



# Lions District V3 ROAR!



## NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL A CAKE



THIS is the winning cake of the 2023 District Convention. In the December issue, through no fault of anyone's but my own, the impression was given that a certain other cake was the victor. This impression was incorrect and in fact the gorgeous cake to the left was the winner - my apologies for the error - Editor Paul.



*Noelene Birnie, Sharon Steeden, Michelle Steeden and Gayle Hough.*

Narre Warren entered the competition this year for the first time in twenty-three years. Lion Sharon Steeden decorated the cake with her first ever attempt. Congratulations to all involved.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Welcome to you all, Chris and I hope you have had a fantastic festive season. As we move into a new year, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It is you and clubs like you who make our jobs a pleasure and keep our community successful. May your new year be filled with much joy, happiness and success. We look forward to working with you in the coming year and hope our clubs' relationship continues for many years to come.

Since my last report we have had the opportunity to visit with Mallacoota Lions and discuss with them the progress of the Bastion Point walking track and the complete reconstruction of the local golf course. Both projects are making steady headway for completion towards the end of 2024.

After our visit we decided to continue up the coast for some R&R at a friend's home in Tura Beach, for four days before returning home. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to spend some time fishing on the beach where I caught two good sized salmon, just great on the BBQ. Just remember - Lions attitude is: family, work and Lions.

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## OAM FOR PDG GEORGE BIRD!

Congratulations to Past District Governor George Bird who has been recognised in the Australia Day Honours with an OAM.

PDG George was our V3 District Governor in 1980/81. I'm sure that the Lions Club of Wonthaggi are very proud to have such a dedicated Lion in their club.

Maybe I have a special place in my heart for this award to PDG George as he was Chairman of the Black Gold Convention in 2003. Best wishes George from all the members in District 201V3.

- from Cabinet Secretary Norma Barnard

## 2023 PEACE POSTER WINNERS

Approximately six hundred thousand young people from many countries around the world participate in the Peace Poster contest which presents a unique, enjoyable and enriched educational experience for youth. It enriches school curriculum areas of learning, creating, communicating, technology and achievement. It encourages young student aged eleven, twelve or thirteen years to artistically express their vision and the theme of "peace".



**Theme: Dare to Dream**

Peace Posters are shared globally via online exhibitions and media and each year the contest consists of a different peace theme, this year's theme being "Dare to Dream".

Unfortunately, no student participated in the Peace Essay which allows visually impaired children to create with an essay giving them also the opportunity to express their feelings of peace. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, typed in black ink and double-spaced.

Eight clubs in V3 purchased kits with six clubs participating. Does your club have one interested member to introduce the Peace Poster and/or Peace Essay to primary schools in your area say in February/March of 2024?

Peace Poster Kits will be available in February next year. This year the kit for each School was only \$25.00 but this varies from year to year. There will be a fresh peace theme next year.

This past year, judging took place at the recent District Convention held in Warragul. There were fifteen Peace Posters on display, from Dromana (3), Drouin (2), Koo Wee Rup (5), Pakenham (1), Red Hill (1) and Toora (3).

The judges were Lions Lady Anne De Bruyne from Warragul, Lion Kathi McDonald (Chairperson) from Bairnsdale and Lion Marguerite Byrne ALF District V3 Co-ordinator, who had the hard task of selecting one poster to proceed to the Multiple District final to take place in Queensland. After a long deliberation, Lily Krone from Koo Wee Rup Primary School was successful with Tayla Burness from Dromana Primary School and Taliah Anderson from Fish Creek Primary School receiving the two honourable mentions. The remaining students in the contest were very impressive. In recognition of their time and expertise DG Kim presented the Peace Poster judges, Anne, Kathi and Marguerite with his pin and bannerette.

Congratulations to the Koo Wee Rup Lions Club and the other participating Lions Clubs. Further congratulations to all students for showcasing their unique skill in self-expression through art.

I would also like to thank these fellow Lions for their assistance at short notice: Lions Lady Glenda Dusting from Inverloch in the display of the posters, Lion Shirelle Lean from Koo-Wee Rup for completing the Judges' Certificates and assistance on the display and Lion Erika Wassenberg for her calligraphy talents in completing the certificates for the winner and honourable mentions on the day.

Sharing ideas and messages of peace and acknowledging youth positive efforts and achievements, makes the poster project very satisfying.

Glenda Paragreen  
District 201V3 Peace Poster Chairman



*The winning Poster is from Lily Krone - Koo Wee Rup Primary School whose quote was "Countries United Together to Create World Peace"*



*An honourable mention poster from Tayla Burness - Dromana PS reflects her quote as "The world is united in peace when destruction ends"*



*An honourable mention also to Taliah Anderson - Fish Creek PS with her quote "With love we can do anything"*





## BAIRNSDALE LIONS DEFIB FOR SCOUTS

Bairnsdale Scout Group was very excited to receive funding from the Bairnsdale Lions Club for a defibrillator which we take with us on camps and outside activities, not only providing a vital piece of medical emergency assistance for our members, but also any community members in our vicinity. The driving force behind this idea to obtain this defibrillator was one of our youth members in the scout section, Thomas Caire.

Bairnsdale Lions Club further funded four security cameras, which sadly became necessary after the Scout hall was broken into twice in recent times and the Guide hall next to us also broken into - hopefully this will be an active deterrent and assist police in catching those who violate local community groups. Funding for both these items totaled \$2,900. Bairnsdale Scout Group was first formed in 1917.

## JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING 2024

Lions, the New Year is now behind us and the next few weeks will see the start of the 2024 school year across District 201V3. There will be an Information for Schools brochure circulated to all 201V3 Club Secretaries by the end of January. I would encourage clubs to participate in Junior Public Speaking. It is a great program to showcase Lions and your club, in your area. I suggest you make early contact with schools, so that schools and teachers wishing to participate are aware of the program while they are formulating their activities for 2024. I am available for any advice or assistance and can be contacted on 0412 285 913 or [aldbar@dcsi.net.au](mailto:aldbar@dcsi.net.au).

Geoff Anderson,  
201V3 JPS District Coordinator



*Left, Scout Leader Mathew Stephenson and Right, Scout Leader Sarah Lambie and Lion Lindsay Caire presenting the defibrillator.*

## TWIN RIVERS BOOSTING CHILDREN'S LITERACY



*Charlotte (SchoolWorks) and Twin Rivers Lions Club President Peter Payne.*

Thank you to SchoolWorks Bairnsdale for assisting Twin Rivers Lions with installing a 123Read2Me collection bin in your store.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this children's book program in East Gippsland. Because of your generous support the Twin Rivers Lions Club is able to supply in excess of ten thousand gently loved books to kinders, pre-schools, day care centres and primary schools across East Gippsland annually.

Thank you too to COLES BAIRNSDALE & SALE STORES for your ongoing support with the in store collection bins (Feb-Nov). These bins are cleared regularly.

Special appreciation too to members of Sale Lions club for assisting us with this community project. TOGETHER we can help young children grow their love of reading.

We invite any group or persons interested in helping us to ring Club Secretary Desma 0432 188 295.



# REPORTS

## CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to the start of the second half of the Lions year. We hope that 2024 has been good to you all and will continue to be so. There are a few important things that I need to bring to your notice. We are all aware that Lions Clubs International in their Constitution say that club elections are to be held in April. Here in Australia that doesn't apply and has not done so for many, many years. We ask that you have nominations for club positions in February and the election in March.

I am required to have this information into Multiple District by the 31st of March 2024. I will be sending out the PU101, which is the form that you fill in and return to me with information that says who the office bearers are and when and where you hold your meetings. It is self-explanatory.

It is hoped that all clubs have paid for their Christmas Cakes. This was due in January. If you go into your Club Information within MyLCI you will see that there is an account for international dues. The amount is in Australian dollars at the end of the statement. Please send this off to our Cabinet Treasurer as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

I think all of the above will keep you busy for a few hours, so I won't ask anything more of you for this month. Until next month, take care.

Norma Barnard  
Cabinet Secretary District 201V3



## WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

### WELFARE REPORT

It seems as if everyone had a healthy Christmas and New Year as I only have one Lion on the not so well list. We hope you are up and around again Lion Aileen Shaw from the Lions Club of Mornington.

I would really like it if you could let me know when one of your members becomes ill or has some exciting news in their family. We are a big family who care for each other.

The exciting thing that we do every month is to welcome new members. Let's welcome these new Lions :

- Lions Club of Balla Balla: Lion Oliver Lacey
- Lions Club of Churchill & District: Lion Harley Griffiths
- Lions Club of Cranbourne: Lion Kevin Kavanagh
- Lions Club of Cranbourne: Lion Shane Middleton
- Lions Club of Inverloch & District: Lion Andy Forster
- Lions Club of Inverloch & District: Lion Hazel Missen
- Lions Club of Inverloch & District: Lion Ron Missen
- Lions Club of Orbest: Lion Fergus McKinnon
- Lions Club of Orbest: Lion Craig Terrel

I hope that when we have an information day for Club Officers that all the new Lions will be invited to attend too. That is something the sponsoring Lions can encourage.

Norma Barnard  
Welfare Chairperson



**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.

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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# CLUB NEWS

## BUCHAN POST-FLOOD GET-TOGETHER

Lions District 201V3 is providing community support to the Buchan Community.

Lions representing the district got together to cook a BBQ for the community in Buchan following the Boxing Day 2023 floods.

District Governor Kim Ainsworth, his wife Chris, Paynesville Lion Marguerite Byrne and five members of the Bruthen Lions Club cooked and served burgers and sausages for the community gathering. This was much appreciated, as the community continues to recover from the Black Summer fires 2019 -2020 and now a flood. The flooding has caused extended closure of Buchan Caves attraction and camping reserve at the time when it is usually most busy and able to bring income to the town.

The funding was provided by Lions District 201V3 Disaster Fund and was organised by the Lions Disaster 201V3 Relief & Recovery Committee.



## COMING SOON FEB 28 ROSEDALE FLYING DOCTOR AND SES DAY

**28th of February 2024**

Rosedale Lions Club Op Shop.  
82 Prince St. Rosedale  
Between 10am - 4pm.

**Royal Flying Doctors  
Simulator aeroplane  
Plus SES**

Donations will be accepted on the day.  
BBQ and Food Van will available.

Come and enjoy the fun with Royal Flying Doctor and SES.

All queries please contact Rosedale Club on Facebook or call Dawn on 0448 992 714.



## COWES UKULELES



*The ukulele group meets weekly in the Lions clubroom in Cowes, Phillip Island.*

The Lions Club of Cowes is bringing their community together through music, and raising much-needed funds at the same time, with a great initiative - the Ukulele Club.

Each attendee makes a gold coin donation to the Lions. The sessions last for two hours with a mid tea/coffee/gossip break - there are always yummy cakes/biscuits that people bring to share. Regular attendance is now up to twenty people weekly.

This group has been meeting since 2021. Friendships have been forged - the social aspect of the group is vital. And of course the musicality is ever-developing. Beginners are welcomed without hesitation.

It's a fun way to utilise the Lions space during the week; and everyone learns about the Lions and what we achieve in and for the community.

Two Lions members took up the ukulele and initiated the group: Deb Amor - Treasurer & Madeleine Pitt - Secretary. The funds generated by the donations are used to assist children at the Cowes Primary School - the Breakfast Club & Starter Kits for newbies. All in all - a thoroughly worthwhile initiative for everyone involved.

## TEST YOUR LIONS KNOWLEDGE

1. When was the first Lions Club established in Australia?
2. In which city was the first Lions Club International Convention held in Australia?
3. What is the primary focus of Lions Clubs in Australia?
4. Which Australian state has the highest number of Lions Clubs?
5. What does the Lions Australia National Youth of the Year program aim to recognize?

Answers in the March Issue.

# MELBOURNE 2024



This June, 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.

REGISTER  
HERE



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**Thursday, June 20 – Tuesday, June 25, 2024**  
Australian Eastern Daylight Time (GMT+11)

Official LionsCon events will take place at the  
**Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center (MCEC)**

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- 09:00 – 17:00 Advance Registration Pick-up
- 09:00 – 17:00 Parade Office Open

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 08:00 – 17:00 Registration Open
- 08:00 – 17:00 Parade Office Open
- 08:30 – 17:00 FVDG/DGE Seminar
- 10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open
- 19:30 – 22:30 District Governors-Elect Celebration Banquet

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- 09:00 – 13:00 Parade of Nations
- 09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open
- 10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open
- 15:00 – 16:00 Business Session  
*Present the Candidates for International Director*
- 18:00 – 20:00 International Show

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open
- 09:30 – 12:00 Opening Plenary Session  
*Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony,  
Nominations for Third Vice President*

- 10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open
- 12:00 – 17:00 Elections
- 12:30 – 14:30 Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon
- 13:15 – 17:00 Seminars

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

- 09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open
- 09:30 – 12:00 Second Plenary Session  
*Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker*
- 10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:00 – 17:00 Elections
- 13:15 – 17:00 Seminars
- 20:00 – 22:00 Past International Presidents / Past International Directors / District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 07:30 – 09:30 Registration Open
- 07:30 – 09:30 Exhibit Hall Open
- 07:30 – 09:30 Elections
- 09:30 – 12:00 Closing Plenary Session  
*Installation of 2024-2025 International President,  
U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2024-2025  
District Governors*
- 19:00 – 21:00 International Officers Meet and Greet





# MELBOURNE 2024



## 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.

HELP  
PUBLICIZE



## APPEALS AND CAUSES

### NATIONAL HEARING DOG DAY APRIL 19

National Hearing Dog Day marks the annual celebration of Australia's first Hearing Assistance Dog, Amber, who was delivered on 19th April 1982. Over 40 years ago, Amber was provided free-of-charge to a deaf recipient who resided in metropolitan South Australia.

In the decades since, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has extended its impactful reach, training and delivering now almost seven hundred Hearing Assistance Dogs to individuals across the Australia who are deaf or hard of hearing. From Albany in WA to Far North Queensland, these Hearing Assistance Dogs have made a significant difference in the lives of their recipients.

This year, National Hearing Dog Day is providing a platform to celebrate Hearing Assistance Dogs of all shapes and sizes, underscoring the diversity and uniqueness of each individual companion, and that not just one breed of dog can change someone's life for the better.

We would like to invite all Lion Clubs to celebrate National Hearing Dog Day with us this April, join us and spread the love whatever way you can: purchase and wear a pair of our iconic National Hearing Dog Day shoelaces, or even hold a good old Lions BBQ in celebration of the day! Your participation will make a meaningful contribution to the special day.

Updated resources will soon be available on our website (use the QR code below) and further correspondence will be circulated to clubs closer to the event. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



LionsClubs.org



# ...AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST



## 2024 FLINDERS MOTORING HERITAGE

A DISPLAY OF UNIQUE VINTAGE, CLASSIC AND MODERN MOTOR CARS

EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024 10AM-2PM

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<https://bit.ly/fmh2024>  
 Phone: 0418 541 969






LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF DAY

36th Lions Charity Golf Day  
Monday March 4, 2024

## CONSTITUTIONAL, POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT RESOURCES

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



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 March edition.  
All submissions to [v3newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:v3newsletter@gmail.com).  
**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 23**



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