



Lions Clubs International 201WA

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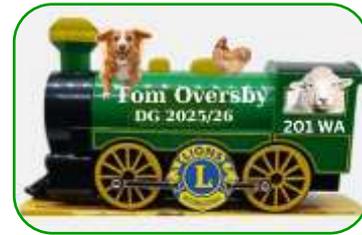
The straight and undeviating lines of conduct and service

D G Report

How fast the time goes, hello Lions and Leos. Even though I have yet to make an official visit to a Club, it has been very busy around Bunbury .

I have been to Collie to assist the Club with Cab. Sec. Trish Robinson, Global Membership Approach (GMA) PDG Peter Kenneday, Zone Chair Lloyd Rogers and Zone Chair Co-ordinator my wife Jane. Also I've attended my own Club changeover, as well as Harvey, Noranda **and** Busselton. Also Jane and I have interests in the Boyanup Markets as well as the Op Shop where we pick up the raffle prizes

Our Cabinet was hosted by Manjimup and our sincere thanks to the local Lions Club for their wonderful hospitality and particularly to PDG Dot. The whole weekend was a success and many exiting ideas were put forward, especially communications. I think every one walked away happy.



Just one thing, Many Clubs still do not have a Membership Chair. This is vitally important as the main task of that office is to assist in retaining members. We have a real problem with up to 30% of new members leaving in the first year. It is every members job to introduce new members.

On the first of September we're heading off to the Gold Coast for the National Council meeting and then on to ANZI at the same venue.

Finally – Despite all the opinions, there is life after 50- 60-70-75, I'll keep you posted. Cheers and take care. DG Tom.

Australian Lions



Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation



SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Across the world, Lions are committed to supporting children and families affected by childhood cancer. This month is an opportunity to shine a light on the cause, raise awareness, and show our communities that we stand alongside these children and their families.

- What is your club doing to support this cause?
- Hosting a gold-themed fundraiser or awareness event.
 - Partnering with local hospitals or support organisations to provide care packs or meals.
 - Collecting books, toys, or comfort items for children undergoing treatment.
 - Donating to research foundations or family support services.
 - Wearing gold ribbons at meetings or events.



International President A.P. Singh



IP AP Singh

Dear Lion,

As Lions, service is what brings us together — in our own neighbourhoods and around the world. We may come from different places and cultures, but we share the same purpose: to make life better for others.

Our message for 2025–2026, “Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead,” reminds us that service and leadership go hand in hand. Every act of service shows others what it means to lead with heart. And the more we serve, the more we grow — as people, as clubs and as a global family.

To make this a year worth celebrating, we must start strong. That means taking action early — welcoming new members into our clubs and supporting our districts’ efforts to charter new ones. Reaching our goals ahead of schedule will give us the momentum we need to do even more good throughout the year.

As we grow, let’s also make sure our clubs welcome everyone with a heart for service. Are we inviting younger members to bring their energy and fresh ideas? Are we making space for more women, especially in places where that’s been a challenge? Every club should reflect the community it serves — diverse, vibrant and full of potential.

Now’s also the time to start planning your Weeks of Service. Lions and Leos worldwide will be coming together for three powerful weeks to serve the areas of mental health and well-being, hunger and the environment. This is a great opportunity to invite new friends to serve alongside you and experience firsthand what it means to be a Lion. Learn more about our Weeks of Service in this issue.

Our impact depends on our strength. And our strength comes from our people. So let’s grow with purpose — and lead through service.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh

International President
Lions Clubs International

Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead.

Lions in WA at the Perth Royal Show

District 201WA has secured a booth at this year’s Perth Royal Show. Planning is progressing well, and we are now seeking volunteers to assist throughout the event.

Booth Details:

Location: The Emporium, Booth Size: 3m x 3m corner booth
Indoors: Sheltered from weather for a more comfortable experience.

Event Dates & Times

27 September – 4 October

Daily Hours: 10:00am – 7:00pm (9-hour day)

Passes & Staffing

Each shift requires a minimum of 2 volunteers (maximum 3). Free pass for your shift

Shift Options

Half day: 10:00am – 2:30pm OR 2:30pm – 7:00pm

Full day: 10:00am – 7:00pm.

How to Apply to assist

This is an expression of interest at this stage. To register, please email your details to JanetSpellissy389@gmail.com with the following: Name, Club, Email, Phone number, Preferred Date(s), Preferred Shift (10:00–2:30, 2:30–7:00, or full day)

We are excited to be part of this new initiative and look forward to sharing this opportunity with you.



Hello My Name Is.....



Hello My Name is Janet Spellissy and I am the current 2VDG for 201WA

I am a proud member and current President of the Noranda Lions Club, and whereas I am a relatively new Lion in the scheme of things, I have held the position of Secretary, Treasurer,

Membership, Leo advisor for our club and have had the pleasure of being a Zone Chairperson in my area.

I am married to Terry, another proud Lion; we have 3 married children and 7 beautiful grandchildren and of course 1 fur baby that rules the roost. We love to travel and take our caravan on adventures around WA, making new friends and memories along the way.

I am proud to hold the position of 2VDG and believe my past working and volunteer history provides me with a strong footing and understanding of what makes us valued, compassionate and committed Lions. We are the quiet achievers and where we don't seek recognition for deeds done, we need to continue to "Be Seen, Be Heard and forever humble in all that we do.

I look forward to meeting you and as many Lions as possible during my club visits and endeavour to be a conduit between the DG team and most importantly the grass roots Lions clubs in WA.

Hello, I am Roslyn Barnes, your 1st Vice District Governor for 2025/26

I have been a member of Ellenbrook Lions Club since 2017 after moving from Morawa, my home of the previous 34 years. It was in Morawa that I raised my 4 children, worked as the local physiotherapist and enjoyed our farm life (mostly). There, my community involvement centred around the family's lifestyle and sporting pursuits either coaching, volunteer assistance or committee membership of various sporting groups, Scouts and Parish Council. Our family even found time to participate in a local repertory club, putting on shows to raise funds for charity. We weren't particularly talented, but did we have fun!

With my family grown and on moving to the city, my decision to join my Lions Club has been one of my best, giving me new interests, friendships and focus. The opportunities for personal growth and new experiences have given me purpose and direction and I would encourage all Lions to look for these opportunities. We are never too old to learn, and a sense of purpose gives us satisfaction and fulfillment, essential for our own wellbeing. I look forward to meeting many Lions as I visit your clubs and at Convention. Your stories inspire me and fill me with a sense of pride that I belong to this wonderful organisation that makes such a positive contribution to our communities, nation and world.



Cabinet Meeting Weekend 16 & 17 August 25

DG Tom held his 1st of 4 Cabinet Meetings in Manjimup over the weekend of the 16 to 17 August. A big thank you to the Lions Club of Manjimup for their great hospitality and making us feel so welcome.

It was a productive week end with the District Technology and Cybersecurity committee meeting for the first time. This was a very productive meeting with a lot of new initiatives coming out of it. Watch this space.

To follow the Zone Chairpersons had the opportunity to meet with the Zone Chair coordinator both in person and on line over Zoom. This was also a very productive meeting with all the Zone chairs having the opportunity to introduce them \selves.

To round up the day of pre cabinet meeting the Cabinet executive held their 1st meeting for the year.

We then all headed out the Cilantro Café for a great night of fun fellowship and a fantastic meal. Thank you PDG Dot for arranging.

This lead us into Sunday where DG Tom held his 1st Cabinet meeting for the year. A great meeting with lots of discussions and decisions made. Thank you to all who attended.



Congratulations to IPDG Mary-Anne Wolf on her being presented with a progressive MJF award for all her efforts over the last year. It arrived a bit late for the Districts awards night.

Lions Peace Poster Contest



The **Lions International Peace Poster Contest** is one of many Lions Clubs Youth Programs that aim to provide opportunities for self-development, education and achievement for young people.

Children aged 11, 12 or 13 years of age by the 15th November 2025 are eligible to participate.

Worldwide, some 600,000 children enter the Peace Poster Contest each year.

The theme of the 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest is **“Together as One”**.

Peace Poster kits are available from the Lions Australia Shop until the 1st October 2025 at a cost of \$25.00 plus postage, or via a digital download kit from the LCI Shop at a cost of US\$11.95 plus postage.

Clubs are required to have their judging completed by the end of October, with their winning entry sent to me, as District Chair, by Friday 14th November. District judging will hopefully be conducted at the District Cabinet meeting on Sunday 16th November 2025.

District winning posters then need to be sent to and be received by Multiple District Chairperson, PDG Lorraine McKenzie, by the 28th November 2025, with the MD Council Chairperson to send the overall winning poster to International Headquarters by the 15th December 2025.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit winners are chosen each year, with the winners being notified by the 1st February 2026.

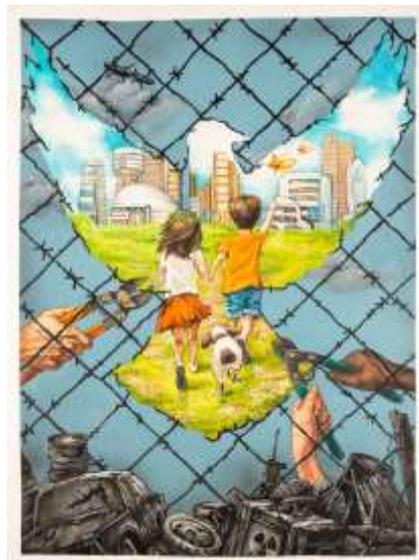
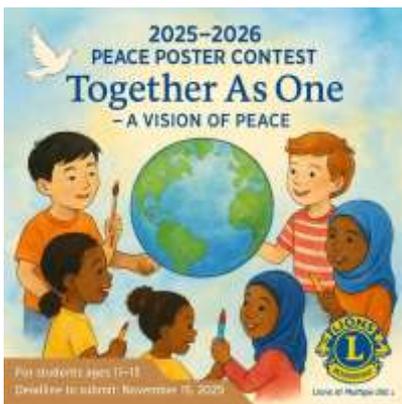
As very few Clubs in District 201WA have participated in the Peace Poster Contest in past years, I encourage Clubs to support this great Lions youth project by approaching schools within their area, especially those with dedicated arts departments.

I know of one school’s art department which includes the Lions Peace Poster Contest as part of their curriculum.

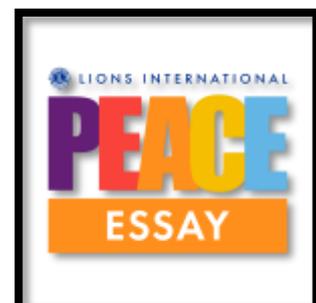
Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

I also confirm that I am happy to visit Clubs to promote and provide information on the Lions Peace Poster Contest.

PDG Allan Cooper
Lions District 201WA



24/25 winning poster



The Lions Alzheimer's Foundation

Highlights from the Ageing Well Expo!

The Lions Alzheimer's Foundation (LAF) was proud to be part of the recent Ageing Well Expo — and what a fantastic event it was!

We were thrilled to see such strong public interest in dementia awareness and the latest research. So many great conversations and thoughtful questions! The enthusiasm and curiosity shown by the community highlighted the growing awareness around brain health and the need for continued education and resources.

The Expo was also a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Lions Clubs and build new relationships.

Huge congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all the amazing volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly. Your support was deeply appreciated and did not go unnoticed — the event was very well received by LAF.



Lions Dryandra Woodland Village



Do you need a break from the everyday life? Why not volunteer a weekend at the Dryandra Lions Village? There is always maintenance work that needs doing. Arrange a busy bee at the village with your club and assist the committee do much needed maintenance as well as having a fun time with your club members. For information on how you can assist contact the secretary Yvonne McDougallon email: ymcdougall@gmail.com



Club News

LIONS CLUB OF PORT KENNEDY

Several members of the Lions Club of Port Kennedy reside at Bethanie Waters Retirement Village. We collect newspapers and cans each month, the income from which enables us to carry out important work in both the local community and to Lions International projects. We also assist Residents with the disposal of batteries, hearing aids, glasses and printer inks.

Over the past four years we have run the so-called Home Help system in the Village, where Residents make a voluntary donation for the work carried out by our Club members. Over that period, we have carried out 340 jobs by Club volunteers amounting to 637 hours of work. Based on call-out fees of \$100, and labour/material costs of \$100 per hour, that equates to some \$120,000 of savings for our Residents over that period. We have also recently donated \$500 to the Village Gardening Group to assist in their on-going costs for seeds and mulches.

Each year, the City of Rockingham embarks on a general waste verge collection of whitegoods, old furniture, timber, mattresses, TV's and computers. Once again, this year, six members of the Lions Club of Port Kennedy assisted Residents in the disposal of their waste items. There was a significant increase in demand this year with Residents from 24 Villas seeking assistance. This resulted in five huge trailer loads of gear deposited outside on the street verge. Many Residents kindly made a financial donation to the Club.



Pictured are the Lions in action from left to right: Bernie Jones, Doug Stead, Neville Thorpe, Brian Creusot, David Phillips, Ted Totonjian



Club News

LIONS CLUB OF FALCON

PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Dawesville Park BBQ. The south-east Dawesville foreshore has been transformed into an inviting area where families can play and relax by the Peel-Harvey Estuary. Falcon Lions provided the BBQ (Right)

While the weather wasn't on the side of the City of Mandurah on National Tree Day in July, the sun finally came out on Sunday 10th August and so did our amazing community. In partnership with **Bouvard Coast Care Group**, they planted 360 seedlings in Melros Reserve, helping to preserve this special space. And they all enjoyed a delicious free sausage sizzle thanks to the **Lions Club of Falcon** (Below with Lisa Munday MLA)



August 12th - (Right) Garden cleanup for a community member who was doing it tough.

August 19th - (Below) A team helped make 1400 cheese sandwiches and snack packs to be delivered to schools for kids whose families have no food to give them for school lunches. Bridge Builders, a marvellous organisation that feeds kids of homeless families living in cars, tents, squating or in shared accommodation, caters for 1636 of these kids a week. A damning statistic in a country like Australia. The next day, 6 of us delivered these packages to 15 different schools.



Club News

LEOS Club of Morley



Last night we attended the Morley Leo's Sleeping Rough. They have been doing this project for 9years and it is still going strong. The event is to raise money for a two worthy organisations. Devine You in Narrogin and Orana House in Noranda. Both organisations providing shelter for woman and children needing shelter from abusive home life. These young Leo's must be congratulated for the support they are giving to the community not just with this event but also with their other projects, well done.



Lions Australia Green Canopy Environment Project



National Tree Day will be celebrated on Sunday July 27th and Schools Tree Day will be on Friday, July 25th. National Tree Day was initiated by Planet Ark in 1996 and encourages individuals and communities to engage in tree planting and environmental care activities.

Are you and your Lions Club planning to be involved in this year's activities?

It's not too late to be involved. National Tree Day offers your club the opportunity to share in the activities and to form ongoing partnerships with like-minded individuals or organisations. Schools and community groups (many under the direction of your local council) have arranged for plantings. We suggest you check with your local council for specific events and registration details. While 27th July is the designated date, you may find local arrangements have been made on an alternate date to suit community needs.

You can also identify local tree planting activities using the "Find a site" link on the Planet Ark National Tree Day website: <https://nationaltreeday.org.au/find-a-site/>



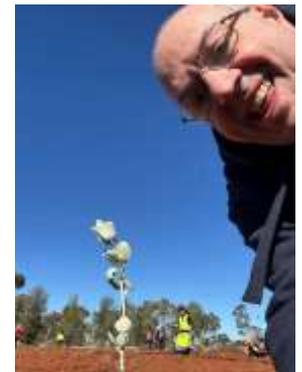
Why do we plant trees?

Tree plantings improve air quality by absorbing and converting carbon dioxide. We are all aware of the necessity for change as the expansion of industry to satisfy our needs increases carbon dioxide in our air supply. Without replacement of our decimated forests, oxygen supplies are diminished and the whole structure of life as we know it is threatened. Hence, the importance of our need to be involved in planting trees and developing wildlife habitats.

A major event will be held at ANZI on the Gold Coast in September. Extensive exposure is expected as many Lions International dignitaries will be in attendance and will participate in the event. Please join us as we promote your Multiple District Category "A" project. All are welcome.

To all clubs who are actively involved with the project we ask you to ensure to report your efforts in the Lions Portal so we can all follow your efforts with the many thousands that have already been planted. Continue to let us know about your plans for the future because this project is only the start.

Contact your state representatives on the Green Canopy Project Committee to visit your club, zone and/or district to bring you up to date. Either your club can contact us individually or through our email which are all detailed at the bottom of this newsletter.



SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORY
(Compiled by WALCHAC Member John Clare)

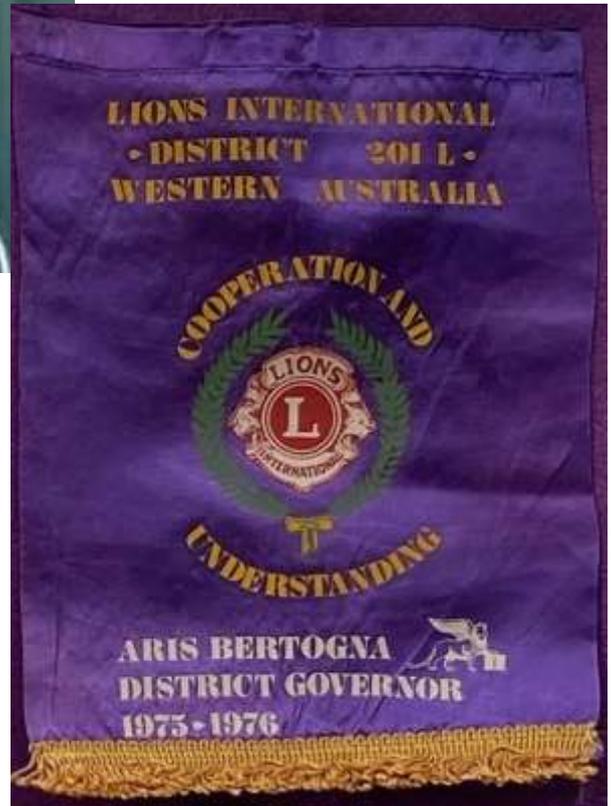
60 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – AUGUST 1965.

The Lions Club of Floreat is chartered on 3rd August 1965



50 Years ago—August 1975

Aris Bertogna of the North Perth Lions Club is District Governor 201L, which became District W1.



40 Years ago - August 1985 Waroona Lions demolish a house and make \$500 from the salvage rights, There is no way that theyd be allowed to do it in this day and age with occupational health and safety ruling the world today. In fact it looks like asbestos in the photo below.



30 Years ago - August 1995 The late great Tess Leedham is the first ever female District Cake Chair for W2 District.



A keen participator at the Lions Christmas Cake conference was the first Lady Cake chairperson, Lion Tess Leedham, of W2.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY, - AUGUST 2005 The ladies of Stirling Lions clubs make 16,000 wraps to donate to 19 countries suffering from humanitarian trauma and disaster victims, including 700 that went to Pakistani earthquake victims alone. A truly titanic effort!!

Stirling Lions Wrapped with Love



■ **WRAPPED IN WOOL:** Lions lady Bev Cox, (left) is pictured with Lion Pat Golder, Lion volunteer Lyn Penn, Lions lady Val McCarroll and Lion Marj Clark.

IN AUGUST this year, the Lions Club of Stirling became involved with the Wrap with Love concept of either knitting or crocheting woollen rugs for cold humanity and trauma victims.

Wrap with Love, a Sydney-based volunteer organisation, fulfils the need for rugs by aid agencies, which in turn distribute them all over the world.

This year over 16,000 wraps have gone to 19 countries, most recently to over 700 victims of the earthquake in Pakistan.

My first encounter with this organisation was in 2004 while travelling with other wives of District Governors. Several clubs had already taken up this project and have different ways of handing out their rugs.

The Lions Club of Stirling will be distributing the rugs in WA and have started on their stockpile for the coming winter. In the short time since commencing the project we have completed over 20 rugs and still have some not quite finished.

10 years ago today - August 2015
 Alan Cooper from Lions Club of Booragoon is district governor of 201W2

201W2 DISTRICT Newsletter

AUGUST 2015 WE SERVE



District Governor Allan Cooper

Opportunity for Service, Personal Development and Fellowship

Welcome to my first Report

Welcome all to a new Lions year and many thanks to those Lions who have taken on leadership roles within their Clubs, especially to those who are stepping up for the first time. Thanks also to those Lions who have taken on roles on my District Cabinet – it's great that all positions, especially those of Zone Chairmen, have been filled.

For those other Club members who may be considering taking on a leadership position in the future, keep a look out for the upcoming "Pride" training workshops from our Global Leadership Coordinator, Margaret Landwehr, and her team.

Attending the recent International Convention in Hawaii, with some 17,000 other Lions from around the World, including 750 fellow District Governor Elects, was a wonderful experience for Wendy and I. It was great to have the support of fellow District 201W2 Lions in Cabinet Secretary Bev & PDG Alan Hawkins and also Vic Kisler from the Eaton Lions Club.

This year, Club visitations will be shared between myself and Vice District Governors, Terry Collinson and Grant Hewett, with some Clubs having already received visits from one of us by the time you read this newsletter. It really is a great experience for us to meet Club members from around the District and to see the many and varied projects being undertaken by Clubs within their local communities.

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 HISTORICAL ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 201WA Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER 2025

| CLUB | NUMBER OF YEARS | CHARTER DATE |
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| City of Perth (Host) | 63 | 22/09/1962 |
| Kondinin | 52 | 13/09/1973 |
| Toodyay | 49 | 14/09/1976 |
| Leeming & Districts | 43 | 23/09/1982 |
| Pingrup | 43 | 27/09/1982 |
| Kingsley-Woodvale | 35 | 25/09/1990 |

OCTOBER 25

| CLUB | NUMBER OF YEARS | CHARTER DATE |
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| CARNARVON | 60 | 29/10/1965 |
| South Perth | 56 | 26/10/1969 |
| Newman | 54 | 05/10/1971 |
| Leeuwin | 54 | 12/10/1971 |

District Events

SOUTH PERTH
Lions Big Band
Music for dancing and listening

4th Friday each month

BPM @ SOUTH PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Cnr Sandgate St and South Terrace

\$20 AT THE DOOR OR PRE-BOOK
lionsband.southperth@gmail.com
or call Phil 0417 916 773

2025 Shows
Jazz, Swing, Rock & Ballroom

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| 28 FEB | 25 JUL |
| 28 MAR | 22 AUG |
| 25 APR | 26 SEP |
| 23 MAY | 24 OCT |
| 27 JUN | 28 NOV |

4th Friday each month Feb to Nov

South Perth Community Centre
CORNER OF SANDGATE STREET & SOUTH TERRACE

8 - 11pm, BYO drinks, glasses & nibbles

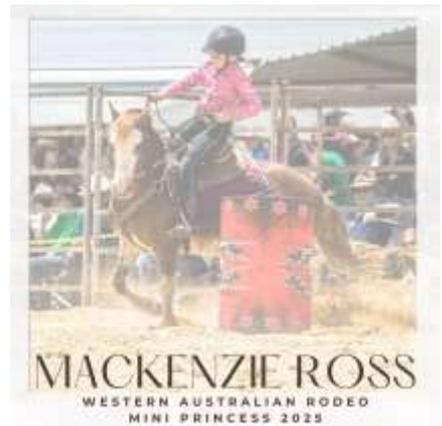
2025 Boddington Lions Rodeo

Kicking off in 1977, the Boddington Lions Rodeo has become the main event on the calendar for the town of Boddington. The Rodeo grounds on which the event is held was built by hand by many of the current Lions Club members and townspeople of Boddington. The Boddington Lions Rodeo, part of the ABCRA National circuit, is a full championship Rodeo, and the largest one day Rodeo in Australia - with prize money in excess of \$40,000.

2024 saw the biggest ever turnout to the Rodeo, with overflow camping booking out in record time. Make sure you follow our socials for updates throughout the year regarding tickets, camping, entertainment and more. The best part about the Boddington Lions Rodeo is that it is a whole weekend filled with entertainment and events for the entire family. From the Friday Night Festival to the Saturday Street Parade as well as the Rodeo itself and of course the Bushman's Ball on Saturday Night, there is something to keep everyone entertained.

Gates to the Rodeo grounds open from 9am Saturday, with the main events kicking off around 12pm. Events wrap up around 5pm, then the fun continues throughout the evening with the Bushman's Ball.

Boddington sponsors 2 junior rodeo riders McKenzie and Hunter Ross, who have been travelling throughout WA mastering their craft.



District Convention



LIONS 201WA CONVENTION
FRIDAY 17TH TO SUNDAY 19TH October 2025
High Street Hall High Street Busselton



Please complete a registration form for each person attending the Convention

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 2 OCTOBER 2025

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| Club Name | | District | | Club Number | |
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Registration Details

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| | Title | Given Name | Surname | First Convention |
| Registrant | | | | |

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

Contact Details

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| Mobile | | Phone | | Post Code | |
| Email Address | | | | | |
| Emergency Contact | | Phone | | | |

Please indicate any dietary or other needs: **HERE**

| Day | Date | Hospitality Description | Cost \$ | No | Total \$ |
|----------|---|---|---------|----|----------|
| Friday | 17 th Oct | Welcome Sausage Sizzle - Busselton Foreshore | 10 | | |
| Sat/Sun | 18 th / 19 th October | Saturday Morning Tea / Afternoon Tea / Sunday Morning Tea | 25 | | |
| Saturday | 18 th / 19 th October | Lunch Saturday and Lunch Sunday | 35 | | |
| Saturday | 18 th Oct | Banquet Dinner – Buffet | 50 | | |
| | | Convention Keep Cup | 20 | | |
| | | Convention Pin | 6 | | |
| | | Less Early Bird Registration | | | |
| | | TOTAL COST | | | |



One (1) registration form per person



Please return Registration Form to
vasse.wa@lions.org.au
 Kim Dillon - 0419 904 918
 or post below

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| BSB: 633 000 | Payable to: The Lions Club of Vasse Inc |
| Account: 228 182 804 | 11 Glen Eagles Grove |
| Name: The Lions Club of Vasse Inc | West Busselton WA 6280 |
| Please put your name in the transaction description. | |

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Lions Foundation Corner



The Lions Hearing Foundation finances the Lions Hearing Screening Bus which visits community events in Western Australia testing hearing free of charge. The bus is equipped with a hearing booth and testing is carried out by trained testers.

All enquiries to: lionshf@gmail.com



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