



Lions District V3 ROAR!

WAR OF THE WORDS

Thanks to the efforts of club member Colin Stevens, Dromana Primary School and Balcombe Grammar were involved in this year's Junior Public Speaking Event at the Lions Club of Dromana

Dromana Primary School only enters Grade 6 students into this competition whereas Balcombe Grammar enters both Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6.

At school pre-judging by club members took place at Dromana Primary School on Wednesday 30th July where three students were selected.

Balcombe Grammar elected to do their own pre-judging and provided four students from Grades 3/4 and two students from Grades 5/6.

The Club Final was held on the 13th August at the Safety Beach Sailing Club with over fifty students, parents, teaching staff and club members in attendance.



Colin with Ernie, Morrison and judge Nancye Gardiner



Club Member Colin Stevens with Ernest Jarvis on the left and Morrison Aarons in the centre.

A meal was provided and the event, conducted by Colin, was enjoyed by all present.

All of the students spoke very well and it was obvious that further practice had taken place since the initial pre-judging.

Ernest Jarvis from Balcombe Grammar was the Grade 3/4 winner, and Morrison Aarons from Dromana PS was the Grade 5/6 winner.

Both will now progress to the District Semi-Final at the Tooradin Sports Club on 10th October.

Graeme Wilson
Secretary
Lions Club of Dromana

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.

PEACE POSTERS

A reminder, the theme this year is "Together as One" When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we are inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one.

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest began in 1988. It is an annual competition where children aged 11-13 express their vision of peace through art. Local Lions clubs sponsor the contest, which aims to foster understanding among people worldwide. To date, Australia has come close but has not won at international level.

Peace Essay is for those who are visually impaired. As you are aware sight is a major focus of Lions Clubs and the Lions International Peace Essay Contest for those visually impaired was created to give young people with an opportunity to express their feelings of peace. Students who are visually impaired aged 11 to 13 are eligible to participate. 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. Visually impaired also covers colour blindness.

For clubs who have schools interested in entering the Peace Poster, the club needs to order the Kit from MD office at a cost of \$25.00, plus postage and handling or, alternatively there is a digital download available through the LCI office. Each school or organisation must have their own kit. This means that if a Lions Club has more than one school, then each school must have their own kit.

Club judging needs to be carried out ideally by no later than the first week in October to allow time to ensure the winning poster from each school is either posted to me or made available on Friday, 24 October, 2025 at the V3 District Convention.

District judging will take place on Saturday, 25 October, 2025 and the winner announced on Sunday at the Convention. I ask clubs to provide a cylinder for the posters from each school for the safe return in due course. A Certificate will be provided for all students at District level with a first prize of a \$100.00 voucher and two runners up prizes of \$50.00 each.

If clubs have not already started, it is not too late to be proactive. There are many students aged between 11 -13 who enjoy art or like to write stories. These contests are their time to shine.

In a nutshell, the main points to take into account are:

CONTESTANTS must be 11, 12 or 13 years of age as of November 15th of the current year

ART WORK

SIZE must be no smaller than 33 centimetres by 50 centimetres NOR larger than 50 centimetres by 60 centimetres. A2 paper fits the criteria.

ORIENTATION may be either portrait or landscape.

FRAMES artwork must not be framed or matted or laminated.

COLOUR. Lots of colour makes for an eye-catching poster.

MEDIA. All media accepted. Three dimensional entries NOT accepted. Nothing is to be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. NO lettering or numbers in any language to be used on the poster. Artist's signature or initials must be written on the back of the poster in pencil please.

THEME. Interpretation of the Theme is an important element of the poster competition. The theme for this year's competition is "TOGETHER AS ONE." If possible, have the students discuss what this means to them, as an aid to spring boarding their imagination.

JUDGING CRITERIA. Originality, artistic merit and expression of the above theme.



2022-23 MD201 Winning Peace Poster



The MD winner Australia wide also receives a plaque and a \$200.00 cash prize which is presented at the MD Convention in Adelaide in May next year.

Glenda Paragreen
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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings, Lions of 201V3 District.

Reporting on activities from the start of the current Lions year, I will mention quickly matters arising from the Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA. The highlights, apart from the gathering of over 9,500 like-minded people from all over the World, were:

- The election and induction of Lion Tony Benbow, a member of the Lions Club of South Vermont, Victoria, to the position of 3rd Vice International President. If all goes to plan, Lion Tony will become our International President in 2029/30.
- The induction of A.P. Singh of India as our International President for the current year.
- The induction of all 18 District Governors in Multiple District 201. 16 District Governors, including myself, were present.

For me, one of the highlights of the International Convention was one of the guest speakers, Ms Shailee Basnet of the Seven Summits Women's Team. Together with a team of women, this diminutive Nepali lady climbed the highest mountain in all seven continents, including Everest. The theme of the talk she delivered was – “not the entire team reaches the summit, but all team members can share in the success of those that do”.

As your District Governor, I am offered accolades and awards for membership growth and the chartering of new Clubs within 201V3. The growth we all look for is not only the result of my efforts, but also the result of team work and we are all working towards this end. I am pleased to say that already, less than two months into the year 201v3 membership has grown from 980 to over 1,000 and one Club which had been cancelled has been reactivated. And the way forward looks promising. My sincere thanks to all who have assisted.

Since returning from the US, I have attended the District Changeover, in Warragul. The function was very well attended and I was particularly pleased to see so many people there. The next landmark function will be the District Conference, formerly called the Convention. This will be held at Lardner Park near Warragul on October 24th to 26th. The format will be the same as Conventions in the past, but there is a reason for the name change and I am aware some of you are unhappy with the change. At the Multiple District Convention in 2024, there was a motion to change the name of the MD Convention to “Conference”. Younger members present spoke for the change – saying they were working, and it was much more acceptable to ask the boss for leave to attend a “conference” than to attend a “convention”. In a World where we must change to survive, I fully supported the change, and it was discussed and voted on at last year's Convention that future 201V3 District annual gatherings would be called “Conferences”. I understand the matter will be debated again in Warragul in October and I will cheerfully support the outcome of the vote. A reminder that Charles Darwin said: “It isn't the strongest or the most intelligent species that survive, but the species most adaptable to change”.

By now you will all have heard that Lion Roger Lurz has resigned from the position of 1st Vice District Governor and will not nominate for the position of 2026/27 District Governor in October. I have urged Lion Roger to continue his membership in Lions as I believe he has much to offer and I wish him well as he navigates his health and other issues that have led to his decision.

Meanwhile, I continue to look forward to working with the Clubs and Lions of District 201V3 during this year and have just commenced my round of club visits. Let's continue to have a great year serving better together.

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Just a reminder that we only have fifty-four days from the first of September until we meet for our Annual Conference, at Warragul. I hope you have all had time to register for this annual event. This is a great chance for new members to see first-hand how our district comes together, the serious side and the fun side. Yes we do have fun so please register early and come and see.

Shortly I will be sending you a form for you to select your delegates and alternates for voting on several issues including our District Governor for 2026-2027 and the Vice Governors, and also representatives for Licola and the Victorian Lions Foundation.

Has your club paid the International, District and Multiple Dues? You would have received these accounts from our Treasurer. If you have any queries please contact IPDG Ian Davey and he will give you an update on what is owing, or email or text our Treasurer Lion Deb Amor for the details.

I am still waiting for some clubs to provide information of any deceased members since the last convention so could club secretaries please help by providing me with a Bio and photo of the deceased member for inclusion in our remembrance ceremony at the District Conference.

It is with regret that the District Governor Geoff has received the resignation of our 1st VDG Roger Lurz but we hope his health improves and he continues his work with Lions. We have appreciated the work and commitment Lion Roger has given to the District over many years and wish him well for the future. District Governor Geoff is canvassing for members to fill the position so if anyone is interested please let him know.

Please consider inviting any Cabinet Officer to your club so that they can let you know all about the roles and the help available for each club.

SEE YOU ALL AT WARRAGUL ON OCTOBER 24TH, 25TH AND 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Yours in Lions
Terry
Cab Sec
“Serving Better Together”



WELFARE

WELFARE REPORT

DG Geoff and the V3 Cabinet would like to pass on condolences to the family and friends of Lion Roger Carse from the Lions Club of Trafalgar, who passed away earlier this month. Lion Roger had an interesting and varied career as a Civil Engineer. Lion Roger will be sadly missed by his family, friends, his Club and the V3 Lions family.

Condolences are also extended to the family and friends of PDG Andy Baker who passed away recently in Bairnsdale Hospital.

PDG Andy was a charter member of the Lions Club of Lakes Entrance. PDG Andy will be sadly missed by his wife, Jenny, family, friends, Club members and the V3 Lions family.

To all other members who have been unwell, best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Cabinet Secretary PDG Terry Hayler. Terry started playing golf at the age of 16. Now 78, he recently won the Monthly Medal at the Warragul Country Club. Well done.

A big welcome to new members who have joined recently, we hope you enjoy being part of the Lions family.

Please let me know if you have any news to be included in the Welfare Report.

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

Sandra Faulk
District 201V3 Welfare Chairman
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SPORT

TERRY HAYLER WINS WARRAGUL MONTHLY MEDAL AT 78

As mentioned above, we congratulate PDG Terry on being victorious in the recent Monthly Medal at the Warragul Country Club.

The Monthly Medal is a major event sponsored by KIA. There are 150 players in the field and Terry won by the narrowest of margins. He had 46 strokes on the front nine (11 over par) and came home with a wet sail with only 38 on the back nine (3 over par) for a total of 84. This gave him a brilliant net score of 67 (after subtracting his 17 handicap) to win by a single shot. "I could not believe I played so well on the back nine which is the harder of the two at the Warragul Golf Course," Terry said after his win.



PDG Terry Receiving his trophy



CLUB CORNER



Left to Right: Daris Olsauskas (25 years), Rex Blennerhasset (38 years), Peter Buchanan (28 years), Allan Martin (48 years) and our current President John Waller (52 years).

PAYNESVILLE LIFE MEMBERS DINNER

Paynesville Lions had a Life Members get together this week. Our five Life Members with a total of 191 years service to their communities were celebrated at a special afternoon tea at 3880 Restaurant in Paynesville. There must be something in the Paynesville water!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT FRANKSTON

Lions Club of Frankston proudly supporting Community Support Frankston with our donation.

We were fortunate to have Steve Phillips from Community Support Frankston attend.

Steve received the "big cheque" from President Tom Shillito and Secretary Julie Swan

They do a wonderful job in the Frankston area. So proud to be able to continue our support. <https://www.frankston.net/>



SALE CHANGEOVER

Lions Club of Sale Welcomes New Board at Annual Changeover Luncheon.

The Lions Club of Sale Inc. celebrated its annual Changeover Luncheon on Sunday, 27 June 2025, at the Gippsland Racing Victoria venue in Sale, bringing together forty members and guests for an afternoon of recognition and renewal.

The installation of the 2025–2026 Board was officiated by Lion Ben Davies of the Stratford Lions Club, with Lion Russell Napper of the Maffra Lions Club serving as Master of Ceremonies.

President Glenn Bennett presented a series of prestigious awards in acknowledgement of outstanding service to the club and the community.

Lion Frank Birthisel (MJF) received a Life Membership to the Lions Club of Sale, while the James D. Richardson Honour Award was bestowed upon the Club's dedicated Secretary, Robyn Collins. The Forrest Burditt Memorial Achievement Award was awarded to Lion Peter Couacaud. Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to Lions Rosemarie Feher, Russ Thomas, Aidan Wade, and Bob Healey (MJF, LM) for their valued contributions.

The 2024–2025 year was marked by both financial success and community impact, with many thousands of dollars distributed to support local initiatives and causes.

The incoming Board now looks ahead with enthusiasm to another productive year of service, continuing the Lions Club's proud tradition of strengthening the community through commitment, fellowship, and action.



MEETING WITH A DIFFERENCE

LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON/LATROBE

The club celebrated a MEETING WITH A DIFFERENCE on Wednesday the 6th of August, with the return of a treasured member, a special guest visitor and a new Tail Twister.

Not only did club stalwart Lion Kevin Morgan manage to attend after an extended hospital stay, we also had the very real pleasure of welcoming past RIDE FOR SIGHT Chairman and Zone 6 chair, Ian DeBruyn and the delightful Annie DeBruyne as our special guests for the evening.

The dinner was an exceptional home cooked variety of delights, followed with sticky date pudding or home-made fruit salad and cream for desserts.

Ian thanked the club for the many years of supporting RIDE FOR SIGHT and gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on the amazing amount of effort that goes into organizing a Ride For Sight and an inside look into what is involved.

President Margaret presented Ian with a club bannerette to thank him for his efforts.



Ian DeBruyne and President Margaret Foulds

This was also the first time our new Tail Twister, Lion Gradwell Fredericks led a session of tail twisting. Lion Gradwell entertained us all with an apt anecdote.

The evening was rounded off with the drawing of the raffle, after a false start, the eventual winner was Lion Gradwell!!

Secretary Peter gave notice of the AGM. This will be held immediately following the August Business meeting.

A great evening of Lions Fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Ian DeBruyne, President Margaret Secretary Peter Feenstra



Ian and Annie DeBruyne

ENVIRONMENT

TREE PLANTING PROJECT - GREEN CANOPY

Here we bring you the latest from the Green Canopy Newsletter:

Project and Planning The first step is to form a steering committee within your club, zone or District. Plan a subject area that needs your attention and which may offer your club valuable exposure. Analyse your needs. What physical effort is needed? Who may be able to assist you? What manual resources are necessary? When should you be planting? There are an unlimited varieties of groups and individuals who could help. Horticulturists to advise on soil preparation and types of trees to grow. If planning is done correctly, Lions - and in particular, your club - will get positive exposure and maybe do little or no physical work yourselves but be absorbed in the planning and promotion. IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!!



GREEN CANOPY CONTINUED...

Community Engagement We have seen some reluctance in clubs seeking community support. Your communities are your best asset. Be aware that anything involving the environment is an easy sell to the community and projects are warmly received. All opportunities are on the table. Maybe involve your community in planting and maintaining a plant in their backyard or even in pots. Do not phone someone to tell them about it. Make an appointment and visit them to talk about it. I have said before that everyone new we meet is a potential partner and in turn, a potential Lion. Council officers and employees, nurseries, schools and parents of students, landcare groups. Nurseries in particular may bond with the group and generously donate tubestock ready for planting. Many councils also maintain their own nurseries and enthusiastically involve themselves in the project. Remember, it is excellent exposure for all concerned. Promotion of the project through local media is also an excellent way to pass on information. Radio, television and in particular local newsletters or newspapers offer interesting ongoing updates to maintain local interest. Do not be afraid to work with fellow Lions Clubs or Leo Clubs within your area of interest. Many are seeking new and interesting projects and in particular a will to participate in a Lions National Project.



Impact and Sustainability As you can imagine, the impact of your project can be difficult to determine. Number of plants planted? Has Lions gained any new members directly or indirectly through the project? How was the media exposure? Can this be an ongoing project either here or at an alternate site? Importantly, how has it affected Lions relationship with our own community? I have always said, nobody can expect miracles. Some plants will grow and some will die. An unlimited number factors may challenge your efforts. Do not despair!! If we don't plant trees we will automatically have a net loss of vegetation for a season due to natural losses. We do things in the hope that a positive growth rate may be achieved and we can celebrate our efforts, and the very reason to continue the great work that has been started. This does not necessarily mean that we have to leave all plantings to the elements. While not necessary, it is an ideal opportunity to make an arrangement with one of your partners to water them on a regular basis.

Lions-Specific Integration While the Green Canopy Committee is the managing body for the project, we do not involve ourselves directly with individual club projects. We forward the monthly newsletters to your District Cabinet Secretaries for distribution to clubs, who in turn pass it on to club members. It is essential that clubs form their own partnerships and suppliers to ensure ongoing involvement. The goals and values of Lions Clubs is "To Serve". Everything we can do to build our environmental footprint "Serves Our Communities". We encourage all clubs to notify us, via the portal, of their efforts and achievements so we can pass this knowledge on to others. We are including attached to this newsletter a detailed "road map" on how to record ALL details into the portal. We do hope this assists you all as a number of clubs are reporting but are failing to include all the required information – in particular the number of trees planted which is our primary measure!

PDG Tim Moore
Chairman Lions Green Canopy Project



Thanks for reading!
Please send your news for
the October edition.
All submissions to
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