



Lions Clubs International 201WA

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LIONS ON THE LINES

The straight and undeviating lines of conduct and service

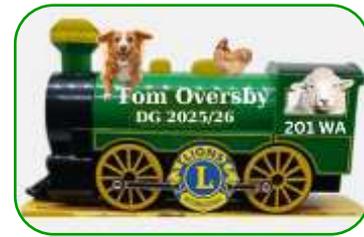
D G Message

Hello Lions of the Great State. I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a healthy, happy and productive new year.

While it hasn't been a busy month for Jane and myself for Lions, we've had other issues with sewerage, bore water and worst of all bank troubles. (We had to change our account) So with Christmas as well, the month was full.

However, besides being involved with the Carey Park branch Club, we had the pleasure of attending the Armadale/Kelmscott Christmas party which was a real hoot.

Vasse Club held the annual markets/carols evening, which was very successful. Once again full credit to Vasse Secretary for putting it all together, negotiating with the local Government and local entities. Who is Vasse Secretary I hear you ask? Trish Robinson of course.



In January Jane, myself and DGE Ros Barnes will be going to Sydney. I have Governors Council and Ros will have training and be fitted out for her uniform. It is all going so fast, just like I was told it would.

Well, enjoy your time off and holidays and hope to catch up with everyone soon.

Take care

DG Tom



Australian Lions Foundation

Christmas 2025

Dear Lions and Leos

Season's Greetings!

The Directors and I extend our gratitude for your support of the Australian Lions Foundation throughout the past year. We recognise that many have faced significant challenges, and we appreciate the resilience and compassion shown by our Lions community in supporting one another during times of need. This past week has been difficult for many people, and our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected

As we approach the festive season, we wish you, your members, and your loved ones a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your continued dedication to service and for making a positive difference in our communities.

Yours sincerely,
Lion Lesley Lyons
Chairman



Lions Club of Duncraig



Celebrating the opening of the Ninja Playground at Poynter Primary School on Friday 5th December. A matching grant from the Australian Lions Foundation contributed \$4000 for the Softfall mulch. P&C raised the funds for the equipment over several years. It was joyful to see the school, parents and students celebrate the opening, followed by a series of activities for fun and wellbeing.

Lions Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Marathon

10am Thursday 26th February to 4pm Monday 2nd March 2026

Thank you to the Clubs and individuals who have already put their names down to do shifts. There are still many shifts available so if you or your club would like to help please contact Ray Zinner 0417000440 or ray.zinner@bigpond.com to check the up to date availability.

For those doing late/overnight shifts, Security will be provided onsite from 9pm until 5am each night. Saturday night we will have market stalls and Sunday evening we are planning a Junior Entrepreneur Market with entertainment both nights. Police Commissioner Col Blanch will “open” the marathon by purchasing the first Sausage Sizzle at 10am on the Thursday morning.

Ray Zinner
WATAALL Club Branch

SIZZLE TO THE LIMIT!

**102 HOURS OF NON-STOP BBQ,
COMMUNITY & FUN!**

10am Thursday 26th Feb - 4pm Monday 2nd March
at Bunnings Joondalup

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

**LIONS
BEACON OF LIGHT**
I am a Beacon of Light for my Community

The 201WA 2025 district finalist Josh Patric from Northan has excelled in his Atar exams and on Christmas eve he received an offer of a place in the assured pathway to medical school at UWA. Well done Josh we are proud of you.

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Picture: Michael Wilson

Care-factor hero a marvel of medicine

Living in the country, looking after his sick sister and ATAR study . . . Joshua does the lot

BETHANY HIATT

Living in a rural town and missing years of schooling because of round-the-clock caring duties do not usually add up to top grades.

Like many others, Joshua Patrick believed those barriers meant his dream of becoming a doctor was probably unattainable.

But on Christmas Eve, the Northan Senior High School graduate received an offer of a coveted place in the assured pathway to medical school at the University of WA.

Joshua, 17, described his education as a "roller-coaster" since he was six years old, when his sister Charlotte was born with complex disabilities.

"For the next couple of years, at least, I spent more time in hospital looking after Charlotte and taking care of her needs than I did in school," he said.

"I just had to take the opportunities that sitting in a hospital ward, bored, gave me, and dedicated that time to learning how to learn myself."

Charlotte, 11, has multiple medical issues including cerebral palsy, pulmonary hypoplasia, a seizure disorder, intellectual disability and non-verbal autism.

Joshua stepped up to help provide care, such as feeding Charlotte via a tube, medications, physiotherapy exercises and personal care tasks.

His attendance remained poor, even in Years 11 and 12, but he persuaded his school to provide extra support so he could complete work at home.

He tackled six ATAR courses, including two advanced maths subjects, and blitzed a two-year online preparation course for nursing studies in his first semester of Year 12.

Despite all his hard work, Joshua was resigned to not getting the marks that he needed to get him across the line for medicine — not to

mention also passing an aptitude test and interview.

He said getting into the highly competitive medicine pathway at UWA required a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 95.

Living in a regional area gave him five bonus points, which meant he had to attain an ATAR of at least 93. To his surprise, he achieved an ATAR of 94.5.

Joshua posted his good news to his followers on LinkedIn, adding: "This was my first choice and also the one I quietly believed was out of reach."

"For a long time, impostor syndrome told me that young people don't end up here."

"That a young carer, shaped by instability, responsibility beyond my years and a non-linear educational journey, somehow didn't belong in spaces like UWA Medicine."

"Today is a reminder that doubt does not get the final say."

"This offer is not just an academic milestone. It represents years of perseverance through uncertainty, balancing care with study, learning to back myself when confidence wavered and choosing to keep going when the path felt fragile."

On top of his caring duties and studies, Joshua has also been an advocate for other young carers.

He was previously featured in The Sunday Times for delivering a stirring TEDxYouth talk in 2022, when he was just 14.

He has also been named Community Youth Citizen of the Year, a Lions Youth of the Year State Winner, and volunteered at The Kids Research Institute Australia.

Joshua believes more could be done for others like him, to help make ATAR courses accessible for students who have a caring role or can't attend school for other reasons.

That could include recording les-



standing that there are students out there that are not attending because they can't, not because they don't want to."

Not only did he win a place at UWA, Joshua has also been awarded a scholarship that will allow him to live on campus while studying.

Proud mum Laura West said they had tried to be realistic in the lead-

"We'd almost put that dream (of medicine) to bed a bit," she said. "When he got the score, it was just absolute shock, and just hoping that would be sufficient to let him actually study medicine."

But she had no doubt the resilience and compassion Joshua had developed through his years of caring would make him a better doctor.

"It's given him this broad perspective that basically has probably inspired him to want to study medicine and be a doctor that sees the full context, sees the family, and actually understands some of the challenges that are facing the patient, and the family and the carers," she said.

"Obviously we're incredibly proud, just seeing how driven he is to become a doctor and a professional who's going to have such a grounded, lived experience to draw on when he's dealing with patients and their carers."

sons or allowing students to watch via a zoom call.

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participate in the classroom while participating in the caring role at the same time," he said.

"But also just having an under-

up to exams, locking in a plan B, because Joshua's predicted score had been lower than he ended up getting.

Pre Christmas activities around the clubs curtesy of Facebook

What a variety of ways to be a Lion at Christmas



Lions Club of Wanneroo at Wanneroo Bunnings family event



Lancelin District Lion Clubs yearly Christmas Lunch



Liona Club of Atwell Father Christmas in the park.



Lions Club of Falcons walk with Santa



Lions Club of Ellenbrook free train rides at local Christmas carols



Lions Club of Armadale Kelm-scott Santa Slay run to deliver presents



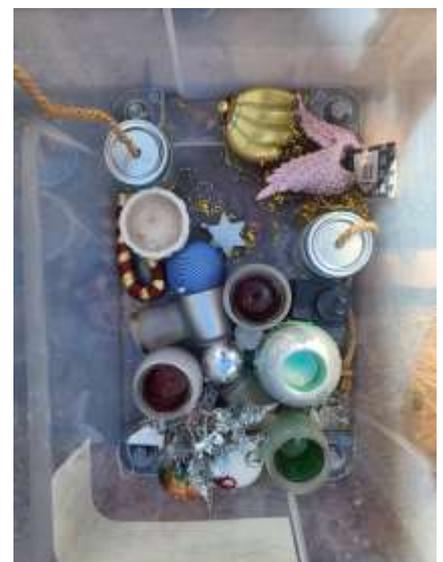
Lions Club of Canning City Christmas social meeting



Lions Club of Noranda selling Cakes at local shopping centre



Lions Club of Rockingham Christmas food collection



Hannans Goldfields Lions Club Christmas garage sale



Lions Club of Floreat Carols at the Quarry



Western Australia Multicultural Lions Club selling Lions Christmas Cakes

Lions Club of Freemantle

School Awards - a few of our members have been attending School Awards this week. We are very proud to present annually at 7 local Primary Schools and we are always amazed by the worthy recipient's. Congratulations to all.



Amelie B, Winterfold Primary School - Science Award. presented by Margaret Amm



Harry P, Hilton Primary - Community Service Award. Both presented by Margaret Amm (Wendy & PDG Allan Cooper very proud grandparents)



Nenad, Phoenix Primary - Community Award. Presented by Lion Bret Handcock



Isla M, East Hamilton Hill Primary - Care Award, presented by Lion Terry Iannello

Lion Bret experienced a very proud Grandfather moment at Spearwood Primary when his Granddaughter was awarded Dux of the school



Tyrell, Spearwood Primary - Community Award. Presented by Lion Bret Handcock

Club News

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.

Living Waters was the very first school to receive our Dux Awards in year 1999. David Phillips presented Citizenship Awards to Lewis Hammer (Year 7) and Amelia Moore (Year 8).

Other recipients of these Awards were Luke Proctor (Citizenship) and Amika Cameron (Academic) at Rockingham Lakes, Cara Cooper at Endeavour, Arwyn Covell at Warnbro, Jack Stephens at Port Kennedy, and Tom McCutcheon at Koorana. At Malibu Special School, students were presented with their Graduation Certificates.

We are pleased to report that we will be expanding our horizons into the Secret Harbour area in year 2026. Golden Bay, Comet Bay and Secret Harbour Primary Schools have indicated that they will most definitely be joining our Dux program.



Lion Hazel Masters at Koorana Primary



Lion David Phillips at Living Waters



PDG's Alan and Beverley Hawkins at Malibu Special School



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



Some of the schools were again extremely generous in donations of numerous hampers and boxes 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 Brunswick Junction

December started off with a project new to the Brunswick Lions Club:

The sale of Christmas Trees .

One of the Lion members brought to the table the opportunity of selling real life Christmas trees being a way to support the club's community service coffers .

After much deliberation and searching for suitable sale site the suggested project became real .

First sale date happened on Saturday the 6th of December .

Sales for the day 30 trees .

I have no idea how many trees the club expected to sell that day but 30 trees seems pretty good to me ..



Christmas comes but once a year and even Lions are allowed to take it easy a time to get together with the rest of the pride (Pride of Lions , err sorry about the pun). Wives , partners and friends get together to enjoy a time of relaxing and just enjoying each others company .

This year the club decided to hold its Christmas get together on home grounds being the clubs own meeting hall.

Well that's it for 2025 , I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Brunswick Lions club to wish everyone the compliments of the season and a safe and healthy 2026.

Ron Arkwright
Brunswick Lions club



January is Hunger Month



It is time to start to plan the next service week 3– 11 January 26 but ANZI it will be extended by a week to the 18th—**Hunger Week**. Use the community feeding event service area resource to learn the facts on hunger and find helpful ideas to plan a community feeding event to benefit underserved or at-risk populations.

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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 McDougall email: ymcdougall@gmail.com



LIONS CLUB OF MANJIMUP

Jazz in the Jarrah

Since 2011 the Lions Club of Manjimup has been organizing this free open air concert. This 16th year we will present the Australian Army Band Perth with their brilliant mix of 70's 80's and 90's music.

They will be ably supported by Charlie McGee and the Formidable Vegetables with their songs about simple solutions for living a good life and family-friendly tunes for raising awareness and grass-roots action around ecological & social issues.

Charlie a local boy and the Vegetables are world renowned having performed at many music festivals including Glastonbury.

Come and join us at the Manjimup Heritage Park on Saturday 7th February. Concert starts at 5pm.

Nannup Lions will be there with their BBQ trailer providing sausages and burgers or you can bring your own picnic.

Alcohol is allowed but you do need to BYO.





SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORY

(Compiled by WALCHAC Member John Clare)

60 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – JANUARY 1966. The City of Perth Lions Club present a new wheelchair to Nulsen Haven Disability Services in Cannington.



30 YEARS AGO, JANUARY 1996
Leeuwin Lions Club wins an award for the top Recycling Club.

WEST LION, JANUARY 1996

LEEWIN LIONS TOP STATE IN RECYCLING

Our Leeuwin Club recently received the state with their immediate efforts in recycling. Last 3rd March and "Mish-Nippets" in August tells the story.

The year and thousands of hours work was rewarded recently when the Australia based Lions Club of Leeuwin won the inaugural Statewide recycling championship. An official Government ceremony in Perth, promising. At an official Government ceremony in Perth, the club was awarded top marks in the state metropolitan category, and then went on to beat other finalists and take the WA title.

At the official presentation, it is from Trevor Earl, Hon. Peter Jones MLC, and Leeuwin Lions.

The judging panel said that a key factor in the Club's victory was the strong level of community support for the local recycling scheme and for the club itself. In making the award, Environment Minister Peter Jones said that Leeuwin Lions were achieving outstanding results with a recyclable recovery rate of 75% or higher last year. Club members donated, processed, packaged, and transported 60 tonnes of glass, 50 tonnes of newspaper, 12 tonnes of cardboard, 4 tonnes of plastic and 14 tonnes of aluminium cans.

This effort involved 2,500 man hours for a financial return of more than \$10,000.

The club provided five recycling depots at strategic points around the district, and householders were encouraged to deliver their recyclables to these depots. Plans are now in hand to build a new shed to house the club's recycling activities.

Leeuwin Lions members have recycled materials for several years.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY, JANUARY 2006 Lions Club of Coweramup get themselves a unique van.

When is a van not a van?
When it's a Van Gogh copy

With 1200 of them in the state, it's a unique van.

The van is a Van Gogh copy, and it's a Van Gogh copy.

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50 YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1976 Scarborough Lion Club and Hammersley Lions Club combine to buy Trigg Island Life Saving Club and IRB, commonly known as a "Rubber Duckie"

40 YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1986 Lions Club of Newman purchase 2 x resusc mannequins



'Re-Susci-Kids' Lifelike

Newman Western Australia residents will benefit from the recent donation to the Newman Centre of Hedland College of two mannequins for life saving resuscitation training.

The two units known locally as Re-susci-baby and Re-susci junior, valued at \$2,000 were donated to the centre by the Lions Club of Newman (W1).

The mannequins with the correct weight of a child, have a remarkable life like feel and have many features including a brachial or throat pulse, moveable joints and are fully submersible.

Pictured is the co-ordinator of the further education unit at the Newman Centre of Hedland College, Mrs Ardi Hunt accepting the training mannequins from Club President, Rev. Arthur Williams.



'Rubber Ducky' patrols the tidal rips

Trigg Island surf life saving club in Western Australia's 201W, recently took over a new rescue boat from the Scarborough Lions club.

The \$3,000 inflatable craft, known officially as an IRB and unofficially as The Rubber Duckie is powered by the latest design in 25 hp outboard motors.

Manned by a crew of two it is capable of carrying six to eight "survivors" at any one time, but can rescue more because swimmers in difficulty can hang onto the side while being taken to shallower water.

• In picture: President Graham Harris (right) of Scarborough Lions, with a member of the Trigg Island surf club – and the 'Rubber Duckie'. 'West Australian' newspaper picture.

Scarborough club and Hammersley Lions, who also raised some of the money towards the boat, became interested in the project after reading a story in the local paper about the condition of the boat then in use. It was said to be "a mass of patches" following repairs after it had hit rocks during rescues.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY, JANUARY 2016

Waroona Lions Club donate \$10000 to Wheeler Airfield where the water bomber planes take off from to build a second runway, bore and pump



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WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS CLUBS
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2025

DISTRICT 201WA Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries

JANUARY 26

CLUBS	NUMBER OF YEARS	CHARTER DATE
Albany	61	01/12/1981
Three Springs	53	11/12/1969
Pinjarra	52	27/12/1971
Boddington	50	29/12/1971
Nanup	43	05/12/1972
Port Kennedy	28	15/12/1975
Lancelin & Districts	20	29/12/1978

FEBRUARY 26

CLUBS	NUMBER OF YEARS	CHARTER DATE
Fremantle	62	21/02/1964
Albany South Coast	52	14/02/1974
Tambellup	48	02/02/1978
Dongara-Denison	42	10/02/1984
Carnamah	32	14/02/1994
Vasse	6	28/02/2020

Our Founders Birthday Month

JANUARY 13

Melvin Jones' Birthday

Remembering the man whose vision and dedication laid the foundation for the service we continue today.



Lions Assistance Dogs



Welcome to 2026! It is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Lions Assistance Dogs, and we cannot wait for you to join us on the journey.

At the end of 2025, we wrapped up our Lap the Map event, another successful November of raising much-needed funds for our Diabetic Alert Dogs. Although we did not quite reach our goal, we still raised over \$23,000 and walked more than 18,000kms through 127 individual participants and 46 teams and Lions Clubs across Australia. It was inspiring to see the combined efforts of Lions nationwide come together for a cause greater than us all.

With the achievements of 2025 behind us, we now enter 2026 with exciting developments ahead. Most notably, the redevelopment of the National Training Centre. Phase 1 of construction is set to begin in the first half of this year, bringing significant changes not only to our organisation but to the number of Assistance Dogs we will be able to train and deliver, a number expected to triple. It is truly a remarkable time to be part of the Lions Assistance Dogs community.

We would also like to highlight some important dates for your 2026 calendar:

- World Hearing Day and Hearing Awareness Week, around the 3rd of March.
- National Hearing Dog Day, 19th of April (initiated by Lions Assistance Dogs).
- National Diabetes Week, July 10-16th

These are key moments of recognition, celebration, and awareness that we hope you will mark in your calendar.

Thank you for your support in 2025, we are excited to continue this journey with you in 2026. As always, if you have any questions about Lions Assistance Dogs, please contact us at development@lionsassistedogs.com.au.

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