



# Lions District V3 ROAR!



## CLUBS WORK TOGETHER FOR FLETCHER

Great effort by the Lions clubs of Moorabbin, Mordialloc / Mentone, Sandringham, Beaumaris and Frankston who raised the money for a non-invasive Neuro-Stimulator that sits on the tongue during physiotherapy for young Fletcher.

On the day pictured we (Lions) were able to see the device being used by Fletcher while Chad (Physio) did some physiotherapy.

This device stimulates neurological receptors on the tongue to enhance balance and movement.



Chad (Physio), Fletcher & Mum



Chad (Physio), Gillian (Moorabbin Lions), Julie (Frankston Lions), Jeff & Dennis (Mordialloc/Mentone Lins) and Lee (Sandringham Lins) and young Fletcher and his Mum

### 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.

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%

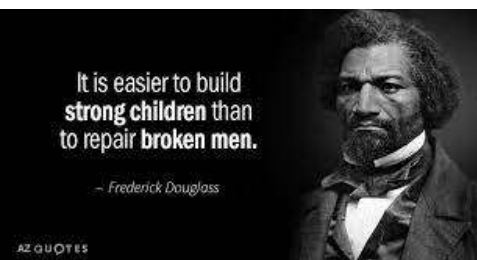
of the money we raise through events & donations goes right back in to our community.

**We're PROUD of that!**



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

— Frederick Douglass



# WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

## CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

You will have all enjoyed what I hope has been a happy Easter. I know that Easter Bunny will visit me as I'm a chocoholic.

I have received a report on the Darwin Convention to show me who has registered from V3.

I will send out the form for you to register the delegates for your club. Remember that in order for your delegate to vote your club must be financial. Having looked recently there are a lot of clubs who still haven't paid their international dues. If you need to know if your club is financial go to the MyLCI site and check your statement there. If you are unable to do this contact myself or DGE Ian Davey (0438 320 503) or PDG David Culpitt (0418 837 637). You don't need the approval of your club to pay your International, District or Multiple District dues. It's so easy to put off paying them but when they appear it is good to pay them and forget them.

At the time of writing this article there are many clubs who haven't submitted their PU101 forms which is the one that tells us who is the incoming board for your club. It is now more than urgent if your club is one that hasn't been sent. Please send to [barnardnorma8@gmail.com](mailto:barnardnorma8@gmail.com)

On a much brighter note can I wish all the Mothers a lovely Mother's Day. Lap up the attention and enjoy time with your family. I figure it is a day that we can all forget about Lions. Hope you agree.

Until the next time I see you.

Take care.  
Norma Barnard  
Cabinet Secretary 201V3

## WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Kim and the members of the V3 family offer our condolences to the family of Lion Jim Harrison of the Lions Club of Warragul. Lion Jim had been a member of Lions for 54 years, what a great achievement. Thank you Lion Jim for your service.

Lions Club of Trafalgar - Our sympathy to Lion Lyn Byrne on the passing of her twin brother.

NOW FOR THE EXCITING PART... WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS..

Lion Siri Kandamulla	Lions Club of Casey
Lion Philip Rickard	Lions Club of Boneo
Lion Tasman Williamson	Lions Club of Churchill and District
Lion Sue Kemp	Lions Club of Leongatha
Lion Janine Angus-Hearn	Lions Club of Morwell
Lion Alice Foster	Lions Club of Morwell
Lion Thomas Quinn	Lions Club of Morwell
Lion Judith Ramsdell	Lions Club of Paynesville
Lion Sarah Lynch	Lions Club of Willow Grove & District
Lion Peter Nation	Lions Club of Willow Grove & District

We in District 201V3 and our International Association wish you all much happiness as you serve your communities through your own Lions Clubs.

Congratulations to you all.

## CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

Any club who has deceased members since the last District Convention can you please send a photo and a brief eulogy of the member. This also applies to any partner who has passed away. Please forward the information to:

PDG Terry Hayler.  
[tha89654@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tha89654@bigpond.net.au)

Many thanks for your assistance.

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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# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



District 201v3

District Governor Kim Ainsworth

April 2024



## Nominations and Elections

Nominations should be completed by late February and Elections held by late March. This will give the Club Secretaries the opportunity to submit their PU101's to the Cabinet Secretary (Norma) in a timely fashion.

## PU101

PU101's should be submitted as soon as possible after the clubs elections late in March.

## Vale: Past District Governor George Radford

Born: 9/4/1939

Joined Lions: 1/11/1975

## A brief Lions history

George was a lion for 49 years and held many positions at Club and District level some of which include:

Lakes Entrance Lions

- President 3 times, Membership Chairman twice and Secretary once.

Metung Lions

- Membership Chair twice, President Twice, Secretary twice and Treasurer twice.

District 201v3

- District Governor once, District Governor Elect once, Vice District Governor once, Region Chair once, Zone Chair three times, Convention Chair once, Retention & Membership once & District Honorary Committee Chair once.

## A brief story

My first encounter with George was at a Region meeting. I was a very green club secretary trying to take in as much information as I could possibly absorb. The region meeting included at least two members from each of the clubs attending, the clubs attending were:

Zone 1, Mallacoota & District, Metung, Lakes Entrance, Lakes Entrance Lionesses & Orbost

Zone 2, Bairnsdale, Bruthen, Lindenow, Lindenow Lionesses, Paynesville & OmeoShire.

As you can imagine there was a great deal of Lions experience in the room and most of them were talking about things that I didn't have a clue about, however during a break for lunch George approached me and congratulated me on taking on the role of secretary of my club, he also said that if I had any questions regarding my role, he would be pleased to answer them.

This type of interaction continued everywhere I seemed to go, George would pop up and check on me, just to make sure that I didn't have any problems or questions. This included more Region meetings and Club Development days in the Valley and at Churchill. This was the way George was.

One of George's best tricks was that George, Joyce and Margo decided to attend the multiple district convention in Canberra. Driving seemed the best way to get there. Motel bookings were made and the car loaded up and they set off. Cann river was the first stop and then they headed off up the Cann Valley Highway. Eventually they came to a T junction and George despite the protests of Joyce and Margo that it was the wrong way, was convinced that it was the right way. It only took 30 km before he admitted his mistake and had to turn around and go back.



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## Club Development Day

Trafalgar Hall 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

With over 45 attendees and about 10 presenters, this proved to be one of the highlights of this year. Congratulations to Lion Maurice and the other presenters involved, everything ran smoothly and the participants made sure that those that attended managed to pick up some very handy tips to assist them in their coming year.

## Youth of The Year

The region finals will be held at Trafalgar Hall 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

It will be great to watch these young adults participating in such an exciting and demanding project, well done to Lion Julia Swan.



## CLUB NEWS

### THANKS NAUGHTS! AND MORE FROM MT ERICA LIONS

We provided catering for the send off for our retiring police officer from Rawson station who has been part of our community for about 20 years or more, with a great turnout from the community saying "Thanks Naughts!"



The Idlers group travel all over the countryside and we were fortunate enough to have them ask us to help cater for two of their meals. The club put thousands of dollars back into the communities they visit which is a wonderful thing to support small towns like Erica.



*Mt Erica Lions catered for the Idlers 4x4 club two separate meals. One being a good old BBQ...*



*...and the other a sit down affair in the Erica hall.*



*Our two new members Kimberly and Samantha, being presented with their kits by zone manager Geoff Anderson.*



*Geoff, Dianne and Samantha cooking up the BBQs at the Erica Country Expo 2024*

We also provided the famous 'Erica Lions burgers' as well as egg & bacon rolls at the Erica Country Expo on the 2nd of March. Due to the wet morning the number of attendees was down but those who came were blessed by our good company and sunshine in the afternoon.

Thank you and kind regards from Rae-Anne.

Info and photos provided to you by Club President Rae-Anne Vincent.  
0418 580 536 [raeannesplace@gmail.com](mailto:raeannesplace@gmail.com)



**We Serve**



## KORUMBURRA SECONDARY MUSIC TRAINING

A recent article from Korumburra Secondary College - Great work from our local Lions supporting Korumburra's young people!

SGSMP – Instrumental Music.

Did you know that learning a musical instrument can benefit your child in many different ways? Korumburra Secondary College is fortunate to be part of the South Gippsland Schools Music Program which allows us to offer lessons in a wide variety of instruments at an affordable price.

Due to a generous donation from the [Lions Club of Korumburra](#), we are able to offer FOUR half price scholarships to new students in 2024! Please contact the school for more information.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Lions Club for their ongoing support of KSC and the South Gippsland Schools Music Program.

## STRATFORD SUPPORTS AIR AMBULANCE

Lions Club of Stratford has thrown their support behind local air ambulance services. The club has donated \$2000 to support the Helimed Auxiliary.

President of the Stratford Lions Club Lindsay Ross said the Helimed service provides vital mobile access to paramedic transport and care. "Gippsland is a really large area; people can often need urgent medical attention when they are a long way from hospitals or road ambulances so services like Helimed save lives. As a club we see this service as a critical service for our community and so we are really pleased we can make this contribution," said Mr Ross.

The Stratford Lions Club presented their donation to Madi Gallagher from Elders who will include the money in their recent fundraising efforts for the Helimed Service.

A bus trip was supplied from Bairnsdale to Melbourne and 6 people from Stratford Lions boarded the bus in Stratford. They visited the new Wool Shed in Melbourne where bales of wool donated were auctioned. On the way back they stopped off at the Helimed Auxiliary in Sale and were lucky enough to see it in action after having had a tour of the helicopter prior to leaving.

The Lions Club of Stratford provides valuable support to many local initiatives. "We are only a small club, but we work hard to support things that are important to our community. We raise money through things like our regular Saturday BBQ and raffles".

The club can be contacted by calling Paul Wager - 0457 329 919

## FREAK STORM IN MIRBOO



The town was stunned by the freak storm but power is back on and the small Mirboo North Lions Club is assessing the needs of the community.

Members of our club are appreciative of the calls from nearby clubs to help.

Leongatha Lions helped recover a smashed caravan and Strzelecki Lions have had a chance to exercise their BBQ skills for the helpers around the town.

Members Aaron and Chris have given their chainsaws a good workout!  
- Rodney Jackson

## TEST YOUR LIONS KNOWLEDGE

Answers to March quiz:

- 1. Districts in Lions Australia and their Functions:** Lions Australia comprises around 12 districts, overseeing local clubs, coordinating service projects, providing leadership training, facilitating communication, and representing Lions at various levels.
- 2. Significance of Lions Clubs' SightFirst Program in Australia:** The SightFirst program in Australia aims to combat preventable blindness by providing vision screenings, distributing eyeglasses, supporting eye surgeries, and raising awareness about eye health, particularly in underserved areas.
- 3. Initiatives by Lions Clubs in Rural and Remote Areas of Australia:** Lions Clubs in rural Australia provide healthcare via mobile clinics, support schools with resources, organize community events, offer emergency relief during disasters, and establish youth programs for mentorship.
- 4. Collaboration with Other Organizations or Government Agencies:** Lions Australia collaborates with healthcare providers, NGOs, emergency services, local councils, schools, businesses, and community organizations to address various community needs, including healthcare, education, disaster relief, and advocacy.
- 5. Process for Starting a New Lions Club in Australia:** To start a new Lions Club, identify potential members, contact the district governor or nearby club, hold an informational meeting, complete paperwork with Lions Clubs International, elect officers, establish bylaws, plan service projects, participate in events, and adapt activities to community needs.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

### WARRAGUL'S ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The Lions Club of Warragul has again held a very successful book fair. Over the last weekend in February nearly 20,000 pre-loved books were sold with more than 1200 people attending over the two days.

The book fair started about six years ago when the regional library in Warragul asked if the Lions Club was interested in looking after the sale of their discarded books. At the time it looked like the club may have been losing a source of fundraising, so it was decided why not take on the new venture.

Since then, the book fair has grown each year with the library discards, together with surplus books from charity shops and books donated by the public. This year there would have been over 45,000 books on offer.

The book fair is held in Warragul's Exhibition Hall which for two days prior is taken over with assembling tables, carrying in loads and loads of books, and arranging them in the various book categories.



Then after the doors close on the Sunday, the process of clearing out the books that remain, packing up separately the children's books and putting away the tables commences. Book Fair coordinator Lion Brian Grist said, "The book fair is a massive operation that involves all of the club members."

This year the children's books left over from the book fair are being distributed to the Lions 123Read2Me project, or to Buk Bilong Pikinini, an organisation that sends children's books to schools and libraries in Papua New Guinea.

The remaining books that were unsold unfortunately had reached their "use-by" date and have been loaded into skips to be recycled.

Warragul President, Nick Rabl commented that the book fair has become an important fundraising activity for the Warragul Lions Club. "People come from far and wide to look for bargains, with many who are regulars each year", said President Nick.

And from Warragul Lions Club Facebook page afterwards: "Fantastic. We got so many books. Thanks for hosting."

## BUILDING STRONG CHILDREN

### DISTRICT YOTY FINAL



*Gretel Harms, Kash Slatter and Fenella Collins*

On the 24th March 2024 the Lions District Youth of the Year Final was held at Trafalgar. Three students, proudly supported by the Lions Clubs of Sale and Dromana were the entrants on the day.

Before a small audience Fenella Collins and Kash Slatter, both from Dromana Secondary College, competed against Gretel Harms from Gippsland Grammar, sponsored by the Lions Club of Sale.

All three contestants presented and spoke well with Fenella Collins being awarded the District YOTY award and Kash Slatter being awarded the Public Speaking award.

Gretel Harms did extremely well but missed out on either award by the smallest of margins.

Fenella Collins will now progress on to the Victorian State Final at Maryborough on the 27th of April.

Thanks must go to the Lions Club of Trafalgar for hosting us on the day, with a delicious lunch, and morning & afternoon tea.

Thank you to DG Kim Ainsworth for officiating on the day.



## BOOK NOW TO WATCH STATE YOTY FINAL



### VICTORIAN STATE FINAL AND DINNER

**VENUE:** Maryborough Education Centre  
102-192 Balaclava Road, Maryborough.

**DATE:** Saturday 27th April 2024

**TIME:** 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

**COST:** \$30.00 per head (2-course meal)

**RSVP:** Thursday 18th April 2024

Proudly hosted by the Lions Club of Carisbrook. Bookings are essential. Request a form from the numbers below.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Carol Khamar (Lions Club of Carisbrook) 0427 828 466  
Or Kristie Box (YOTY State Coordinator) 0406 426 460



*International Peace Poster Merit Award Winner  
by Sofia Litinova*

## PEACE POSTER 23/24 DARE TO DREAM



On 1 March 2024 the international winners of the 2023-24 Peace Poster contest, DARE TO DREAM were announced:

The winner of the International Essay is visually impaired Yetka Yagiz Demirtas from Turkiye aged 12 years.

The winner of the International Peace Poster is Fanjin Si from China aged 11 years

The merit award winner is Sofia Litinova from New Zealand aged 13

From ones so young, their creativity is impeccable in all facets of Peace Poster.



*International Peace Poster Winner by Fanjin Si*

## PEACE POSTER 24/25 “PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS”

NOW is the time to visit schools and get them started on this year's Poster/Essay. The theme is “PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS” asking students to create a poster/essay that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the Idea of peace without limits.

Peace Poster kits are available at the online shop for \$25.00 plus postage.

Sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest is one of the most unique and rewarding projects that your Lions club can be involved in. Not only is your club inspiring children to imagine a world of kindness, you will also be engaging with your community and showcasing all the incredible ways that Lions serve. Designed for children aged 11 to 13, the Peace Contests offer children the chance to showcase their talent on an international stage and compete for great prizes. The grand prize winner receives US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony.

It is suggested that clubs hold their club final in the first two weeks of October, 2024 in readiness for display at the District Convention in Mornington where the judging is anticipated to take place. Please contact me if you require further information, especially in regards to the size of the art paper and the rules of the Peace Poster contest.

It is recommended that each club provide all students with a participation certificate and a prize for the winner in each School along with an honourable mention certificate.

Glenda Paragreen  
glfern99@yahoo.com.au

# ...AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST

## GET YOUR LIONS NUMBER PLATE FRAME!

The Lions Club of Noarlunga Morphett Vale have for sale, promotional Lions Club Vehicle Number Plate Frames.

The club is pleased to announce that profit generated from all sales will be forwarded to the Australian Lions Foundation to be used in the provision of grants to Lions Clubs for approved projects for the betterment of their communities.

The frames are suitable for use on standard size Australian vehicle number plates as seen below.



The cost is \$15.00 per pair plus freight. Therefore should members in your club wish to obtain these frames it would be beneficial to order a quantity rather than singly.

Please contact [lionsnmv@gmail.com](mailto:lionsnmv@gmail.com) and ask for an order form.

## CONSTITUTIONAL, POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT RESOURCES

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



## MEET YANNIS!

Meet Yannis, soon to be our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog! If you haven't already heard the buzz, Yannis is set to take the spotlight as the face of our upcoming National Hearing Dog Day; a fitting milestone to reach on such special occasion!

National Hearing Dog Day marks the annual celebration of the incredible contribution made by Hearing Dogs, who dedicate their lives to positively impacting and even saving the lives of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. This significant event falls on April 19th, commemorating the day when Amber, our very first Hearing Assistance Dog, was delivered in Australia, free-of-charge to a recipient in need, marking the start of our journey. Since then, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has provided 700 Hearing Assistance Dogs to Australians in need.



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This year, we're embracing the theme 'All Shapes and Sizes' as we celebrate the diversity of breeds that can become Hearing Assistance Dogs, each one capable of profoundly changing someone's life for the better.

Your Lions Club can support and celebrate the day with us by sharing stories of a Hearing Assistance Dog you know. Or better yet, why not host your own celebrations! Visit the NHDD web site for details.

## LIONS CLUB OF CASEY INC.

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND  
OUR

## TWILIGHT MARKET

AT THE  
CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY HALL  
Clarendon Street, Cranbourne  
ON

## FRIDAY 10TH MAY

FROM 5PM UNTIL 9 P.M

\$30.00 STALL.

TABLE AND CHAIR SUPPLIED  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

PHONE NORMA... 0431 521 566  
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Further markets will be held on 14th June,  
12th July and 9th. August 2024



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