



Lions District V3 ROAR!

CHRIS JONES AND MARES LINDNER HONORED AT FLINDERS

The Flinders District Lions recently held their Celebration Dinner to introduce the new Executive Team and present well-deserved awards. Longtime Lion Chris Jones was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, and Mares Lindner received the Lion of the Year Award. A great night was enjoyed by all, and the club was deeply honored to have the company of District Governor Geoff Anderson and his wife.



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.

FLINDERS MOTORING HERITAGE EVENT

The Lions Club of Flinders District hosts its annual Flinders Motoring Heritage Event on Easter Sunday. In 2026, the event will celebrate its 10th year. For more details, visit www.flindersdistrictlions.com.au and navigate to the Flinders Motoring Heritage page.

Historically, the event raises funds for a specific cause and often attracts an Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) grant. Recent beneficiaries include Southern Peninsula Community Support, where funds supported a mobile shower, toilet, and laundry van for those experiencing homelessness on the southern Mornington Peninsula, followed by a vehicle to tow it.

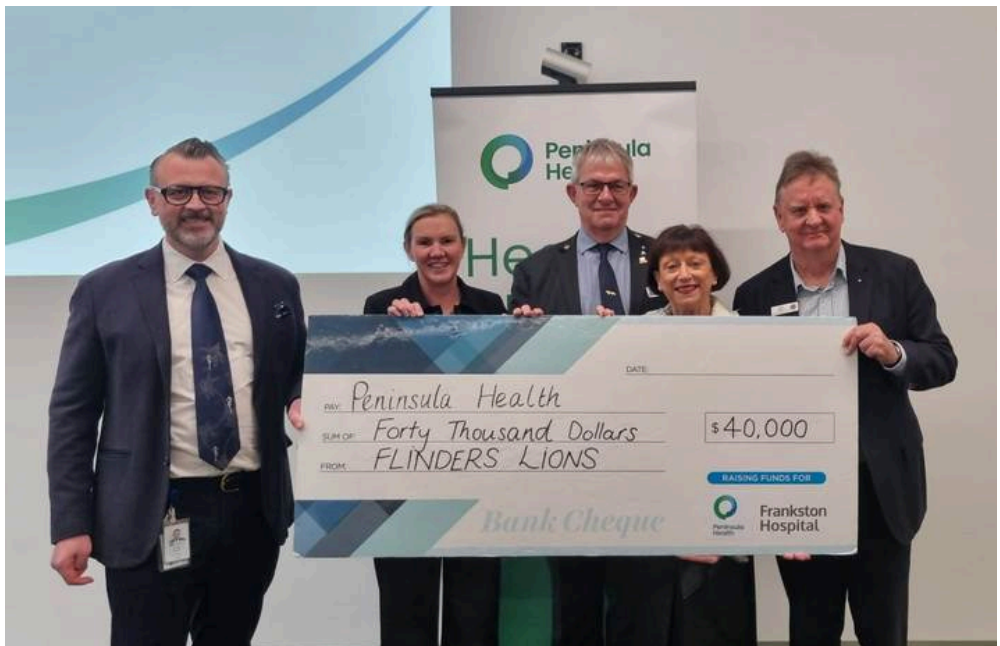
In 2024, funds were raised to refurbish interactive garden spaces at Peninsula Health's Mornington Centre, a specialist facility aiding patients with dementia and cognitive issues in recovering from medical procedures before returning home.

This year, the event supported the purchase of a replacement prostate scanning machine at Peninsula Health's Frankston Hospital. Together with an ALF grant, the club contributed \$40,000, ensuring the project was fully funded.

A photograph of the cheque presentation at Peninsula Health features, from left to right:

- Mr. Paul Gilmore, Head of Urology, Peninsula Health
- Peninsula Health CEO, Helen Cooper
- John Houghton, ALF Grants Chair
- Monica Holland, Past Club Secretary and Past President
- Mark Holland, Past Club President and Current Treasurer

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings, Lions of District 201V3,

The year is moving quickly, and we already have the first quarter behind us. By now, you should have registered for the upcoming District Conference, to be held at Lardner Park near Warragul from Friday, October 24 to Sunday, October 26, 2025. The conference will feature an engaging lineup of guest speakers and a full business program with important motions to be debated. To ensure your club's voice is heard, please confirm that your club has appointed delegates and that their names have been sent to Cabinet Secretary Terry.

Now, let's discuss succession planning. Is it too early to think about who will lead your club in 2026/27? No—in fact, in just three months, you will need to seek nominations for key positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair, as well as other roles your club may wish to fill. During those three months, we have Christmas and January, a period when many clubs go into recess. It's time to start thinking about these positions now. Last year, otherwise healthy clubs faced closure because they couldn't find members to fill key roles.

The President's role is to lead the club and address issues as they arise. It is a responsible and important position but not overly demanding.

The hardest worker among the executive is the Secretary, and the most challenging task for a Secretary is finding a successor when their term ends. Too often, no member steps forward, leaving the long-serving Secretary to continue for another year. But it doesn't have to be that hard. Break the Secretary's role into three parts: agenda and minute taking, correspondence, and reporting. If clubs allocate these tasks to three people—a Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries—the workload is shared, and each Assistant Secretary can be a "Secretary in Training." It's not rocket science!

The Treasurer's role can be as simple or complex as the person holding it desires. Many boutique accounting programs exist, but for medium to small clubs, a simple Excel spreadsheet will usually suffice. Month by month, the Treasurer must report straightforward spreadsheets for all club bank accounts, showing start and end-of-month balances and details of income and expenditure. Financial reporting must be accurate, transparent, and available for all members to view. Again—not rocket science!

We are fast approaching the District Conference, Friday, October 24 to Sunday, October 26, 2025. Don't forget to register and ensure your club's delegates are registered. Each club in good financial standing is entitled to one delegate for every ten members. The conference will be held at Lardner Park, 155 Burnt Store Road, Lardner (12 kilometers from Warragul) for your GPS. The Dinner Dance will take place at the Warragul Country Club, 41 Sutton Street, Warragul. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I continue to enjoy working with the clubs and Lions of District 201V3 and am well into club visits, a role I cherish. Let's continue to have a great year, serving better together.

Geoff Anderson
District Governor
Lions District 201V3



CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

Just a reminder that, as of October 1, we have only 24 days until our Annual Conference in Warragul. I hope you have all registered for this exciting event. It's a great opportunity for new members to see firsthand how our District comes together, balancing the serious business with fun. Yes, we do have fun, so please register early and join us!

At the time of writing, only 45 Lions are registered to attend the conference. Please register to help us achieve a strong turnout.

District Governor Geoff has organized a local member with a variety of life experiences as our guest speaker on Friday. Our Council Chair, PDG Richard Williams, will attend and speak on Saturday, along with a member of the Assistance Dogs team. On Sunday, we will hear from the Marketing Manager from Destination Gippsland. Representatives from Bendigo Community Banks will give a brief presentation to clubs, as will a member of GMobility.

Lardner Park is booked and ready—all we need is you, the members!

I have sent out details regarding delegates and am awaiting these returns as soon as possible. The sooner I receive them, the easier it is for me. For the memorial service, we will honor twenty members for their service to Lions during the Sunday session.

If you need any assistance, please contact me, and I will do my best to help with your inquiry.

See you all at Warragul on October 24, 25, and 26, 2025!

Yours in Lions,
Terry
Cabinet Secretary
"Serving Better Together"



WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Geoff and the V3 Cabinet extend condolences to the family and friends of Lion Jack Donnelly from the Lions Club of Lakes Entrance. Lion Jack, a life member who held many positions within his club, passed away in December last year.

Best wishes to Lion Margaret Foulds from the Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe, who has undergone surgery on her arm. We wish you a speedy recovery.

The Lions Club of Maffra acknowledges three Past Presidents who are gravely ill.

Lion Dick Moulton, who joined the Maffra Club in 1970, its charter year, is a life member and a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award. Lion Alan Marshall, also a Melvin Jones recipient, is a longtime member, has served as President on two occasions, and was a Guiding Lion for the Lions Club of Wellington/Latrobe. Lion Don Bradshaw, a member for 57 years, is a life member and three-time President of the Maffra Club. The Lions Club of Maffra salutes these members for their significant contributions to their community.

To all other members who have been unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.

A warm welcome to new members who have recently joined. We hope you enjoy being part of the Lions family.

Please share any news for inclusion 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 Faull
District 201V3 Welfare Chairman
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BUILDING STRONG CHILDREN

PEACE POSTER

Theme: "Together as One"

To date, I have received three Peace Posters in preparation for judging at our District V3 Convention on Saturday afternoon, October 25, 2025. Clubs participating should have collected, or should now collect, Posters and/or Peace Essays from their schools for judging at the club level. As previously mentioned, for every kit purchased, you may nominate one winning poster to advance to the District final.

Posters can be sent via Australia Post in a cylinder to 427 Lower Franklin Road, Foster 3960, to be received no later than Wednesday, October 21, 2025. (I cannot receive posters by mail after this date.) Alternatively, please attend the Convention and deliver your poster(s) by noon on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

District Governor Geoff is providing a \$100.00 prize for the winning poster and two \$50.00 vouchers for runners-up. Three judges will evaluate the posters based on originality, artistic merit, and expression of the theme.

As a reminder, youth who are 11, 12, or 13 years old by November 15 are eligible to participate. Artwork must be no smaller than 33 centimeters by 50 centimeters and no larger than 50 centimeters by 60 centimeters. A2 paper meets these criteria.

I have emailed a writable proforma certificate that can be given to all students who enter the contest. This certificate recognizes all entrants to help boost each student's self-esteem.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me on 0438 044 346.

Glenda Paragreen
V3 Peace Poster Coordinator



PAYNESVILLE THRIVES

The Paynesville Lions Community Market returned bigger and better in September after a winter recess. The Lions' famous Food Van was a hive of activity, offering Christmas cakes, free-range eggs (donated by a generous local farmer—60 dozen!), and our fourth and final wood raffle for the year, alongside the usual food offerings, keeping the Lions very busy.

Sixth New Member This Year!

Sally Brutovic was inducted into the Paynesville Lions Club on 3/9/25. Her sponsor was Robyn Rutherford, herself a recent new member. The composition of the club has significantly changed this year, achieving near gender balance. Sally is diving in headfirst, volunteering to help in the high-pressure Lions Food Van at the September Market.

Bill East
Membership Chairperson
Lions Club of Paynesville



President John Waller (on the phone, probably selling 1,000 sheep!), District Representative Marguerite Byrne, Secretary Peter Wallace, new member Sally Brutovic, Membership Chairperson Bill East



President John Waller, Sponsor Robyn Rutherford, new member Sally Brutovic

PDG JOHN NANKERVIS VISIT

Last week a few of the members at Dromana paid a visit to their most senior and most revered member, John Nankervis. John turned 101 this year and is now a resident at Vasey RSL Care in Frankston.

They showed John the 2024/25 Best Club trophy, which he was thrilled to see, and Secretary Graeme Wilson brought along a war history book which John showed great interest in and which will be gifted to RSL Care once John has finished perusing.



PDG John and Secretary Graeme



President Paul Andrews, PDG Norma Barnard, PDG John Nankervis, Secretary Graeme Wilson and Past President Chris Secoulidis



WARRAGUL BIRTHDAY MILESTONES

At a recent dinner meeting of the Lions Club of Warragul, held at the Warragul Country Club, the club hosted its Junior Public Speaking competition. The event was marked by a special celebration for three Lions: Doug Brown, Bernie Rabl and District Governor Geoff Anderson. Doug and Geoff, who were born on the same day, celebrated their 80th birthdays, while Bernie marked his 90th birthday, which occurred a few weeks earlier.

Congratulations to these remarkable Lions!

Jeff Tolley
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CARERS WEEK

CARINGKIDS

Show Young Carers They're Not Forgotten

Fellow Lions and Leos,

As National Carers Week approaches this October (12th-18th), we at the CaringKids Charity Project are calling on the compassion and generosity of our Lions and Leos community to help recognise some of Australia's most remarkable young people — our young carers.


Across the country, more than 300,000 young Australians provide daily care for family members living with disability, chronic illness, mental health conditions, or substance dependency. Many care for siblings, parents, or grandparents, often with little recognition or support — and for those in rural and regional communities, services can be especially limited. This Carers Week, we invite every Lions Club in Australia to sponsor at least one Joy Box — a simple yet powerful way to show young carers that their efforts are seen, valued, and appreciated.

Sponsor a Joy Box – \$260 each. Each Joy Box is filled with age-appropriate new toys, games, school stationery, and sports equipment, along with messages of encouragement, and delivered directly to a young carer.

Our goal is to reach 800 young carers this year — and if every Lions Club participated, we could reach more than 1,000 children nationwide.

We especially thank the wonderful Lions we met at the Traralgon Convention — your warmth and enthusiasm for this Category B Project were truly inspiring.





201V3 1ST DISTRICT CONFERENCE & AGM

GATEWAY TO GIPPSLAND


BAW BAW SHIRE

24th, 25th and 26th October 2025

District Governor 2025-2026
Lion Geoff Anderson
'Serving Better Together'

LIONS CLUB of WARRAGUL
District 201 V3
VICTORIA
AUSTRALIA

Hosted by:
WARRAGUL LIONS CLUB
ASSISTED BY CLUBS OF ZONE 6



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

It's not too late! You can still register to attend the District Conference which starts Oct 24. If you've attended before you know how good it feels to be a part of something bigger than a single club. If you've never attended then make this one your first and see what it's all about. To register email tha89654@bigpond.net.au

Thanks for reading!
Please send your news for
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All submissions to
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DEADLINE OCTOBER 23



Lions in Support of CaringKids Charity Project

Donations & Enquiries

Lions Club of Coogee
Activities Account

BSB: 633 000
Account Number: 162 955 835
Reference: CaringKids

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Lions Club of Coogee 201N5 Project



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across Australia.

SUPPORT LICOLA KIDS

Want to support the kids at Licola's Sponsored Camps? The wishlist changes from camp to camp, but at the moment Licola is seeking the following wishlist items. For more info, contact Kaz or Tania at the Village.



Licola Wish Lists for Sponsored Camps

Pillows + pillow cases
Fitted single bed sheets
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Roll on deodorant
Bodywash

Knitted teddies, animals
or similar as a gift



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