# CHRIS AUGUST MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is unique to the district and was struck to honour a Lion whose service and community spirit went far beyond his call of duty. He is recognized as the father of Lionism in North-East Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

Chris August was born in Poland on 27th December, 1913. As a young child, he migrated to Canada with his parents. He later become a Canadian citizen. He came to Australia in 1947 to assist setting up the Bruck mill established in Wangaratta.

During a business trip to Sydney in 1955, Chris met a member of the Lions Club of Sydney.

He became interested in the Lions Clubs organization.

On his return to Wangaratta, Chris gathered together a few friends and business acquaintances and discussed the possibility of starting a Lions Club in Wangaratta. A formation meeting was held in November 1955 and the District's first Lions Club was chartered on the 17th March 1956 with Chris August as the inaugural President.

From this small beginning, a succession of Lions Clubs were later chartered in Albury, Benalla, Shepparton, Beechworth, Euroa and Chiltern and, in due course, other clubs started throughout the District.

**During his long service to Lions, Chris was:** Club President 1956 and 1956/1957 Club Secretary 1966/1967 & 1967/1968 Zone Chairman 1957/1958

Deputy District Governor 1958/1959 and 1982/1983

### He was awarded:

International Guiding Lion Award Life Member of Lions International Melvin Jones Fellowship

Chris also achieved a forty-two (42) year Perfect Attendance Award.

Chris regularly visited other clubs and was well known and respected throughout the region. He will always be remembered as the Patriarch of Lions in this district.

Chris August passed away in Wangaratta on 8th January 1999.

The Foundation is indebted to the Wangaratta Lions Club for its involvement in the planning, design, history and preparation of the "Chris August Memorial Award''.

The Foundation encourages clubs to assist the Foundation's fundraising activities by purchasing an Award for $500, thus recognizing a deserving club member or community person within the area

**APPLICATION FORM**

**CHRIS AUGUST MEMORIAL AWARD**

Recipient's Name:. Donated by: Date of Presentation:---------

*Please attach your cheque for $500 to this application form.*

Cheques should be made payable to:

### "201 V6 Lions Foundation Ltd."

Please forward this application with cheque attached to the current Cabinet Secretary, as listed in the handbook.

Request for support are made by a Lions Club within the District and considered by the Foundation's Board. All funds made available are paid by the Lions Club seeking support on the basis that the club distribute the monies and confirm to the Board the manner in which such funds have been dispersed.

# DISTRICT 201 V6 LIONS FOUNDATION LTD.

## The Foundation was established in 1996 by delegates at a District Convention for the purpose of assisting those persons or organisation in need within the boundaries of the Lions MD201 V6 District.

From Balranald to Quambatook in the west to Corryong in the east, from Lockhart in the north to Bright, and Elmore in the south, our District sits aside the majestic and picturesque Murray River in south-eastern Australia.

All monies donated by the public and Lions Clubs within the District are used for the benefit of the people, charities and worthwhile projects in our area.

The Foundation is managed by a Board which meets at least four times a year. All Board members are active Lions and members of clubs within the District. Chaired by the Immediate Past District Governor, two Board members are elected each year by delegates at the District Convention.

**THE FOUNDATION**

* Provides local funding and assistance in times of disaster and emergencies.
* Assists projects of worth in our community
* Assists financially those less fortunate



Lions Clubs International is the largest and most active volunteer organisation of its type in the world.

Lions Clubs are in over 208 countries and geographical locations with in excess of 1.44 million members.

Our District MD 201 V6 has 57 Lions Clubs, also includes active Lioness and Leo Clubs.

Lions are well known for their outstanding service to those less fortunate and in recognizing and achieving community needs.

The 201 V6 Foundation provides the framework for Lions members, Lions Clubs and, indeed, members of the community to make a

tax-deductible donation.

This Award now has a distinctive commemorative pin that is presented to all awardees.

[**www.lionsclubs.org.au/201v6**](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/201v6)

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