

# Lion Noel Smith OAM – A Visionary Leader, Youth Advocate, and Champion of Community Service

## Nominated by the City of Perth (Host) Lions Club

**Lion Noel Smith OAM** has been a proud and influential member of the **City of Perth (Host) Lions Club** since **1967**, contributing more than five decades of dedicated service and exceptional leadership. His commitment to Lionism, his business acumen, and his passion for helping others have made him one of Western Australia's most respected Lions.

## Club Leadership

Throughout his long and distinguished service, Noel has held nearly every major club position, including:

- **President – 12 terms**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Vice President**
- **Tail Twister**
- **Membership Chairman**

He also served as chairman of numerous club projects, including groundbreaking initiatives in public health and community safety:

- **Save Sight mass screenings for glaucoma and amblyopia**
  - The **first public mass screening of its kind in Western Australia**
- **Lions Identikid Bus project**
  - Highly commended by the WA Police Service for foresight and initiative

His leadership helped deliver innovative, impactful service programs that benefited thousands of Western Australians.

## District Contributions

Noel's influence extended powerfully at the District level, where he served on Cabinet for **20 years**, including:

- **Cabinet Treasurer – 12 years**

His strong financial management, investment insight, and strategic planning helped the District's finances thrive and created long-term stability for Lions programs.

Noel also served as:

- **Youth Exchange Chairman – 4 years**
  - Established cultural exchange programs with **South Africa** and **Germany**
  - Strengthened international youth learning and cultural development opportunities

## Founder of Camp Quality in Western Australia

One of Noel's most significant contributions was:

- **Bringing Camp Quality to Western Australia in 1984**
- Serving as **Founder and Chairman** for several years
- Establishing club and district support until wider community sponsorship followed

This initiative provided vital support, joy, and meaningful experiences to children facing cancer and their families.

## Honours and Recognition

Lion Noel has received numerous prestigious awards honouring his tireless dedication to Lionism and the wider community, including:

- **International President's Award – Youth Exchange contributions**
- **James D. Richardson Honour Award**
- **William R. Tresise Fellowship**
- **Melvin Jones Fellowship**
- **OAM – Medal of the Order of Australia**
  - Recognising his service to the community through Lions Clubs International

- **Life Member – RSPCA**
  - **National Treasurer – 20 years**
  - **WA Councillor – 36 years**

Noel also continues to serve the broader community as a member of the:

- **Ethics Committee – Royal Perth Hospital**

These honours reflect his extraordinary commitment to humanitarian service, youth programs, environmental and animal welfare, and community health.

## **A Legacy of Leadership, Innovation & Compassion**

**Lion Noel Smith OAM** is widely respected for his foresight, his dedication to young people, his financial stewardship, and his passion for service. His leadership has shaped major Lions initiatives, strengthened clubs across Western Australia, and enriched countless lives.

**His legacy stands as a shining example of the Lions motto: “We Serve.”**