



District 201V6



October 2020

V6 THE ROAR

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Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,
 Unfortunately, we will not be holding our District Convention on October 24. After much discussion at the Cabinet meeting last month it was decided to postpone this event and hold a convention or gathering on February 27, 2021. Should this go ahead, it will include the remembrance ceremony, a guest speaker or two and fellowship and catching up. So, mark February 27 in your diary. All business and voting will be dealt with by mail. Secretaries please watch for this.
 COVID-19 restrictions are easing and some Clubs are meeting again or making plans to do so. I have heard some clubs are planning to restart projects and fundraisers, one being markets. I wish everyone all the best these events.
 I managed to visit three NSW clubs during September. I am now making plans to visit some Victorian clubs. Some clubs have issues with the availability of venues. As

restrictions ease further, I will be able to visit more and more clubs which will be pleasing. I am very keen to meet with you all. Here is something I have borrowed from the New Zealand and South Pacific Lion magazine.
Carrying on with COVID...
 Courageous leadership, communication, collaboration, community
 Opportunity, organizational change
 Vision, visibility, vulnerability
 Imagination, innovation
 Deliberate, dare to be different, do it!
 Until next month take care. Remember kindness matters and please continue to make a difference.



Making a Difference
 DG Carol Kennedy

Club Welfare

WELFARE OFFICER ~ Marie Furze mariefurze@gmail.com

Current
Number
of Members

1150

Vale
John Davies
of Benalla

Vale
John Hanrahan
of Benalla

Vale
Ross Smith
of Lockhart



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.

Cohuna Lions have been recruiting and have inducted 6 new members. Welcome Peter Barker, Lydon Clifford, Bruce Clymo, Keith Link, Patrick Keely and Robert Taylor.

We have had 3 member pass away in the last month ~ Our condolences have been passed on to the families.

There have been 3 members resign. Thank you for your service Anthony Akkerman of Tocumwal, Jan Thomas of Kerang and Trevor Walker of Benalla.

Marie Furze
Welfare Officer

District Convention 2020...



Notice Board...

For the Attention of ALL Club Members...

On behalf of District Governor, Carol Kennedy, *I wish to advise that the Convention that was to be held in October 2020, has been deferred to February 2021*, subject to the restrictions then in place in consequence of the coronavirus pandemic. Further information will be furnished as soon as possible.

In order to meet the District's constitutional requirements the Notices of Motion and ballots for Office Bearers and District Representatives for the 2020-2021 year are to be determined by post ballot.

Information has now been posted to clubs regarding voting for Nominations and Representatives for Foundations which would have been carried out at the Convention. Would you please ask your Board and Club members to discuss the contents thereof, and arrange for the delegates to complete the Postal Voting form and Postal Ballot forms.

The voting form and ballot form must be signed by your Club President. When this has been completed please return all forms to me no later than 16 November 2020.

If you do not receive this information within the next week to ten days please advise me accordingly.

Yours in Lionism,
Judy McKerron
Cabinet Secretary 201V6

Notices of Motion included in this Month's Roar

Are you a Guiding Lion?

Not sure...then Ask yourself these 3 questions...

- Do you have a passion for *helping others*?
- Do you want to help recruit *new members* & form *new clubs*?
- Are you keen to take the next step to enhance your leadership skills?

**If you answered yes....
Then we NEED YOU!**

District 201V6 is looking for
Lions who are interested in
completing the ...

Certified Guiding Lion Program

Empowerment is
the key to success!



District 201V6

Sunday 1st November

AT: Yarrowonga Lions Club Rooms
(9.30am for 10am start)

Program Presenter - PCC Phil Johnson

Contact: PDG Les Harrison **BY FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER**

Email names to: les.harrison29@gmail.com

Answer from last month's BRAIN TEASER.....1. The man did exactly as he said he would and wrote "your exact weight" on the paper. 2. What stairs? You live in a one-story house. 3. A die (dice). 4. Place the apple on one person's head.



Notice Board...



\$10

Lions Australia Face Masks

2 layers of black cotton, Lions Australia logo, adjustable ear straps, a squeeze-tight nose clip and internal pocket to allow the wearer to insert an extra layer of protection (i.e. filter, handkerchief etc). Individually poly-bagged. Not medical grade.

Order them online from the Lions Shop



Only \$10

Contains a different Australian Lions Hearing Dog on each month. All Australian Public Holidays are listed. All proceeds from your purchase support the training and delivery of each Hearing Assistance Dog.

Click here to ORDER

Reminder to ALL Club Secretaries

- Have ALL your club members got a Lions Account login - which gives them access to MyLion?

👉 If they haven't, help them to register and get them set up.

NOTE: Only club Officer's can get access to MyLCI and enter "past activities" into MyLion.

- Are ALL your member details updated?
- Are you reporting service activity? (this includes club meetings)
- Are your 'current' member details accurate?



MyLion



MyLCI



Insights



Learn



Connect



It is critical that ALL clubs report their service, especially from an Insurance perspective. Members are not covered by Lions insurance unless registered in MyLCI.

It is a Club's responsibility to:

- Maintain Member names, addresses and phone numbers
- View and pay LCI Statements
- Print Membership Cards
- Track your Club's service activity
- Create Club rosters & Member mailing lists
- Designate next year's Officers
- Report your Monthly Membership

Download the information guide from www.lions.org.au/service-reporting

MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Lap the Map for Diabetes

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2020

lions australia WE SERVE

#LionsLapTheMap

District 201V6 - Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No.1

Motion Seeking an Amendment to Article 7 Section 1 of the District Constitution - Payment of Annual Fees.

Motion:

“Be it Resolved that this District Convention approves the insertion of the following provision in Article 7 Section 1 of the District Constitution – Notwithstanding anything herein contained no fee shall be payable in respect of the period from the 1st July 2020 to the 31st December 2020.”

Explanation:

The District Cabinet fully recognizes the difficulties and hardship arising in consequence of the Coronavirus Pandemic. In order to assist all Lions within our District it was resolved at the May 2019 District Cabinet Meeting that the District Dues for the half year commencing the 1st July 2020 payable by Lions Clubs within the District be paid out of the District Administration Reserve Account and not invoiced to Clubs. It was further resolved by Cabinet to defer calling for the payment of the half yearly District Dues falling due on the 1st July 2020 to the intent that, subject to the approval of Delegates at this Convention, such Dues be waived.

The Notice of Motion is submitted pursuant to that Resolution of District Cabinet and is proposed to financially assist the members of all Lions Clubs within our District during this difficult period.

(Submitted by District Cabinet)

Notice of Motion No.2

Motion Seeking to Amend Article 8 Section 5 of the District Constitution

Motion:

“Be it Resolved that this District Convention approves the insertion of Clause (b) in Section 5 of Article 8 of the District Constitution in the terms set out hereunder and the subsequent amendment of the present Clause (b) to read then (c) –

Notwithstanding anything herein contained in the event of extreme extenuating circumstances (including but not limited to, a Pandemic or natural disaster) in consequence of which a Convention cannot be conducted within the time allocated in the abovementioned Clause, the Convention will be conducted no later than the 31st December on a date determined by the District Governor in Office when any such determination is required to be made.”

Explanation:

The stipulated time of conducting the Convention is too restrictive and, following the events of the current year with the Pandemic and measures put in place by health officials all the work that the host Club and sponsors put in place over time went to waste. The anxiety and uncertainty caused by the timeline in respect to this years Pandemic does not give confidence to other Clubs to consider hosting a Convention.

(Submitted by District Cabinet)

Notice of Motion No.3

District Convention Memorial Service Recognition of Former Members

Motion:

“Be it Resolved that this District Convention directs that future District Convention Memorial Services include a Roll Call of Honour recognizing Lions Members of exceptional standing in his/her Club and Community who have passed away subsequent to the rising of the 2020 District Convention and who have retired from Membership in consequence of age or health concerns. Each such recognition shall require a request from the relevant Lions Club supported by particulars of the exceptional standing of the former deceased Member.”

Explanation:

Service minded people join our Lions Organisation to contribute to their Community. Many give years of service to their Club and to Lions globally. It is with good reason that Lions resign from our Organisation due to incapacity related to age or to declining health and terminal illnesses. It seems uncaring not to be able to include such a former Member in the Memorial Service at the Convention or that their family is unable to attend the Memorial Service if they so wish.

(Submitted by the Lions Club of Beechworth)

Notice of Motion No.4

Motion Seeking the Extension of the Term of the District Project Entitled “Fruit Fly Awareness Campaign”

Motion:

“Be it Resolved that this District Convention approves the extension of the term of the District Project entitled “Fruit Fly Awareness Campaign” for a further period of three (3) years computed from the 1st July 2021.

Explanation:

The Project was endorsed as a District Project by the 2017 District Convention.

Notices of Motion (continued)...

The Victorian Government recognizes the serious threat posed by the Queensland Fruit Fly which has the potential to devastate our Regional Fruit and Vegetable production which in turn could ruin our economy and our communities.

In order to combat this threat the Victorian Government has appointed 3 Regional Co-ordinators, one each in the Sunraysia District, the Yarra Valley and the Goulburn Valley. The Goulburn Valley Co-ordinator is based in the Cobram Victoria and is charged with the responsibility of co-ordinating a response to deal with this pest.

The Co-ordinator again seeks the continued assistance of Lions Club in the promotion of a Regional Community Awareness and educational response to the Fruit Fly threat.

The Campaign is fully funded by the Victorian Government through the local Co-ordinator, gives all Lions Clubs in our District an opportunity to become involved in a Project that is strongly supported by their communities and in so doing promote Lionism by working with their Communities.

The support of delegates is requested.

(Submitted by District Cabinet)

Notice of Nomination of District Representatives District 201V6 Lions Foundation

Two Directors of the Foundation are to be elected to serve for the period from the 1st July 2021 to the 30th June 2024. The following Nominations have been received:-

PDG Judy McKerrow

PDG Lynn Fredericks

Victorian Lions Foundation:

One vacancy exists to serve on the Board of Management of the Foundation for the period from the 1st July 2021 to the 30th June 2024.

Lion Alison Kazenwadel has been nominated to fill that vacancy. Lion Alison is a presently serving representative and holds Office until the 30th June 2021.

Lion Ken Hastie is a serving representative of the District on the Board and holds Office until the 30th June 2022. The other presently serving Member on the Board is PDG Les Harrison who holds Office until the 30th June 2020.

Licola Board of Management:

One vacancy exists to serve on the Licola Board of Management for the period from the 1st July 2021 to the 30th June 2023. Nominations for that vacancy will be called from the floor of the Convention.

Lion Rob McDonald is a serving representative of the District on the Board and holds Office until the 30th June 2022.

David Skinner PCC

Constitution & By-Laws Chairman

Host Club Nominations

2023 201V6 District Convention

The Lions Club of Beechworth has nominated to host the 2023 District Convention.

Nomination of District Officers

District Governor 2021-2022

The Lions Club of Wangaratta has nominated Lion Stephen Kazenwadel for the position of District Governor for the year 2021-2022. Lion Stephen is presently the First Vice District Governor.

First Vice District Governor 2021-2022

The Lions Club of Numurkah has nominated Lion Neil Stuart for the position of First Vice District Governor for the year 2021-2022. Lion Neil is presently the Second Vice District Governor.

Second Vice District Governor 2021-2022

Regretfully, no nomination has been received for the position of Second Vice District Governor for the year 2021-2022. Nominations for that Office will be called from the floor of the Convention. The qualifications to fill the vacancy are that the candidate must:-

- Be an active member in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District.
 - Be endorsed by the Club or by a majority of Clubs in the District.
 - Have served or will have served at the time of taking Office:-
 - As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof and as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two additional years; and
 - As Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
- With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.



Getting to Know your Cabinet Members...



Name: John Murray Weinert
Position on Cabinet: Fruit Fly Chairman
What Club do you belong to: Yarrawonga
How long have you been a Lion? 20 years
Why did you join Lions? To assist in the local community

What do you enjoy most about Lions? Fellowship and activities

Many things change over the years, what do you think is the biggest change you've seen, in your time in Lions? Too much admin and not enough doing

Do you think being in Lions has changed you, or your life, in anyway? If so how? More involved in being part of the community and assisting those in need

If you could go back in time and tell your younger self something...what would it be? Do what makes you feel good

What do you tell people who are interested in joining Lions? Sign here

Why did you take up this role on Cabinet? I was asked

What does your Cabinet position involve? Encouraging others to get involved in this project

What do you hope to achieve in your role this year? A commitment by our clubs to pick up the fruit Fly project

If you have a specific project as part of your role – tell us about it? Fruit Fly is a major problem in our District, Lions can take an active part in the control of fruit fly by promoting awareness and education and providing resources in our community

How can clubs get involved in this project? Your club needs to make a commitment to the project firstly then all you need to do is ask and I'll provide you with resources and support to conduct the activities in your community

Why should they get involved in your project? For at least two reasons – firstly to assist your community in the control of Fruit Fly and also by getting your community involved you may also increase your clubs membership

Do you have any "words of wisdom" for Clubs or Lions Members? Life's too short to drink bad wine

Any other comments? Don't let "politics" or "Clicks" into your club. Create a club you look forward to coming too.



Name: Neil Stuart
Position on Cabinet: 2nd VDG, GMT member, Zone 4 chairman, District Recovery Support Team chairman
What Club do you belong to: Numurkah active member, HOPE branch club associate member
How long have you been a Lion? 8 years
Why did you join Lions? I wanted to do more for my community & I knew a few Numurkah Lions

What do you enjoy most about Lions? The great feeling you get in helping others. Meeting other Lions & making new friendships

Many things change over the years, what do you think is the biggest change you've seen, in your time in Lions? When I joined there were 4 women in our club – over the last 4 years that number has tripled (including my daughter) – that's a great thing.

Do you think being in Lions has changed you, or your life, in anyway? If so how? Lions has given me more confidence, the opportunity to work as part of team & to lead

If you could go back in time and tell your younger self something...what would it be? Don't always take the easy option by saying no.

What do you tell people who are interested in joining Lions? A great worldwide organisation that through serving others will make you a better person while greatly helping others

Why did you take up this role on Cabinet? I was very keen to complete my 2nd year as zone chairman. With the encouragement & support of other Lions to accept the role as 2nd VDG. I was asked to take up the position as District Recovery Chairman. I have not regretted any of these decisions & I look forward to the challenges & positive outcomes.

What does your Cabinet position involve? Supporting & working with the DG team & GAT team, familiarize myself with the health of status of clubs, club visitations, working with & supporting the clubs in my zone, with the committee to assist those communities affected by disasters & emergencies

What do you hope to achieve in your role this year? To the best of my ability aim to achieve all the things my positions involve.

If you have a specific project as part of your role – tell us about it? Re: District Recovery - revegetation in the fire areas

How can clubs get involved in this project? The plan is to encourage support from our District clubs – in the process of putting this into place

Why should they get involved in your project? Supporting farmers impacted by the fires. Environment – supporting one of our 5 global causes

Do you have any "words of wisdom" for Clubs or Lions Members? Despite the restrictions to try to keep positive & very importantly to keep in touch with other club members. GST chairman Clinton Cathro has recently sent an email suggesting things that clubs can do now eg. ways we can care for the elderly. Think post-COVID – what are some new projects we can do? Are there projects that other clubs successfully undertake that we could do? What about working with & supporting a neighbouring club with a project. A membership drive & orientation for new members is important.

Global Membership Team...



Member Welfare & Retention

A club will not remain viable if it cannot retain its current members plus induct & retain new members.

To practice good retention, you must understand retention. For example, many members who leave in the first 2 years do so because they were not fully informed about their responsibilities of membership before joining or about this after joining Lions. Also, some may feel unconnected to the club's activities and their networking expectations are not met. How members fit into the club and how comfortable they feel can have a big impact on club functioning. Make sure new members feel welcome, involved and comfortable. Very importantly, get new members involved in club activities and projects right from the word go. New members make great greeters. Orientation and networking is so important. Do you have an orientation program? Do you have a mentoring program? Sponsors have a role to play.

After 2 to 3 years members leave because they feel unconnected to the club's activities and events. Some may leave because their fellowship activities are not being met. Other priorities may mean they have difficulty in regular attendance. Encourage members to join club committees and take on leadership positions within the club. This allows these members to feel more connected and gives them more incentive. Also, this can encourage

new project and activity ideas. Four of our Numurkah members in this category, last year organised our club's "Lap the Map." This was a great outcome.

Members leave after 3 to 5 years as their fellowship expectations were not being met, they had other competing priorities or they were frustrated by the clubs leadership. Those who leave 5 to 10 years often do so for similar reasons. Encourage these members to get involved in club leadership or district level activities.

Members who have been in Lions greater than 10 years who leave do so because may not be interested in the current club programs, have other obligations or because of financial constraints or health problems. These members need to know that their continued membership is important. Encourage these members to take on positions at district. Retention is for all members.

To conclude, club leaders - look, listen, learn and respond. Be prepared to make changes to help retain members and improve the functioning of your club. Remember that your district GMT are here to help and support.

Neil Stuart

2nd VDG, GMT team

I would like to acknowledge two Lions articles: "Focus on club dynamics & "Back to basics member retention."

Have you heard of...



Lions Rheumatism and Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Australia

A Project of the Lions Clubs in Victoria, Australia
A National Project from the 1st July 2019

The Lions Rheumatism and Arthritis Medical Research Foundation Australia was established by the Lions Clubs of Elwood to support the development of Rheumatism and Arthritis Research for the benefit of the population within the five Lions Club Districts encompassing Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

This is a Lions International District 201V1-4 project and is currently run by elected members from the following Lions Clubs; Northcote, Heidelberg-Warringal and Essendon, for the Victorian Lions Districts.

The primary role of the Foundation is to create a Capital Fund to support research programmes through liaison with Lions Clubs, Charitable Trusts and Corporations.

The latest donation from Lions Clubs of \$78000.00 plus funds from Monash was made to purchase a Tecan Microplate Reader.

[Click here for more information](#)



Fruit Fly Project

NO FLIES ON US!
Let's stop Queensland Fruit Fly



Wow!!! - Look what Beechworth Lions Club has achieved, they are the Finalists in the Sustainable Communities, Tidy Towns Awards 2020, Education Finalists. Well done Beechworth.

What is your Club doing ????



★ **NOW** is the time to spread the word – go to our “lions fruit fly project 201V6” Facebook page and Post and share the info to your networks. Don't forget to “Like” our page

★ Contact me and I will email you information sheets that you can email to your friends and community.

★ I can also supply you with the folders that you can hand out to people. **REMEMBER to include your own Club's contact details when handing out to people (see below).**

So come on, let's spread the word and stop Fruit Fly this Spring!

John Weinert

201V6 District Chairperson - Ph 0427 687 729

New flyers coming your way! Cabinet Secretary Judy will be emailing out some new flyers to Clubs that they can edit and add details to, then print and include with Fruit Fly packs. And a new event poster that can be used for any Information sessions - also editable with club details.



SWEET STUFF Lions Mints & Cakes



Marie Furze, District Chair for Cakes & Mints

Ph. 0411 126 937

Email: mariefurze@gmail.com

Ordering and Receiving Cakes

URGENT NOTE: For emailed orders **do not post** the same order without **clearly marking** on it that it is **a copy only**. Note: you will receive a response from Top Taste within 48 hours, confirming receipt of your order so there is no need to send a hard copy to them at all.

Freight Costs - All freight costs are included in the price of the cakes to Clubs. Under no circumstances should you pay any freight to any carrier.

Damaged and short deliveries - Notification within 14 days is not a new rule, however, it is one that Top Taste will be adhering too in the future. No other Company would allow any receiver of a product to wait up to 3 months to complain and then expect either a replacement or a refund. This is a fact of life and one that we, Lions, need to be aware of. I know that it may be a challenge for your Club to have someone in attendance for the delivery of your cake order, however, it is the responsibility of the Club to make sure, in a timely manner, (14 days from receipt of delivery) to check their order and to notify Top Taste of any problems. **NOTE:** if the problem is damage, please remember to take photos of the damaged

goods and send them through to Top Taste with your complaint, either by email (preference) or snail mail if necessary.

Please make your District Cake Chairman your first call, for anything and if I cannot help you, I will certainly make sure that I find out a solution and get back to you as soon as possible. Details above.

Public Complaints Process – Important to Remember - Complaints from the public should be resolved at the earliest opportunity, with care and tact, by the Club Cake Chairman.

The process to follow is:-

- Ask the customer to show you the goods in question and provide the packaging for easy identification of the baking batch run by the manufacturer.
- The Club immediately provides the customer with a replacement product from their stocks at no cost and collects the faulty goods and associated packaging.
- Report the matter to your District Cake Chairman who will replace the goods at no charge
- Send the goods in question and associated packaging to the District Cake Chairman.

Welcome to the new year of the Lions Youth of the Year Program. I feel this year is going to take an enormous effort on all our parts to re-establish the high profile YOTY has had in the past.

I feel disappointed that the program was terminated last year without a result and would not like to see that happen again. We all have the technology to make this happen so let's use it if necessary. Of course, it will may not all be plain sailing but problems are only a challenge, not a reason to quit.

Your National YOTY Committee have been working to put in place a plan to deal with this pandemic and pre-empt its possible ramifications for the YOTY program. A policy along the lines of our 'A Natural Disaster Policy' has been written and presented to the Council of Governors. This policy will give our program the best chance of running it's course through 2020/2021, whether it be as a face-to-face program or as an on-line video conferencing program using Zoom.

All going to plan and we have a fully operational program next year the following dates need to be considered. Victorian school holidays and public holidays have been taken into consideration:

- National Final 10th May 2021 (Canberra MD Convention)
- V State Final by 17th/18th April 2021
- District Final by 27th/28th March 2021
- Region Final by 13th/14th March 2021
- Club Finals by 20th/21st Feb 2021

All forms are available online at (<https://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/yoty/yoty-resources/>) User Name is "yotydocs" Please contact me for the new password.

Two important points regarding on-line paper work are:

- 1] 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.
- 2] The certificates will look much more professional if they are completed on personal computers or pre-printed by a professional if so desired. Hand written certificates, apart from the chairpersons signature, should be discouraged. The certificates will be given a new look in the next week or so in plenty of time before the Clubs start their rounds.

I encourage all clubs to keep enthused and actively seeking entrants. I understand there are schools that will not allow visitors, but there must be ways of contacting and meeting the appropriate staff members to promote the program and putting interested students in touch with club chairs.

We can arrange to have publicity documents printed and posted to anyone who finds it too difficult to arrange to their own printing done. Be aware that most, if not all, schools communicate with their students via email and various in-house messaging, social media and 'blog' sites. Paper is not always the best.

Jenny Maguire is our national Facebook guru and will happily help anyone with the appropriate promotion of the YOTY Program. Jenny can be found at lionjenny.01@bigpond.com.

Regards

Mark Nordbye

201V6 YOTY Chairperson
nordbye.mark@gmail.com Phone: 0438 060 959

Cabinet Meeting held via ZOOM - Thanks for the photo Clinton!





Keeping in Touch...

Guest Speakers can be anywhere.

Last night I was the Guest Speaker for the Wheelers Hill Lions Club in Melbourne, Victoria. I enjoyed the chance to explain the ramifications of the new MD201 Risk Management Manual to the President and members. I was also able to explain the new position of the Multiple District Risk Management Consultant and the role of the MD201 Insurance and Risk Management Committee. We also discussed the Club's Safety Coordinator role.

I really do like going to Melbourne however, at present due to the pandemic, that was an impossible trip to make. Instead I was able to sit in my lounge room with a glass of very nice Chardonnay and talk to all the Club members via a video link.

This ability to converse by video link is an incredibly useful tool as it means that Guest Speakers for the Clubs can be anywhere in Australia, or the World. This will improve when the NBN increases the Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) as has recently been announced. It

means that members questions can be answered straight away and hints & suggestions can be taken onboard and dealt with.

It does require the President to keep good control of the members which was very well done last night. Members were asked to turn their mics off and indicate visually if they wished to ask a question. The President acknowledged the request and the member was allowed to turn the mic back on for the duration of the question and answer.

I would like to give a big Thank You to the President and Members of the Wheelers Hill Lions Club (201V5) for the chance to talk directly to them.

If any Club wants to arrange a similar meeting, I will be more than happy to participate.

Garry J. Bates, JP(Qual.)

Risk Management Consultant.
MD201, Lions Clubs International., Australia & Papua New Guinea.



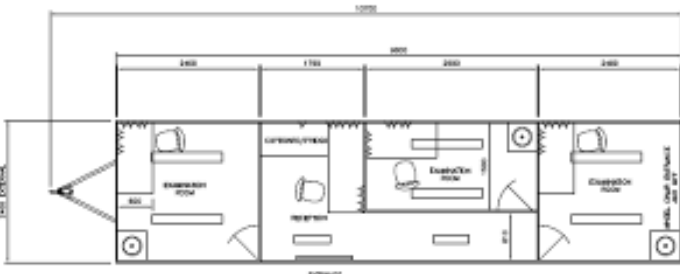
V Districts Cancer Foundation

Skin Check van for Victoria & Southern NSW

Screening - The mobile unit will travel around Victoria and into Southern New South Wales, conducting skin screenings for free. Trained dermoscopists, that is people trained in the skill of using a magnifying instrument specifically designed to get a close up view of the skin and skin lesions, will conduct the screenings and will determine if there are any suspect lesions. In the event that any skin lesions are identified that may require further attention, the dermoscopist provides the client with a referral. It is not their task to diagnose – simply to check and refer on.

Club involvement - Lions Clubs from across the V Districts (Victoria and Southern NSW) will be encouraged to book the mobile unit and will, when given a booking, assist the program by providing publicity, assisting with scheduling and providing assistance and care for the volunteers operating the mobile unit. In effect, a visit by the van becomes a local service project for the club – and with logistics and planning being conducted in partnership with the mobile unit management.

Skin Cancer Awareness - A very important element of this project is the enhancement of awareness of the general public to the dangers of excessive skin exposure and the important need to both engage in self checking of skin and seeking regular skin checks. Each visit to a town or area will be a focal point for positive publicity about avoiding skin cancer.



The Van - The build of the van has begun! With three consulting rooms, a reception area and disabled lift and entrance, the fully air-conditioned van will begin operation as early as February next year.

District Publicity



Always.

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75 years and counting

Lions Australia: 75 years and counting

In September 2022, Lions Australia will celebrate 75 years since the first club was chartered in Lismore, NSW. To acknowledge this huge milestone, the Multiple District will be launching a three-year campaign celebrating our achievements and impact over the past 75 years, while looking to the future and encouraging the next generation to join us.

The campaign will be launched at the Canberra 2021 Convention, and we wanted to give our members a 'sneak preview'.

Whatever the need, be it crisis response or funding for innovative medical research. Be it local or global. Lions Australia is celebrating 75 years of continued service and future promise.

Where there is a need, a Lion is always there.

Get started

Will you be having a virtual District Convention? Are you holding virtual club meetings? Download your virtual background to start the celebration.

Virtual Backgrounds

More and more of our meetings are being held online, but that doesn't mean we can't still have a bit of fun. As we head into District Convention season, we've developed a series of Zoom Backgrounds for you to use. We have created backgrounds for Zoom as well as GoToMeeting.

[Download your virtual background here](#)

Don't know how to change your background?

[Here's how to change it in Zoom.](#)

[Here's how to change it in GoTo Meeting.](#)

Commemorative Garden Club Project

To mark the 75th anniversary, we invite clubs to plant a commemorative garden in their local Lions Park or other significant location within

their town or city. As the official anniversary date falls in September 2022, clubs can plan for a Spring-time bloom. Clubs could consider working with local schools or other community groups on their garden projects. This project ties in well with Lions' commitment to the environment and bettering their communities. More details to come.

Draft Campaign Timeline

- **March 2021:** Lions Awareness Day – some campaign collateral available
- **May 2021:** Official launch at National Convention in Canberra with signature video
- **January 2022:** Anniversary pins/banners and other collateral released in lead up to Lions Awareness Day
- **March 2022:** Lions Awareness Day
- **April 2022:** Supplementary video pieces begin to roll out
- **May 2022:** Anniversary Dinner and celebrations at Gold Coast Convention
- **September 2022:** Social media campaign
- **Oct 2022:** Official anniversary celebrations at District Conventions



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If you need any help with PR in your club, whether it's social media, bulletins, etc - please get in touch!

Watch this space for PR materials that will be available to V6 clubs very soon!

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In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. Witnessing Keller share her story about the plight of the blind brought the reality of being visually impaired home for attendees. Lions became Keller's Knights of the Blind and, today, her dream lives on.

October is all about Vision so this month's feather is about the projects that Lions around the world do as "Knights of the Blind"

HELEN KELLER - Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf. With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became



a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

Helen Keller Day - In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that June 1 would be remembered as Helen Keller Day. Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

Following is a transcript of Helen Keller's Speech at 1925 International Convention...

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I

offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?" That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.



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Lions Recycle for Sight Australia

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia is part of the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program, headquartered in Queensland and operating throughout Australia and overseas.

We receive requests from humanitarian organisations either travelling to a developing country or supplying shipping container loads of suitable humanitarian aid from Australia to groups in the these countries.

Over the 26 years that the Australian program has operated, the program, has delivered over 7 million pair of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in need in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub- continent, East Asia, and the Far East, China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania. In the past 10 years several members of our Marine Branch have been able to use their oceangoing yachts to reach and test villagers, in the remotest areas for eyesight and deliver spectacles to them.

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The LEHP - Australia program has partnered with the Centre for Eye Health to develop a set of resources that aim to educate Australians about avoidable vision loss and the importance of regular eye examinations. Lions Australia members from across the country distribute these resources amongst their local communities.



LEHP-Australia
Lions Eye Health Program



LEHP - Australia is proudly run by volunteers!

LCIF Lions SightFirst Campaign

In 1990 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) launched Lions SightFirst , a major international program to combat avoidable blindness. Since that time SightFirst has:

- Prevented serious vision loss for 27 million
- Provided 80.5 million treatments for River Blindness
- Awarded US\$202 million for 841 projects in 90 countries
- Restored sight to 7.1 million with cataracts
- Improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions
- Built or expanded 213 eye hospitals, clinics and wards
- Upgraded 325 eye centres with equipment
- Trained 305,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye-care workers and village health workers.

One of SightFirst's major eye health education initiatives has been the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP), established in the US in the early 1990s based on the National Eye Health Education Program.

LCIF Lions SightFirst II Campaign

Campaign SightFirst II successfully raised over US\$200 million for LCIF's SightFirst program. These funds will continue current SightFirst programs as well as expand and launch new SightFirst initiatives. Lions launched Campaign SightFirst II in 2005. Experts predicted that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020 if nothing was done, thus the urgent need to redouble SightFirst efforts. There are also a number of emerging eye diseases that are creating new threats to vision.

With a minimum goal of \$150 million, Lions surpassed the goal, raising more than \$200 million. These results were announced at the 2008 International Convention.

Distribution of funds raised:

- \$102 million will contain and possibly eliminate the leading causes of avoidable blindness.
- \$48 million will combat emerging threats to sight.
- \$50+ million will provide 'Vision for All' through research, rehabilitation and outreach to vulnerable populations.

Introducing the Lions Eye Health Program

In May 2006 the MD National Convention endorsed a proposal for the Lions Eye Health Program - Australia to become a Multiple District Category B Project. This endorsement recognised the impact that LEHP has made in

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educating our community about avoidable vision loss and blindness. The program continues to operate as Category B Project and is funded by voluntary donations received from Lions and Lioness clubs across Australia.

We ask clubs to consider becoming a participating LEHP-Australia club by making a voluntary annual donation of: \$4 per club member.

Check out the website for more information on how to become a participating club, make donations and find all the resources you need.

www.lehp.org.au



Avoidable Vision Loss

Through LEHP-Australia Lions are working with their communities to reduce the impact and incidence of vision loss.

Did you know?

- Nearly 575,000 Australians are vision impaired in both eyes.
- Three quarters of vision impairment is either avoidable or treatable.

Personal Impact

- Vision loss can affect a person's health and independent aging
- Research indicates that when a person loses their sight they have increased risk of:
 - * falls
 - * hip fractures
 - * depression
 - * social dependence
 - * early admission into a nursing home

The LEHP-Australia program focuses on 3 specific conditions; glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Without early diagnosis and treatment these conditions may lead to irreversible loss of vision.

Glaucoma (Source: Centre for Eye Health)

Glaucoma is a common eye disorder affecting visual function through damage to the optic nerve. It is commonly age-related, with incidence increasing after the age of 40 years.

Glaucoma is an eye disease that slowly damages the fine nerves connecting the eye to the brain. The damage generally occurs when

pressure within the eye rises. If untreated, it causes a loss of peripheral vision, which can result in tunnel vision and even total blindness.

Early diagnosis of glaucoma is vital, particularly because people may have few or no symptoms in the early stages. In fact, one in two Australians with glaucoma may be undiagnosed.

Diabetic Retinopathy (Source: Centre for Eye Health)

Diabetes is a chronic condition that can have adverse effects on the eye and visual function. Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is caused by complications of diabetes. It damages blood vessels that nourish the retina at the back of the eye. This progressively results in blurred vision. Severe vision loss may be preventable if the DR is detected and treated early and appropriately.

Macular Degeneration (Source: Centre for Eye Health)

Age-related macular degeneration (ARMD) is a significant cause of profound vision loss in the Australian community, particularly among older Australians. This degenerative condition affects the macula, a small area at the centre of the retina. The macula is responsible for fine detailed vision, required for activities such as driving, reading and distinguishing colour. ARMD affects a person's central vision, including both distance and near vision, and can lead to partial vision loss or blind-spot areas in the centre. The side (or peripheral) vision remains intact.

Children's Eye Health

1 in 5 children has an undetected vision problem!

Vision problems have a profound effect on a child's development including schooling and day to day activities. You can't hit the ball if you can't see it!

Most children will accept vision problems and adapt to their poor vision. They rarely complain as they believe everyone sees the world like they do. Poor clarity or an imbalance in the coordination of the eyes can impact a child's development

More than 411,000 children in Australia have a long-term eye disorder. Most of these are near or far sightedness

Signs of vision problems can be subtle. The





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following may indicate a possible problem with a child's vision.

- Appearance
- One eye turns in/out
- Blurred/double vision
- Eyes burning/itching
- Covers one eye
- Tilts the head
- Confuses colours
- Frequent blinking
- Holds a book close to read
- Difficulty with or avoiding reading or learning
- Red or watery eyes
- Complaints
- Headache or dizziness
- Behaviour
- Squints
- Rubs eyes
- Sensitivity to light

LEHP Children's Vision Screening Program

To help screen for undetected vision conditions, LEHP has purchased **spot screening cameras** that can identify issues through a simple on-site photograph.

The **Spot Vision Screening Camera** analyses whether there are any abnormalities with the child's eyes and produces a printout that details findings and recommends whether an optometrist should be consulted.

The Program also tests a child's visual acuity, using a Lea Vision Chart, test colour perception, and Depth Perception is observed using a 3D image.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?
INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?
HERE'S HOW...**

A handbook on conducting vision screenings and using the camera, along with other vision testing equipment and an online training course, are available for Lions Clubs wishing to conduct screenings, especially at Pre-schools, Kindergartens or Primary Schools.

Qualified Vision Screeners and Facilitators are available to assist with conducting screenings in your area.

Partners

LEHP-Australia is proud to be partnered with the Centre for Eye Health. Centre for Eye Health (CFEH) is an initiative of Guide Dogs NSW/ACT and The University of New South Wales (UNSW). The Centre provides state-of-the-art eye imaging and visual system diagnostic services to the general community, at no charge.



LEHP-Australia is proud to partner with the following organisations...



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OR the Lions Eye Health Project website - www.lehp.org.au



① Always in you, Sometimes on you; If I surround you, I can kill you. What am I?

② I have a little house in which I live all alone. It has no doors or windows, and if I want to go out, I must break through the wall. What am I?

③ I am a word of six; my first three letters refer to an automobile; my last three letters refer to a household animal; my first four letters is a fish; my whole is found in your room. What am I?

④ Romeo and Juliet are found dead on the floor in a bedroom. When they were discovered, there were pieces of glass and some water on the floor. The only furniture in the room is a shelf and a bed. The house is in a remote location, away from everything except for the nearby railroad track. What caused the death of Romeo and Juliet?

Answers next month!



Club Happenings...

BEECHWORTH LIONS CLUB

Serving our Community - Each year our disbursements are made and sometimes we have the opportunity to help another cause that comes our way.

This year the Beechworth Lions Club is supporting the Parkinson's Walking fundraiser for October with a contribution of \$350.00. Monies raised will help with research.



Recycling - Lion Barry has been recycling aluminium cans from Billson's Brewery, Beechworth and from other sources as one of his major project interests. Barry, on behalf of the Club, is no longer undertaking this project as it is not profitable. A big thank you is extended to Barry. Last year Barry's efforts raised over \$400 towards Club funds.

All Systems Go - After much planning; the acquisition of a Federal grant; partnering with the Beechworth Correctional Community Teams; with assistance in kind from the Indigo Shire Council Staff; purchasing materials both recycled and new and then COVID, it is all systems go for the repair of the Gang Plate Layers Cottage in Beechworth with the view that the Indigo Shire Council will allocate the Cottage to provide small community groups that lack a meeting place a home and memorabilia storage.

The C19th building is in better condition than the person in the street might expect ... the stumps are fine and the wall is straight.

On the North side of the cottage, windows have been replaced the sash windows and have installed insulation batts and sisalation.

Our thanks are extended to the generosity of Darren Carr owner of Beechworth Home Hardware - we really appreciate Darren's community spirit and his support of our Lions projects. Lion Christine has been able to negotiate good prices or straight out donations of materials from suppliers and her contacts.

Stage 1 of the grant obtained from the Stronger Communities Program (Round 5) will see completed: the north wall, fascia and its windows made good, the front veranda sub-floor, any posts in poor condition and the veranda boards replaced where needed and the roof screwed down. Electrical wiring has been roughed in where possible.



We continue to serve.
Lions Australia Masks now available.



Club Happenings...



ECHUCA LIONS CLUB



Echuca Lions recent replenished the stocks of Teddies at the Echuca Ambulance Station. They were very gratefully received.

LOCKHART LIONS CLUB

It is with much sadness that the Lockhart Lions Club bids farewell to its esteemed colleague, Ross Alan Smith. Ross joined the Lions Club of Lockhart in July 2007. He served in various positions including 1st Vice President 2008-2009: President for four terms in 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018: and Membership Chairman for two terms 2012-2013 and 2019-2020.

Ross was an integral member of the recycling team. For twelve years, he regularly picked up recyclable material from the local businesses. For his tireless work with the Lions Recycling Centre, Ross was the recipient of a "Lion of The Year" Award.

Ross, pictured, was also a very popular Santa at the Lions "Christmas Carols in The Park" event, where he would arrive in the fire truck with the siren blaring. All the children excitedly lined up to meet Santa and to get their bag of sweets.

Ross was a very dedicated Lion, rarely missing a meeting, and will be sorely missed, not only by the Club but also by the community of Lockhart



YARRAWONGA LIONS CLUB

Well we have done it Day 1 of step 3. We had a Board meeting. Getting ready to restart our beloved Lion's Club.



Lion Joan Tufvesson, getting ready collecting prizes for the annual Wool Show held for the past 50+ years by the Yarrawonga Lion's Club. Well done, and thank you to Jo at Bunnings for their continued support to our Club.



Club Happenings...

WANGARATTA LIONS CLUB

Wangaratta Road Safety School Celebrates 50 years.

The Lions Apex Road Safety School in Wangaratta will celebrate its 50th Birthday in October this year. Originally an initiative of Apex, it was established and run by that group for many years. In 2012 with the demise of Apex, a couple of community minded people organised for the school to be gifted to Lions and so be able to continue to provide a much needed and valuable service to the community. Lions were able and willing to take it on and it has continued to provide an enormous and safety based message to so many young people in our area.

In a normal year, the school provides basic training in road safety, road rules and understanding of what happens on the road to many young citizens. Last year over 1000 young people from all over north east Victoria

were able to avail themselves of the facility and have a really enjoyable learning experience. Multiply that by 50 years and we have an understanding of the enormous value to our community.

Not only that, but the facility is available to people who may wish to hire it privately for family functions as well. There is also the ability for meetings to be held there, and that has been a bonus for so many Lions Committee meetings too.

This facility is one of four such places in Victoria and the ONLY one outside of the metropolitan area. Unique!!!! We offer it to our community as a service of safety and learning.

Wangaratta Lions is proud to be able to offer this wonderful facility to our community and look forward to a celebration of its 50 years in October 2020.

TUNGAMAH LIONS CLUB

Just a brief note for Tungamah Lions. We recently met for a dinner meeting thanks to the local pub. Arrangements were made to hold a wood drive next weekend to raise some funds for our finances. Next meeting will be a dinner meeting with a long overdue changeover with installation by PDG Les Harrison. Preparations are being made for Lap the Map as soon as certainty re Covid Virus becomes apparent. We will have 3 attending the Guiding Lion course on the 1st November.

LEOS. Hopefully Leos will meet again in the middle of October. Plans are computer and iPhone training for the Lions and the Carp Muster.

(PDG Les sent this in from his fishing chair whilst away fishing! Now that's dedication....Ed)



Leo's Australia



COHUNA & DISTRICT LEO CLUB

Although COVID has restricted how we can serve our community, we have still been active.

At the beginning of COVID lockdown, LEO Advisor Lee set a challenge for all LEOS to select a project we would like to run. The idea then was to create a project plan, dates etc. Although most cannot happen at the moment, we have been busy.

Each month we have held a Zoom meeting to catch up and see how the progress was going on our Project planning.

Georgia was working on "Blue September" which is about Men's health. She had planned for a photo exhibition, but this is put on hold till next year. We did, however, decide to paint a tree 'BLUE' to show support for Men's Health. This is in the front yard at Strazboar Goat Stud (otherwise know as Smiths farm). Looks awesome don't you agree?

We also collecting cans and bottles, waiting for the NSW boarder to open so we can take them across to get rid of them, used eye glasses and ring pulls. Each week during winter, LEO Ebony has assisted the Lions members with the Wood Deliveries around Cohuna and District. This has been very much appreciated by the Lions Wood Chairman Bill, he says she is worth two Lions!! Good to hear

LEOS Chenoa Cutter & Ebony Smith along with LEO Cub Brock Smith

