

PDG Malcolm Levinson – Western Australia’s First District Governor and a Founding Leader of Lionism

Nominated by the City of Perth (Host) Lions Club

Past District Governor Malcolm Levinson stands as one of the most significant figures in the history of Lionism in Western Australia. Joining the **Lions Club of City of Perth (Host)** as a Charter Member in **1962**, Malcolm quickly distinguished himself as an energetic and capable leader—setting the stage for his historic appointment as **Western Australia’s first District Governor in 1966–67**.

Club Leadership

From the very beginning of his Lionistic journey, Malcolm’s leadership was evident. His early service within the City of Perth (Host) Club included:

- **Charter Member – 1962**
- **3rd Vice President – Charter Year**
- **1st Vice President – following year**
- **President – subsequent term**

Malcolm was well-known in the community as a **jeweller by trade**, and his brother Robert served alongside him as the **Charter Secretary**.

District Leadership & Historic Milestones

Malcolm’s commitment to Lionism quickly expanded beyond club service. He became a:

- **Zone Chairman**
- **Key leader in early Lions growth across WA**

His leadership culminated in a landmark achievement:

- **First District Governor for Western Australia – 1966/67**

This appointment marked the beginning of a new era for Lions in the state and helped establish the structure that continues to support WA Lions today.

Builder of New Clubs

A passionate advocate for the expansion of Lionism, Malcolm played an instrumental role in establishing new clubs across regional Western Australia. He:

- **Convened the first meetings leading to the chartering of Lions Clubs in Geraldton and Carnarvon**
- Was involved in the founding of several other clubs during the early growth years of the organisation

His work helped embed Lionism into communities where it continues to thrive to this day.

Service on Cabinet

Malcolm continued to contribute to Lionism in Western Australia long after his year as District Governor. His Cabinet roles included:

- **International Relations Chairman**
- **Information Chairman**
- **Constitutions Chairman**
- **Conventions Chairman**

Through these roles, he helped shape governance, strengthen communication, and guide formal processes across the District.

A Lion of Influence and Honour

One of Malcolm's most distinguished honours came in **1968**, when he had the privilege of:

- **Sponsoring the then Governor of Western Australia, Major General Sir Douglas Kendrew, as an Honorary Lion**

This was a proud moment for Malcolm and a significant milestone for Lionism in the State.

A Legacy That Shaped WA Lionism

PDG Malcolm Levinson is remembered as a pioneering leader whose early vision and dedication laid the foundations for Lionism in Western Australia. His role in chartering clubs, shaping District administration, supporting new leaders, and serving as the State's **first District Governor** has left a legacy that continues to influence Lions across WA.

His leadership, foresight, and commitment helped build the Lionistic landscape we know today.