



Lions Clubs International 201WA

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Hello there fellow Lions, what a month May was. This will be a long report for me so here's hoping you don't get bored reading it.

May 3rd saw our State LYOTY final at Lynwood SHS and credit to all finalists as the standard was very high and we thought the winner Isabella Chalker could win the National title. Lynwood was a fantastic venue and a big thanks to the school and staff for allowing us to hold it there without charge.

On May 4th Cab. Sec. Trish, husband Kim, my wife Jane and myself embarked on our long awaited Eastern wheat-belt tour. Visiting Manjimup on the way, we saw Kojonup, Katanning, Kondinin, Kulin, Hyden and Lake Grace. We were well received at all Clubs but a special thanks to those who billeted us and showed us around their towns. We hope we inspired Clubs to keep up their great service and grow members.

Kalamunda had their AGM while we were absent and a special thanks to the team assisting them to continue. I'm sure they will go from strength to strength from here.

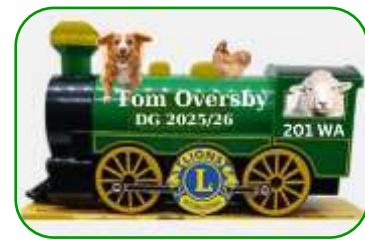
Sat. 16th was the launch of the animated version of "Mick The Tick" at Noranda. This was a great success and author Kara Perrin was thrilled with Lions for their sponsorship and support. Special thanks to Lions Carmel Ward and her team.

The following day was a special training day organised by incoming Cab. Sec. Christine. Training for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership. I was surprised at the attendance, and it was great to see Lions from country areas.

Next day it's off to Adelaide for the National Convention. 60 WA Lions attended which was fantastic. There was over 900 from all over the Country with 180 first time Conventioneers.

We visited the Lions assistance dog facility and I held a puppy which was very cool. Our State Leo Calvin Nguyen performed very well and while he didn't win we were all very proud of him.

The combined speeches of the five contestants were the best I've ever heard, there was no weak one.



Lions YOTY was also exceptional and our very own Isabella Chalker won both public speaking and over-all winner. I was so proud I thought my heart would burst. Congratulations to Isabella and Calvin, you both did our state proud.

Just a reminder that our final Cabinet and awards night for the year is 20th and 21st of June, all lions are invited.

FINALLY --: Enjoy yourselves. These are the good old days your going to miss in ten years time

Remember, we have a Highway to Hell and a Stairway to Heaven. It says a lot about the traffic numbers.

Take care everyone till next time,
DG Tom



Footnote :- Almost forgot. A special mention to Peter Kenneday and his team for the tremendous promotion of next years National Convention in Perth. As well as the terrific video presentation, the big quokka was always present and we had over 200 registers.

Mention must also be made of PID Tim Irvine's appointment as the Trustee for Lions Clubs International Foundation. Congratulations Tim.



DGE Message

Here we are again, another month closer to the new Lionistic year. Once again it has been a whirlwind of training, meeting members and attending the MD Convention in Adelaide with all the opportunities to meet, learn and share.

What a wonderful start to attend our WA YOTY final, where 6 amazing young people spoke to us with such eloquence and stimulating insight. All were truly deserving of their place in this final, with Isabella Chalker, sponsored by Australind Lions Club, being the winner. Isabella then went on to represent 201WA in the national final, where her talent shone through and was declared the National YOTY winner for 2026. Congratulations to Isabella, you have done our state proud and we are excited to see what the future holds for you. Congratulations also to Australind Lions, without whose efforts this outcome would not have been achieved. It is pleasing to see the increased participation in YOTY across Australia, as more schools and students realise the immense benefits this competition offers.

We were also so proud of our Leo of the Year, Calvin Nguyen, who spoke with such maturity and eloquence. He also is a star in our eyes, with a wonderful future ahead and could so easily have been a worthy winner.

I have been happy to see so many attendees at our New Member Orientation and Club Development workshops held recently. These are great opportunities to learn more about our organisation, as well as to network with fellow Lions from across our District. We have members with many and diverse talents who are generous in sharing these, so contributing to the promotion and progress of Lions in WA and beyond.



Thank you to all who have attended and enriched our workshops – I always come away inspired and heartened by the knowledge and service shared.

I have continued to enjoy hospitality from the clubs I have visited, so thank you to all for giving me such a warm welcome. There are some clubs I have yet to visit and members to meet, which I plan to address in the coming months. I am looking forward to joining many of you in the near future as you celebrate your annual Changeovers and significant anniversaries, with the added privilege of inducting new members along the way.

I am writing this from 11000m as I travel to the Mission 1.5 Summit in Auckland for some final preparation for the year ahead to assist me and the GAT team to guide our District.

Finally, I have some important news to share with you all next month, but as a teaser maybe keep the evening of Tuesday August 18th free!

Editors Message

This is the last newsletter for DG Toms year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the district newsletter. I could not have published a newsletter every month for 12 months without your support.

Please continue to support your newsletter ad send your articles / stories to Kylie Roberson bubbly8801@gmail.com

Kylie, I hope you have as much fun doing the newsletter as I did.

Mary-Anne Wolf



Money in plain sight....

On 1st July 2026 the range of 10 cent eligible containers is being expanded to include almost all beverage containers between 150ml and 3L, (other than plain milk and registered health tonics). They will be accepted at refund points across WA or via the Containers for Change Collect service. This includes all wine, spirit bottles, water casks and all fruit and vegetable



Lions Cancer Institute

The Road Continues. Will You Help Lead It?

For more than 35 years, Lions Cancer Institute volunteers have been taking action against cancer in communities across Western Australia.

Since 1990, generations of Lions members, healthcare professionals and community volunteers have travelled thousands of kilometres to deliver free community skin cancer screening services to metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities.

Every screening event reflects the values that have always defined Lionism. Service. Community. Volunteering. Looking after others.

Over the past decade alone, Lions Cancer Institute volunteers have screened more than 20,000 Western Australians, travelled more than 80,000 kilometres and provided screening access to more than 5,300 people who reported they had never previously undergone a skin check.

More than 6,100 screening observations resulted in participants being advised to seek further medical assessment or prompt medical review.

These numbers are important, but they are not the real story.

The real story is the volunteer who gives up a weekend to help others.

The Lions member who spends hours on the road so a regional community can access a service close to home.

The farmer who finally decides to have a concerning spot checked.

The retiree who says, "I've been meaning to do this for years."

For more than three decades, Lions Cancer Institute has been one of Western Australia's most visible and enduring Lions projects. It has been built, supported and sustained by Lions members who believed that service should extend beyond the boundaries of their own communities.

Today, the Institute continues to grow and evolve. Alongside community screening programs, Lions Cancer Institute supports cancer research and scholarship initiatives that help contribute to the future



of cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

As we look ahead, the future of Lions Cancer Institute depends on the next generation of Lions leaders.

This year, four positions on the Lions Cancer Institute Board will become vacant.

We are seeking Lions members who are passionate about service and who would like to help shape the future direction of this important organisation.

Board members bring a wide range of skills and experiences. You do not need a healthcare background. Experience in leadership, governance, business, finance, community service, project management, marketing, fundraising or strategic planning can all make a valuable contribution.

Most importantly, we are looking for Lions who believe in making a difference.

If you have ever wanted to contribute to a Lions project that delivers impact across the whole of Western Australia, this is your opportunity.

The roads ahead are many.

The communities that need support are many.

The opportunities to serve are endless.

The question is simple.

Will you help lead the next chapter of Lions Cancer Institute?

We encourage interested Lions members to consider nominating for one of the four Board vacancies at the upcoming District Convention.

To learn more about the role or to discuss a nomination confidentially, please contact:

John Osborne

Chairman

Lions Cancer Institute (WA) Inc.

0422 622 363

john.osborne@lionscancerinstitute.org.au

The next chapter of this remarkable Lions story is waiting to be written.

We hope you will be part of it.

Reporting Service Activities on the Lion Portal

The deadline for reporting for the 2025-2026 Lions Year is **15th July**. The metrics for the year are closed off on this date. Please don't wait until the last gasp to report!

Service activities, donations, fundraiser and Admin/meetings can be reported progressively through the year.

As at 5th June 2026, the reporting rate for our District was at **68%**. The highest District in Australia is at 93% of Clubs reporting service. Come on WA – we can do better!

Most of the WA District Clubs are self-reporting, others are being assisted to get at least some of their reports on the portal. The other Leo and Lions Clubs are missing in action! Many are posting on Facebook but not using the Lion Portal.

All Clubs are encouraged to report service and join in the celebration of how Lions is making a significant impact around the world.

If your Club Secretary is too busy, please consider appointing a Service Coordinator to do the reporting for your Club.

District 201WA has contributed the following metrics, as at the 5th June 2026

Volunteer Hours: 245,626

Global Cause	Activity Reports	People Served
Administration/Meetings	454	N/A
Childhood Cancer	17	292
Diabetes	5	575
Disaster Relief	12	307
Environment	162	23,462
Hunger	134	35,515
Humanitarian Aid	820	154,987
Vision	55	6,117
Youth	173	23,179
TOTAL	1832	244,434

If your Club needs help to access the Lion Portal or Report Service, just ask!

Carmel Ward

District Service Coordinator

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Mick the Tick

– Premier Screening of the Animation on 16th May 2026

Lions District 201WA provided seed funding for the animation of the children's story book **Mick the Tick** by local author Kara Perrin. The animation was made by Scott Evans at Digital Puppets in the UK. The animation video will be available online at no cost for wide circulation, on both on Kara's YouTube channel and the Lions WA website. Lions in WA is given opening credits, and the Lions Logo and QR code is included in the closing credits.

Click to view: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_sU1khAZig



Or copy and paste the link into your browser.

There are plans to have the video available on the Lions WA website.

The Premier screening was held at the Morley Noranda Recreation Club, on Saturday 16th May 2026. DG Tom Oversby and Jane Oversby, DG Elect Roslyn Barnes, Vice DG Janet Spellissy and Terry Spellissy, and other District officers attended. Members from Noranda Lions Club provided invaluable help setting up the venue and clearing up after the event. Hawaiian Shopping Centre at Noranda loaned 17 colourful beanbags for the children to use while watching the animation screening.

Kara arranged for the catering for the sumptuous morning tea

after the screening. It was a celebration of the screening of the animation, for Kara's creativity and vision, with the voice over actors and musicians, family and friends. Following tradition for premier events, DG Tom presented Kara with Australian native flowers to celebrate the occasion.



Kara was diagnosed with Lyme Disease and co-infections as a result of a tick bite 9 years ago, while travelling in outback Western Australia. She realised there was an opportunity to start those much-needed conversations with our youth and began writing while going through extensive treatment that left her having to relearn how to walk and talk. Kara won a 2025 Community Citizen of the Year Award for her book **Mick the Tick** and her advocacy for Lyme awareness. She is dedicated to educating kids about ticks, safety and prevention.

Lyme Disease is not recognised in Australia so not only is it difficult to get treatment, it's even harder to get diagnosed. After years of reaching out to medical and political leaders, Kara realised her cries for help were falling on deaf ears. Kara decided if she couldn't ignite change with adults in positions of power, she would do the next best thing and help educate the next generation of leaders.



The animation is introductory tale about tick transmitted illness. The story follows 10 adorable Aussie animal friends and a trickster tick called Mick who has a plan for a game that's not what it seems. **Mick the Tick** uses rhyme, rhythm and repetition to add interest for little readers. The book includes a song complete with music score to be enjoyed with friends, family or in the classroom. The book is an educational approach to Lyme disease and tick transmitted illness. The catchy song and message at the end of the animation is **TICK TUCK TOE**. If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the book, please contact me and I will forward your request to Kara Perrin.

Carmel Ward

District Service Coordinator

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GLUTEN FREE CAKES



Gluten Free Cakes have now been officially adopted to our Cake range. They will be boxed as per our image above and 12 cakes per carton (not 10). Our purchase price is \$7.92 with the sale price of \$13 giving Clubs a profit of \$5.08 per cake.

We now need to know with some urgency the number of cartons required by Clubs.

Traditional Foods will bake in July for shipment the second week of August and a further bake in October.

I request Club Cake Coordinators advise me of their likely requirements. This is to give Traditional Foods an indication of quantities.

Gluten Free will be added to our general order form which has yet to be uploaded to the website.

I am in the process of compiling a further report on the Cake and Mint programmes and will circulate as soon as completed.

Ian Walker
201WA Cake and Mints
District Coordinator
ianwalker@westnet.com.au



Lions Beacon of Light

Dear Lions Club Members of Western Australia,

Over the past several months, the Lions Beacon of Light initiative has continued to grow thanks to the incredible support of Lions Clubs across Western Australia.

Most recently, we proudly launched the first Lions Beacon of Light Mind Health Van during the record-breaking 102-Hour Bunnings Joondalup Sausage Sizzle, organised by Lion Ray Zinner alongside the Lions Clubs of WA and the amazing Bunnings Joondalup team.

The event officially became an Australian Record, selling more than 8,200 sausage sizzles. Most importantly, our Mind Health volunteers conducted 65 meaningful conversations with members of the public who simply stopped for a chat while passing the van.

These conversations involved people of all ages, cultures, and walks of life, reinforcing one very important message:

“A 10-minute conversation could change the path of someone’s life.”

We are also excited to announce our growing collaboration with Bunnings, which we believe will help significantly expand the reach of the Lions Beacon of Light throughout Western Australia. The Mind Health Van will now be available in Bunnings car parks through-out Western Australia, which we are very excited about.

As clubs begin considering their end-of-financial-year donations, we respectfully ask you to consider supporting the Lions Beacon of Light Mind Health Van and future community outreach initiatives.

Funds raised will assist with:

- Community outreach events across WA
- Educational and awareness campaigns
- Volunteer resources and training
- Website and social media awareness campaigns
- Additional infrastructure including marquees and interactive educational resources

We also encourage clubs to consider booking the Lions Beacon of Light Mind Health Van for upcoming community events, health expos, markets, and club activities. Bookings are already filling quickly, so if your club would like to secure the van for an upcoming event, please contact Sheila Jones at devraneejones@gmail.com.

Volunteers are always welcome, including mental health professionals, counsellors, psychologists, therapists, and community-minded individuals wanting to make a positive impact.

We would also like to advise the District that Sheila Jones has kindly accepted the role of Events Coordinator for the Lions Beacon of Light initiative, while Lion Ray Zinner has agreed to take on the important role of Annual Fundraiser Coordinator. Many hands make light work, and we are grateful for the growing team of passionate volunteers helping move this project forward.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Kim and Gabbi Wilkinson for taking the Mind Health Van to Kalgoorlie for its very first official community outing in regional Western Australia. Thank you as well to Kathryn Jackson, Lucas Farrell, and Jack LeCras for their ongoing support and contribution to the initiative.

Donation Details:

The Lions Club of Whitford

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 066-160

Account Number: 11233331

To enquire about:

- Booking the van
- Volunteering
- Speaking engagements with Derek Best
- Supporting the initiative

Please contact:

derek@dbest.com.au

Together, we can continue turning awareness into action and helping reduce the number of people taking their own lives through connection, compassion, and community support.

Yours in Service,

Derek Best

President – Lions Club of Whitford

Founder Lions Beacon of Light

Co-Founder – Beacon Fight for Life LTD



Lions Children of Courage



**Lions
Children
of Courage**
*Supporting the Community
Since 1983*
**AS THIS EVENT KEEPS
GETTING BIGGER AND BETTER
EVERY YEAR AND WE WANT TO
START WORK ON IT ASAP**

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEARS' EVENT

**OF ALL OF THE 100s OF LIONS SERVICE PROJECTS THAT WE
DO, I RECKON THAT THIS IS THE BEST OF THE LOT!!
IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS TEAM AND HELP PLAN
NEXT YEAR'S EVENT, CONTACT INCOMING CHILDREN OF
COURAGE DISTRICT CHAIR**

JOHN CLARE

ON

0407 080671 or lionjohnclare@gmail.com

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 McDougall email: ymcdougall@gmail.com



New Club Development Workshop



You're Invited To a

New Club Development Workshop 2026

Connect, Inspire, and Lead with Vision.

Join fellow Lions for a hands-on workshop designed to equip you with the skills, strategies, and confidence to charter new clubs across Western Australia. Whether you're a seasoned Lion or new to leadership, this session will energise your passion for service and growth.

What You'll Learn

- Identifying ideal locations for new clubs
- Recruiting and retaining charter members
- Guiding a new club from first contact to charter
- Supporting new clubs in their 1st year

Why it matters

- **Expand our reach into new communities**
- Strengthen district membership and vitality
- Leave a lasting legacy of service

RSVP & More Information:

- **Date:** 18th and 19th July 26
- **Time:** 9am-1600
- **Venue:** old Jandakot School
12 Poletti Rd Coburn
- **RSVP:** cabsec.wa@lions.org.au
- **More information:** GET Leader
PDG Michael Wolf
0433085170





THANK



YOU

Thank you Lions clubs of WA for your outstanding assistance in funding 6 devices for a total of \$41,336. This has put us in enviable position of being able to fund all requested devices outright without any assistance from Foundation.

As can be seen from table below we not only have met all needs but have a little in reserve for the next request and well placed for what is expected to be a large demand in not-too-distant future.

Thank you also to clubs that have invited me to speak during the year. Please consider me as a guest speaker in the next Lions year. The common comment from invitee clubs has been, that it is refreshing to see just what the foundation does And where the money goes. Our standout black shirts hope to be out and visiting more clubs and zone meetings. To date I have visited 16 clubs and one zone meeting.

The commencement and ongoing utilisation of "WA \$500 club" as an incentive to clubs to donate has been re-sounding success with number of clubs donating doubling in number, but we still have along way to go to get 100% participation across state. 15 clubs have donated at least \$1,000 in last 12 months, with largest donation \$10,000. But it is also just as important to get the \$500 donations as well, it all adds up. From little things big things grow.

Stamps, stamps mounds of stamps, we have processed two loads of stamps, totalling 40kgs in last 12 months. Adelaide conventioners would have seen this year's donation from stamps of \$57,000. So, they are an integral part of our funding, please keep them coming in..

Looking forward to a busier 2026-2027

Brian Western

District Chairperson MD 201WA



Every Daughter Matters

Calling All Clubs

We are still looking for more donations towards the



About Every Daughter Matters

EDM is an Australian PBI, dedicated to preventing the trafficking of young Nepali women and girls. We do this through border interceptions, emergency accommodation, safe homes, and long-term empowerment

The Need

Human trafficking remains one of the most urgent and under-addressed issues affecting young women and girls in Nepal. Thousands are trafficked each year across open borders into India for sexual exploitation, forced labour, and other forms of abuse.

The Method

EDM, in partnership with trusted local organisations, operates frontline **border surveillance interception booths** that identify and stop vulnerable individuals before they are trafficked. With 13 current booths already intercepting an average of over 130 individuals per month, demand continues to exceed capacity, particularly in emerging high-risk transit points in eastern Nepal.

The Opportunity / Strategy

This proposal seeks funding to establish a **new Border Surveillance Interception Booth**, strategically located in a high-traffic border area, alongside **basic emergency shelter accommodation** for immediate care. The more of these that we have along the relatively uncontrolled Nepalese/Indian border, the more girls that we can save from a life of misery and sexual slavery. Each combined surveillance booth/emergency shelter costs \$7500 AUD

**IF YOU CLUB WANTS TO SUPPORT THIS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT
JOHN CLARE on 0407 080671 or lionjohnclare@gmail.com**

District News



The Lions Club of Bull Creek invites fellow Lions Club Members to their annual -

LIONS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

This year it will take place on
SUNDAY 25 July 2025
10 am

at the RICHARD LEWIS PARK
(Entry off Camm Avenue via Bull Creek Drive, adjacent
to the RAAFA Estate). *Subject to weather conditions we
may have a change of venue for the ceremony.*



Lions: Global service, local health impact

Lions are dedicated to improving health and wellbeing in our communities. From free health screenings and awareness campaigns to funding vital medical research and equipment, we work to prevent illness and support those in need. Lions also focus on sight, hearing, childhood cancer, and diabetes - global causes that make a real difference locally.

 Join us and help create healthier communities across WA.

Email: gmawa@lionswa.org.au
Phone: 0419 913 622



The World Police & Fire Games

Want to be part of something global? The World Police & Fire Games are coming to Perth, bringing together first responders from around the world to compete, connect, and celebrate.

We're looking for amazing volunteers to help deliver this unforgettable event — and there's no better way to support our first responders than by getting involved.

Join the team. Make an impact. Be part of the Games, 12- 21 March 2027.

For Lions involvement stay tuned.

CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS

**WORLD
POLICE & FIRE
GAMES**
PERTH 2027

The World Police & Fire Games is one of the **World's largest multi-sport events** for active, volunteer and retired **law enforcement and emergency services** personnel from around the world.

Volunteers are the driving force behind the Games. Your time, skill and enthusiasm will help deliver an unforgettable event. **Be part of the legacy. Be part of Perth 2027 World Police & Fire Games.**

FIND OUT MORE

Club News

Vasse Lions Club

Young Leader Steps Up: Chloe Smith Joins Lions and Takes on Treasurer Role at Just 18

At just 18 years old, Chloe Smith is already proving that leadership and community spirit have no age barrier. A new member of the **Lions Club of Vasse**, Chloe has stepped straight into a key leadership position—taking on the role of Treasurer with enthusiasm, determination, and a passion for learning.

For Chloe, volunteering has always been part of who she is.

“My name is Chloe, and I have been volunteering since I was 12,” she said. “I have always loved helping others and learning new things. I have always been excited for the day I could officially become a Lions member.”

That long-awaited milestone arrived this year, and Chloe wasted no time embracing the opportunity. Along with her membership came a chance to step into a role that many might find daunting—the club’s Treasurer position.

“With that title, a new opportunity also came along,” she explained. “I eagerly took on the Treasurer role, as it was a new avenue for me, and a whole bunch of new things to learn.”

Taking responsibility for a club’s finances is no small task. It requires precision, accountability, and confidence in managing financial systems and reporting. For Chloe, this meant learning to navigate Xero, the accounting software used by the club—a challenge she embraced wholeheartedly.

Recognising both her enthusiasm and potential, the Lions Club of Vasse ensured Chloe was supported with training opportunities to develop her skills in Xero and financial management. With guidance, patience, and a strong willingness to learn, Chloe quickly built her capability and confidence.



“It took a lot of work, but eventually I got Xero back on track, and ready for the new year,” she said proudly.

Her achievement is a testament not only to her own dedication but also to the club’s commitment to mentoring and supporting young members. By taking the time to invest in Chloe and provide the training she needed, the club has empowered her to succeed in a role that is critical to its operations.

Chloe’s fresh perspective, energy, and passion have already made a positive impact. Her willingness to step forward and try something new has been inspiring to fellow members and highlights the important role young people can play in service organisations.

President of the Lions Club of Vasse, **Kim Robinson**, believes Chloe’s journey reflects a broader vision for the future of Lions.

Lions Club of Gosnells

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN, LAUGHS AND
GREAT QUESTIONS!**

**QUIZ
NIGHT!**

**FUNDRAISER FOR
A Car for Dania**

Help Dania gain independence
and get to the places
she needs to go.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 8TH 2026**

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

QUIZ STARTS 6:45PM

TABLES OF 8 - \$120
*Come make some
new friends!*

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
\$15 EACH**

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AMHERST COMMUNITY CENTRE
2 Holmes Rd, Southern River

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TEAM
TOGETHER
AND COME
ALONG!**

**RAFFLES
GAMES
PRIZES
& MORE!**

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS
Soft drinks and
snacks will be available!

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
0466 789 458**

**QUIZ MASTER
DAVID GOODE**

Lions Club of Bullcreek

REPATCHED PARTNERSHIP

For the last 3-4 years a group of our members have been meeting regularly to help cook hearty Italian meals for the needy. They prepare the between 80-120 meals on three weekly basis and freeze them to be distributed by St Vinnies to people in the Greater Fremantle area. From this association we have “branched out” and extended partnership to St Pat’s Community stores in Fremantle.

We have provided 200 sleeping bags to be handed out to homeless residents of Fremantle, with another 200 on the way. Also, sanitary and toiletry products for care and well-



programs and asked if we could assist. Due to some diligent hunting by Tina, one machine became 2 second-hand machines and an overlocker. This greatly improved their capacity and output.

Late 2025 saw St Pat’s faced with an issue, their long-time landlord, required to take back premises that they rented. This meant the program and store had to be relocated. A great property was found in Market Street Fremantle. It provides a well-located site with great floor area and an upstairs area that will allow them to increase work area and capacity of Repatched program. All good, but the new area allocated to Repatched was unairconditioned and would provide an oppressive work area in warmer months and a freezing workspace in cooler months. The cost of buying and installing a reverse cycle air conditioner was high and whilst possible, would drain their already tight cashflow.

In response to enquiry from Tina, the Lions Club of Bull Creek decided to fully fund the air conditioner. This would allow them to more than double their number of participants and output. Being a win-win for St Pat’s and the people participating.

Members of the Lions Club had the pleasure of attending the official opening the store and visiting the Repatched workspace. Teresa, Lynette, Barbara and Janine enjoyed the festivities and fashion parade of garments made using our machines.



ness packs distributed to needy.

Just over 12 months ago we were approached to help if we could with a new program called “Repatched”. It creates a friendly sewing environment, where ladies can meet and repurpose old clothing and materials that would otherwise be unsellable in welfare shops.

Items such as old men’s suits, jeans and denim jackets, materials and clothes are pulled apart and restitched into one off originals. Which are then sold through community stores. The programs not only provide merchandise and cashflow for stores but give a sense of purpose and opportunity to display artist talents.

They required a new heavy duty sewing machine to allow them to restitch denim and heavy jackets. Tina Bill, OP shops Manager for St Pat’s, heard about our support of other



LIONS CLUB OF FREMANTLE

Real superheroes don't always wear capes...sometimes they ride scooters! ♥ 🦸

The Lions Club of Fremantle supported the SuperKids SuperHeroes Scooter Ride for the Kids Cancer Project, hosting a Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast.

Fremantle Lions have been involved for the last 3 years and we are very proud to have been associated with SuperKids SuperHeroes.

SuperKids SuperHeroes came about when a young Bridgetown family lost their 8 year old son Declan to an aggressive childhood cancer that not only rocked their world but their little town too.

Declan loved Superheros and colour Green 🟩

In Declan's honour, even before he died, his family and numerous locals rode electric scooters through the Southwest to PMH raising funds for Children's Cancer, supported by the Lions Club of Bridgetown.

The ride was initially over 8 days, and they were supported along the way with meals and accommodation by Lions Clubs from Busselton to Jandakot, and all monies raised going direct to Kids Cancer Research.



In their first 3 years they raised over \$100,000 and have continued each year raising funds now for 'Kids Cancer Project'.

These *SuperKids SuperHeroes* do a shorter ride these days, staying at Woodman Point and riding their Scooters into Perth WAFL and AusKick football matches. Unfortunately this year was their 11th and final year for this scooter ride, though the fundraising will still continue.

SuperKids SuperHeroes thanked all Lions Clubs who have supported them over the 11 years.



LIONS CLUB OF PORT KENNEDY

The Lions Club of Port Kennedy is pleased to announce that PDG Alan Hawkins and Lion Meryl Jones have been awarded 30-year and 20-year Chevrons respectively. This is appropriate recognition for the years of service that they have dedicated to Lions International.



L→R: PDG Alan Hawkins, Club President Hazel Masters, Lion Meryl Jones

PDG Alan Hawkins was a member of the Lions Club of Rockingham for seven years before transferring to the Port Kennedy Lions Club. At Club level Alan has held the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. At District level he has held the positions of Vice Governor and Governor of District 201W2, Zone Chairman and District Centennial Co-ordinator. Alan has received a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a JD Richardson Award, and he was inducted to the WA Lions Hall of Fame in year 2021.

Meryl Jones commenced her journey in Lions at the Pinjarra Club where she was President, Secretary and Zone Chairperson. She then transferred to the Australind Lions Club and, following a hiatus of 14 years, then joined the Port Kennedy Club where she has held the positions of Secretary, Membership Chairperson, Tail Twister and Director. She is the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

At the initiative of the Lions Club of Baldivis, our two Clubs have joined forces in managing the Baldivis Markets on the first Saturday of each month. This will be a positive way of pooling resources by effectively doubling the Clubs' membership.

Racing has been scheduled to return to Lark Hill, Secret Harbour for the first time in 20 years. A thoroughbred race meeting will be held at the Lark Hill Thoroughbred Training Complex on Sunday 26th April, with an estimated crowd of 3000 people in attendance. The Lions Club of Port Kennedy held a sausage sizzle at the event, which provided the Club with good exposure in the Secret Harbour area and, hopefully, lead to some members joining our Club.

SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORY (Compiled by WALCHAC Member John Clare)

<u>Sponsor :</u>	<u>New Club :</u>	<u>Formation :</u>	<u>Charter :</u>
Melville	Floreat	3rd. Aug. 65	23rd. Oct. 65
Melville	South Perth	26th Oct. 65	18th Jan. 66
Perth Western	Carnarvon	29th Oct. 65	11th Dec. 66
Carnarvon	Port Hedland	14th Dec. 65	20th April 66
Perth Western	Derby	15th Dec. 65	28th April 66
Cottesloe	Wyndham	16th Dec. 65	30th April 66
Fremantle	Kununurra	16th Dec. 65	29th April 66
Morley	Osborne	4th April 66	2nd. July 66
Bunbury	Busselton	31st. May 66	25th June 66
Victoria Park	Belmont	26th May 66	23rd. July 66

60 YEARS AGO TODAY, JULY

1966 Lions International honour City of Perth Lions member, Joe Mason, who had a hand in the formation of the first 30 Lions Clubs in W.A, with an Extreme Extension Award.

50 YEARS AGO, TODAY, JULY

1976 Colin Rule is the new District Governor for 201L (later to become W2) and George Emmerson is the



new District Governor for 201R (later to become W1).

YEARS AGO TODAY, JULY 1986 Waroona Lions honour 4 long standing members with Lifetime Achievement Awards



Award winners Ron Golding (left), Len Miller, Jim Deleo and Bert Scott.

30 YEARS AGO, JUNE 1996 A very young Tim Irvine is Vice District Governor and in his "Irvine's Initiative"

IRVINE'S INITIATIVE

A REGULAR COLUMN BY THE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION TIM IRVINE

Each month Vice District Governor Tim Irvine writes on a subject of interest to all Lions

For many members the greatest amount of time spent in Lions is at club meetings, and so we need to ensure that we use this time effectively. But:

- Are we making our meetings enjoyable?
- Are we getting the most out of our meetings?
- Are we getting the most out of our Lions at meetings?

Lack of involvement, boring meetings, little regard for any formal procedure and lack of control by the Chairman are listed as high on the reasons why members drop out of Lions.

Many clubs will have one business and one social meeting per month and this seems to work well in providing a good mix for most clubs. However even the business meeting must include some social content and relaxation, after all, most of us work all day and rely on our club meetings for some social relaxation as well as taking part in the business we conduct.



Vice District Governor Tim Irvine

It is not only the Club President who is responsible for

20 YEARS AGO TODAY, JUNE 2006 Boyup Brook Lions Club celebrate 25 years.

■ *BOTTOM: Terry Grey and "Lulu the Gardner" at the recent 25th Anniversary Dinner at Boyup Brook Lions Club realising that he had just won the bid for the concrete sheep at \$45.00. (Our real one only cost \$30.00)*



10 YEARS AGO TODAY, JUNE 2016

TINO (Tune In Not Out), an information website for youth, aged 16 to 25 years, covering every youth specific issues, along the same lines as Headspace, is launched by the Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation.

TINO website helps youth with problems

The TINO project was initiated by ALDAF (Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation) in the western states in Darwin in 2008. In the last few years WALDEF (WA Lions Drug Education Foundation) has secured ALDAF with development and funding for TINO in WA.

TINO is a comprehensive, non-biased information site for youth (16-25 years) and covers drug and alcohol issues as well as a plethora of associated social problems, such as depression, mental illness, low self-esteem, binge behaviour, teenage pregnancy, bullying etc.

TINO provides an interactive forum for Facebook and Twitter via podcasts and other media for posting things, constructing videos and music so that those in WA can share experiences to help improve their mental and physical health. It has been immensely successful to date in WA and across Australia.

A new website called Student Edge has a link to TINO and therefore reaches more students throughout WA. WALDEF and TINO also developed a promotional pack that was sent to every WA school for years 11 and 12 via the school Health Co-ordinating team.

TINO recently became a finalist in the World Society Awards and won first prize and \$2,000 in the category for Information in the Australia and New Zealand Internet Awards (ANZIA).

This is a significant achievement by all the Lions of ALDAF (and WALDEF) and underlines the power of the internet media in providing good quality and well received information which plays a vital role in the education of our youth.

WALDEF will continue to work with TINO to spread the message of their media through WA. Go to this site to see for yourself: www.tino.com.au

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Currently WALDEF has a very strong partnership with LIDAQ Inc (WA Law of Drug Abuse Centre) and is looking to jointly sponsor and fund projects. Welfare commissions and alcohol youth programs are among the projects under discussion.

SPREADING THE WORD

WALDEF sponsored information stalls at the District 207(W) Convention in Perth and 20162 Convention at Hobart during September - October.

In the coming few months we are also providing information stalls at various sporting events and country fairs. The list of these, in partnership with the Gladbrook Lions Club, will include events at Traralgon, Swan District and Geelong.

Brian Davis, Chairman WALDEF



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
To create and document the history of Lions in Western Australia for benefit of future generations.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS CLUBS
HISTORICAL ARCHIVES COMMITTEE



1917



2025

DISTRICT 201WA Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries

JUNE 26

CLUBS	AGE	CHARTER DATE
Kalgoorlie	59	01/06/1967
Narrogin	58	13/06/1968
Mandurah	55	07/06/1971
Duncraig	52	07/06/1974
Wandering	47	14/06/1979
Bridgetown	46	30/06/1980
Boyup Brook	45	30/06/1981
Claremont-Nedlands	41	27/06/1985
Australind	30	27/06/1996
Atwell	14	20/06/2012

JULY 26

CLUBS	AGE	CHARTER DATE
Gosnells	57	16/07/1969
Girrawheen	46	07/07/1980

CAN YOU HELP?



WE ARE TRYING TO GET A COMPLETE SET OF WEST LION MAGAZINE



**BUT WE ARE MISSING THE YEARS 1974 – 1977 and
1983 - 1985**

If anybody has any of these that they are prepared to either give us
or loan us to scan, please contact

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Lions Assistance Dogs



Get ready to Lap The Map in 2026. Be sure to get in early and mark November in your calendars as the month to support those living with Diabetes.

Last year, together we raised over \$26,000 across 133 participants and 48 teams for those in Australia living with diabetes. Ultimately a successful outcome, but this year in 2026, we aim to increase those numbers with the help of all Lions across Australia. For that to happen, we want to get the word out early and ask the Lions community of Australia to start spreading awareness for this amazing month-long event. This year Lap The Map will be bigger and better than ever! To stay up to date with all news and updates regarding Lap The Map, be sure to follow **lapthemaplions** on Instagram, and **Lap the Map** on Facebook.

We also wanted to take the opportunity to highlight National Diabetes Week 2026, which will be running from July 12th – 18th. This special week is an annual awareness campaign led by Diabetes Australia that focuses on early detection, reducing stigma, and promoting equitable access to life-saving technology and care for Australians living with all types of Diabetes.

As always if you have any questions about Lions Assistance Dogs, or want to know more about our Lap The Map 2026, Please contact us at:
development@lionsassistedogs.com.au

Lions Foundation Corner

