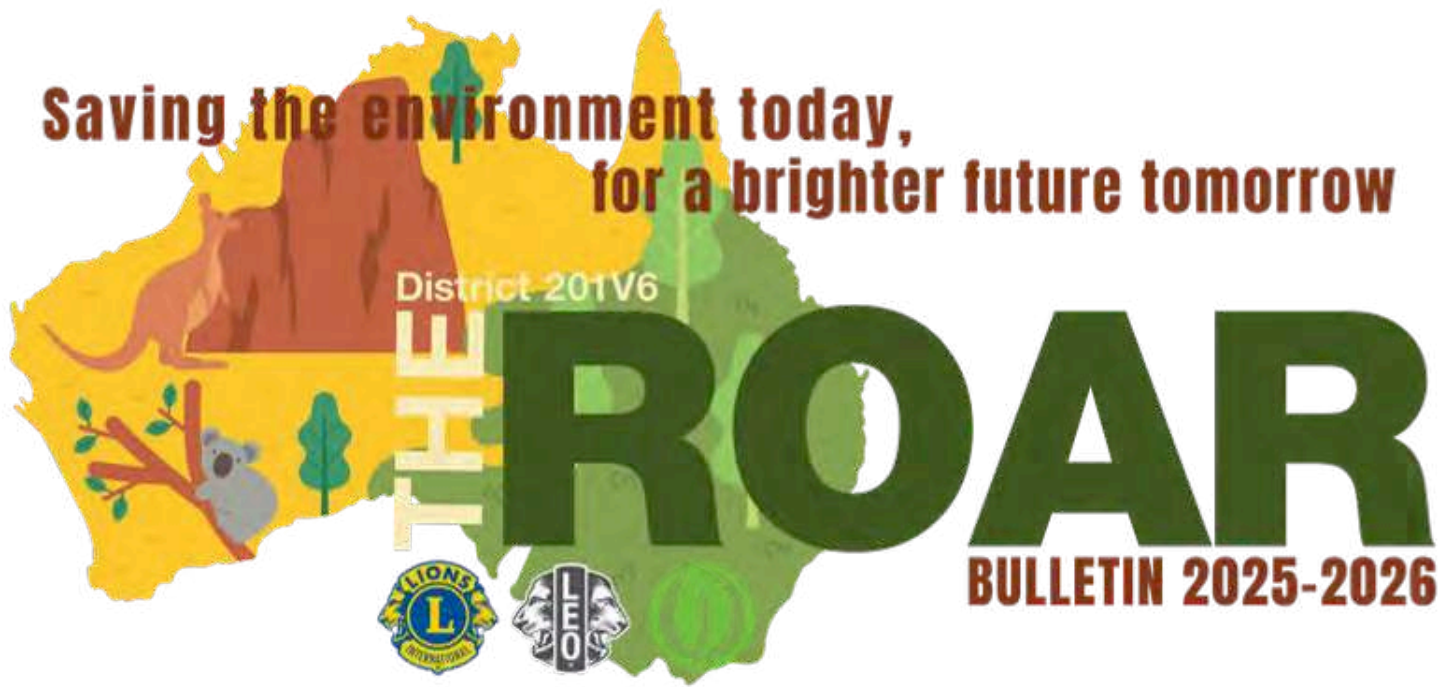


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for a brighter future tomorrow**



A newsletter for Lions across the V6 District

April 2026

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From the DG...

During my visit to the Chiltern Lions Club, members engaged in discussions regarding various activities. It was also encouraging to learn that the town newsletter, "The Grapevine," continues to be the club's primary initiative after many years.

Lyn and I had the privilege of attending a meeting at Rochester Lions Club to formally induct four new members

Lyn & I were asked to attend the Zone 5 annual get together which this year was held at the Jerilderie Sports Club where we had a delicious Chinese smorgasbord, The evening had the various clubs giving a report on their year which still surprises me

with all the activities they do, it was then opened up to the clubs to discuss ideas on how we can improve membership a very inspiring session.

It is a great privilege on behalf of the V6 District to offer our congratulations to our oldest club the Lions Club of Wangaratta for 70 years of commitment to Lionism and their community



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On a sad note, It is with deep sadness that I mention we lost three long serving lions this month.

Yvonne Laffan, Barooga
Ken Chamberlain, Wangarratta
George Snowling, Moyhu

Lyn & I send our sincere sympathies to their families, and you are in our thoughts.

Paul Shortis



Monarchs Awarded

Bruce Campbell Barham Koondrook 40-year Monarch
Graham Minnis Barham Koondrook 35-year Monarch
Lynn Sheldrick Barham Koondrook 15-year Monarch
Robert Salter Barham Koondrook 10-year Monarch
Bill Majhrovski Murrabit 25-year Monarch
Dorothy Gilford Murrabit 25-year Monarch
Margaret Dent Murrabit 10-year Monarch
Richard Wright Jerilderie 20-year Monarch
Colin Powell Jerilderie 10-year Monarch
Warwick Douglas Finley 40-year Monarch
Nellie Johnson Finley 35-year Monarch
Alexander Brain Finley 25-year Monarch
Christopher Horne Finley 25-year Monarch
Ray Healey Finley 20-year Monarch
Laurie Cossar Finlay 10-year Monarch
Daryl Whatley Deniliquin 45-year Monarch
James Grant Deniliquin 30-year Monarch
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Benalla Lions

On Thursday 5th March the annual Barefoot Bowls night was held with the Rotary Club.

The evening commenced with a most enjoyable BBQ tea and salads followed by cake for dessert. Although we didn't "compete" for the shield this year, due to not enough Lions able to play, it was a most enjoyable evening with quite a few laughs.

Friday 6th March was Driver Reviver at the Mokoan wayside stop. Denise Brown, Peter Brown and Ian Capp took the truck out at 10.00am and set up for the day. Working in two hour shifts Lester Watt, Steve and Edna Kelly, David Lowing, Garry Clues, Helen and Chris Vaughan, Peter and Margaret Poels filled in their duties for the day. It was a quiet day, but we met and had some interesting chats with some customers who were most grateful for a free cuppa and biscuit.

President Peter and Jan Brown and Peter and Margaret Poels attended the Wangaratta 70th Anniversary Charter night on Thursday 12th March. It was a very enjoyable night with a lot of reminiscing. The scrap books were very interesting to look at and read about what the Club achieved over the last 70 years, which is a fantastic effort.

On Saturday 14th March President Peter Brown, Chris and Helen Vaughan, Loch Lidgerwood and Peter and Margaret Poels travelled to Wangaratta for a Bunnings BBQ. It was a bit slower than normal till 10.00am, but then it was very busy till mid afternoon.

At the Club Meeting on Thursday 19th March, President Peter Brown presented a cheque to Edward Thomas towards his travel expenses to America. Edward has been selected into



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the Ohio International Program where he will be working (and learning) at the Plainfield Country Golf Club.

The Benalla Lakeside Craft and Farmers Market was held on Saturday 28th March. Thank you to Chris Vaughan for helping Peter and Margaret setup and Steve Kelly for assisting with collecting site fees. Only 37 site holders today, but quite a good crowd attending. The Rose City Band kept the crowd happy with a variety of well known tunes.

The April Benalla Lakeside Craft and Farmers Market will be on Saturday 18th April. This is a week early due to the Easter Weekend.



Echuca Lions serving free sausage sizzle on behalf of Campaspe Shire Discovery Day 14/3 Lions Barry Higgins & Lion Doug Binnie

Tungamah Lions

Tungamah Leos held an underage disco recently and all participants had a really great time. The Advisor, PDG Les was unable to attend but the night was ably managed by Aydan Stark-Beswick. Cool music was provided by mum Toni and decorations by Danielle, security by Kerrie and general organization by president Demmi. We are also inducting some new Leo members next meeting. Several Lions members helped with the cooking and serving. Woolworths in Yarrawonga sponsored the night. Our now famous carp muster is being held on the 17th May, with wonderful sponsorship. A colour run is also being planned with the footy club with talks evolving.

Lions have had had another unbelievably busy time with two Bunnings sausage sizzles to boost our activities after helping out with the bushfires. Planning has been flat out with the Assistance Dogs trivia day at the Wilby Hall. We are also gearing up for the footy gates straight after Easter. Please come along and support the trivia afternoon and Neville the Devil is after nominations for Children of Courage. Guess that's all folks. Thanks for being patient.



CHANGE OF DATE.
OUR ANNUAL CARP MUSTER.



SUNDAY, 17TH MAY, 2026.
BOOSEY CREEK AT TUNGAMAH LIONS PARK,
11 A.M. START UNTIL 2 P.M.
GREAT PRIZES FOR MOST CARP, BIGGEST CARP AND
SMALLEST CARP, OTHER SPECIES.
\$10 ENTRY FOR ADULTS, \$5 FOR STUDENTS.
INCLUDES FREE PRIMAS, SNOW CONES AND BEC
LUNCH.
SOFT DRINKS FOR SALE.
INQUIRIES LES ON 0417301797.

LIONS CLUB OF TUNGAMAH
FUNDRAISER
TRIVIA
AFTERNOON

Tease your brain & support a great cause!

Lions Assistance Dogs

Sunday
April 19

at the Wilby Memorial Hall
 5 Swanson Street, Wilby
 2pm start
SURPRISE MC!

\$10 per person / tables of 8 only \$65 includes afternoon tea

Lots of fun & prizes!

For registration & further information
Michelle - 0411 533 339
 tungamahliions.admn@gmail.com

Can't attend? Why not make a donation to our fundraiser!
 Tungamah & District Lions Club BSB: 803188 Account: 100000552 Reference: LAD Trivia

Henty Lions

Recently Lions members were once again employing their cooking skills to provide bowlers participating in the Annual Men's Invitation Triple Bowls Competition at the Henty Bowling Club with a tasty breakfast of egg & bacon rolls, juice, tea & coffee over the two mornings of the event. The bowlers gave great support to the club and appreciated our breakfast offerings. All proceeds from this endeavour were allocated to Lions Prostate Cancer Research. Our thanks must go to the

Bowling Club and the bowlers for their support. In support of the Lions Biggest BBQ the Henty Lions Club will be holding a wood raffle and sausage sizzle in Sladen Street outside Dales IGA on Friday 17th & Saturday 18th April.



Service...

If your club is looking for other activities to perform, here are two that many Lions clubs Australia wide are already involved in. This month saw Global Recycling Day on 18th March, with a theme of “ Don't Think Waste - Think Opportunity “

Why Recycling Matters? Conservation of Resources

Recycling reduces the need for extracting, refining, and processing raw materials, thereby conserving natural resources.

Recycling saves energy. Recycling reduces pollution.

Many Lions clubs have adopted activities with a recycling theme.

About the Lions Green Canopy Environment Project...

In 2024, Lions at the Darwin Convention voted to establish a new environmental project spanning the whole of Australia and PNG MD201 – known as the Lions Green Canopy Environment Project. This project will run until at least the end of June 2027, by which time the goal is to have planted one million new trees. After that time the project may be extended, in which case the ongoing goal would be 500,000 new trees each year thereafter. This is a great opportunity for clubs to partner with other community organisations, environmental groups such as Landcare and even other service organisations in a united bid to improve our environment. It is also a great way to strengthen the relationship with your local council, and to work with them on their tree planting projects. Did you know that the number one concern of people under the age of 40 is the environment? This makes the Lions Green Canopy Project a marvelous way of engaging a younger audience – probably one of the best ways ever to encourage younger people to join us.

Lion Warwick
V6 Service Coordinator



Save the Date

23-25
October 2026

V6 District Convention
Kerang, Victoria



Kerang Lions

A picture paints a thousand words....



Kerang Lions



GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
DOOR-KNOCK
 Hosted by the
KERANG LIONS CLUB

The Kerang Lions Club is calling on our amazing community to help us raise funds for the
Good Friday Appeal

- Good Friday
- Kerang & surrounding areas
- Flexible time slots available

WE NEED DOOR-KNOCK VOLUNTEERS

- Families welcome
- Bring a friend
- All collection materials supplied
- Make a real difference locally

Together we can make this year's appeal
BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

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FOR ALL YOUR HEATING AND COOLING NEEDS

Now serving the Kerang and surrounding areas

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Yarrowonga Lions

Yarrowonga Lions assisted in raising much needed funds to combat Motor Neurone disease at a well organised, and well patronised Tractor Trek over weekend. 81 participants were well fed with Roast Pork and Chicken, baked potatoes, honey butter carrots, corn cob, peas, brand and broccoli. Home made gravy and apple sauce. A fresh buttered dinner roll. (I'm hungry just writing this.). And if that wasn't enough we added Apple pie or Plum pudding served with custard and Bulla ice cream. Great crew great vibe and importantly the guests were most impressed with our catering. Yarrowonga Lions were pleased to be there, and delighted to assist.

Yarrowonga and surrounds need right now it is rain, but did it really have to arrive on the night Yarrowonga Lions organised their Barefoot Bowls night at the local golf club resort? Joined by Lions from Tungumah, Lake Mulwala and Cobram last Monday we nevertheless enjoyed what turned out to be a pleasant get together with good food and a beverage or two whilst overlooking the rain sodden bowling green. Oh well, back to virtual bowls until we reschedule a barefoot bowls night next month.



Finley Lions

What has been happening at the Finley Lions Club this year. We have been very fortunate to induct two new members into our club. Welcome to Lion Greg Loughman and Lion John Lawlor, we will do our very best to ensure your time as a Lion is most rewarding and enjoyable.

At the beginning of March we conducted an inter club meeting attended by members of Jerilderie, Finley, Tocumwal, Berrigan, Oaklands and Deniliquin clubs. Our special guests were District Governor Paul Shortis, Lion Lynda Shortis and 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Nordbye. In excess of 30 Lions met at the Jerilderie Sports Club Chinese Restaurant for plenty of fellowship, a smorgasbord meal and a little business. District Governor Paul addressed the gathering, followed by club representatives who reported on their individual projects. The evening rounded off with a discussion about the future of Lions clubs and volunteers in the community.

Last Sunday fourteen members of the Finley club conducted a wood working bee to ensure we have sufficient firewood to cover our winter wood raffles. The club was assisted by six members of the Finley Football Netball Club who supplied the muscle for several hours of chainsaw duty. Our members were very glad to receive the physical help given by this younger group.

Over the summer months several members have been busy collecting used machinery and vehicle batteries for on selling. This will be a very worthwhile and productive project which will benefit our fundraising finances.



VICTORIAN volunteering

AWARDS 2026

The Victorian Volunteering Awards are an opportunity to recognise and thank volunteers across Victoria for the incredible contributions they make to our state and local communities. Showcasing excellence by individuals and organisations, the Awards are run by Volunteering Victoria with the support of the Victorian State Government.

Go to the website to find out more:

<https://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/awards/>

Key dates

Nominations close

27 May 2026, 4pm (AEST)

Finalists announced

September 2026

Judging & Selection

June – August 2026

Awards ceremony

October 2026

National **18-24 MAY 2026**
Volunteer
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER **Week**

Wangaratta Lions

A busy month over March for Wangaratta Lions Club! A busy start to the month with catering for the attendees of Wangaratta Rod & Custom Club at the start of their Rod Run event over the weekend commencing 6 March at the Wangaratta Showgrounds.

On 8 March we acknowledged Women in Lions on International Women's Day. Lions Club of Wangaratta celebrate all the women in our club, both Lions and Partners, serving together as one amazing group of people.

On 12 March a wonderful night was spent celebrating the Lions Club of Wangaratta 70th Charter Night at the Wangaratta Turf Club with past and present members, visiting Lions and local councillors.

Great memories were shared through historic photos and reflections from past club presidents. A fantastic evening of friendship and celebration of 70 years of service to our community.



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15 March saw a busy day for Lions Club of Wangaratta catering at Apex Park for the Black Dog Ride in support of mental health, suicide prevention and depression.

The Lions Club of Wangaratta showed off their new HiVis Vests manning the gates at a couple of Turf Club race meetings over the month:

On 26 March in recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the Lions Club of Wangaratta, President John Houghton presented long-serving member Mike O'Sullivan with a 50-year medallion.

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

New Members for the Wangaratta Lions Club - In late February the Lions Club of Wangaratta welcomed Michael Willoughby to the club, who was inducted into the club by President John Houghton and sponsored by Keith Fleet. In late March we welcomed our newest member, Peter Gall, who was inducted into the club by President John Houghton and sponsored by Jo Howell.



Leos

District V6 Leo of the Year competition final was held in Cohuna on Sunday the 1st of March 2026. Two Leos from our district competed for the honour of representing us at the State final.

Indi Randal from the Leo Club of Cohuna & District and Cooper Befall from the Cobram on the Murray Leo club were interviewed by the judges then presented their 5-minute speech before the small crowd. Both contestants acquitted themselves with honour. Indi spoke about her time as a Leo Cub and now a leader in the Leo club. Cooper's speech was a very personal one about family domestic violence. Both contestants' speeches were well received. Cooper was the overall winner and the public speaking winner. Cooper then went on to represent our district at the State final held at Marcellin College, Bulleen on Sunday 22nd March 2026.

Two contestants represented V1-4 and V6. V1-4 was represented by Zac Tung from the Leo club of Melbourne Next Gen. His speech was about overcoming adversity, striving for inclusion and never giving up. Both contestants had been interviewed by the judging panel the week before online, and both provided excellent answers to the judge's questions. The crowd of around 50 Lions and Leos were extremely impressed by both contestants. Both engaging and inspiring young people.

Zac was the Public Speaking and Overall winner, while Cooper was presented with an encouragement award. Both young men are excellent examples of what Leos can achieve when given the opportunity.

This competition was only the tip of the iceberg for this day. While the judges went off to consider the results, members of the YMCA training team joined the crowd and provided an inspirational personal development and leadership workshop, with total engagement from both Leos and Lions in attendance.

It was amazing to see the Leos from across the state mixing and getting to know each other. Three Leos from Cohuna travelled down to Melbourne to take part in the event and support Cooper. The event may have been a bit overwhelming for them at the start but it didn't take long for them to make new friends and get involved.



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There was a group of young people from Carisbrook who have not formed their Leo club yet, but heard about the day and wanted to see what it was all about. They are hooked!!

Three new Leos were inducted, two from Melbourne Next Gen and one from Cohuna, Bailee Stone.

Following the lunch break everyone moved across to the basketball stadium for a massive service project, "Eat Up Australia".

This program started in Shepparton, in a small way, helping out a local school. It is now a national program assisting schools across the country to provide food for students who otherwise would go hungry. What an amazing program for Leos to be involved with.

The stadium had been transformed into a massive food preparation area, the floor covered with carpet squares, which took volunteers hours to do, tables lined up ready with hundreds of loaves of bread. With over 250 Leos, Lions and volunteers over 4,000 cheese sandwiches were made in 25 minutes!!! This was the goal and achieved in less time than expected. An amazing team effort.

The whole day was organized by the Victorian Leo Council and their awesome support network of Lions members from Melbourne Next Gen, Melbourne Chinese and Lions district V1-4.DG Samantha herself backing the program and getting involved in the day.

Once again congratulations to Cooper Befall from Cobram on the Murray Leo club for representing our District so well. It would be amazing if, next year, we have representatives from all Leo Clubs in the district.....

Faye Donaldson
District Leo Chairperson.



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

"What is one thing Lions Clubs must change or reinvent to remain strong in the next 20 years?" The discussion that followed generated a remarkably rich set of perspectives from many Lions around the world. When the comments were examined together and analyzed with the help of AI, several clear themes emerged that reveal both the challenges and the opportunities for Lions Clubs in the next 20 years.

1. The Strongest Theme: Culture and Openness to Change - The most frequently repeated message was simple but powerful: Lions must become more open to change. Many members expressed frustration with the mindset "we tried that 10 years ago and it didn't work."

Members emphasized that:

- Communities have changed
- Volunteer habits have changed
- Younger generations engage differently

The insight here is that innovation in Lions is often blocked not by rules, but by culture. When new ideas are welcomed and tested, members feel valued and stay engaged. When they are dismissed, members leave. Key insight: Healthy clubs create a culture where ideas can be tested without fear of failure.

2. Generational Transition and Youth Engagement - Another dominant theme was the need to better attract, empower, and retain younger members.

Several comments highlighted that:

- Younger adults have less flexible work schedules
- Many juggle family and career responsibilities
- They prefer flexible and project-based volunteering

Important suggestions included:

- Giving younger members real responsibility
- Encouraging their project ideas
- Strengthening the Leo-to-Lion transition
- Designing service projects aligned with younger passions

Key insight: The future of Lions will depend less on recruitment alone and more on creating an environment where younger members can lead.

3. Reinventing the Club Experience - Many Lions pointed out that the traditional meeting-centered model may no longer fit modern lifestyles.

Common suggestions included:

- Shorter and more engaging meetings
- Hybrid participation (Zoom + in-person)
- Fewer formalities
- More focus on service rather than administration

Some clubs reported strong success when they replaced meetings with monthly service projects. Key insight: People join Lions to serve. If meetings overshadow service, engagement drops.

4. Stronger Community Visibility and Public Awareness - Another important theme was that many people simply do not know what Lions do.

Members suggested:

- Better social media presence
- Wearing Lions insignia more often
- TV and radio awareness campaigns

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- Partnerships with other organizations

One comment captured this well: “We should focus on winning the public, not just recruiting members.” Key insight: Recruitment improves naturally when the community clearly sees the impact of Lions.

5. Club Culture: Inclusion, Respect and Avoiding Cliques - Many contributors mentioned toxic culture, cliques, and closed leadership circles as serious barriers.

Common concerns included:

- The same people holding leadership roles repeatedly
- New members feeling excluded
- Internal politics discouraging participation

Solutions proposed:

- Rotating leadership opportunities
- Cross-club collaboration
- Team-building activities
- Encouraging mentorship

Key insight: People rarely leave service organizations because of service—they leave because of how they feel inside the club.

6. Membership Value and Cost Concerns - Several Lions pointed out that membership dues can discourage participation, especially when people feel they can volunteer without joining. This suggests that clubs must clearly communicate:

- What dues actually support
- The value of belonging to an organized global network

Key insight: People will invest in membership when they see clear purpose, impact, and community.

7. Operational Support for Clubs - Some comments raised important operational challenges:

- Leadership roles can be demanding
- Club officers often lack clear guidance
- Administrative processes can overwhelm small clubs

Ideas included:

- Simple “getting started” guides
- Help desks for club officers
- AI support tools
- Simplified processes

Key insight: Strong clubs require strong support systems for volunteers.

8. The Core Mission Must Stay Central - Despite calls for change, many Lions emphasized that the heart of Lionism must remain unchanged:

Service ~ Friendship ~ Integrity ~ Community impact

The message was not to abandon tradition but to adapt how we deliver it.

Final Reflection - If all these insights are distilled into one central lesson, it may be this: Lions Clubs will remain strong in the next 20 years if they preserve their mission but reinvent their mindset. That means:

- Listening to new voices
- Embracing flexibility
- Focusing on service impact
- Strengthening community visibility
- Creating welcoming club cultures

Because in the end, the future of Lionism may depend on one simple question:

Are we willing to evolve as fast as the communities we serve?

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

On Sunday night (11/3) a couple of our members enjoyed a social night at Jerilderie Sports Club with members from the other clubs in our Zone - Berrigan, Deniliquin, Finley, Jerilderie & Oaklands!



Also in attendance was V6 District Governor Paul Shortis, 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Nordby, and Zone Chairperson Warwick Douglas.

It was a great night to catch up, hear what other clubs are up to, meet new people, and enjoy good food! During the evening, DG Paul presented each club with his District Governor bannerette and badge.

Cobram Lions Market



April 4th
May 30th
June 27th

LCIF

This is the time of year when many Clubs are thinking about distributing funds to different charitable organisations. As a priority, most clubs will support local, district, state, or Australian causes, as the District Lions Clubs International Foundation chairman, I encourage you to also consider donating to LCIF.

While LCIF presents certain complexities, it serves as an important resource for securing funding for high-value projects both within Australia and internationally—particularly those that exceed the financial capacities of individual Clubs, Districts or Multiple Districts. Also bear in mind that some of the problems overseas are human tragedies that we don't experience here and they sometimes have simple solutions.

If you have any questions regarding LCIF donations or grant applications, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Ollie Tufvesson
District 201V6 LCIF Chairman
0477 143 336



We Serve

Chiltern Lions Club – FLICS!

(Film Lions International Chiltern Society)

It's movie time again.

Come along for another great classic Australian film night experience at Chiltern's Star Theatre

6.45pm Saturday 18th of April

"The Mango tree" 1977 PG



Jamie is a young man growing up in the small Australian town of Bundaberg at the time of World War 1.

Jamie loves his tranquil life, surrounded by the friendly locals, and being brought up by his warm caring grandmother. But when a local preacher goes nutty, all hell breaks loose for the community, and Jamie leaves Bundaberg for the city.

Enjoy a BBQ meal

Cost is \$35 p/p - The night includes BBQ tea, film screening, discussion and supper

Bookings essential ASAP
to ensure numbers for catering

Bookings: Lois Hotson: hotson@westnet.com.au **ph. 0457 262 358**
Or Lions: chilternlionstreasurer@gmail.com

Or in person at the **Chiltern Post Office**

Bookings ASAP please

Come along and join us for a great night!

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ASSISTANCE DOGS



March update
MELVIN



BREED Tenterfield Terrier
SOURCE Gumhaven Kennels
SPONSOR Lions Club of Yarrowonga Inc
DATE OF BIRTH 21/11/2025
CURRENT WEIGHT 3.3kg
FOSTER CARERS Bronte
PUPPY INSTRUCTOR Karen

Hi Lions

This month has been a big and exciting one for Melvin as he continues settling into his new home, learning the household routine, and finding his place within his new home. His foster carer Bronte has been teaching him the ropes, but he is already pushing boundaries.

Melvin has also made a couple of visits to our vet clinic to see Dr Chiew for his puppy vaccinations. He handled the visits like a little champion. From the moment he arrived, he soaked up all the attention from the staff and seemed quite pleased to be the centre of it all.

During his appointments, Melvin stood proudly on the examination table while Dr Chiew gave him a thorough check-up. He remained calm and curious throughout the whole process, taking everything in stride. When it came time for his vaccination, he barely even noticed the injection. Melvin proved himself to be a real little trouper, making the visits easy and stress-free while charming everyone at the clinic.

After finishing puppy school Melvin was presented with his little blue puppy jacket. He gets to wear this out and about while in the puppy program. It does two things – firstly it provides awareness for our amazing Assistance Dog program, and secondly it conditions the pup to having the feel of the jacket over their back, ready for when he is a fully accredited assistance dog and it he wears one as part of his uniform. Melvin took to it quite well, it's a bit big on him at the moment but he will soon grow into it!

His obedience is coming along well. He already has a very precise sit and has learned very quickly that he will get a yummy treat for behaving. Drops are still a work in process, but he still has plenty of time to perfect these. Bronte has already started the process of teaching him different sounds which will help in the long run.

Toilet training has been a challenge, as it can be with little terriers. Bronte has had to be very consistent and observant. He is very good at going out and toileting on command, but sometimes he forgets when he is inside and will have little accidents, even when the door is left open.





Dear Lions Club Presidents and Youth of the Year Chairpersons,

Congratulations on your involvement and student progression to the District level of the Youth of the Year Competition.

I am writing to provide details for the upcoming Lions Youth of the Year V6 District Final, which will involve the student representatives from your clubs.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, 18 April 2026

**Venue: St Bernard's Primary School Hall
2-12 Williams Rd, Wangaratta**

Student Interviews

Student interviews will commence at 9:00 am.

To assist with scheduling and travel planning, the following interview times have been allocated for each club representative:

- 9:00 am – Corowa
- 9:30 am – Kiewa / Tangambalanga
- 10:00 am – Albury
- 10:30 am – Cobram
- 11:00 am – Numurkah
- 11:30 am – Rochester

Lunch will follow the completion of the interviews.

Public Speaking Component

The public speaking section of the contest will commence at 1:00 pm.

We encourage club members, family, and supporters to attend the afternoon session to support the students as they present their prepared and impromptu speeches.

Further details regarding the running order and any additional arrangements will be shared closer to the event.

In the meantime, please ensure your club's student representative and relevant members are aware of the above schedule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Jo Howell

V6 District YOTY Chair

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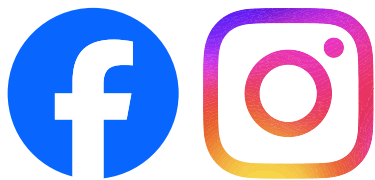
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edition of....



THE ROAR
V6 District Newsletter

deadline is 28th of each month



District
WEBSITE
lions201v6.org.au

Special "Members Only Area"

Diary Dates

APRIL

Autism Acceptance Month

Youth Week

5th - Easter Sunday

7th - **World Health Day**

18th - **Youth of the Year District Final**

22nd - **World Earth Day**

23rd - **World Book Day**

25th - **Anzac Day**

26th - **Lions International Worldwide
Induction Day**

19th - **Trivia Night Fundraiser -
Wilby Hall**

MAY

Mindful May

8th - **World Ovarian Cancer Day**

11th - **Mother's Day**

12-17th - **Mental Health Awareness
Week**

20th - **Autoimmune Arthritis Day (Lions
Rhumatoid Arthritis Foundation)**

19-25th **National Volunteer Week**

28th - **World Hunger Day**

