



Lions District V3 ROAR!



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



G'day fellow lions I hope that this finds you all well and enjoying your Lions year. So many of you are really starting to get back into the swing of things, from having BBQs as a way to make some money to boost up your activities account or to supplement your administration account. (Remembering that donations from the public must go to your activities account in accordance with the Lions International Constitution - i.e. any funds raised for your admin account must come directly from members).

There are so many varied projects that other clubs are participating in so I urge you to take the time to visit neighbour clubs and gain some inspiration for a new project for your club.

By far the one thing that Chris and I have enjoyed the most has been the club visits and putting names to some of the faces. Aside from DG Team visits it has been a busy year already.

I have been fortunate enough to be asked to conduct a number of Club Changeovers including some Life members and inducting new members.

District changeover was held at the Warragul Country Club with a number of awards handed out to very worthy recipients.

Don't forget to support the BAM (Big Audacious Mission) working to get 30,000 members by 2030 and 50,000 members by 2050. Whilst this may seem a daunting mission, it in fact breaks down to 1 new member per club per year.

In conclusion I look forward to working with you all over the next 10 months and hope to see you around the traps.

Remember that the District Convention is fast approaching and will be held on the 27th to the 29th October. We have arranged for some very interesting guest speakers that I am sure you will find very informative.

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CONSTITUTIONAL, POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT RESOURCES

Use this handy QR code to view district and club constitutions, policy documents and more.



CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

How are you all enjoying the lovely spring weather? Our clubs seem to be enjoying it by the reports that I have received.

As I'm writing this report, on the 23rd of September, there are only another 34 days until our District Convention in Warragul. The big question is ... Have you booked in? The Convention Committee are anxious that we all do this so that catering and other functions can be organised. Please put it on the TO DO LIST.

Upcoming DG visits are shown on the following page.

Our District Governor's Team have been busy going to your clubs and have enjoyed listening to what you've been doing. Some exciting projects have been discovered. Keep up the good work.

Please stay safe until we meet again.

Norma Barnard
Cabinet Secretary

About this newsletter



This is the official newsletter of the 201V3 district of Lions International. 201 is Australia and V3 is a district that covers clubs in the area shown above.

DISTRICT NEWS AND REPORTS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

DG Kim		1 st VDG Ian		2 nd VDG Colin	
Sale	Wed 4/10	Wellington Latrobe	Wed 4/10	Moe	Tue 3/10
Bairnsdale	Thu 5/10	Rosedale	Tue 10/10	Paynesville	Wed 4/10
Casey	Mon 9/10	Warragul	Wed 11/10	Yarragon	Wed 11/10
Mt Eliza	Tue 10/10	Frankston	Wed 18/10	Bruthen	Mon 16/10
McCrae & Dist	Wed 11/10 AM	Briagolong & District	Thu 19/10		
Dromana	Wed 11/10 PM				
Lakes Entrance	Tue 17/10				

WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

PDG JOHN NANKERVIS 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

At the Dromana Lions Business Meeting on the 20th September 2023, Cabinet Secretary, Norma Barnard, presented PDG John Nankervis with his 60 Year Service Award on behalf of District 201V3 and the Lions Club of Dromana.

John joined Lions International on the 7th March 1963, being a Charter Member with the forming of the Lions Club of Moorabbin with which he served in most roles, including President, for some 14 years.

John took on the role of District Governor for the year from July 1975 until June 1976.



John was also very involved in the purchase and initial setting up of the Licola Village in the early years.

John also served at Sandringham and Mt Martha in various roles including President before transferring to Dromana on the 13 September 1993 where he served as President in 1995 and shortly after that became a Life Member.

John was awarded a Melvin Jones Award on the 5th September 1994.

At the age of 99 years, John has slowed down but still attends the occasional Business Meeting when able and likes to be involved with the Club when we run our Youth Projects and on special occasions.



Pictured L to R are District Cabinet Secretary Norma Barnard, PDG John Nankervis and President of Dromana Lions Brian Simons



WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

YARRAM LIONS TIE THE KNOT



Congratulations to Yarram Lions Jeffrey Hennig and Brianna Brewer, who were married on the 12th of August 2023 at Devon North.



DROMANA CLUB WELCOMES NEW CUB ;)

Dromana Lions Cub inducted new Lion Christine Andrews on September 13. Christine has been living in Safety Beach for the last twelve years and has recently been volunteering at the Dromana Lions opportunity shop.



District Cabinet Secretary Norma Barnard, with Lion Christine Andrews

RON LIPMAN AWARD

Calling all clubs! Don't forget to send your club bulletins to v3newsletter@gmail.com to be in the running for the Ron Lipman award. Or if you prefer to post yours, send to 25 Palm Tree Drive, Safety Beach 3936. Award criteria are in the August edition of this newsletter.



Pictured L to R are Marie del Ben, Bambi Blizzard (sponsor), Christine Gregory (sponsor), Claire Sadler, 2nd vice-District Governor Colin Blythe, Nicole Parker and Lyn Connor (sponsor).

BAM! THREE NEW LIONS AT RED HILL

Red Hill District Lions Club welcomed three new members in September: Lion Marie del Ben, Lion Claire Sadler and Lion Nicole Parker. Congratulations to our new members and to Red Hill Lions Club for doing more than their fair share towards the audacious BAM target.



WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Kim and members of District 201V3 are saddened to report the passing of the following members:

Lion Michael Billington	Lions Club of Drouin
Lion Rex Sanders	Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District
Lion Kevin Lyall	Lions Club of Mt. Eliza

Thank you all for joining your respective clubs and we hope you will enjoy working with and enjoying the company of your fellow Lions.

Norma Barnard

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Some Lions are not enjoying the best of health and we all wish you a speedy recovery:

Lion Mick Henderson	Lions Club of Dromana
Lion Peter Feinstra	Lions Club of Wellington Latrobe
Lion Bev Goddard	Lions Club of Wellington Latrobe
Lion Kevin Morgan	Lions Club of Wellington Latrobe
Lion Geoffrey Gee	Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District

With the lovely spring weather I'm sure you will all get better really soon.

I am thrilled on behalf of District Governor Kim to welcome some new members into our family in District 201V3:

Lion Christine Andrews	Lions Club of Dromana
Lion Maxwell Whelan	Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup & District
Lion William Reid	Lions Club of Maffra
Lion Suda Ponniah	Lions Club of Pakenham
Lion Madiha Zaidi	Lions Club of Pakenham
Lion Susan Gilford	Lions Club of Toora
Lion Tracey Rees	Lions Club of Willow Grove & District

LEADERSHIP

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lions have an opportunity. That opportunity is to lead either as a member, or as a club leader. For example club sub-committees, major projects and working with other clubs.

As a Lion you are a member of a valuable organisation called a Lions Club. Why is that important? Because a well-run Lions club builds better communities to the benefit of all.

What's a well-run Lions club? A club where the leaders lead by example. They inspire and respect their members, encouraging good outcomes and rewarding projects. What a worthwhile and valuable role.

How does that apply to you? There are many roles where members can get that feeling of contribution and value: eg. President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman. Or training roles: Vice President, minute secretary, assistant treasurer, sub-committee chair, project leader, etc.

OK – But how? Your district contains 1300 members and about 50 are selected to help you run your club. They are called the district cabinet. They offer personal development and mentoring programs to help you get the satisfaction of leading. Those district officers get their satisfaction from helping you become an effective leader, and they provide this for free.

What could you do next? All you need to do is put your hand up and say "I'm interested". Who do you talk to? Your club leaders could be the first point of contact. You could also talk to your Zone Chairman who could give you advice ... Or, contact me:

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**A leader is one who
knows the way,
goes the way, and
shows the way.**

—JOHN MAXWELL



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CHILDREN OF COURAGE

On Sunday 10th September 2023 we had a lovely afternoon recognising special children for our annual Children of Courage project.

We were small in numbers this year but big in heart. Each of the children received a framed certificate and a Lions Teddy Bear. Parents, grandparents and friends were all there to encourage the children to go forward and receive their gifts.

We then celebrated with a delicious party with some special party food which all children enjoy.

It is one of the special days in Lions that makes you really proud to be a Lion.

In the photo you might recognise the following Lions ... Julie Swan, Tony Gill, Brian Simons, Aileen Shaw and Norma Barnard.



MOE LIONS BOOKS PROJECTS

Like elsewhere, books are very popular in the Latrobe Valley but even more so in Moe and Newborough, where members of the Lions Club of Moe have not one but two major book related community service projects.



A recent book sorting day at the Lions Club of Moe Storage shed

The first of these, a home library service for the housebound, comprises two separate teams of Lions Club members who, under the direction of the very caring and efficient Library staff and Lions Coordinator, Lion John Kerr, rotate through a flexible rostering arrangement to provide a fortnightly delivery of specially selected books and audio books to housebound readers located throughout the Moe/Newborough area.

“The project has been operating for over ten years now”, said John when asked his thoughts on the project, “the service supplies about thirty regular recipients with new names being added occasionally as the need arises. I think they appreciate the contact as much as they appreciate getting the books”, he said.

The second book related project known as ‘Books4Kids’ was born in early 2019 when Project Coordinator, Lion Rob Sharrock became aware of the degree of poverty-based illiteracy within the Primary School aged children of the Latrobe Valley. “I was absolutely astounded” Rob said, “the figure quoted at the time was a staggering 38%. This

meant that in an average classroom of 20 to 25 children, as many as eight to ten of them did not have adequate reading and writing skills and were struggling to keep up. On analysis, the root cause of the problem appeared to be that almost two in every five of our Primary School aged children did not have access to suitable, quality reading material at home and had not really experienced the joy of being read to and learning to love reading from a very early age”.

Since its introduction, the ‘Books4Kids’ project has now rehomed more than 50,000 children’s books and the process is laughably simple. Books are provided free of any charge or condition to almost 50 drop points at Primary and Pre Schools within approximately 30 kilometres of Newborough. The project services many of the larger Primary and Pre Schools in Moe/Newborough, Morwell, Churchill, Traralgon, Yinnar and Traralgon, as well as many smaller schools including those at Tanjil South, Rawson, Darnum, Willowgrove, Narracan, Yinnar South, Tyers and Toongabbie to name a few. The children can then pick and choose as many as they like to take home and keep, no strings attached.



BUILDING STRONG CHILDREN

“The books come from all over,” Rob said, “with the logistics being a bit daunting at times. Many are donated locally and a great deal get dropped off at my school crossing in Newborough. Strangers ring me to donate books. My daughter collects them for me from her friends in Melbourne and Jeff and Melinda from the Free Children’s Book Charity 123Read2Me have been extremely supportive of the project in allowing us access to their huge stockpile and to take as many of any particular genre as we want whenever we want.”



Lion Peter Mathews delivering children’s books to Tyers Primary School

“As I see it, if children do not have the ability to read and write adequately on graduating from Primary School they will most likely experience major difficulty in coping at secondary school level and in all probability, fail to graduate. This in turn, could then lead to a dependence on social security or at best, low paid menial employment with the possible end result being a new generation of poverty and all of its inherent social issues. This is a way to break that cycle. The kids are our future. They all deserve to succeed and this is one positive thing that we can do to help”.

YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMPS

The following youth exchange camps are coming up - please contact your local secondary college to encourage interest and participation. For more information please contact:

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Camp Noorla Yo-Long South Australia 18th-30th Jan 2024

A poster for Camp Noorla Yo-Long, a 12-day travelling camp in South Australia. The poster features a background image of a kangaroo in a natural setting. Text on the poster includes: 'Camp Noorla Yo-Long 18-30 JANUARY 2024', '12 DAY TRAVELLING CAMP', '\$1150 AUD', and a list of activities: 'Beginning and ending at the Adelaide International Airport. Visit the Australian Lions Hearing Dog Centre, enjoy a stay on Kangaroo Island, drive along the Limestone Coast, challenge yourself on the high ropes courses, relax on the beach, explore the Naracoorte Caves and more!'. It also states 'APPLICATIONS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGED 15-21 YEARS AT TIME OF CAMP' and 'TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CONTACT: youthexchange@lions.org.au'.

New Zealand Lions International Camp 27th Dec 2023 to 6th Jan 2024

A poster for the New Zealand Lions International Youth Camp. The poster features a background image of a scenic outdoor lodge. Text on the poster includes: 'New Zealand Lions International Youth Camp', 'Date: 27 December 2023 to 6 January 2024', 'Age: 17-21 years', 'Cost: \$750 NZD', and a list of activities: 'CULTURAL', 'SIGHTSEEING', 'TEAM BONDING', 'HIKING', 'ENVIRONMENTAL', 'EXCITING', 'KAYAKING', 'LEADERSHIP', and 'CAMPING'. It also states 'Location: Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge, Tauranga' and 'For all enquiries please contact Lion Shae Collis email: youthexchange.pclions.org.au'.

DROMANA LIONS FREE TUTORING PROGRAM

The Dromana Lions Club free tutoring program is kicking off in earnest for Term 4 2023 and then into Term 1 2024.

This program is for Year 4 to Year 6 children who’ve fallen behind and whose families can’t afford private tutoring.

- All tutoring is performed by retired teachers or teacher aides
- One or two sessions per week
- One hour per session (or shorter where appropriate)
- 4:00-5:00pm or 5:00-6:00pm weekdays
- Conducted at Dromana Community House
- Literacy, numeracy, science and more
- Blocks of eight sessions per child on a need basis, first come first served
- All sessions supervised by a Lions Club member in addition to the tutor

This is available to all children within Zone 10 (keeping in mind that sessions are currently held in Dromana).

Please spread the word, as we have teachers ready and willing to help. I’m sure there are plenty of families who can benefit, it’s now just a matter of getting the word out.

To book contact me using the details below.

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DOVETON SHOW

These pictures are from the Lions Clubs of Cranbourne and Casey at the Doveton Show on September 17 - congratulations on a great fundraising day.





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

CONTACT US

for all correspondence:
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FLINDERS DISTRICT COMMUNITY DINNER
OCTOBER 13



Thank you to all who have already booked for this important Community Dinner.

There are still tickets and tables available and we encourage you to book a place to learn about the research being conducted here on the Peninsula at Ngarnga, the National Centre for Healthy Ageing. This is Australia's leading integrated research, development and implementation hub focussed on healthy ageing, and is a collaboration between Peninsula Health and Monash University.

The Flinders Lions look forward to welcoming you.



GUEST SPEAKER

Professor Srikanth is a Professor of Medicine, a practicing Specialist Geriatrician, and the Director of the National Centre for Healthy Ageing, based at Peninsula Health Frankston Hospital Campus.

The Centre aims to conduct research that will transform the landscape for health related to ageing and draws on a close partnership between Peninsula Health and Monash University.

Professor Srikanth is a resident of the Peninsula and is invested in developing areas of research that deliver benefits to the Peninsula and have the Peninsula experience influence national approaches to health care.

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People are often shocked to find out that we pay yearly dues but... they only work out to about a cup of coffee a week & these dues cover the cost of running our club which means

100%

of the money we raise through events & donations goes right back in to our community.

We're PROUD of that!



Thanks for reading!
Please send your news for the November edition.

All submissions to the email address at the bottom of this page.

DEADLINE OCTOBER 23



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