



Lions Clubs International 201WA

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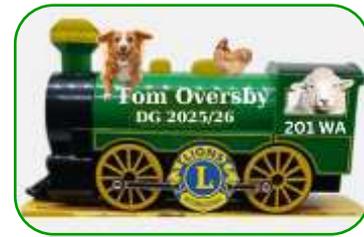
The straight and undeviating lines of conduct and service

D G Report February 2026

Hello Lions, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and made a great start to 2026. This is normally the quiet month for Lions, but we had Council of Governors at Sydney in the middle of the month. DGE Roslyn was also in Sydney on DGE training

It has been most concerning that I have had to close two Clubs recently and there may be more to follow. While Collie was out of the blue some have been inactive and simply kept on the books for some time. Really, by keeping these Clubs on the books we had false numbers. I would like it all cleared up so our next DG is not burdened with them.

Jane and I have been busy locally recently and we even cracked a mention in the local Bunbury Herald news paper. We assisted a lady to clean up around her house after squatters were moved out.



The Carey Park Club is joining a program to make sandwiches for needy children in local schools. We also distributed school backpacks on behalf of Dandelions WA. They contained exercise books and various pencils.

Finally :- Growth begins as soon as you feel uncomfortable

Cheers till next time DG Tom

Right: 25/26 District governors DG Tom 4th from @ back row.

Below: District governors Elect 26/27. IDG Ros 3rd



Hello My Name Is.....



My name is **Nicole Carty**, and I'm proud to serve as the Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator. My Lions journey began in **Queensland**, where I first discovered just how powerful this organisation can be when people come together with a shared heart for service. Since

relocating to **Western Australia**, Lions has continued to be a grounding constant for me — offering connection, purpose, and a strong sense of community wherever I've landed.

Outside of Lions, I'm a small business owner and founder of **Carty Care**, a holistic family and community support service. My work spans childcare, disability and family support, creative therapy, and wellbeing programs — all centred around connection, inclusion, and helping people feel supported and valued. This background deeply influences how I approach my Lions role: I genuinely believe that strong, healthy communities are built when people feel seen, welcomed, and empowered to contribute in ways that suit their lives and strengths.

As GMT Coordinator, my passion lies in **building meaningful relationships**, supporting clubs to grow sustainably, and helping new members feel that Lions is a place where they belong. I'm especially interested in inclusive and flexible pathways into Lions — for working people, families, younger members, and those who may never have seen themselves as “the volunteering type.” I truly believe that when we focus on connection first, membership naturally follows. I'm excited to work alongside clubs across the state to strengthen our Lions family and ensure we continue to thrive well into the future.



My name is Mary-Anne Wolf, I was born in South Africa, the youngest of eight children, and grew up in a small gold-mining town where I completed my schooling. After school, I trained as a Registered Nurse,

specialising in operating theatre nursing. I am currently the Surgical Services Manager in a large 20-theatre operating suite in Perth, Western Australia.

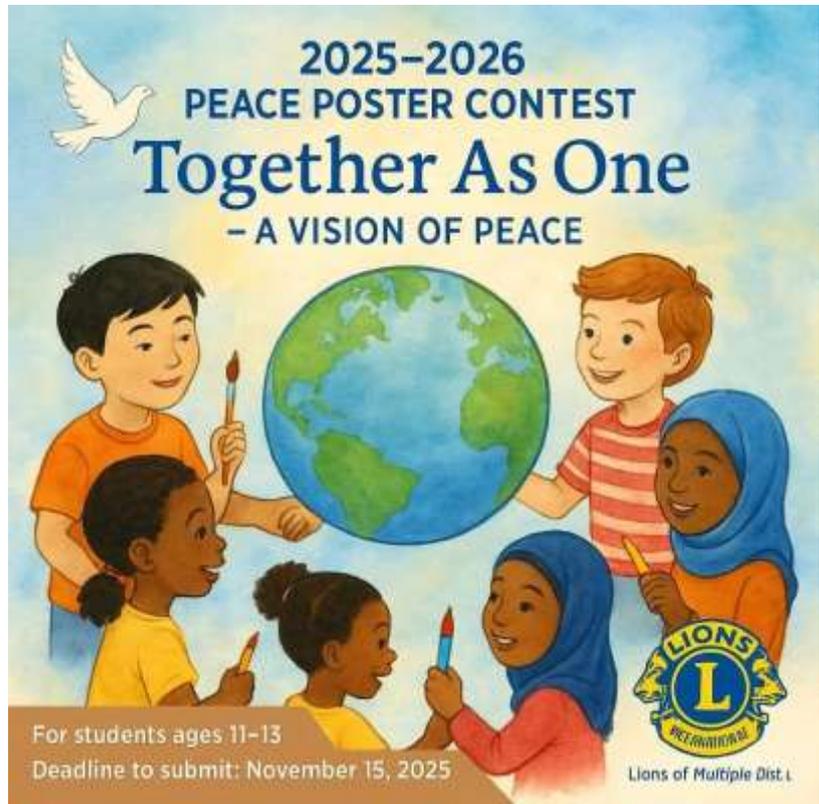
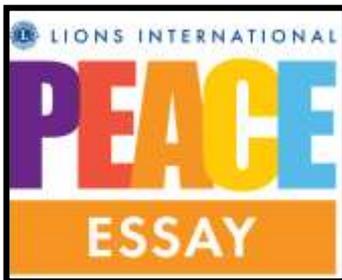
I met my husband Michael in the mid-1980s and we married in 1988. While we do not have children of our own, we are fortunate to have many nieces and nephews who keep us busy. When time allows, I enjoy travelling, house decorating, scrapbooking, cooking, and working in the garden.

Michael and I joined Lions as Charter Members of the Lions Club of Oberholzer in District 410B, South Africa, in 1989, later transferring to the Lions Club of Krugersdorp. After moving to Australia in 2002, we were Lions at Large before joining the Lions Club of Ellenbrook, and in 2012 we transferred to the Lions Club of Ballajura, We have recently transferred back to the Lions Club of Ellenbrook.

Throughout my Lionistic journey, I have held many club and district leadership roles, including President, Secretary, Treasurer, Zone Chairperson, District Chair for Save Sight and Hearing, and District Convention Chairperson. I have also had the honour of serving as 2nd and 1st Vice District Governor as well as District governor last year. Currently I am IPDG, ALCCRF chairperson for WA and the Newsletter editor.

TIME FOR PEACE POSTERS

"Harmony in Humanity" is the theme for the 2026-27 Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest! Digital Peace Poster Contest kits are now available for Lions clubs to sponsor a contest, and help young people in their community express their thoughts on peace



This year Lions International added 3 new service weeks. October saw the 1st week being **Mental Health and Well Being** 4-12 October. A number of clubs took up the challenge and hosted events.

Hunger Week was 3– 11 January 26 ANZI extended by a week to the 18th.

The Environment is the next service week— 18 to 26 April 26. Start planning your project NOW!

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Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation



THANK YOU ALL



Hi Lions,
 It is with heartfelt thanks that I thank you the Lions clubs of WA for answering my request for funding. Back in late October I sent out a request to help fund four devices for over \$28k. The highest amount we have had to fund in one go and the most devices to be delivered at one time.
 I am not ashamed to admit that it was a daunting task, but many donors had already answered the call via WA 500 Club, and I was confident that WA would step up. And step up you did, not only did I get enough to fund all four devices totally (no assistance from eastern states), but I got more than required. Which was lucky because I just got another request for a device at cost of \$6k.
 I know I overuse the saying, but it is times like this that make me Proud to be a LION and proof that We Serve. But not time to rest on our laurels, I have already had a new request hot of the presses for another walker and recent discussions with two physios are that there are more to come. As much as we have had a great 2025/2026 with donations from 22 clubs, it is still a long way from the one from all 94 clubs in state. So, if you have not donated yet, please consider us in your planned end of year donations or sooner if possible.
 This week I have had the pleasure of attending two fittings of new devices to two needy WA children.

The first one was a 13-year-old boy named Mussa. He originally got his device 12 months ago, but due to family issues and a long recovery from surgery, official delivery has delayed until now. To just see the magnificent amount of movement the Rifton Pacer gave him was outstanding. I am not too proud to say it brought a tear to my eye. For those clubs that generously donated to the device in late 2024 early 2025 thank you. I will forward out some photos this week, which you can use on Facebook and such, to show where your fundraising goes. I have some video as well which I will make available at later date as too large to send by email.

We also attended the fitting of a 4-year-old girl from north of the River. Her parents have sort to withheld name and only allowed photos from rear. But still a heart moving experience seeing her motor along in Grillo walker. I will forward photos to those WA 500 club donors made this purchase possible.

Regards
 Brian Western
 District Chairperson MD 201WA
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Mussa's--Rifton-Pacer



**4-year-old girl
 – Grillo Walker**



Australian Lions Childrens Mobility Foundation

WA 500 Club Leaderboard 2025/2026

Dunsborough	\$10,000.00
Cowaramup	\$6,000.00
Razzamatazz (Children's Film Festival)	\$5,000.00
Atwell	\$2,000.00
Kingsley-Woodvale	\$2,000.00
Margaret River	\$2,000.00
North Beach	\$1,400.00
Whitford	\$1,000.00
Dardanup	\$1,000.00
Duncraig	\$1,000.00
Noranda	\$1,000.00
Northam	\$1,000.00
Armadale Kelmscott	\$1,000.00
Pinjarra	\$800.00
Albany South Coast	\$500.00
Booragoon	\$500.00
Gosnells	\$500.00
Leeming	\$500.00
Port Kennedy	\$500.00
South Perth	\$500.00

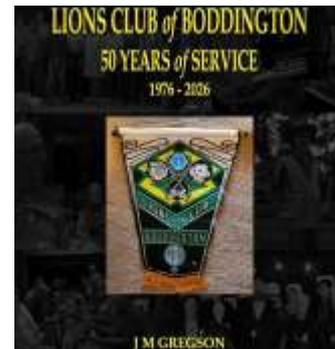


Lions Club of Boddington

Boddington Lions turn 50!

On Saturday 17 January Boddington Lions celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Lions Rodeo Grounds. Over 110 people got together to share their part in this celebration. Congratulations especially goes to President Lion “Lofty” Mark Shaw and Treasurer Graeme Reynolds for their amazing contribution over the years. Both were awarded with life membership. Inspirational speeches from Richard outlining the clubs achievements and a personal and heartwarming speech from Lockie, one of the younger members and what Lions has done for him as a young person, and a heartfelt thankyou from Shire CEO Julie Burton.

50 years of Service, a book by JM Gregson has been published! Many years of work has gone into documenting the long history of the Boddington Lions and we're all blown away by the final product. Thanks so much to Joan, Don, Bev, Lofty and so many others that helped bring this amazing record together.



Unveiling of the book cover by author Joan and president Lofty



Above Graeme Reynolds and “Lofty” Mark Shaw received life membership for their amazing contribution over the years.

New Member Orientation



Want to know more about Lions Clubs?

Recently joined a Lions Club
or
been a member for some time and
never been to an Orientation session

This is the Workshop for YOU.

Lions NEW MEMBER Orientation Day

Sunday 22th February 2026

Morley Noranda
Recreation Club - The Den
85 McGilvray Ave Noranda

9.00am – 1.30pm

Get to know the whole picture

Morning tea and Lunch provided
Please advise of any dietary requirements

RSVP - as soon as possible

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102 HOUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to all the Lions and Clubs that responded to the call to cover shifts for The 102 Hour Lions Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Marathon.

What will be happening over the weekend?

Thursday 26th Feb 10am- Official launch by WA Police Minister Col Blanch

Friday evening—Local Car Enthusiasts Club will be in attendance

Saturday 6pm to 8pm - Family Friendly Markets in carpark. DJ and kids entertainment

Sunday 6pm to 8pm—Young Entrepreneurs Markets and Entertainment

Monday 4pm—Official close by Joondalup Mayor Daniel Kingston

There will also be guest appearances over the weekend from some of the players from various WA sporting clubs.

We are hoping for Premier Roger Cook to be there during the weekend to Launch the Lions Beacon of Light Mind Health Van.



The poster features the Lions International logo at the top left. The main title 'LIONS 102 Hour SAUSAGE SIZZLE MARATHON' is written in large, bold, yellow and red letters. Below this, it says 'at Bunnings JOONDALUP' and '10am Thursday 26th February to 4pm Monday 2nd March'. The central image shows a smiling sausage character in a chef's hat holding a fork, standing next to a grill of sizzling sausages. To the right are a Coca-Cola can and a mustard bottle. Below the grill, it says 'All proceeds to Lions Beacon of Light for Mental Health Awareness'. A blue banner at the bottom of the main section reads 'Entertainment & Family Fun over the Weekend!'. Below this banner are three small images: a clown, a band playing instruments, and two children with face paint. At the very bottom, it says 'Further Information Contact Ray 0417 000 440'.



Australia Day Celebrations! Around the Clubs!

LIONS CLUB OF GIRRAWHEEN

We have never had that much support from the community, we ran out of food. Members raced down shops to restock. Big thank you to lions members, there friends for the event. Another thanks to community for attending our Australia Day breakfast delivered. Some have been coming yearly for a number of years. We are a great little club with amazing members.



SERPENTINE JARRAHDAL LIONS CLUB

Our club would like to wish everybody A Happy Australia Day!
We had the pleasure of serving the Australia Day Breakfast in Byford alongside other volunteers this morning.
It was lovely to meet so many lovely people and see them all celebrating.
We also won this years 2026 Active Citizenship group or Event Year award for the Jarrahdale Log Chop and Country Fair
Also we would like to congratulation our Lions member Tony for getting nominat-ed today, we all appreciate all that he does in our club.
We would like to thank everyone one for coming to celebrate with us all today.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL LIONS CLUB

Australia Day Breakfast and citizenship ceremony.



Lions Club of Busselton



LIONS CLUB OF MANDURAH

Australia Day in Mandurah

Today, members of the Lions Club of Mandurah were proud to spend the day at the City of Mandurah Australia Day celebrations, sharing in a truly special moment for our community.

We were honoured to witness 80 new Australian citizens officially welcomed at today's citizenship ceremony — a powerful reminder of what makes Mandurah such a vibrant, inclusive and growing place to live.

Days like today celebrate community, belonging and the many cultures that help shape our city. Congratulations to all our newest Australians — we're proud to call you locals



LIONS CLUB OF DUNCRAIG

Lions Club of Duncraig held another great Australia day breakfast. Good food and fun for the kids.



Australia Day Containers for change incentive draw.. Tommy turned his 10 cent container into a \$10 prize. Dad collected the prize and Tommy will be a happy fellow spending his money.

LIONS CLUB OF MANJIMUP



Lions Club of Manjimup **JAZZ IN THE JARRAH**

Come and Support RFDS

Saturday, 7th February 2026.

Heritage Park Manjimup at 5pm.

**Army Band - Perth.
Charlie McGee & the Formidable Vegetables.**

**Free Concert
Donations collected for RFDS**

**Bring chairs, rug etc.
Coffee Bus & BBQ food available.**

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SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORY

(Compiled by WALCHAC Member John Clare)

60 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – FEBRUARY 1966. The City of Perth Lions Club pay the airfare

for a child to be reunited with her Eastern States family.

50 YEARS AGO – FEBRUARY 1976

At the February 201L District convention at Melville, the first seeds are sown for a Lions Hearing project along the same lines as Lions Save Sight.



201R convention votes for hearing foundation

A motion from the Lions club of Swan Districts that 201R co-operate with district 201L in a save-hearing body, organized and controlled along the lines of the Save-Sight Foundation, was carried by the 201R convention at Melville Civic Centre.

It was stated that more than half a million Australians were suffering from total or partial hearing loss. The purpose of this foundation would be to co-ordinate the efforts of the many interested outside groups and Lions, to gain the benefit of being an incorporated body. Promise had been received of support from many groups now working in their own way. Efforts in the field of deafness would have a greater impact if they had a directed leadership.

There was a child born every day in Australia who would have to go through life in deafness and to be deaf was to be alone, to be completely isolated from the rest of society, delegates were told.

40 YEARS AGO – FEBRUARY 1986

Australia receives a new intake of Youth Exchange students, some of whom are destined to spend some time in W.A.



30 YEARS AGO, FEBRUARY 1996 Collie Lions Club and Rotary combine to build a walkers' overnight stay cabin on the Bibbulmun track.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY, JANUARY

2006 Lions Club of Greenwoods promote organ donor awareness at Whifords Shopping Centre for 4 days



Duncraig Lions support Organ Donor Week

MEMBERS of the Lions Club of Duncraig served a stall at Whiford Shopping Centre over three days throughout Organ Donor Awareness Week which ran from February 22-25. Shoppers were encouraged to sign up and receive a donor card. The exercise was also a great opportunity to promote Lions and tell members of the public exactly what we do!

10 YEARS AGO TODAY FEB 4th 2016



FRAMEWORK: The prefabricated framework of the shelter for walkers was erected by Rotarians and Lions. Then bunks, a table and seats were installed.

Walkers' shelter goes up

The District suffers a huge loss with passing of Tess Leedham, after a long fight with cancer.

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Theresa Leedham
(Tess)

23.07.1946 - 04.02.2016

Tess devoted to life and Lions

Tess Leedham will be well remembered in Boyanup, as she devoted many years of her life to community service through her involvement with the Lions, Business and Professional Women, the Anglican Church and the Country Women's Association.

Tess was born in Keston, Kent, England on July 23rd, 1946, the third child in the family of five children of Leonard and Olive Stielow. She grew up in the town and her education included business management, a background that was pivotal in her future work.

Tess emigrated to Western Australia during 1972. Her secretarial skills soon gained her a position at Watsons Foods, followed by a move to the Public Service. Here she worked for three ministers, later occupying the position of private secretary to the Hon. Yvonne Henderson MLA Minister for Housing.

At this time Tess joined the Army Reserve and completed her training, achieving the rank of Sergeant.

She had a passion for Lions that was reflected in her twenty eight years of service with the organisation at club, state and national levels. Tess Leedham's service for Lions was recognised with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation by the President of Lions International and the award of a prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow in 1998.

She joined the Lion Club of Parkerville as a charter member in 1988, occupying the position of treasurer. Her move to Boyanup in 1992 saw a membership change to the Lions Club of Bunbury Wollaston where Tess was elected Charter President of the Club. Tess joined the Lions Club of Boyanup in 1994 and the Club President in 1998. This was followed by a 15 year term with the Lions Club of Donnybrook and she was club secretary at the time of her passing. She had recently played a role in the Charter of the Lions club of Baling, where she was the Guiding Lion.

Tess Leedham was the WA Co-ordinator on the Australian Lions Christmas Cake Committee and cabinet secretary to two District Governors. At the time of her passing Tess was the trustee and secretary of the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation, ALCMF. She was recently presented with an ALCMF Gold Award for her dedication to the children of Western Australia.

Tess met Clive Reid at the Parkerville Lions Charter Night and the couple were married in St. George's Church on December 30, 1998.

Tess was closely associated with the Business and Professional Women and held the position of National Secretary of the Society in the late 1980s. She was to promote the role of the BPW in Donnybrook.

Tess Leedham became a member of the Country Women's Association



in the early 1990s and while a member of the Boyanup Branch held the positions of President (2002), Secretary and Press Officer. Tess later became a member of the re-formed Donnybrook CWA Branch and held the position of Media Liaison.

Tess Leedham's journalistic skills came to the fore in 1991 with her appointment as editor of the Lions magazine, 'Lions West'. Shows the local correspondent for the Donnybrook Bridgetown Mail contributing articles nearly up to the time of her passing. She was an investigative journo and was keen to promote Boyanup news and matters relating to agriculture.

Tess Leedham played a major role in St George's Anglican Church Boyanup where she served as a licensed Lay Minister assisting the Parish Priest at Church Services. She was Parish Council Secretary and a Synod Member for the Parish.

Tess's promotion of Op Shop funding for Parish finances was very successful. Op Shop Sales commenced in the former Methodist Church and have continued in the Rectory by the Anglican Church, a project that recognised her organisational abilities.

She was also a member of the local Red Hat Ladies Chapter and enjoyed their social activities.

Tess Leedham is survived by her husband Clive, son Peter (from her former marriage), granddaughters Bianca and Elene, her sister Jenny and her three brothers Wally, Lionel and Eddie. Julian Sanders.

Dedicated volunteer and much more

Tess arrived in Australia in 1973 and took up a job Watsons food division as a secretary, then joined the public service and later was the principal private secretary of Labor MLA Yvonne Henderson. She was a dedicated volunteer not only in her home town of Boyanup but much wider circles.

Without doubt her biggest passion was Lions International. Tess controlled many senior positions and held substantial influence on District and Multi-District levels.

Tess held many positions at club levels, some many times over as a Lion for 28 years. Her stay as a Donnybrook Lion was for 15 years. Tess was a charter member of the Bunbury-Walliston Lions Club in 1992.

Tess's journalistic skills including writing for the West Lion, local newspapers and other portfolios. She served on a National level representing WA Lions as State coordinator on the Australian Lions Christmas Cake committee from 1996-99.

Tess Leedham was the guiding Lion for the newly chartered Balingup Lions Club. Most Lions would remember Tess for her never-ending support for WA Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. She was awarded with a ALCMF Gold Award for her dedication, commitment to children in WA.

Outside of Lions, Tess was member of Business and Professional Women in Donnybrook, and was the Australian secretary.

She was involved with Donnybrook Boy Scouts and the force behind the Boyanup OP Shop. In religious circles Tess was a licensed lay preacher with the Boyanup Anglican Church.

Tess was awarded an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Award in 1996 and a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1998.

Apart from being a farmer's wife she reared orphaned kangaroos. Tess was everyone's friend and will be sadly missed.

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DISTRICT 201WA Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries

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

JANUARY 26

CLUBS	NUMBER OF YEARS	CHARTER DATE
Rockingham	59	23/03/1967
Kwinana	58	28/03/1968
Waroona	57	18/03/1969
Stirling	55	23/03/1971
Boyanup	53	06/03/1963
Katanning	53	12/03/1973
Gingin-Chittering	50	18/03/1976
Kojonup	47	08/03/1979
Donnybrook	44	18/03/1982
Baldivis	42	09/03/1984
Cowaramup	41	28/03/1985
Dalwallinu	39	09/03/1987
Ballajura	37	31/03/1989
Falcon	18	31/03/2008
North Beach	16	26/03/2010



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 McDougallon email: ymcdougall@gmail.com



Lions Assistance Dogs



We hope 2026 is now well underway for you and that your Club has settled back into the rhythm of a new year.

As always, we are grateful to have Lions across Australia alongside us. February provides an important opportunity to focus on **hearing awareness** in the lead up to Hearing Awareness Week and World Hearing Day on March 3rd. Hearing loss is a cause deeply connected to the work of Lions Assistance Dogs as it marks our founding program that we commenced with back in 1980. Hearing loss affects a significant number of Australians and, without the right support, can lead to isolation and reduced confidence in everyday life. Through education, early intervention, and access to the right resources, we can help reduce these impacts and provide security and independence for individuals and families.

Lions Assistance Dogs is proud to train Hearing Assistance Dogs that alert their recipients to vital common sounds such as doorbells, alarms, and phones, while also aiding in independence and security. Alongside this work, we encourage Lions Clubs to engage with hearing health resources available through audiology providers, community organisations, and local services, helping to spread awareness within your communities.

As we look ahead, we encourage you to mark National Hearing Dog Day on 19 April on your calendar. A day created by Lions Assistance Dogs, it affords opportunities to raise awareness, spark conversations, and celebrate the life-changing impact of Hearing Assistance Dogs.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at development@lionsassistedogs.com.au



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