lesley Smith received a wonderful shock when the club presented her with a very prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship for her nearly forty years in Lionesses and Lions. Lesley was the charter president of Lake Mulwala Lions before joining Victor at Tungamah. Our next project will be the installation for benches around the town for weary walkers. We have the support of the Shire with this, and they are donating a couple of the benches as well as doing the installation.



Tungamah Leos

Tungamah's Leos are gearing up for a disco, which is to be held on Saturday, the 9th August in the Hall at the local school. It will be a great occasion and will be run under strict security.

We have had some great ideas and have some wonderful parents supporting the evening.

Does anyone know of a very dead tree around the town which we could use to paint blue to bring depression into our public thoughts. And no, you don't have to climb it, but we have the right equipment on hand to do so safely.

We are also looking at installing some permanent fishing rod holders down at the creek, following a very crafty carp stealing someone's expensive rod and reel.

We have several very young Leos and some Leo cubs, so let's get stuck into some fun and improvements for the town.



LEO'S CLUB DISCO

Saturday 9th August 7-9pm

Ages 5 to 16 only

Tungamah Primary School Hall

Tower St Tungamah

Pirate/Fairy Theme (optional)

Gold coin Donation

Snacks Supplied



* volunteers needed must
have wwcc contact Les
Harrison on
0417 301 797

Strictly NO alcohol/Drugs

Lockhart Lions

Lockhart Members hosted Zone 10 members for a social afternoon in Lockhart, showing Zone 10 members our recycle system followed by a delicious afternoon tea at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemens Club, the recycle centre is a fabulous fundraiser and it is a lot of work every day of the week., however it helps to keep so much out of landfill. Lockhart members have been busy with raffles, BBQ's, recycling and continue to print our local newsletter the Verandah Post.



Corowa Lions inducts new Lion

Welcome, newest Corowa Lion - Hollie.

And I have it on good authority that there are a few more to be joining Corowa in the not so distant future! - Ed.



What They're talking about on Social Media...

Younger Lions: Fellowship vs. Action?

Did you know? Studies show that younger Lions (ages 18–40) are energized by action — they want hands-on service projects where they can see real results and make an immediate difference!

While fellowship is important, it's working together on meaningful projects that truly builds lasting friendships.

85% of younger members prefer service with visible community impact.

78% want opportunities to lead projects, not just attend meetings.

They stay where they can serve and connect at the same time.

Action first, fellowship naturally follows! Let's keep creating opportunities that inspire and empower the next generation of Lions.



COMMUNICATIONS - What if your DG sent out a semi-regular email to clubs about what is going on in the district. It is not a news letter, it does not have a name, it is just a personal email from your DG to you about what is happening. Would you read it? Reply to it? What do you think?



**Where there is a
need there is a Lion**

With 1.4 million Lions members, 48,000 clubs and 200+ countries, we can respond quickly to the unique challenges facing each community.

Lions live and work in communities they serve. We know how to encourage, serve and advocate for our neighbours and those in need.

Wetherby and District Lions work to support the local community and, in partnership with other local organisations and businesses, organise and support events to bring people together and raise money to benefit those within the community.

"While there are many benefits to being a Lion, the fellowship we experience is perhaps one of the most important. We volunteer with those who share our passion for service. We enjoy the time we spend together doing meaningful work in our communities. We also grow immensely as individuals while working as a team and learning from one another.

Teamwork generates new ideas and greater outcomes. Working together gives us new perspectives and ways to look at the world, and serving others helps us become more compassionate and understanding people.

Being a member of a Lions club makes us better in so many ways and that inspires other people to join us."

Dr. Fyllis Hill
International President
Lions International



A GREAT IDEA FOR CLUBS.... This is something I am working on to introduce our lions clubs to try and attract new members, local estate agents are kind enough to include it in new buyer packs, and we will print to give out ourselves.



Question from a Lion... What do you think are the top 3 issues that Lions Clubs face today? See some common replies below...

"The older generation not being accepting of the younger generations ideas....The older generation resistant to teach the younger generation to take over The older generation resistant to giving up their seats for the younger generation to take over!!"

"Seasoned Lions who refuse to let younger Lions move up the chain of Leadership and actually block them"

"We lose to many members for lack of support by their Lion sponsors and other club members not engaging them . (2) we need men and women Under 30 years of age as new members. (3) An we need change in our Clubs, just because you have never done something or you don't like change is no reason to set there and let your CLUB slowly die."

A fictional Lions Club Obituary...



*Let's discuss
what we can do
to stop this
happening to
YOUR club*

(A fictional obituary but actual reasons given why clubs have declined and closed)

"After 76 years of service to our community, our club was forced to close. As our community changed, we were slow to adapt and we saw fewer people requesting to join our club. Because we wanted only quality members, we did not actively recruit new Lions. We focused upon retention, so we continued doing what our existing members wanted to do. When we declined in membership, we felt that if we just kept serving, all would be well. We felt that our Service spoke for itself and we did not want to appear prideful, so we did not aggressively promote our club in our community. We continued with the same projects and found that fewer people were interested in participating in them. As we aged, we were not able to continue with some of our traditional projects so we focused more on writing checks and less on hands-on service. Covid came and we could not meet in person so we lost contact with some of our members. After Covid, we continued to meet for lunch and enjoyed each other's fellowship, but outsiders were not attracted or welcome to our small group of close friends. We declined to form a branch because we did not want to build another club that would compete with us. As our numbers dwindled, we repeated our officers, and when we were unable to find Lions willing to serve as President, Secretary and Treasurer, we decided to stop meeting and close the club."



*Combined Efforts
for vision
screening project -
Cobram,
Wangaratta, Lake
Mulwala Lions and
Seymour and
Goulburn Lions
represented here*



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Diary Dates

JULY

3rd - International Plastic Bag Fee Day

6-13th - NAIDOC Week

6th - Children of Courage

Tocumwal - 1pm

13-19th - National Diabetes Week

13-17th International Convention, Florida

24th - International Self Care Day

25th - Christmas in July

26th - District Changeover, Mulwala

27th 1st Cabinet Meeting, Yarrawonga

28th Items for the Roar due

30th - International Day of Friendship

AUGUST

4-10th - Keep Australia Beautiful Week

9th - National Book Lover Day

12th - International Youth Day

13th - Left Handers Day

17th - JPS Region finals to be completed

24th - Jnr Public Speaking - DISTRICT

FINAL - 1pm (Location - TBA)

28th - Articles for the ROAR due

29th - Wear it Purple Day

didn't see
YOUR
club in the latest
edition of....



THE ROAR

V6 District Newsletter

deadline is 28th of each month



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