

## A map of the Cape Town area highlighting the coastline and surrounding regions. Several locations are marked with black dots and labeled: Oranje, Oorlog, Matlacaokwa, Balmistale, Olifant, Maitland Park, Dromana, Georgeina, Varsam, Suid, and Loch Sport. In the bottom right corner, there are two circular logos side-by-side. The left logo features a lion's head profile and the letter 'L'. The right logo features a lion's head facing forward and the letters 'L I O'. Below these logos, the text "Lions Clubs International" and "District 201 V3" is printed.

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## AKUBRAS OFF TO COLIN AND NINA

Congratulations to Colin Blythe and his wife Nina, who were presented with a prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council during a ceremony held on Australia Day. This well-deserved recognition celebrates their two decades of dedicated service to the community. Amongst dignitaries present was the local state MP Sam Groth.



Twenty years ago, Colin and Nina initiated a free Australia Day sausage sizzle, starting as a small, independent event. Over the years, their humble idea has grown into a massive community celebration, now featuring groups like the Scouts, Rotary, and many others.

This year's event included a free community breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30, generously supported by the Bendigo Community Bank. Highlights included the McCrae Lions Club giving away three hundred toasted cheese sandwiches, contributing to what was a truly fabulous day.

Colin and Nina's vision and hard work have created a tradition that continues to bring the community together, and their club McCrae, and our district are incredibly proud of their remarkable achievements.

## BILL EAST NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On Jan 26, 2025 Bill East was awarded the Paynesville Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding community service.

Over his five years as president Bill has been dynamic and effective, leading the Paynesville Lions Club with passion and commitment. Bill's finest achievement has been the development and organisation of the Paynesville Community Market. He has developed excellent relationships with the stall holders and is respected for his organisational skills and attention to detail.

Bill's significant and varied achievements have made a large difference in the lives of many Paynesville citizens. These activities include:

- Liaison with Paynesville Cemetery Trust regarding the upkeep and maintenance of Paynesville Cemetery.
- Strong involvement in Cemetery maintenance activities.
- Recruitment and introduction of new members to PLC.
- Liaison with East Gippsland Shire for the provision of necessary permits and administration for Club activities, and for provision of Lions Food Van.
- Liaison with Paynesville Business and Tourist Association and Paynesville Sea Scouts about Australia Day celebration activities.
- Strong involvement in the organization and provision of Senior Citizen Christmas lunch (usually 110 persons)

- Relationship building and maintenance with local businesses.
- Recent initiation of a recycling bin for bottles and cans – this is proving to be a very good source of income for the club.

Bill is a compassionate person and has initiated several behind the scenes aid to some of Paynesville's most vulnerable citizens. He is also very caring about Lions members often showing empathy and understanding to members going through tough times.

Bill has given exceptional service to the Paynesville Community and is thoroughly worthy of the Paynesville Citizen of the Year Award.



- Lions Community Market Coordinator 2014 – Current
- Planning and management of major club fund raising efforts (raffles) 2017, 2018 resulting in PLC raising funds for Bairnsdale Regional Hospital.
- Planning and management of a series of fund-raising activities with funds donated to CWA to assist families affected by drought and bushfire.



# DISTRICT CABINET REPORTS

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Dear Lions of District V3,  
Happy New Year! As we welcome 2025, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family, friends and loved ones. The new year brings new opportunities, and together, we can continue to deliver Service with a Smile across our district.

### East Gippsland Timber Milling

One of the highlights of the month was attending the East Gippsland Timber Milling Celebratory Luncheon in Paynesville. It was fantastic to witness the community coming together to celebrate the heritage and contributions of timber milling in East Gippsland. A special thank you to Lion Marguerite Byrne for her incredible hospitality.

### Licola Wilderness Village Lions Club

It is with great pride and excitement that we congratulate the Licola Wilderness Village Lions Club, the first Lions Club chartered in Australia during 2024–2025! This is a tremendous milestone for our district and a testament to the spirit of Lions in expanding our mission. The Charter Ceremony is planned for 15 February 2025, and I encourage everyone to support this event and warmly welcome our newest club into the fold.

### Membership Challenges and Support

Membership growth continues to be a challenge for many clubs but it's a challenge we can overcome together. Our District Team is here to provide all the support, resources, and guidance your club needs. Whether it's recruitment strategies, hosting orientation programs, or strengthening member retention, we are committed to helping every club thrive.

As we embark on this new year, let us keep our collective goals in mind: building our membership, engaging in meaningful service, and inspiring our communities to join us in making a difference. Together, we can achieve amazing things and move closer to our Big Audacious Mission of growing our membership to 30,000 Lions by 2030.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and working alongside you to make 2025 a successful year for Lions in District V3.

Yours in Service,  
Ian Davey  
District Governor, District V3  
"Service with a Smile"

## CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to 2025 as we enter our second half of the Lions year. We have a very busy schedule for secretaries and members during these six months. These are:

- Elections for Executive positions by March 2025
- Fill out and return to Cab Sec your PU101 and enter the details in the LCI Portal with next year's details, by the end of March 2025.
- Attend the MD Convention at Traralgon on the 2nd to 5th May 2025.
- If possible attend the MD Convention as a volunteer. Please advise Terry if you can help.
- Forward to Cab Sec the details of any members of your club who have passed away since the last MD Convention up to the one being held in Traralgon – April 2025.
- Forward to Cab Sec the details of members who will be delegates of your club and will be attending the MD Convention – April 2025.
- Apply by 20th March for an allocation from the Christmas Cake Allocation committee. Forms sent out in early February 2025.

District Governor Ian appreciates all the members' effort and hopes we have a great six months and if possible that all clubs increase their membership by at least one if not two members during this time to help build the membership of the district up.

Could clubs please ask any of the Cabinet Officers to attend their meetings to explain their portfolios and assist in their endeavours throughout the District.

We now look forward to 2025 with great optimism and fun for the remainder of DG Ian's Lions year.

Yours in Lions  
Terry  
Cab Sec  
"Service with a Smile"

## CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAY

To assist clubs with well developed leadership in 2025-26, we will be providing our V3 Club Development Day on Sunday 30th March 2025 at the Trafalgar Community Centre [105 Princes Highway – parking at rear].

ALL LIONS IN OUR DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Beginning at 9am sharp, the day will include lunch and conclude at approximately 3pm.

We have a wide range of facilitators and mentors available, and the day will consist of:

- guiding and preparing clubs in establishing Club Boards to be elected for 2025-26
- new member orientation sessions for any Lions that would like guidance and knowledge since becoming a member of their club

Lunch provided. Please RSVP by 22nd March to assist with catering; please highlight any dietary requirements.

NOTE – history has shown us that placing a \$5 lunch charge on attendees is not unreasonable and will assist in managing your District expenses.

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Neil Wingrave  
V3 GLT Co-ordinator





## GREEN CANOPY PROJECT

Dear Lions of 201V3,

My name is Tim Moore, and I am writing to you as Chair of Lions Green Canopy Project. I am reaching out to seek the support of your club for an exciting project that I believe aligns with the values and mission of Lions.

The project, titled Lions Green Canopy, aims to plant 1 (one) million trees by June 2027. This initiative is particularly important because a tree provides the following:

- A habitat for local animals and insects
- It prevents soil erosion
- It feels great to be under a tree as it enhances mental health
- Trees conserve water: prevent runoff and help with ground water recharge
- They save energy, by acting as windbreaks and providing shade.
- See accompanying image for how to report your support for the Lions Green Canopy. It is as easy as planting a tree. Alternatively, make partnerships with your local LGA (Local Government Authority), farmer or landowner who is planting trees. Your club could help to plant them or supply a tree for planting.

I am confident that with the backing of your Lions Club we can achieve even greater success. Your involvement would not only help us reach our goals but also demonstrate the club's commitment to the Environment, one of the pillars of Lionism. Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to the possibility of working together and making a meaningful difference in our community.

Warm Regards, yours in Lions,  
Timothy Moore  
Chair  
Lions Green Canopy Committee



## How to Report Green Canopy Project on Lion Portal

Once you have logged into the Lion Portal, click on **“Service”** followed by **“My Activities”**. Then click the blue button **“Create Service Activity”**, and Club, plus **“Next”**.

1. Use **“Green Canopy Project – Local Name”** for Title.
2. Cause **“Environment”**.
3. Project Type **“Tree Planting and Tree Care”**.
4. Put in a brief Description about the project and the location the project occurred in.
5. Put in the Start and End Date and don't forget to tick Report Complete.
6. Remember to Upload Images.

7. Remember to put in the Required Metrics.
8. List number of People Served, Total Volunteers, Total Volunteer Hours, etc.

9. Under Optional Metrics list **“Trees Planted/Cared for”**.
10. Press **“Save”**.



## SWAN REACH BOOKS AND CRAFTS

### Successful Swan Reach Book and Craft Fair

The annual Swan Reach Book and Craft Fair was held on the 17th November hosted by the Twin Rivers Lions Club as their main fundraiser event, and was a resounding success.

The event was held for the first time in the Swan Reach Recreational Reserve Rooms. Twin Rivers Lions Club President, Peter Payne, said that despite the threat of heavy rain and thunder, the attendance was excellent, being a little up on the last year.

This year's fair featured over 3,000 novels and several genres, together with boxes of themed magazines and technical books. These book boxes were prepared in author alphabetical order as well as in genres making it easier for those browsing and selecting the books available.

Book sales increased this year due to having novels arranged by author making it easier for readers to locate their favourite authors, Mr Payne said.

While in the carpeted room the Twin Rivers Boomerang Bags featured handmade items for sale including the Christmas collection together with tables of haberdashery items.

This year we included the merino wool display, and the wool dyed using botanical based dyes. There were weaving demonstrations throughout the day.

The 123 READ 2 ME children's books feature was a favourite with the children as they were seen to be rummaging through to choose the books of their personal choices free.

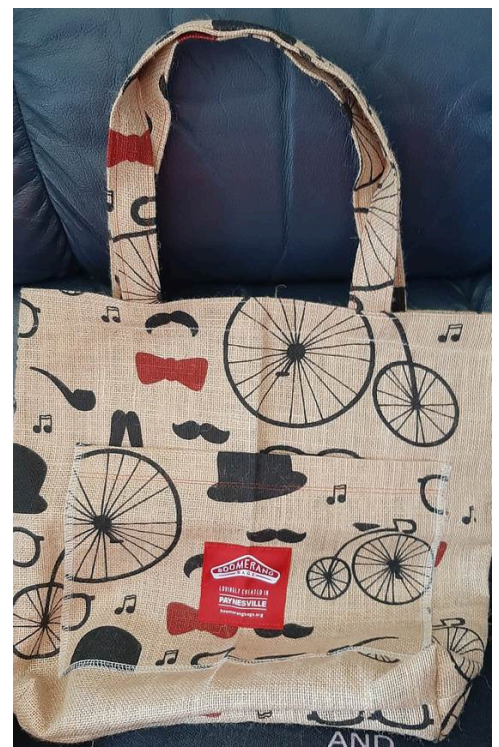
This year to the delight of those who attended we added Devonshire teas, and home-made sausage rolls served together with tea and coffee in the meeting room providing a comfortable space to sit, chat and enjoy the food.



The club's annual Spring Raffle was drawn at the fair and the winners were 1st prize ticket 333, second ticket 612, third ticket 441, fourth ticket 754, fifth ticket 514 and sixth ticket 420.

The Twin Rivers Lions Club Inc is appreciative of the ongoing support from many local businesses and this year the total prize pool was in excess of \$1,200 and were in vouchers or hampers.

This year raffle prizes were donated by the following businesses and organisations: Swan Reach Service Station, Johnsonville BP, Johnsonville CFA, Fermio Garden Supplies, Johnsonville, Nicholson General Store, Schoolworks Bairnsdale, Bunnings Bairnsdale, Off the Wharf Lakes Entrance, House of Bloom Bairnsdale, Lonsdale Cruises Lakes Entrance and the Twin Rivers Boomerang Bags Group.





## BAIRNSDALE CHRISTMAS WORKERS



It's not often that these four members of the club have the time for a catch up at this time of year, they are constantly on the go and they are the backbone of our club's operations over the Christmas/New year period. They are, Phil King and Peter White (Christmas cakes and puddings, and the Major Raffle), Len Mayo (Christmas Trees) and Kathi MacDonald (Letters to Santa).

The committee of management and the members of the Lions Club of Bairnsdale would like to thank the public for their support by assisting our members distributing the cakes, puddings, Letters to Santa and Christmas trees.

Well done team.

## PAYNESVILLE



President John Waller presented East Gippsland Brass Band VP Rod Thomas with \$500 in recognition of the band's contribution to our monthly markets.



Shahnaz Pendergast publicising her Not For Profit "Generational Happiness". The club donated \$500 to her cause.

## EAST GIPPSLAND TIMBER MILLING

### East Gippsland Timber Milling Project Inc: Celebratory Gathering

On Saturday, 11 January 2025, the committee of the East Gippsland Timber Milling Project Inc came together at Lion Marguerite Byrne's home in Paynesville for a celebratory gathering. This event marked an opportunity to express gratitude to all committee members for their dedication and contributions to the project since its inception in response to the devastating 2020 bushfires.

A highlight of the afternoon was the special recognition of Simon and Fran Cohn from the Bruthen Lions Club. Simon, who served as Chairman, and Fran, who held the role of Secretary over the past 18 months, were both awarded the prestigious James D Richardson Award for their combined service and unwavering commitment to the project.



The gathering also celebrated the successful collaboration between Lions and Rotary in delivering this impactful community service project. It was acknowledged as a testament to what can be achieved when service organizations join forces for the greater good.

Looking forward, the East Gippsland Timber Milling Project is entering a phase of hibernation. Its assets have been safely stored at the Licola Wilderness Village, ready to be mobilized when future disasters strike the district.

This gathering was not just a moment of reflection but also a celebration of the spirit of service and community resilience fostered by the project.

## WELLINGTON/LATROBE

### A Christmas breakup and new member induction with a difference

Things at Wellington/Latrobe Lions Club were going along well, as usual a very busy time of the year but all members were looking forward to our usual Christmas dinner-breakup on the 4th of December at the beautiful Victoria Rose Tea rooms in Rosedale.

Not only was it going to be a ripper of a Christmas celebration, it was also the induction of our latest member the Rev Gradwell Fredericks from Traralgon.

Then the wheels started to fall off our arrangements, with Gradwell's sponsor, Lion Peter Feenstra being called up for hamstring surgery (with one thing and another, he ended up being in hospital and rehab for 5 weeks!)

Next to fall by the wayside was none other than our esteemed president, Lion Margaret Foulds who managed to come down with the dreaded Covid.



Zone Chair Bill Lack inducting Gradwell Fredericks

But the Lions of Wellington/Latrobe are RESILIENT if nothing else.

Lion Chris Gardner stood in for Lion Peter as sponsor and also chaired the meeting. Zone Chairman Bill Lack duly inducted Gradwell into the wonderful family of Lions and all in all, it turned into a great and enjoyable evening.





### END OF AN ERA FOR BRUTHEN LIONS

Farewell and thank you to our local Lions.

It is with sadness, and a deep sense of respect and gratitude, that we bid farewell to the Bruthen Lions Club, which is in the process of closing down this local chapter of the renowned international service organisation.

The Bruthen Lions Club was chartered thirty six years ago in 1988, and true to the Lions' motto 'We Serve' has provided support to the community in many diverse ways throughout that period. Its members have included a wide range of identities from Bruthen and district over the years ... some of whom (but by no means all) can be seen in the accompanying photos. These photos and more were brought in by Fran Cohn to be stored at Bruthen and District Neighbourhood House, where they will be keenly scrutinised by members of the group 'Bruthen Remembers'.

The current membership was down, however, to seven members: Simon and Fran Cohn, Max Harris, Peter Weeks, Alan Knewstubb and Ingrid and Mark Biram. All of them, like those before, had given so much over the years on top of their commitments to family, work and other needs. At the last meeting they realized they were not able to fill required board positions.

Closure of the Bruthen chapter had in fact been considered for some years, but the fires of 2019-20 drove an urgent need to mobilise the group's skills and resources. A major project undertaken was the East Gippsland Timber Milling Project (EGTMP), a joint venture with Rotary, DEWLP and Lions International which involved milling fallen trees into usable timber for fences, stockyards and more. This service was provided free of charge to fire-affected farmers, and was featured in Tambo Rambler articles in August 2022 and April 2023: these can be accessed online.

With funds from the Lions International Disaster Fund they were able to replace water tanks for properties that had lost theirs in the fires. The club also operated the Lions Tool Shed in Sarsfield, stocking around 200 items, with everything from shovels to power tools.

They assisted BlazeAid, providing relief shifts for crew, and hosted members of the Need For Feed runs. In the post-fire period they continued with improvements to the Lions Skate Park, including installing a new toilet block. There were special treats too, like the kids' trip to Gumbuya Park in December 2022. And they continued their long tradition of turning up to just about every community event you could imagine, providing coffee, donuts, food from the BBQ, drinks and raffles.

Now that they are closing down, they have been busy cleaning out their shed, and will be donating trailers, hospitality gear and more to the Lions at Licola. The EGTMP gear was purchased by the Australian Lions Foundation to be available in Victoria for future disaster responses. Remaining club funds will be shared amongst the football, netball and bowls clubs, with whom they have been in a mutually supportive relationship for many years.

While we are losing our local team, it is worth noting that there are still many Lions Clubs in East Gippsland that can continue to support the Bruthen and District community.

The Bruthen Lions have been involved in a very diverse and challenging range of projects over the 36 years of their existence, and across the district and beyond we have benefited hugely from the fruits of their labours. We thank them for their dedication, hard work and generosity of spirit.

Jenny C



Scott Lamshed, Simon, Sonja and Dale Morgan



Simon and Fran Cohn



Peter Weeks, Max Harris, Wendy Rasmussen, Fran Cohn



## WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Ian and the members of District 201 V3 would like to pass on their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lion David Roberts, who passed away in South Gippsland Hospital on 26 November 2024. David was a long standing member of the Lions Club of Toora.

David held many executive position within the Club and was a Melvin Jones recipient. He will be sadly missed.

Sincere condolences to Lion Tom Nunan, friends and family of Lioness/Lions Lady Marilyn Nunan, who passed away on 18 January 2025. Marilyn was a great friend and supporter of the Lions Club of Warragul.

Sincere condolence to Karen, Steve and the Boyce family on the passing of Karen's father, Stan Bruhn.

Lion Peter Feenstra had surgery in November and was finding it difficult to not be able to join in with the activities of the Lions Club of Wellington-Latrobe. We hope he is well on the way to recovery and back enjoying fellowship with his Lions family.

Lion Lois and Lion Ross Bosanquet from Lions Club of Moe are both on the sick list, we wish them well for a speedy recovery.

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

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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 Faull**  
District 201V3 Welfare Chairman  
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## YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2026

Yes, that is correct.....2026!!

Approach your Secondary School in the first term of this year and get them to find three to five students, so you can hold your club YOTY final in the second half of this year. i.e. between 1st July and 31st December 2025.

The Lions Youth of the Year contest is aimed at all young people who seek to improve their skills before entering the workforce or other endeavours.

Entry is open to youth who are attending or have attended a high school or secondary school or equivalent standard of school in any other educational establishment, including correspondence school, in the Lions year in which the National Final is to be conducted, who are over the age of 15 and under 19 years of age at June 30th, in the year of the final. In this case May 2026.

Join with another club within your zone and combine your efforts in finding relevant students. It will be beneficial for all.

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/our-programs/youth-opportunities/youth-of-the-year/how-to-enter/>

Or use the QR code to the right.

For more information, please contact me via email or phone.

Julie Swan  
District 201 V3 YOTY Chairperson  
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Lions  
youth  
of the year



Lions Youth of the Year is a leadership and public speaking program run by Lions Clubs across Australia for high school students aged 15 to 19. It challenges participants in areas like academic achievement, community service, and communication skills through interviews, impromptu questions, and prepared speeches. The program helps young Australians build confidence, leadership, and networking opportunities.

Winners progress through club, regional, state, and national levels, with top participants receiving scholarships and national recognition. Many alumni have excelled in leadership roles across politics, business, and community service. By fostering critical thinking and public speaking, the program helps shape future leaders.

Thanks for reading!  
Please send your news for the March edition.  
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