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District 201V6

# THE ROAR

**BULLETIN 2025-2026**



*A newsletter for Lions across the V6 District*

*March 2026*

## LIONS ON SAFARI

### From the DG...

Due to the Christmas hiatus, I only had two club visits. One was to the Lions Club of Bright, where we enjoyed a very pleasant evening together. The main topic of discussion was the upcoming 50th Charter Anniversary, planned as a lunchtime celebration. I have since heard that the event was a great success, with a wonderful luncheon provided by the local CWA and around 50 past and present members in attendance. Due to the Christmas Hiatus I only had two visits one to Lithe Lions Club of Kats Club of Bright where an enjoyable evening was had with the main topic being the upcoming 50th Charter Anniversary to be held at lunchtime. I have since heard that it was a very enjoyable luncheon supplied by the local CWA, around 50 past and present members attended

The second visit was to the Lions Club of Katamatite, where members discussed their plans to distribute \$15,000 to families in the Yarroweyah area who have been affected by the current fires.

District V5 organised a combined training day with members from V6 delivering the Certified Guiding Lions Course to around 25 participants at Kialla West Primary School. It proved to be a highly informative session, with plenty of positive feedback from those who attended.

The Lions Clubs of Corowa and Myrtleford have joined forces to support Judy Brewer in her inspiring project to transform her family home in Mudgegonga into a care farm. Judy, the widow of

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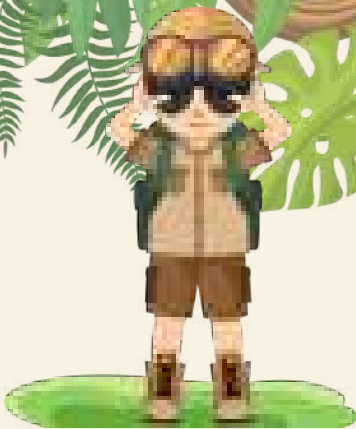
Lions Awareness  
Month

Around the  
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Upcoming  
events

What's hot on  
social media

and lots more...



the late Honourable Tim Fischer, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, is creating a place of purpose, connection, and wellbeing for the community.

It continues to be a privilege to witness the outstanding work being carried out across our District. Over the past month, I have seen firsthand the dedication, compassion, and community spirit that truly define Lionism.

Thank you to every club for your commitment to service, membership growth, and fellowship. Your efforts—whether through fundraising, hands-on projects, or supporting those in need—are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of others.

I encourage all members to stay engaged, support upcoming district events, and continue inviting others to experience the rewards of being a Lion.

Together we are stronger. Together we serve.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the V6 Foundation for providing the following grants to our clubs, enabling them to support families in need as a result of the current fires.

Wangaratta \$2,500; Walwa Jingellic \$5,000; Strathmerton 10,000; Cobram \$7,500; Katamatite \$2,500

*Paul Shortis*



# Bright Lions

A wonderful turnout made today's celebration truly memorable. Special thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. To local past Lions members or spouses, and to all those who travelled to join us. It was a pleasure to have our Mayor Sarah Nicholas, representatives of Rotary Geoff and Fraser, and Steven Kazenwadel from Wangaratta Lions with us. Graham's decorating of the Club Rooms brought a cheerful atmosphere to what is usually a very plain shed.

The CWA provided outstanding catering, and Lion Paula—being the excellent cook she is—baked and decorated a beautiful cake featuring our Lions logo.

Brian and Graham spoke warmly about what our club represents and the many things we have achieved over the past 50 years. It's easy to forget, or simply not realise, just how much support we've offered our community over the decades. From major events to helping people affected by floods, fires, and hardship, our impact has been significant. As Brian noted, the nature of our service has changed over time; we now spend more effort on fundraising than on hands-on assistance, perhaps reflecting the times we live in.

We were especially pleased that Malcolm, our longest-serving member, was able to attend despite not being well. His stories from the early days of the club brought plenty of laughter and reminded us of the spirit that has carried us through the past half-century.

We also want to thank our community and the many visitors to Bright who continue to stand by us—supporting our markets, buying raffle tickets, and contributing through generous donations.

We look forward to continuing our work in the community, supported by our Friends of Lions and the many others who lend a hand when it's needed.



50<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

## Tocumwal Lions

Tocumwal Lions Club's first Made Baked and Grown Market has been deemed a success by members.

The Market held on Saturday February 7 in the Clubs Function Rooms featured thirteen stalls with many and varied home produced items from baked goods, honey, ceramics, needlework, earrings, plants, and more. Many people attended from Tocumwal and surrounding towns. Morning tea was provided by the Club members and many enjoyed sitting and catching up.

The next market will be Saturday May 2. A EOI application is available <https://form.jotform.com/260011919777865>

All funds raised through site fees, gold coin entry and morning tea help us to continue supporting our local schools, disaster relief, and health programs.

Photos; Lions Club members Brain Folliard, Coral Wegmann, Kate Folliard, Keith Kennedy, Oli Flury, Judy Renner, Carol Kennedy.  
The market in the Clubs Function Rooms



## Tungamah Leos

It certainly is getting very busy for the Leos at the moment, as we welcome Billy Starkey to the club. Marcus Cummins attended the meeting and some great suggestions and advice. Not long till the first major event of the year with an underage disco coming up on Friday, 13th March at the Civic Centre. Guess what the theme is? Surprisingly, it's a Friday 13th Spook Night! Starts at 5.30 and ends at 7.30 with a gold coin donation. Strict supervision will be in place.

On Sunday, 26th April, we are holding our annual carp muster and once again, this will be a real beauty. We already have some good prizes and we are still to approach sponsors! Some members of the Undera Fishing Club will be along to assist with the day. You will notice all details on the flyers in this month's Moira Independent. All are welcome and we are expecting a huge crowd of fisherpeople.

We are also planning a colour run to raise funds for disaster victims. We will be talking to the footy club with this as it would be great to have a dual effort.

Next meeting is on Monday, 2nd March, 6.30 at the Civic Centre. These young people are having a red hot go, and we would like some more involved.

We need help to clean down the solar panel for the fountain as the cockies have used it as a landing base.



# Tungamah Lions

We are now well into February, and the club continues to do some wonderful things for other people. Following the disastrous fires down at Goomalibee members of our club joined forces with Benalla, Finley and Myrtleford to cook for the Blaze Aid volunteers. Top marks to Benalla Club for coordinating this effort which met with genuine gratitude.


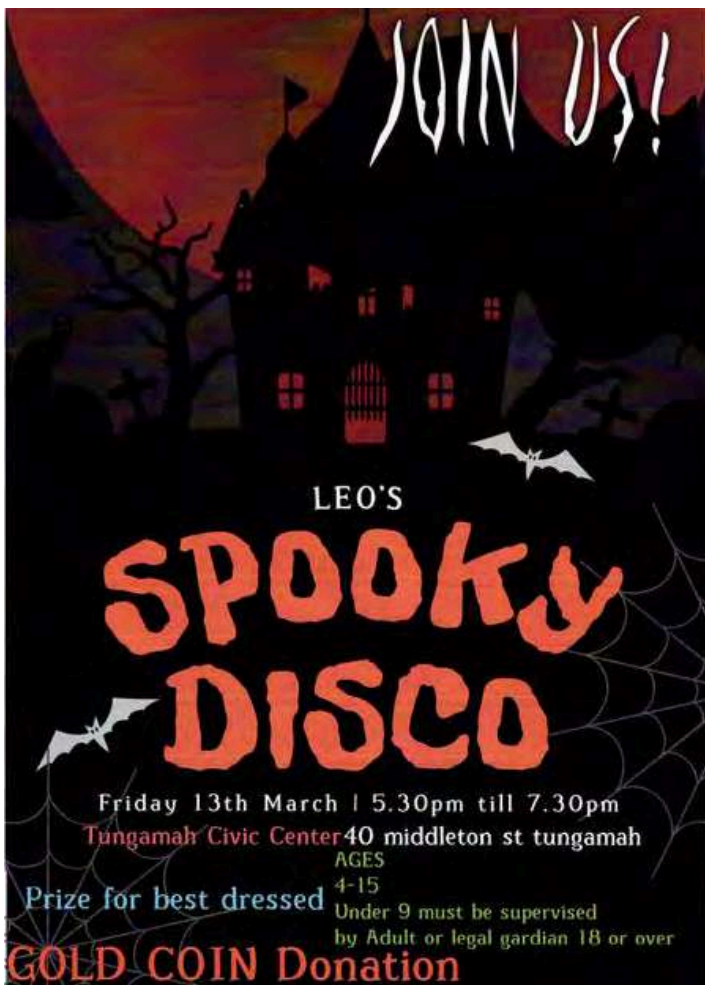
Another Bunnings Barbecue was very successful and we made money which went to the bushfire victims. We donated \$2500 to the V6 Disaster Fund and this has been distributed to people who have lost their homes due to the bushfires.

Tungamah has always been active on a district basis, and have members on the District Cabinet for the past 26 years. The time has come for Les and Robyn to move on, but we are so pleased Michelle Wild is taking on Robyn's task of looking after the Assistance Dogs. She is very committed to the job and has already visited the headquarters in Hahndorf. We also have Aydan Stark-Beswick in Technical Support and Neville Barber who runs Children of Courage. Tungamah Lions have organised a trivia night in the Wilby Hall on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> April. This is open to everybody so keep your eyes open.

Our club is very busy and always willing to help. We have the footy gates coming up in April, and we look forward to our partnership with the Bears. Great footy club and is part of living in our beautiful town.


Members are also committed to helping the Leos. Just a small problem, has anyone got a small pressure pump we can use to wash down the solar panels for the fountain in the creek. Contact Les on 0417301797.

That's it folks, see you all next month.



TUNGAMAH LEO CLUB PRESENTS A FISHING EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE MISSED.

**OUR ANNUAL CARP MUSTER.**



**SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026.**

**BOOSEY CREEK AT TUNGAMAH LIONS PARK.**

**11 A.M. START UNTIL 2 P.M.**

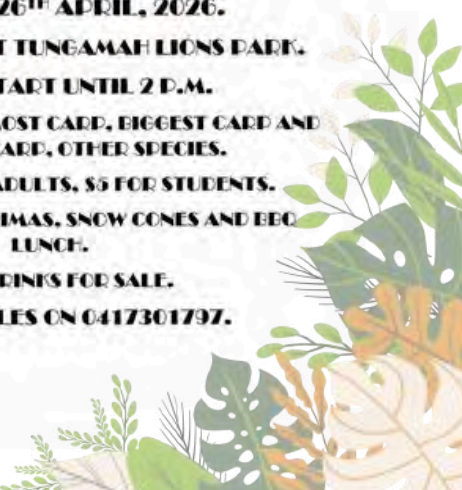
**GREAT PRIZES FOR MOST CARR, BIGGEST CARR AND SMALLEST CARR, OTHER SPECIES.**

**\$10 ENTRY FOR ADULTS, \$5 FOR STUDENTS.**

**INCLUDES FREE PRIMAS, SNOW CONES AND BBQ LUNCH.**

**SOFT DRINKS FOR SALE.**

**INQUIRIES LES ON 0417301797.**



## Service...

How does your club organise activities and projects during the Lions year?

Do you have a Service Chairperson in your club?

Do you have subcommittees with members allocated to various activities?

Do members just decide to take on a project over a couple of beers at the dinner meeting?

Our National GST Coordinator, PDG Savva Argyrou, recommends all Lions clubs appoint a Service Chairperson to coordinate all activities and then ensure they are reported in the Lions Portal.

The core business of Lions International is to serve our communities with various projects and activities. Having many varied activities ensures we can meet the challenges of the people we serve and lets them know we are there to help. Having worthwhile projects will encourage others to join our organisation and feel wanted.

A club Service Coordinator would be responsible for driving, planning and reporting on service projects at club level. This would ensure that the members maximise their impact in key areas like vision, hunger, diabetes, environment, and childhood cancer.

This will then increase member satisfaction by encouraging participation and engagement in service projects.

A club service coordinator should also collaborate with the club membership chairperson and other club committees to promote membership opportunities to non-Lions during service projects.

Ask yourself, can I do this job which will help my club members, my district and Lions International worldwide. If you answered, Yes, welcome to an important level of Lionism

Regards

Lion Warwick

V6 Service Coordinator



# Save the Date

23-25  
October 2026

**V6 District Convention**  
*Kerang, Victoria*



# Beechworth Lions

Beechworth Lions Club President John presented Appreciation Certificates to the supporters and sellers of the Lions Christmas cakes on Beechworth Lions behalf. Among those receiving certificates were Beechworth Lions Club Life member Graeme Smart and Beechworth Bowling Club, and Fiona Pringle on behalf of Beechworth BankWAW. Others that sold Christmas cakes on behalf of Beechworth Lions Club were CC Quality meats and smokehouse, Bendigo Bank, and Mike's Bazaar. Thank you goes to Lions Lyn and Christine for preparing the afternoon tea for the Christmas cake sellers.

Beechworth Lions has received notification that Lion Garry Jarvis is resigning due to work commitments. President John sent a letter of thanks to Garry. We thank him for his 5 years of service to Beechworth Lions Club.

Australia Day - Again, this year, Beechworth Lions Club organised and held the Australia Day Breakfast with the help of Beechworth Rotary Club, Beechworth CWA, Beechworth Scouts, and Jack Mannix (Junior Beechworth RSL) on the day. Thanks go to MC Rotarian John Costello, Councillor John Harvey, and our special guest speaker RSL and Beechworth Lion President John Eldrid, our Order of Australia recipients, Indigo Shire Council, and the wonderful community of Beechworth. All 93 attendees to what was a wonderful Australia Day community celebration. Congratulations to our three Australia Day awards recipients. Welcome also went to a couple of visitors to Beechworth that attended our breakfast and Community Australia Day, we hope that you had an enjoyable time with us. The gold coin donations, and funds remaining from Indigo Shire grant was donated to the 2026 Victorian Bushfire Appeal. The amount was \$530.00. Thank all.



## Benalla Lions

Due to a devastating fire on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026 which burnt 1600 hectares and included a farmers home and surrounding sheds and equipment, the Blaze-Aid fencing volunteers very quickly set up at the Goomalibee Fire Station ready to repair and replace the fences on the farmers properties. The Benalla Lions Club was given the responsibility through member Peter Poels to coordinate Clubs to cook meals for the Blaze Aid fencing volunteers, at the Goomalibee Fire Station, which commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on the 16<sup>th</sup> February Thank you to Benalla President Peter and Jan Brown, Gail Watt, Yvonne Capp, Helen and Chris Vaughan, Jacki Clues and Margaret Poels for making casseroles and sweets on two nights.

A huge thank you also to the Myrtleford Lions Club members Rick and Dianne Rickard for providing a meal and sweets on one night, Finley Lions Club members Nellie Johnson, Warwick Douglas, Bill Jud, Bernie Rogers, Greg Brunt, Chris Horne, Cherilyn and Ian Taig for providing meals and sweets on two occasions. Tungamah Lions Club members – Helen Williams, Michelle Wild and a friend provided meals and sweets on three nights, the Benalla Rotary Club provided meals and sweets on seven nights, and Benalla Waminda House also supplied casseroles on three occasions with the help of Margaret & Peter Poels.

All the meals provided were very much appreciated by the Blaze-Aid volunteers. After completion of providing the evening meals, Coordinator Peter Poels on behalf of the Benalla Lions Club presented the Myrtleford, Tungamah, Finley and Benalla Lions Club, and also the Benalla Rotary Club, and Benalla Waminda House with a Certificate of Appreciation, for their fantastic contribution.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February Chris & Helen Vaughan, Peter & Margaret Poels, Peter Brown and Ian Capp, Lock Lidgerwood and Denise Brown conducted the BBQ at Bunnings in Wangaratta, the shoppers were down in number due to it being a very hot day, but with 3 cooks available it was good that they could rotate and keep hydrated.

The Benalla Lakeside Craft & Farmers Market was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. A variety of site holders displayed a variety of wares from – fruit, vegetables, ceramics, jams, relishes, books, gnomes, jewellery, plants and much more.

The musician created an interest and the young fellow in the photo gave him the thumbs up. We also had a different visitor which comes to visit occasionally on his owners arm.

The next Benalla Lakeside Craft and Farmers Market will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, behind the Benalla Library, where again there will be a large variety of items available.

The Masonic Lodge will cook up a delicious breakfast of Egg and Bacon Rolls as usual, and there is also fantastic coffee, hot chocolate and a variety of cold drinks available and the Rotary Club will have their dim sims and chips available, the entertainment in March will be provided by the “Rose City Brass Band”.



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

On last Thursday, the Rotary Club of Kerang hosted our Lions Club of Kerang at the Rotary Club rooms for our annual combined Services Clubs Dinner. It was great to see so many members from each club enjoying each other's company.

Dr Joe Dawson was the guest speaker and he gave a very interesting speech especially how AI will play an important part of our health consultations in the very near future.

Dinner was very tasty and the fellowship continued after the meeting was finished. The next combined dinner will be at the Kerang Lions Den next year.



Lions Club of Lake Mulwala - Enjoyable and delicious lunch at Byramine Homestead where we were pleased to Induct a new member. Welcome to Lions Julie Garrner.



Yarrowonga Lions - And that's a wrap for our KHub community bbq.

For the month of February our group has been Variety Kids Bash.

local legends Paula and Amanda have done a magic job of organising the crews to assist our Lions Members.

Today even the Marvellous Batman was there with his trusty offsider Batsheila from Gothams Greatest and Lions Jock and Peter. Great effort by all.



Wangaratta Lions - After a postponement of the 2025 end of year presentation night, Wangaratta High School recognised the 2025 students at an award night this week. Congratulations to all on their achievements over the past year. Lions Club of Wangaratta was represented by Lion Jo Howell to present the Lions Club achievement award to the 2025 recipient Clara Rocchiccioli.



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



The Lions are out in force at the Newcastle Show this weekend! Local Clubs have teamed up to showcase the many projects Lions run in our local Aussie communities, from supporting families to backing life changing foundations.

Several Finley Lions Club members represented our club and Lions International at the Goomalibee Fire Station last night. They were part of a crowd of 300 people who were thanked by the Goomalibee CFA for their commitment to the area following the December Fire.



Cohuna Lions would like to wish Indi all the very best as she represents Cohuna Leos at the District Final of Leo of the Year.

Jett and his dad Gary were recently hosted by Rochester Lions. Jett has just returned from a USA basketball trip. The Lions sponsored him to assist with travel. We loved hearing about his trip and experiences



A day out at the Winery....a few keen Wangaratta Lions and one ring in helped direct traffic at a recent fun run event.



# V6 District Lions Clubs get behind Bush Fire relief donations

Lions Clubs in the V6 District have been forthcoming with their generosity in terms of donations towards the recent Bush Fire relief funding.

Many clubs have donated very large sums with are being held by the Lions 201 V6 Foundation in trust for these and future natural disasters.

It is very encouraging to see how quickly clubs have come up with some very respectable donations and as we move forward after the fires the Foundation has been able to contribute financially to clubs wishing to assist their communities with fire relief.

These funding packages cover such things as clothing, food and catering costs at fire centres and communities around the V6 District.

Clubs donating funds to the Foundation Disaster fund should understand that these donations do not attract credits for future Chris August awards.

Clubs will continue to receive Chris August credits for all general donations made to the Foundation.

Requests for general financial assistance should continue to be made by Lions Clubs and forwarded to the Foundation's Secretary for consideration by the Directors of the Foundation.



## V6 Lions Clubs helping out where & when they are needed...

PDG Peter presented some certificate of appreciation from the Lions Club of Benalla to Tungamah & Finley Lions for their support and assistance provided to Benalla Lions Club with feeding Blaze Aid volunteers after the fires earlier this year.



# DISTRICT HISTORY

GOT A PASSION FOR HISTORY?

Calling all history buffs! I'm looking for people with a love of history, research and storytelling to collaborate on an upcoming project. Contact me via email for more info if you're interested!

district 201V6  

v6roare@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY -  
FUN DAY / WEEKEND ESCAPE  
7 - 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

**District Event Cancelled  
due to lack of Interest**



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8



## Cobram Lions Market



March 28th

April 4th

May 30th

June 27th



### Years 3 & 4

If you could go on a holiday anywhere in Australia, where would you go and why?

Tell us about it...  
e.g. What can you see and what would you do there?



### Club Registrations due by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

district 201V6  



### Years 5 & 6

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world (a real person past or present), who would it be, and why, and what would you serve them for dinner?

Hint: You will need to research this person to find out about their life.



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## Lions Club of Wangaratta 70th Charter Anniversary

### 12th March 2026

Join them to celebrate

Ph: Michelle Spence on 0459 778 663

# Helpful Links

## District Governor

Paul Shortis  
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## Cabinet Secretary

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## Cabinet Treasurer

Belinda Cooper-Green  
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## Welfare Officer

Sandra Temple  
0467 259 722  
rev.sandra.temple@gmail.com

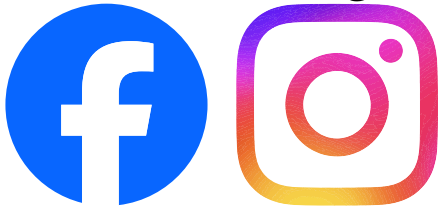
## PR & Website Chairperson

Jo Guthrie  
0428 366 220 ~ v6roar@gmail.com

## Information Technology (IT) / Website

Aydan Stark – Beswick  
0484 249 521

## Are YOU following us....



## Facebook

<http://facebook.com/201V6Lions>  
Member's Only Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676430540448974>

## Instagram

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

# Diary Dates

## MARCH

### Lions on Safari Month - Lions Awareness Month

2<sup>nd</sup> - Clean up Australia Day

3<sup>rd</sup> - World Hearing Day

8<sup>th</sup> - International Women's Day

10-16<sup>th</sup> - Glaucoma Awareness Week

19<sup>th</sup> - District Youth of the Year final

20<sup>th</sup> - International Day of Happiness

22<sup>nd</sup> - Leo of the Year State Final

## APRIL

### Autism Acceptance Month Youth Week

5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

7<sup>th</sup> - World Health Day

22<sup>nd</sup> - World Earth Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - World Book Day

25<sup>th</sup> - Anzac Day

26<sup>th</sup> - Lions International Worldwide Induction Day

19<sup>th</sup> - Trivia Night Fundraiser - Wilby Hall

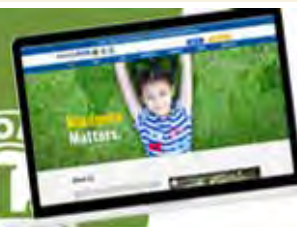


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**THE ROAR**  
V6 District Newsletter

deadline is 28th of each month



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## **Important Update**

### **Change to Child Safety Regulatory Body in Victoria**

**Effective 23 February 2026**

Lions clubs in Victoria should be aware of a significant change to the regulatory landscape for child safety in our state. Effective 23 February 2026, Victoria's child safety regulatory functions have transferred from the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) to the Social Services Regulator (SSR). The SSR now oversees the Child Safe Standards, Reportable Conduct Scheme, Working with Children Check, Worker and Carer Exclusion Scheme, and NDIS Worker Screening Check under a single regulatory body.

For Lions clubs, existing obligations under the Child Safe Standards and Working with Children Check have not changed. However, any club documents, policies, or communications that mention the CCYP should be updated to reference the Social Services Regulator (SSR). For further guidance, clubs should contact their District Child Safe Officer.

**Tony Austin**

Child Safe Resource Officer for VIC

**Lions Australia**

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# *Tony's Trek 2026 - Paddle for Awareness*



My name is Tony Pearce, and I am the Chair of the Emergency Services Foundation (ESF). In early 2026 I will be passing through your municipality as part of a 2,400 km solo, unsupported paddle along the Murray River to raise awareness of the mental health impacts of emergency work on Victoria's 139,000 volunteer and paid emergency workers and to raise funds for the ESF. While I am the Chair of ESF I will be undertaking this challenge in a private capacity.

This journey, which follows the Murray River from the mountains to the sea, highlights the mental health challenges faced by those who serve our communities on the frontline. The ESF plays a vital role in supporting their wellbeing through sector-wide coordination and evidence-based programs.

As I pass through communities along the Murray River, I would be grateful for any and all local support, be that through local promotion of the paddle, connection with community, or any other form of encouragement. Community engagement throughout towns will be essential to the success and visibility of this cause and raising awareness of the issue.

Tony's Trek 2026 - Paddle for Awareness. I will commence my journey on 12 April 2026 at Bringenbrong in NSW and over +/- 55 days paddle to the mouth of the Murray at Goolwa in South Australia. I am attempting to raise \$50k to fund another Residential Wellbeing Program for more of our emergency workers suffering with their mental health as a result of protecting their communities.

Along the way I will take every opportunity to shine a light on the hidden toll that emergency work takes on those who serve our communities because the statistics are damning, and we can and must do better.

## **Did you know that:**

- 1 in 3 emergency service workers experience high or very high psychological distress.
- 15% of all Workcover mental injury claims come from emergency services workers.
- The average emergency worker mental health claim costs \$389,000 against a Workcover scheme average of \$244,000
- only 37% of emergency workers with a mental injury claim are back at work in 6 months which is below the scheme average
- more emergency workers than ever before are unable to return to work at all.

This solo journey down the Murray River will be both a physical and mental challenge for me, much like the daily experiences of our emergency workers. Along the way, I will connect with local communities, share stories of resilience, and highlight the need for robust mental health resources and support systems. My aim is to inspire action and raise vital funds to enhance programs that promote wellbeing for our emergency services personnel.

I am inviting everyone to support me on this journey, whether by following my progress, spreading the message, or contributing to the cause. Let's paddle together toward a future where we have mentally healthy people and workplaces across the emergency services sector.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this, and I would love to have your support in whatever form that takes. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in their lives.

Tony Pearce

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<https://esf.com.au/>



THE 2026 V6 CHILDREN OF COURAGE  
AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON

**SUNDAY 3RD MAY**

AT THE TOCUMWAL LIONS CLUB  
1PM FOR A 1.30PM START

**COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THESE  
AMAZING KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE PROVIDED  
RSVP FOR CATERING PLEASE**

NEVILLE BARBER BY FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
0429 795 514 OR (03) 5764 1277





# 2026 Lions District V6 Children of Courage Club Nomination Form

Child's Name:		Age:	
Parents or Guardians name/s			
Phone		Email:	
Address			
			Postcode
Nominating Lions Club			
Club contact name			
Phone		Email:	
Category <i>(choose one)</i>	Special Needs	Courageous Acts or Deeds	Sporting
<b>Details of Nomination</b>			
Could you please indicate if the child has a wheelchair or walker?		Yes	No
Parent / Guardian consent form filled and returned? Please forward with nomination.		Yes	No

The **2026V6 Children of Courage Awards** ceremony will be held on **Sunday 3rd May** at the Tocomwal Lions Club. 1pm for a 1.30pm start. Afternoon Tea will be provided.

**Nominations for awards are to be sent to Neville Barber by FRIDAY 24th April**

Please email forms to [bravetruckie@gmail.com](mailto:bravetruckie@gmail.com)

Enquiries to Neville on 0429 795 514 or (03) 5764 1277

**Nomination fee of \$35 is payable for each child entered.**

Please write any additional details about the child – no more than 100 words.



# 2026 Lions District V6 Children of Courage

## Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary requirements / food allergies? Please list.

\_\_\_\_\_

### Parent / Guardian Consent:

- I understand that I consent to an image of my child/children under the age of 18, named above, being taken and used and reproduced in any format by Lions Australia.
- I understand that my image may be used for the purposes of display, publicity and in promotional materials by Lions Australia. This includes print and online platforms including newsletters, social media and websites.
- I understand that any intellectual property, including copyright and image rights, which arises in the visual image(s) belongs to Lions Australia.
- Completion of this form is accepted as consent to use the images of the persons named above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The **2025 V6 Children of Courage Awards** ceremony will be held on  
**Sunday 3rd May** at Tocumwal Lions Club. 1pm for a 1.30pm start.  
Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Please let your local Lions Club know how many people will be attending (*for catering purposes*).

Lions Crimewatch Speak Up Inc.

# Operation Bear

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## About Us


The Victorian Crime Watch Speak Up Inc. Committee represents the five Lions Districts in Victoria, and Southern New South Wales in Australia.


It was founded in 1983 to assist Lions Clubs to be on the lookout for neighbourhood crime. An ongoing purpose is to assist children who may experience stress through accidents, death of family members, or through involvement with emergency service or the Children's or Coroner's Courts.

The Committee encourages Clubs to purchase Teddy Bears for donation to local emergency services, or participate in one of our other projects.



## Contact Us

 lionsoperationbear@gmail.com

 0477 914 625  
Lion Shane Bruce

 P O Box 4173 HOPPERS CROSSING VIC 3029





Lions Crimewatch Speak Up Inc.  
**BEAR ORDER FORM**

V Districts State Committee ABN 24 783 822 305

Secretary: PDG Jill Qualtrough  
 P.O. BOX 4173 HOPPERS CROSSING Vic 3029



**ORDERS and QUERIES should be emailed to Lions Shane Bruce [lionsoperationbear@gmail.com](mailto:lionsoperationbear@gmail.com)**

Order Date	DELIVERY ADDRESS: (This address cannot be a PO Box as orders are delivered by courier)		
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District			
Address			
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Email		Email	
Contact Name		Contact Name	
Contact Phone		Contact Phone	
Comments			

**Minimum Order is 1 box of 12 bears (\$180)**

BEARS No. of Boxes		x \$180 =	
PLUS FREIGHT No. of Boxes		x =	
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**FOR THE FREIGHT COSTS Please email Lion Shane Bruce at [lionsoperationbear@gmail.com](mailto:lionsoperationbear@gmail.com) with your postcode and the number of boxes required to be ordered**

**PAYMENT IS ONLY ACCEPTED BY DIRECT DEPOSIT TO:**

BSB 063 167 ACCOUNT No 10474463 Lions Crimewatch Speak Up Inc.

Please include your Club Name and Number in the reference, then email the COMPLETED order to: [lionsoperationbear@gmail.com](mailto:lionsoperationbear@gmail.com)

**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE FILE AND THEN ATTACH THE SAVED FILE BEFORE SENDING**

# MD201 ENVIRONMENT

PROTECTING OUR PLANET, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



From Therese Bruning - MD201 Environment Chairperson

## CREATE, REUSE, INSPIRE LIONS NATIONAL UPCYCLING PROJECT



Over the next few months, we're launching a fun, creative and meaningful Upcycling Campaign – Create, Reuse, Inspire – and we invite every Lion, Leo, Club and family member to be part of it!

This campaign is about upcycling, not recycling – thinking creatively, getting hands-on, and showing how small ideas can make a big environmental impact. We encourage clubs to take on upcycling projects and share photos of your creations, which will be showcased across our social media.

### UPCYCLING vs RECYCLING - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

While both help our environment, upcycling and recycling are not the same.

#### Recycling

Recycling breaks materials down to be remade into something new. This process often requires:

- Transport
- Energy
- Industrial processing

Examples include:

- Turning plastic bottles into new plastic products
- Melting glass to make new bottles
- Reprocessing paper into new paper

# LIONS NATIONAL UPCYCLING PROJECT.

## 🎨 Upcycling

Upcycling means reusing items in their existing form and transforming them into something useful, decorative or creative – without breaking them down. It's about imagination, craftsmanship and fun!

Simple examples:

- Old tyres turned into garden planters
- Glass jars made into lanterns or storage containers
- Wooden pallets transformed into outdoor furniture
- Old t-shirts or denim jeans turned into tote bags
- Broken crockery used in mosaics
- Dyeing, painting or decorating items to give them a new lease of life e.g. denim jackets, glass bottles, furniture etc.



## 🔗 Links for Ideas and Inspiration

- [101 Upcycling Ideas](#)
- [Upcycling Crafts and DIY](#)
- [50 Upcycling Ideas for the Garden](#)
- [250 Upcycled Furniture Projects \(including wooden pallets\)](#)
- [30 Denim Upcycling Ideas](#)
- [45 DIY Upcycle Ideas to Sew](#)
- [20 Easy Ideas for Kitchen Item Upcycles](#)
- [150 Upcycling Ideas for Garden Projects](#)

# LIONS NATIONAL UPCYCLING PROJECT

## WHY UPCYCLING MATTERS FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT 🌍

Upcycling has powerful environmental benefits:

- ✓ Reduces waste going to landfill
- ✓ Saves energy and natural resources
- ✓ Lowers carbon emissions
- ✓ Encourages mindful consumption
- ✓ Extends the life of everyday items

By choosing to upcycle, we reduce demand for new materials and help protect our planet – all while having fun and learning new skills.

## A CAMPAIGN FOR ALL AGES - LIONS AND LEOS 🦁🦁

This campaign is designed to be:

🦁 Inclusive      🦁 Creative      🦁 Hands-on      🦁 Suitable for all ages

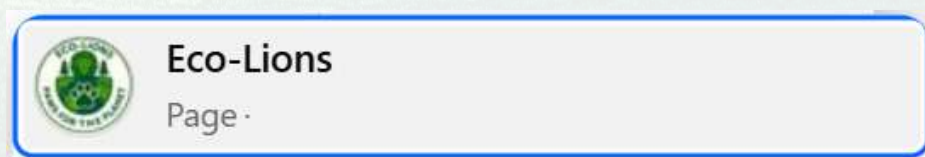
Leo Clubs are especially encouraged to get involved – upcycling is a fantastic way for young people to:

- Explore creativity
- Learn about sustainability
- Work together as a team
- Share their ideas on social media

From simple craft projects to large-scale club initiatives, every effort counts.

## HOW CAN YOUR CLUB GET INVOLVED 🌟

1. Choose an upcycling project (big or small)
2. Get creative and have fun
3. Take photos of your finished project (or even the process!)
4. Send your photos to [environment@lions.org.au](mailto:environment@lions.org.au) and/or tag our [Eco-Lions page](#) on Facebook @Eco-Lions. Use hashtags #ecolions #CreateReuseInspire #LionsUpcycleForGood



We'll share as many projects as possible to inspire others to get involved and make a positive difference for our environment.

# LIONS NATIONAL UPCYCLING PROJECT

## MONTHLY THEMES

The themes below ***are suggestions only*** and we of course welcome all projects at any time over the next few months.

### **FEB 2026 – Home & Everyday Items** 🏠

Upcycling items found around the house. Examples: jars, clothing, furniture, containers, décor.

### **MAR 2026 – Garden & Outdoors** 🌿

Giving new life to outdoor materials. Examples: tyres, pallets, pots, tools, signage.

### **APR 2026– Upcycle for Good** 📺

Upcycling with purpose – creating items that are donated, gifted, used in service projects or support others in our community. Examples: items for fundraisers, furniture or toys for families in need, improvements to shared community spaces.

The upcycling campaign will run until the end of May 2026.



**MOST IMPORTANTLY - HAVE FUN**



## CLUB PARTICIPATION CHECKLIST

Use this simple checklist to help your club get involved:

- Choose a monthly theme (or all three!)
- Decide on an upcycling project (simple or ambitious)
- Involve Lions, Leos, family members or community partners
- Create your upcycled item(s)
- Take clear photos (before & after encouraged)
- Write a short description of what you created and why
- Submit photos and details to [environment@lions.org.au](mailto:environment@lions.org.au)
- Share your project on social media - Tag @Eco-Lions plus #CreateReuselnspire #LionsUpcycleForGood
- Celebrate your impact and inspire others!