



Lions District V3 ROAR!



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the members of Zone 6 along with Chairman Geoff Anderson and Secretary Terry Hayler for what turned out to be one of the best conventions in recent in times.

Some of the highlights included:

- Opening and closing of the Flag Ceremony run by Lion Brian Simons
- The entertainment on Friday Night by the FlowGoers Duo
- Guest Speaker IPCC Steve Boyce and PCC Phillip Johnson
- Guest Speaker Licola Manager Trevor Carstine
- Dinner dance Saturday Night attended by over 130 guests with the Hoffmans
- Guest Speaker John Wells history of Gippsland
- PDG Norman McLeod Parade of Cheques
- Remembrance Ceremony

On a different matter since my last reporting Chris and I have been actively attending DG Team visits over the past month. Visits include trips to, Sale, Pakenham and Mallacoota all three are active and exciting clubs.

Keep up the great work and remember.
“Helping Lions Help Others”

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About this newsletter



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

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2023



Wayne Farnham MP (Narracan)



Historian John Wells guest speaker Sunday



Deputy Mayor Michael Leaney



PCC Steve Boyce



Laurel Billington and daughter receiving gift from DG wife Chris in memory of Lion Michael Billington



Top Table – Maurice Blackburn, David Culpitt, Norma Barnard, DG Kim, Jack Napier, Ian Davey, Colin Blythe, Roger Lutz



Scouts group bringing in the flags during the flag ceremony



PDG John Nankervis receiving gift from DG Kim on behalf of his wife Nan



Maurice Blackburn with PCC Phillip Johnson



ALL BOUND FOR MORNINGTON 2024

Now that the 2023 convention has come to a successful conclusion it's time to start planning for the 2024 convention. This will be held in Mornington and hosted by zones 9 and 10,

A planning meeting was held on Thursday November 23, a summary of which follows:

- The convention will be held at the New Peninsula Centre in Mornington
- Auditorium 2 can seat up to 250 and it is envisaged that all activities for the three days will be held there
- The facility has ramps and plenty of parking
- All catering will be provided through the centre
- The aim is to prepare everything in advance so that all members can relax and enjoy the convention
- We are looking for (non-Lions) guest speakers – please suggest
- We are looking for a representative from each club in Zones 9 and 10 to be involved in the committee - Please advise how you would like to be involved.
- Next committee meeting will be held 7PM on 7th December 2023 at **ROCG Mornington Office2, 26-28 Carbine Way Mornington.**
- Please advise PDG Neil Wingrave, Chairman of the 2024 Convention, of your attendance and your suggestions on how to make this the best convention ever - nwingrave@optusnet.com.au 0428 362 755



BAM! CAKE GETS CHEQUERED FLAG

Lion Noelle was again a winner in the Cake Competition at the District Convention. A Lions Christmas Cake decoration competition takes place each year where Clubs decorate a Lions Christmas Cake. For the second year in a row, Lion Noelle Bonnin and her daughter Emily took out one of the major prizes for their cake. There were six entries and once judging has taken place, the cakes are auctioned at the dinner dance on the Saturday night with all proceeds going to the Licola Village, a children's project in Lionism. The auction of the six decorated cakes made \$1,600.00 on the night.

The cake depicts a kitchen with a shiny tiled black and white floor. The stove represents the Lions International Convention coming to Melbourne in June, 2024 whilst the word "BAM" which as everyone knows is a cleaning aid for kitchen and especially oven but it is also the acronym for the District new incentive to gain members. The BAM initiative, Big Audacious Mission wants each Lions Club to increase its membership by one new member per year for 7 years to reach the District target. So the pun was to reclaim one's club shine with BAM and the 7 jelly babies representing 1x7 with 7 new members. By way of explanation BAM, the Big Audacious Mission is Lions Australia's plan to grow to 30,000 members by the year 2030 and 50,000 members by 2050, so we can meet the growing needs of our communities and service a million people annually.

Mornington 2024



JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL

The semi-finalists of the Junior Public Speaking program met at the 201V3 District Convention in Warragul on Saturday, 28th October.

The semi-finalists were:

Grades 3 and 4: William Longmuir from St Patrick's Primary School in Stratford, sponsored by the Lions Club of Stratford; and Lachlan Chapman from St John's Primary School in Koo Wee Rup, sponsored by the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup and District.

Grades 5 and 6: Mia Brincat from St Kieran's Primary School in Moe, sponsored by the Lions Club of Moe; and Charlotte Hughes from St John's Primary School in Koo Wee Rup, sponsored by the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup and District.

As usual each of the contestants performed extremely well and gave the judges a most difficult task in selecting winners.

The winners were:

Lachlan Chapman (Grades 3 & 4)

and

Charlotte Hughes (Grades 5 & 6)

Both of these contestants were sponsored by the Lions Club of Koo Wee Rup and District and both were students at St John's Primary School in Koo Wee Rup.



Chairman Geoff Anderson and DG Kim Ainsworth with JPS students (from left) Lachlan Chapman, William Longmuir, Mia Brincat and Charlotte Hughes

I would like to thank all thirteen Clubs that participated in the Junior Public Speaking program this year, the participating schools, and the teachers and, of course, all students that took part, and their parents.

The JPS program in 2023 started with a remaining overshadow of covid and still we managed to have thirteen clubs involved, this was the same number of clubs as took part in 2022.

By the start of February, I will be contacting all 201V3 clubs and providing information, including significant dates for the Junior Public Speaking program during 2024. I am hoping to have more clubs come on board next year.

Geoff Anderson,
201V3 JPS District Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SOON TO HIT MELBOURNE

This coming year, the best Lion party of them all is happening in your backyard. Don't miss out! Take advantage of early-bird registration pricing now and get ready to have the time of your life at the biggest Lion event of the year.

Spread the word so no one misses out

There's so much to see, do and love about Australia's cultural capital. Be sure to use these special promotional tools to let Lions everywhere know why Melbourne is the place to be in 2024.



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REPORTS

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2023. Are you like me and wondering where the year has gone?

There are a couple of things that I need to bring to your attention:

If you have members to add to your club please do this before the end of December and alternatively if you have members that you need to take off your club please also do this before the end of the month.

I have noticed that several clubs have not paid their International dues.

This could be because they didn't know where to find how much they need to pay. If you go into the MyLCI area and go into accounts and statements you will see there how much to pay. The top area is in American dollars but if you click on the next area you will get the statement which will tell you in Australian dollars. Please ask for help if you can't find this, we are here to help.

Just a brief reminder that the Cake Allocation information will be sent out shortly for you to help with medical needs within your community.

I am having trouble with the email for Cabinet Secretary. Please forward anything you want sent out to my barnardnorma@gmail.com account.

The District Governor's team have almost completed all of their visits to our clubs, thank you for making their visits to your clubs such a great occasion. One of the important things on your calendar is the DG visit.

When you receive this newsletter you are all probably preparing for your Christmas festivities. Can I wish you all a Happy Christmas and most of all stay safe. Until 2024... take care.

Norma Barnard
Cabinet Secretary
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WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Kim and the members of District 201V3 have learnt of the passing of the following:

- Lion Ian Mathieson .. Lions Club of Bairnsdale
- Mother of Lion Annette Samuel .. Lions Club of Casey.

We have you all in our thoughts.

On the sick list and we hope by the time this reaches you, you will be on the improve and ready to serve your communities as you are good at.:

- Lion Di McGreal .. Lions Club of Casey
- Lion Bob Cusack .. Lions Club of Casey

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR DISTRICT

- Lion Dee Hasham .. Lions Club of Boneo
- Lion Shane Middleton .. Lions Club of Cranbourne
- Lion Jo Buckler .. Gippsland Lakes Lioness Lions Club
- Lion Jennifer Turner .. Gippsland Lakes Lioness Lions Club
- Lion Jeannette Workman .. Gippsland Lakes Lioness Lions Club
- Lion Rob Blanco .. Lions Club of Korumburra
- Lion Brigo Baldwin .. Lions Club of Lakes Entrance
- Lion Dick Craine .. Lions Club of Lakes Entrance
- Lion Debra Perceval .. Lions Club of Lakes Entrance
- Lion Helen Arnold .. Lions Club of Loch Sport
- Lion Neil Arnold .. Lions Club of Loch Sport

District Governor Kim and all the members of District 201V3 wish you a long and happy time as you help us to serve our local communities.

Norma Barnard
Welfare Chairperson
District 201V3



We Serve

AN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT...

Congratulations to PDG David Culpitt and Lion Tanaya Blake on their recent engagement!

We all wish you the very best for the future.



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

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APPEALS AND CAUSES

HEARING DOGS UPDATE

As 2023 swiftly draws to a close, we find ourselves on the brink of a new year, 2024. This past year has been a whirlwind, and as we enter the final stretch, we're proud of our progress. Thanks to our expanded team and innovative methods, we're on target to place a total of 35 Assistance Dogs by December's end. This includes 31 Hearing Assistance Dogs and 4 Medical Alert Dogs, showcasing the remarkable growth of our Medical Alert Program since its inception in 2021. By the end of 2023, we will have also accredited a total of 15 dogs.

Our Puppy Program and Breeding Program have flourished, with various strategies enhancing their success. With this growth, the need for both puppies and volunteers to guide them during this crucial phase has risen. To meet this demand, our team has explored and tested new approaches, such as recruiting volunteers in the South-East of SA. These volunteers care for some of our puppies with fortnightly video calls and monthly visits from our Puppy Socialisation team. Presently, 5 puppies are in the South East being a part of this trial.



Our volunteer program is thriving, with familiar and new faces dedicating their time to enriching the lives of our dogs. Their support ensures our dogs receive the love and care essential for their happiness and well-being.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the incredible sponsors from Lions Clubs and individual supporters who have played an invaluable role in our journey. After all, it is your support that has also been instrumental in our organisation's achievements.

As we bid adieu to spring and embrace the upcoming summer, along with the festive season of Christmas and New Year's, please note that our Training Centre will be closed during the holidays. However, our dedicated staff will be on-site, ensuring our dogs are well cared for. Our office will close from the end of business on Friday, December 22nd, reopening on Tuesday, January 2nd. During this period, our emergency phone line will remain active for urgent matters that require immediate attention. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and interest in ALHD throughout 2023. Wishing you all a joyful and safe holiday season and we can't wait to see you in 2024.

GROCERY GRAB!

During September/October the Lions Club of Mornington held their fourth successful fundraising raffle - The Lions Cord Blood Grocery Grab 2023 at Bentons Square in Mornington. A club project supported by all members.

Mornington Lions sponsored a Woolworths Voucher to the value of \$400, Woolworths donated a smaller voucher along with vouchers and smoke oven from Bunnings. A further prize was donated by Lion Bert Harrison.

Woolworths management drew the raffle on the 7th October and the winners were notified and received their prizes.

This fundraiser sponsored by the Lions Cord Blood Foundation since 2005 throughout Australia and has been well received from club participation with approximately - \$300,000 (up to 2022) Clubs forwarding half of the nett ticket sales to the Foundation. The remaining monies to help in their local communities.

Since covid there have been fewer clubs participating, although each year new clubs come on board.

Called the GROCERY GRAB since inception this worthwhile fundraiser sells raffle tickets for a value nominated by that participating club - the winner receiving the store Voucher. Only a few supermarkets still allow the winner to spend three minutes running with a trolley grabbing groceries (with some restrictions)..



Woolworths management drawing raffle prizes



Lions: Pamela Allan, Patricia Forsyth, Jackie Read, Woolworths Management team, Bert Harrison, Graham Read and Rod Young attended the draw of the 2023 Grocery Grab

SPLaSh VEHICLE APPEAL

Flinders Lions are raising funds to assist Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc. (SPCS) in purchasing a vehicle to tow the SPLaSH shower and laundry van donated last year from funds raised from its many activities, private donations, bayside Lions Clubs and Lions Australia and International Matching Grants.

The vehicle is also used to pick up food from various charitable food recovery program warehouses and distribution centers; transport essential personal care products and food to cater to the needy; and dispose of cardboard from the food recovery programs.

MAZDA Mornington has offered to provide a new MAZDA BT50 3.0 litre 140 kw diesel two-wheel drive fitted with a canopy, tow bar, and all fittings including electronic braking on exceptionally generous terms.

Flinders Lions has already secured private donations of \$16,300 towards this project and this generous support has enabled a Matching Grant of \$15,000 from the Australian Lions Foundation.

Buxton Mornington Peninsula, Bendigo Community Bank Balnarring and Mornington Peninsula Shire are major sponsors of the Flinders Motoring Heritage event.

Our aim is to raise another \$10,000 from private donations. Mornington MAZDA and Buxton Mornington Peninsula have agreed to promote this project initiative to their databases. Together with private donations and sponsorships, our target is to raise at least \$50,000 from the Easter 2024 Flinders Motoring Heritage Event.

Use the DONATE NOW QR code to make a donation.

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc. shall issue a Tax-Deductible Receipt for all donations.



DONATE NOW



SCARY NEWS FROM BAAAIRNSDAAALE

Lion Will Salatini along with his family and in cooperation with the Bairnsdale Lions Club presented a magnificent Halloween display at their abode on the Paynesville Road which ran from Monday 23rd Oct. until 31st Oct. It included lots of walk-through displays with ghosts, pumpkins and scary creatures along with colourful lights. This was a free event however a gold coin was appreciated and all funds will be donated to Lions Hearing Dogs Australia.



MERRY CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTORS & READERS

We wish you all a wonderfully happy festive season. Thank you especially to those who've made the effort to send in stories to this newsletter - it is much appreciated.

In time honoured tradition we'll be taking a break over the holidays so there'll be no January issue. See you all in February!



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 February edition. All submissions to v3newsletter@gmail.com. **DEADLINE JANUARY 23**



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