

# PDG Wally Barrett OAM – A Dedicated Leader, Community Servant, and Champion of Lions Vision & Drug Awareness Programs

## Nominated by the Lions Club of Boddington

**Past District Governor Wally Barrett OAM** has devoted nearly five decades to Lions Clubs International, beginning his Lionistic journey in **1976** as the **Charter Secretary of the Lions Club of Boddington**. Through his work travels across Western Australia, Wally brought his passion, leadership, and commitment to service to several clubs, including **Goomalling, Kwinana**, and **Narrogin**, before becoming a valued member of the **Lions Club of Mandurah**.

## Club Leadership

Throughout his long and active Lions career, Wally has contributed to the success of multiple clubs and held extensive leadership roles, including:

- **Club President – 4 terms**
- **Charter Secretary – Boddington Lions Club**
- **Board Member – many years across multiple clubs**

His steady leadership and willingness to take on responsibility made him a respected figure in every club he served.

## District Leadership

Wally's influence extended strongly at the District level, where he held numerous significant roles, including:

- **District Governor – 201W2 (1998/99)**
- **Deputy District Governor**
- **Lieutenant Governor**
- **Zone Chairman**
- **Drug Awareness Chairman**
- **Save Sight Chairman**

- **Mints Chairman**
- **Campaign SightFirst Chairman**

His leadership strengthened District programs in vision, health, member support, and club development.

## **State & National Leadership**

PDG Wally also served Lionism with distinction at state and national levels. His contributions include:

- **State Chairman – Campaign SightFirst (5 years)**
- **Board Member – Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation**
- **State Representative – Australian Lions Mints**

For **18 years**, Wally also served as:

- **Fundraising Chairman – Lions Walk for Sight**

His dedication helped raise vital funds for sight-saving programs in Western Australia.

In **1988**, he proudly represented Australia internationally as the:

- **Australian Delegate – World Drug Conference, Bombay, India**

## **Honours and Recognition**

Wally's extraordinary commitment has been recognised through some of Lionism's and Australia's highest honours, including:

- **Life Membership – Lions Clubs International**
- **Melvin Jones Fellowship**
- **Multiple Lions Awards across District and Club levels**

His significant contributions to national service, law enforcement, and local government have been acknowledged through:

- **Efficiency Medal and Bar**
- **Australian Defence Medal**
- **Police Service Medal**
- **National Medal**

- **Reserve Force Medal**
- **Local Government National Service Medal**

Wally has also served the broader community as:

- **Shire Councillor – 18 years**
- **Current Shire President – Shire of Murray**

These honours reflect the breadth of his influence and his long-standing dedication to public service.

## **A Lifetime of Service, Leadership & Community Commitment**

**PDG Wally Barrett OAM** is recognised across Western Australia as a dedicated Lion, a community leader, and a champion of health, youth, and sight-saving initiatives. His tireless efforts—whether guiding clubs, supporting foundations, or representing Australian Lions internationally—have enriched countless lives.

**Wally's service exemplifies the Lions motto "We Serve," and his legacy continues to inspire Lions across District 201W2 and beyond.**