



V6 THE ROAR

July 2020

Hello everyone,

And so, it goes on. At the time of writing the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have tightened again. This will possibly be sending Clubs into recess again. Members may be unable to meet because of venue and crowd restrictions. I realise we are all frustrated and angry by these ongoing events, but we must remain calm and continue as best we can.

To date I have managed to visit five clubs, three were also changeovers and induct one new member. Cabinet Secretary Judy is continually checking and moving visit dates. I am attempting to visit NSW Clubs, but some are not meeting. My Club visits now run into April. I will eventually be able to visit your Club.

It is heartening to see some clubs have managed to hold changeovers, induct new members and perform some activities. I know you are all doing what can in your communities. Most importantly look after yourselves, family, friends and fellow members.

Keep in touch by newsletter, email, phone, chat over the fence. If your club doesn't have a newsletter, now would be a good time to start one. Send me a copy so I can see what you are doing in your part of the District. Secretaries please be sure to forward the district newsletter and weekly mail outs and any other information to members to help them keep up to date.

I hope you have had a chance to look at the service ideas that appeared in two recent editions of the V6 Roar. There just might be something your club can do.

Unfortunately, our District Changeover dinner was cancelled but we did manage a Cabinet meeting via zoom. At this stage, the District Convention will still be held on Saturday October 24. The elections will be held by postal ballot. Details will be sent to you soon.

I am available by phone or email if you want to catch up. If I do not answer my phone, I may be at work, please leave a message. I can only encourage you to keep going, keep in touch, stay safe and remember...

'Kindness Matters'.



Making a Difference
DG Carol Kennedy

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Vale
Lion Leonard Levy
of Benalla

Lion Dot Hayden
of Kerang

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.

We were joined by five new members in July. Welcome to Marie Gall at Wodonga, Monique Noble at Cohuna, Toni Fawcett at Tungamah & District, Ron Fleming at Cohuna and Harry Flood at Thurgoona and District.

We have also had 2 members pass away. Our condolences have been passed to their families.

There have been 2 members resign. Thank you for your service Phyllis McCormack of Walla Walla and Megan Walker of Kyabram.

Marie Furze
Welfare Officer



From our Cabinet...

THE GLOBAL ACTION TEAM FOCUS

by *Lion Omeni Ndlovu (GMT)*

In most recent years we have been talking about the Global Action Team (GAT) in Lionism and I thought it would be ideal to unpack what this is about for all Lions to understand and engage with this team in advancing the welfare of their clubs.

The Global Action Team (GAT) "puts the entire Lions network to work for your club. And teamwork is the key – it brings the entire GLT, GMT and GST together to support your club. It's a bottoms-up, whole-club approach that can energize every facet of your club". <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-leadership>

In supporting your clubs, the GAT will and is collaborating and putting plans in place to develop skilled leaders (Leadership), strengthen membership (Membership) and expand the district's humanitarian service (Service). If these three actions are achieved or partly achieved at district, zone and club level it definitely will ensure that our district will grow stronger, more focused and touch the lives of even more people than before.

It is easier to ask clubs the following questions; Leadership – how many of your club members will undertake any of the following, the Guiding Lion Program, a few modules in the Lions Learning Centre portal or any LCI Leadership programs or any relevant leadership training?

Membership – does your club have a membership retention strategy, how many new members to

recruit this year, are there specific skills you require in your new members, how is your Zone collaborating in membership drive, will you sponsor a club branch, will you assist your sister club in the Zone recruit new members to remain viable and existing, will you start a Leo club as single club or tag team with another club to sponsor a Leo Club?

Service – what new humanitarian service project (s) will your club do this year that you have not done before, will it be youth, elderly, environment, health, children or disaster focused, and will you need support from other clubs, Zone or District to run this project?

The big question therefore is "how does the GAT support your club?", "What do you require from your GAT?" This team can only easily do so if it knows what supports your clubs need in the above stated areas of Leadership, Membership and Service. If you have anything or support you require from the GAT or a contribution you would like to make or suggestion, please contact the following;

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Lion Omeni Ndlovu



Lions Foundations...



District 201 V6 Lions Foundation Ltd

ACN 076-671-086



Chris August
The father of V6
Lions

Hi all V6 District Lions,

I hope you are all keeping well and thinking up new, inventive ways to promote Lions in your towns and communities. These are difficult times we are now in and this is even more reason to get inventive in how we assist the less fortunate of our communities.

The District Chairmen have been holding their meetings via the internet using platforms like Skype and Zoom. The Foundation trustees have also recently held their quarterly meeting and I have been elected the new Treasurer for the coming year, 2020-21. I should at this stage acknowledge the wonderful effort that PDG Lionel Gillman OAM has contributed to the Foundation as he has been the treasurer since the inception of the Foundation. Unfortunately, PDG Lionel has had to step down for health reason and I now have his big shoes to fill.

As a reminder to all club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, please forward your club and individual Lions donations and Chris August award applications to me at:

43 Guy Street, Corowa NSW 2646.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any help you may require. I look forward to serving you all over the coming 12 months.

Regards

V6 Foundation Treasurer

PDG Lynn Fredericks



LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION Lions Clubs International FUNDRAISER FOUNDATION

As we are currently still in the Coronavirus Pandemic, LCIF have developed an idea for our Lions Clubs and their members to raise funds for the Foundation, with their special envelopes.

It has been suggested that "most of us" have loose change in our pockets some days of the week, and instead of putting it in a jar or drawer we could perhaps place it in one of these LCIF envelopes, which can hold about \$50.00 in gold coins.

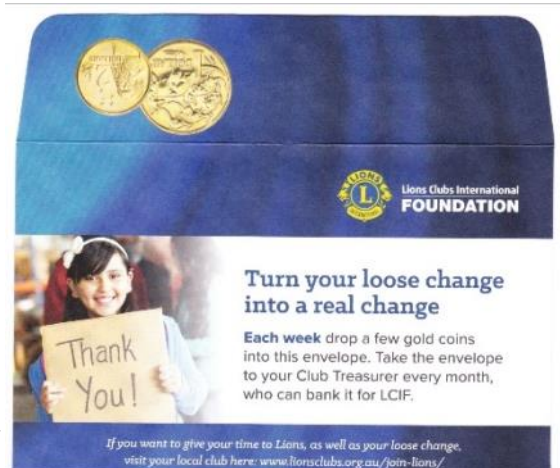
As we are all aware our Lions Club International Foundation is there to help us when disasters occur, and unfortunately this year has been a year when their assistance has been very much required, and very much appreciated by victims of the disastrous bushfires with many water tanks being provided in the required areas.

Please remember that all of the Money donated to our Lions Club International Foundation STAYS IN AUSTRALIA , and to make sure that the funds are there for LCIF Grants to help those in need, please consider using these envelopes to make additional donations.

Kind Regards

Peter Poels

V6 LCIF Chairman.





Global Leadership Team...

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Hi Lions, Please take the time to read these ideas to make your club more powerful and you a better Lion and leader. We need to work very hard to give more people the chance to be a Lion and have plenty of fun in a worthwhile cause. We re planning to run further Membership training as this was very poorly supported in Club Development. If you are the Membership Chair, please take the time to astound your fellow members with increasing your membership.

In the near future we will be offering training in Conflict Resolution. This is a very powerful program and gives you skills to defuse situations, not just in Lions, but in your work and personal life. Lions are offering several worthwhile leadership courses, as outlined in this article. If any of these strike you eye, then contact me for further details.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Dates: 19th to 21st February 2021

Location: Current proposal is to hold this Institute in Tasmania - TBC

Application Deadline 31st December 2020

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute is targeting those Lions and Leos who are looking to take on leadership positions at Club or District levels for the first time. It focuses on the skills required to build teams and manage people effectively. It also builds knowledge of Lions activities outside of club level and includes strategies for making change to move our organisation forward. There are no pre-qualifications required.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Dates: 15th to 17th April 2021

Location: Brisbane, Australia

Application Deadline 15th January 2021

The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is targeted towards those Lions who are looking to take on a leadership role at Zone, Regional and District levels. It focuses on higher level leadership skills, managing project portfolios, and dealing with the responsibilities of senior leadership within districts. Applicants must have completed a successful term as Club President, but not have yet attained the position of 1st VDG (a 1st VDG elect is eligible).

Note: There is no requirement for candidates for the position of District Governor to have completed the ALLI, although it is seen as a desirable.

Faculty Development Institute

Dates: This Institute is not scheduled to take place in CA7 for 2020/21

The Faculty Development Institute is designed to develop and expand the number of skilled lions' trainers who can then conduct training at Club, District and Multiple District levels. The curriculum is designed to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques to increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership programmes.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as instructors at local Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills.

Lions participating in the FDI will be required to conduct a local training event within six months of attending the institute, in order to complete the FDI.

Lions Certified Instructor Program

Dates: 26th to 29th March 2021

Location: Sydney, NSW

Application Deadline: 26th December 2020

The Lions Certified Instructor Program is designed to develop and expand the number of the most senior skilled lions' trainers. Lions who complete the LCIP are eligible to serve as faculty at locally approved institutes (ALLI, FDI, LCIP), as well as International FVDG/DGE Seminar and other training-related events conducted my LCI and from July 2020 it will be a requirement to have LCIP certification to be on faculty for these training programmes.

There are several pathways into LCIP but for this course it covers Lions who have training experience, but have not served as FVDG/DGE Seminar Group Leader or Lions Clubs International-directed institute faculty.

Les Harrison

Leadership Team



Lions Motto is "we Serve"

SERVICE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES – “CARING FOR OUR ELDERLY”

(As at 12 June 2020)

The following list of “Suggested Projects and Activities” has been compiled to assist Districts and Clubs in conducting projects as we emerge from COVID-19 restrictions, and in support of the Multiple District 201 Humanitarian Project “Caring for our Elderly”, adopted by the Council of Governors at the 23rd May 2020 Council Meeting.

LOCAL CLUB AND COMMUNITY, INCLUDING IN OWN HOME ASSISTED LIVING

All of the following examples of engaging with and helping individuals or groups within our communities with assistance, or simply staying in touch with them and offering friendship companionship and kindness, applies equally to all of our own Lions Family!

- ◆ **Look after our own Lions Club Members “First”** - remember “Club Care”. Using the analogy of the airline hostess “fit your own mask first before helping others”, we must firstly ensure our own Lions and Lions Clubs emerge from the pandemic (and in many cases after fire and drought) healthy, ready and able to support Club Service Projects and Activities.
- ◆ Find out if there are particular needs for the older members of your Club. Some may have safety concerns in meeting again in larger numbers following period of isolation.
- ◆ Offer pick-up and drop-off service for elderly or other “at risk” groups - medical needs, food items etc.
- ◆ If you identify a need while talking to friends, neighbours, family or other community members, assist them to connect with relative support agencies (Centre Link/Mental Health Agencies such as Beyond Blue, Lifeline etc)
- ◆ Drop off a meal, a bunch of flowers, a freshly baked cake, phone to say “hello” so you hear their voice, making sure they feel wanted and are valued. Use email, Text, Face Book, Messenger, Whats App, Skype – or any other medium to keep in touch
- ◆ Has your club embraced technology and now staging meetings on-line? Is fear of technology an issue? Partner with your Leos and young Lions who are tech savvy – their project could be to offer “One on One” coaching and personal assistance to those club members who need

(ask) for assistance so they can communicate with their friends and families on-line”! Adopt the principles of “show me – don’t tell me” and become a club trainer.

- ◆ Volunteer as a driver with “Meals on Wheels”. (A lot of older delivery drivers stopped volunteering with Meals on Wheels during the pandemic)
- ◆ Keep in touch with other nearby Lions Clubs. Your Club may be able to collaborate in another project or activity, such as partnering with ALF and LCIF for funding for provision of electric reclining chairs in Nursing Homes and Hospital Rehab facilities, mobility scooters or other mobility equipment
- ◆ Do a club PR Project via Press and Social Media to keep your community engaged and informed! “We are still here, we are still operating, and we will still be here to offer even more Service and Support once the Coronavirus has passed.”
- ◆ Liaise with your Community Association and Local Council now to plan and conduct a Community Celebration themed “**Corona Community Recovery Day**”. Make it a “whole of family” Fun Day

SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS – AGED CARE FACILITIES

- ◆ Make contact with the providers of Aged Care Facilities and over 55’s Residential/Lifestyle Communities. and see what support is needed. Contact your local Council – have they activated their own Disaster Recovery Centres and if so, what are the needs that Lions could volunteer to provide?
- ◆ Projects could include, but not limited to:-
- ◆ Visits to retirement/nursing homes on a regular basis to offer entertainment, social or reading activities
- ◆ Support to Mental Health Programs, which could be as simple as accompanied shopping trips, offering to take residents out for a coffee or a hair cut.
- ◆ Have your Club donate a Care Package with home-made Greeting Cards to let the residents know that they are being thought of.
- ◆ Establish a ‘Book or Puzzle’ exchange, and volunteer time for a group reading or to assist with completing puzzles
- ◆ Offer a Free Puzzle Newsletter, add in some jokes, photos of local interest and other Bits’n Pieces – and call it the “Lions Kindness Korner!”
- ◆ Form knitting, crotchet or sewing groups within



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Community Centres or Aged Care Facilities
Many agencies will welcome donations of knitted beanies, scarves, clothing and blankets. Alternatively, donate the items back to those within the Centre

- ◆ Provide Zoom facilities in local nursing homes to facilitate contact between residents and family. This could be done through provision of iPads for resident's use or helping to equip a suitable area with good quality webcams, large monitors etc. Consider larger Keyboards for Visually Impaired.
- ◆ Donate an I-Pad to enable residents conduct Face-Time calls with their family.
- ◆ Assist Aged Care Facilities to connect with the Digital Community Visitors Support Scheme funded by the Commonwealth Government, providing contact with the lonely and elderly via tablet access Australia.
- ◆ Establish a "Music Therapy for Nursing Home Residents" project - particularly helpful for those suffering from dementia.
- ◆ Undertake a garden development project. Establish a Rose or Butterfly Garden and conduct on-going maintenance. Encourage

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BRAIN TEASER

You have a fox, a chicken and a sack of grain. You must cross a river with only one of them at a time.

If you leave the fox with the chicken he will eat it; if you leave the chicken with the grain he will eat it.



How can you get all three across safely?

Answer next month!

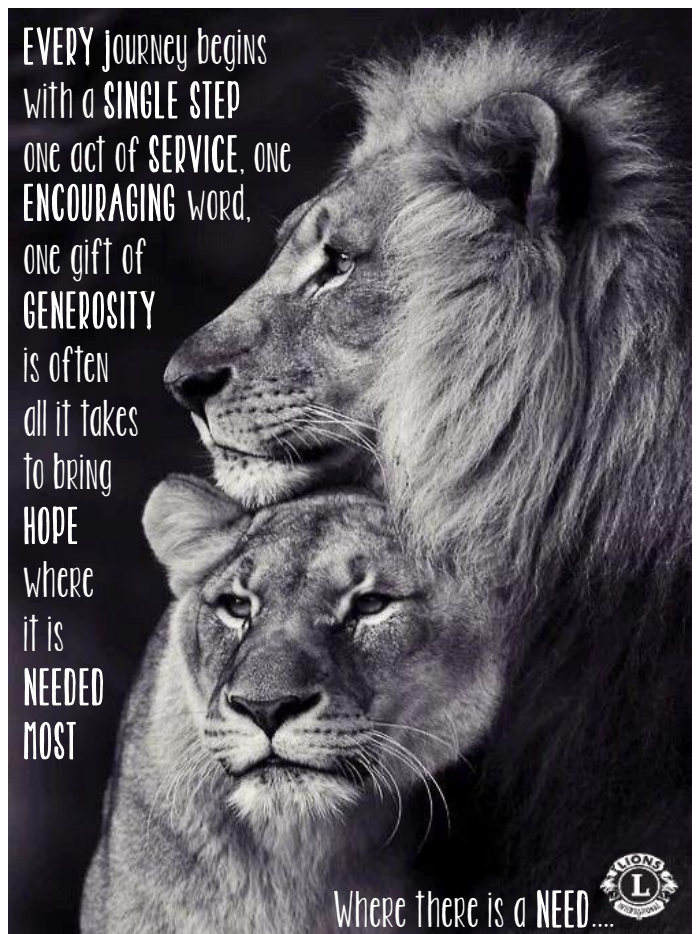
Morning Teas and Social Activities either in the garden or a nearby activities room with views of the garden

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Plan your next Club Membership Drive - this could be the greatest requirement your club has to reenergise and revitalise your members and local Community following the pandemic!

Look for opportunities in your area and on social media with like-minded community people or groups who are actively organising activities, entertainment or offers of assistance. These are potentially good prospects to invite to join your Lions Club, or to start a new Chartered Club or Club Branch. Maybe a Club Branch of Staff and Volunteers within the Aged Care Facility you are supporting. It could be as simple as "Just Ask."

Remember Always
"Kindness Matters"



EVERY JOURNEY begins with a SINGLE STEP
one act of SERVICE, one ENCOURAGING word,
one gift of GENEROSITY
is often all it takes to bring HOPE
where it is NEEDED MOST

Where there is a NEED

there is a *Lion*

From Social Media...



Where there's a need, there's a Lion

21 July 2020 - from Lions Australia Website



When disaster strikes, Lions volunteers are amongst the first to offer relief and that's exactly what is happening

right now in the Northern Territory. Last Sunday, the small town of Tennant Creek lost its only supermarket in a fire. With the next supermarket over 500 kilometres away in Alice Springs, this meant many in the community did not have access to food and essential items. News travelled fast, and by Tuesday morning, a current and a past District Governor both contacted the Tennant Creek Lions Club and arranged for swift acquisition of relief funding which provided a \$10,000 grant from Australian Lions Foundation and \$3000 of emergency funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Lions volunteers on the ground are using the funds to purchase supplies from their local butcher and wholesalers in Alice Springs to prepare nutritious meal packs for local residents. Over 2000 meals have already been distributed to members of the community. Over those critical first 2 weeks without a local supermarket, Lions Club of Tennant Creek has budgeted for 1,000 packs (4,000 meals) in total, to feed the town. Lions Club of Tennant Creek Club President Kate Foran says she has been so proud to see how the community has come together to support each

other through the crisis. "You've never seen such a town with a golden heart as Tennant Creek in a crisis. It's been so wonderful to see how the community has pulled together this week. With the support of Australian Lions Foundation and Lions Club International Foundation we have been able to quickly purchase supplies and distribute meals to those in need." "Thank you to local residents Chris Penhall and Brian Sweeney who drove 1,000km round trip with a trailer to pick up one tonne of veg and groceries. Our church leaders helped to identify those in need. Pastor Mike even ran deliveries, along with Eddie & Josephine from PNG! We are an eclectic, diverse community out here, along with 2/3 of our population being Indigenous. A local service organisation, BRADAAG, supplied a mini-bus and two staff to deliver meal packs to residents of the Community Living Areas, and Marnie Sutton stayed on with me till 6pm, running the final packs around town in the bus!" "Many kind locals have stepped up to help assemble the packs, and also to deliver them and we are very grateful to the CWA for the use of their hall, and the RSL for their cool room. At Media Release Lions Club of Tennant Creek we are committed to helping those in need and we will continue to do what we can to support the community through this," adds Kate.



Fire at Head Office in Newcastle

(From Lions Australia Website on Jul 29th 2020)

The Lions Australia National Office in Newcastle was damaged in a fire on Monday night (27 July 2020).

The fire started in an adjacent business, which was unfortunately destroyed. Thankfully, the Newcastle Fire Service were able to limit the damage to our office, and for that we are extremely grateful.

The boardroom has been badly damaged, and there is some smoke and water damage to the kitchen and bathrooms – all located at the rear of the building.

As a result, the office is currently not operational and all staff will be working from home until further notice. Fortunately, no staff were present at the building when the fire occurred.

The Clubs Supplies Store cannot safely operate at the present time, but we will provide members with an update as soon as it is operating again.

Staff are doing their best to do their jobs remotely at the present time.

Any general enquiries can be sent to info@lions.org.au – or if in relation to Clubs Supplies, please email clubsupplies@lions.org.au



Australian Lions Hearing Dogs



Firstly a big thank you to all that contributed to our recent end of financial year campaign. There have been many generous individuals and Lions Clubs throughout Australia. Your support has been truly appreciated and has given us a much needed boost into the upcoming busy times ahead.

The last few months have certainly been a challenge with a number of dogs that haven't been able to be placed due to COVID restrictions. We are hoping that in the next 3 months we will be able to place 8 Hearing Assistance dogs in those areas that are allowing travel.

We look forward to keeping you up to date with all of these life changing partnerships over the next few months via our social media. We are on both Facebook and Instagram and can be found at

www.facebook.com/australianlionshearingdogs OR www.instagram.com/aus_lions_hearing_dogs/

Two of the dogs that we have been able to place are ALHD Samantha and ALHD Palmer.



Samantha is an Australian Labradoodle from Alpen Ridge Labradoodles and was fostered through our puppy program. She was sponsored by the Ipswich Lions Club - Lions International - Australia with some of their young cubs running raffles to help support her training.

Palmer is an Australian Labradoodle from Alpen Ridge Labradoodles. He was named after Past International Lions President Barry Palmer in recognition of his support of the ALHD program.

Both Palmer and Samantha were given a fantastic start to their career as service dogs through their wonderful foster homes where they spent their puppy days learning manners and being socialised with the great big world.



Board of Directors, CEO & Staff - Australian Lions Hearing Dogs



Cody the English Springer Spaniel is learning to be a hearing and diabetes dog

ALHD's brand new Medical Alert Dog program

Dear Lions, I'm excited to share that on the 13th July we made our first public announcement of the exciting new Medical Alert Dog program that will provide support to Australians suffering from Type 1 Diabetes.

Along with our Hearing Assistance Dogs, Medical Alert Dogs will be providing life-changing support to many Australians in need. The dogs will initially be trained to alert to low blood sugar levels in asymptomatic Type 1 Diabetes, but also provide much-needed companionship and security. A Medical Alert Dog will alert their Diabetic owner when there is a drop in their blood sugar levels, to avoid a hypoglycaemic episode, which can be fatal. Most commonly, a hypoglycaemic attack can happen at night, when a Diabetic is not regularly checking their blood sugar levels.

ALHD's Medical Alert Dog program is being developed in response to the rapidly increasing issue of Type 1 Diabetes in Australia. Currently, 130,000 Australians are living with Type 1 Diabetes, costing the Australian economy an estimated \$570 million per year. Type 1 Diabetes is complex, however can be managed with regular monitoring of blood sugar levels, insulin injection and/or pump, a healthy diet, and regular exercise, or at the advice of a Doctor.

Australian project looks to pair trained dogs with diabetics

Recently, we were joined by Adelaide's ABC network to promote this fantastic new initiative. *Check out the full story here -*

www.abc.net.au/news/2020-07-26/diabetes-hearing-assistance-dogs-trained-in-sa/12488712



Australian Lions Hearing Dogs



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Diabetes - A Core Pillar

One of the five core pillars of Lions Clubs International is Diabetes. For many years, Lions Clubs across Australia have committed to investing in research for the prevention and treatment of Diabetes, and we are thrilled to have an opportunity to contribute to this outstanding service through our provision of Assistance Dogs.

As we are in the early development of the program, we won't be accepting any applications for the Medical Alert Dog program until the expansion of our National Training Centre in the Adelaide Hills is complete

We look forward to sharing exciting milestones and successes with you as we continue to build the program. For more information on the Medical Alert Dog program, please contact

Project Coordinator and Trainer, Laura Harris, on 08 8388 7836 or email Laura at laura@lionshearingdogs.com.au.

Yours in Service,
Lion David Horne, Chief Executive Officer

"It's companionship, it's security, it's independence and this is something we've provided for 40 years with our Hearing Assistance Dogs."



Emergency Medical Information Book

More than 1.4 million Emergency Medical Information Books have been distributed throughout Australia by Rotary & Lions Clubs with the support of a variety of organisations.

"How often have we had a spouse, partner or someone else in our household transported to hospital by Ambulance? The first question the paramedics will ask is "what medication is the patient taking and what medical conditions do they have? In what is often an emotional situation it can be difficult to immediately provide the correct answers.

The Emergency Medical Information Book attached on the fridge, removes that uncertainty and a quick glance by attending paramedics will allow them to determine what drugs can be safely administered to assist the patient. The precious time gained can often have a very dramatic outcome in these situations, we know that this book has saved lives.

The EMIB project has received excellent response from the medical and health services and has the support of all State Ambulance Services across Australia."

Lion Bernie Donohue, MD201 EMIB Chairman

There are a few ways you can get your club involved and get these books out into your community. They come with Lions & Ambulance logos and Your club name & district number. You can purchase amounts of 50 (@ \$110), 100 (@ \$200) or 250 (@ \$252). There is also a pocket version available and a donations box.

Please contact **Paul Shortis** for more information and to get an order form.

pshortis52@gmail.com or 0407 854 829





SWEET STUFF

Lions Mints & Cakes

Marie Furze, District Chair for cakes, mints & cookies
Ph. 0411 126 937 Email: mariefurze@gmail.com

Here is some information from the Mints Manual:

Mix & Match: With individual inners you can now place two varieties in each Display Tray. This looks effective and gives the customer a choice of products. With the Double Decker wire stand, you can give them a choice of four varieties.

Display Trays: The Plastic Display Trays need to be regularly serviced, preferably every fortnight, and kept clean with the Header Board straight, and well stocked to attract customers. The plastic tray will hold two boxes (outers) of 12 rolls each totalling 24 rolls altogether. In high turnover outlets, one or more boxes should be left with the owner / manager or staff to restock when required. More frequent visits should be made to those outlets to clear money and ensure stocks are maintained.

**Please ensure your Club's contact details, including Club ID are on the back of all Header Cards so your outlet knows who to contact. Header Cards should be kept in good order and replaced when necessary.

PROMOTING LION MINTS AUSTRALIA TO LIONS

Of course, there must be advantages to Clubs and members in supporting the Multiple District 201 Program. Some of these include:

- The Program is a Multiple District 201 fundraising activity
- Profit margins range from 26% to 56%
- Lion Mint Australia products are made in Australia
- Easy ordering procedure
- Variety of great quality products
- Great public relations tool
- Encourage Clubs to strive for the following awards:
- National Top Sales Award
- National Most Improved Club Sales
- Top District Club Sales for a Banner Patch

Lions Clubs must not respond or deal with a consumer complaint directly, or reply to any comments in any form or manner. The only communication that a Lions Club may make is to advise the consumer that their complaint will be forwarded to the manufacturer, Dollar Sweets, who conduct the necessary investigations and liaise directly with the consumer. The Lions Club may or may not be included in the correspondence and investigation

The 2020 cake order form is out and has been sent to all club secretaries. It is also available to download from the Lions Australia website.

The discount period has commenced for orders delivered and paid for by 31st October 2020





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  **LION Digital Magazine**
<https://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=562684>



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How: Grab your club members, family and friends - get outside and Fly a Kite.

Where: Go to our website lehp.org.au for a sample Kite template or create your own design!

Snap: Capture the moment and send a copy to enquiries@lehp.org.au by 15 September. Your moments will be our major promotional tool for World Sight Day on 8th October 2020.

Prizes: 1. Best Designed Kite 2. Best Photo 3. Best Video

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Lions Eye Health Program 
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Send those Articles in...

Roaaarrr 

Got something to share...a handy tip? A special event coming up? Share a piece of history from your club? A funny photo from a club event? **How about one of those "true stories"?**



Lots of events and club happenings have been cancelled under the current circumstances and news items are limited but we'd love to share what everyone has been up to during the last few months. And remember is your event has been rescheduled - send in the new information for us to share with your fellow Lions.

I'd love to hear from you! Email your submissions to v6roar@gmail.com

Deadline for articles is the 5th of each month

With your help, we can continue to provide Hearing Assistance Dogs free of charge to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Please donate today.
www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/donate





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Lions Club of Wodonga is planning to host the
2020 District 201V6 Convention

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is propose to hold a

ONE DAY ONLY CONVENTION

Saturday October 24th
at the Commercial Club Albury

Given the current situation with border restrictions and lock down requirements it is possible that they may be extended through to October. If the restrictions are eased or lifted Wodonga Lions Club is seeking an expression from all Lions in our District clubs of their intention to attend the proposed Convention.

This information has been sent to Club Secretaries to share with club members and for clubs to discuss at club level.

Members who express an interest in attending the
Convention are invited to reply to
lionsconventionwodonga@outlook.com

Should the Convention take place a registration form will be sent initially to the replies received by Wodonga Lions.

Yours in Lionism

Paul Shortis

On behalf of
Wodonga Convention Committee





Keeping in Touch...

How are YOU keeping in touch?

Just like with Family & Friends, we need to maintain that social contact with members. Keeping in touch with people is vital during this time *(at the time of writing this we are back into stage 3 restrictions in Rural Victoria and Melbourne is in Stage 4, all students are back doing remote learning)* As Lions, we are so used to being involved in our communities and doing things, whether they are big things or small things. Dropping in on a neighbour, manning the football gates, running a vision screening at the local school, having a social gathering & solving the problems of the world over a meal, sending out the club Bulletin to members who missed the last dinner - but at the moment, many of us, are not doing these things. This can have a great affect on people, which is why maintaining that contact with members, is more important than ever.

Some clubs have been managing to get out and about and do their thing in their Community, some are having dinner meetings over Zoom, or keeping in touch via social media, but for so many other clubs, this is just not possible.

Perhaps you're keeping in contact by emailing members, seeing how they are doing and keeping them up to date with Lions news. Maybe you've dropped a little care package off or had a virtual cuppa? There are lots of ways we can keep in touch - texts, emails, Snapchat, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facebook, Messenger, Skype, Instagram....carrier pigeon...and maybe even the old fashioned way - by phone. Some clubs have been very unique in the way they have been keeping in touch - there are lots of great ideas to be found. And some of these ideas can also help you keep in touch with friends & family!

If you've been keeping in touch with your members, let us know how - your way might be a good way for others to try as well.



smart phone (Android or iPhone) or iPad or Android Tablet. Any of these devices require a camera, microphone and speakers. Most phones, computers (notebooks and PCs) and tablets have the devices installed. Some computers may require a connection of an external camera, microphone and speakers.

No special program or application needs to be installed on your device. However if you wish to be a facilitator of a Zoom meeting, you would need to download the program or application for your device and install it. You would so need to establish a user account as a Zoom host.

A Zoom meeting is established by a Zoom host who invites one or more persons by email to join the meeting. The email will inform members of the date and time of the meeting and will include a special link in the email for the meeting. Prior to the meeting starting (say 10 minutes) the invited person clicks on the link and the Zoom web program will start. A number of screens will appear so you can check your camera and sound system. After this the next screen will advise you that you about to join the particular meeting and your host will bring you in at the appointed time for the meeting. As more guest join the meeting, the images of everyone at the meeting start to appear on your screen.

Zoom offers a free 40 minute meeting. If the meeting needs to continue everyone leaves the meeting and the host will send another email with a new link. Zoom meetings greater than 40 minutes require the host or organisation to pay a fee.

Once you become familiar with Zoom the program has a number of features which include allowing you to select a new picture background rather than showing the room where you are using your device. Also the host can mute users microphones if need be to avoid members speaking over each other.

For more information go to: <https://zoom.us/> on the Internet. **If you have any further questions please contact our District IT Guru - Harold Cover on 0408 901 606 or info.v6@lionsg.org.au**



IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED ANY ONLINE MEETINGS - IT'S NOT AS SCARY AS YOU THINK. There are a few ways you can do this. One of them is through ZOOM. So here are some

tips on using Zoom *(Thanks to Wodonga Lions for sharing this info).*

If you have not used Zoom before the information will assist you. Zoom is a web based facility that enables more than two people to communicate by video and audio means on either a computer,



Around the Clubs...

BENALLA LIONS CLUB

Garden Seat Installation

Since April 1958 the Benalla Lions Club has been installing garden seats around their community.

These seats are made up by having concrete frames with wooden slats and "Benalla Lions Club" printed on both sides of the top backrest slat, and to this day we still maintain them and also provide new ones when they are requested, after the location of their placement has been approved by Benalla Rose City Council.

At this stage the Lions Club has over 60 garden seats placed around the town (and some also in surrounding communities) for the residents to use, some of the locations where these seats have been placed are the Benalla Aquatic Centre, the Benalla



Cemetery, and the walking footpath around the Benalla Lake, and various other locations including the front door of the Benalla Bowling Club.

Last year our Lions Club was contacted by the family of a deceased Benalla Lions Club Charter Member who was also a Life Member of our Club, they asked if we could provide one of our garden seats to be placed in the Botanical Gardens, as a recognition to their fathers valued service to the Benalla Community and Lions Club.

After careful consideration of this request and consultation with the Benalla Rural Cities Council Parks Coordinator, our Lions Club was allowed to install a seat in the Botanical Gardens in the location requested by our former members family, and a concrete base for the seat was also provided.

The photo shows Club Member Peter Poels putting some finishing-touches to the seat, which is beside the walking path of the Benalla Lake.

*Peter Poels,
Member of the Benalla Lions Club.*

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COROWA LIONS CLUB

Lions are still roaring! Despite the current Covid 19 disruption the Lions Club of Corowa are still running as usual. The Corowa Lions club recently inducted 4 new Corowa identities as members into their ranks. The new Lions are Mr. James O'Donovan, Mr. Stuart Whisson and his partner Kay Bratt, the owners of Corowa Curtains and Fabrics and Stuart's son Mathew. These new members are going to be a huge asset as they bring with them some great new ideas and enthusiasm.

The club also recently met to formulate plans for the club and the community after the Covid 19 crisis passes. There will as always be people and community groups that will need the help of Lions once the virus restrictions are eased. The Corowa Lions have a great project delivering their drinking water and this continues as usual with deliveries to business and private households. All the funds raised from this long running project go to assist Lions and community projects and will continue into the future. We had a visit from DG Carol in early August.

The club has 32 members and has some exciting new projects in the pipeline for 2020-21. It is also looking at some structural changes within the club to facilitate the Covid restrictions. The new office bearers for the coming year are President - Graham Withers, Secretary - Margaret Johnson and Treasurer - Lynn Fredericks.

All the Corowa members are looking forward to an exciting year.



(Pictured L to R) Lynn Fredericks, Kay Bratt, Mathew Whisson, Stuart Whisson and District Governor Omen Ndlovu



Around the Clubs...



KERANG LIONS CLUB

The LC of Kerang donated 100 handmade 3 layer fabric masks to Northaven Community Residential Aged Care Home staff for their use when doing their work out and about in the community. This was protection for the staff but also the residents from this Covid 19 pandemic. As a spin off from this project, our sewing Lions and Lions partners were asked to make masks for the public and though at first sceptical, we have well and truly exceeded our expectations. In these times when we can't do our normal BBQs and raffles, this mask project has given our club a way of raising some funds. Our Club even has a mask delivery service, don't we Madam Editor! Lol! *(Indeed they do have fantastic service! Thanks again guys! ~ Editor)*



3 hardy Lions shovelled and spread 5 metres of gravel around our new Catering van shed last week and this project is nearly finished!



Addition to Mask notes! - Thank you so much to our volunteer Lions and partners who have made this project so successful! A truly great joint club effort which hopefully will keep our community safe!



Around the Clubs...

RUTHERGLEN LIONS CLUB

Apart from a Board meeting on 16th July 2020 Rutherglen Lions Club are not able to function properly, however we are keeping in regular contact to maintain care & friendship, and we are all well.



President: Herb Ellerbock - Ian Stones - Betty Potter - Julie Simpson - Peter Slater - Ngaire Alder - Peter Wood - PDG Peter Poels
Absent Board Members: Kerry Younger - Peter Graham



Bernie & Chris Keleher Moving to Queensland to be closer to family. Bernie was our Bush Poet, Both will be missed greatly.



TUNGAMAH LIONS CLUB & LEOS CLUB

Not the greatest day with the news of lockdowns and all the things which will impact on us as Lions and individuals.

With a bit of luck, our Leos will be able to meet Wednesday evening before the next stage of lockdowns. It is frustrating, but they are working on a Facebook page and this is almost up and running.

The Leos are still working on a changeover and are being very patient. They are hoping to hold their carp muster later in the year to raise funds for Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation. We have good interest in Leo of the Year, and one is very keen to do Youth of the Year!

Our Lions were to have their changeover on Wednesday, 12th August to celebrate Past President Robyn's magnificent year and to welcome the old warrior, Neville Barber back into the job. This year, we have a brand new secretary, Carolyn Tozer. Her husband Roger continues as treasurer. Wood drives, battery drives, etc were planned, but may be difficult, but we will get there.

We are waiting impatiently to induct a new member in Toni Fawcett, who will be a magnificent Lion.

Take care everybody. Remember to look after yourself first and then make sure everybody is OK.

See you next month.

Les.

Around the Clubs...



YARRAWONGA LIONS CLUB

Yarrowonga Lions 55th Changeover

On Sunday 19th July, just before the border closed, 35 members and guests attended a Luncheon at Mulwala Club for the official changeover. Lions new District Governor Carol Kennedy officiated the ceremony and inducted a new member Adora Brown.

An incredibly special congratulation to Lion Jock McDonald who has been awarded Rotary's highest award The Paul Harris Fellow for his many years of community service.

The new board consists of President Denis Griffiths, Secretary Liz Ornsby, Treasurer Nora Reynen, Vice Presidents Phil Oliver, Debbie Van Corler and Don McPhee, Membership Chairman John Weinert, Lion Tamer Gavin Foy, Tail Twister Graeme Hodgins, Directors Debbie Van Corler, Ken George, Andrew Toms and John Ellis.



Board : Back Row - Don McPhee, Andrew Toms, John Ellis, Ken George, John Weinert
 Front Row - Treasurer Nora Reynen, President Denis Griffiths, DG Carol Kennedy, Debbie Van Corler -
 Absent Secretary Liz Ornsby, Vice President Phil Oliver,
 Lion Tamer Gavin Foy, Tail Twister Graeme Hodgins



Gong & Gavel - Incoming President Denis Griffiths and Outgoing President John Weinert



New Member Sponsor Lion Joan Tufvesson, Lion Adora Brown, Past President John Weinert



Head Table - Lions Lady Gerda Leiterman, President Denis Griffiths, Past President John Weinert, DG Carol Kennedy and PDG Keith Kennedy.



DG Carol Kennedy addressing the meeting.



Around the Clubs...

WALLA-WALLA LIONS CLUB

Item sent in by Walla Lions Club member...we won't mention names!

Sophie Paterson won first prize at the Central Hawke's Bay Primary Schools Rotary Competition in September 2011 - with her speech about...FARTS! At the time she was in year 6 at Flemington Primary.

FARTS ~ by Sophie Paterson (a classic essay)

Hi, today I am going to talk to you about farts. Some people think farts are rude, and some people think farts are funny, like me. I think farts are hilarious. Farting is a fact of life. The Queen farts, superstars fart, and I fart. We will fart until the day we die. And apparently a person can still fart after death! Do you know why we fart? Flatulence, wind or farts, whatever you like to call them, is the production of the mixture of gases in the digestive tract, that are by-products of the digestive process. The average person farts about 14 times a day, which produces about half a litre of fart gas. (Personally, I think I fart more than 14 times a day.) Farts are made up of the following: Nitrogen, the main ingredient, making up 59%; next behind is hydrogen at 21%; 9% carbon dioxide; 7% methane; 3% oxygen and 1% other stuff. But listen to this - hydrogen sulphide is the compound that makes them stink!

Here are the top 10 farters:

- 1st - Termites
- 2nd - Camels
- 3rd - Zebras and my pony Free
- 4th - Sheep
- 5th - Cows
- 6th - Elephants
- 7th - Labradors and retrievers
- 8th - Humans (vegetarians)
- 9th - Humans (non-vegetarians)
- 10th - Gerbils (also known as the desert rat)

If you are going to fart, do not sit by flames, because farts are very flammable. Also, they can come motoring out of your bottom at 10kmh. No wonder some of you have holes in your undies! Please do not panic if you find yourself trapped in a small space like a closet, as it is impossible to suffocate in your own farts. Unless Ben (my little brother) happens to be in there with you Anyway next time you fart, don't think it's rude. Just know that everybottie, oops, I mean everybody farts. Thank you for listening to my fartastic speech. Here's a little poem that I'd like to share with you:

"A fart can be useful,
It gives the body ease.
It warms the bed in winter
And suffocates the fleas."

[From Napier Mail, 5 Oct 2011]

