

201WA DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

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Lions of 201WA acknowledges Tradition Owners of Country throughout Australia, and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Elders past,

A Short Biography of Mary-Anne Wolf

Mary-Anne was born the youngest of eight children and grew up in a gold mining town in South Africa where she completed her schooling. She went on to become a registered nurse which has continued to be her occupation, specialising in operating theatre nursing, she is currently a manager in a large twenty theatre complex in Perth.

She has been married to PDG Michael Wolf for 36 years and together they moved from South Africa to Perth, Australia in 2002.

Mary-Anne joined Lions in 1989 and except for a 6-month break has been a member for 35 years. At a club level has held the office of President and most other positions on the board. She is currently a member of the Lions Club of Ballajura.

She has been a member on the 201W1 cabinet for 17 years filling the positions of District Chairperson for Sight, Hearing, Cancer, Peace Poster, LCIF, Magazine editor and has been a Zone Chairperson three times.

Mary-Anne is very excited to be leading 201WA into our new era together!



201WA DISTRICT GOVERNOR
MARY- ANNE WOLF
2024/ 2025

My theme is “Shining our Light On Service Together.”

A description about the Pin Design

“I have worked in the operating theatre for 34 years and I wanted this represented in my pin. The big round circle with smaller circles represents an operating light that shines brightly to enable the Surgeon’s to do their important work. I want to use the metaphor to show Lions of WA we need to shine our light brightly on the Service we do everyday as Lions as well as on Leadership, as without leaders we will not have Lions clubs, to recruit new members into and as such we will not be able to shine our light on the service project’s we do. We need to come out from under the bushel and shine our spot light on the world as Lions and Lions International as an organisation”



“SHINING OUR LIGHT ON SERVICE TOGETHER”



DG Mary-Anne's Message

New Years greetings!

As we welcome the new year together, my heart is filled with gratitude for what each and every one of you do. Your hard work and dedication have been the driving force behind our districts success and I am honoured to have such amazing Lions by my side.

The projects and service done by each and every one of you has blown me away. Your communities have benefited by your service to make them a better place to live.

A number of clubs welcomed new members into their clubs, please remember to continue to engage them in your meetings and projects to make them feel part of your club.

We must not forget our existing members who for whatever reason may not have been that active last year. Reach out and check in with them. Invite them back to your 1st meeting or project.

As many of us make New year resolutions for ourselves let's get out into our communities and assess what is needed and see if our projects are still relevant. There are a number of tools on the Lions International website to assist your club do a community needs assessment.

As we look forward to 2025, let us carry forward this momentum with renewed enthusiasm and ambition. The future holds exciting challenges and opportunities, and I am confident that together, we will continue to achieve greater heights.

Wishing you and your families a joyful, prosperous, and Happy New Year!

From DG Mary-Anne and Michael



**201WA District Governor
Mary-Anne Wolf
2024-2025**

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“SHINING OUR LIGHT ON SERVICE TOGETHER”

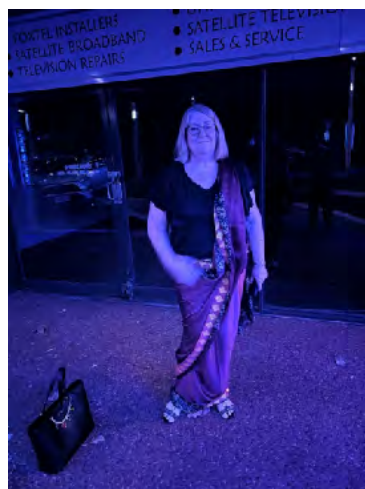
December 24 Cabinet Meeting.

On the 7th and 8th of December 24, the 201WA cabinet held its 2nd cabinet meeting in Manjimup. Thank you to all the cabinet members who made the trip to Manjimup for the meeting.



There were a number of officers who joined us on zoom which is great to see.

We started the weekend with the executive meeting and at the same time the region and zone chairpersons had a get together at PDG Dots home. Later that evening we had a dinner at a local restaurant with an Indian theme.



At the cabinet a lost and lonely Lions pocket badge was reunited with it's owner PDG Clive Reid who had lost it on a flight back to Perth after the Darwin convention and thanks to Perth airports who staff gave it to the operations manager Terry Spellissy who is a member of the Noranda Lions Club and with some detective work Janet reunited it with Clive.





International President Fabrício Oliveira



Make Your Mark

Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share.

Dear Lion,

We are driven by a desire to serve. As Lions, we're always thinking about others and the work that needs to be done to help them, both in our communities and around the world. And when we grow our membership, we're also growing the amount of service we can do — and the impact we can make together.

I know we can serve more people than ever before this year, thanks to your service and your support of *MISSION 1.5*. So let's serve and grow to make our mark like only Lions can.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President

Let's take action together

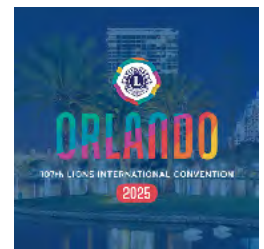
Lions answer the call to service whenever and wherever we're needed. We're bound by kindness and driven by the desire to create a better world. Watch President Fabrício's [Lions Take Action video](#) to see just how we're taking action to serve a world in need — and how we're making our mark together.

And be sure to check out our [global causes](#) and the great services resources that can help you take action!

Get ready for convention in Orlando

The Lions International Convention is coming to Orlando, Florida, USA, from July 13-17, 2025. Convention brings Lions and Leos from around the world together to connect and learn, to have fun, and to celebrate our service and the mark we are making. And it's all happening in Orlando, a city that's famous for its fantastic attractions, lively cuisine, trendy shopping and iconic theme parks.

So [register](#) today to join us in the magical city of Orlando for our biggest Lion event of the year! And be sure to register by March 1, 2025 to take advantage of the early bird registration discount.



Join us at Lions Day with the United Nations

At Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN), you'll be able to participate in our exciting global partnership and be a part of the change. Registration for [LDUN New York](#) and [LDUN Nairobi](#) is now open, so register today and join us for an unforgettable experience.

Want to take action in your community? Then check out our [Advocacy Toolkit](#) for information and resources to help you kickstart your advocacy work and start making change in your community





107th annual convention

Convention is coming to Orlando.

Orlando, Florida welcomes Lions and Leos from around the world for sun, fun, service and the 107th Lions International Convention. Famous for its theme parks, exciting attractions and vacation vibes, the Orlando Area is a top global destination and an exciting site for our biggest event of the year. Come be part of it all in a city that's pure magic!

Convention will be held Sunday through Thursday with the

Parade of Nations kicking off festivities on Monday,

July 14. On Thursday, July 17, the presidential inauguration will bring our time in Orlando to a close.

Register now



International President Fabricio's Travels



OSAKA JAPAN 3rd December 2024

I recently had the privilege to meet with Lion leaders and Leos as well as government officials in Osaka, Japan. We also stopped by the Korokoro Omusubi Children's Cafeteria—a heartwarming initiative providing meals and support for children in need, including those from

single-parent families. Run by dedicated local women and supported by the incredible Kobe Kitano Lions Club, this project is a testament to the power of community service. This cafeteria not only fills stomachs, but also brings joy to many children and their families.

As we continue our journey, let's celebrate projects like these that bring hope and smiles to communities. [#MakeYourMark](#)



MARRAKECH MOROCCO 27th November 2024



This year's Africa Forum took place in the vibrant city of Marrakech, Morocco, showcasing endless possibilities. Attendees shared uplifting insights on service, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, and their efforts to make a difference in communities across the globe. Through impactful discussions and unforgettable moments, the Forum celebrated the resilience and unity of our global



community. Thank you, Lions and Leos!

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[Fabrício Oliveira](#)
[Amariles Martins](#)



ROME ITALY 20th November 2024



Today I had the privilege of representing Lions International to receive the Charity in Hope Medal awarded by the International General Council of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in recognition of the services rendered by Lions to the underserved. The award ceremony was led by the SSVP International General President, Juan-Manuel Buergo Gómez, and by the President of the Italian National Federation of the SSVP, Paola Da Ros.



PATTAYA THAILAND 19th November 2024



Over the weekend, we gathered for the 61st OSEAL Forum in Pattaya, Thailand. Lions kicked things off with a service project releasing baby sea turtles into the ocean, followed by important conversations with District Governors and other Lion leaders, and a lively and entertaining opening ceremony.

Participants also attended informational sessions on topics including the environment, technology, MISSION 1.5, the **Lions Clubs International Foundation** and more ways to make their mark on communities around the

world.

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Vision for Change: Addressing Eye Health Challenges



“Through this impactful grant funding, Lions in Pakistan will reach people dealing with diabetes-related vision impairment, cataracts and more”.

In Pakistan, there are 570,000 adults grappling with blindness due to cataracts. This is the most common cause of avoidable blindness in the country with 51.5% of the blind community burdened with it. Additionally, 11.77% of citizens in Pakistan have type 2 diabetes mellitus, with 29% of those people experiencing **diabetic retinopathy (DR)**, an eye condition that can cause vision loss and blindness in people who have diabetes. Lions saw the magnitude of this problem in Pakistan, and knew it needed to be addressed.

The Lions of District 305-N2 received a SightFirst Grant of

US\$131,463 from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to develop infrastructure and expand diagnostic and treatment services for cataracts, **uncorrected refractive errors (URE) and DR at the hospital of Khyber Eye Foundation (KEF)**. KEF was established as a charitable hospital in 1998. On average, KEF examines approximately 54,000 outpatients, organises 18 outreach camps and performs cataract surgeries on 5,500 individuals each year.



Approximately 8,000 people with diabetes are examined and managed by their medical specialist or diabetologist each year. In addition, KEF monitors glaucoma patients and performs glaucoma surgeries. Each year, KEF also diagnoses approximately 900 patients with glaucoma, performs multiple surgeries and offers treatment using topical eye drops.



KEF is also dedicated to addressing these illnesses at an early age to ensure children are not burdened with the stress of vision problems. They run a school-based screening program for children ages six to 10. The program includes free eye exams to identify refractive

KEF has an optical workshop that provides a range of prescriptions for school children and paying individuals with URE. Between 2008 and 2016, KEF performed 17,118 refraction assessments and distributed 12,402 spectacles. Last year, 80% of patients who received cataract surgery had good outcomes, so Lions are hoping to expand on that success to serve more people in Pakistan.



The LCIF grant will enable Lions to purchase the equipment necessary to conduct eye exams and treat cataracts, URE and DR.

This includes a new argon laser since KEF's current one has not been functional for the last three years and will allow staff to reinstate laser treatments for DR patients. With this investment in equipment, Lions will ensure tens of thousands of people across the country never suffer from vision loss

Through this impactful grant funding, Lions in Pakistan will reach people dealing with diabetes-related vision impairment, cataracts and more. Their efforts will prevent blindness and restore sight, offering patients a renewed chance to see.

Learn more about how Lions and LCIF work to improve the lives of the [visually impaired](#) and those suffering from [diabetes](#).



LCIF: CHANGE ONE LIFE

The power of Lions Clubs International Foundation is measured by one—one life forever changed by your donations. Since 1968, LCIF has provided more than twenty thousand grants totalling over one billion dollars—critical funds that empower Lions to expand their service and strengthen our humanitarian mission across Lions' global causes. The generosity of LCIF's donors shape deeply personal outcomes for individual beneficiaries.

TO ALL LIONS

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute is seeking Lions and Leos (over 18 years of age) who are looking to take on leadership positions at Club or District levels, maybe 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.

Application form: See attached

Regards

Christine Walker
GLT Coordinator
Lions District 201WA
0417 000 276



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Brisbane 7th - 9th March 2025

Please complete form electronically

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be Lions or Leos in good standing from clubs in 201.

Preference will be given to Lion candidates have not completed a year as club President. (This restriction does not apply for Leo's).

As this is a live-in programme Leo's must be 18 years or older.

Candidates will be required to commit to all days of the institute, including group mealtimes. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

Lions MD201 will provide all meals and lodgings on a single share basis unless twin share basis is requested. If additional accommodation days are required this would be at the cost of the participant. Travel costs are the responsibility of the participant.

On acceptance each participant will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$250.

Please do not send funds until you receive a notification of acceptance into the institute.

SELECTION PROCESS

Because of the high number of applicants received for such programmes, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. Selection will be made by the MD201 Global Leadership team in consultation with each district GLT Coordinator. Depending on applicants received, a number of positions will be reserved for younger Lions and Leo applicants as part of the MD commitment to supporting youth leadership development.

After the application submission deadline, all applicants will be notified of their selection status.

MD201 reserves the right to cancel the institute due to insufficient applications or other circumstances. In such event any fees paid will be refunded.

APPLICATION PROCEEDURE

All applicants must complete the following items and submit as indicated below. All completed documents must be submitted by the stated application deadline in order to be considered.

- A. Application form
- B. Candidates Lion or Leo history
- C. Nomination form for Lions must be signed by:
 - i. Club President or Zone Chairperson
 - ii. District GLT Coordinator
- D. Nomination form for Leos must be signed by:
 - i. Club Leo Advisor
 - ii. District GLT Coordinator

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE:
30th November 2024

Return Application to:

Email: leadership@lions.org.au

If you wish to discuss your application you can contact MD GLT Coordinator
PCC Phillip Johnson Ph. 0438426211

LOCATION OF THE INSTITUTE

Brisbane International Virginia
CNR Sandgate & Zillmere Roads
Boondall, Qld 4034

Lions Awareness Day is now “Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure”

This March, 2025 we're taking our annual Lions Awareness Day to new heights with *Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure*—a month-long campaign showcasing the incredible work Lions are doing across Australia.

We invite you to join the adventure! Organise or participate in events happening nationwide and help us raise awareness for the causes we champion. It's a fantastic way to highlight our impact and inspire new volunteers.

What is Lions on Safari?

Pack your sense of adventure! *Lions on Safari* will take you on a journey through community service, featuring environmental projects, acts of kindness, and exciting opportunities to get involved.

Celebrate key dates like Clean Up Australia Day, International Women's Day, Harmony Day, and the International Day of Happiness with Lions making a positive impact in your neighbourhood.

How to Get Involved

Looking for ideas to celebrate *Lions on Safari* and important dates in March 2025? Here are some suggestions to inspire your Lions Club events:

- **Bunnings Barbecue (March 1-7):** Partner with your local Bunnings for a barbecue or host a family-friendly event. [Click here](#) for more information about booking a spot!
- **Clean Up Australia Day (March 2):** Organise rubbish clean-ups, recycling projects, or environmental awareness campaigns to engage the community in caring for the planet.
- **International Women's Day (March 8):** Organise impactful events and fundraisers that empower and support women in their communities. Consider raising funds for vital projects such as women's community shelters, sanitation projects, or the PNG Birthing Mothers Projects, all of which contribute to the well-being of women.
- **International Day of Happiness (March 20):** Organise events that spread joy and promote well-being, like games, celebrations, or activities that get people smiling. Promote happiness

**THE WORD “SAFARI,” MEANING “EXPEDITION” IN SWAHILI,
CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF OUR CLUBS AS THEY EMBARK ON THE
ADVENTURE OF SERVICE - ENGAGING AND EXPLORING NEW WAYS
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Lions 2025 MD Convention in Traralgon! We can't wait to welcome you to what we know will be a fantastic and memorable event. Let me start by letting you in on our welcoming Party on Friday night.

From 4.30 pm at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) precinct, we will be running an Expo on what Lions

do and opening it up to the public. We intend to showcase all the wonderful things like Hearing dogs, Ride 4 Sight, LCIF and so much more, in fact we are looking at around 40 diverse and exciting stalls! We will also have music from our local Bands and award winning singers.

Its going to be a fun night with our local community and a fantastic way to kick off Convention 2025!!

See you in May.

Cheers,

Dale Harriman

Chairman 73rd MD Convention

www.lionsclubs.org.au/members/73rd-md-201-convention-2025

WELCOME

On behalf of the organising committee, I would like to warmly welcome all Lions and guests to Traralgon and Latrobe City for the 2025 Multiple District Convention, to be held from 02/05/25 until 05/05/25.

This will be a great opportunity for Lions to gather together for fellowship, fun, celebration, and inspiration. You are encouraged to attend and extend your stay and experience the vibrant, bustling town of Traralgon and the surrounding Latrobe City and Gippsland. Traralgon and Latrobe City will provide a wide range of arts, culture, food and wine, and sports and recreation to keep visitors occupied during their stay.

Traralgon's café, restaurant, and coffee shop scene will provide you with a surprising range of quality choices for even the fussiest of coffee drinkers! A variety of wineries, including nearby award-winning Narkoojee Winery, Carragung Estate, Blue Gables, and Glenmaggie Wines, are just a few. Head north to the historic mining town of Walhalla, or further to the Lions Village Licola, a V District project of many decades standing.

The recently constructed Gippsland Performing Art Centre (GPAC), Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, and Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) all complement the Latrobe City package. You will attend some of these venues during your stay.

Finally, we encourage you to stay and enjoy our beautiful region of Gippsland; from the Mountains to the Sea, you will find somewhere to soothe your soul.

For further details, check out visitgippsland.com.au. Looking forward to seeing you all in May

Lion Mark Henning

President

Lions Club of Traralgon





73rd MD 201 Convention Traralgon May 2nd - 5th 2025

Club name		District		Club no.	
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Registration Details

(Title Designations: Lion, Leo, ID, CC, PCC, DG, PDG, PIP, PID, Lions Partner, Non-Lion)

	Title	Given name	Surname	First Convention	
				Yes	No
Registrant					
Partner					
Guest					
Guest					

Contact Details

Street / P.O. Box					
Suburb		State		Postcode	
Email		Phone			
Emergency Contact		Phone			

Accommodation

Attendees are responsible for organising their own travel & accommodation

I will be staying at			
Arrival date		Departure date	

We have negotiated a deal with the Turf Club if you wish to stay there (powered sites)

I will be staying at GLENVIEW PARK TURF CLUB (Caravans and Motorhomes only)			
Arrival date		Departure date	

Please indicate any dietary or other special needs:

Please see over for hospitality events.
Further details on these events & the convention are available from the convention website.
[Website](#) | Email: [Convention Team](#)



73rd MD 201 Convention Traralgon May 2nd - 5th 2025

Notes regarding the 2025 Convention

Please note:

- a. The convention will be held at Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) with some sessions at Gippsland Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) (mainly Monday 28 April to Thursday 1 May). The public event on Friday afternoon will be held at GPAC.
- b. Catering at the convention will be at your own expense.
- c. Shuttles will be arranged according to demand. Please advise if you wish to utilise the shuttles. Shuttles will depart from multiple locations, based on numbers.
- d. Please note - shuttle services may have some mobility restrictions.
- e. There will be no shuttle buses provided to the Gala dinner.

Date	Hospitality Description	Cost	No.	Total \$
	Glenview Turf Club (please add arrival and departure dates above)	\$40 per night		
2nd - 5th May	Shuttle service to and from accommodation. Please advise if you would like to use this service.	No cost		N/A
2nd - 5th May	Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be available for purchase at the venue			
Sat 3rd May	PDG Dinner (by invitation)			
Sun 4th May	Kernot Hall Gala Dinner – 6pm	\$70		
Mon 5th May	PIP, PID, PCC breakfast (by invitation)			
Mon 5th May	Cabinet Secretaries & Treasurers Lunch	\$50		
	Badges	\$8		
TOTAL				\$

[Website](#) | [Email: Convention Team](#)

Important Insurance Information **for all Clubs**

During the recent International Convention in Melbourne, the MD Authorised Representative Lion Garry Galvin met with the International Broker for LCI, and Garry has released the following statement to all 201WA Clubs.

Kindly note that Lion Garry is your first port of call for all insurance policies and renewals – please do not contact PDG Bob Korotcoff, as he is no longer the Authorised Representative for the MD Lions Insurance.

Club Kids Trains.

Our Public Liability policy will continue to cover all Club Kids Trains which are already insured by Lions Insurance. The Liability Policy is in two parts - the primary policy (issued out of the USA) is for \$1 million, and in Australia, we have an Excess Layer policy of \$19 million. The Excess Layer policy follows the primary policy in terms of the cover and any exclusions. At this time, there are **no exclusions** limiting or preventing the use of the train. I should mention, however, that these types of equipment are monitored by the insurer and there can, from time to time, be concerns regarding their use, as the safety of these units can, sometimes, be questionable. Should these units ever be excluded by the insurers, you can rest assured that all Clubs in Australia will be notified immediately.

Special Events

Where Clubs are involved in such events where **non-Lions groups** participate by association or otherwise, it is important that evidence of a current Liability Insurance - Certificate of Currency is obtained from those participants. Lion Garry can provide Named parties (i.e. Shopping Centres) on a Certificate of Currency when sufficient notification is given for this request.

Lions Cancer Institute & LEHP.

There is also no issue with the Eye Health equipment, with regard to the Public Liability policy either. The only thing that did come up recently was in relation to the use of qualified medical professionals when using this or similar medical equipment. The policy does not cover such medical professionals who are still in practice and earning their living from their profession, even though they may be volunteering on an unpaid basis for Lions at the time. If they are still actively engaged in their profession, any claim must be put to their professional indemnity insurer as the Lions Public Liability policy excludes cover for people who are licensed medical practitioners.

Club BBQ Trailers

Concerning the Club's BBQ trailers, these trailers are currently insured on a Master Policy with Vero Insurance. The policy covers the trailer on a fully comprehensive basis, with the exception that this cover is excluded whilst the trailer is being used for cooking purposes. To overcome this exclusion, the Lions Brokers (JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd) have arranged a separate cover which comes into play when you are cooking. Clubs should ensure they have this second separate cover whilst cooking on a BBQ Trailer. Both of these covers are Optional Extra Insurance and incur a separate premium to the insurance, covered under the semi-annual dues. The Trailer policy and the policy covering the cooking exclusion expire on 30th September and you will receive renewal invitations for these during August/early September.

Lions Policy Common Renewal Dates

The Lions Public Liability policy for \$20M expires on 1st September annually. All other mandatory policies fall due on the 30th September and are paid from your Semi-annual dues. I mention this as Clubs need to be aware that they will need to update any Certificates of Currency, that they have out with their local council, for projects which run over the expiry date for the Liability cover.

It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that all their insurance is adequate and appropriate for all risks involved. Please contact Lion Garry Galvin (by email at insurance@lions.org.au or by phone at 0408 674 770) if you require any assistance for any insurance matters.

PDG Peter Lamb
Activities & Insurance/Risk/Child Safety Coordinator.
District 201WA

WA 20241213 - IMPORTANT - Lions Club Insurance Contact Update

13 December 2024

For over 40 years, Lions Clubs and members have had access to assistance with their Club's Insurance needs from the Lions Insurance Consultant and the Lions Insurance Committee. Over this time, Lions enjoyed the services of JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd (JUA) in managing the needs of Clubs and ensuring that a large variety of Insurance products were available to protect Lions whilst carrying out our community service.

Like everything else in life, unfortunately, the time has come where we have to face up to changes in how Lions Insurance will be managed in future. Lions will be aware, from communications over recent months, that the business of JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd has merged with AB Phillips – Insurance Brokers. Many of you will have seen some of your policy renewals come to you this year both JUA and AB Phillips. As we move into 2025, the operations of broking the Lions Insurance portfolio with JUA will move in its entirety to AB Phillips, although JUA will still be the insurer on some classes of cover.

Similarly, there are changes in how the Lions Insurance, Risk Management & Child Safe Committee will interact with the Clubs and the Brokers. For over 40 years, Lions have been privileged a superior level of dedicated service from PDG Bob Korotcoff as our Lions Insurance Consultant. With the passage of time, Bob had to retire from this role due to ill health. The role of Lions Insurance Consultant can be very challenging, and I can attest, having worked with Bob for the past 24 years and taken over from him in November 2023, that it is also very demanding. Over the past couple of years, the role has become much more than can be reasonably expected of one person to handle.

Now, with the change in Brokers, the situation has altered where the Committee and Consultant are no longer able to operate the same way that we have in the past. Regulatory requirements are a large part of this also.

Consequently, with effect from 1st January 2025, it will be necessary for all enquiries regarding your insurance policies to be directed to the Brokers. AB Phillips have set up a dedicated **Lions Service Team** to attend to your needs as, and when, necessary.

Instead of emailing or telephoning the Lions Insurance Consultant, it will be necessary to contact:

AB Phillips Pty Ltd – Insurance Brokers
Mail: 445 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin Vic 3189
PO: P O Box 832, Moorabbin Vic 3189
Phone: 1300 242 136
ABN: 91 007 075 934
AFSL: 234457

E-mail: lionsinsurance@abphillips.com.au
Website: www.abphillips.com.au
<https://www.abphillips.com.au/s/AB-Phillips->

The Brokers are set up to handle your requirements in the same manner that you have been used to. Their Service team consists of a number of specialists who will be able to respond to your enquiry promptly.

Email enquiries are the preferred method of contact and provides the assurance that the details that you wish to discuss with the Brokers are all down “on paper” and reduces the chances of misunderstanding something said over the phone. However, phone contact can also be made if necessary.

The Lions Service Team will handle all the usual enquiries that have been previously placed through the Lions Insurance Consultant, particularly:

Public Liability Certificates:

- The standard versions are, as always, available on the Lions Insurance website at www.lionsclubs.org.au/members/resources/insurance_centre
- Named Insured versions – where a Council or other organisation requires their name shown as an additional named insured, the Brokers will arrange this for you. Simply email your requirements, showing the full details of the named party, and the Certificates will be forwarded to you. ***Please request these Certificates at least 10 days prior to your event.***
- New Policies/Endorsements: Email the **Lions Service Team** with your requirements and a quote or cover note will be provided.
- Claims: The **Lions Service Team** will attend to handling all claims and direct them to the Claims Departments of the respective insurers. **Claim forms will continue to be available for downloading on the Lions Insurance website.**
- Travel Insurance: Currently there is no facility for Travel Insurance as had been the case prior to the outbreak of COVID. AB Phillips are looking into the possibility of recommencing this facility in the future. If something can be arranged for Lions, Clubs and members will be advised as soon as details come to hand.

Importantly, your Lions Insurance, Risk Management & Child Safe Committee will still be available to Clubs where needed. A revised Summary of Lions Insurances is attached to this email, and contact details for the Committee are shown on page 1 of this document.

Please remember that this committee also covers both Risk Management and Child Safe issues, and there are two very knowledgeable members of the committee, in PDG Paul Cairnduff and PDG Donna Hedges, there to help you. Please make use of them as needed.

Kind Regards,

Lion Garry Galvin

Chairperson

Lions Insurance, Risk Management & Child Safe Committee

E: insurance@lions.org.au

W: www.lionsclubs.org.au

2024 Lions Biggest BBQ Update



Australian Lions



A big thank you and appreciation to those clubs which have contributed to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. In the year to date 161 clubs have contributed \$184,574.45, via the Lions Biggest Barbecue. Much more has been contributed by a direct grant to the Foundation. This is a marvellous achievement and reflects the care and consideration of Lions Clubs and their members to contribute to a very worthy purpose.

The Lions Biggest Barbecue (LBBBQ) has a goal for this year's campaign of raising \$250,000.

There are approximately 50 clubs which submitted an Intention to Participate and are still to contribute. If your club is one of these 50, please do hold that biggest barbecue, as there are still the best part of 4 months to contribute to the Foundation.

Each club which contributes by means of a fundraiser with the LBBBQ will receive raffle tickets for an end-of-year draw to win one of three barbecue units from Bunnings. (1 ticket is allocated for every \$500 donated. So, \$2000 donated will attract 4 chances in the draw).

We look forward to your support of and for your Foundation and the children who will ultimately benefit from the research which we fund.

In an effort to keep pace with the digital world as well as save some natural resources and costs, we encourage you to **register online** using a newly designed dedicated webpage at lionsbiggestbbq.org.au. In addition to online registration, this website also provides information and resources to run a successful bbq.

Alternatively, if you feel more comfortable using hard copies as in previous years, all the relevant forms were snail-mailed to your Club's postal address, in February. We trust that this was forwarded to the Club's BBQ Chairperson.

UPDATE 23/10/2024

Earlier this year your club submitted an Intention to Participate (ITP), in contributing to the Lions Biggest Barbecue, LBBBQ, fundraiser for the ALCCRF.

There is still time (until 31st December) to contribute your club's profits from your fundraising barbecue, or other fundraising event.

If your club has contributed, please ignore this email.

Simply by participating, you could win your club a brand-new outdoor barbecue! **Every club which contributes, will participate in a raffle draw, for one of three Bunnings barbecues.** (One ticket is allocated for every \$500 contributed, per club).

To date, contributions through the LBBBQ, have totalled in excess of \$200,000 this calendar year.

We believe that every child deserves a chance at a healthy life.

Our Vision: 100% survival for kids with cancer.

Lion Brian Williams
ALCCRF Trustee



Hello everyone, near and far,

As promised and stated at our recent district convention the Lions Children of Courage committee have developed and are distributing materials for marketing for everyone to bring in those applications for next years Children of Courage event!

This year the committee decided to receive next year's children of courage applications electronically.

•For those clubs who have an applicant who cannot access the

electronic version, we will send a paper version on request. Please send this request to our new email address childrenofcourage.wa@lions.org.au

We have not made any decisions lightly and we need to make sure we a staying relevant to the community we serve. Remember that most of the families and nominees will be familiar in using these platforms.

Process of applications

- A nominee will submit an application via the QR Code
- The committee receives the application and reviews the application for approval
- Once application is approved the committee will contact the Lions club closet to the applicant and ask for sponsorship.
 - The club can choose to sponsor or not (sponsorship is \$60 per child)
- Once a club has accepted the club can make introductions with the child and family (their choosing on how this is done)
- All information requirements for the event will be completed by the committee, this may or may not include some help from the clubs sponsoring. As this is a new and fluid process we may have some teething issues, which we will keep the district informed about.
- Ongoing communications will be maintained to all clubs and families (We have already received a couple of nominations and thank you for those clubs who have forwarded those to us, as the applications start to grow so to will the communications, especially as we move closer to the event day).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at this email address only and please do not contact any previous children of courage email addresses as we do not know if they are being monitored nor do we have access to them. So all communications should now be through the email address mentioned above (childrenofcourage.wa@lions.org.au).

Marketing Pack

In the attached files you will find

A brochure

A poster

A Facebook Social Media Post

- Please print the brochure and poster out and have them displayed at your events, send it electronically through your networks.
- People know deserving children, they are everywhere!
- The application is so easy!

The Facebook post

- Go to your clubs face book page and click create a post
- It will ask you to type some words and add photos/videos
- Add the 'Lions children of courage applications for Facebook mp4' file here
- Then click on post.
- Get all of your membership who have face book to share the post!!

If you don't know how to create a Facebook post ask a family member or friend to help you, someone will know how to do this!

Remember asking is not a sign of weakness its a sign of strength and courage!!!

On behalf of the Lions Children of Courage Committee for 2024/25, we would like to thank all the clubs for their support in this endeavour to acknowledge and support our children and especially the ongoing legacy of this wonderful project.

Change is sometimes difficult to accept and we are living in a very changing world, this is an opportunity and ongoing process, we may get it wrong and we may get it right!! But we as Lions, we come together with good intentions always.

Be kind and all will prosper.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Also, don't forget to like us on Facebook!!! Lions Children of Courage WA

Lions Children of Courage 201WA
Committee 2024/25

2025 Lions Children of Courage Applications



NOMINATE A CHILD TODAY!



Categories

- Children facing adversity
- Epic/ Heroic Sibling
- Courageous act of deed
- Inspiring sporting achievement



<https://forms.office.com/r/v10zce5isxOr>
email us for more
information childrenofcourage.wa@lions.org.au

30x30

**30K members
by 2030**

Our Lions in Australia have a **Big Audacious Mission** to grow to 30,000 members by the year 2030.

This will give us more **capacity** to help our communities, **respond** to disasters and emergencies, **support** those in need and spread kindness where it is needed the most.

Our members are committed to **growing** our organisation by **nurturing** existing Lions, **creating** brand new clubs and finding new members.

We can **achieve** anything we put our minds to and together on our mission, we will continue the **legacy** of Lions Clubs in Australia!

For **BAM** resources please visit -
<https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/bam/>

BIG AUDACIOUS MISSION

HOW?

WHAT?

What is BAM?

The Big Audacious Mission is Lions Australia's plan to grow to 30,000 members by the year 2030 and 50,000 members by 2050, so we can meet the growing needs of our communities and service a million people annually. When we do this, we will be doing our part for "Mission 1.5" which is the Lions International goal for growth of membership and service by the year 2027.

WHY?

Why do we need BAM?

Our world, more than ever, needs the kindness and strength of volunteers. Volunteerism around the world and in Australia is changing. We need to adapt to the changes so that we can continue to serve and help people in need.

Every single Lion is important to the people who depend on us. Every club is changing their community, making it strong, healthier and a kinder place for all.

How can we get involved?

Make sure you have your own GMA – your own membership plan. What does your Club look like in the next three years? Where are you going in your area? How are you helping your community? Talk it over with your club members. Establish a plan and start working on it. Ask for help from your District GAT team and your Zone Chairperson. Thrive and grow so that we are there to serve the local, national and global community into the future.

As our communities and their needs grow, so does Lions Australia!

Our aim is to designed to ensure Lions Clubs continue to support and serve those in need now and into the future...

It's simple. More Lions. More Service.

BAM!

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GLOBAL ACTION TEAM MONTHLY MAIL OUT DECEMBER 2024

The GAT Monthly Mail Out will assist you with your monthly tasks as an officer of your Club. The mail out addresses administrative matters and provides links **highlighted in blue** to documents and websites. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

DSS COMMUNITY GRANTS OPPORTUNITY COMING SOON



New grant opportunity coming soon! **2024–25 Volunteer Grants Round**

Volunteer Grants support the work of local community organisations by reducing barriers for Volunteers and increasing participation in volunteering.

Here is a link to information about the Grant Guidelines

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/news/2024-25-volunteer-round>



LIONS SESSIONS RADIO FREMANTLE

GMT John Hack and other Lions present monthly Sessions on Fremantle Radio. The next sessions will be Monday, 23rd December 2024. Sessions will commence 08:45 for 09:00 start.

A schedule will be sent to each participant prior to the appointed day.

CLUB MEMBER SKILLS:

Does your Club have members with particular skills that we can promote within the District? Please let us know by completing the attached proforma and returning it to GLT Coordinator Christine Walker gltwa@lionswa.org.au

LION PORTAL



The **Lion Portal** is your access to everything that was on MyLCI and MyLion. [Link to Portal](#)

The Club Secretary, Administrator and President can make changes to all membership and Club information.

The Club Treasurer can view and print the LCI Club Monthly Membership Financial Statements. Very important if you have just inducted new members.

All Club members can view their membership and Club information including Service Activities. They can also record a Service Activity but the Club Secretary or Administrator has to APPROVE it.

The Monthly Membership Report (MMR) is **no longer required**.

NB Please note that family members cannot use the same email address on the new **Portal**.

Lions Learning Centre – if you would like to learn more about the various officer positions at a club or District level or discover more about the Lions organisation just logon to the **Portal** and click on the Learn navigation tab. There is plenty of information here to help you start or continue your journey in the Lions organisation.

NEED HELP WITH THE PORTAL? *Contact*

Cabinet Secretary Trish – cabsec.wa@lions.org.au

Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator Carmel – gstwa@lionswa.org.au

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator - Christine gltwa@lionswa.org.au

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH for BOARD EXECUTIVE:

Club Presidents

Lion Portal – Ensure you and your Club officers know how to access the Portal.

Here is a link to the – [Lions Portal](#). If you need help please contact our Cabinet Secretary Cabsec.wa@lions.org.au or GST Coordinator Carmel gstwa@lionswa.org.au

Christmas Cakes Order – Your Club can still order Christmas Cakes.

Order cut off date **MONDAY 9 DEC 2024** for deliveries prior to Christmas.

DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE.

The latest order forms (fillable pdf and printable) for all cakes and puddings is available on the website [Lions Cakes and Puddings](#) It is password protected. **Password** westons2020.

The latest order form is also attached to this email.

Attached is the Club Cake Chairperson Advice Form and you are requested to return it to our State Coordinator Carolyn Middleton cakeswa@lionswa.org.au

Child Safety Policy and Working with Children - District Safe Child Officer for 201WA PDG Peter Lamb has sent out all the information you need on this very important subject.

Please ensure you bring this to the attention of all your members. PDG Peter needs the details of all Club members who have a Working With Children Card (WWCC)



Christmas Function: Does your Club have a Christmas function? Now is the time to start organising. Maybe invite a nearby Club and have a joint function with a few silly games.

Holidays: Are you going on holidays over Christmas and New Year? Now is the time to ensure your 1st VP is up to date with what needs to be done during your absence.

Guest Speakers: Looking for a Guest Speaker for your meetings. ASK a Cabinet Officer to talk about their Portfolio. Ie Youth of the Year or Children of Courage

Club Secretaries

Agendas and Minutes: Are you keeping accurate records of your Club meetings?

Motions: Ensure all motions from meetings are recorded accurately. They must be documented in the Minutes with a mover, seconder and then either carried or rejected. This is very important especially when making donations or other financial matters.

Projects should also be documented.

Do you have problems with Agendas and Minutes? GLT Coordinator, Christine has made up some templates that you may find helpful. Send an email to Christine Walker gltwa@lionswa.org.au

Your Club will need to decide how Agendas and Minutes are distributed to members who do not have email.

Emails: Keep your members informed about District and Multiple District happenings by forwarding all the emails to them. You are the conduit, members can decide what they wish to read. It only takes about 3 minutes a day to read and forward emails. Ensure they are recorded as correspondence IN. Very little mail now comes via Australia Post.

Holidays: Are you going on holidays over Christmas and New Year? Now is the time to ensure that someone has been appointed to act in your position during your absence.

Lion Portal – once you have successfully registered, spend some time on the portal to familiarise yourself with the various tasks that you will be undertaking every month. These include the following main tasks –

Update your Club's Service Activities. – You can now **copy** a previous Service Activity. Firstly, select the Activity. After selecting you can EDIT COPY OR DELETE.

For more information contact GST Carmel Ward – gstwa@lionswa.org.au

Club Member details – check the Training Videos for instructions. They are good.



Welcome to the Lion Portal

We have taken the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and combined them into one cohesive and consistent experience – the Lion Portal.

These resources and FAQs will help make sure that you and your fellow Lions and Leos keep current on Lion Portal news.

Frequently Asked
Questions

Training Videos

Helpful Resources

Government Legislation Reporting requirements (4)

1. AssociationsOnline Information Statements – Have you lodged your Information Statement?

End of Financial Year obligations

With clubs' financial year that ending on 30 June 2024, you are reminded of your annual obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

"Within 6 months after the end of its financial year, the Act requires your association to:

1. prepare annual financial statements.
2. hold an annual general meeting (AGM).
3. lodge an information statement with Consumer Protection.

Your association's rules (commonly called a constitution) specifies your association's financial year. The rules will include additional requirements to the above annual obligations. For example, the rules specify what business can be conducted during your AGM and when/how the notice for the AGM is to be given to members.

For further information about these and other obligations, please refer to the [Inc Guide](#) publication.

Additionally, the [Incorporated Associations Self Check](#) provides a summary of the main obligations under the Act. This tool can be used by your committee to easily assess whether your association is complying with the Act and to identify any areas that need to be addressed."

AssociationsOnline - user accounts

AssociationsOnline is the online system that lets associations manage their registration and obligations with Consumer Protection, without needing to print and post paper forms.

User accounts are required for authorised persons to transact on behalf of an association. Please be mindful that user accounts belong to the person that created them. It is the online digital identity of that person and can be used for signing the online forms.

User accounts do not belong to the association and must not be shared with other people. After a user account is created, the user becomes authorised to transact on behalf of an association by linking (connecting) their user account to the association.



This means a user does not need multiple accounts as they can link a single user account to multiple associations. For this reason, user accounts should not use a shared or generic email address.

For more information, please click on the following link - [AssociationsOnline](#)

1.Change of Circumstance for WA Charitable Collections Licence Holders: All Clubs must notify of any changes to their address, officers, name, corporate structure, auditor or reviewer. [Link to change of circumstances form.](#)

1.

Your Club is required to lodge your annual return within six (6) months of the end of the financial year. Failure to lodge can result in cancellation of your charity licence.

[Link to Annual Financial Return](#)

1.ATO Not for Profit Self-Review return: From the 2023-24 income year, non-charitable not-for-profits (NFP) with an active Australian business number (ABN), must lodge an annual NFP self-review return to notify the ATO of eligibility to self-assess as income tax exempt.

[How to access and lodge the NFP self-review form](#)

Please contact our Cabinet Secretary if you need more information

cabsec.wa@lions.org.au

Club Treasurers

Lions Membership on LCI - Have you dropped or added members recently. Update your club's membership prior to the end of December because the next semi-annual dues will be issued and you will be billed for the members on your record.

Club Monthly Bank Account Finance Statements: Prepare and send out a Summary of all accounts to the Club members prior to your Business Meeting. All payments need to be ratified by your members.

Cakes sales and Traditional Foods invoices:

Remember that your account with Traditional Foods MUST be paid by the end of January.

Check the Lion Portal for your monthly Statement if you have new members.

Member's Dues Notice – send a notice of dues owing to all members if you have not already done so. It is important that each member receives an invoice or notice to pay.

GLT Coordinator, Christine has created a spreadsheet that shows exactly how much each club and member pays annually. LCI, Multiple and District dues are included. If you would like a copy, send an email to Christine Walker gltwa@lionswa.org.au.

Holidays: Are you going on holidays over Christmas and New Year? Now is the time to ensure that someone has been appointed to act in your position during your absence.

Membership Chairperson



Retaining Members - All members are important to your Club. Ensure that all members have a job to do in the club.

Would you like to just come to a meeting and that's all? Mentoring and Mentors are very important. Ask what new members what they are interested in or what they would like to know about Lions. You never know till you ask and you might find a potential President.

Here is a link to the Members Resource Centre

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

There is training on the Lions Portal/Learn with 3 modules on Mentoring - [Lions Portal](#)

Membership Drives

The District Cabinet has reinstated an amount of up to \$600 to assist clubs with their membership drives with some conditions attached.

Clubs must complete the membership drive application form, available from the Cabinet Secretary. Each application form will be addressed on its merits. Clubs will be informed of the decision, and they can then commence with arrangements for their drive.

Once the club's drive is complete, you will need to submit all your costs including invoices and the results of your drive. We would also like feedback positive or other on the drive, so we can share with all the clubs. Developing our District membership is a joint effort and if we all work together, we will have a positive impact on our membership numbers and be on our way to achieving our BAM membership target of 30,000 in 2030 and 50,000 in 2050.

If we all have a net growth of 1 new member every year, we will achieve this.



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Do you have skills that you can share to assist your fellow Lions?

I am very keen to have a database of Lions who are able and willing to help others.

- Leadership.....
- Secretarial
- Accounting/Treasurer.....
- PR or Marketing.....
- IT or computing.....
- Ideas person.....
- Fundraising.....
- Other than English Language.....
- Anything else.....

Return to

Christine Walker
 Global Leadership Team Coordinator
 District 201WA

Faculty Development Institute (FDI) (Cont)

Steps to Achieving FDI Graduate Status (Optional Post-Institute Requirement)

Participants at the institute will receive a participation certificate, but this does not guarantee FDI Graduate status. To achieve graduate status the participant must:

1. Review the feedback provided to you by the faculty during the institute.
2. Pursue local opportunities and refine your facilitation skills.
 - a. It is recommended that participants practice their skills and incorporate the feedback received during the FDI at training events before being observed for FDI Graduate status.
3. Invite the GLT Coordinator or an LCIP Certified Instructor to observe you at an in-person, local training.
4. Provide the observer with the Training Facilitation Summary (TFS) form (download the TFS from the [FDI webpage](#)) and request that they evaluate if you have successfully demonstrated all criteria.
5. Submit the completed and signed TFS form to institutes@lionsclubs.org.
6. Achieve FDI Graduate status and receive your pin.

Upon achieving FDI Graduate status, local area leaders will be notified, and your status will be updated in your Learn record. Continue to pursue training opportunities at the club, zone, region, district, and multiple district levels.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CLUB MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

Hi Lions & Leo members

I have recently been appointed as the District Safe Child Officer for 201WA and as such, have been instructed to ensure all Clubs are aware of the MD Child Safe

Policy and adhere to the conditions that apply, to any Club that has a Club/

District project which deals with children and young people under 18 years of age.

Lions Australia only controls a limited number of Youth projects, that is, those adopted at Conventions or managed by a Multiple District Committee – Youth of the Year, Youth Exchange & Leos. The principles of the policy though can be applied to any youth project operated by a Lions Club or District and the Multiple District strongly recommends Lions Clubs and Districts adopt these principles in their policy minutes or establish their own procedure in Club Board minutes, to apply to their own youth projects.

Even though in most jurisdictions the legislation varies as to whom/when a ‘Working with Children Check’ is needed, it is **MD201 policy** that any member or volunteer directly involved in any youth program obtains a Working with Children Check. Please refer to the Lions Australia Child Safe Policy Resources web page for more information at <https://lionsclubs.org.au/our-governance-structure/md201-child-safe-policy-resources/>

If your club does not wish to apply this policy to all members, it is essential that you control participation in youth projects to exclude those members who do not hold a valid working-with children-check.

Lions Australia encourages its members working with children to source community-based training to supplement this policy. The availability of such training can be sourced through the WA government child safety regulation website. <https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/>

Where ‘training’ is referred to in this policy, it refers to:

- Reading and becoming familiar with this policy and procedures, and
- Discussing this policy and procedure at a Club meeting.

Minutes of the meeting where the Child Safe Policy has been reviewed should be kept, documenting the names of attendees.

Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility



Lions named 2025 ACT Senior Australians of The Year



2025 ACT Senior Australian of The Year recipients – Marilyn and Peter Ralston OAM (Image: act.gov.au)

Peter and Marilyn Ralston OAM: 2025 ACT Senior Australians of the Year

The Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen are celebrating the incredible achievements of their very own Peter and Marilyn Ralston OAM, who have been named the 2025 ACT Senior Australians of the Year.

Peter and Marilyn’s unwavering commitment to supporting people with vision impairment and other disabilities shines through their work with the Achilles Running Club Canberra, which they founded in 2013. As President of the club, Peter has led initiatives that empower individuals to run, walk, and stay active. Achilles Canberra pairs volunteer guides with people with disabilities, enabling participation in fun runs, club training sessions, and the weekly Parkrun events.

Peter’s dedication is exemplified by his personal contribution: in the past three years, he has served as a guide for blind athletes an incredible 120 times at Parkrun. Thanks to their efforts, several blind members have each reached hundreds of Parkruns, a testament

to the inclusive and supportive community that Peter and Marilyn have built.

Beyond their work with Achilles Canberra, Peter and Marilyn also contribute significantly to other charitable initiatives, embodying the Lions’ mission of serving the community.

A Proud Moment for Lions Canberra Belconnen

The Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen takes immense pride in the Ralstons, who are active and cherished members of their club. Peter’s enthusiasm for their projects, willingness to roll up his sleeves at BBQs, and ability to uplift spirits at club dinners have made him an integral part of the Lions team.

The ACT Senior Australian of the Year award recognises their outstanding contributions and serves as a reminder of the impact that dedicated individuals can have on their community.

Congratulations, Peter and Marilyn!

Join us in congratulating Peter and Marilyn on this well-deserved recognition. Their achievements inspire us all to strive for greater inclusivity and to make a difference in our communities.

For more details about the ACT Senior Australian of the Year winners, visit the [ACT Government’s announcement](#).



Pictured left, from left: Daniel Bartholomaeus (ACT Young Australian of the Year), Hannah Costello and Vanessa Brettell (ACT Local Heroes), Megan Gilmour (ACT Australian of the Year), Marilyn Ralston and Peter Ralston OAM (ACT Senior Australian of the Year). (Image: act.gov.au)

Lions in Western Australia shine a light on suicide prevention

With suicide being the leading cause of death for Australians between the ages of 15 and 44, Lions Clubs in Western Australia are proud to announce the official adoption of the **Beacon of Light** project as a district initiative.

The project aims to address the urgent need for immediate mental health support to individuals contemplating suicide by providing timely intervention through a mobile volunteer service.

The Beacon of Light was formed to provide assistance for those suffering in silence in our local communities.

“We know that people going through mental health struggles sometimes have to wait 4-6 weeks to see a therapist. With the support

of community groups, alongside therapists, counsellors, psychologists and carers who volunteer their time, we target hot spots for people that would benefit from a meaningful conversation so we can help them navigate through their challenges,” says Derek Best who is co-founder of Beacon of Light and a member of the Lions Club of Whitford. Lions Clubs across Western Australia will be assisting with funding a van that will be equipped for counselling sessions. The Lions Beacon of Light Mind Health Van will operate as a mobile service, staffed by trained volunteers and therapists, to offer immediate support to those in need. The vehicle will be deployed to community shelters, events like ANZAC Day, and other significant gatherings to provide on-the-spot assistance. A brief 10–30-minute conversation can be pivotal in preventing suicides.



Volunteer Lucas representing Beacon of Light at the Spiers Centre in Heathridge.



Lions member and Beacon of Light co-founder Derek Best with volunteers at their Beacon of Light 'Discovery Talk'.

“The Beacon of Light project symbolises our commitment to those who are struggling, and it serves as a rallying point for anyone who wants to make a difference in the fight against suicide.”

WA Lions District Governor Mary-Ann Wolf expressed the Lions Clubs' commitment to this essential cause, stating: “Lions across WA are very proud to be adopting the Beacon of Light project focused on mental health and suicide prevention. This project speaks to the core of our Lions mission—serving the community. We believe that together, we can make a profound impact, not only by raising awareness but by actively reaching out to those in need and reminding them that they are not alone.”

Through partnerships with mental health organisations and community engagement initiatives, the Beacon of Light project will feature workshops, local events, and accessible resources designed to encourage open conversations and mental health support.

The Beacon of Light team is seeking volunteers, sponsors, and donations to support their efforts. If you're interested in helping, you can reach out [here](#).

They've set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 and have already raised over \$4,550. Join them in making a



OPERATION SMILE

Dear Lions Clubs of Australia,

A huge thank you to all Lions Clubs who have donated to the Operation Smile Australia fundraising project this year. Your support is quite literally changing young people's lives.

This year, we have been lucky enough to send one of our own - Catarina Hebbard, immediate past President of Brisbane Holland Park Lions, to a surgical program in the Philippines. She came back with an extraordinary appreciation for how important and life-changing this project is. See her video below.

This year, Operation Smile Australia has been involved in surgical programs in the Philippines, Mexico, Morocco, Peru and UAE where they have provided hundreds of children born with facial deformities with the free surgery they desperately needed. Many of these programs received funding from Lions Australia.

However, thousands of children are still awaiting surgery that they are unable to access in their home countries. Operation Smile Australia has a number of surgical programs planned for next year, with programs already confirmed in Morocco, India and the Philippines in 2025. They are currently sourcing funding for these programs so any support your Clubs can provide will be incredibly valuable.

I also urge you to reach out should your Club be interested in a presentation from Operation Smile Australia staff (or from Catarina or myself!). If local, we can attend ourselves or we can do via Zoom/Teams.

All the best for a happy and joyous holiday period.

Lion Kylie Merrett
Brisbane Holland Park Lions Club



Lion Catarina Hebbard with Operation Smile staff, volunteers and patient Kethlien - [click here](#) to view a video of Lion Catarina during the program



Fundraising Kits

A huge thank you to the Clubs who have taken up our offer of fundraising kits to help raise funds for Operation Smile Australia. Kits are still available (including t-shirts, postcards, donations tins and more!). The kit is free of charge. If you would like to order a kit, contact kate.clayton@operationsmile.com.au

For kit info see next page

LIONS/OPERATION SMILE FUNDRAISING KIT

The Operation Smile fundraising pack is free, Lions Club are only required to cover the cost of postage.

Should Clubs wish to purchase additional T-shirts, these would be at a cost of \$11 per shirt.

Fundraising pack includes:

- T-shirts x 5 (Sizes available inc S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Lions and Operation Smile Posters detailing our partnership and impact over the last 13 years Laminated x 2 (one A4, one A3)
- Operation Smile Fundraising Tin
- Childrens Books x 5 to be given away (limited stock, first in best dressed)
- Operation Smile Postcards, mixed x 10
- USB with video of Lion Kylie Merrett attending an overseas mission with Operation Smile Australia



Lions biggest high tea for children Cancer Research



Raymond Terrace Lions Club members at the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser.

The Raymond Terrace Lions Club raised a record \$10,000 for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation through their third annual “Biggest High Tea.” The event featured support from local businesses, a Quilt For A Cure raffle, and a guest speech by Dr. Ryan Dutchetel.

The funds will aid research into improving childhood cancer survival rates, particularly for brain cancer.

Club member Annette Clark highlighted the community’s vital role in achieving this success. For more details, visit the original article.

[About the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation](#)

The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) is dedicated to funding cutting-edge research to improve survival rates and outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer. Since its inception, the ALCCRF has supported numerous innovative projects, focusing on types of cancer with the lowest survival rates.

This commitment aligns with Lions Australia’s mission to create a brighter future for children with cancer and their families. Contributions from community events like the Raymond Terrace Lions Club’s “Biggest High Tea” play a crucial role in advancing this lifesaving research.



You are Cordially Invited to

THE LEOS CLUB OF BOORAGOON CHARTER NIGHT

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2025

**6.30 FOR 7pm, RAAFA Clubroom Restaurant, Airforce
Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek**
BUFFET SUPPER - \$50 a head
PLUS, RAFFLE

**RSVP IS
ESSENTIAL
To John Clare
0407080671
lionjohnclare@gmail.com
By 10th January
2025**



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BOORAGOON LEO CLUB'S FIRST SERVICE PROJECTS

Booragoon LEO Club took on their first service project today - Lions Biggest BBQ for Kids with Cancer at Bunnings in Willetton. It was a great effort by everybody - Cashiers Ananya and Mimi, cooks Aryana and Archie and servers, Bea, Issy, Ruby, Luka and Evonne. Plus a fantastic team supervisors from their LEO Advisory Committee, Kathryn Jackson, John Hack, Keryn Cook and.....oh yes, me, John Clare! They made \$967.56 after profit, quite a sizeable cheque to be sent to Children's Cancer



Then to the following Thursday night Ruby, Archie and Luka were back at the same Bunnings but out the back this time helping Booragoon Lions with their Family Fun Night sausage sizzle and trying to recruit new members. no luck there though. wrong age group I guess.



Archie's on the onions



Luka's on the bread and



Ruby's on the drinks.

Then on Saturday 7th December, it was all go to Lion Pushpa Rama's house to help with everybody's favourite Lions fun project, Letters to Santa. President Ananya bought her cousin, and Isabella, Beatrice, Mimi and Evonne were all on boards as well, ably supported by Lions Allan Cooper and wife Wendy, Kathryn Jackson, Anne Good and LEO Advisor Keryn Cook, oh and Pushpa of course taking photos.



Vice President Isabella, her sister Beatrice and President Ananya



Ananya, cousin Minali and Mimi



Mimi, Evonne, Issy and Bea.

Their last project for December was painting the back wall of the main room of the HMAS Perth Memorial but that is reported elsewhere in this publication. A huge "Thanks" must go to the Boorgaon Lions LEO Advisory Committee, Kathryn Jackson, John Hack Pushpa Rama, all ably led by LEO Advisor Keryn Cook.

AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS

It's been an eventful year. In the blink of an eye, we are coming to the end of 2024. Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has experienced remarkable growth this year, all of which came with the expansion of new roles and programs.

Thanks to our expanded team, we have placed a total of 34 Assistance Dogs, including 29 Hearing Assistance Dogs, 4 Medical Alert Dogs and 1 Psychiatric Assistance Dog! This is exciting as it shows the clear growth of our Assistance Dog programs.

The Breeding Program has welcomed 28 puppies into our world, providing them with foundational care before they eventually went off to their foster homes.

The Puppy Program and Bed and Breakfast Program have been successfully supporting our puppies through their journeys to becoming trainee dogs at the Training Centre, allowing each puppy a quality life before and during their full-time Assistance Dog training.

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And just like that another incredible year at Australian Lions Hearing Dogs draws to a close.

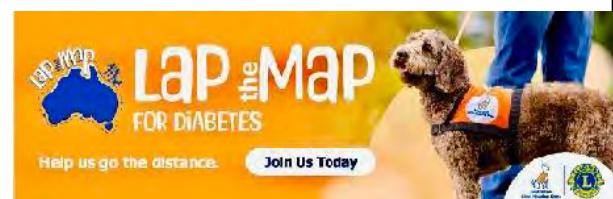
We are on track to place a total of 34 Assistance Dogs this year. This includes 29 Hearing Assistance Dogs, 4 Diabetic Alert Dogs and 1 Psychiatric Assistance Dog, the very first in our exciting new program. There were some big milestones in these numbers with the exciting milestone of our first interstate delivery of a Diabetic Alert Dog, followed by 2 more throughout the year. By the end of 2024, we will have also accredited 28 Assistance Dogs, which is almost double our numbers last year.

Our Breeding and Puppy Programs have grown significantly, with our puppies showing tremendous progress in both development and confidence. Thanks to our dedicated team and volunteer puppy carers, each puppy is receiving an exceptional start to their journey to become an Assistance Dogs. After a slow start to the year, four gorgeous litters of future Assistance Dogs were introduced into our world and we are eagerly awaiting the fresh pitter patter of another litter due mid-December! We also proudly celebrated the graduation of 27 adorable puppies from our Puppy Pre-school, equipping them with the foundational skills needed to excel in their training journey.

Our thriving volunteer program ensures our dogs are loved and cared for daily. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, Lions Clubs, and sponsors, whose generosity is the backbone of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.

This year we implemented a Bed and Breakfast Program, which enables our dogs in training to be dropped off to 'school' four days a week and spend the rest of their time in a loving volunteer home. The standard of the BnB dogs is very high and we are excited to bring on more volunteers in the program next year. This year we have had eight dogs in the BnB program with five already successfully delivered to their recipients.

As we welcome summer and the festive season, we want to sincerely thank you for your incredible support and kindness throughout 2024. Please note our Training Centre will be closed during the holidays, though our dedicated staff will still be on-site caring for our dogs. Our office will close from Tuesday, December 24th, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, with our emergency line available for urgent matters. Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season—we can't wait to see you in 2025!





November Newsletter

Catch up on all the news at ALHD!

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We are so grateful for your ongoing support and interest in ALHD throughout 2024. Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Click [here](#) to read more about the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs in this [November Newsletter](#) edition!

Yours sincerely,

David Horne
Chief Executive Officer

HMAS PERTH (I) MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

There is a project in conjunction with Lions Western Australia that has been running for a couple of years now, that has maintained such a low profile that not many of you will have heard about it or even know that it is happening, The HMAS Perth (I) Memorial Refurbishment Project. The reason for that is because it has been the dream of just one Lion, our District Global Membership Team Coordinator, Lion John Hack, who has been so passionate about this project, that he has single-handedly driven it on behalf of the Lions from Day One. An ex-Navy gunner himself, who served in the South China Seas, John is also a member of the Swan Yacht Club, in Riverside Drive in East Fremantle, which is directly adjacent to the HMAS Perth (I) Memorial, so John heard and saw what was proposed for the refurbishment, firsthand and naturally wanted to offer his help on behalf of Lions W.A. It is, in reality, a brilliant community project.



The refurbishment had originally been started by the Navy League of Australia, West Australian Division, in 2018, which resulted in initial contact being made with several individuals, inviting them to an evening where presentations were provided on the proposal for a HMAS Perth (I) Memorial. Following this, a committee was formulated, and a Certificate of Incorporation was achieved on 4 April 2019, formally approving the HMAS Perth (I) Memorial Foundation Incorporated. The Foundation's Official Launch was conducted in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the HMAS Perth Memorial Regatta at the Nedlands Yacht Club on Sunday, 16 February 2020, which is when John Hack also came on board. On October 7th, 2021, East Fremantle Council backed the HMAS Perth (I) war memorial

extension and work finally began. Stage 1 was completed on January 23rd, 2023, with a Wall of Honour commemorating the names of the 468 crew members of the 686 on board, who were killed in the Battle of Sunda Strait, when the HMAS Perth was sunk by the Japanese Invasion force, complete with five flag poles and a half-size replica of one of its propellers mounted on a compass rose.

The second part of the project consisted of an additional structure being added to the existing building. This structure is essentially a simple steel 'space frame' that extends the existing museum building, while also expanding the area to enable more memorabilia and information to be stored and displayed. The design of this structure is based on the prow of the ship, emphasising the connection with the actual HMAS Perth (1), while also disguising, as it were, the underlying building and transforming it thereby into a total entity, with strong powerful lines thrusting up from the base, which is formed as a double stepped area following the lines of the prow in a triangular arrangement. Murals of photographs and newspaper cuttings, telling the story of Perth (1) and her tragic downfall in dramatic focus, were then designed on glass walls, which were constructed in 'ceramic glass' comprising of two Laminated layers of 12mm thick glass sheets, into which the images and text relating the history and fate of the Perth were fused with ceramic inks, under extremely high temperature.

John Hack then came into his own by helping to source, locate and deliver with the help of Lions W.A. funding, 3 essential artifacts to add to the memorial. First, on a trip to the UK, Cmdr Bob Mumery (OAM RAN Retd), a committee member of the HMAS *Perth* (1) Memorial Foundation, came across a partially completed model of HMS *Amphion*. This ship was renamed HMAS Perth and



Australian Navy in time for the Second World War. It was found in the Power Museum in Carmarthen in South Wales. The museum kindly agreed to let the Memorial have it, at the Foundation's expense for shipping costs. Lion John leapt into action, raising funds to facilitate its delivery. The model is now in Perth at Baldivis and in the very capable hands of Past District Governor Alan Hawkins, who is renovating it back to its former glory, along with the help of local model builder, Gerry Westernberg. The model HMS Amphion (HMAS Perth I) after rehabilitation, will be mounted into a presentation display case at the Memorial.



At about the same time, John brought myself, John Clare, on board because of my project management experience but to be honest, my involvement has been minimal, and it has all been down to John himself.

Next, the anchor from HMAS Perth II, which had served in the Australian Navy during the Vietnam War was located in Albany and had previously formed part of a dive wreck off Albany, which remains a popular diving attraction in the region, after the ship was laid in 2001. Again, John organised the funding from Lions to transport it up to East Fremantle, unload it and position it outside of the Memorial building

THE BRINGING OF THE ANCHOR



Foundation president Mike Bailey (left) and Lions representative, John Hack with the newly acquired HMAS Perth (II) anchor.

Anchor finds a new home

GABRIELLE BECERRA MELLET

An anchor used by the Australian Navy during the Vietnam War has arrived at its final resting place: a memorial site in East Fremantle.

The HMAS Perth II anchor previously formed part of a dive wreck off Albany. Last month it was transported to East Fremantle with the help of the WA Lions Club and will now become a permanent fixture of the site dedicated to commemorating the lives lost on HMAS Perth I.

HMAS Perth I Memorial Foundation member David Nicolson said the anchor would complement the memorial.

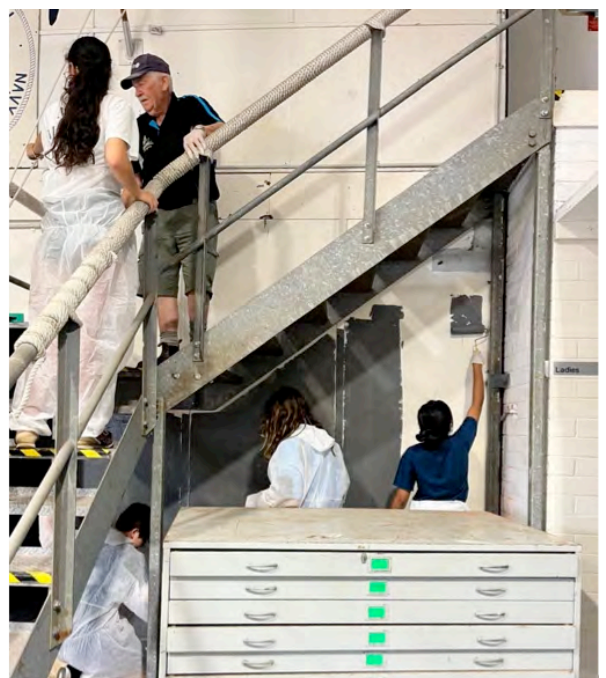
The final part of the project was that the interior back wall of the museum / showroom was painted by the members of the newly formed Booragoon LEO Club, on Saturday 14th December and then all will be ready for the official launch of the whole memorial centre on Saturday 1st March and the dream and absolute passion of one dedicated Lion, John Hack will have been realised. GOOD ON YA and WELL-DONE JOHN!!

LION JOHN CLARE

LEFT: - Booragoon LEO Advisor Keryn Cook leads the all-female painting team.



BELOW: Lion John Hack supervises





WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE

2025**CLUB****NUMBER OF YEARS****CHARTER DATE**

201WA DISTRICT Clubs celebrating ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY 2025

PINJARRA	51	3/01/1974
THREE SPRINGS	52	9/01/1973
BODDINGTON	49	16/01/1976
PORT KENNEDY	27	20/01/1998
NANNUP	42	21/1/1983
ALBANY	60	28/01/1965
LANCELIN	19	30/01/2006

201WA DISTRICT Clubs celebrating ANNIVERSARIES FEBRUARY 2025

TAMBELLUP	47	02/02/1978
CARNAMAH	31	14/02/1994
ALBANY SOUTH COAST	51	14/02/1974
FREMANTLE	61	21/02/1964
CAPEL	35	21/02/1990
VASSE	5	08/02/2020

201WA DISTRICT Clubs celebrating ANNIVERSARIES MARCH 2024

BOYANUP	52	06/03/1973
KOJONUP	46	08/03/1979
BALDIVIS	41	09/03/1984
KATANNING	52	12/03/1073
BALLAJURA	36	13/03/1989
DONNYBROOK	43	18/03/1982
WAROONA	56	18/03.1969
GINGIN-CHITTERING	49	18/03/1976
ROCKINGHAM	58	23/03/1967
STIRLING	54	23/03/1971
NORTH BEACH	15	26/03/2010
COWARAMUP	40	28/03/1985
KWINANA	57	28/03/1968
FALCON	17	31/03/2008

IF YOUR CLUB IS HAVING A ANNIVERSARY DINNER OR JUST A
CELEBRATION, DROP ME A NOTE AND I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU
ADD IT TO THE LIST OF UP-COMING EVENTS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS CLUBS HISTORY

(Compiled by WALCHAC Member John Clare)

60 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – JANUARY

1965 The Bunbury Lions Club, sponsored by Albany Lions Club is formed on January 28th, 1965, although it will not be chartered until 27th March.

50 YEARS AGO, – JANUARY 1975 - Lions Club of North Perth wins the Club of the Year award for Outstanding Community Services. Their projects included

\$1,217 raised and donated to Darwin Relief Fund (Cyclone Tracey). Lion Aris spent 105 hours at Perth Airport assisting evacuees arriving from Darwin. Four members on roster helped out with collection



and distribution of furniture. Lion Cliff Boswell spent hours repairing TV and radio sets for these families, assistance to Aboriginal Soup Kitchen, Fifteen (15) gave blood to Red Cross, tree chopped for invalid Pensioner, Miss personality entrant Katina Aivaliotis sponsored, that project raised \$6,912.00, Kidney Donor Cards distributed, children to Fire

The 'Ord' Gift – A Big Challenge

The Lions Club of Wyndham (W1) has somehow got itself involved in a community service project which all started 20 years ago, long before the club was chartered.

In case you don't know, Wyndham is located way up there at the top end of W.A. and is the port for the Ord River irrigation areas.

The project is a great day out for the Wyndham community, a picnic/sports day held some 20 miles out of town, at the picnic area. Just picture the scene if you will . . . a sandy bush

area with shade shelters for the people and food stalls, a 20ft x 6ft barbecue and a bar some THIRTY feet long . . . yep, it's real thirsty country.

Proceeds from the chocolate wheel and bar paid for the \$1600 worth of trophies for the foot races held during the day. The major event is the Wyndham Ken Skinner Mile, which can cover a distance ranging from 9/10 miles to 1¼ miles, depending on how the cane grass has been slashed.

Also available for the contestants



Brigade Christmas Party, Seventy (70) and Christmas Food Parcels and toys distributed to needy families. PHEW!! Another great Club gone! The Club's President that year was Leederville Grocery business owner, Vince Carboni, a well-known local personality and very forward thinking

40 YEARS AGO, JANUARY 1985 – The Lions Club of Wyndham get involved with the 20 year old Ord River irrigation community project.

30 YEARS AGO, JANUARY 1995 Albany Lions Club celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Jan 28th

20 YEARS AGO TODAY, JANUARY 2005 Leeuwin Lions Club raise \$12000 towards the Boxing Day Indonesian Tsunami Appeal.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY JANUARY 2015 For what would be the first of two years in a row, fire ravages Waroona. With 200m firefighters descending on the town, the Waroona Lions Club manned their purpose built Jim's Kitchen for 4 days and nights straight, non stop, feeding the fire crews, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Waroona Lions with local support fight fires

At midnight on Friday, January 30, the town of Waroona was woken up by the sound of fire engine sirens and the sight of a blanket of smoke covering the town.

A freak lightning storm had sparked a huge fire up on Forrington Heights on the Thursday before and the fires had now broken containment lines and were moving towards the north east corner of town where residents living in the Rycroft Vista and Butlers Retreat Estates were under serious threat.

It had also spread south to the houses off of Russell Drive at the far end of the golf course. Residents were told to leave and gather on the town oval and later moved to the neighbouring town of Harvey as the fires moved closer.

With 200 fire fighters and volunteers descending on the town from all over the Perth metro area and nearby country towns to battle the inferno.

The Waroona Lions Club were mobilised into action. Manning their purpose built kitchen from midnight on the Friday to Monday afternoon, cooking and feeding the fire crews breakfast, lunch and dinner plus plenty of bottles of water and cool drinks to battle their extreme thirst from the searing heat of the flames.

A total of 15 of the Waroona Lions members shared the load together with volunteers from the local bowling club, post office, other local organisations and wives and daughters of the Lions club members, led by team leader Phil Turner who put in a staggering 54 hours with two or three other Lions not far behind him on 30 plus.



ALL HANDS ON DECK left to right Lions Neville Smith, Alan Lochowicz, Dom Della-Franca and president Pat Delio, Bowling Club members Dennis Tyler (foreground) and Matt Wildermoth and Lion Andrew "Benny" Goodman (striped shirt)

LEFT: Team Leader Phil Turner who only stopped for two short sleep breaks.



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WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS CLUBS
HISTORICAL ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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WALCHAC BY
LION JOHN CLARE



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The Western Ringtail Possum

of management made up of Lions from District 201W2, a division of Lions Clubs International. Lions Myalup Pines Cottages is a not-for-profit project and the board of management are all volunteers. The Myalup Pines village has seven basic cottages each sleeping up to eight people. The village has full BBQ facilities, an open fire pit, large green areas, bush walks of various distances and a children's playground. In addition, there is a hall available with a large modern kitchen as well as a large screen tv and an AV system for presentations, conferences or other group gatherings. There are many things around to explore and enjoy. Myalup Beach with its beautiful white beaches great for swimming and fishing is only a short drive away. Lake Preston and Yalgorup National Park are ideal for bird watching, bush walking and nature study.



Whittaker's Mill Site is 18 km north of Myalup, once an old mill town, is now a popular rest spot for travellers with BBQ's and tables. The little town of Myalup boasts one of the Harvey region's most unique mosaics designed by a talented local artist. Less than five minutes drive away you have the Old Coast Brewery with a variety of boutique beers and great food plus skydiving. There are also a range of other eateries to be found in Harvey and Myalup. If you like cheese, don't miss out on Ha Ve Harvey Cheese for some delicious tastings. The Myalup Pines village has seven basic cottages each sleeping up to eight people in various bed

configurations. All cottages have crockery and cutlery for eight people, wood heating, toilet and shower facilities under the main roof. For further convenience, each cottage also has a toilet outside. Visitors need only bring their own bedlinen including pillows and bathroom towels and toiletries.

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Lions Dryandra Woodland Village Experience

The Dryandra Woodland Village is an experience for the individual, a couple, family and groups.

On arrival, you are greeted by “Julie and Les” who will direct you to your **accommodation**. They are also a



valuable source of information on birds and animals in the woodland and activities in and around the village. Your cottage will have been 5 star glampingly prepared for your comfort and convenience. After you have unloaded your gear and settled in, sit on the porch and contemplate your surroundings. Please BYO linen, quilt, pillows and towels, or sleeping bag; or hire some for interstate/international visitors. The paddock out front has kangaroos, currawongs and



magpies; numbats and echidnas if you look for them, and numerous bird species. Such a peaceful and relaxing hideaway. At night you may be serenaded by the beautiful songs of the bush stone curlews.

You may want to have a walk around the village first up to familiarise yourself with your surroundings. Take your camera, binoculars and a bottle of water.

Back at your accommodation, if it is cold you may want to set and light the fire. This may require a bit of wood chopping (not on the slabs please) from bags purchased at the office/caretakers (@ \$10 per bag). Once lit you can sit in the comfy lounge chairs and make plans for the next day.



The village has an old tennis court, playground with a flying fox; and plenty of space for the children to ride bikes and play games.

The Woodland has walk trails, drive trails, dams, and picnic areas to keep you busy during the day. Pre-book a tour to “Barna Mia” for the evening.

The kitchen is fully equipped with a full size fridge and stove, microwave, and all crockery, cookware, utensils and cutlery to enable easy meal preparation. So in no time you are fed, the dishes washed with good hot water and the kitchen tidied.



Then you decide to read for a while in the lounge which is comfortable and on a cold evening is warm and inviting because of the fire that is slowly burning. You start the book you have been meaning to read but have not had the time. Well you have all the time in the world and as you read, you feel the quietness and the ambience of your surrounds. It is timeless here at the Lions Dryandra Village.

Eg., a Mallee Fowl video...then others follow on youtube: <http://youtu.be/4OwW8sLNKR4>

Check out the possum box on the front veranda at dusk as you will probably see a family of possums emerging for their night time activities. An evening stroll seems like a good idea. Take a torch as you may see more possums, woylies and maybe an owl. Listen for the curlews and any other night sounds.

Look up and see the most amazing array of stars, visible here on a clear night like nowhere else because of the low ambient light.

Now early to bed to prepare for a full day of adventure tomorrow.

You smile to yourself. It has been a good day so far. A good experience in the Lions Dryandra Woodland Village.

On leaving please give it a good clean, putting rubbish in the outside bins then **please leave the keys at the office drop box**, and book ahead for your next visit.

Cheers **Les and Julie**.

Book Now!

Call Julie or Les on **0467950380**





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25th JANUARY 2025

LIONS PEACE POSTER

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. The Peace Essay Contest was created to provide an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace and is, along with the Peace Poster Contest, a staple of Lions clubs around the world.

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January 15, 2025

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THE LIONS CLUB OF ALBANY

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CHARTER DATE 28/01/1965

RSVP: 3rd January 2025

COST: \$20.00 p/h

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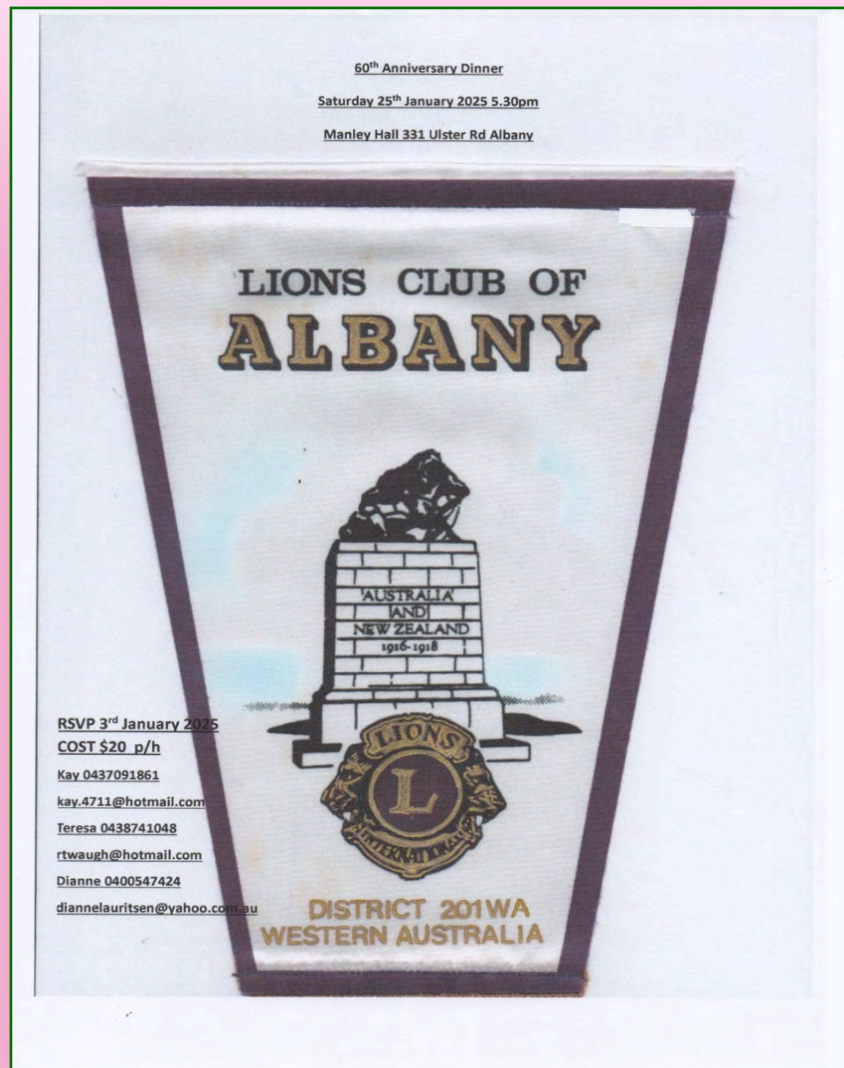
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201WA District Convention Lions on the Lines for Leadership



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Visit the Convention webpage [here](#)



When:

Vasse Lions in conjunction with DGE Tom invite you to save the date 17th - 19th October 2025 for the Lions on the Lines for Leadership Convention.



Kylie Robinson
Convention Chair 2025

Where:

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DGE Tom Oversby

Early Bird Registration:

There are 5 amazing accommodation packs to be won for Convention weekend. Early Bird closes 31st March 2025.

Early Bird Registration available [here](#)



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Car



The **Iconic Busselton Jetty** the perfect backdrop for a destination Convention!



LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR (YOTY) 2024/2025

As you may be aware the number of clubs participating in our Youth of the Year program has been declining in recent years. A reduction in the number of clubs participating obviously means less students have the opportunity to develop their skills and build their confidence as they embark into the wider world. This year we must all do our very best to encourage schools to nominate students to take part in the program. The program is far too important to let it slide any further.

It is our primary youth program, that connects Lions to young people in our communities. Over the decades the program has inspired hundreds of young people; to build confidence and sharpen their skills as they move through the finals. The program also “showcases” Lions in the community and the valuable work we do.

Last year a number of clubs held joint club finals, if your club wasn't one of those clubs I would encourage you to do so this time around. Apart from sharing the work load it will build a bigger audience and necessitate only three judges instead of six. Clubs working together will only enhance fellowship and camaraderie within our organisation.

It is important that you let Michael Bell or Kim Wilkinson know what your clubs' intentions are in relation to the Youth of the Year program as soon as possible, so that planning can happen in relation to Zone and Regional finals. **Your Club Final would need to be held by the end of February 2025. If you do intend approaching schools directly now is the time to do it.**

There are a number of options available to clubs.

Please select one of the below options and let us know as soon as possible:

A. You will approach schools directly and recruit students to represent your club

B. You will approach schools directly, but if you aren't successful in recruiting students you are happy to hold a Club Final, with students from a “pool” not attached to any club.

C. You prefer not to approach schools in your area but are happy to hold a club final, with students sourced from a “pool”

D. You don't wish to be involved in the program

It is recommended that YOTY Chairpersons hold a Working With Children Check (WWC). However, if that is not possible entrants must not be left alone with a single Lion, they must at all times be supervised by a male and female Lions member.

Attached to this email is a power point presentation, a student application form and a video which was professionally produced last year which you can email to your local school/s.

It is not costly or daunting for a club to hold a Youth of the Year Club Final, most clubs hold their finals on a business or social meeting night.

Please don't hesitate to contact Kim or Michael to discuss your Club's involvement in the program, we are here to support you.

Michael Bell

Lions Youth of The Year Chairperson (North) 0422 666 749

MBell2056@gmail.com

Kim Wilkinson

Lions Youth of The Year Chairperson (South) 0404 820 913

Kimwilkinson505@gmail.com



This is not a writable form, for the preferred writable form go to their website

Club Registration Form

To: The District Chairperson [redacted]
From the Lions or Leo Club of: [redacted]
Our Club will be entering in the Youth of the Year program for the year: [redacted]

Club Coordinator: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] Post Code: [redacted]
Email address: [redacted]
Telephone- Home: [redacted] Work: [redacted] Mobile: [redacted]
WWCC/Blue Card/WWVP #

Club Judging Information

We propose holding our Club Judging on: [redacted]
If on a different day
We propose holding our interviews on: [redacted]
Club President: [redacted]
Mobile Phone: [redacted] Email Address: [redacted]

Authorised on this day:

Available documents to Club Chairpersons on the Lions YOTY Website.

In the password protected area:

(Your District Coordinator will give you the password when you send in this form.)

- 1. The YOTY Guide (Youth of the Year Manual)
- 2. Student Entry Form
- 3. Winner Advisory Form
- 4. Judges' Guide and individual stationery
- Certificates
- YOTY Letterhead

In the public area:

You do not need a password. Just follow the link below.

- Club Registration Form
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Posters and Flyers
- Information Brochures
- Videos

Please forward this form together with the Club Entry Fee, if any, to the District Chairperson to arrive by the date they have specified.

Click here to go to the Lions Youth of the Year web site.

Celebrating innovation in healthcare: Lions Outback Vision awarded \$5 million prize in “The Challenge”

We're thrilled to share that Lions Outback Vision has been awarded the \$5 million prize in the Western Australian Government's Pilbara healthcare initiative, 'The Challenge'. This remarkable achievement not only highlights the power of innovation and collaboration but also promises to transform eye care for communities in the Pilbara region!

A groundbreaking solution

After a year of hard work, brainstorming, and collaboration, [Lions Outback Vision](#) emerged as the standout innovator from a competitive pool of 93 applicants and 10 finalists. Our revolutionary solution is Australia's first mobile retinal camera with fully integrated artificial intelligence. This cutting-edge technology screens for eye diseases like diabetic retinopathy with sight-

threatening disease diagnosed on-the-spot, providing crucial early detection for individuals in remote areas. Lions Outback

Vision founder and

ophthalmologist, [Professor Angus Turner](#) said “We are honoured to be awarded this prize by the Western Australian government and its key funding partners, [Rio Tinto](#) and [BHP](#). It's an amazing acknowledgement of all the hard work of our team and the collaborations we have on the ground in the Pilbara”.

We extend our deepest thanks to all our incredible partners who have helped make this artificial intelligence (AI) leap into real-world practice possible. [WACHS](#), [Royal Flying Doctor Service WA](#), [Diabetes WA](#), [Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service \(PAMS\)](#), [Karratha Central Healthcare](#), [Nintirri](#) and [Panaceum](#).

Thanks also to our funding partners, the [Future Health Research Innovation Fund](#), [The McCusker Charitable Foundation](#), [Channel 7 Telethon Trust](#) and [The Fred Hollows Foundation](#) for their unwavering support.

We're proud to collaborate with our research partners [Aravind](#), [The University of Western Australia](#), [UCL](#), [Google](#) and [The University of Oxford](#), alongside our technology partners [Optomed](#) and [Topcon](#). Together we are driving change!



Dr Vaibhav Shah, a Lions Outback Vision ophthalmologist, operating a novel ultra-lightweight head-mounted laser device called the Norlase Lion. This allows laser treatment to be done on country and in regional and remote towns.



Lions Outback Vision staff examining a patient using optical coherence tomography with AI integration

Transforming lives in the Pilbara

The deployment of this mobile retinal camera across the Pilbara has already begun to make a significant impact. By improving access to eye screening, we're ensuring that residents don't have to travel long distances for diagnosis and treatment. This innovation is a game-changer for healthcare delivery in the region.



Patient Melvin receives a telehealth consultation in the Lions Outback Vision Sprinter

Support and recognition

We also want to extend our congratulations to all the finalists and the **Lyfe Languages project**, which received an honourable mention for addressing language and cultural barriers between patients and healthcare providers.

The funding for this transformative project comes from the State Government's Future Health Research and Innovation Fund, alongside the generous support of corporate partners **BHP** and **Rio Tinto**.

Words of celebration

Medical Research Minister Stephen Dawson remarked on the importance of this achievement, stating, "**Lions Outback Vision's solution stood out for its immediate impact on the local community. I am excited to see how it will further transform healthcare delivery across Western Australia and beyond.**"

Simon Trott, Rio Tinto Iron Ore Chief Executive, echoed this sentiment, saying, "**Our partnerships with health initiatives like The**

Challenge help ensure great ideas are developed to support better health outcomes for Western Australians."

Tim Day, BHP Asset President, added, "**Seeing these remarkable innovations emerge has been nothing short of inspiring. Well done to all finalists and a big congratulations to our winner!**"

Looking ahead

As we celebrate this milestone, we remain committed to advancing healthcare through innovation. The future of eye care in the Pilbara is brighter than ever, and we can't wait to see the continued impact of this incredible technology.

The Lions Outback Vision (LOV) van

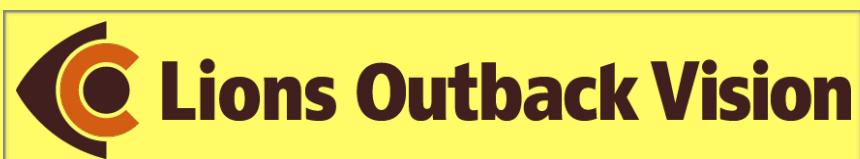
will be travelling to destinations throughout WA during 2024. Contact Christine Stott at christine.stott@lei.org.au at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange a guest speaker to visit your Club. Your Club can also arrange to visit the van and see what a remarkable project this is. Many of the eye conditions leading to blindness and vision loss are preventable or treatable. Australia has a large portion of its population residing outside major cities, with nearly 20% living in over 1500 rural and remote communities with fewer than 5000 residents.

Lions Outback Vision was established in 2010 with the support of the Lions Eye Institute and the University of Western Australia. We are a small but dedicated team of eye health professionals that are firmly committed to improving the eye health of rural, remote and Indigenous West Australians.

We believe that all Australians should be able to access comprehensive and appropriate eye health care services irrespective of where they may live. We currently provide specialist eye health care services throughout the Pilbara, Kimberley, Goldfields, Midwest and Great Southern regions of Western Australia

VISION VAN

The Lions Outback Vision Van consists of three consulting rooms, filled with specialist equipment. The mobile eye health clinic provides comprehensive ophthalmology care for cataracts, trachoma, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, eye trauma and minor procedures.





SCREENING ITINERARY

The booking page for the Screening Roster will recommence in February 2025.

JUL TO
SEP 2024

SCREENING RESULTS

Results from screening conducted at Denmark, Mount Barker, Williams, Wagin, Manjimup, Bridgetown, Nannup, Moora, Dalwallinu, Northam, and York.

Males	242
Females	364
Total	606
Met Criteria	275
Referred	183
Life Threatening Lesions	67

Can You Help Out

If you know of anybody looking for a challenge to keep them occupied, the Screening Events Manager needs someone to assist him in managing the screening program. If you know of anyone with ability to work with a database and within a planned process, please ask them to contact

John Osborne
(08) 9582 8296
john.osborne@lionscancerinstitute.org.au

Last Screened within 6 months	25
Last Screened 6 -12 months	77
Last Screened over 12 months	337
Never Screened	162
Hours Driving	42
Hrs Screening	264
Klms Travelled	2474

SAVING
Lives
IN YOUR
COMMUNITY
THROUGH
Screenings

We provide life saving free skin cancer screening to remote communities of Western Australia

AROUND THE CLUBS

LIONS CLUB OF BUSSELTON



A large group of Lions, partners and friends enjoyed a **great** night at our annual Christmas Party, where everyone had a good time.

The evening was made even more enjoyable with a visit from a rather energetic, Santa who presented gifts during the evening.

Special thanks to the Lions Ladies who organised such a fun night it was very much appreciated. Also we have a big thank you go to Chris, Pete and the team at the , for being such great hosts.

Huge thanks to all our Busselton Lions and Volunteers for such a fun and successful 2024

You guy's, "Rock"

To all fellow Lions and their families have a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year



LIONS CLUB OF BUSSELTON

At a recent meeting President Ray, along with sponsor Connie, inducted our newest member Irene into our club.

Irene has been involved in our club for quite a while before deciding to join and It's great to have Irene as part our team.

WELCOME IRENE!!





LIONS CLUB OF BUSSELTON

Lots of fun today dropping off 4 boxes of Lions Crimewatch/Trauma Bears to the wonderful people at the RFDS in Jandakot.... Hopefully they will help and bring a smile to West Aussies going through a tough

time.... **Rfds Busselton RFDS Busselton Fundraising Team Royal Flying Doctor Service WA Lions in WA**



LIONS CLUB OF BUSSELTON

At a recent meeting Lion Simon our Lions Eye Health Program Co-Ordinator presented Lion Connie Hanssen with the PDG Roley McAtee OAM Vision Award for her great contribution to the Eye Health Program in our local schools



PDG GARRY IRVINE RECEIVES RECOGNITION WITH HIS ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)



PDG Garry OAM receives his award from City of Mandurah Mayor, Rhyse Williams

PDG Garry Irvine was recognised at an event put on by the City of Mandurah. The Cities Mayor, Rhyse Williams, acknowledged PDG Garry's OAM, which he received earlier this year in the Kings Honours Awards. The award was presented at Government House by His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM

The City of Mandurah Event was shared with friends and relatives and at which the Mayor spoke about the contributions to Communities that PDG Garry Irvine OAM has been involved with over his long term membership of Lion Clubs International for over 54 years.



PDG Garry OAM with wife Heather and son Steve



PDG Garry OAM seen with the Cities, Deputy mayor Caroline Knight

Lion Terina Tinson (Facebook)

We have some legends here in the LIONS CLUB OF MANDURAH and PDG Garry OAM is among them. All our club members recognise and celebrate with you this week, as you have been awarded this prestigious medal. We are all so proud of you, and grateful to have your dedication to our club. So well deserved.

Councillor Amber Kearns (Facebook)

It was such a privilege to be able to recognise and celebrate the legendary Garry Irvine OAM

today Garry Keith Irvine was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division for his extensive service to Lions International and the community. His notable contributions include various leadership roles in the Lions Cancer Institute (WA) since its formation in 1989, including Chair and Deputy Chair, as well as involvement in public relations and business development.

He has served on multiple committees within Lions Australia and has held positions such as District Governor and President of the Armadale Kelmscott Club.

Garry is an active in the Lions Club and has participated in community initiatives like the Information Radio 990AM and the Royal Flying Doctor Appeal.

His recognition includes the International President's Award and being a Life Member of Lions Australia. Garry is an absolute champion of a human! His list of community contributions is long and his passion to make a difference is evident in his life dedicated to service.

Thanks Garry, always a delight to spend time in your presence! Celebrating the extraordinary man you are, with your beautiful wife Heather, son Steven and your close friends and family was an honour!

Check out Garry's long list of Lions achievements in the image below



PDG Garry OAM seen with Councillors, Amber Kearns and Bob Pond

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division

Mr Garry Keith Irvine, WA

For service to Lions International, and to the community.

Lions Cancer Institute (WA)

- Founder and Inaugural Chair, 1991-1992 and 2005-2011
- Deputy Chair, 1993-1995
- Board Member, since 1991
- Australian and New Zealand Relations since 2023
- Public Relations and Business Development 2017-2022
- Public Relations and New Zealand Liaison, 2016-2017
- New Zealand Liaison, 2013-2016
- Involved in formation, 1989

Lions Australia - Multiple Districts 201, Lions Clubs International

- Chair, Organising Committee, National Lions Convention, 1994-1997
- Former Member, National Membership Development and Marketing Committee
- Member, National Membership and Leadership Committee, 1984-1988
- Chair, Multiple Districts Membership/Leadership Committee, 1984-1985
- Member, Multiple District Insurance Standing Committee, 1980-1983
- Council of Governors 1978-1979

Lions Clubs of Western Australia

- Districts Insurance Adviser, 1981-1983
- Chair, Lions Miss Personality Quest, 1992-1993
- Zone Chair, 1975-1976.
- President, Armadale Kelmscott Club, 1974-1975 (Member for 7 years)
- Transferred to Bull Creek
- President, 1990-1991
- Chair, Management Committee, Kardinya Hall, two years
- Community Projects Chair, 1991-1992
- Program Chair, 1984-1985
- Member for 15 years
- Transferred to Mandurah 2015-Current

Lions District 201W2

- District Governor, 1978-1979.
- Deputy District Governor, 1977-1978
- District Constitution and By Law Chair, 1987-1988.
- Member, District Health Fund Investment Committee, 1985-1986
- District Convention Chair, 1983-1984
- District Youth Activities Chair, 1976-1977

Lions Help to Hear Foundation (now Lions Hearing Foundation)

- District Chair, 1980-1982
- Member, Management Committee, 1981-1983

Community

- Board Member, Information Radio 990AM, current
- Fundraiser, Royal Flying Doctor Appeal, current
- kSuburb Coordinator, Bull Creek Neighbourhood Watch

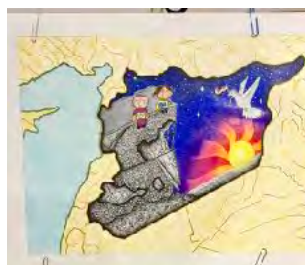
Awards and Recognition include:

- International President's Award, Lions Clubs International
- International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Lions Clubs International
- 50 Year Service Medallion, Lions Clubs International, 2020
- Life Member, Lions Australia, 1992
- Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lions Australia, 1987
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (2)
- Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award
- James D Richardson Award
- Life Fellow of the Lions Cancer Institute
- Life Member of the Past District Governors Association
- DG's Star Award
- DG's Extension Award (5 Clubs)
- 100% District Governor
- 100% President (2)
- 100% District Chairman (5)
- 100% Zone Chairman
- 100% Region Chairman



LIONS CLUB OF BOORAGOON

The Applecross Senior High School the Gifted and Talented Art group participated in the Lions Peace Poster competition. Five posters were selected by the Art Teacher and the in the Club voting Vidya Lays was the winner (**pictured Left**). The participants were Vidya Lays, Eliza Johnston, Audrey Lawes, Pruzinska City & Laura McElwpe. Congratulations to all the students for their wonderful Art work and our great appreciation to the Art Teachers of Applecross Senior High School. It is rather disappointing that our Club's entry did not achieve the state recognition. But we are proud of their artistic talents



BOORAGOON LEOS CLUB

On the 30th November we saw the maiden attempt where the Booragoon Leos Club were fund raising to Fight Kids' Cancer. They were so eager about their fundraising event and the importance of where the funds raised goes too, helping those kids with Cancer.

Thanks to all the Booragoon Lions, namely Keryn, Kathryn, John Clare & Paul Tomas who helped the Leos to achieve their goal



REMEMBER
Charter Night
31st January 2025
RSVP IS
ESSENTIAL
To John Clare
0407080671
 lionjohnclare@gmail.com
 By
10th January 2025

LIONS CLUB OF VASSE

Thank you **Lions Club of Cowaramup** what an awesome **Cowaramup Christmas Fair**, it was an outstanding day and a lot of fun and laughter was had by us all, we so appreciate you hosting us. The combined forces of the **Western Australian Lions Diabetes Club**, Vasse Lions and Cowaramup Lions, the very serious job of screening for the silent killer Diabetes was carried out with many screenings being done, with a few referred off to their GP for follow up.



Santa came for a visit and bought his lollies to share.

Judging by these photos, I am pretty sure we are on the naughty list.



THE LIONS CLUB OF DONNYBROOK

The Lions Club of Donnybrook held their Annual Lions Club Christmas Carols on Saturday the 21st of December at the Donnybrook Apex Park, It was a real Lions Club affair.

While there was a Coffee Van and many Food Venders in attendance the Lions Club of Donnybrook organised the event and provided a Sausage Sizzle with drinks.

The Lions Club of Vasse, provided their Children's Train, giving rides for the children and was operated by Cabinet Secretary Lion Trish and Lion Kim Robinson as well as two other members from the Lions Club of Vasse.

A large crowd was in attendance with the majority them being Children.

Besides having Christmas Carols, music was provided by the Bunbury City Band and entertainment by the Primary School Girl Dancers.

Entertainment was also provided by the unique Donnybrook Group the Brookhampton Bell Ringers.

Father Christmas was Lion Steve Garton (**pictured left**) who entered Apex Park at 7 PM on the Argyle Fire Engine Truck with all Lights flashing and Sirens blaring. Steve Garton's father, was the late Lion George Garton, of the Lions Club of Rockingham. His daughter, Lion Ruth Garton is the current President of the Lions Club of Donnybrook

Happy New Year.



LIONS CLUB OF ATWELL

Recently, PID Tim Irvine had the privilege of presenting awards on behalf of Atwell Lions Club at the Harmony Primary School graduation.

The schools motto is Respect, Responsibility and Resilience and each of these award recipients lived up to that motto. You are a credit to your school and your families.



LIONS CLUB OF PORT KENNEDY

The Port Kennedy Lions Club has again been active in acknowledging the efforts of outstanding students in Primary Schools in its catchment area. The schools that Club members attended were Living Waters Lutheran College, Rockingham Lakes Primary, Warnbro Primary, Endeavour Primary, Koorana Primary, Port Kennedy Primary and Malibu Special school.

The presentations at Living Waters this year had a special significance as Club Historian David Phillips has recently compiled the "*History of the Lions Club of Port Kennedy: 1998-2024*". Living Waters had kindly allowed our Club to use their premises for meetings in the first two years of the Club. Living Waters was also the first school to receive our Dux Awards in year 1999. David presented Mrs Deborah Kluczniak with a copy of the History book, and Citizenship Awards were presented to Elila Parr, Year 7 and Brooke Daniels, Year 8.

Other recipients of Dux/Citizenship Awards were Myah Behrendt at Rockingham Lakes, Ellian Capitano-Ward at Endeavour, Liam Stranks at Warnbro, Roman Bonanno at Port Kennedy, and Joanna Nguyen at Koorana. At Malibu Special school, thirteen students were presented with their Graduation Certificates.

The schools were again very generous in donations of numerous hampers of non-perishable goods, all of which were donated to the Salvation Army. They will, in turn, pass them on to the needy at Christmas time.

Lions Club of Port Kennedy(Cont)

David Phillips with student Myah Behrendt



Hazel Masters with some of the donations for the



David Phillips presents the HistoryBook to Mrs Deborah Kluczniak



Photos of the thirteen graduating students at Malibu Special school

The sales of Christmas cakes and puddings by our Club this year have exceeded all expectations. This confirms the respect that the public have for Lions International, despite the current cost-of-living concerns.

Lions Bernie and Meryl Jones selling cakes at Warnbro Fair Shopping Centre



XYY SYNDROME ASSOCIATION AND THE MEADOW SPRINGS RESIDENTS GROUP WORKING TOGETHER

Branch Clubs of the Lions Club of

Mandurah

Many came and support our cause, XYY Syndrome are selling the last of our Lions Christmas cakes and puddings. We have PUDDINGS

A huge thank you to Lions Mandurah for their incredible ongoing support, they have been amazing.

[#lionsmandurah](https://www.facebook.com/lionsmandurah)

<https://xyyaustralia.org>

<https://xyyaustralia.org/lions-club-of-mandurah/>

Many people joined the Meadow Springs Residents Group as they celebrate the festive season with their first ever Christmas at the Quarry Party!

Many enjoyed a picnic or a nice cool ice-cream from Demz Cones and delicious coffee from Nashies Brews.

There was plenty to do with an instant photo

both, fun activities with Murray Forest Friends and visits from our friends at the North Pole and WhoVille.

Many registered for your karaoke spot with the very popular DJ Micky and sing out your favourite song while the kids enjoy some amazing free face painting, or play outdoor games, and hear some outstanding local performers sing your favourite carols and party songs.

Heaps of free, fun entertainment for the whole family!



XYY President Amber Gilkes (Left) with her mother Anne-Marie



Beautiful Quarry Park



Part of the entertainment