

JULY 2026



From the DG....

As you read this report, I will have held the office of District Governor for one month. The 108th Lions International Convention this year was held in Hong Kong- China where approximately 17,000 like minded individuals representing nearly 200 countries gathered to celebrate all things “Lions” and welcome the new executive for the coming year 2026-2027.

It was a very proud moment when PCC Phillip Johnson was officially elected as International Director for Constitutional area 7. Both Phillip and Lion Anne will be great ambassadors for Lions and Australia. Like-wise PCC Tony Benbow was elected as International Second Vice President, and he and Lion Sue will be looking forward to the Singapore convention where he will become only the second Australian to hold the office of International President.

The heat and humidity of Hong Kong was certainly overshadowed by the excitement of convention and for most, the experience has created positive memories and new friendships that will last a lifetime. Although it was disappointing that there was no Parade of Nations this year there was the First “Global Tai-Chi event featuring participation from six continents to promote inclusion.”



The campaign supported Sustainable development goal 10- Reduced Inequalities. It promoted the message of social inclusion for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, origin, religion economic or other status. The record was of course broken and around 4000 Lions had an enormous amount of fun doing so.

Our International President this year is Lion Mark Lyon assisted by his partner in service, wife; Lion Lynn. The Lyon's come from Connecticut and are both very down- to- earth people.

Since our return home, Stephen and I have been busy visiting Clubs as DG visits and also attending various changeover dinners. On Saturday 25th July we attended the District Changeover dinner which was held for the first time, at the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Golf Club Resort. The evening was a big success attended by 77 guests. My first cabinet meeting was held on Sunday 26th July at the Lions Club of Yarrawonga clubrooms.

As I continue my visitation journey, I have noticed a positive vibe already. Both Steve and I look forward to visiting clubs and learning about the tremendous work that our members continue to do in their communities. Let's keep that positive vibe going! I wish everyone a very happy and successful year.

Yours in Lions Service

DG Alison

Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Is in Your Hands

By Dr Lorraine Wheeldon 201V6 Chairperson for Diabetes and Prostrate Cancer

Takeaway: Type 2 diabetes is largely preventable, and small, consistent lifestyle changes can dramatically reduce risk.



Understanding Diabetes

Diabetes occurs when the body cannot effectively regulate blood glucose. In type 2 diabetes, the most common form, the body becomes resistant to insulin or gradually loses the ability to produce it. This condition develops slowly—often without symptoms—and can lead to serious complications including heart disease, kidney damage, vision loss, and nerve problems.

Why Awareness Matters

Early awareness empowers individuals to act before symptoms appear. Many risk factors—such as age, family history, and ethnicity—cannot be changed, but others can be managed effectively. Understanding personal risk is the first step toward prevention.

Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Is in Your Hands continued...

Tools like the AUSDRISK assessment help identify your five-year risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Community health stations, including SiSU Health Stations, offer quick, free screenings that highlight early warning signs such as elevated blood pressure, unhealthy BMI, or increased waist circumference.

Prevention Is in Your Hands

The most powerful prevention strategies are simple, sustainable habits. Encourage people to adopt the following evidence-based actions:

- Move more, sit less Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate activity most days. Walking, gardening, swimming, or cycling all count.
- Choose healthier foods Prioritise vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and high-fibre options. Reduce sugary drinks, processed snacks, and excessive portion sizes.
- Maintain a healthy weight Even a modest weight reduction—5 to 7% of body weight—significantly lowers diabetes risk.
- Monitor your numbers Regular checks of blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood glucose help track changes early.
- Quit smoking Smoking increases insulin resistance and amplifies cardiovascular risk.
- Limit alcohol Keep intake within recommended guidelines to support metabolic health.

The Lions Role in Community Health

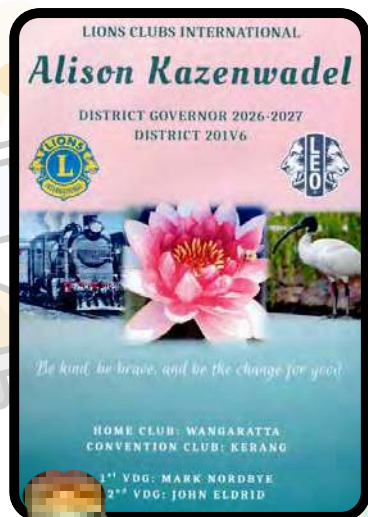
Lions Clubs are uniquely positioned to lead local health awareness initiatives. Opportunities include:

- Hosting free or low-cost community health screening days
- Partnering with local health providers, pharmacies, and councils
- Promoting walking groups, fitness challenges, and healthy lifestyle programs
- Sharing reliable health information through newsletters, social media, and community events
- Supporting access to preventive services for vulnerable or remote community members

By championing these initiatives, Lions strengthen community wellbeing and reinforce our commitment to service. Our Lions Club initiatives can play a pivotal role in empowering people to take charge of their wellbeing

A Call to Action

Diabetes prevention is not complicated—it's consistent, everyday choices that add up over time. Encourage your community to complete a free health check, assess their risk, and commit to one small lifestyle change this week. The path to better health begins with awareness, and the power to prevent diabetes truly is in their hands.



49TH DISTRICT 201 V6 CONVENTION

Hosted by the Lions Club of Kerang &
Lions Club of Barham-Koondrook

Kerang Memorial Hall
4 Nolan Street, Kerang

23-25 OCTOBER 2026

GUEST SPEAKER
Rob Oerlemans



GUEST SPEAKER
Sue Eyton



GUEST SPEAKER
Mark Mathieson
Alone Australia



**LIONS BREAKFAST
GUEST SPEAKER**
Lindsay Schultz



WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT



Jeanette
Young



Heather & David
Hoffman

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Will be held on
Sunday at 9am

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS

Convention + Hospitality - 16/10/26

Convention ONLY - 22/10/26

For more information Contact Chairman Greg Gin -
lionsv6convention@gmail.com

[Download your
registration form
HERE](#)



Henty Lions

On the last Sunday of July the Henty Lions conducted their Club Finals of the JPS Competition. Once again the Club Finals were held at St Paul's Lutheran School Hall. There was a record twelve candidates this year representing three different local schools: Henty Public School, St Paul's Lutheran School and Walla Walla Public School. The young speakers acquitted themselves well. They had researched their topics well and presented entertaining and informative speeches. The 5/6 students student choose very different people with who they would like to share a dinner. Some people chosen included: Steve Irwin, Sir David Attenborough, Michael Jackson, Jai Arrow, Arianna Titmus and Bill Kaultiz. Meanwhile the 3/4 students came up with some interesting places to holiday such as; Melbourne Alice Springs, Deniliquin and the Great Barrier Reef. The judges and the audience members were impressed by the skills of all the young speakers. The winners, Kai for 5/6 Grade and Daniel for 3/4 Grade will proceed to the Regional Finals in Thurgoona in August.



Lake Mulwala Lions

Lions Club of Lake Mulwala's Changeover was held in the Fairway View room at the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club on 21 July. After a social lunch members were pleased to hear a report from DG Alison Kazenwadel about their trip to Hong Kong's Lions International Conference. This was followed by the installation of the new committee for the coming year conducted ably by Zone Chairman John Weinert.



Lake Mulwala continued....



Donations Benefit Hospital - The Guest Speaker at the annual Lions Club of Lake Mulwala Changeover on 21 July was Leiticia Harmer, the newly elected Chairperson of Yarrawonga Health's fund-raising arm, Helping Hands Committee. Leiticia spoke on the range of items the group have donated over their ten years of fundraising. With the addition of many community donations including some from Lake Mulwala, over \$600,000 has been raised! A wonderful effort by our community working together to proudly support our hospital.

Beechworth Lions

Lions Junior Public Speaking - On Sunday 19th July Beechworth Lions Club held 2026 Lions Junior Public Speaking Club event. It is my pleasure to announce the Beechworth Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking results: Grade 3/4 – Luke Sievert, Year 4 - Beechworth Primary School, Runner-up - Ted Cook, Year 4 - St Joseph's Primary School, Grade 5/6 - Wakana Smith, Year 6 - Beechworth Montessori Primary School, Runner-up - Vivian Cleeve, Year 5 - St Joseph's Primary School.



Lions Combined Changeover Dinner - At the combined Changeover dinner held at The Albury Club Ltd, hosted by Thurgoona Lions and attended by Kiewa-Tangambalanga, Wodonga, and Beechworth Lions Clubs we confirmed that the present executive has been appointed for a further year – 2026/2027 - President John Eldrid, Secretary Iris Mannik OAM, Treasurer Christine Luckman. All clubs presented their outgoing President reports, installed office bearers, inducted new members and presented 2026/2027 office bearers. We thank Thurgoona Lions for a very enjoyable night.



Yarrowonga Lions



What a fantastic day and a wonderful project this was. Junior Public Speaking was once again held at the Yarrowonga Lions Clubrooms, with students participating from Sacred Heart and Yarrowonga P-12 schools.

Four Grade 3/4 students spoke on the topic, "If you could go on a holiday anywhere in Australia, where would you go and why?" Their chosen destinations included Uluru, Sydney, and home. The participants were Arlo , Dasie , Argus , and Zali. Zali won this age group, with Angus named runner-up.

Four Grade 5/6 students spoke on the topic, "If you could have dinner with anyone in the world—past or present—who would it be, why, and what would you serve?" Their choices included Jo Weston, Charles Darwin, Trudy Ederle, and David Attenborough. The students did an amazing job sharing their imagined dinner conversations and meals.

The Grade 5/6 students also had 10 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech on, "If you were the school principal for the day, what would you change and why?" From their presentations it is clear our schools are in good hands. The participants were Lizzie , Paddy , Alexandra, and Farley. Farley was this year's winner, with Alexandra named runner-up.

Congratulations to all the students, who spoke extremely well and clearly put a great deal of research into their chosen topics. A huge thank you to our judges, Margaret O'Dwyer, Tim Roadley, and Helen White. They did an amazing job, commenting on the high calibre of the speeches, noting how close the competition was, and offering students helpful feedback for improvement.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our Lions members: our wonderful MC, John Weinert, our timekeeper, Denis Griffiths, Ollie Tufvesson, who managed the paperwork and liaised with the schools; and our catering team, who provided the Lions speciality of sausage in bread and cupcakes, which proved very popular with everyone.



On Saturday July 25th Yarrowonga Lions attended the District Changeover at the Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort. The food was great and so was the company. It was especially rewarding because Yarrowonga Lions Club was recognised by Mr Lynn Fredericks for its \$20,000 donation to Lions V6 District Foundation earlier this year. That's where the pride (excuse the pun) makes it special be a Lion.

Service Coordinator Report

A new Lions year of service and service reporting awaits us. Once again the goal of District 201V6 is to have every club report their activities on the Lions Portal every month. All service activities, fundraisers, meetings and donations made should be reported. Club Presidents, Secretaries, Administrators and Service Chairs are able to enter and submit reports to Lions Clubs International. If you have any questions about the reporting procedure, I am happy to assist. If you are experiencing problems with your Portal login and cannot logon, please contact me as soon as possible so we can work through the options available.

If your club has an innovative and impactful community service project which you think will qualify for the Top Club Service Award, please forward details to me. We have been encouraged to submit a video about this project to the National Service Coordinator, Savva Argyrou.

The Kindness Matters Service Award recognises projects which target one of the Global causes and demonstrates high creativity with long term impact and has been reported on the Lions Portal.

Lion Warwick - Service Team Coordinator
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Mick the Tick Animation Launches with Lions WA Support

Thanks to a \$10,000 seed funding contribution from Lions District 201WA, local author Kara Perrin's award-winning children's book Mick the Tick has been brought to life as an animation by Scott Evans of Digital Puppets (UK).

The free animation, which promotes awareness of tick-borne illness in a child-friendly way, is now available online and features Lions WA recognition in the opening and closing credits. **Watch it here:** [Mick the Tick Animation](#).

The premiere screening was held at the Morley Noranda Recreation Club on 16 May 2026, attracting Lions members, families, children and community supporters. The event celebrated the completion of the project and Kara's remarkable journey from Lyme disease patient to passionate advocate and educator.

Inspired by her own experience with Lyme disease following a tick bite in regional WA, Kara wrote Mick the Tick to help educate children and families about tick safety and prevention. Her dedication earned her the 2025 Community Citizen of the Year Award. Lions WA has also nominated Kara for a Westfield Local Heroes Award. If successful, the funding will help expand her tick-awareness education program into schools and the wider community.

Mick the Tick is a wonderful example of how Lions support can help turn an inspiring local story into an educational resource with lasting community impact.





Lions Cake & Mints

CAKES

I would ask all Clubs to please destroy any old Order Forms, as the Order form to be used now is the form marked "2026/2027"

I believe that Traditional Foods are doing their best to ensure that the orders are delivered within the time limits, as they have a person to oversee the deliveries, and a very large warehouse in which the Company stores all cakes and puddings for Lions Clubs throughout the nation.

Now is a good time to remind Clubs of their responsibility to pay their Accounts before the due date. Some Club Treasurers seem to believe that they must get the Board's approval to pay their Cake Account, not so. When the Club approved the purchase of cakes, they then make a commitment to pay for them, and all Clubs should be encouraged to finalise their Traditional Foods Cakes Account before breaking up for Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE that the price of cakes and puddings has increased. The recommended selling price for the 1.5kg cake is \$21.00, the price for the 1 kg cake and 900 g pudding is \$17.00 each. The 400 g pudding recommended selling price is \$11.00. The recommended selling price for 400 g Gluten Free Cake is \$13.00. The mini Furit Cake has increased to \$3.00. The Gluten Free Cake is on the same order form as the cakes and puddings.

To receive the discount Delivery, - orders must be received by Monday 19 October 2026, and delivered within the discount period. Payment must be made prior to 31 October 2026. Last order cut off date is 8 December 2026 for delivery of cakes prior to Christmas. Cakes and puddings can be purchased at 2026 prices until 30 June 2027. All orders between 1 January 2027 and 30 June 2027 must be paid for in full with your orders. No discounts apply.

MINTS

Multiple District has recommended that Mints be sold for \$1.00 per roll. In the last few months there has been a new person handing the mint orders, and from my own experience I found that the items have been delivered within two to three weeks of the Company receiving the order form. The Lions Australia Cake Order form and the Lions Mint Australia form can be downloaded from the Lions Australia Website.

If any Lions members have queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jud McKerrow - Cakes & Mints Chairperson 201V6
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The busy first half of 2026 has continued into the second half of the year, with Lions Assistance Dogs planning to attend multiple District Conventions across Australia. As District Convention season approaches, our team is looking forward to attending several conventions where we can share the impact of our programs, reconnect with familiar faces and introduce Lions Assistance Dogs to members who may be learning about our organisation for the first time. This year, we will be attending the Q1 Convention (6–8 November) at the Logan Entertainment Centre, the C2 Convention (23–25 October) at The Civic & Arts Theatre, the V5 Convention (16–18 October) at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, and the V2 Convention (6–8 November) at Norlane ARC.

In addition to attending these events, we will be working with Lions Assistance Dogs District Chairpersons to coordinate speaking opportunities throughout the conventions. We are also exploring online information sessions with our team, providing another opportunity for Lions members to learn more about our organisation, our programs and the life-changing difference Assistance Dogs make every day.

Following our rebrand to Lions Assistance Dogs mid last year, we still have a limited range of merchandise featuring our previous logo and branding available at heavily discounted prices. If you've been thinking about picking up a keepsake, now is the perfect opportunity before these items are gone. Visit our online shop to browse the remaining range: [Lions Assistance Dogs](https://lionsassistancedogs.com.au/online-shop).

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of Lions Assistance Dogs. If you have any questions about our organisation or would like to learn more about our involvement at your District Convention, please visit our website or contact our Development Team at development@lionsassistancedogs.com.au.

'Currently we have 14 Hearing Assistance Dogs in training, 1 Medical Alert Dog in training and 6 Psychiatric Assistance Dog, which has our kennels at capacity. There will be 6 placements occurring in July/August around Australia. There are currently 30 puppies out in puppy socialisation homes. We have had a few challenges with the breeding program with two failed matings. We look forward towards the end of the year when we will have more broods that are of age to be mated.



In V6, there is currently 1 active application for a Hearing Assistance Dog. We have 1 active Hearing Assistance Dogs in V6. There is currently no active Medical Alert Dog application in V6, and no Medical Alert dog have been placed yet. We have one Psychiatric Assistance Dog application in V6 who is awaiting interview from staff.

Our office has just gone through the process of relocating to a new premises in Hahndorf at T2 104 Mount Barker Rd, this occurred on the 2/3rd of July. Majority of staff have moved to the new premises with just the kennel and breeding centre staff remaining on site. Assistance Dog training will still also remain on site while phase one of the build is occurring.

On the 21st of May 2026, we proudly marked a major milestone in the future of our organisation with the official Sod Turning Ceremony for the redevelopment of our National Training Centre – the New Home of Extraordinary.

The event brought together more than 160 guests from across Australia, including members of the Lions community, supporters, sponsors, volunteers and donors whose commitment has helped bring this vision to life. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the people who have stood beside us throughout this journey and recognise the shared belief in what this redevelopment will achieve.

We were honoured to welcome many special guests on the day including Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Lions Assistance Dogs Patron Mr Rod Bunten, and members of our Redevelopment Campaign Leadership, Tony Benbow OAM and Grant Kelley.

This event led into our attendance at the MD 201 National Lions Convention. Attendees had the opportunity to experience firsthand the training, skill, and care involved in preparing Assistance Dogs for life-changing work in the community. Lions were involved in Puppy Obedience, Trainee Dog Obstacle course and Scent Training.

It was also a great opportunity for Lions to visit in person some of the dogs that they had sponsored through their journey to becoming an Assistance Dog.'

I am most happy to attend a Zone or Club meeting to enlighten and discuss this great program of ours.

Michelle - District Chair V6
Lions Assistance Dogs

Glenrowan Warby Ranges Lions

Glenrowan Warby Ranges Lions Club held its 11th Charter Anniversary Dinner at the King River Café, Oxley, on the evening of Thursday 16th July, with past and present members in attendance. The club began with 25 Charter members 11 years ago. Guiding Lions PDG Tom Little and Graham Whitehead joined members to celebrate the anniversary. The original office bearers were President Craig Gibbs, who was in attendance, Secretary Patricia Grosse and Treasurer Paula Campbell.

Over that time, the club has had 58 members. Membership fell to just three a couple of years ago before rising to seven last year, with another prospective member having volunteered with the club since late last year.

Members of the Benalla, Corowa, Moyhu and Wangaratta Lions Clubs also attended, as well as Steve Fulton, a member of the original Glenrowan Lions Club. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Past District Governor John Houghton OAM.

The Loyal Toast and Toast to Lions International were proposed by GWRL member Geoffrey Coates, with the response to Lions International given by PDG Tom Little. Lions Grace was delivered by GWRL member Robyn Coles, followed by a welcome to guests and a summary of the past year's events by outgoing president Russell Kelly.

Stuart Whisson from Corowa presented GWRL Certificates of Appreciation to Glenrowan Warby Ranges Lions Charter members Ian Cooper and Craig Gibbs, as well as current members Russell and Karen Kelly.

District Governor Alison Kazenwadel installed the 2026–2027 Glenrowan Warby Ranges Lions board: President Warren Coles, Secretary Robyn Coles and Treasurer Russell Kelly.





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Warren Coles, GWRL club's only remaining Charter member, shared recollections from the past 11 years, including projects the club has been involved with in Glenrowan, such as work at the Scout Hall and Fosters Lake Reserve, as well as events held in conjunction with the Rural City of Wangaratta. He also reflected on donations made over the years to Glenrowan Primary School, Glenrowan Preschool, Hamilton Park playground equipment and the local CFA. Other highlights included providing a defibrillator for the community and continuing to replace its supplies, holding markets to raise funds, taking part in the Wangaratta Show with the club's barbecue, and hosting the annual Christmas in the Park event for the local community.

Warren Coles also presented the club's new Honour Board. Lucky prize winners received a bottle of Morrisons of Glenrowan wine, generously donated for the evening. Paul Tucker won the King River Café gift voucher.

GWRL member Jane Nicolosi concluded the evening with the Lions Code of Ethics. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it a wonderful night of fellowship.



Cobram Lions

4 Cobram Lions members ventured to the Cobram Community House Wellness Day today, we were invited along, to talk to the participants about Lions and what we do.

What a fantastic day out, wonderful guest speakers, the Civic Centre was full, wonderful freindly atmosphere, plus a rock and roll dancing demonstration for everyone to enjoy.

Cobram on the Murray Leos

Cobram on the Murray LEOS
President Jayden.
Vice President Cooper.
Treasurer Aylah.
Secretary Dakota.
Membership Ned and Craig.



Echuca Lions

Certificate of appreciation for raising in excess of \$3,000,000 in the 20 Years we have been involved with The RCH Good Friday Appeal started by Lion Ken Walter of our Club. This year we raised in excess of \$120,000 Cert being presented to President Greg Anderson by Good Friday Appeal chairman Howard Brettig.



Kerang Lions

The Lions Club of Kerang Junior Public Speaking Club finals were held on Sunday July 19th 2026 at our Lions Den. The excellent crowd of parents, children and teachers were treated to wonderful public speaking by the 8 contestants. Grace Lindsay from Kg Christian College (KCC) won the grade 3/4 section while Kiyara Nawarathna (KCC) won the grade 5/6 section. Everyone spoke well but these girls were a cut above the others especially Kiyara who spoke impressively with no notes at all. Good luck for the Regional finals girls.

Thank you very much to our judges Kyra Laughlin and Maria Lewis and Chairman Jeff Jackson for all his co-ordination for this important project.



The Lions Club of Kerang Changeover was held on 9/7/26 at the Kerang Sporties Club. Outgoing President PDG Judy Mc Kerrow handed the gavel and gong to incoming President Sandi Morvell who promised to continue the great work that Judy did for our club. Judy presented Ron Hayden with a Chris August Award for his dedicated service to Lions and then presented President's Appreciation Awards to Lions Ladies Cheryl Gin and Helen Hayden for all their work in catering for Dinner meetings. During the following week PDG Judy presented John Dear with his Chris August Award for outstanding service to Lions as John was not well enough to attend the Changeover.



Wodonga Lions

On the 11th of July Beechworth, Kiewa-Tangambalanga, Thurgoona and Wodonga Lions held their Changeover Dinner at the Albury Club in Kiewa Street with 41 Persons attending organised by the Thurgoona Lions Club.

The Changeover of Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Directors was carried out by Immediate Past District Governor Paul Shortis, a great night was had by all attending.



Zone 1 & 2

Sunday 16 August at 1pm

Anglican Church Hall, Cohuna

Zone 3 & 4

Sunday 16 August at 2.30pm

4R's Reserve, Rochester

Zone 5 & 6

Sunday 16 August at 1pm

Lions Pavillion, Finley
Showgrounds

Zone 7 & 8

Sunday 16 August at 1pm

Benalla RSL, Benalla

Zone 9, 10 & 11

Sunday 9 August at 12.30pm

Thurgoona Golf Club, Thurgoona



Regional Finals

district 201V6

Established 1978



Whats Hot on Social Media....

Check out some of our V6 clubs on Facebook...



Did you know that **Chiltern Lions** put out the local newsletters? Find out more here -

<https://www.facebook.com/ChilternLionsClub>



Busy Lockhart Lions - cooking up a BBQ storm (25th July)



Looking for local markets? Then check out some of the Markets run by local Lions clubs -

Moyhu Lions Markets -

<https://www.facebook.com/moyhucommunitymarket>

Cobram Lions Markets -

<https://www.facebook.com/2020cobrammarket>

Deniliquin Lions Markets -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559000766091>

Yackandandah Lions Market -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556006650055>



For the last 6 weeks Corowa Lion's Club and Corowa LHAC have been assisting the community with getting free health checks. Either at the Corowa Medical Clinic or using the SiSU Health machine.

Whats Hot on Social Media....



LION LAUREL: (from left) Myrtleford Lion Rick Rickard bestowed the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award upon Ben Browne, with his Mum Anne and partner, Alanna McLees as honoured guests at the group's annual changeover dinner. PHOTO: Jennifer Zamperoni. (Alpine Observer)

The Myrtleford Lions Club's annual changeover dinner took place at the Myrtleford Hotel, last Friday 26 June, with over 30 in attendance to reflect on the group's efforts and accomplishments over the past year and to look forward to their upcoming deeds for the community.

The new board members for the next 12 months include Adrian Villella, who reprises his role as president and Chris Buono as secretary.

Marcus James was named as treasurer, George Peter continues as activities chairman, Jim Broz joined Alex Milligan as program chairmen, Paul Tanner was named as first vice-president and Maurice Zamperoni second vice-president.

The evening also marked a special occasion for one Lions member for over 20 years - Ben Browne was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award: the highest honor bestowed on a Lion which honors an individual who demonstrates exemplary humanitarian service and dedication to their community.

"Ben has been a Lion for 22 years," Mr Buono said.

"He joined on 1 July 2004, so his anniversary falls this week.

"In that time there's barely a job he hasn't put his hand to.

"He's been instrumental in building the Myrtleford Golden Spurs Rodeo into what it is today; and whether it's Legacy Wood Day, planting trees, carpentry, electrical, air conditioning, or coming out for a simple working bee - if something needs doing, Ben does it.

"His father was a long-standing member of the club and it meant a great deal to have his family there on the night."

The Fellowship was awarded on the recommendation of fellow member Rick Rickard: a fitting tribute to one of the club's quiet achievers and a reminder of the service which keeps the Myrtleford Lions at the heart of the community.

[Article from the Alpine Observer website](#)

Farewell East Loddon Lions

After 44 years of service to the East Loddon Community, East Loddon Lions Members closed the door of their Lions Den for the last time and celebrated their achievements, and said farewell with fellow Lions, past and present members, an original charter member and their local community at a farewell lunch recently. Lions Allan & Jo Guthrie were awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the club members - presented by PDG John Houghton OAM. DG Alison congratulated the club on the last 44 years and wished members well for the future. Lion Hedley Moon, who was in the original Charter Club (Pyramid Hill) spoke about his fondness of East Loddon and how it always felt like home when visiting. Members often used to joke about he the East Loddon bulletin and the "Where's Hedley" section in the photos. Past Charter member Terry Watson and his wife Heather, and Past Charter Member Ron Vinnicombe's wife, Marree also attended the lunch. It was great to have so many join in our farewell.



District Changoover Dinner - Mulwala



Special Presentations....

Les Harrison OAM received two special awards at the Changeover dinner, in recognition of his services and dedication to Lions including a Barry J Palmer AO Recognition Award for his work with Leos.



Special Presentations...

PCC David Skinner OAM was awarded a Chris August Award (finally!) After serving on the board of the V6 Foundation since it's inception 30 year ago.



V6 Foundation thanked all the clubs who have donated to the Foundation in the last 12 months.

Congratulations to these amazing clubs.



Special thanks to Yarrowonga Lions for their donation of \$20,000



Congratulations!

PDG Lynn Fredericks was inducted into the Australian Lions Foundation hall of fame

PDG Paul Shorts presentations

PDG Paul Shortis made some presentations - Lion Lee was awarded a DG Appreciation award, Lions Ian was presented a Zone chair Award and Lions Peter, Stuart, Mark and Tom were awarded International President's Awards. He also presented Clubs who have had 100% reporting in the last 12 months.

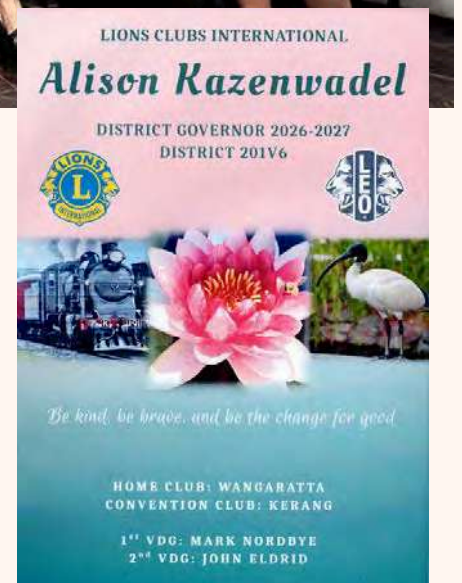


Your 2026-2027 Cabinet Members

A straggly looking bunch of Lions, but a lot of passion and experience in the room. Congratulations to the Cabinet members for 26-27 Lions year. Our district is safe in your hands.



DG Alison also made some presentations - as tradition has it - the PDG is now called a feather duster - PDG Paul was presented with his official "feather duster" or this this case a feather fan - the closest thing DG Alison could find with feathers.



Be Brave, Be Kind and Be the Change for Good

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(@lionsdistrictv6)

