



LIONS CHILDREN OF COURAGE 2024  
AWARDS PRESENTATION  
(Districts 201W1 & 201W2)  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024, (Registration Time: 9am)

VENUE: Morley Noranda Recreation Club  
85 McGilvray Ave, Noranda WA 6062

#### INFORMATION FOR CLUB SPONSORSHIP

This information and attached forms can also be accessed online at  
[https://lionswa.org.au/coc\\_forms](https://lionswa.org.au/coc_forms)

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### ABOUT LIONS CHILDREN OF COURAGE

Lions Children of Courage was introduced in 1983 by the late Past District Governor Joe Mason, AOM, who saw a need to provide for an awards program through which Lions Clubs in Western Australia could recognize a very special group of young Western Australians and their families. Since its modest beginnings, the Lions Children of Courage (CoC) Awards has grown to be one of the most important annual events in the Western Australian Lions' calendar.

The Lions Children of Courage awards recognize an incredibly special group of children and their families. There are many awards that recognize the achievements of young people, however, children with 'special needs' were not catered for. These awards are especially designed to recognize the courage and bravery shown by these children every day. The Lions Children of Courage Awards are not a competition. Every recipient of an award is a "winner" in his or her own right, as the recognition of these young peoples' achievements will:

1. Act as an encouragement for their future
2. Help them to believe in themselves, and
3. Help to increase their self-worth.

All Children want to be accepted by others, regardless of any special needs they may have. These awards will portray them as children who have successfully overcome additional barriers which face them in this world.

### **Categories of Awards**

There are 3 categories for which a child may be nominated.

#### **Special Needs**

Children with special needs who have shown courage in the face of adversity. Such Children include those who are confined to wheelchairs, who are sight, hearing, or speech impaired, or have undergone long periods of medical treatment, surgery, or hospitalization, which has perhaps brought pain and trauma to their young lives.

#### **Courageous Act or Deed**

A child who without regard for personal safety, has been instrumental in the preservation of life and/or property, or has rendered assistance at an accident, or whose concerns for others is worthy of recognition. This category may also include children who have undergone lifesaving surgery, or undergone daily medical treatments i.e., diabetes. A child who acts as a carer for a parent may be recognized under this category.

#### **Inspiring Sporting Achievement**

For children who have overcome great personal hardship/disadvantage to compete as an individual or team member in their chosen sport.

Lions Children of Courage is NOT A COMPETITION.  
Every nominated child will receive an award.

In hosting this Annual Award, Lions Clubs aim to honour the individual achievements of extraordinary children in 3 categories and provide them with:

RECOGNITION,  
ENCOURAGEMENT, and  
SELF-WORTH.

All children aged from 5 - 15 years of age on 1st March 2024 who fall into one of the categories listed above and who have not previously received a Lions Children of Courage award, are eligible for nomination. Due to venue capacity, 40 nominations only, will be accepted. Please get your nominations in early.

### **HOW CAN YOUR CLUB NOMINATE A CHILD OF COURAGE?**

Identify one or more children from your region who fits into one of the Lions Children of Courage categories.

Accept and follow up on nominations from Community Organizations passed on from your Lions Children of Courage District Chairperson.

Meet the child and their parent/guardian. This should be 2 club members and preferably 1 female and 1 male and prepare a **maximum 100 words description** of the child's achievements which should include details from below

**Special Needs** - information about the child's disability or illness and examples of how they cope with their condition and strive to achieve a better life for themselves.

**Courageous Act or Deed** - details of the accident or event and the child's actions, details of the person/s or property saved by the child's actions.

**Sporting Achievements** - information about the disadvantage or hardship overcome, details of the specific sporting achievements.

**For all children** - likes, interests and hobbies.

Ensure parent/guardian of nominated child is given a Parent Information form. (Included in Information Package)

Obtain written consent for the child to be nominated for the award. (parent/guardian Consent Form included in Information Package)

Obtain a photograph of the child (printed on photographic paper or digital as JPG file)

Complete the Club Nomination Form (included in the Information Package) and return with all required supporting material and payment of \$60 per nomination.

By Email: [Baz.caz54@bigpond.com](mailto:Baz.caz54@bigpond.com).

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Lions Children of Courage monies go into the District Activities Account NOT Administration Account. You will be sent an invoice from the CoC Treasurer

Lions District 201W1

BSB: 036-051

Account: 580943

Reference: Club name and CoC Invoice Number

Cheques should be made payable to Lions District 201W1 - Activities Account.

By Post to: Cabinet Treasurer

District 201W1

PO Box 2524

Malaga WA 6944

NOMINATIONS FROM LIONS CLUBS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN 07 February 2024

## LIONS CHILDREN OF COURAGE 2024 AWARDS PRESENTATION

Each nominated child can be accompanied by up to 4 family members or guests and must have 2 members from their nominating Lions Clubs.

All participants (including 1 staff from Nominating Agencies, District Officials and Special Distinguished Guests) will receive an official invitation to attend. Admission is strictly by invitation only for Lions Clubs Public Liability Insurance purposes.

Contact the Lions Children of Courage Committee Members listed below for further information.

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