DISTRICT



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V3 ROAR



Update on East Gippsland Timber-Milling Project

Second vice District Governor Kim Ainsworth reports on the East Gippsland Timber Milling Project He will endeavour to keep Lions up to date on the activities of this exciting District Project.

The project is currently in the possession of 3 Lucas mills 2 of which are working in East Gippsland. There are currently discussions into the purchase a Telehandler as the Skid Steers we have are unstable with heavy logs and on ground that has any kind of slope.

We recently had an audit performed on miller's sites and results were very good. OH&S manuals are currently under review and updating, this has come about due to the rapid expansion of the project in a short period of time.

Admin officer Debbie attended the NRRA expo Nowa Nowa and picked up contacts from Rural Aid and Kaylene Wickham from Shire



council. Both are going to increase awareness of the project in the community. The number of people contacting us for assistance continues to grow and is expected to continue along that track as we become better known and continue to talk to the communities effected in East Gippsland.

Referrals coming through after a zoom meeting with case managers at GLCH to raise their awareness of the project.

Recently Mitchell River Rotary attended Jarrod's site for a demonstration and then met with Clifton Creek residents who had used the project while enjoying light refreshments and finger foods. Everyone involved was very impressed.

Currently 81 on milling list of which 13 are needing donated timber. Really struggling to get timber donations. Wairewa community donated timber to have a lectern made for the hall with a plaque recognising those who donated. Creating good history from bad history.

DELWP is clearing fire breaks and road clearances from Orbost to Cann River to Genoa. Beth Cookson will advocate for us and Peter West wants to organise a meeting with Parks, Vic Forest, DEWLP and the project. At ground level all are onboard but it needs approval from higher up the chain.

ALF and Minderoo will go \$100,000.00 each to buy equipment for the 3rd mill. Jamie Loyde from Minderoo will fly over in the private jet for a site viewing when WA opens up the borders. Exon Mobil is keen to view our operations.

Kim Ainsworth - 2nd vice District Governor





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APRIL

- **RIDE FOR SIGHT BEGINS**
- Training Day Leongatha RSL
- RIDE FOR SIGHT CONCLUDES
- **Training Day**
 - Bairnsdale Hub
 - Latrobe Valley (Venue TBC)
- Mirboo North Motorcycle show
- Flinders Heritage Car Show 17
- Red Hill Easter Egg Hunt
- **Mornington Book Fair**
- 24

MAY

- **Cabinet Meeting**
- Warragul Golf Day

- **District Changeover**
- JPS -Club candidates Nominated

AUGUST

31 JPS -Zone level candidates Nominated

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Lions Clubs International District 201V3



"Serving Together, Achieving Together"

District Governor-Steve Boyce 1st VG David Culpitt 2nd VDG Kim Ainsworth

Lions welcome to April, and only 3 months to go in this Lions year. To say I am proud aof our Lions and our clubs in an understatement. The way that all our Lions and clubs continued to work and meet during the covid restrictions has set us all up well to finish this Lions year strong. As we are busy carrying out the great service that we do in the community now is the time to be looking forward to next year.

Hopefully by now your club has done its elections for next year. Hopefully you have some new faces on your board, new skills and new enthusiasm. There is still time to train the new board. We had our first training day for next Lion's year on the 27th of March Cranbourne Public Hall. It was a great day and well attended. The feedback received was that the training received was of great benefit. The next days are on the 9th of April at Leongatha RSL, Corner Smith Street and Michael Place, Leongatha, the 10th of April at Bairnsdale Hub, 27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale, and also on the 10th of April at Traralgon RSL, 109 -115 Grey St Traralgon.

The District Leadership team are working hard on these training events. They are designed to be of benefit to your board, and other Lions considering roles in the future. If you couldn't go to Cranbourne, I do hope you will attend Leongatha, Bairnsdale or Traralgon. If you are not able to attend any of these trainings, or you need some more information, the team are looking to run a virtual training day on zoom, late May. So, the best of both worlds. I would like to thank Maurice Blackburn and his team for their work on these trainings. If you wish to book in for any of these events, or if you have any service leadership/ training issues or questions, don't hesitate to contact District Leadership Coordinator Lions Maurice Blackburn by email glt201v3@gmail.com.

As we are contemplating future Lion's years, and Lions who may take on other/new roles in the future, a program has been developed to assist. The Personal Development Mentor Program is being created and managed by Lion Brian Simons from the Dromana Lions Club. The purpose of the program is to work with Lions who may Self nominate or via Clubs, Zone or District. This would be based on a recognition of a members' interest or abilities for a particular role, or simply wanting to explore

opportunities available to them. Any member wishing to utilize this program should contact Brian Simons by email brian28@ozemail.com.au or by phone on 0419 356 967.

We are nearly ready to go again for another Ride for Sight. The Four Week 'Ride with a Difference' commenced on Monday 14 March 2022 where participants ride in their chosen locations and at their nominated distances. The normal four-day Ride will commence on Thursday 7 April 2022 from Loch Sport and end 355km later in Darnum on Sunday 10 April 2022. As in previous years the four-day Ride will be hosted by Lions Clubs along the way. This year's hosting Clubs are the Lions Clubs of Loch Sport, Sale, Yarram, Toora, Traralgon, Yinnar, Moe, Yarragon, Trafalgar and Warragul. I thank the clubs for their support. The fundraising target is \$60,000, and Ride Chairman Ian and I encourage all Clubs to support by donating generously towards our District Ride for Sight project. All funds raised will go to the Centre for Eye Research Australia for research into preventable blindness, diseases such as Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration Diabetes. I thank Ride Chairperson Ian DeBruyne and his hard-working team for their fantastic efforts to make this another fantastic event and an amazing result.

As we have witnessed the awful flooding events in Qld and NSW I would encourage Lions and Clubs to support the appeal by the Australian Foundation to support those residents in the areas of Southern Queensland Northern New South Wales, who have been impacted. If Lions wish to donate, you can either send your cheque directly to the Treasurer of the Australian Foundation or make a deposit direct to the National Appeal Fund Account. The bank details are Account Name: National Appeal Fund BSB: 036-048 Account No: 440704. Cheques can be made payable to the Australian Lions Foundation and sent to: Treasurer Australian Lions Foundation, PO Box 278 Melville, WA 6956

Whilst we are discussing our foundations its timely as we move towards changeovers/disbursements etc., to consider our support of both Lions Clubs International Foundation and The Australian Lions Foundation. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)



Supports projects worldwide. Its ready to assist quickly when disaster strikes. With the 2019-2020 Bushfires v3 received \$260,000, and the first \$14, 000 was in days. Unfortunately, Australia is a "net taker" from LCIF. That is we get more \$ from LCIF than we put in. For that reason funds donated in Australia do not leave Australia!

The Australian Lions Foundation provides grants for Disaster relief, Compassionate support and Community initiatives. Every year the Foundation distributes more than \$1 million for projects around Australia. The Foundation Directors are all Lion volunteers who do not receive any income for their efforts. After the 2019-2020 Bushfires v3 received over \$500,000, and with the floods in Gippsland last year we received \$60,000. As we know Australia is disaster prone. And as you can see both LCIF and ALF are great supporters of our community when we need it. We need to keep our foundations financially strong. We can do this by making disbursements to the foundations and utilizing the various awards available from the foundations to honor service. Both foundations have fantastic recognitions at a great range of prices. I would encourage you to recognize some great community service in your community. And don't forget that awards and recognitions can be presented to worthy community members as well as Lions. As Lions I believe we not only try to do great things in our community but we should also recognize great work in the community by others.

I wish you all well, until next month. DG Steve Boyce 2021-2022

Serving Together, Achieving Together

1st Vice District Governor

Hi Lions of V3

Welcome to another issue of the district newsletter. I have spent the last month doing my District Governor training via the zoom platform - it was nice seeing my group from all over the world and sharing ideas. It is amazing that it doesn't matter what club in the world we are from, we all are facing the same issues with building our cabinets as members are scared to take the leap and try a new role.

My Theme for next year is "Believe in Yourself"

With the added members I am putting in the GAT Team we are going to focus on Global Membership Approach which we would like to get down to club level.

Club President will be the GMA in your local club, 1st Vice President will look after Leadership 2nd Vice President will look after Service then the club can appoint members to serve on these teams and look at a long-term approach for your club on how you attract new members, look after the service your club does with its projects.

At District Level we are planning for the next 5 years and we are looking for members who would like to be Future Cab Secretary, Cab Treasurer, Rules and By-laws as well as 2^{nd} Vice District Governor.

The Global Membership Approach is being rolled out

David Culpitt

across the whole world in 2022-2023 Lions Year.

We have got a new and exciting team on communications next year which will bring fresh ideas as we roll out digital, printed as well as social media. Plus we will be rolling out the new website for District as well as clubs that would like one.

District Convention will be at Lakes Entrance Friday 21st October to Sunday 23rd October.

Reservations for Bellevue on the Lakes and The Esplanade Resort & Spa can be made - they are around a 5 minute walk away.

We have arranged a special deal for Lions' members at the Bellevue and Saltwater hotels.

You need to email Kelly

<u>kelly@saltwaterproperties.com.au</u> - \$100 deposit required then balanced paid 30 days prior to arrival.

This is because it is a discounted rate. You will need to quote **Lions Clubs Convention October 2022.**

We have obtained Sponsorship from Esso, so this Convention will be very well priced.

Regards

David Culpitt

2nd Vice District Governor

Good afternoon all, my how time flies by, before we know it we will have reached the end of the year and all our wonderful clubs will be moving into transition from 2021 to 2022 and getting ready for their change over meetings.

Club Development Days

If you are taking on a new role or think that you could use a bit of a refresher course, we will be holding Development days in a number of locations across the district, these include,

Club Development Days are tentatively proposed to be held on the following dates.

9am for a 9:30 start.

Venues to be confirmed.

- March 27 Cranbourne
- April 9 Leongatha RSL
- April 10 Bairnsdale Hub
- April 10 Latrobe Valley

Kim Ainsworth

District Convention

Spring Break at Lakes!
75th Anniversary of Lions in Australia
46th 201v3 Convention at Lakes Entrance 21st – 23rd
October 2022

Club visits by the DG Team

Over the last 4 weeks I have had the pleasure of visiting 7 clubs these being,

Boneo (14 members), Bass Valley (9 members), Trafalgar (38 members), Bairnsdale (29 members), Casey Hills Lioness Lions (11 members), Paynesville (21 members), and Strzlecki (32 members).

All these clubs as well as the rest of the clubs in our district are doing a wonderful job in providing their members the opportunity to make their community a better place to live. Whilst many clubs have similar projects the majority have slightly different ways of completing these projects, keep up the great work and I encourage you all to continue thinking outside the box.

Keep up the great work

Kim Ainsworth 2nd VDG

WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Steve and members of our district are saddened to hear of the passing of members and family members.

Our condolences and thoughts are with the following people and their Lions Clubs.

Omeoshire ... the passing of Lion Ben Buckley

Bairnsdale ... the passing of Lion Peter Whites son Andrew

Mt.Eliza ... the passing of Lion Dennis Cleary and his wife Shirley



Hampton Park .. .Lion Bob Rayner

Karingal ... Lion Alex Ross

We hope by the time you read this newsletter that you will be well on the way to recovery and if you are still having treatment we hope that it is successful.

Our thoughts are with you all.

PDG Norma Barnard Welfare Chairman V3

Email: <u>barnardnorma8@gmail.com</u>

Phone: 5998 8669/0431 521 566







MEMBERSHIP



When our membership grows ...

our communities grow, our service strengthens, our future brightens

District Governor Steve Boyce and the members of District 201V3 are overjoyed to welcome to our Lions family the following members and hope that they enjoy the experience of serving their community as much as we have.

Lions Club of Bairnsdale . Lion Kathi MacDonald Lion Yvonne Ward Lion George Ward

<u>Lions Club of Balnarring ...</u> Lion Briony Hutton

<u>Lions Club of Boneo...</u> Lion Delene Singleton

Lions Club of Casey Hills Lionesses Lion Sue Cohen Lion Faye Marriott

<u>Lions Club of Mt.Eliza</u> Lion Claudio Boccadora Lion Jaye Boccadora Lions Club of Toora Lion Megan Searls

Victoria Need for Feed Lions club Lion Jeff Johnston Lion Andrea Tuckerman Lion Wayne Patterson

Lions Club of Yarragon Lion Catherine Baird Lion Wayne Hewitt Lion Russell Weekley



201V3 Club Development Days 2022

Open to all Lions members.

Why not come along and see how our club officers are trained.

Over four sites on different days.

27 March Cranbourne Public Hall

9 April Leongatha RSL10 April Bairnsdale Hub

10 April Latrobe Valley (venue to be confirmed)



The structure of the days will be as follows:

09:10 Opening Welcome and Housekeeping

Setting the Scene, Establish Objectives

9:20 District Governor

Theme and Goals

International President Theme and Goals
Introduction of District Governor Team

9:50 Global Action Team

10:00 Club Presidents

11:00 Club Secretary

12:00 *Lunch (30 minutes)*

12:30 Club Treasurer

13:30 Club Membership

14:30 Q & A Session

15:00 Close

Lunch is provided, RSVP will be required for catering purposes.

RSVP and/or queries to Maurice on maurice.blackburn@bigpond.com

Going forward follow-up sessions are proposed.

A Zoom version of this training will be provided for members in late May 2022

COVID SAFETY - WINTER BOOSTER DOSE

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has approved a winter booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to increase vaccine protection before winter for people at greatest risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

To prepare for winter, eligible people who have received their primary vaccination and third dose will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccine 'winter booster dose'. Those eligible are:

- adults aged 65 years and older
- residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- people aged 16 years and older who are severely immunocompromised
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older.
 They can receive their winter booster dose **four months** after receiving their third dose, or from four months after a confirmed COVID-19 infection, if infection has occurred since the person's third dose.

Pfizer and **Moderna** are the preferred vaccines for the winter dose.

Book a winter dose appointment at a Victorian <u>vaccination centre</u> using the <u>online</u> <u>booking system</u> or by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on <u>1800 675 398</u> between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, 7 days a week. From 1 April you can also book an appointment at your <u>local</u> <u>GP</u>, pharmacy, or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

Rob Connor

District Safety Officer

Ron Lipman Award RON LIPMAN BULLETIN AWARD CLUB BULLETIN

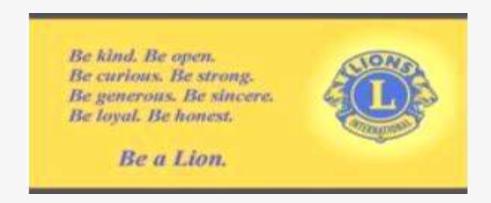
COMPETITION

Does your club have a club bulletin?

If you wish to be considered for the Ron Lipman award, please send a copy of each issue of your bulletin to

v3.newsletter@gmail.com

BY May 31





GLOBAL ACTION TEAM





Lions Global Causes CHILDHOOD CANCER

Here are some ways you might be able to offer support -

- Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
- Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.
- Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer.
- Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.
- Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
- Organize a weekend retreat for families with
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centres
- Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
- Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.
- Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.
- Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
- Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry.
- Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.
- Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families in need.
- Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school.
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- Provide cancer support books and magazines to your school.
- Assist at camps for children with special needs.
- Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.







2022

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

VICTORIAN STATE FINAL AND DINNER

VENUE Box Hill Town Hall.

1022 Whitehorse Rd. BOX HILL, Vic 3128

Saturday 9 April 2022 DATE

TIME 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

COST

course meal - drinks available at bar prices)

DRESS CODE: Lounge suit / after 5 wear.

BY FRIDAY 1 APRIL

Proudly hosted by The Lions Club of Box Hill. Bookings are essential and can be made online using Trybooking, or by submitting the attached booking form. See the booking form for full details.

CONTACT PERSON: Monica McQuatters (YOTY District Chair), 0407 849 153

Colin Stevens, YOTY State Coordinator. 0488 742 001

Please be aware that everyone attending the YOTY State Final on 9 April will be required to conform to the mandated Covid-19 requirements applicable at that time.





VICTORIA STATE FINAL 2022 BOOKING FORM

Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd. Box Hill, Vic 3128 Saturday 9 April 2022 - 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Cost: \$35 p/p

Booking and payment methods:

Method 1 - Online using Trybooking

This is the easiest way. In your web browser, visit https://www.tryhooking.com/fixkHC to book your tickets and pay by card. Note there is a 50c per ticket fee added to cover the cost of

Method 2 - Complete Booking Form and Pay by Bank Transfer
Make a direct transfer of funds for the total amount using these BSB details:

Lions Club of Box Hill Inc BSB: 633-000 Account No: 141 755 793
Use the Reference "YOTY" and your surname
Then complete this booking form (you can do this electronically using Acrobot "Sign and Fill"), or on paper and email to voty@boxhillions.org or mail to Lions Club of Box Hill, P.O. Box 142, Box Hill, Vic. 3128.

Method 3 - Complete Booking Form and Pay by cheque

Complete this booking form, attach a choque made out to 'Lions Club of Box Hill Inc' for the total amount @\$35 P/P and mail to: Lions Club of Box Hill, P.O. Box 142, Box Hill, Vic. 3128

YOTY State 2022	1º Person	2 nd Person	3 rd Person	4th Person
Club Name:				
Title:				
First Name:				
Surname:				
Contact No:				
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Special Dietary Requirements:	Ţ.			













Spring Break at Lakes!

1t's our Birthday
75th Anniversary Lions in Australia
46th District Convention201V3
Come to the Seaside
Let's Celebrate and party
LAKES ENTRANCE 21ST -23RD
OCTOBER 2022

MORNINGTON LIONS ANNUAL

CHARITY BOOK FAIR 23RD & 24TH APRIL 2022

Saturday & Sunday 9 am - 5 pm
MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR

Over 26,000 quality, pre-loved books, at bargain prices.

ALL BOOKS \$2

The Book Fair will be held at the
Peninsula Community Theatre
Cnr. Nepean Highway and Wilsons Road, Mornington

ENTRY IS BY GOLD COIN DONATION

Come along and grab a bargain, while supporting worthy causes.

- Non-fiction books have been sorted into categories.
- In addition, Fiction books are sorted alphabetically, according to the author's surname, from A to Z.
- This provides more opportunity to 'get your hands on' the amazing book bargains on offer.
- You can go home with arms full of books for little cost, while at the same time helping our Lions Club make a positive difference in the community.
 - There are plenty of books for all tastes, so come along and enjoy a pleasant, relaxing and lingering browse ...

SPEND LESS, READ MORE See you there!

BOOK DONATIONS ON THE DAY - WELCOMED

Help Mornington Lions to make a difference in the community.



2022/23 V3 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON

All Lions, Partners and friends are invited to attend to celebrate the past and future Lions' year

TIME: 11.30am for 12pm start - 3.30pm finish

DATE: Sunday 17th July 2022

VENUE: Warragul Country Club

41 Sutton Street Warragul

COST: \$40 per head – 2 courses

Drinks at bar prices

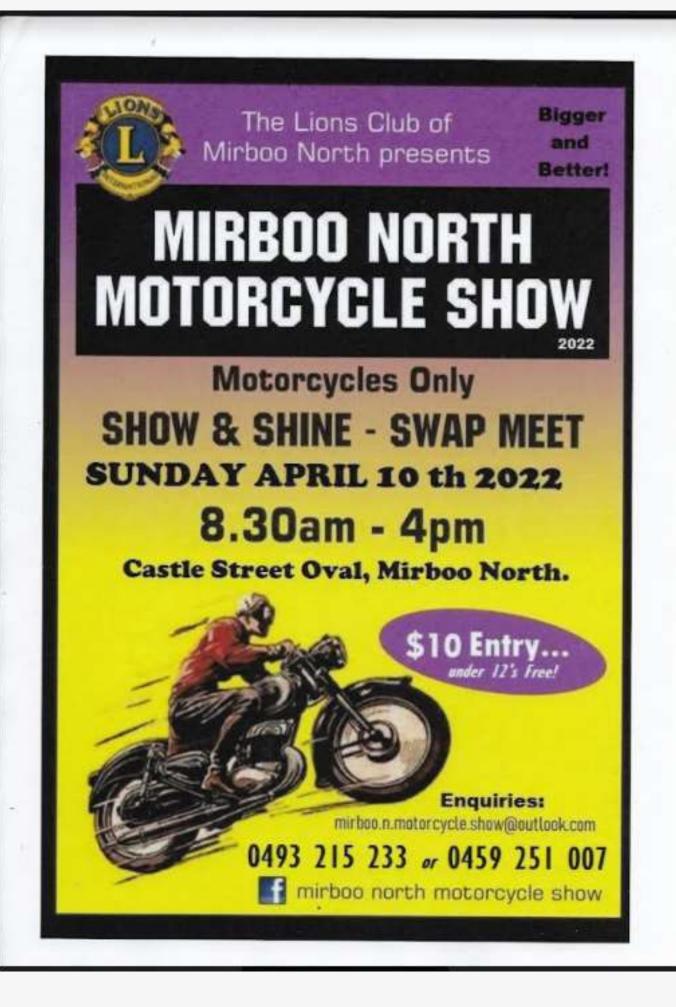
RSVP: no later than the 10th July 2022

to PDG Lion Terry Hayler

By mail: 4/11 King Street, Warragul Vic 3820

Or by email: tha89654@bigpond.net.au

When booking please advise any special dietary requirements.



ZONE

Warragul

LIONS CHARITY GOLF DAY



THURSDAY 26th MAY 2022 WARRAGUL COUNTRY CLUB SUTTON STREET WARRAGUL VIC 3820

COST - \$15.00 PER PLAYER

(Men's and Ladies Trophies)

Provided BBQ supplying sausages, egg and bacon rolls.

Entry via time sheet or ring our pro shop on 56232353

RAFFLE 3 PRIZES - \$5 FOR 3 TICKETS OR \$2 EACH

FUNDS GIVEN TO WEST GIPPSLAND LEGACY GROUP AND LOCAL PROJECTS
SUPPORTED BY LIONS WARRAGUL

Warragul Lions Club thank the support given to us by the

Warragul Country Club management and staff allowing us to raise these funds

- also our sponsors

Vin Rowe PI/L, Farnham Built P/L, Gippsland Phones (Nev Clements), Bakers Delight (John Maher) Warragul, Fiona and Jeff Kittelty (Arkadian Homes).

Thank you to all those clubs from Zone 4 who have contributed articles to this issue.

There are many contributions from Clubs and they are really appreciated.

THE EDITOR WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DID NOT ADD FORMATTING TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION AS IT OFTEN NEEDS TO BE REMOVED TO INSERT THE ARTICLE. SIMPLY A WORD DOCUMENT ATTACHED PLEASE!

Next issue will focus on Zone 5,

but any contributions are very welcome.

(please add your zone to your contribution.)

Due date for contributions for the MAY newsletter by 15 APRIL.

ALL CLUBS ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY ISSUE

Share what you have been doing over the past months

- Lots of photos
- Snippets of information
- Photos and profiles of new members
- Ideas for projects
- What you are doing for the 75th birthday celebrations?

The more individuals and clubs that contribute,

201V3 ZONES

District 201v3 has 12 zones.

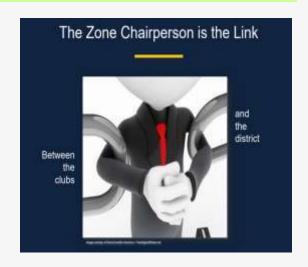
Each zone has a chairperson.

Usually there are 4 meetings of clubs in the zone each Lions year, where projects and ideas are shared, queries addressed and may involve presentation and discussion on a topic of interest. It is a good time for building camaraderie with other lions in your area.

In 2022, the Newsletter will focus on a zone in each issue.

Our Zone Chairpersons are a very valuable link between the club and the district

They are part of the District Governor's Cabinet and ensure information is disseminated to the clubs.



ZONE 4

Zone chairperson : Russell Napper

Number of clubs: 6

Zone 4 has 6 clubs with a total membership of 116.

Zones 3 & 4 have joint zone meetings to share ideas & pool resources.

Our current project is the purchase of 2 breast pumps for the women and children unit at Central Gippsland Health.

Our newest club, Maffra Lions Lioness club is running smoothly. They have a great team, working well together. Very pleasing to see them working so well.



ZONE 4

Maffra

Maffra Lions Club have 24 members.

We have come out of COVID lock down with a very successful Christmas Raffle. Instead of our usual trailer of goodies, this year we decided to support our local traders and offered vouchers from the businesses around town.

The clubs other activities include supplying disability aids to needy community members, and maintaining the rail trail between Tinamba and Stratford.

AROUND THE CLUBS

ZONE

PAYNESVILLE LIONS CLUB



Paynesville Lions Club President Bill East, Lion Roger Wilson and District Governor Second Vice Kim Ainsworth.

On the night of Wednesday the 2nd of March 2022 members of The Lions Club of Paynesville convened a special meeting

at Three double 8 Zero Restaurant Paynesville, with honored guests Lions partners, Lion Murray Goff-Zone Chair and Lion Kim Ainsworth-District Governor Second Vice, and his wife Christine.

During the course of the night Paynesville member Lion Roger Wilson (Club Treasurer) was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship the highest award for exceptional service to Lions, The Club and the community. Roger has been a member of The Lions Club of Paynesville for almost 18 years and has worked tirelessly throughout serving as President, Secretary and Treasurer

and has always entertained members in his position as Tail Twister.

The presentation of the award was the highlight of a pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

Kevin Burns (Lions club of Paynesville)

ZONE 4

Lions Club of Maffra Lioness



Fay Anderson (President- Maffra), Ian Bye (Wellington Shire Mayor) and Cynthia Robinson (Zone 1 Chairperson)



.Secretary Sue Clifford handing over the clothing to a representative of the Lions Licola Wilderness Village.

LIONS CLUB OF MAFFRA LIONESSES

It was pleasing to see a great turn-up at our first meeting for the year on February 7th. Discussion on how to ease the burden on the office-bearers was very forthcoming with many ideas floated. We had a coffee meeting and allotted members to various committees eg rostering a meeting chair, fundraising, catering, facebook presentation, historian and many more, there is a job for all our members.

Activities since November 2021

Our Club was honoured at a Civic Reception hosted by the Wellington Shire recognizing Lioness Clubs contribution to the community over many years. In Maffra's case 52 years.

We were also nominated for the Wellington Shire Australia Day Group Award.

Packing 20 bags of essential items for ladies and young girls who find themselves in desperate circumstances.

We handed them over to Dignity Australia for distribution in our local area.

We sold all our Christmas puddings, many orders came from our Facebook page. We also held a raffle for a Lions Cake and a pudding, which proved very successful.

Two wheelchair friendly picnic tables made by the Maffra Men's Shed have been installed at the George Gray Sensory Garden. This has been a joint project with our Lions Club.

Our annual \$500 scholarship was presented at the Maffra Secondary College awards night.

A large parcel of girls and boys clothing was collected and sent to Licola Wilderness Village for use at their summer camps. Thanks to our Facebook page we have a new member.

We are now planning our fundraising activities, hopefully we won't be interrupted by COVID.



MAFFRA LIONS Lionesses with bags packed for Dignity Australia.

ZONE

BAIRNSDALE

LIONS ASSISTING SAFETY OF EAST GIPPSLANDERS





Bairnsdale Lions Club thank the assistance of Kyle Batt with their Cherry Picker for volunteering to assist with the installation of a much needed new windsock at the Bairnsdale Lions Club Helipad at the BRHS. This helipad has serviced East Gippsland since 1993.

In the last 12 months Bairnsdale Lions Club have invested approximately \$8000 in maintenance of the pad. Many patients lives have been saved by the use of the pad so close to the hospital allowing them to be transported to specialist emergency services.

The Helipad has been used 48 times in the last twelve months for emergency patients.

AROUND THE CLUBS

ZONE 11

RED HILL

The Red Hill Show was a challenging day, with a great result for the show committee! 15000 + visitors meant traffic was extremely busy. ILions parking team coped extremely -well - but very tired at the end of the day! The catering team took good care of all the stewards, judges and other volunteers, along with invited guests and dignitaries. The show has grown in the past few years as has Lions involvement. The show is returning to it's agricultural and horticultural roots and there were many new features at this year's show which drew crowds from a wide area.

Hard work. . . Now a bit of fun.

Red Hill District Lions are getting ready for their inaugural Big Easter Egg Hunt.

Signs are made and displayed with support from local Real Estate agents, eggs are ordered, bunny ears are ready, signs are organised for 10-13 year olds to enjoy a selfie scavenger hunt, coffee van is ready for the mums and dads, and nannas and pas - and anyone else who would like to Join in - hot cross buns are being baked and our BBQ trailer is ready to be fired up!

One thing we can't organise is the weather, but we have our fingers crossed!

It should be a great fun event! (and far too much chocolate!)







ZONE 12

FRANKSTON

Frankston City's *Big Summer Read* was a real page turner for our young bookworms.

It was a wonderful initiative that promoted reading over the summer break. It provided a great incentive for children to indulge in books and stores and read for pleasure.

The Lions Club of Frankston are keen to support local community projects that make a positive impact in people's lives.

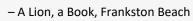
Reading is vitally important for children and the Big Summer Read at Frankston Library highlights the value of literacy.

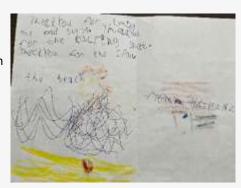
The Lions Club of Frankston donated a brand-new iPad to Frankston Library which was eventually presented to Nathan as first prize.

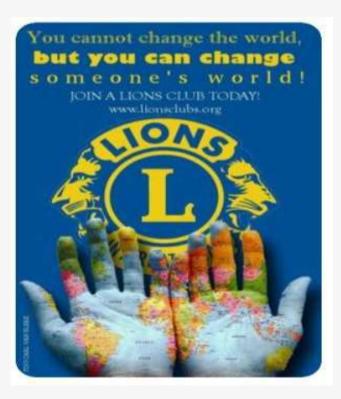


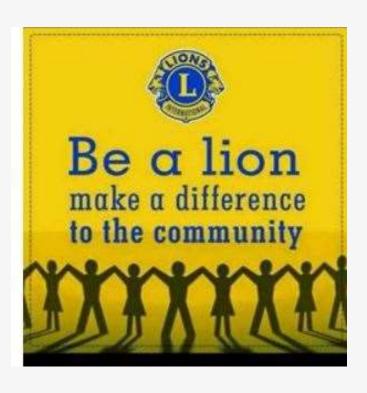


Nathan's thank you letter









ZONE 10

RYE LIONS CLUB



Gael with happy customers at the show.

Chris Crewther, Gael Harvey, Norma Cornish, Sam Groth

RYE LIONS AT THE RED HILL SHOW

As red Hill Lions Club was busy with other responsibilities, Rye Lions were invited to have a BBQ stall at the Red Hill Show this year, the event was held on Saturday 12th March after a 2 year Covid induced hiatus!

And what a day it turned out to be. We were blessed with a beautiful day, quite hot for the Chefs turning the sausages, but no such heat for the well oiled team of volunteers who served continuously throughout the day

Our chefs also had to cook the snags for the sausage making competition, so the pressure was on! All went very well and the winner was crowned before a big audience much to everyone's enjoyment as they had free samples.

The Show attracted over 15,000 visitors, and Rye Lions sold 1,000 sausages, a tremendous effort for our members and a fantastic boost to our coffers after a very lean couple of years. This money will go to local, national and international projects, with the floods in NSW & Queensland having top priority

We would like to thank Red Hill Lions, Lyn Connor and Red Hill Show President Rob Connor for this wonderful opportunity, it was a great day, lots of fun and laughs, and we all slept well that night!

Gael Harvey, Project Manager



Lion lady Lyn Buchanan, and helper granddaughter Pippa



Brian Harvey from Rye Lions with Lyn Connor from Red Hill Lions.

ZONE 1

TWIN RIVERS

SUCCESSFUL FREE COMMUNITY EVENT AT NICHOLSON

Twin Rivers Lions Club Inc hosted the much-anticipated inaugural family picnic day for locals and visitors at the Nicholson Reserve with off highway parking next to the Nicholson Primary School on the Princes Highway, Nicholson.

The reserve is surrounded by bushland so it was a very rural and peaceful setting to enjoy a fun family picnic out with others with lots of activities for all ages. Families came along for the day with their marquees, beach umbrellas and picnic rugs along with their fold up chairs.

This FREE community event hosted by Twin Rivers Lions Club Inc was funded through the generosity of the Red Cross Drought Relief & Recovery Fund which funded the all the children's' activities and East Gippsland Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria were pleased to be sponsoring this event from Drought Communities Priorities Funding covering the live music and portable toilet.

Initially the East Gippsland Shire Funding and Regional Development Victoria funding was to financially support a WELLNESS IN ACTION series of morning teas with guest speakers each covering a specific topic ie Diabetes Prevention, Financial Security, Age Care Packages, Food Security for families, Mental Health and Living with a Chronic Illness. This original event was funded in April 2021, however with the various COVID19 Lockdowns throughout 2021 it became evident that we needed to disband the original vision and come up with a more family-oriented socialisation event as this best met the current needs of our local community.

Once 2022 started to open for public events, our club was successful in gaining permission from the funding body, EGSC, for a more appropriate event to be held before the cooler months. The idea of having an event involving families was our club's alternative to the Wellness program.

Following a short successful marketing program by local community radio station REG FM, social media, email database mail out and word of mouth, we were thrilled that the day was a huge success with everyone pulling together to help make the FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC meet our objectives.

Special appreciation goes to well known locals Duncan and Andrew duo "BEATS Workin" Andrew Long, vocals and drums, and Duncan Clark, guitar. BEATS Workin are often seen and enjoyed playing at venues and functions across Gippsland. Duncan and Andrew have a variety of music genres including rock n roll, country, blues and fun. Something to suit all tastes in music. The musicians were just ideal for the day adding to the rural country setting, along with the fun kids' activities – jumping castle, sumo wrestling and balloon twisting.

We estimate over 220 attended the event – over 50 children played on the jumping castle, the balloon twister reported she made 100 balloon shapes, and the kids (and young at hearty on their knees) were providing entertainment for everyone with their sumo antics.

The Twin Rivers Lions Club CATERING VAN cooked up a storm for everyone to enjoy – sausage sizzle, egg & bacon rolls and hot and cold drinks were all available free of charge.

WHERE IS TWIN RIVERS?

Event coordinator, Desma Payne said ,"People often ask that question". Once we explain the area, usually everyone knows the district well but are just not familiar with the term "Twin Rivers".

Our description is "between the two rivers of Nicholson and Tambo Rivers on the highway between Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance. It is a population of approximately 3,000 permanent residents and includes the communities of Nicholson, Johnsonville, Swan Reach, Tambo Upper and Bumberrah".

It is hoped that it may be possible to run a similar event again in 2023.









ZONE 11

FLINDERS DISTRICT

What a brilliant golf day!

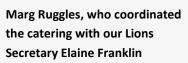
Thank you to each and everyone for participating, sponsoring and giving donations to one of the best Lions Charity Golf Days we have had! The weather was kind after the huge

dump of rain over the weekend, the players played, the auctioneer auctioned and you kindly gave your all to help us raise over \$23,500 for the charities and causes that Lions support.

We would also like to thank the Lions volunteer team, led by Chair of the Golf Day, John Rex, who put the day together in a fun and professional way.



The Lions team with our auctioneer
Paul Armstrong from RGT Edgar





Save the date for next year for our Lions Charity Golf Day - Monday 6th March 2023.

This will give you time to polish up that swing!!

Thank you all.







ions Clubs Charity

Golf Tournament

Blue skies ahead....out of lockdown and so many things to do to prepare your cars for 2022!

We are pleased to advise Flinders District Lions Club will be hosting the *Flinders Motoring Heritage* on Easter Sunday 17th April 2022.

 $\textbf{So get out those} \ \text{oily rags, wax and shammies and get those beautiful cars ready for all to see}.$

In 2022 we also welcome Classic and Vintage Motorbikes.

Numbers are limited and all Covid safe requirements will be in place.

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN FOR CAR and MOTORBIKE EXHIBITORS







