



Lions Clubs International 201WA

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HUMANITARIAN SERVICE, DISASTER RELIEF, MEDICAL RESEARCH, SIGHT & THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

## LIONS ON THE LINES

### DG Report

Hello Lions, I trust you are all fit and well. Things are really starting to move.

On the local front, Jane and I once again delivered sandwiches to some local schools in Bunbury and regions. It is very satisfying to see the appreciation of the school staff.

On St Pats' day Jane and I visited the Armadale/Kelmscott Club and had the privilege of inducting 4 new members with at least another to come.



We were also privileged to attend the annual Children of Courage awards, which is a rich and humbling experience. Full credit to the Committee led by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Janet and I must say includes non Lions also.

On 26<sup>th</sup> of the month I went to Perth for the 130<sup>th</sup> WA Society of Arts exhibition I'm

not much of a judge of art, but even I could tell there was some great work there, and not outrageously priced as well. Tempted as I was, I did not go home with any as we have no room for new art.

This weekend just gone Jane and I attended the YOTY finals for North of the river Saturday and South of the river Sunday. As is always the case the talent was incredible and it is such a shame they can't all progress. No one envies the job of the Judges. One thing about the two finals though, North had a programme with no trophies and South had trophies but no programme. As we are now one District, Next year if possible it would be nice to see trophies and programmes at both finals.

Finally :- The liars punishment is that even when he speaks the truth,- no one believes him.

Bye for now and take care DG Tom



## International President A.P. Singh April 26



### Lead the way

Dear Lions,

Leadership isn't a title—it's an action. And every day, in every corner of the world Lions and Leos are taking action. When we serve with compassion and conviction, we set a powerful example, showing our communities what is possible. That's leadership—and it takes many forms.

To achieve MISSION 1.5 goals of strengthening our clubs and growing our service, we need leaders like you out in front, paving the path and offering encouragement. You are an essential part of this mission. Every new Lion you invite brings fresh passion and perspective, strengthen our ability to support our communities and move toward even greater outcomes.

Our leadership is also on full display through our Weeks of service initiative. Lions and Leos are taking a stand against hunger. As your club works to overcome food insecurities in your community, be bold. Your actions not only help those in need—they inspire others to join you.

Let's continue to set the example, elevate our service and show the world what true leadership looks like.

Together we serve,  
A.P. Singh

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.P. Singh".

International President, Lions International



### What a busy month March was!

From the first weekend and our record-breaking Marathon Sausage Sizzle, to inducting new members and attending the Children of Courage ceremony and YOTY judging, Lions are showing commitment to our community in so many ways.

Congratulations to the coordinators and committee members of all these projects as your passion and leadership inspires not only your fellow Lions, but also the wider community and raises awareness of the impact Lions International.

I was privileged to attend the launch of the Alzheimer's Research Australia-UWA Endowed Chair, of which Professor Ralph Martins is the inaugural Chairperson. This has been substantially sponsored by our Lions Alzheimer's Foundation, who are to be congratulated for their vision and commitment. Also inspiring was the Children of Courage ceremony. It was a wonderful morning full of the joy of life as we celebrated the courage and resilience of these very special young people. The committee did an incredible job to bring this project to life.

I wish all Lions a lovely Easter break, hoping you can take some time to enjoy with family and friends.

Warm regards,

# Lions Children of Courage



Lions Children of Courage awards were held today at the Noranda Bowles club. This event is held yearly to recognise and celebrate young people across WA who show exceptional bravery, resilience and determination while facing significant life challenges. They are recognised in 4 categories Facing Adversity, Epic/Heroic siblings, courageous Act or Deed, Inspiring Sporting Achievement. Well done to all the worthy recipients.



## Peace Poster



## Peace Poster Winners Recognised at Lions Day with the United Nations

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest once again took centre stage at Lions Day with the United Nations, where young artists from around the world were honoured for their inspiring visions of peace. Each year, hundreds of thousands of children aged 11–13 participate, creating artwork that reflects hope, unity, and global understanding.

This year's International Grand Prize was awarded to Shuwen Wang (13) from Dalian, China, whose poster—based on the theme “Peace Without Limits”—beautifully illustrated the transition from conflict to harmony. She received a US\$5,000 prize and international recognition for her powerful message.

Australia was proudly represented by Zoey Liu, the national winner sponsored by the Lions Club of Rochedale Springwood. Her artwork advanced to the international judging stage, showcasing Australian creativity on the world stage.

Lions Day with the UN continues to highlight our shared commitment to empowering young people and promoting peace across all communities.



2026 Winning poster by Shuwen Wang

*“People of different races and technological backgrounds need to unite to jointly resist the threat of war. Just like this protective umbrella, only by joining hands can everyone hold up a safe sky for peace.”*



Above Australia's winner by Zoey Liu

### The theme for the 26/27 competition is: “Harmony in Humanity”

- ◆ It is now time to contact schools about entering next years competition.
- ◆ You can now order your kits from the Newcastle Office via the Australian Lions Website.

## Lions Youth of the Year North and South Finals

**201WA Northern District Final was held on the 28 March 26**



*Above Pia Hooper receiving her overall winners award, from District Chair, Michael Bell and Chief Judge, David Allan-Petale looking on.*

*Right Public Speaking winner, Oliver Budas, from Sacred Heart College, receiving his award from DC Michael Bell*



*Left: Anastacia, Pia and Michael, the three students who will now compete in the State Final alongside three students from our Southern District.*

**201WA Southern District Final was held on the 29 March 26**



*Above Overall winner Isabella Chalker with District chairman*

*Right Public Speaking winner, Abigail Barsden, receiving her award from DG Tom*



*Left: Abigail, Isabella and Joanne, the three students who will now compete in the State Final alongside three students from our Northern District.*



**Abigail, Isabella and Joanne representing The Southern District for the State Finals**

## Environment Week



## Environment Week

Dates: 18–26 April 2026

### Focus:

- Clean-ups
- Tree planting
- Recycling and sustainability initiatives
- Environmental education

**Why it matters:** This week aligns with Earth Day and global environmental action campaigns, giving Lions a strong platform for visibility and impact.





# INVITATION CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAY

President Secretary Treasurer Membership  
AND

ALL CLUB MEMBERS

**17th MAY**

9.00am – 2.00pm

Morley Noranda

Rec. Club

85 McGilvray Ave

Noranda

**MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED**

**RSVP with dietary needs**  
[gltwa@lionswa.org.au](mailto:gltwa@lionswa.org.au)

**President:**

Develop skills & learn how to engage with your members?

Are your meetings fun or boring?

Agendas and Minutes

Do you have a succession plan?

**Secretary:**

Workload heavy?

Need a Club Administrator?

Accessing the Portal & recording service activities.

What are your Club's legislative requirements?

**Treasurer:**

Keeping on top of your Club's finances?

Are you up to date with Government legislation and ATO returns?

**Membership Chairperson:**

How do you attract new members?

Social Media and QR codes

How to retain present members

Use of volunteers



**\*Watch this space for more dates around the district\***

# Club News

## LIONS CLUB OF FALCON

### FALCON CLUB NEWS - MARCH

March 17<sup>th</sup> - A very eventful Falcon Lions meeting – Zone Chair Hazel Masters visits. John presents 2 of our Children of Courage nominees, Jessie and Millie plus Mum, Samantha Ramm and Granddad, Greg Ramm (Uncle of Ashley Ramm).



Hazel inducted our two new members, Peter Barford & Sue Archer, taking our total number of members to 39. 40 is not far away! Finally, Hazel honoured some member milestones – Todd (10 years), Kerry (15 years), Ian (20 years) and Richard (30 years).



March 21<sup>st</sup> - The club had 3 nominated kids in the District Children of Courage event at Noranda Sporting Club, Jessie and

Mille and Curtis Huerlin, who made sure that he was next to the most important person, DG Tom. (back left). John Clare is part of the committee and President Margaret also attended.



## LIONS CLUB OF ELLENBROOK

### A Busy Month of Service and Community Connections

Our club has enjoyed a vibrant and productive month, with activities that strengthened our community presence, supported local families, and showcased the spirit of Lions service.

#### Social Meeting – 5 March

We welcomed guest speaker **Lois Pearson**, founder of *Give a Hoot*, who shared her inspiring work rescuing and rehabilitating owls across the **Ellenbrook and Bullsbrook** areas. Members gained valuable insight into local wildlife challenges and the importance of community-led conservation.



#### Swap Meet – 14 March

Another successful Swap Meet brought locals together for a morning of bargains, recycling, and community connection. Funds raised will support our ongoing service projects.



#### Children of Courage - 21 March

Our club proudly sponsored a **child** in this year's Children of Courage Awards, celebrating



resilience, determination, and the achievements of young people overcoming personal challenges. It remains one of our most meaningful youth programs.

#### Children's Train – Altone Community Harmony Day - 21 March

Our Children's Train was a hit at **Altone Community Harmony Day**, bringing joy to families and helping us connect with new community partners. Events like this highlight the fun, welcoming side of Lions while supporting multi-



cultural celebration

#### Give a Hoot Market Day – Club Promotion - 25 March

We promoted both **our club** and **Lions Clubs International** at the Give a Hoot Market Day, engaging with families and community members throughout the event. There was strong interest in:

- **Leo Clubs**
  - **The Lions Peace Poster Contest**
- Local service opportunities**

This visibility helps strengthen future membership and youth engagement.

## *Lions Club of Booragoon*

### *Youth of the Year 2026 – Contest at the Lions of Booragoon Club by President/Editor Jean-Marc Authelet*

The Lions Youth of the Year contest has been running for some 50 years and is unique to Australia, it was no change this year and on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of March, the Youth of the Year Contest took place. Five students participated in this fierce competition as there only one winner for the public speaking and one overall winner – but hey, everybody is a winner.

The contest in front of our members was is in two parts:

- ♦ Two impromptu questions: a) If you were giving one million dollars to start a business – what would it be and why
- ♦ b) How do you describe “Kindness”?

The presentation of a prepared speech.

Jamine Chia: student at Iona College, enjoy playing saxophone – her prepared speech was “Autism.”

John Lewins: student at Applecross SHS, enjoy playing guitar and piano – his prepared speech was “Asteroids.”

Lanang Bumi: student at Fremantle College, enjoy playing guitar – his prepared speech was “Languages.”

Aadityapal Arora: student at Perth Modern, enjoy playing piano and trumpet – his prepared speech was “We are still matter.”

Therese Robertson: student at Santaa Maria – her prepared speech was “The value of the journey.”

The winner for the public speaking was Therese Robertson and the overall winner was Jamine Chai.



Above contestants from L-R Therese, Aadaaditypal, John, Lanang and Jasmine



Above: YOTY DC Lion Kim Wilkinson



Above: The judges

## SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORY

(Compiled by WALCHAC Member John Clare)  
**60 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – APRIL 1966.**

City of Perth Lions Club paint Perth's first ever Op Shop



**50 YEARS AGO – APRIL 1976** The Lions Club of Swan Districts raises a motion that will eventually lead to what is now the W.A. arm of the Lions Hearing Foundation

### 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 – APRIL 1986** Nothing of significance

**30 YEARS AGO, APRIL 1996** Toodyay Lions Club hold a Diabetes Awareness Clinic.

**20 YEARS AGO TODAY, APRIL 2006** Victoria Park Lions Club and Rotary combine to put air conditioning into Foodbank's warehouse.



### Collie Clubs join forces to help West Arthur

Members of the Collie-Walby and the Collie Lions Clubs met at the Collie Community Centre on February 26 to hold their support to the Branch of West Arthur.

It was a case of all helping and in the number of speakers and attendees. The evening was well organized by the West Arthur members and there was a fine time with a big response from the crowd.

Everyone enjoyed the day and there was time to search for within the Branch.

Personal photos are members of the West Arthur Lions Club preparing their food (Michael (left), Premier (middle) and the Branch and Branch members in all background).

### Lions and Rotary in partnership with Foodbank

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**10 YEARS AGO TODAY, APRIL** After the disastrous fires in the South West that wiped out the whole of the town of Yarloop, Blaze Aid, a team of retired rebuild hundreds of metres of burnt farm fencing. Lions clubs from the region cook for them lead by Waroona Lions Club



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WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS CLUBS  
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## DISTRICT 201WA Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries

### APRIL 26

CLUB	AGE	CHARTER DATE
Victoria Park	63	17/04/1963
Esperance	58	23/04/1968
Brunswick Junction	56	7/04/1970
East Fremantle	54	28/04/1972
Hyden	48	12/04/1978
Cunderdin	42	9/04/1984
Ellenbrook	24	23/04/2002

### MAY 26

CLUBS	AGE	CHARTER DATE
Wagin	60	01/05/1966
Bussleton	60	31/05/1966
Manjimup	58	05/05/1968
Kalamunda	58	21/05/1968
Northam	58	21/05/1968
Bull Creek	56	25/05/1970
Wanneroo	55	03/05/1971
Booragoon	55	11/05/1971
Eaton	52	03/03/1974
Bencubbin & Districts	49	05/05/77
Canning City	49	18/5/1977
Jerramungup	48	26/05/1977
Dunsborough	46	20/05/1980
Moora	29	15/05/1997
Margaret River	19	30/05/2007
Hannan's Goldfields	18	23/05/2008

### Stories wanted

PDG Pamela BAIRD Member of the WALCHAC would very much like the Charter Members & a Story from the following Lions Clubs - **Manjimup, Northam & Narrogin**, these clubs have done a lot especially as they have all held W2 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:

Please send to 31 Spoonbill Rtt, Wannanup WA 6210 or e-mail: [pamela.baird@amnet.net.au](mailto:pamela.baird@amnet.net.au)

## District Events

### YOTY 201WA DISTRICT FINAL

Date: **Sunday 3 May**

Venue: **Performing Arts Centre,  
Lynwood SHS  
436 Metcalfe Rd, Parkwood.**

Time: **Public speaking starts at 1:30.**



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