



Lions District V3 ROAR!



A GIANT LEHP FOR MANY KIDS

The invaluable LEHP (Lions Eye Health Program) testing has been a feature of activities at Dromana P.S. and Red Hill Consolidated School for several years now and this year was no exception. We always choose to test Gr 1 students because at this age, students are starting to develop reading and numeracy skills and eye problems could slow their progress.

Over two days, (5 & 6 March 2025) members of Dromana L.C., Red Hill L.C. and Rye L.C. conducted the testing under the expert guidance of Rod Jackson. Zone Chair Julie Swan also helped out on the day.

We always invite neighbouring clubs to take part because when member numbers are small, it is often difficult for one club to run the whole program. So pooling resources and skills is a good solution, plus it has the benefit of meeting Lions from other clubs and having a chat over coffee.

Both days started with a refresher course provided by Rod and it gave the new recruits the opportunity to ask questions. Whilst the online training is very good, it is always reassuring to clarify procedural matters with Rod.

At the end of each session results were conveyed to the parents on the standard reporting form, as supplied by the program website. Whilst most children breezed through the four tests, this year a number of children had difficulty with the colour-blindness test and one student failed all tests. In this case Rod printed off the complete set of results, as provided by the 'camera', so that a future visit to an optometrist would enable the professional to quickly concentrate on the problem areas needing attention.

Sincere thanks go to all Lions who took part and especially to Rod Jackson for devoting so much of his time to this important program. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done!

Colin F. Stevens
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.

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!



DISTRICT CABINET REPORTS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS 2025/26

Here are the District Governor visits for the upcoming Lions Year. Please put these into your club diary and be ready to welcome Geoff and Dale when the time comes.

DALE	Sale Inc	1/3 Wed	6-Aug
DALE	Stratford Inc	1/3 Thu	7-Aug
DALE			
DALE	Mount Eliza Inc	2/4 Tue	26-Aug
DALE	Trafalgar Inc	1/3 Wed	20-Aug
DALE	Strzelecki Inc	2/4 Wed	27-Aug
DALE	Mirboo North and District Inc	2/4 Tue	2-Sep
DALE	Bairnsdale Inc	1/3 Thu	4-Sep
DALE	Maffra Inc	2/4 Mon	8-Sep
DALE			
DALE	Wonthaggi Inc	1/3 Tue	16-Sep
DALE	McCrae and District Inc	2nd Wed	10-Sep
DALE	Mornington Inc	2/4 Tue	23-Sep
DALE	Dromana Inc	2/4 Wed	24-Sep
DALE	Yarram Inc	2/4 Mon	13-Oct
DALE	Lakes Entrance Inc	1/3 Tue	7-Oct
DALE	Tooradin	1/2 Tues	7-Oct
DALE	Leongatha Inc	2/4 Wed	8-Oct
DALE	Frankston Inc	1/3 Wed	5-Nov
DALE	Casey Inc	2/4 Mon	17-Nov
DALE	Mallacoota and District Inc	2/4 Tues	25-Nov
DALE	Pakenham Inc	3rd Tues	18-Nov
DALE	Rye Inc	1/3 Thu	4-Dec
DALE	Licola Wilderness Village	Zoom	TBC

GEOFF	Lindenow Inc	1/3 Mon	4-Aug
GEOFF	Casey South East	1st Thu	7-Aug
GEOFF	Metung Inc	2 Wed	13-Aug
GEOFF	Longwarry and District Inc	Friday	22-Aug
GEOFF	Phillip Island Inc	3rd Sun	17-Aug
GEOFF	Koo Wee Rup and District Inc	1/3 Wed	17-Sep
GEOFF	Omeo Shire Inc	2/4 Wed	24-Sep
GEOFF	Orbost Inc	2nd Wed	10-Sep
GEOFF	Willowgrove and District Inc	2/4 Mon	15-Sep
GEOFF	Balnarring Inc	1/3 Tue	2-Sep
GEOFF	Drouin Inc	1/3 Wed	3-Sep
GEOFF	Toora Inc	1/3 Wed	1-Oct
GEOFF	Yinnar and District Inc	1/3 Mon	6-Oct
GEOFF	Traralgon Inc	2/4 Mon	8-Oct
GEOFF	Korumburra Inc	2 Mon	13-Oct
GEOFF	Morwell Inc	2 Wed	15-Oct
GEOFF	Victoria Need for Feed	1st Mon	3-Nov
GEOFF	Wellington La Trobe Inc	1/3 Wed	5-Nov
GEOFF	Rosedale Inc	2/4 Tue	12-Nov
GEOFF	Warragool Inc	2/4 Wed	26-Nov
GEOFF	Inverloch & District Inc	1/3 Mon	18-Aug
GEOFF	Flinders & District Inc	3rd Mon	15-Sep

ROGER	Cranbourne	2/4 Mon	26-Aug
ROGER	Bass Valley Inc	1/3 Tue	5-Aug
ROGER	Boneo	2/4 Mon	11-Aug
ROGER	Heyfield Inc	1/3 Thu	21-Aug
ROGER	Nerrim District Inc	2nd Tue	9-Sep
ROGER	Mount Erica Inc	2nd Sat	13-Sep
ROGER	Casey Hills Lionesses	2/4 Mon	15-Sep
ROGER	Loch Sport Inc	2/4 Tue	16-Sep
ROGER	Churchill and District Inc	1/2 Wed	17-Sep
ROGER	Narre Warren	1/3 Thu	2-Oct
ROGER	Yarragon Inc	2/4 Wed	8-Oct
ROGER	Red Hill and District Inc	2nd Mon	13-Oct
ROGER	Moe Inc	1/3 Tue	14-Oct
ROGER			
ROGER	Twin Rivers	3 Tues	18-Nov
ROGER	Paynesville Inc	1/3 Wed	19-Nov
ROGER	Gippsland Lakes Lionesses	4th Thu	27-Nov

DG visits are essential for fostering unity and purpose within Australia's Lions network. These visits provide an opportunity to inspire members, share strategic insights, and ensure clubs remain aligned with the organisation's mission to serve their communities. The Governor offers guidance, celebrates local achievements, and addresses challenges, reinforcing the connection between individual clubs and the wider Lions family.

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you read this the Multiple District Convention will be over and gone I hope as many members as possible attended the convention to see what happens and formed new friendships and renewed old ones - congratulations to all involved in running this great event. A very special mention to the Traralgon Lions members and families, who attended and handled a lot of the volunteer positions over the five days.

Can I say a special thanks for PDG Norma for filling in for me as Diana decided to take a nose dive onto some concrete and bricks so was not well and I could not leave her, again my thanks for your help PDG Norma.

By now most clubs would have their new boards in place and this information has been sent to the MD Office to go into the new directory for 2025/2026. If any concerns please email or phone me to fix any problems. Next year unless it is in your Lions Portal it will not be included in the directory so please, Secretaries make sure you put your new board into this area for them to use next year, this year I have updated the portal for most clubs.

We have many clubs doing great projects that we do not hear from, could you please send this information and photo to newsletter editor Paul so that he can include this valuable and exciting information in the District Newsletter, we all would like to know what clubs in our district are achieving each month, please help by submitting this information.

DG Ian only has one newsletter to go, so please keep up the good work and assist him in achieving his goals to make this district the best yet, remember his motto – "SERVICE WITH A SMILE".

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

WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Ian and members of District 201 V3 would like to pass on their sincere condolences and best wishes to Lion Susan O'Malley from the Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe, whose mother sadly passed away recently and will be missed by family and friends.

Best wishes to Lion Lisa Greenwood and to Lion Peter Feenstra from the Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe who have spent some time in hospital, we wish them well in their recovery.

To all other members who have been unwell, best wishes 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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ZONE CHANGES 2025/26

Greetings Lions, just an update on changes that will take place commencing in July. The present number of twelve Zones within District 201V3 will be reduced to ten, with Zones 3 and 12 disappearing. The allocation of Clubs within Zones is tabulated below. Many Zones remain unchanged.

Zone Chairs for each of the ten Zones are:

- Zone 1 : PDG Peter Payne (Twin Rivers)
- Zone 2 : PDG Kim Ainsworth (Bairnsdale)*
- Zone 4 : Lion Paul Wager (Stratford)*
- Zone 5 : Lion Kevin Taylor (Traralgon)
- Zone 6 : Lion Ian de Bruyne (Warragul)
- Zone 7 : Lion Jim Brennan (Yarram)
- Zone 8 : Lion Max Dusting (Inverloch and District)
- Zone 9 : Lion Julie Swan (Frankston)*
- Zone 10 : Lion Lorraine Riches (McCrae and District)
- Zone 11 : Lion Gayle Hough (Narre Warren)*

The Zone Chair Coordinator for 2025/26 will be Lion Rod Jackson (Mirboo North).

I would like to express my appreciation to the Zone Chairs of the twelve 201V3 Zones during the current Lions year 2024/25. You have all made my task as Zone Chair Coordinator not only easier, but enjoyable. Thank you!

I look forward to a great year ahead!

Geoff Anderson,
District Governor Elect
Lions District 201V3.
Serving better together.

MD201 DISTRICT MAP



Present Zone Allocation	Proposed Zone Allocation	Proposed Change
Zone 1 (6) Mallacoota Metung Lakes Entrance Gippsland Lakes Lionesses Twin Rivers Orbost	Zone 1 (6) Mallacoota Metung Lakes Entrance Gippsland Lakes Lionesses Twin Rivers Orbost	No change.
Zone 2 (5) Bairnsdale Bruthen Lindenow Paynesville Omeo Omeo	Zone 2 (5) Bairnsdale Bruthen Lindenow Paynesville Omeo Omeo Licola Wilderness Village	Add Licola Bruthen closed.
Zone 3 (4) Loch Sport Sale Stratford Briagolong	Zone 3 (0)	Briagolong closed, all other Clubs to Zone 4.
Zone 4 (5) Heyfield Maffra Macallister Valley – Newry Wellington Latrobe Rosedale	Zone 4 (7) Loch Sport Sale Stratford Heyfield Maffra Wellington Latrobe Rosedale	Add Sale, Stratford, and Loch Sport. Macallister Newry gone
Zone 5 (6) Traralgon Morwell Moe Mount Erica Churchill Yinnar	Zone 5 (6) Traralgon Morwell Moe Mount Erica Churchill Yinnar	No change
Zone 6 (7) Trafalgar Yarragon Warragul Drouin Longwarry Neerim Willow Grove	Zone 6 (7) Trafalgar Yarragon Warragul Drouin Longwarry Neerim Willow Grove	No Change
Zone 7 (6) Korumburra Leongatha Mirboo North Strzelecki Toora Yarram	Zone 7 (6) Korumburra Leongatha Mirboo North Strzelecki Toora Yarram	No change
Zone 8 (5) Bass Valley Inverloch Phillip Island San Remo / Newhaven Wonthaggi	Zone 8 (4) Bass Valley Inverloch Phillip Island Wonthaggi	San Remo gone
Zone 9 (5) Frankston Dromana Mt Eliza Mornington Bairnsdale	Zone 9 (5) Frankston Mt Eliza Mornington Bairnsdale Tooradin	Remove Dromana Add Tooradin.
Zone 10 (6) Boneo McCrae Rosebud Rye Flinders Red Hill	Zone 10 (6) Boneo McCrae Rye Flinders Red Hill Dromana	Add Dromana Rosebud gone.
Zone 11 (4) Casey Cranbourne Tooradin Koo Wee Rup	Zone 11 (7) Casey Cranbourne Casey Hills Lionesses Narre Warren Pakenham Need for Feed Koo Wee Rup	Remove Tooradin. Add Casey Hills Lionesses, Narre Warren, Pakenham and Need for Feed.
Zone 12 (5) Casey Hills Lioness Casey SE Narre Warren Pakenham Need for Feed	Zone 12 (0)	Casey SE gone, all other Clubs moved to Zone 11.



YOTY STATE FINAL

Torquay 29 March 2025

This year the V3 representative for the YOTY State Final was Grace Boehnke from Dromana Secondary College. She was enthusiastically supported and sponsored by the Lions Club of Dromana.

The final was held at the Kithbrooke Park Country Club in Torquay and at least 80 Lions, partners and friends were on hand to hear the speeches and Impromptu Questions. All students did exceptionally well and there is no doubt that the judges would have been hard pressed to decide on a winner, as the standard set by all five students was so high.

In the end the chair of the judging panel announced that Sebastian Lunn from Melbourne High School (District 201 V1-4) was the Overall Winner and Amelia Hulonce from Bayview College in Portland (District 201 V2) was the Public Speaking winner.

Although Grace did not win, she presented her speech and answered the two Impromptu Questions with confidence, clarity and intelligence. During her five-minute speech (Topic: 'The Student Voice') she held the audience spellbound, with her eye contact, poise, choice of vocabulary and diction. Congratulations go to Grace for the exemplary way she presented her speech and represented her college and the Lions Club of Dromana.

Congratulations also go to Kristie Box (State YOTY Chair) for her excellent organisation and the way the evening ran so smoothly.



Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evening and witnessed first-hand, how the YOTY competition gives students the opportunity to experience success, gain self-confidence and develop public speaking skills.

From the Lions perspective, clubs have much to gain from being involved. There is the feeling of satisfaction in helping students develop skills and unlock their leadership qualities.

All five students who competed in Torquay now have the self-confidence and potential to be our future leaders. And what is more, they enjoyed the experience, the competition and the chance to meet other young people who are prepared to 'Have a go' and step outside their comfort zone.

Now is a good time to start thinking about getting your Club involved in the 2025-26 YOTY competition.

Colin F. Stevens
Lions Club of Dromana

BUILDING STRONG CHILDREN

CARINGKIDS

Fellow Lions and Leos,

Thank you for the outstanding support of our 2024 Christmas appeal.

We are excited to let you know that since the commencement of the CaringKids Category B Project in July 2023 we have received support from over 221 Lions clubs and 4 Leo clubs.

The donations supporting CaringKids from Lions and Leos are in excess of \$150,000. Outstanding outcome, you are simply the best.

Last year we sent 800 Joy Boxes, we have come a long way since 2019 when we sent 100 Joy Boxes, this YEAR with your help, we plan to send 900 Joy Boxes.

All of this has been achieved thanks to your kindness and generosity.

We have already sent 140 Joy Boxes since January 2025 at \$260 per box, we need your assistance to make sure that we can reach another 760 of our young carers by December 2025.

Our greatest need is voluntary donations of funds so we may purchase suitable items to fill Joy Box orders such as toys, games, school stationery and sports equipment. Joy Boxes are delivered to children aged 4 to 12 years who are caring for a family member living with a disability or serious illness across Australia.

CaringKids provides care to family members living with a physical disability, intellectual disability, mental illness and terminal illness.

ALL DONATIONS

Lions in Support of CaringKids Charity Project

Donations to: Lions Club of Coogee 201N5 - Activities account

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 162 955 835

Reference: CaringKids

Yours in Lions service

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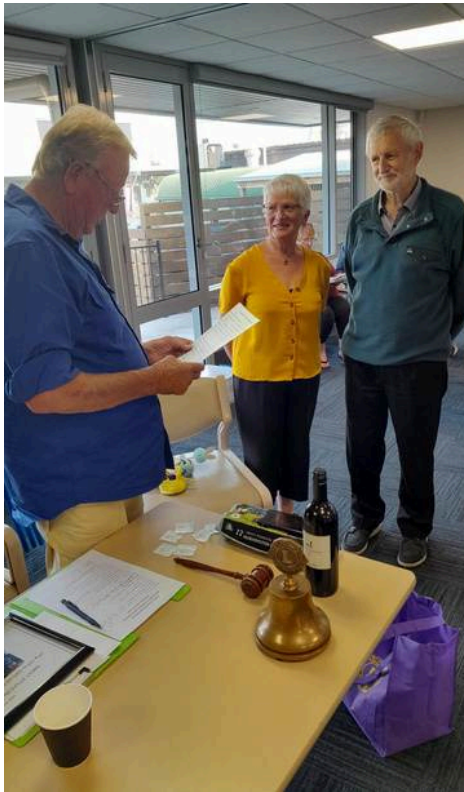


JUDY'S BIG 8-0 AND MORE AT PAYNESVILLE



Vice President John (Hoppy) Hopman sponsored new member John (Wilkie) Wilkins

PAYNESVILLE AND BAIRNSDALE JOINT MEETING



Paynesville Lions President John Waller inducted Rob and Robyn Rutherford who have transferred from Rye Lions to Paynesville Lions.



The medallion! Amazingly John first joined the Minyip Lions at age 25 in 1974.



Lion Judy Ramsdell's 80th birthday cake. Judy is dynamic as ever and is NOT slowing down!



Bairnsdale Lion Past DG Kim Ainsworth congratulating Paynesville Lions President John Waller with his 50 years service medallion with Paynesville Lions Immediate Past President Bill East facilitating.



Pizza and wine! Bairnsdale Lions President Kathi MacDonald, Paynesville Lion Paul Hammond and Bairnsdale Lion Peter White celebrating



GREEN CANOPY NEWS

It's great to see the number of clubs that have their own Green Canopy projects up and running. If you are looking to get involved, keep in mind that you can look at completing an individual project or your club may choose to work on a joint project with other clubs in your area. Perhaps your zone as a group, or even your District as a whole may set goals and challenges for each of these areas to attain. From the number of questions received and discussion on the Green Canopy Project, my committee sees a bright future for this program.

For the project's success we do require clubs to keep up the good work and continue to report their efforts on the portal. We also need clubs to send us photos of these projects so we can keep our web page up to date and share with everyone what we all are doing. All that is needed is to simply send them to greencanopy@lions.org.au – you may even see yourself in our next newsletter! We all must remember that our goal is to plant one million trees by June 30th, 2027. Several people have voiced concern that while they can get their share of trees planted, the manpower may not be available to satisfactorily service the needs of the plants as they grow and some may be lost. I cannot emphasise enough, that our purpose with this project is to plant 1 million trees. In an ideal world we would have a team available to support each and every tree through to adulthood. However, in the real world this is not always possible therefore we will have losses to varying degrees which we must cope with.

Planting trees gives us the opportunity for fresh lush growth. Not planting trees gives us and our environment nothing, so that the ongoing loss of trees continues. We know growing any plant or plants has its challenges - nature continues to hamper our best efforts. Unpredictable floods, drought, fire, wind and pests will always be there to challenge us. We ask you all to join us in opposing these forces of nature and for us to achieve our aim of planting one million trees by 30th June 2027. The more we plant, the more that survive!!

Being seen to plant trees will also involve the community – communities may even want to take responsibility for nurturing what we plant. What a great way to involve them! The more we are seen as a green organisation, supporting the environment, the more we will be relevant to our communities - particularly younger people. The potential to grow our organisation through this project should be front of mind at all times.

One million new trees by June 30, 2027

Lions Australia Green Canopy
Environment Project

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Tim Moore
Chairperson
Lions Australia Green Canopy Project



...AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST



**Australian
Lions Hearing Dogs**



We Serve



DONATE TODAY



Honoured to be a part of the Lions community as a major Lions Project, we recognise that our growth and development can be credited towards Lions Clubs and their many valued members across Australia.

As we are a non-for-profit organisation, our funding and achievements are possible through the efforts and donations from you, Lions. As we approach the end of the financial year, it is a crucial and important time of the year for us. We reflect and recognise on the accomplishments from the year prior, and we reach out to you asking for your support to help us continue to grow. In early April, we sent an appeal to all Lions Clubs across Australia, hoping that members will include us in their disbursements as Clubs wind up the year that was.

In the past year we saw multiple advancements of our programs, with a major one being the delivery of our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog Yannis.

It stands out as an indicator that our organisation is continuing to progress with our mission of helping Australians who are Deaf or hard of hearing, free of charge. Furthermore, the growth in our Medical Assistance Program has been very successful with positive feedback coming from our recipients living with type 1 diabetes. Building from these successes, we have also been able to introduce our Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program for Veterans of the Australian Defence Force living with PTSD. Our work within these programs are making a profound difference in the lives of Australians through our life-changing Assistance Dogs.

We take this opportunity to not only ask for your continued donations and support, but to thank you for enabling us to thrive and grow over the past 45 years as a Lions Project.

For more information on our programs or ways to donate, contact us through development@lionshearingdogs.com.au

Bank Account Details

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Acc No: 118 965

Acc Name: Lions Hearing Dogs Inc

Ref: Club name/your name

**DONATE VIA
DIRECT TRANSFER**

PDG JOHN NANKERVIS, 100, HONoured ON CHANNEL 7 ANZAC SPECIAL

This Anzac Day weekend we were very proud to see stalwart centenarian of our district honoured on Channel 7 special "The Greatest". To view the video use this QR code:



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Please send your news for
the June edition.
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