

# PDG Jeff Needham – A Lifetime of Leadership, Knowledge, and Unwavering Service

## Nominated by the Lions Club of Collie

**Past District Governor Jeff Needham** has been a devoted and influential member of Lions Clubs International since **1972**, contributing more than five decades of exceptional service, leadership, and commitment. A pillar of the Lions Club of Collie, Jeff continues to inspire with his passion, encyclopedic knowledge of Lionism, and dedication that remains remarkable—especially at **83 years of age**.

## Club Leadership

Jeff's contribution to the Lions Club of Collie spans decades and showcases his deep commitment to every aspect of club life. Known affectionately as the club's "**living library**", Jeff is the trusted source for all matters relating to:

- Lions history
- Constitution and by-laws
- Governance
- Protocol
- General guidance and mentorship

He has held **countless executive positions** at the club level and continues to be the go-to person for:

- **Inductions of new members**
- **Installation of office bearers**
- **Grant writing**, where his consistently successful applications have brought invaluable funding to the club and its projects

In the current year, Jeff has once again stepped forward to serve as:

- **Club Secretary**
- **Bulletin Editor**
- **Secretary – Ewington Management Committee**

His service, wisdom, and reliability remain foundational to the club's success.

## District Contributions

From **1975 to 2005**, Jeff served at the District level in **virtually every major position**, demonstrating unparalleled dedication and influence across the wider Lions organisation. His decades of District service reflect leadership, stability, and commitment at the highest levels of Lionism.

His District involvement helped shape the direction of programs, support new leaders, and strengthen the effectiveness of clubs throughout the region.

## Honours and Recognition

Jeff's extraordinary contributions have been acknowledged with numerous prestigious Lions awards, including:

- **District Governor's Star of Excellence**
- **100% Chairman Award**
- **100% Secretary Award**
- **District Governor's Award of Excellence**
- **Melvin Jones Fellowship**
- **100% Bulletin Editor Award**
- **Life Membership – Lions Clubs International**

These honours reflect Jeff's exceptional dedication, breadth of service, and continuous pursuit of excellence.

## Beyond Lions

Jeff's commitment to community service extends well beyond Lionism. His contributions include:

- **Collie Shire Councillor – 9 years**
- **Coach of numerous cricket and hockey teams**, supporting youth and community sport
- **Active member – Collie Celebration Committee**
- Participation in **numerous other community committees and programs**

His involvement has strengthened Collie's community spirit, sporting culture, and local governance over many decades.

**PDG Jeff Needham is a Lion of extraordinary dedication, a mentor to generations, and a community champion whose influence reaches far beyond the boundaries of club and district. His lifetime of service embodies the true heart of Lionism and continues to inspire all who serve alongside him.**