



**District 201V6**

**April 2021**

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**DG Carol Kennedy**

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*Making a Difference*



Hello Lions, Lioness, Leos, partners and families

Did you go to the district convention? Wasn't it great? I am very pleased with the whole day, it was fantastic. A huge thank you to PDG Barry Higgins, LL Barbara Higgins and PDG Les Harrison and of course the other cabinet members who helped put together the convention in such a short time. I knew we could do it, and we did. Thank you to those who attended and made the convention a memorable one. Guest speakers PID Tony Benbow and Lisa Mitchell were perfect and the cabinet member presentations completed the day. Lots of fellowship and catching was just what we need after our COVID lockdowns.

With only three months of this Lions year remaining let's make the most of this time to make this 2020-2021 Lions year successful.

At the time of writing, I have only three club visits remaining. I recently attended Wangaratta Lions Clubs 65th anniversary. Congratulations to the club on sixty-five years of serving their community.

I attended Region 3 Youth of the Year final where Echuca's entrant, Hamish Smith, was

both public speaking and overall winner. Hamish was the District finals public speaking winner, Lavington's Meagan Partington was the overall winner. Meagan will now go to the State final at Mornington. Congratulations to all Youth of the Year entrants across the district.

It seems some Clubs are not fully supporting their contestants with only one or two club members attending along with the parents. Please Lions support your entrants right through the competition.

Now that your clubs have held their elections it is time to get your PU101 sent to the Cabinet Secretary. And decide which Club Information Day you will be attending; Sunday April 11 at Corowa, Sunday April 18 at Barham or Sunday May 16 at Tocumwal. Lions, please make an effort to attend one of these information days, you and your Club will benefit greatly.

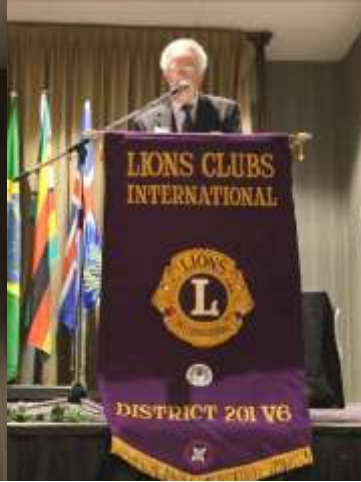
Till next month keep 'Making a Difference'.

DG Carol Kennedy



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# District Convention 2021



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## **NEWSFLASH March 2021**

### **National Disaster Appeal – Flooding Queensland : New South Wales : Victoria**

**To all Lions, Leos and Lioness Clubs,**



With the agreement of Council Chairperson David Triffett, the **Australian Lions Foundation** is commencing an appeal throughout Australia to support those residents in the mid coast and inland regions of New South Wales, Queensland's Gold Coast and south to the border and East Gippsland areas of Victoria, who are currently being impacted by devastating flood waters. If clubs wish to donate, you can either send your cheque directly to the Treasurer of the Australian Lions Foundation or make a deposit direct to the National Appeal Fund Account, as detailed below. If you are making a direct deposit, **please ensure you**

**put your club number as a reference** so that we are able to maintain records. Clubs please note that donations to the Disaster Appeal are not eligible for awards credits.

**Account Name: National Appeal Fund**

**BSB: 036-048 Account No: 440704**

**Cheques payable to the Australian Lions Foundation can be sent to:**

**Treasurer Australian Lions Foundation**

**PO Box 278 Melville, WA 6956**

The public may also wish to donate direct to the Foundation by using the "GiveNow link" button on the Multiple District Website and the Australian Lions Foundation Website. All public donations received over \$2 are tax deductible. Please consider supporting this appeal to help those in need. The Australian Lions Foundation will start this appeal with a \$100,000 contribution from funds at hand.





## New Membership Activities – Remainder of our 2020 – 2021 Year

With just over 4 months to go in this Lions Year, many clubs are still to implement a well planned and structured Membership Growth plan or have not held major recruiting event. Obviously the Covid-19 virus and the associated restrictions on gatherings and travel have meant it has been difficult to hold, let alone plan any major activities. However, even with all the problems associated with the Covid-19 virus, some districts have increased their numbers significantly.

So, before we invest all that time, and in some cases money, in that new membership drive, let's **review** some of the important aspects regarding membership and **reasons for joining AND leaving!**

**Why do people join Lions.** Our surveys constantly report the following 3 main reasons: for joining Lions:

- To give back to the Community
- To meet people and make new friends
- They want to raise funds for services in their community

So, remember these key points when marketing your club and try and make those linkages with prospective members.

**The majority of members that leave Lions, do so with less than 5 years' service.** Approximately 20% of new members who resign, do so with less than 1 years' service. Nearly **60% of new members leaving, do so because their reasons for joining or expectations were not or were only partially met.**

**And the reasons for leaving,** again it was clear, across all Lions regardless of years' service were:

- Conflict within the club
- Club was old fashioned/boring
- Club was poorly managed

**So, before we invite prospects to our club, or plan that big membership drive, remember to take a look at your club, honestly analyse the status of your club and fix any issues. If not, the facts speak for themselves; people will not come back after that first visit or will leave the club after only a very short time trying to serve their community. Therefore,**

- Make sure a good impression is made, ensure the prospect sees a united service minded group that wants to, and does good things in the community and have fun while doing it.
- Make sure you choose the new members mentor/sponsor carefully, remembering the image you want to promote to the new members, especially if they are younger than most of the current membership.
- Make sure your club has a variety of service activities, so they have choices to make on how best they can serve their community and importantly, make sure all have fun doing it whether its meetings, fundraising or service activities. Have fun. People are looking for both a valued community experience as well as personal friendship and fun social activities.
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PDG Rob Royal  
MD201 GMT Committee, Membership Retention Chair

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# LIONS V DISTRICTS CANCER FOUNDATION INC

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The seed for the idea for a Victorian Skin Cancer Van was planted at the 2016 National Convention in Echuca where we had the Western Australian Lions Van giving screening tests.

After more than three years of work, finding donations from many and varied places, working out plans for the best unit we could put on the road, finding the builder to trust with the project, to finally seeing it come to fruition at the Launch by our Governor at Government house on March 10<sup>th</sup> this year.

Barb and I were privileged to be at Government House and were very proud to see Echuca Lions Club on the side of the van as one of the major contributors.

This is the proud team at the first viewing of the Van. They have worked tirelessly to achieve this goal. We now have qualified volunteer drivers and volunteer screeners who have undergone many hours of training with professionals.

Our Truck and Mobile Van which has wheelchair access at the rear will be a great asset to the people of Victoria especially Regional areas. The cost of the van and unit is over \$350 thousand dollars and is **fully paid for** by the many Club donations, as well as generous benefactors and donations from our Australian and International Lions Foundations, including \$100 thousand US dollars from LCIF.

The mobile unit will travel around Victoria and into Southern New South Wales, conducting skin screenings for free. Volunteers who have undergone training with professionals, will conduct skin checks and recommend further action if needed.

It is not their task to diagnose – simply to check and refer on. Lions Clubs from across the V Districts are asked to book the unit when it has been through its testing procedures and provide publicity and support for the team.

Each visit to a town or area will be a **focal point for positive publicity** about avoiding skin cancer and about acting quickly if any is found. Also great publicity for our Lions Club.

On a practice weekend where twenty people were screened two serious lesions were found and referred on. There will always be ongoing expenses, fuel, registration, insurance, accommodation for screeners where required etc. Our continued support of this project has the potential to save lives.



*Barry Higgins*  
Trustee

Vale  
Terry Martin  
of Lockhart

Vale  
Malcolm Schmidt  
of Rochester

Vale  
Liz Crane  
of Thurgoona

Vale  
Ron Vinnicombe  
of East Loddon



Your life was one of love and labour, Your love for your family was true  
You did your very best for all of us,, And your community too.  
For all these things we will remember you.

As part of my office I send sympathy cards to the families of deceased members or to the member if it is a deceased partner. This task is sometimes more difficult because the member details in MyLCI are not correct or missing.

Another task is to send letters to new members and those who have resigned, again these are more difficult if the member details are not current. Of particular note is that email addresses have not been updated.

It may seem like a tedious task but if club secretaries and administrators would take the time to update these details it would be helpful in a number of ways, not least of which is that members would receive emails from Lions Australia and Lions International on what is happening in Lions outside their club. Please try to find some time to attend to this.

## Welcome to our New Members...

Asra Baig, Shabbir Walajahi, Garry Jarvis – Beechworth; Rozlyn Ellerbock, Robert Mazolin – Rutherglen; Gary Cartner, Val Dodwell, John Gould – Wodonga; Jeff Lacey, Meredith McIntyre, Lisa Smith, Matthew Smith – Yackandandah; Christine Romano – Cohuna; Christine Sexton – Cobram; Kayleen Labrador - Numurkah; Ronda Teakel – Walwa Jingellic; Lory Torriero – Bright; Bruce Forbes, Heather Goesch – Walla Walla

## Farewell and Thank You for your Service

Bronwyn Berg - Walla Walla, John O'Connell – Yack, Geoffrey Rowe - Barham Koondrook, Jill Ramskill – East Loddon, Rodney Riding – Yarrawonga, Peter Versteegan – Wangaratta, Maureen McCarthy - Rushworth



Marie Furze  
Welfare Officer



DG Carol inducted some new members during her club visits in March.



# SWEET STUFF

## Lions Mints & Cakes

Marie Furze,  
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Well it has begun. We have a new cake supplier who has now started manufacture of our cake lines. The new supplier, Traditional Cakes, is located in Dandenong Vic. New order forms will be available soon. Orders will be sent via email and payments will be made via direct debit. In the interim, if a club is wanting to order stock, please visit the Lions shop where you can place an order for stock on hand of minis and 1.5kg cakes at a discounted rate, with a BB date in 2022. As always, I am available to assist with any problems with cakes or mints. Please note the new office hours for mints.

### LION MINTS NEWS: FEBRUARY 2021

#### COVID-19 Update

Dollar Sweets would like to assure all Lions Clubs that our staff are back in the office and our factory continues to produce quality Lion Mint products and take orders as normal.

We have new office hours for placing orders, which is 11am-3pm Monday to Thursday. Our best contact number during this time is 1800 815 787, or send an email to [mints@lionmints.com.au](mailto:mints@lionmints.com.au)

#### Welcome Sharryn!

Don't forget to welcome Sharryn to the Lions Customer Service Role. Sharryn will be assisting with processing your orders and any enquiries you have, whilst Heather is on Maternity Leave. All of the contact details will remain the same.

#### House Keeping

A freindly reminder, if you have any questions or queries regarding topping up mints at your local outlets, collecting your monies or problems with your order form, please contact your Lions District Mint Chairperson and they will be able to help you.

*If you've changed your email address, please let Dollar Sweets know or email Lion Brendan Delahunt [bdelahunt53@gmail.com](mailto:bdelahunt53@gmail.com)*



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On Sunday the 28th March 2021 the 201V6 District Youth of the Year Final was hosted by the Numurkah Lions Club, the event was held at the Numurkah Senior Citizens Clubrooms. Initially seven students were to compete but due to ill health and other commitments two of the competitors withdrew at the last minute.

I was extremely impressed with the standard of all the students and delighted to see a crowd of 40 attend to support these students.



The remaining students Hamish Smith (Echuca), Zoe Lister (East Loddon), Helen McCormack (Kiewa-Tangambalanga), Austin Willett (Yarrawonga) and Megan Partington (Lavington) attended at various times throughout the morning for their interview before five judges. At 2.00pm the presentations began with two lengthy impromptu questions followed by each student presenting their 5 minute prepared speech.

Megan will now go on to represent 201V6 at the State Youth of the Year at Mornington on the 17th April.

As we have now concluded the Youth of the Year for the District I am now in need of the Club statistics. I need the following information from all clubs who conducted a Youth of the Year competition.



After much deliberation it was determined that Megan Partington from Lavington was the overall winner and Hamish Smith took out the Public Speaking Award. Both were presented their awards and prizes by District Governor Carol Kennedy.

- Club Name & Postcode;
- Number of contestants Male / Female
- NAB Judges details - Name / Position /Branch
- How many schools involved
- Audience numbers.

Please email these details as soon as possible as they need the Statistics prior to the State Final.

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From L-R 2021 Participants - Helen, Zoe, Hamish, Megan & Austin

## FARM SAFETY CREATIVE COMPETITION

Kidsafe Victoria's 'Farm Safety Creative Competition' has returned for 2021! The competition provides an opportunity to engage Victorian primary school children to learn and discuss farm safety issues in a fun and engaging way.

Children from across Victoria are invited to unleash their creativity and design educational farm safety materials and messaging based on this year's theme – **Think Farm Safe, Be Farm Safe.**

**CLICK HERE**  
For more information  
on the Farm Safety  
Creative Competition





### About Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

Since 1980, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) have provided a set of “furry ears” to over 600 Australians, all made possible from the ongoing support of our generous donors and Lions Clubs across Australia. Each Hearing Assistance Dog costs ALHD upwards of \$37,000 to train, deliver and support, and is gifted free of charge, to its deaf or hard of hearing new owner.

### As a Lion, how can I help?

By serving our local District as a Lion, you DO help! You can also spread the word about the great services that ALHD provide and promote further within our community. Most importantly, through our **Puppy Champion** program, you can directly support our puppies in training like Bella (above) by making a monthly donation for as little as \$10 per month. In return, you will receive exclusive monthly updates on Bella’s progress in the Puppy Program, as she continues her journey to become a Hearing Assistance Dog providing life-changing support to a deaf or hard of hearing Australian.



Take the lead and become a Puppy Champion today, and you will be transforming the life of someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Scan the QR code to the left to visit our website and sign up, or visit [www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/puppysponsor](http://www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/puppysponsor). When you sign up, you will receive a special ‘welcome pack’ to acknowledge your incredible support.

### How can my Lions Club support?

Lions Clubs can support ALHD in many ways, and by getting involved as a Club, this promotes community spirit in our Lions network. A great way to get your Lions Club involved is to **‘name a puppy’!** This is a great group experience to get your Club Members engaged and suggesting or voting on names, or even naming a pup after something associated with your Club!

Some great examples of effective naming opportunities are; Lions Club of Theodore Inc. recently naming a pup ‘Theo’, and Lions Club of Salisbury Inc. naming an upcoming pup ‘Sal’. Upon making a \$3,000 donation, ALHD will work with you to put forward your name suggestions and prioritise your wishes; PLUS a monthly update on the puppy you name will be sent through to you for you to share with Club Members and discuss your impact at your regular meetings. To discuss a naming opportunity please email Fundraising Manager, Alix Katala, at [alix@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:alix@lionshearingdogs.com.au).

### Other ways to get involved with ALHD:

**Spread the word** about our amazing work. We are a home-grown Lions project that is now the only Hearing Assistance Dog provider in Australia; we place dogs with people who are deaf or hard of hearing far and wide!

**Volunteer** with us and contribute to our daily operations to support our services. You can foster a puppy, volunteer in our kennels, or provide administrative support to our marketing and fundraising team.

**Host a fundraiser** as part of your workplace, Lions Club, community group, or friends; we can provide resources for you to raise funds to donate back to ALHD.

For more information on Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, to get in contact, or support; please contact our team [info@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:info@lionshearingdogs.com.au) or 08 8388 7836.

Community Groups Volunteering Expo - President John applied for a grant to run a **Volunteering Expo** whereby community groups could get together in one venue, each have a kiosk and explain the benefits of volunteering for your community.

The grant application to the Supplementary Volunteer Grants department was successful and it was full steam ahead for February 20th from 10 am to 2.00pm.

Letters, emails, phone calls, posters, a banner on the venue and local radio and media reports notified the community of the event.

Lions, both old and new members, were on deck to make it happen. A big thank you is extended to the following: John, Barry, Sven, Shabbir, Iris, Lynne, Asra and Christine.

Fourteen community groups responded to the invitation to be at the Expo: Boomerang Bags which uses recycled materials to replace plastic bags; Beechworth Lions Club with its banner displays and posters of its activities; Beechworth Urban Landcare and Sustainability with its environmental projects; U3A and its courses; Mayday Hills Arts Society which provide studio space, run courses and theatre productions; the Men's Shed Association providing company, undertaking repairs and woodwork projects; the Beechworth Theatre Company - drama and stage craft; Beechworth Servicemen's Memorial Hall Committee which manages the Hall bookings and facilities; the RSL Beechworth Sub-Branch looks after veterans affairs, memorabilia and hospitality; Beechworth Urban and Rural Fire Brigades - always there for fires and supports allied emergency services; Friends of the Robert O'Hara Burke Memorial Museum - a social, grant seeking and fund raising group; Beechworth Exercise Activity and Training Group - keeping seniors active and well; Red Cross which responds to local, state, national and global disasters and Rotary which install local projects, organize fundraising markets and supports Australian and global projects of need.

A coloured A5 booklet with all the group information, contact and meeting details was especially printed for the Expo and distributed to all groups and to intending new community volunteers.

A special thank you must be extended to our Lions 1st Vice DG Stephen Kazenwadel who supplied us with additional Lions promotional material for the Expo. Along with the Wangaratta Lions Club President Alison Kazenwadel both attended the Expo. Local *Ovens and Murray Advertiser* journalist Coral Cooksley also attended. Special thanks is also extended to the Beechworth Red Cross who provided delicious sandwiches and tea, coffee and cold water.

The Volunteering Expo must be judged as an outstanding success: 14 community groups attended; on speaking to the groups at least each group gained a new volunteer and a couple of groups gained 2 new members; existing volunteers had the opportunity to talk to other groups and to share information and that has never occurred before and the Red Cross incidentally gained 2 catering jobs. The Expo was the first one of its kind to be organized in Beechworth; it definitely achieved its purpose of further linking community members to volunteer groups in search of new members in order to do more for the community, and feedback all round was extremely positive.



Left: Left to Right: Lions Club, Men's Shed and Rotary Club.



Right: Lions Club "kiosk" with Lion Christine on duty.





Left: Layout of the Memorial Hall with four rows of community group "kiosks".

Can you Help - At our Volunteer Expo, on February 20th Lions learnt that the Beechworth Red Cross branch are looking for donations of acrylic yarn to knit and/or croquet as many knee rugs as possible before winter 2021. If you can help out with acrylic yarn please contact/send the yarn to the Beechworth Lions Club, P. O. Box 8, Beechworth and we can pass the yarn onto to the Beechworth Red Cross branch.



Progress at the Cottage - To the casual observer it may appear that progress has stopped at the Cottage, it should be noted that the following activity has been occurring. Lions Garry and Lynne painted the exterior weatherboards on the laundry wall. The asbestos company has removed the interior asbestos from the bathroom, foyer and kitchen areas; the asbestos which lined the rear verandah and removed incidental pieces of the sheeting from the rubbish pile. The Cottage has now been certified as a safe (asbestos free) working environment for interior works to be carried out.

Lions Club members and the Beechworth Correctional Centre Work Teams will also be able to work on the interior. The Indigo Shire has also emailed Lion Christine to say that the two broken windows will be repaired soon by the Shire's maintenance person.



Above: Looking across the rear verandah.



Above Right: exterior painting



Left: Front verandah sub floor.

**Around the District...**

**BENALLA LIONS CLUB**



The Benalla Lions Club and Rotary Club held their annual Bowls Challenge (barefoot bowls), on 18th February at the Moira Bowls Club. The evening commenced with a BBQ tea before the important part of the night started, which was BOWLING.

This as usual was a good social night, made all the better this year with the Lions reigning supreme, winning 3 ends to 2.

This night has been taking place for 8 years and we have now won the trophy 4 times each. The photo shows Lester Watt accepting the annual trophy from Rotarian Kelly McNamara, also shown is a group photo of happy Lions Bowlers.

There are seven of our Lions Club Members also taking part in the Corporate (Barefoot) Bowls each week, and we have enlisted a "new player" (as can be seen in the photo), unfortunately it was a "fowl night" as our Lions Club lost that game.



Our Meeting on the 4th March was a social night, where guest speaker Paddy O'Brien (a former Hotel proprietor in Benalla and Melbourne) spoke of his passion and changes that have taken place in Benalla; his "rendition" was very interesting and brought back a few memories for our "more senior" Benalla Club Members.

The photo shows President Denise presenting our Guest Speaker with a Certificate of Appreciation.

During the evening Past President Maddie Roff presented Member Alex Adkins with a very well deserved Chris August Award, Alex has been a quiet achiever in our Club for 27 years organising several projects for our Lions Club.

Past President Maddie Roff also presented Lion Bruce Walker with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Bruce is a long standing Member who has been involved in many projects in the past and is presently the organiser for the monthly Benalla Lakeside Farmers and Craft Market, and has for many years (and still is) the Editor of our Clubs Newsletter.



His most "difficult time" was as Secretary of the 17th Annual Convention in 1993 when the Benalla Lions Club was Host of the Convention in V5, and due to the floods in our area the Convention had to be held on the 28th-29th-30th January 1994, and then District Governor John Kerr and Benalla Council Officers congratulated the Club on a very successful Convention. Bruce Walker has been a Lions Club Member for 36 years. The evening ended with Club Members bidding farewell to fellow Member Lion Alex and Annette Adkins, who are returning "home" to Echuca where they originally came from, they will be missed. President Denise presented Alex and Annette with a farewell gift of a "small mantle clock and orchid" as a thank you from our Club Members.

The photo shows President Denise Brown presenting Alex and Annette

Adkins with their gifts.

Members of the Benalla Lions Club pounded the footpaths around the town again this year delivering 5460 phone books, the town has grown so much that we ran out of books before finishing, due to the New Estates that have opened up in Benalla.



## ECHUCA LIONS CLUB

Photo of our President John Paterson making presentation of thanks to Hagen Rieck Senior Communications & Engagement adviser for the major roads projects who are constructing the Echuca Moama bridge. Hagen gave presentation to our members & partners plus members of Moama & The Hope Lions Clubs at our mixed dinner meeting at Rich River Golf Club Tuesday 17/3/21



## EAST LODDON LIONS CLUB

With great sadness, we recently farewelled our Charter member, Lion, Melvin Jones Fellow & all round bloody good bloke, Ron Vinnicombe, who will be missed by all who had the honour to have known him.

Ron chartered the Lions Club of East Loddon 38 years ago, with his Father and 36 other members. Ron took on many roles within Lions, serving as our club's youth chairman, secretary & president. Ron also took on roles on Cabinet, always helping where he was needed. You always knew he had your back no matter what you were doing.

The members of East Loddon award Ron with a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2017 and also a Life Membership in 2019. He has left big shoes to fill within the club, and hopefully we are up to the task. He will be sorely missed in the Club and in his community.

Ron, we hope you're on the top of the world! RIP mate & thank you for your Service to Lions.

## HOPE LIONS CLUB

**Tree Project:** We are growing trees to help improve our damaged ecosystems and make a more sustainable future and a healthy environment for our families of the future.

The club has 4 kits, each Kit comprises of 7 boxes with 48 tubes in each box, totalling 336 trees. Overall we should have 1,344 trees. However, some species have not germinated very well which appears to be the general trend throughout all growers in Victoria.

Our seeds were planted late December and mid January and our strike rate was very good according to our coordinator. All kits have now been transplanted with one tree in each tube. Watering has decreased from twice a day to every 2-3 days and the seedlings are open more to the elements of the weather. At the end of each month we record our numbers on a spreadsheet for TreeProject. We have had a percentage of loss due to transplanting. However, even very slow growing, most are doing ok and we should have the required numbers at the end of our growing period.

Our trees are being grown for UPPER MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK through TREE PROJECT Victoria. These trees will be with us for 5 – 7 months before they are planted out.

Our growers have such species as Eucalyptus Blakely's Red Gum, Candlebark, Broadleaf Peppermint, Mountain Swamp Gum & Apple Box.

We have one variety only in the following species – Acacia - Varnish Wattle.

Calytrix Tetragona – Common Fringe Myrtle. Callistemon - River Bottlebrush.

Allocasuarina (Stricta) – Drooping Shea Oak. Dillwynia sericea – Showy Parrot Pea.

The most interesting have been our Brachychiton Populneus - Kurrajongs – even though they are still germinating some are quiet large with their little bottle -shaped trunks and they are a breeze to transplant unlike most of the other species.

**OTHER EVENTS:** Members were invited by host club Cohuna to attend “Looking to the Future” dinner at the Leitchville Pub. All clubs in Zone 2 were invited. It was a most enjoyable and friendly evening with all clubs being asked to share their club projects.

**LICOLA:** Lions Ken Hastie and Mal Davey attended Camp 301 in January as leaders for the week.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Three members were represented at the 2020 one day convention held at Barooga Sporties Club on 27 February.

**CLUB VISIT TO ECHUCA LIONS:** Hope Lions & Moama Lions were invited to join with Echuca Lions for their dinner meeting at Rich River Golf Club on 16 March. The Guest Speaker was from the Echuca- Moama Bridge Development Project. It was a most interesting and comprehensive power point presentation on all 4 stages of the \$323.7 million project which started in 2018 and is estimated to be finished late 2022. It is the largest transport infrastructural project ever seen in northern Victoria.

**EVENTS COMING UP:** A combined Zone 3 & 4 meeting at the Tongala Hotel on Wednesday 31 March; Club Social Lunch on 28 March; Our major fundraiser - Monster Garage Sale and Open Garden Sunday 2nd May – all proceeds to Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.; Club Visit to Lockington for a dinner meeting at the Locky Pub on Wednesday 6 April.



*Photos – One kit - 7 boxes of seedlings; 48 tubes – 1 box of Kurrajongs still germinating*

## KERANG LIONS CLUB

The LC of Kerang were finally able to hold a Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 21st of March for our 3 Lions who passed away last year. Due to covid restrictions and availability of family members we were unable to do so till now. About 40 people, including family, friends and Lions attended at our Lions Den to remember the contributions of Lions Noel "Kojak" Connelly, Attila O'Hazy and Dorothy Hayden and have morning tea together. It is a poignant fact that Lion Attila was the main man behind the construction of our Memorial Wall and paving walkway where the Memorial plaques are placed.



Kerang Lions and Kerang Rotary held their Annual Bowls challenge on 25/3/21 and we were pleased to retain the trophy by winning by 35 shots. The match was played in great spirit and



fellowship and shows how well our two Community groups can work so well together, despite the inevitable sledging! Lol!



Tungamah Lions continue to be very busy, with members taking part in cutting wood over the long weekend in March. The holiday meant there were not great numbers, but a good load of wood was cut.

The next day was a Bunnings Barbecue and one again, we were able to have a good time serving

the customers and raising much needed funds for our projects.

It is so good to be back in action after the effects of Covid 19 on everyone's morale. It will take time to get back to normal.

Catering for the Variety Bash was another great occasion, with most members enjoying the company of the Variety Bash team. Many thanks to the team at the Tungamah Hotel for making this all possible. Great to catch up with so many Elvies during the morning and to enjoy the well decorated cars.

The Sunday saw a return to Bunnings, even though the weather was wet for a change. Still we managed to make a reasonable profit. I think the

## TUNGAMAH LIONS CLUB

cold weather may have encouraged people to warm up with a hot sausage!

Several members attended the Convention at Barooga. This year, it was only a one day event, but it was good to see Tungamah members take part, as well as a wonderful effort by our Leos, Aydan and Paige. Aydan read the Leo purposes, while Paige assisted Les and Cobram on the Murray Leo with the flag ceremony. Victor Smith's wife was thrilled to be one of the Lionesses who were presented with the District Lioness Flag, as Lionesses across the world are being disbanded by the direction of the World Leaders. This has been a controversial decision, one which I do not agree with.

Lap the Map will be held at St James Golf Course on Wednesday, 14th April. Join us with playing bit of golf or just by walking and enjoy a nice healthy dinner. Green fees are \$5 and entry to the night is by donation. It all starts at 4 p.m. as distances traversed add up to Lions bid to walk around Australia!!!!!!

Elections have been held, and after the end of June, the club will be under the leadership of Victor Smith, with Robyn Harrison becoming secretary and Les Harrison taking over the unaccustomed role of treasurer!!!

We are sad to farewell Roger and Carolyn Tozer who have been such wonderful workers for the club. We wish them well for the future and we will certainly miss them.



## YARRAWONGA LIONS CLUB

Waiting for the perfect day seemed to have paid off as the Yarrowonga Lions headed out to one of our Lions' property. An early start was the order of the day to try and make the most of a beautiful morning and before the heat set in.

Every year members help collect the 100's of bales of straw which is donated to our Club. A huge and very generous donation and we are all very thankful.

A beautiful home-made morning tea of scones with quince jelly and plum jam was gratefully appreciated by all, many thanks.

After a delayed start our faithful trailer "The Quazzie" was set the task of catering again. K Hub opened to the public a day late on 19th February and we were there to celebrate their arrival and supply our bacon and egg rolls and the ever-faithful sausage in bread. We have weekly appearances at the new KHub every Saturday with the support of local community-based organisations.

Due to the recent restrictions, our Youth of the Year was postponed for a week, eventually taking place on February 22nd. We set up the clubrooms and welcomed our 2 participants from Yarrowonga College P-12, Tiare Wilson and Austin Willett. Both contestants presented well to the judges and their prepared speeches



Hay Day - Loading Up Lions Andrew and Rob



Group – Lions Ollie, Jock, Rob, Andrew, Arch and Club mascot Tommy



Stacking – Lions Andrew, Rob, Arch, John, Jock and Ollie



Up Top – Lions Ollie and Andrew



were vastly different. The scoring was close, but Austin Willett took out both

Lion Russell



KHub Opening – Lions Joan, Ollie, Debbie, and President Denis



YOTY - Contestants - Tiare and Austin



Lion Ollie, Tiara, Jo McCarthy, Austin, President Denis

public speaking and the overall award. Congratulations to you both and thanks for your involvement in this wonderful competition. Austin will now go forward to the District competition in Numurkah on March 28th.

We extend our thanks to Lion Janet Austin, Peter Henderson, and Villa Nowacki for judging the competition, also to Jo McCarthy from Yarrowonga College P-12 for organising and preparing



## YARRAWONGA LIONS CLUB Continued...

the contestants. Thanks to Lion Ollie Tufvesson for being MC on the day and President Denis Griffiths for his time keeping.

Judges – Villa, Lion Janet, Tiara, Austin, and Peter

### Yarrowonga Lions – Stamp Collection – “Walk with Pride”

A very generous stamp collect was recently donated to the Lions Club of Yarrowonga. V Districts Lions Stamp Club Co-ordinator Lion Robert Birch travelled to Yarrowonga to pick up this collection. This will then be sorted and sent to Sydney and placed in a special auction.

Lions Australia commenced a used stamp recycling project in 1991. From 1991 to 2004, 2 tonne of used stamps were collected and given to the NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children in Sydney where they sorted and sold them at auction to raised funds for the school.

In 2004 a decision was made to support the Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation and that we would recycle all the stamps donated and sell them at the auction ourselves. To date almost \$200,000 (including \$100,000 in the last 2 Lions years) has been donated to ALCMF and this figure continues to increase as more clubs come on board.

Lions within Australia are working hand in hand with the State Cerebral Palsy Associations to assist children who are affected by Cerebral Palsy, providing funding for Hart Walkers and other mobility devices to allow children to stand and walk to the best of their ability. The Motto of the Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation is “Walk With Pride”. Mission Statement is “To fund mobility devices for children with disabilities, giving these children a chance to walk”.



Lions are always seeking new and used postage stamps, philatelic material AND unwanted collections which are sorted and sold at auction with all proceeds donated to the Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation. In 2018 -2020 we raised the magnificent sum of \$101,000 and money was used to purchase walking frames for children born with cerebral palsy.

If you are interested in donating please feel free to contact: Lion Joan Tufvesson - 0438 434 585 or

Yarrowonga Lions Club – [yarrowaonga.lions@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowaonga.lions@gmail.com)

Drop off points : Mulwala Post Office, Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre, Lions Clubrooms, Yarrowonga Showgrounds – 9 am – 1 pm every Tuesday

### Wool Show Funds

The 2020 Lions Wools Show was able to be held due the support of our local famers and the generosity of Elders to host the event. This Lions project is the longest running event and has been held annually for over 55 years.

The donated fleeces from last years show were recently sold and with a top up from Elders and the Yarrowonga Lions were able to donate the sum of \$2,500 to the Lions V District Cancer Foundation Mobile Skin Cancer Check Facility.

This new trailer is now fully equipped and ready to be rolled out and we look forward to hosting it in our area.

**Guiding Lions.** After a recent training course held at Tungamah three members from the Yarrowonga Lions Club were awarded their certification as Guiding Lions by DG Carol Kennedy at our recent District Convention held in Barooga. This certification allows Guiding Lions to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or rebuilding. These

Congratulations to President Denis Griffiths, Secretary Debbie Van Corler and John Weinert.

Around the District...



New trailer recently tried by Haddon Lions Club



Cheque presentation – DG Carol Kennedy, Victoria Skin Cancer Screening PDG Barry Higgins, President Denis Griffiths



Lion Andrew Tom, Elders Judge Rex Bennett, President Denis Griffiths



Lions Debbie Van Corler, DG Carol Kennedy, President Denis Griffiths



# Leo's Australia...

## TUNGAMAH LEOS CLUB

Tungamah Leos continue to amaze with their amazing exploits. Aydan Stark-Beswick travelled to Cohuna to take part in the District Leo of the Year Final. He faced stiff opposition from Benton Lucas from Cobarm on the Murray and Chenoa Cutter from Cohuna. Chenoa ended up taking the award for the day and earning the right to take part in the state final at Melbourne. Chenoa won the public speaking section, while the overall winner was Chi Kiet Vong from the Leo Club of Forest Hill.

Office Bearers for Tungamah for July onwards will be Olivia Ford as president, Maddi Lawrence Secretary and Aydan Stark-Beswick as treasurer.

Whilst in Cohuna, we were impressed by the fountain in the middle of the creek, and were amazed to find that it could be achieved for around \$2000. As we had already raised \$450 from the Car Wash, Robyn and Les and Leos Olivia and Aydan tackled the barbecue at the local football with great enthusiasm. We were constantly busy cooking hamburgers and sausages at a great rate. We limited the number of helpers which was a mistake, and after several top ups of food, we were able to raise a profit of \$704.50!!!! Our thanks go to Victor and Lesley Smith for picking up more food, the Kickstart Committee for their left overs and the footy club for the contents of their freezer. Gee

we've got a great footy/netball club!!! Many thanks to Bruce and Josh for all their help on a day which was much busier than we could have imagined. We will be applying for a grant to help us with our vision for the creek, but of course we have to discuss with the authorities and also our wonderful Kickstart Committee.

At the District Convention, Aydan was responsible for reading the Leo purposes, which he did so well, while Paige assisted Les Harrison on stage with the flag raising ceremony to open the convention. Thanks to Luke Manson for bringing Paige and Aydan across, while Aydan's mum picked him up later on.

Let's keep going with the Leos. We are taking cubs from age 10 now, so please encouraged your kids to be part of this great community group.

LITTLE ROARER



# Notice Board...

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## MONSTER GARAGE SALE & OPEN GARDEN

to be held on

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

**10am - 4pm**

at

1966 Curr Road, KYVALLEY 3621

**WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO**

**LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH**

Gold Coin Entry Fee

**items large & small**

**wood raffle**

**numerous stalls**

**sausage sizzle**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO EFTPOS AVAILABILITY & 'COVID SAFE' RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY**

Lions  
youth  
of the year

National Final 10th  
May 2021 (Canberra MD  
Convention)

- V State Final by

17th/18th April 2021

The Winner Advisory and Entry Forms should be only accepted as the writable PDFs. These forms need to be forwarded through the next levels and data gets lost if forms are printed and rescanned.

For any more information, please contact:  
Mark Nordbye  
201V6 Youth of the Year Chairperson

# TRAINING

## Club Development Training

All clubs across the V6 District are urged to attend Club Development training this year. With constant changes to the Association of Lions Clubs, this is very important to all. It also gives good Lions the chance to meet face to face and renew old friendships and create new ones. The locations will be as follows;

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at Corowa Lions Den.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at Barham. (Koondrook-Barham Club Rooms.

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at Tocumwal Lions Club. (Old Bowling Club).

All sessions will commence at 9.30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start.

**Bookings to PDG Les Harrison  
on 0417 301 797**

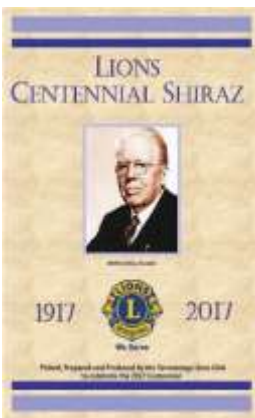
**Need something to  
celebrate the end of  
COVID ? Consider  
Yarrowonga Lions  
centennial shiraz, at a  
special recovery price!  
STOCK CLEARANCE**

If you missed out at the 2019 convention, here's your chance to get your hands on this fantastic wine. The grapes were picked by Lions Members in 2017 to celebrate the Lions Centennial. The fermentation, bottling and labelling were all carried out by Lions Members. The wine is a full-bodied red showing all the generous fruits typical of the Yarrowonga region, balanced by a restrained oak framework.

**Proceeds of sales to be donated to V6  
Foundation**

**First in – First to Recover**

Contact Ollie Tufvesson  
Ph 0477 143 336 OR  
otufvess@gmail.com





## Final Lioness Luncheon Canberra Convention 2021

**Date:** Thursday 6th May (prior to the opening of the Convention)

**Time:** 11.30 am for a 12:00 Noon start

**Venue:** 65 NORTHBOURNE, 65  
Northbourne Ave Canberra

**Bookings:** Via the MD Convention Registration forms  
when available

Your Multiple District Committee look forward to welcoming all Lionesses, former Lionesses and their partners to celebrate the amazing legacy of Lionesses in Australia

## CAN YOU HELP?

Some times children at Licola have accidents and need an extra change of clothing, which their parents or guardians haven't packed for them. To save embarrassment to the children, we need to have a supply on hand .The most needed items we require are listed below. If you can help out ,could you please arrange to drop them off to any District Cabinet Member for collection by Licola's helper or they can be dropped off to Cynthia Sederino [in Melbourne] to take up to Licola .

### Licola Wish List

- Boys and Girls underwear - all sizes ,
- Boys and Girls socks - all sizes
- Huggies Dry Nights [pull ups] size 8 -15 years (boys and girls )
- Rashies and board shorts - all sizes
- Wet shoes for the river access
- Ice packs and bandages
- Sun screen and hand sanitizers
- Head lice shampoo and combs
- 150 litre tubs and lids [new or used]
- Wire coat hangers [new or used]
- Bath mats

## In Memory of John Potter Fundraising for Cancer Research

We're taking on the 2021 Shit Box Rally Challenge to drive 3,300km from Mackay to Darwin in October to raise funds for cancer research and patient support programs.



John with his grandson Lucas, enjoying John's MG6 in 2020.

Megan and Peter will drive 3,300km across the outback in memory of John Potter

The 2020 car we will drive across the outback

### We need your support!

100% of your donation goes to Cancer Council.

<https://2021springshitboxrally.com.au/wont-let-it-beat-us>

#### Text or email:

Megan Potter  
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