



# Lions District V3 ROAR!



## SOMETHING NEW: BRING SOMETHING OLD

At a recent meeting of the Trafalgar Lions club, members were asked to bring something old that they treasured and give a talk of a few minutes on the items.

Among the many items were: very old and unique cameras, a pocket watch previously owned by a member of the Kaiser's Army and a book presented to a grandfather in 1885.

A great idea, and perhaps one that could be fun for other clubs to do too.



Kevin with a pillow skilfully embroidered by his grandfather while recovering from wounds suffered three months before the end of WWI



Glenn with his favourite elephant JINGO



Greg with his remarkably preserved wind-up trotter/pacer, Greg still has the original box the toy came with. A member made some remark about the toy beating some of the horses he backs.

### 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!**



# WELFARE AND RECOGNITION

## WELFARE REPORT

It is with sadness that we let you know of the passing of PDG George Radford. His funeral is to be held on Wednesday 13th March at the Mechanics Hall in Lakes Entrance.

On the sick list we have Lion Peter and Lions Lady Dianne Fienstra from the Lions Club of Wellington Latrobe. They are on the mend but have been caring for each other over the past month.

Please remember that I would love to hear from you for special occasions and in particular when someone within your club is on the sick list.

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District Welfare Chairperson

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## DROMANA OP SHOPS

The Lions Club of Dromana operates two Opportunity Shops, in Dromana and Rosebud.

Both were originally operated by the Dromana Lioness Club until it became too difficult for them to staff and manage both shops. The Dromana shop was taken over by the Lions and the Lionesses continued to operate Rosebud Op Shop until the Lioness Club was wound up in June 2017.

Both are now operated by the Dromana Lions Club and provide sufficient funds for them to feed back to the community with their annual disbursements.

The following item was borrowed from the web site and we believe it can be credited to the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. This article really does put the value of Op Shops to the community in perspective:

Op shops play a significant role in local communities. They offer more than just goods for sale; they also provide hospitality, foster community, and practice social inclusion...

DG Kim and the members of our district are excited to welcome the following members:

LION DIANNE JONES	LIONS CLUB OF DROUIN
LION GARRY JONES	LIONS CLUB OF DROUIN
LION DEIDRE BORIN	LIONS CLUB OF McCRAE & DISTRICT
LION GUSS LAMBDEN	LIONS CLUB OF MOE
LION RENATA LAMPEL	LIONS CLUB OF MOE
LION KIMBERLY BASTIN	LIONS CLUB OF MT. ERICA
LION SAMANTHA PASOVEC	LIONS CLUB OF MT. ERICA
LION ALAN RICE	LIONS CLUB OF PAYNESVILLE
LION JOHN BERTUNA	LIONS CLUB OF RYE
LION RHONDA BERTUNA	LIONS CLUB OF RYE
LION LKORRAINE DAIES	LIONS CLUB OF RYE
LION GEOFF OCKLESHAW	LIONS CLUB OF RYE
LION SALVADOR GUTIERREZ	LIONS CLUB OF SALE
LION LORETTA HO	LIONS CLUB OF TWIN RIVERS
LION MARTHA AN RIJSWIJKHASPELS	LIONS CLUB OF TWIN RIVERS
LION LYLE MOK	LIONS CLUB OF WONTHAGGI

We all hope that you all enjoy your time in Lions and have some wonderful ideas to bring to your individual clubs. New ideas are always welcome.

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR



The members of the Lions Club of Casey were really excited to hear of the engagement of Lion Eshal Ahmed to Ibrahim. We celebrated with Eshal at our last meeting and asked her to cut a cake in celebration. We wish you both a world of happiness and look forward to wedding bells when you both finish your studies. Eshal is one of our young members in our Club and is studying law at university.

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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**Goods and Affordable Shopping:** a valuable resource for affordable second-hand items. You can find clothing, household goods, books, and more at reasonable prices. This accessibility benefits those who may be on a tight budget.

**Community Gathering Place:** they create a sense of community. They serve as meeting points where people can interact, share stories, and connect. Whether it's a friendly chat with the shopkeeper or a chance encounter with a neighbour, these interactions enhance community bonds.

**Environmental Impact:** they contribute to environmental sustainability. They divert items from landfills, reducing waste and conserving resources.

**Supporting Local Causes:** they are run by churches, charities, or community organizations. The proceeds from sales often go toward supporting local initiatives, such as outreach programs, missions or other charitable efforts.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** they rely on volunteers who generously donate their time and skills. These volunteers gain a sense of purpose, build friendships and contribute to a cause they believe in.



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



Trafalgar



Sale



Pakenham



Mirboo North



Willow Grove and District



Maffra



Yarram



Leongatha



McCrae and District



Dromana

Just some of the clubs I've had the pleasure of visiting over the past three years. A better team you would be hard-pressed to find in over fifty years of looking. Congratulations to you all.

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DG Kim





YOTY District Chairperson Julie Swan

## BOOK NOW! YOTY 2024 DISTRICT FINAL & LUNCH

Sunday 24th March 2024

11.45am for 12.00 pm start

RSVP 8th March



### VENUE

Trafalgar Community Centre  
105 Princes Highway, Trafalgar  
(parking available at rear)

The Lions Club of Trafalgar proudly hosts the day. Bookings are essential - email Julie [julieswan59@gmail.com](mailto:julieswan59@gmail.com) and she will send a booking form.

### COST

\$22.50 per head (Light Lunch – cold meats & salad & dessert)

### DRESS CODE

Smart Casual (no jeans)

### CONTACTS

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Or Julie Swan, YOTY District Chairperson  
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## DROMANA LIONS YOTY CLUB FINAL

Thanks to the efforts of club member Colin Stevens, and Hannah Weiderman from Dromana College, Dromana had four students competing in their 2024 Youth of the Year Program.

Initial interviews were held on Saturday the 24th February followed by the YOTY Club Final on the 28th February at the Safety Beach Community Centre where a two course meal was provided.

The four students answered the impromptu questions and presented their prepared speeches before an appreciative audience of some forty-seven parents, friends, teaching staff, district officials and Lions club members.



Judging Panel



Winner Fenella Collins

Each of the students gave excellent responses to the impromptu questions and their speeches were well researched and presented.

The judging team of four well-respected community members had a difficult time in selecting the winner of the Public Speaking and the overall YOTY winner.

The Public Speaking winner and also our Youth of the Year club winner was Fenella Collins who will now compete at the District Final at Trafalgar on the 24th March along with runner up, Kash Slater.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to both Colin and Hannah for making this event happen, the students for their efforts and time put into their presentations, the teaching staff at Dromana College for supporting the students competing, the four judges, who had a monumental task in choosing the winner and finally the parents, friends, and club members for making up a very appreciative audience.



Runner-up Kash Slater



Organiser and MC Colin Stevens



## LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM

Yet another important way in which we contribute to the physical and mental health of our future communities is via the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP). Each year this program checks for vision issues that would not become immediately apparent otherwise, allowing for earlier intervention and better outcomes for children.

Recently, 201V3 Zones 3 and 4 Vision Screeners have been to the Toongabbie, Cowwarr and Nambrok Denison Primary Schools in Gippsland with our LEHP Childrens' Vision Screening Program. Around ninety students aged between five and twelve have been screened at these schools, with approximately a dozen children recommended for further testing by an optometrist. This is an excellent program aimed at early detection of visual anomalies which are known to have a large negative impact on a child's ability to learn.

On average, approximately half of the children enrolled at the target schools are screened. Children who are already under the care of an optometrist or who wear glasses are not usually tested in this program. Some parents or guardians choose not to have the child's vision tested in this way for various reasons. For the benefit of these children, we'd love to see the participation rate rise.



*Robyn Collins, Sale Lions Club & LEHP Vision Screening Facilitator*

## PLEASE GET YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

Please remember that if you will be working with children you need your Working With Children card. These are free for volunteers and you can apply at [www.vic.gov.au/person-applications](http://www.vic.gov.au/person-applications).

Please note that the above link is for the in-person option, which we recommend because the online option is too difficult for many to navigate, and is prone to errors. So go to the link above (or use the QR Code below), gather all the required ID information, and head to your local post office!



## TEST YOUR LIONS KNOWLEDGE

1. How many districts make up Lions Australia, and what are their primary functions?
2. Can you explain the significance of the Lions Clubs' SightFirst program in Australia?
3. What are some notable initiatives or projects undertaken by Lions Clubs in rural and remote areas of Australia?
4. How does Lions Australia collaborate with other organizations or government agencies to address community needs?
5. Could you describe the process for starting a new Lions Club in a community within Australia?

Answers in the April Issue.

March Answers:

1. The first Lions Club in Australia was established in 1947.
2. The first Lions Club International Convention held in Australia took place in Sydney in 1968.
3. The primary focus of Lions Clubs in Australia is community service, with an emphasis on addressing issues such as vision impairment, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and promoting health and wellness.
4. New South Wales has the highest number of Lions Clubs among Australian states.
5. The Lions Australia National Youth of the Year program aims to recognize and reward young people who have demonstrated leadership qualities, academic excellence, community involvement, and public speaking skills.

## POSITION VACANT ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

We need a motivated individual with a passion for Lions Service to take on the role of Environmental Projects Coordinator for the coming Lions year. Environment is one of the core causes for Lions International. Environmental projects include land care, recycling, rubbish removal and fauna/flora protection to name a few. This role will be to identify and report on current projects as well as encouraging new Environment projects. Please contact me if you know of such an individual - Roger Lurz [rogerlurz@gmail.com](mailto:rogerlurz@gmail.com)

## SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORT

Hello everyone,

I'll soon be entering my fourth year as District Service Coordinator. My primary task continues to be supporting and encouraging all clubs in District 201v3 to conduct Service Projects.

In this vein, I am searching for a project leader for one of our core causes, the environment. Please see details on this page.

Remember, the last stage of any project is reporting your volunteer hours on MyLion. I am available to assist if you have any difficulties in doing so. If you require substantial assistance, we can organize a training session in your area. I'll be at our upcoming training day in Trafalgar. Use my contacts below.

Start to think about submitting projects for the "Kindness Matters Service Award". The King Island Leos club won the global competition with their "Freedom to Feel Fantastic" project.

All clubs will be aware that the Victorian Container Deposit scheme is up and running. This has the potential to be a substantial fundraiser for clubs as the new program sorts out its teething problems.

If you go to the return-it web site: <https://www.returnit.com.au/vic/> you can register your club as a donation partner or request to be more hands-on with handling the container returns. I personally went to our local return site and received \$20 for three garbage bags of cans and plastic bottles. Very easy process.

Any queries, please contact me and I will only be too happy to help where I can.

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## NEED FOR FEED

### Darwin Convention Report 2024

The last year has been yet another of those that just when we thought things were quietening down, something happened to make us flat out again. We had not long finished the final recovery phase of the floods around Forbes in the NSW Central West and right across the top of Victoria into South Australia, and fires earlier last year near Taralga north of Goulburn also in NSW, and were kind of wondering what we were going to be doing next when we were met with fires and flooding in our own District in early Spring. We were able to respond to that within days, along with a fire in the Bega Valley in south east NSW.

Not long after that, fires started breaking out in various other parts of NSW and some of southern and central Queensland. At one stage we were working on six fires within NSW and had responded to another five in Queensland. We have had requests for assistance for fire and or drought in all of the eastern mainland states including South Australia. Over the last twelve months we have completed fifteen hay runs into and out of all of those states as well as Tasmania. There have also been numerous individual deliveries filling in the gaps between runs. Our volunteers have often finished one hay pick up or delivery and turned straight around to reload and do it all again because there was someone in need.

The Lions districts that we have delivered to over the last twelve months include N1, N2, N3, N4 and N5, V1-4, V3, V5 and V6, Q1, Q3, and Q4, and also C1 and C2. Where possible with our deliveries we have involved and worked directly with local Lions clubs.

As we enter our eighteenth. year, it's worth reflecting on our journey thus far. Since our humble beginnings back in 2006/2007 the project has grown and grown to the point where the total value of aid delivered over the life of the project has now topped over forty-five million dollars. That's the equivalent of around six thousand truckloads of hay and other fodder. These deliveries are usually accompanied by household hampers, personal care packs, sometimes Lions teddies and toys for the kids, and always food for our best mates. Every farm has at least one dog!

This is all made possible by very generous and ongoing support from not only our own members and volunteers, but also our supporting Lions clubs, other service clubs, community groups and of course the Australian public. That is something we all as Lions individually and as an organisation should be extremely proud of. Our Lions club project Need for Feed has for some time now been recognised as the leading provider of emergency fodder at a state and national level by governments and other agencies. That is in no small part due to the hard work and dedication of our loyal band of Lions members and other volunteers. Today Need for Feed remains the only group among the big four registered Australian farm charities run totally by volunteers.

Over the next year ahead, we will of course continue to do what we have always done and that is to support our farmers and rural communities in times of need, wherever they are.

Yours in Lions  
PDG Graham Cockerell  
Chairman.



## PAYNESVILLE CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY



*Bill and Wayne getting organised*



*Citizen of the Year Lion Peter Buchanan and Carole Denning representing the Paynesville Op Shop, winners of the community service award*



*New member Judy with sponsor Margot*



*Audience and Lions Van*



*Busy van action*



*Patriot Mary*

## GIPPSLAND LAKES COAST GUARD HELP

Gippsland Lakes recently made a donation to Lakes Entrance Coast Guard to assist in their voluntary contribution to visitors and our community when an emergency arises.



## TOORA PEAR PARTY



*Lions Robyn and Glenda*

In beautiful surrounds on a lovely summer's day, the Toora Heritage Pear Orchard committee held its annual party. This year the date was changed from the long weekend in March to late February which worked well with a large crowd in attendance.

Patrons could choose from a wide range of pears having some sixty types of pears from one hundred trees. The friends of the Toora Heritage Pear Orchard lease the site from Council tend to the trees and run the Pear Orchard which commenced in 1996. A list of all the pears was available and the President of the Committee was only too happy to discuss the types of pears and the best cooking pears to any patron.

Each year the Toora Lions runs the BBQ by donation. It is the club's annual contribution to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. With the generous donations of some patrons the club raised \$994 this year.

Congratulations to the committee along with Toora Lion Jeff Unthank whose back door is the pear orchard and their tireless effort each year includes organisation of market stalls, live music, a grafting workshop, sponsorship, maintaining the orchard and the list goes on.

## NEW MEMBER? GET ORIENTED

If you're a new Lion your district 201V3 would like to invite you to a **new member orientation**. It will be held as part of the Club Development Day.

- It will be on Sunday 17 March 2024
- It will be held at Trafalgar Public Hall (Contingent St) and Trafalgar Community Centre (Depot Ln).
- The session will commence at 9am and run until lunch.
- After lunch other sessions will be held, that will be of interest.
- The day will finish at 3pm.

\*\*\*\*\* Lunch provided. Please RSVP by 3 March to GLT201V3@gmail.com to assist with catering. Please highlight any dietary requirements.

\*\*\*\* Please note, depending on numbers you will either be at the Public Hall or the Community Centre (300m apart)



## CONSTITUTIONAL, POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT RESOURCES

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



## MORWELL REACTIVATION

A public meeting, chaired by DG elect, Ian Davey, was held in Morwell on 30th January. The purpose of the meeting was to reactivate the Lions Club of Morwell, which had been in recess for over 12 months. The public meeting was well publicised in local media and was well attended by past members of the Morwell Club and members of neighbouring Clubs in Zone 5. The meeting was also attended by the Latrobe City Council mayor and one other councillor.

The first meeting of the reactivated Lions Club of Morwell was held on Tuesday, 27th February and chaired by the Zone 5 Chairman, Geoff Anderson. The meeting was also attended by Lion Mark Henning, a Guiding Lion, from the Traralgon Lions Club. The meeting focussed on member recruitment and three new members were recruited on the night, bringing to five, the number of members in the Morwell Club. A small number, but sufficient to recommence operations.

A number of Morwell residents have expressed interest in joining Lions and these leads are being followed up. The Lions Club of Morwell will continue under the guidance of Zone Chairman Geoff and Lion Mark, with support from the neighbouring Clubs.

The next meeting of the Lions Club of Morwell will be a dinner meeting commencing at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 26th March, at Board Room of the RSL Club, Morwell. We are optimistic about the sustainability of this Club, which was chartered in 1963 and is the oldest Victorian Lions Club east of Dandenong.

## FREE DOER-UPPERER!



Free to a good club - the above food van. Don't let it be put out to pasture or worse. Structurally good top and bottom. Needs a good karcher and a lick of paint. Two serving windows one either side, gas & elec, fold out tables, eight plastic chairs, fridge, bbq, stove top, sink, three stools, shelving. Approx four metres long. Pick up from Rosebud.

Contact Terry Cook 0417 690 607

Thanks for reading!  
Please send your news for the April edition.  
All submissions to  
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**DEADLINE MARCH 23**



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