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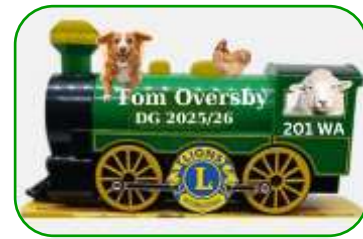
The straight and undeviating lines of conduct and service

D G Report

Well hello again Lions, what an interesting month it has been. A lot of our energy has gone to avoiding the Kalamunda Club from closing down. We consider this vitally important as we must keep a Lions service to the large population of the Perth hills area. I wish to thank the many Cabinet officers who have devoted their time to this issue.

I was told last July that my year would go really quick, and here we are with just two months to go. One of the greatest

pleasures of this position has been celebrating major milestones of Clubs. This month it was Gingin/ Chittering who had their 50th and it was a privilege to visit this beautiful district and join them to celebrate.



The Carey Park Club is still active although we only have eight active members and we are definitely in an area where a Lions Club is most appreciated. Finally – Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, “What the hell happened ?” Take care and stay safe DG Tom



DG Tom cutting the celebration cake at the LC of Gingin Chittering 50th anniversary



DG Tom attending Official Opening of Solar Power at the Boyanup Lions Shed

DGE Message

From the 1st VDG.

Another month with so many exciting events to share with you. As always, I have had so many conversations with Lions and other leaders throughout WA and I welcome the open communication that leads to positive outcomes for our District and each other.

My month began with a meeting with Michelle Scott OAM, Director of the UWA McCusker Foundation for Citizenship, to discuss potential collaboration between Lions WA and the Centre. Our discussion confirmed a strong alignment between Lions' long-standing commitment to community service and civic leadership and the Centre's mission to foster caring, connected and socially engaged citizens. It was agreed that introductory information about the McCusker Centre and its programs would be shared with Lions WA members to raise awareness and support future collaboration. I believe there is much potential in forming such partnerships and more information is included in this newsletter.

I was then privileged to attend the WA Arts Society to view their annual exhibition, a direct outcome from our District's sponsorship of WASA's Mindscape competition for youth. Lions 201WA were also invited to nominate a member to sit for a portrait, with Rob Newby from Harvey Lions Club being chosen from several worthy nominations. I look forward to seeing the resulting portrait!

I also attended the YOTY North final to listen to 6 wonderful entrants speak with such eloquence and passion and I look forward to the State final next week.

The Gingin-Chittering Lions Club recently celebrated their 50-year Charter – a wonderful milestone and I was happy to join you on your special evening.

My club visits continue to allow me to meet and speak with members and it is great to get to know more wonderful Lions doing extraordinary service. Please avail yourselves of opportunities to attend workshops run by our leadership team as these serve to connect, inform and grow. I am still to secure several Zone Chairs – a letter has been sent to clubs in those particular areas requesting assistance and I hope these important positions can be filled by dedicated Lions very soon.

My Lions International training is continuing as I prepare to take the reigns from DG Tom in July, with Zoom meetings, workshops and assignments keeping me busy. Our GAT plan to guide our District through 2026/27 is coming together and is designed to promote strong growth and service into the future. The success of this is dependent on us all working together with shared vision and purpose.

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McCusker Centre
for Citizenship



Strengthening Community Service through Lions WA and UWA student internship

Lions WA is pleased to be exploring a new collaboration with the McCusker Centre for Citizenship at The University of Western Australia, supporting shared values of service, leadership and community contribution. Through the Centre's award-winning internship program, organisations can host skilled UWA student interns to assist with project-based work across areas such as community engagement, marketing and

communications, research, IT, business analysis, governance and more.

Interns contribute 100 hours to a defined project. Each intensive internship round runs over five weeks, with students typically available three days per week. This also supports regional placements, alongside metro-based opportunities. This collaboration offers Lions WA associated and community organisations practical project support while providing students with meaningful, service-focused experience.

To find out more, contact the McCusker Centre for Citizenship team at internships@mccuskercentre.uwa.edu.au or (08) 6488 1690.

Lion inducted as Freeman of the City of Joondalup



Carmel Ward inducted as Freeman of the City of Joondalup on 31st March 2026

The City of Joondalup has formally inducted Carmel Ward as a Freeman of the City, the highest honour the City can bestow, recognising her exceptional and sustained contribution to the community over more than two decades. The Freeman of the City title is awarded only in exceptional circumstances and recognises individuals whose service has had a significant and enduring impact on the community.

A long-time Duncraig resident, Ms Ward has made an extraordinary impact across youth mentoring, community leadership, environmental stewardship and volunteer service. Her work has touched individuals, families and organisations across the City, and she is widely regarded as one of the community's most dedicated and compassionate contributors.

For nearly 13 years, Ms Ward has been a trusted mentor at Greenwood College, initially through EdConnect Australia and more recently through the Lions Club. She is known for her calm, patient approach and her ability to build meaningful connections with young people, particularly those experiencing trauma or disengagement, and her dedication earned her EdConnect's WA Mentor Volunteer of the Year Award in 2021.

Ms Ward has also been a central figure in the Duncraig Lions Club for 15 years, serving as President, Secretary, Membership and Social Chair, Youth of the Year Coordinator, Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator and organiser of scholarship and book award programs. Carmel has also sponsored 9 members into the Lions organisation and, as well, Carmel and husband Ray have hosted many a Youth Exchangee from overseas. Her service extends across the Lions District, where she has served as Global Service Team District Coordinator since 2018 and received numerous honours, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship 2★ Progressive Award, the Arthur & Lorna Dodd Award, the ALF Ian Stockdale Award,

Her civic leadership also includes significant contributions to the Marmion, Sorrento, Duncraig Progress and Ratepayers Association, where she has served on the Management Committee since 2021 and currently holds the roles of Treasurer and Membership Officer. She is also a founding member of the Friends of Duncraig Library Bushland and has long contributed to local environmental protection, community events and neighbourhood advocacy. Her service has been acknowledged through multiple awards, including City of Joondalup Senior Citizen of the Year (2019).

Joondalup Mayor Daniel Kingston said Ms Ward's induction reflects the profound and lasting influence of her service. "Carmel Ward represents the very best of community service with her generosity, leadership and unwavering commitment to helping others having enriched our City in ways that are both significant and enduring," Mayor Kingston said. "Her work spans generations, from mentoring young people to supporting seniors, strengthening community groups and protecting local bushland.

"Carmel's legacy is one of compassion, integrity and unwavering dedication to others, and her work has strengthened our community in countless ways. "Carmel's contribution is extraordinary, with an influence that will continue to be felt for many years to come, and we are honoured to recognise her as a Freeman of the City of Joondalup."

Kimberley Floods Update



We have received an update on the trailer we donated to the Fitzroy crossing community following the 2023 floods. These are photos of our completed trailer that Lions so kindly supported with funding.

It is a great asset to our football league and has been very well received. Thank you.
Callan Hatchman
Community Development Officer





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

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



It's Officially Official



LIONS CLUBS OF WA are officially the record holder of the longest continuous sausage sizzle.



Western Australian Hall of Fame

Each year, the Western Australian Lions Hall of Fame honours members whose dedication and service embody the spirit of Lionism — *We Serve*. These outstanding individuals are recognised not only for their exceptional contribution within Lions, but also for the positive impact they have made in their local communities.



The Hall of Fame was established in 2012 with twelve inaugural inductees. Since then three new members are inducted each year at a special WA Hall of Fame dinner.

The Hall of Fame pays tribute to Lions who exemplify leadership, compassion, and integrity. Inductees represent the best of what our organisation stands for — people who give their time, energy, and heart to make lasting differences in the lives of others, both through Lions and in the broader community.

This year's induction ceremony will once again bring together members from across Western Australia to celebrate those who inspire through action — whether by supporting vital local initiatives, leading innovative service programs, or being the quiet force that keeps community spirit alive.

This year the Western Australian Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Friday 6th November at the Swan River Hotel. This has been chosen as a new venue to raise the profile for this prestigious event.

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Hall of Fame. Clubs are encouraged to nominate members who embody the true meaning of service: commitment to Lions and a genuine passion for community.

Suitability criteria is not about title or position held but in the contribution to Lions and community over an extended period of time and as example only two of the past six inductees were Past District Governors.

Clubs are encouraged to nominate any member they feel is worthy of this prestigious recognition by completing the application form and submitting by 31st August.

PID Tim Irvine

Club News

Lions Club of Booragoon

Lion of Booragoon Paul Tomas galivanting in Sri Lanka – by Lion President/Editor Jean-Marc Authelet



I flew out of Perth at 2pm and arrived Sri Lanka at the hotel at 02AM to a party nearby that went all the way to 04AM but I did not hear a noise. Arrived at Negombo at a resort on the beach. 25 meters to the sand and then 20m to the water. Beautiful weather it was. We had an evening meal for a welcome dinner that night (beers \$3.50). Next morning, we then got in the bus to travel to a location to collect the bikes. We then travelled to Colombo down the West coast onto Galle. Galle is the Unesco World Heritage Fort and coastal charm.

The next day was onto Sinharaja National Park which was back inland slightly and known for its Rain Forest biodiversity. This is where we had mossy netting around the beds. My roommate got a bit concerned when he arrived back to the room about 7pm - I was in the pool at that time - and I had the citronella candle going and a candle in our room. He said it was a very romantic thing to do for him so he took a photo and sent that back to his girlfriend. She had a laugh.

We had a cozy night together again. We then went back to the coast at the bottom Tangalle for another night's stay with peaceful golden beaches.



Most days when we pulled into our accommodation, 1st thing was the pool (even in the jungle as per photo). Next day was to Yalla National Park for a Safari adventures: leopards and elephants. Next day then onto Ella with scenic tea country and mountain vistas, funky bars, and waterfalls. This is where we had a rest day so catch up on some washing. We organized a Tuk- Tuk to take us out to the famous 9 Arch bridge to see the train cross at 9.30 am.

At 9AM, we thought the train was coming as everyone on the bridge was running back to land but no train yet. 5x Hornets' nest under the arches and they got disturbed so some tourist got stung.

Train arrived at 9.30. Tuk-Tuk again up to a tree factory which was very interesting. Lower level of the factory was very hot as this is where they sort and dry the leaves. They then went up to the next level for grinding and sorting.

This level had demisters there that sprayed water every minute of so. This was NOT for the workers but for the tea. Only modern machine they had there was an air operated machine of 4 meters high that shot the tea leaf in different directions. Red, stalk and the black leaf to different areas. Very interesting place to visit. 80% of the leaf on the plant is moisture so only 20% return of the product.

From here he ventured to Arugam Bay (surfing capitol of Sri Lanka), Pasikuda, Nilaveli, back into the center to Sigiriya (ancient rock fortress and countryside) 2200 steps to the top. Good workout that was. Then Kandy, Eliya (little England, cool highlands, colonial charm, and tea plantations). This is where the English bloke thought we were staying the night. High tea was there for the richer Sri Lankan people and we were looked down upon when 12 bikies pulled up and had a beer or two or as we had was tea and carrot cake. Another night nearby with good accommodation. Next day then back to Negombo for our final swim in the ocean or pool, meal, then back on the big bird at midnight to fly back to Perth.

One of the photos is of the locals drying the wheat on the road (nice generated heat) with constant turning and then bagged in the afternoon, mostly for the animals. This was on many roads.

Overall, Sri Lanka is a nice place to visit, good food but place is not for tourists driving cars. If you do go there either car with driver or coach tour is the way to go. There was fuel restriction there but not for the tourists as they were spending money.

Tuk-Tuks were only allowed to have 5 liters of fuel and had to use a QR code so you could not go from fuel station to fuel station.

A couple of days were good riding as the Government closed the schools and the public officers but the traffic there is still bad but same as India. The horn is your best friend but you still must have eyes in the back of your head.

Next trip to Rajasthan India in November and then Patagonia Feb 2027.

Antarctica for both myself and Joanne is also on the books for 2028.



Lions Club of Pinjarra

Lions Club of Pinjarra enjoying St Patrics day celebrations at their social meeting!



SPOTTED ON SAFARI in the suburbs



Guess who was spotted out on Safari looking for new members?

GET district coordinator Michael Wolf spent a day canvassing businesses in Currambine and Wangara promoting lions and handing out information brochures.



Western Australian Society of Art—Art Exhibition

WASA Art Exhibition - Portrait sitter Lion Rob Newby from Harvey Lions Club

Below is the text of the nomination from Michelle Stanton of Harvey Lions for Lion Rob Newby, who was selected to be the sitter for the portrait painted by several artists on 28th March 2026.

This opportunity came about after the Lions District sponsored the prizes for the Mind-

scape 2025 student art competition and exhibition at Allendale Square in the CBD, 27th Oct to 14th Nov 2025.



Rob Newby is a highly deserving candidate for the commissioning of a portrait, in recognition of his exceptional service, leadership, and lifelong contribution to the Harvey community and club. A Charter Member since 1981, Rob is a Life Member and Melvin Jones Medal recipient whose decades of service reflect unwavering commitment. As a long-standing club board member and key contributor, he has played an instrumental role in guiding and strengthening the organisation. Beyond the club, Rob owned and operated a local hardware store and made an extraordinary contribution to the Harvey Recreation & Cultural Centre. A Platinum fundraiser for its construction, the playing hall and stand proudly bear his name. In recognition of his service, he was named Harvey Citizen of the Year in 2024. Rob's personal jour-

ney is equally inspiring. As a heart transplant recipient, he has represented Australia at the Transplant Games in badminton and lawn bowls, exemplifying resilience and determination. He is also fondly known within the club for his roles as Cake & Mint Chair and Tail Twister, contributing greatly to its spirit and camaraderie. Rob Newby's lifelong service, leadership, and inspirational personal story make him a worthy subject for a portrait, ensuring his legacy is preserved for future generations.

Tanya Izzard the President of the Western Australian Society of Art was very pleased to have Lions involved - the Sponsors event was also enjoyable.



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Peter Rabbit Quilt

205 - 170 cm

Tickets \$5.00 each (5 for \$20.00)

(Approved by the Convention Organising Committee for sale at the MD Convention)



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

60 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – JUNE 1966.

International President, Dr Walter Campbell visits Perth and addresses the Regional Convention at Cottesloe Civic Hall.



50 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH – JUNE 1976.

The Busselton Lions Club was chartered



40 YEARS AGO – JUNE 1986 Waroona Lions clock up 3600 hours of community service.



30 YEARS AGO, JUNE 1996 Brunswick Junction Lions combine with 2000 children from 3 schools and Brunswick Girl Guides to plant trees on the Railway Reserve



THE EASIEST WAY TO OBTAIN A NEW CLUB MEMBER



20 YEARS AGO TODAY, JUNE 2006 Incoming W2 District Governor, Keith Jones gives some advice on recruiting new members. SOUND FAMILIAR





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2025

DISTRICT 201WA Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries

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

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

SIXTY YEARS OF WEST AUSTRALIAN LIONS' CLUBS HISTORY cont.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY, JUNE 2016

The design for new ground floor of the Lions Eye Institute is completed.



Lions Assistance Dogs



National Volunteer Week falls between the 18th – 24th of May this year. Make sure you get involved and celebrate those who sacrifice their time for causes greater than them!

Lions Assistance Dogs recognises the vital importance of celebrating National Volunteer Week. It is the largest annual celebration of volunteering in Australia. It recognises the contribution of millions of volunteers across the country and invites everyone to discover how giving their time and talents can create connection, purpose, and stronger communities. Volunteers are the backbone of our organisation, from Puppy Carers, BnB carers, Guardian Carers, and Fire Evacuation Volunteers, to Lions Clubs across the country who support with placements and accreditations. Without any of them we would not be where we are today, so we say thankyou and celebrate each of our volunteers on this special week.

2027 Calendars and New Stock!

We also have new stock in our online shop. Pictured above you can see Dougie (cover boy!) sitting alongside our new 2027 calendar and our newest tea towel design. Head to our website at <https://lionsassistedogs.com.au/shop/> to purchase some of our new merch, and stayed tuned for more new items coming to the shop soon.

As always if you have any questions about Lions Assistance Dogs, how to get involved or support us, please contact us at: development@lionsassistedogs.com.au



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