



District 201V3 Newsletter



FLINDER'S 35th CHARITY GOLF DAY

Monday 6 March was our 35th annual golf day. The day was a great success in all respects, the weather was perfect, the sausage rolls hot, lunch delicious, and we raised \$26,066 which is a record for this event. This would not have been possible without all our sponsors and supporters for this event.

Over the next 12 months we will continue to organise Lions projects for the benefit of organisations that support the homeless and the most vulnerable in our community, in particular Western Port Community Support and Southern Peninsula Community Support, and to also Lions' endorsed disaster relief and medical research projects.



Where There's a Need, There's a Lion



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

2023

15th International Day of Families

JUNE

5th World Environment Day

12th King's Birthday Public Holiday

18th Club Development Day at Traralgon

JULY

15th World Youth Skills Day

16th District Changeover at Warragul Golf Club

30th International Day of Friendship

AUGUST

12th International Youth Day



Message From District Governor David Culpitt



Welcome to the May Newsletter

We have had a busy time so far this year.

It was terrific to see the District Final of the Youth of the Year. I am sure it gets harder every year to find a winner, as we have fantastic and talented young people taking part. I encourage more clubs to get involved with this project, as it could be a good way of attracting future members.

The 29th Annual Ride For Sight took place over the weekend of 15th April. There were 3 wonderful sisters, who between them raised over \$27,000 for the ride. It demonstrated what can be done when you put your mind to the cause you are supporting. We encouraged as many clubs to donate funds for the Ride for Sight.

We are currently in transition and I would be delighted to see as many clubs as possible to go out and ask members of the public to come and join Lions. We need to get all of our clubs strong.

When you read this, we have just got back from the Multiple District Convention and Council meeting and DG Training.

June 2024, Melbourne will be hosting the International Convention. I would encourage all clubs to put this in your diary and start planning on having as many members possible to attend the convention. We will be on show for the whole world. This is a good talking point when looking for new members by saying that Lions Clubs International are holding the International Convention on home soil.

Club officer training will be happening soon, please keep time available so we can have as many members as possible attend.

District Governor
David Culpitt



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR KIM AINSWORTH

Regrettably I have to start this report with the sad news of the passing of a number of Lions and ex-Lions. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of these Lions. They devoted a great deal of their time and expertise to our district and their loss will be greatly missed.

On the bright side there are a number of clubs celebrating significant milestones in their charters, these include 50-years for Drouin; Koo Wee Rup; Omeo Shire; and Rosedale. 55-years Leongatha; Mornington; and Phillip Island and last but not least Morwell, 60-years. Congratulations to all these clubs on reaching such a significant milestone.

There are a number of events happening over the next couple of months, these include the Lions Club of Drouin 50th Anniversary Dinner at the 3 Drouin Golf Club, McGlone Road, Drouin.

The District Change Over will be held on Sunday 16th July, Warragul Golf Club 11:30am for 12:00pm. Bookings are currently being taken, contact Terry Hayler or Geoff Anderson. Planning for this event is well underway and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

The District Convention planning is well underway, to be held over the 27th to 29th October at various venues in and around Warragul. Terry and Geoff along with the club members of zone 6 have been doing a great job in the lead up to this event, I encourage you to take the opportunity to attend.

Over the past few months, I have had some health problems that has affected my ability to get to visit the clubs that I would have liked to visit, after recent major surgery I am now on the slow road to recovery and over the next 6 weeks or so I hope I continue to make progress and will be back on the treadmill that is Lions. I would like to thank you all for your support during this period and I look forward to catching up with you all at some stage.

Helping Lions Help Others
Kim Ainsworth DGE



WELFARE / MEMBERSHIP REPORT

District Governor David and the members of Lions District 201V3 send our sympathy to the families of the following Lions and partners who have passed away over the past month.

Lions Club of Flinders	Lion Geoff Taylor
Lions Club of Heyfield	Lion Bruce Watson
Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District	Lion Ron Payne
Lions Club of Leongatha	Lion Ken Mollison
Lions Club of Mornington	Lion Tony Johnson
Lions Club of Paynesville	Lion Jim Nightingale
Lions Club of Warragul	Lion Doug Aumann

On the sick list and we hope by the time this newsletter goes to print that you are all on the way to recovery. All of our good wishes go out to you all.

Lions Club of Bairnsdale	DGE Kim Ainsworth
Lions Club of Frankston	Lion Ron Chidgey
Lions Club of Twins Rivers	Lion Judy and Partner Jim Nicol

We Remember ...

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On a much brighter note we welcome to the membership of District 201V3 the following Lions

Lions Club of Bairnsdale	Lion Carol Grant
Lions Club of Churchill & District	Lion Paul Jordan
Lions Club of Cranbourne	Lion Shanay Harper-Rowlands
Lions Club of Dromana	Lion Jennifer Raphael
Lions Club of Drouin	Lion Bill Hedges
Lions Club of Korumburra	Lion Heather Spry
Lions Club of Morwell	Lion Elizabeth Harris
Lions Club of Red Hill & District	Lion Noni Young

We Hope that you will all have great fun while you serve your local communities and take full advantage of the training and information days which will be made available to you all.

We would also welcome you to our District Convention at Warragul in October, your sponsors are there to help and guide you so take full advantage of them.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Dates for each level to complete their final.

Club 24/25 February 2024
Zone/Region 9/10 March 2024
District 23/24 March 2024
State 27 April 2024
National 24-27 May 2024

Pupils commence Term 1 on Tuesday 30 January 2024, that allows almost four weeks before the Club Finals and two week gaps to Zone/ Region and then District Final. There is a five week gap to the State Final, but this is because of the Easter and Term holidays.

For more information

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ZONE 9 LIONS CLUBS

Friday 26th May 2023, the Lions Clubs of Frankston, Mt Eliza, Mornington, Mount Martha and Balnarring proudly "handed over" a Blanket Warming Cabinet to the Frankston Palliative Care Unit.

Monies were raised by all these five (5) Clubs.

It was Palliative Care Week, so a great opportunity for Julie Swan (Frankston Lions) and Janet & Brian Summers (Mornington Lions) to be able to represent Lions on the day.



TWIN RIVERS LIONS CLUB

AN INNOVATIVE program is setting local children up for life, using the magic of picture books.

123Read2Me, the free children's book charity, partnered with the Twin Rivers Lions Club after the bushfires of 2019 to get kids reading again, and now Coles has come onboard to help. Thirteen Coles stores across Gippsland, Victoria will support the charity by accepting book donations in store since February.

"With the support from Coles, we will be able to expand our book donations and make it easier for the community to donate their children's books," 123Read2Me's Founder and Chief Visionary Melinda Shelley said.

"With the current cost-of-living pressures on families it is vital for every child to have access to quality books and to enjoy a story every day.

"Reading out loud for as little as ten minutes a day creates the brain pathways that make learning easier, and the best part is it is fun to do."

"Gippsland residents can drop off unwanted children's books suitable for babies through to teenagers to a donation bin located in Coles Supermarkets across the region to provide local kids the opportunity to fall in love with reading," Melinda said.

"Twin Rivers Lions Club operates their 'gently loved' children's book program in partnership with 123Read2Me from the Lions' Shed at 56 Duffy Street, Swan Reach" says Desma Payne, Twin Rivers Lions Club. "With the support from

Coles combined with our network of local Lions Clubs, we can get more books into the hands of children right across Gippsland". Melinda explains that whilst the education department in Victoria acknowledges the work of 123Read2Me, there is no funding or support for what the charity does to redress the significant imbalance in literacy rates between advantaged and disadvantaged children.

Melinda Shelley and her charity are proudly part of the march to improve literacy at the grass roots level and are calling on Governments on all levels to lift their game and encourage Australian organisations to engage with 123Read2Me to improve literacy rates in Australia.


123Read2Me has already donated almost 700,000 books to children across Australia who don't have books at home.

For information on how get kids reading in East Gippsland: Melinda Shelley, Founder, 123Read2Me on 0431 608 144. Desma Payne, Twin Rivers Lions Club on 0431 188 295 Rebecca Gust, Coles Gippsland Region on 0457 332 683

Twin Rivers Lions Club have been supporting the development of the Leo's Youth Recreation Group. The group keen to give back to their community through gardening, lawns and maintenance.

To book their service check out the QR code.

SCAN ME



LIKE A GOOD READ?

Tuesdays
10am - 2pm
(except public holidays)

Twin Rivers Lions BOOK EXCHANGE
Swan Reach Recreation Reserve
(located just past the Kinder)

Over 3,000 books @ the Lions Shed
CALL IN, say hello & browse our extensive range of novels

DONT BUY A BOOK -
JUST EXCHANGE IT FOR ANOTHER



MAFFRA LIONESS LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Maffra Lionesses are saddened by the sudden passing of much loved members Marlene Quennell on the 10th February, 2023 and Pia Read on the 23rd April, 2023.

It has been a very sad start to the year and we extend our sympathy to the families of Marlene and Pia.

Marlene Quennell - Lioness Member from 2006 – 2023

Marlene joined Maffra Lioness Club in 2006 after relocating to Maffra from Paynesville. During her time with Lionesses Marlene undertook the role of secretary from 2008 until 2010. Marlene was a very creative lady with a warm caring nature. She was generous with her time and enjoyed sharing her talents to assist with Lioness projects and activities. As a trained nurse who had a special interest in the welfare of the aged and impaired, Marlene involved herself in the Meals on Wheels Lioness roster and our aged care visiting program.

Marlene had a keen sense of fun and was an enthusiastic social member who will be sadly missed within our Club. Her legacy to Lionesses is her daughter Michelle who was inducted in 2015. Michelle is a creative and energetic member who will help keep her mother's memory alive in Maffra Lioness.

Marlene's late husband Bruce was an active member of Maffra Lions Club from 2007 until ill health prevented him from participating in 2012.



Pia Read – Lioness Member from 2009 - 2023

Pia joined the Lioness Club in August 2009. She actively took part in all aspects of our Club, whether it was catering, selling raffle tickets or planning fundraising activities. Pia was a hard worker in all aspects of life and our Club benefited from her generous donations of home made pastries and preserves for street stalls and trading tables. Pia migrated to Australia at age 17 and was immediately involved in the community becoming a respected member of many Maffra organizations. She dedicated her life to her family and the Community.

Above all Pia was a great supporter of our Club and its ideals. She will be missed by all.

Her late husband Bruce was an enthusiastic member of Maffra Lions from 2007 until his passing in 2012.



FLINDERS LIONS CLUB

Flinders Motoring Heritage - Easter Sunday

The event was successful in every way. Despite the forecast, about 80 unique cars attended ranging from cars built over 100 years ago to modern classics. We were fortunate with over 1200 ticket entries to the display areas and our small Village of Flinders felt most festive. We had very positive feedback from many who attended and also from our local traders.

Together with funds from 2022, we were able to raise \$71,110 to fund the sensory and interactive courtyard gardens in the Flinders Ward at Peninsula Health's Mornington Centre for dementia patients. We must thank the Australian Lions Foundation, our sponsors and the general public for supporting such a worthwhile cause.



LEONGATHA LIONS CLUB

In understanding the need to provide information to relatives, family search or historians, the Leongatha Cemetery Trust recognised the need for an information board at the cemetery which would be an all weather building and open to the public. So funding was sourced through a grant from the DHS and the Cemetery Trust own savings.

To complete the project, the Leongatha Lions then set about planning, assembling and erecting a rotunda to house an information board. The progress was not as smooth sailing when first planned as from start to finish the Covid pandemic and associated health directives curtailed a number of team meetings and planned working bees. Wearing masks and maintaining a physical distance was a project in itself for the Lions said Mike Touzel who was able to keep the work on track.

The project was completed in October last year and with the surrounding garden now planted, on Monday the 6th of March 2023 – the rotunda was officially handed over to the Leongatha Cemetery Trust Chair Ray Sullivan by the Leongatha Lions President David Thompson.

Cemetery Trust members

(5) Graham Fixter, (6) Ray Sullivan (Chair) & (7) Jessie Spencer

Leongatha Lions members

(1) Mike Touzel, (2) Les Byrne, (3) Ron Campbell, (4) David Thompson, (President), (8) Ray Pearson & (9) Denise Marris.





201V3 47TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Family Convention

WARRAGUL

27-29 OCTOBER 2023

Hosted by Zone 6

The Zone 6 Clubs hosting a family themed convention with our Lion Pride



Come and Join us for a weekend of fun

Including the band: The Hoffmans at the Saturday Night Dinner Dance



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REMINDERS

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DATE OF SUBMISSION

By 15th of each month @ 12pm



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