



Lions District V3 ROAR!



WE SERVE! BREAKFAST!!

At Wellington/Latrobe Lions our motto sure is "WE SERVE!" BREAKFAST!

We have been running breakfast club at the Toongabbie Primary School for several years now, with over 50% of the children popping in for breakfast.

What's on the menu?? Fruit, cereal, vegemite, spaghetti or baked bean toasties and LOTS of milk and milo and on SPECIAL occasions we make pancakes with Maple syrup.

A large percentage of children miss breakfast, which affects concentration in class.

We find that the kids just love being able to not only have something to eat, but also to sit around for a chat and socialising with their peers.

In the picture are Lions Margaret Foulds, Chris Gardner and one of our very valuable community volunteers, Tracy White of Toongabbie.



A CLUB FOR ALL CLUBS - GIPPSLAND LAKES LIONESSES

Gippsland Lakes Lionesses held a **Community Expo of Not-for-Profit Clubs, Groups & Organisations** within the Lakes Entrance District on 5th Oct 2024.

Thinking there were perhaps only 15 or 20 groups, once word got out there were over 50 groups participating on the day. The event was held in the Mechanics Hall and Car park in Lakes Entrance and proved to be a huge success. *continued on page 2...*

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!



GIPPSLAND LAKES LIONESSES COMMUNITY EXPO

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Most groups reported positive feedback from the public interested in either wanting to join as a member or become a volunteer.

A static display was held in the car park with equipment from each of the Emergency Services. Landcare groups held demonstrations of raising seedlings and handed out free plants. Entertainment was provided by the singing, dancing and music groups. A free sausage sizzle and free Devonshire Teas was enjoyed by all who came, thanks to a sponsorship from LEADA - Lakes Entrance and District Association.

The entire event was cost free to all participants and public, with the aim of raising awareness of their group activities and hopefully sign up new members or volunteers. Local State MP Tim Bull and Federal MP Darren Chester joined in the event.

It was such a success, that groups have requested this should be an annual event. But with only 16 female members in our club, and more than half of them in their 70s, 80s and 90s, organising the event was a mammoth task. Maybe once every two years might be worth considering.



2024 CONVENTION: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

From DG Ian Davey

Our 2024 District Convention was a remarkable success, and I couldn't be prouder! This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our Convention Committee, whose efforts were instrumental in making this event run smoothly. The energy, camaraderie, and dedication to our shared mission were evident in every session. A special thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, and helped bring our theme, "Service with a Smile," to life. We also showcased an impactful project funded by the Lions Clubs International Foundation, underscoring the positive change we can achieve together.



Lion Bobby Bajram, the youngest person to ever be diagnosed with MS in Australia, now training to climb Mount Everest, pictured here with all after giving an inspirational address



FROM THE DG DESK

Club Visitations: Connecting with Our Lions Family

I am currently in the midst of club visitations, and I'm delighted to share that each visit has been warm, friendly, and an absolute pleasure. Witnessing the passion, commitment, and community spirit firsthand has been incredibly rewarding. It's inspiring to see the ways clubs across our district continue to give back, focusing on service with such enthusiasm and creativity.

Membership Remains a Priority

Membership growth remains at the forefront of our goals. We are determined to build on the momentum of our Big Audacious Mission and drive the District forward by adding at least 245 new members this year, while aiming to keep our losses below 200. The recent Mission 1.5 workshops have provided valuable insights, and I encourage each club to reach out for support, whether it's in recruitment strategies, orientation for new members, or sharing best practices in service.

Looking Forward

In the coming months, we'll continue to focus on:

- Training and Development: Supporting club needs through tailored leadership programs, both in-person and on Zoom.
- Service Projects with an Environmental Focus: To engage younger members and further strengthen our impact.
- Promoting LCIF: We'll continue to highlight the Foundation's work and encourage contributions that empower Lions globally. Let's continue this journey together with commitment, enthusiasm, and a genuine smile. Every visit, new member and successful project brings us closer to a stronger, more vibrant District.

Thank you all for your dedication to Lionism and for making this year so remarkable already.

In service and fellowship,
Ian Davey
District Governor

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you read this our District Convention at Mt Eliza will have been done and dusted. A good roll up of members, partners and guests have now at the time of writing indicated their attendance at the convention which augurs well for those attending, to have a great time of fun, fellowship and hearing and learning from our guest speakers.

I would like to wish all those standing for positions the best of luck in their journeys and look forward to a positive outcome at the convention. More info in our December newsletter.

As we head to the festive season please all be careful in your driving and be mindful of those around you and what can happen when we don't concentrate please don't become a statistic.

I hope all members have received the notices and mail outs and are keeping up with what's happening not only at the LCI level but the Multiple District as well.

Don't forget if your club requires guest speakers we have many capable District Chairpersons who are willing to come to your clubs as guest speakers and enlighten your members on their roles and what their portfolio entails. Please use them and keep them busy in the coming months.

Also the Multiple District Convention at Traralgon from the 2nd to the 5th of May 2025 is progressing well and we hope you all have it noted in your diary. I AM STILL LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE DAYS OF THE CONVENTION SO IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY EMAIL OR PHONE THANKS.

Remember District Governor Ian's slogan "SERVICE WITH A SMILE", let everyone know you're happy working and assisting your community through Lions.

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

GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR REPORT

Hello all,

As part of my club visits, I have witnessed and become aware of some amazing projects that the clubs are undertaking. I submitted a district news article for the Longwarry Lions Club "Food Relief Program". I encourage all clubs to submit articles to the District Newsletter and to the media more generally. Keep up the great work.

I encourage clubs to think about undertaking new service projects. These will rejuvenate your club and possibly bring in new members when they see what wonderful work you do.

Remember to:

- Promote your club projects
- Use the opportunity to gain new members
- Report your Service on the MYLION portal

We undertook training in the new MYLION portal at the Leongatha RSL on the 15th September. It was a very good turnout and hopefully solved a few of the issues with using the portal. Just Logging in is the first problem. More raining days to follow. Dates and places to be announced.

I would encourage clubs to consider the Eye Health screening program coordinated locally by Lion Rod Jackson. Also, see if your club can organize a tree planting project.

I continue to encourage clubs to submit their great projects for the Kindness matters Service Award:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/kindness-matters-service-award>

I will be seeing more of you on my club visits as part of the DG team, so if you have any questions regarding service in Lions please ask.

Roger Lurz



LONGWARRY FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM

From Roger Lurz

I've been having a great time visiting clubs around the district and being blown away by the great and diverse service projects we do. I would like to highlight one project run by the Lions Club of Longwarry. This small group of dedicated Lions and their supporters open a food bank every second Friday to all comers (no strings or costs attached). They leverage this food source and additional purchases to also deliver a community luncheon every Thursday. Meals are also prepared and sent around the area to people in need. Wow Lions at their best.

Keep up the good work!

WELFARE REPORT

DG Ian and the members of District 201 V3 would like to pass on their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lion Neil Manning. Neil was a Life Member of the Lions Club of Stratford, where he worked tirelessly for his club and community for 46 years, 21 years as Club Treasurer until illness struck 4 years ago.

There are a number of Lions who are on the sick list: • Moe Lions, Margo Evan, Paul Drinkwater and David Chester • McCrae and District, Ros Ferres • Casey, Mardie Cain and Jenny Chong • Mt Eliza, Tanaya Blake.

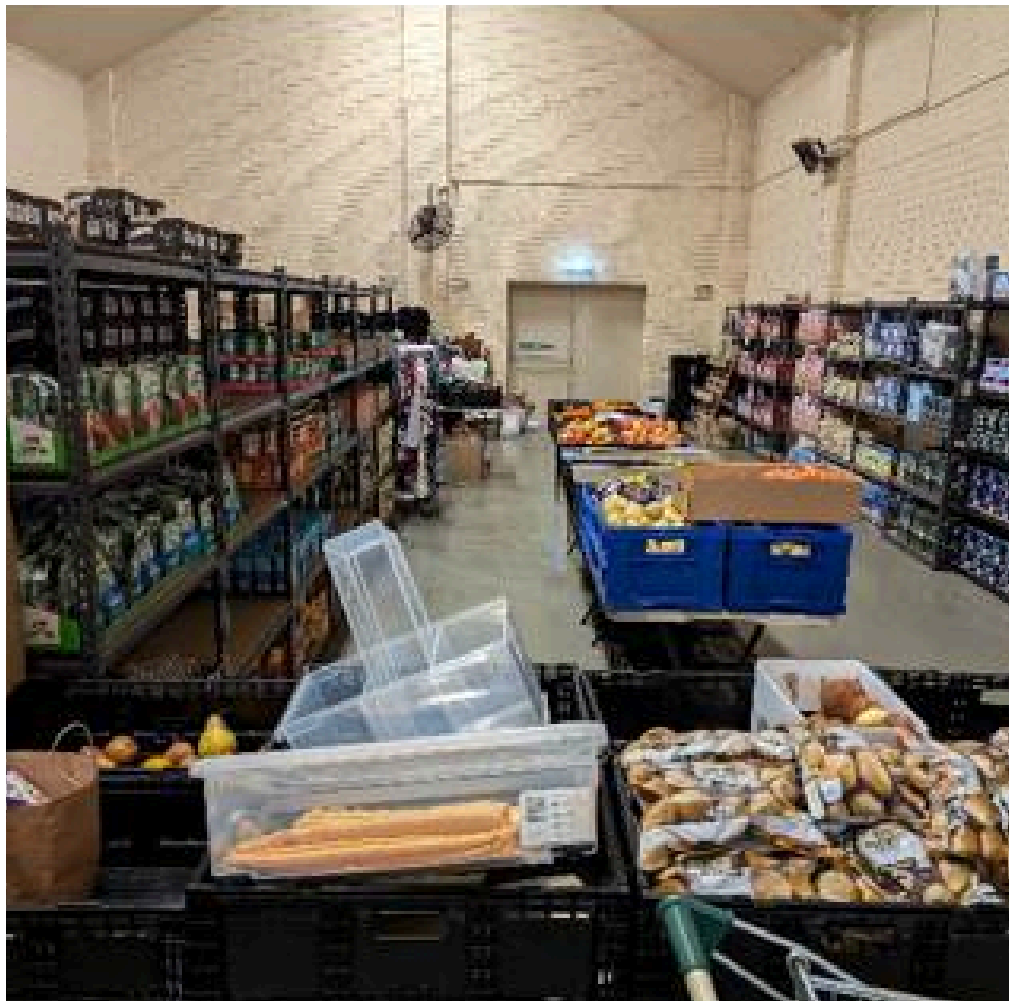
We wish these members all the best and hope for a speedy journey to recovery.

It is always good to be able to report some happy news - we have a number of new members to welcome: • Dromana, Amanda Fothergill and Chris Crewther • Churchill and District, Peter Lucas and Fiona Lane • Moe, Kaye Anderson, Lyn Braniff, Ross Bosanquet • Wellington/Latrobe, Susan and Phillip O'Malley.

We welcome you to the Lions family. Please let me know if you have any news to be included in the Welfare Report.
- Sandra

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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WELLINGTON / LATROBE NEW MEMBERS AND MORE

Wow, did we all have a fantastic night on Wednesday the 2nd October.

We were thrilled to be inducting two new members into our club.

We also awarded a club life membership.

The meeting was attended by none other than our IPCC Steven Boyce and Karen Boyce., 2nd VDG Roger Lurz and Karen Lurz, as well as our intrepid zone 4 Chairman Bill Lack and Annie Lack.

After a superb home cooked dinner and dessert (prepared by President Margaret Foulds), IPCC Lion Steve Boyce took charge of the meeting and performed the induction of our brand new Lion Members Susan and Philip O'Malley.

This was a special and welcome event. Both Philip and Susan have been active members of the local community for many years and will be a great asset to our club.

After the induction, Zone 4 Chair Bill Lack introduced our wonderful 2nd VDG Roger Lurz, who then delivered greetings from our International President, as well as greetings and best wishes from our very own V3 DG Ian Davey.

Roger delivered an extremely interesting address and after his talk, he called on Lion Beverley Goddard to come forward and Bev was then presented with a Wellington/Latrobe Lions Club Inc life membership. This was a well-deserved recognition of Bev's many years of outstanding service to our club!

Due to storm damage to our usual meeting place, we met at the Toongabbie and District Mens Shed. The choice of alternate venue was particularly apt, as the Toongabbie Mens shed came into existence due to Bev Goddard making the community aware of the need and then the Lions Club sponsoring the start up of the shed.



Wellington/Latrobe Lions enjoying the special induction dinner meeting



2nd VDG Roger awarding Bev Goddard with a club life membership



IPCC Steve Boyce and new Lions Susan and Philip O'Malley

McCRAE INDUCTION



McCrae & District newest member Kelly inducted by 1st VDG Geoff Anderson. Sponsor Nina Blythe.



PAYNESVILLE LIONS CEMETERY WORKING BEE



Lion Margot Byrne's famous fruit cake for morning tea



Lion Chelle Gilbert at the wheel



Lion President John Waller lairising!



Lion Chris Cannon whipper snipping

MIRBOO NORTH 20 YEARS

Please keep the date May 3rd 2025 free for our 20th anniversary celebrations (Yes 20 years!!). We have lashed out with new uniforms modelled below by Judy, Leigh and Dianna - from *Lion Judy Jackson*



UPCOMING AT TOORA

Promontory Produce & Craft Market

The biggest and best craft market in Gippsland.

Join us from 8am to 1pm on these special Sundays. There are over 100 stalls around the oval at the FOSTER SHOWGROUNDS.

Sunday 3 November 2024
Sunday 8 December 2024
Sunday 29 December 2024
Sunday 26 January 2025
Sunday 9 March 2025
Sunday 20 April 2025
\$2 coin entry.
Free for children under 16 years.

Dogs are NOT permitted in the market areas.

Enquires: 0439 033 960
promproduceandcraftmarket@gmail.com

Lap the Map 2024

You are invited to join us for a morning walk and lunch in support of the Australian Lions Diabetes Foundation.

We will stroll around the picturesque Toora township, including a short section of the iconic Great Southern Rail Trail followed by a social BBQ at Sagasser Park. There will be two options - 2.5 km or a 1 km walk passing the Heritage Pear Orchard.

Sunday, 10 November 2024, 10.00 am
Sagasser Park, Toora.
Cost: \$5.00 for the BBQ
Dogs allowed on leash
Enquiries: Noelle on 0402 480 692

Then at 2pm, the V3 District final judging of the PEACE POSTER contest will be held in the Toora Lions Den in Jetty Road, Toora walking distance from Sagasser Park. Afternoon tea will be provided.



...AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST

COWES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DIALYSIS CHAIRS

On 15th October, 11 members of the Lions Club of Phillip Island were invited to tour the construction site for the new Community Hospital in Cowes, Phillip Island. Our club had donated \$15,000 to purchase 2 dialysis chairs to be used for patients requiring chemotherapy treatment & other patients requiring kidney dialysis.

Kerrin, a long-term nurse with Bass Coast Health, was our tour guide; and Steve Feury, Community Relations Officer, was our contact person who organised the tour. We had our hard hats and fluoro vests to wear; and we all felt important and appreciated. The tour lasted one hour; and we were well-informed of the much-needed medical facilities that will be available to our community in May next year.

The donation from our club has certainly been most appreciated and we plan to continue our support for Bass Coast Health. Our secondhand outlet Steptoes generates these funds to provide support for our community.

Madeleine Pitt
Secretary – Lions Club of Phillip Island



Thanks for reading!
Please send your news for the December edition.
All submissions to
v3newsletter@gmail.com.
DEADLINE NOVEMBER 23

BE A RELIEF CARETAKER AT LICOLA!

Would you like to spend some time at Licola Wilderness Village? After four years of Tania and Trev serving as the 24/7 caretakers for the village and town, the time has come for them to take a step back to enjoy some family time and much-needed annual leave.

To help us during these periods, we are reaching out to Lions Members within the V districts to get involved and assist with this important role.

The caretaker's responsibilities will be low-pressure and primarily involve tasks such as monitoring and filling generators, overseeing the solar system, and ensuring that our guests are well accommodated. Full training will be provided to ensure you feel confident in the role, and accommodation will be supplied during your stay.

This is a fantastic opportunity for members to experience the village, support your community, and help ensure the smooth running of operations while Tania and Trev take a break. Your participation would be greatly appreciated, and we're eager to welcome volunteers who are willing to step in and contribute.

If you're interested or know of any Lions members who would be, please don't hesitate to email admin@licola.org.au or call 03 5148 8791.

Licola
wilderness village

SEEKING VOLUNTEER CARETAKERS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LIONS
WHO COULD COME FOR A
WEEKEND, A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS
TO GIVE OUR MANAGERS A SHORT
BREAK.
HOUSE AND RELEVANT
TRAINING PROVIDED

For more information, email admin@licola.org.au



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