



Lions District V3 ROAR!

PEACE POSTER COMPETITION REACHES EXCITING CONCLUSION

The Peace Poster V3 District Final was recently held at the District Conference at Lardner Park, Warragul. Again, the finalists' posters were impressive. A team of three judges, Lions Linda Starke, artist in Stratford, President Jan Hutton from Korumburra Lions and retired school teacher Lions Lady Anne de Bruyne from Warragul, presided.

After a difficult decision, Ellie from Red Hill Consolidated School was the winner, and Bella from Toora and Daisy from Dromana were runners up. The winner received a voucher for \$100.00 and the two runners up each received a \$50.00 voucher.

The Community Banks and Drouin & District, Neerim & District and Trafalgar & District were among the major sponsors at the V3 Conference.



1st Prize Winner by Ellie from Red Hill. The judges' comment was: "We liked for the quality of workmanship, the music symbolising harmony, the skin colours in the handshake represents peace between all races and the dove symbolising peace with the olive branch and the colour intensity"



2nd runner up piece by Daisy from Dromana: "includes many people of all colours that hang above the world and are all enclosed in a tree's branch"



1st runner up piece by Bella from Toora: "speaks of peace with two doves and shows concern about germs and warfare with sunshine pouring into the world"

TOGETHER AS ONE: PEACE POSTERS AND ESSAY AT TOORA

The Community Bank at Toora and Foster has been a great supporter of the Lions Club of Toora for many years along with community groups including Sea Days in Port Welshpool, Toora Football Club, Manna Gum in Foster, Fishy Stories, Buckleys Park in Fish Creek, Stony Creek Football Netball Club and many other organisations.

This year the bank again supported the Lions Club of Toora Peace Poster/Essay contest for students aged between 11 and 13. Three Corner Inlet Schools participated, Welshpool, Toora and Fish Creek. The bank provided each school with a bank voucher of \$50 credit into the student's account which was greatly appreciated.

The three winners were Ethan at Welshpool, with Cove the winner in the middle school, Bella at Toora and Marlow at Fish Creek with Aiya being a close second.

For the first time in District V3 young Kelarny from Toora wanted to express peace in an essay, which was impressive. Unfortunately, the rules state that essay writing is for the visually impaired. Kelarny did not fit this criterion and was therefore ineligible to participate at international level. Perhaps our District can create a section for those who would rather express peace in writing and not painting.

The teachers in each school are to be congratulated on giving their guidance to the students. A certificate and prize was awarded to each student.



Bella (Toora PS) and ZC Jim Brennan



Kelarny and friend reading her essay

PEACE ESSAY by Kelarny from Toora

Peace is an image of the world I wish to see in the future. Peace is more than just a word, it's freedom from all disturbance, a state of happy contentment, hope and freedom.

Many describe peace differently. Some individuals find being with family peaceful, others nature and some being alone. As John Lennon said "all we are saying is give peace a chance". He hated war and fighting. I was always told he wanted to solve the world's issues so that I'm doing by writing this is to help him accomplish his dying wish and I'm thankful he said that.

Peace is the most beautiful thing. It is like when you wake up and the galahs are eating bird seed from your window while the sunrise glistens in the background and you know it's gonna be a good day.

Mental peace is just as important as physical peace which is why I want to change the world. It is a shame the world is so full of crime and violence. We'll do it step by step.

We've already done the hardest part, starting. If we could have internal peace, I'd be internally grateful. We got a lot of peaceful things and bad things which is why I focus on things like Iceland's low crime rate and how the world leaders are trying to make better environments or something as small as this competition in my community.

Many things are peaceful. I can imagine a world with pure tranquility with everybody calm and in serenity while birds tweet. The animals would be in harmony and there'll be no crime or violence. What is peace, some might ask? Well, I think it is a state of tranquility and harmony and free from conflict, harm and violence with no wars.

Let all the world's peace be with you and I wish you well.



Winner Marlow (Fish Creek PS)



Runner Up Aiya (Fish Creek PS)



Winner Ethan (Welshpool PS)



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings, Lions of District 201V3.

Some of you may have seen the ABC Back Roads program featuring the town of Lucindale in South Australia. The local Lions Club featured prominently throughout the half hour and looking at the location of the town, I figured the Lions Club of Lucindale must be within District 201C2. I know the C2 District Governor, Simon Westwood well and I emailed him saying how well Lions had come across in the presentation. DG Simon was less than enthusiastic in his response. He replied: "Yeah, have seen it twice – there was only one small glimmer of the Lions logo and the only mention of Lions came from the ABC presenter, not from any of the Lions members themselves". I thought this through and yes, DG Simon's summing up of the situation was spot on. We don't give ourselves enough credit for the things we do.

The Lions Club of Lucindale, by all accounts, does so much within its small and isolated community and I am sure their efforts are well known and appreciated within their own community, yet it's up to others to make these efforts known – and we can nearly all be accused of the same failing. Ask anyone, not closely associated with Lions, in our district "what do Lions do?" and you will invariably be told about barbeques, sausages and the sales thereof. But sale of sausages, or firewood, or the proceeds of car boot sales and the many other fund raisers that clubs around 201V3 embark upon are the means, not the end. Non-Lions in the public arena see the means, we need to let them know the ends. It is the work we do, funded by our highly visible fund raising efforts that we need to publicise. These include:

- The Green Canopy Project
- Work with young people – Junior Public Speaking, Youth of the Year and Peace Poster
- Assistance Dogs

- Lions Eye Health Project
- Diabetes research
- Children's mobility
- Childhood Cancer
- Cancer screening
- Hay distribution, Need for Feed and Hay Runners
- Cord Blood Foundation
- Lions Clubs International Foundation, ALF and VLF; and
- the list goes on.

A pre-cursor to creating public awareness of these activities is for members to fully understand them. You can get information on any of these activities by asking questions of the various District officers listed in the Lions Directory of which your Club Secretary should have a digital copy. Or you could email me on albar@dcsi.net.au and I would probably refer you to the person able to give you better information than I could myself.

Now for some good news. The Lions Club of Maffra has nominated Lion Russell Napper to fill the casual vacancy of 1st Vice District Governor. We have jumped through the necessary hoops to have Lion Russell's appointment approved by Lions International. Already, 1st VDG Russell is assembling his Cabinet for 2026/27 and I understand Lion Bill Lack of the Lions Club of Heyfield will be the incoming Cabinet Secretary. It has become quite a task finding nominations for executive positions at District Level. We now need to think about candidates for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor (2027/28). The position is open to any Lions member who has served their Club in an Executive position and who has served as a member of the District Cabinet. I would encourage any members meeting the criteria to seek appointment, and I would note that we are long overdue to have a woman in this position.

I continue to look forward to working with the clubs and Lions of District 201V3. Let's continue to have a great year serving better together.

Geoff Anderson,
District Governor,
Lions District 201V3

CABINET SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you read this our District Conference at Warragul 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 conference. More info in our next newsletter, following the conference.

As we head to the festive season please all be careful in your driving and fun 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..

Remember our District Governor Geoff's slogan "SERVING BETTER TOGETHER", let everyone know your happy working and assisting your community through Lions.

Yours in Lions

Terry
Cab Sec
"Serving Better Together"



LAKE ENTRANCE THRIVES WITH ACTIVITIES AND NEW MEMBERS

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Every month the Lakes Entrance Lions Club engages and provides financial support to various community groups who assist with the weekly setting up of the Lions bingo facility. In September it was the Lakes Entrance Basketball Association who were raising funds to purchase club uniforms for their junior basketballers. Pictured to the right is Lions Club Treasurer Hayden (far right) presenting a cheque to the Basketball crew.



NEW MEMBERS INSTALLED

Lakes Entrance Lions Club welcomed two new members at a recent members meeting: Tash and Danial. (Pictured at left, centre of photo). Thanks to Lion Michelle (left of photo) for sponsoring them to our club. Their membership certificates were presented by club Secretary Max.



WALL TO WALL RIDE OF REMEMBERANCE

On the 12th September over 200 motorcyclists participated in the Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance. They are pictured at right stopping in Lakes Entrance for a luncheon break. The ride celebrates and remembers those Police officers from around Australia who have paid the ultimate price.

Lakes Entrance Lions Club along with the Gippsland Lakes Lionesses Club and the Lakes Entrance Men's Shed combined their resources and talents to deliver a BBQ lunch for the riders. Monies raised from the luncheon were donated to Wall 2 Wall Foundation.



TRUE BABY STORY

Paynesville Lions deliver TruBaby X

Paynesville Lions members gathered at Bairnsdale Regional Health Service (BRHS) Skills Laboratory recently to check out their most recent major donation to the Hospital. BRHS CEO Peter Abraham and education staff were on hand to greet and brief members about their latest acquisition.

TruBaby X is a paediatric clinical skills training model that is ideal for nurses, anaesthetists, and other emergency medical professionals to practice critical emergency medicine, including infant airway management. The TruBaby X manikin which, as Lions members discovered, is incredibly lifelike with the appearance, weight, size, and movement of a 5-month-old infant.

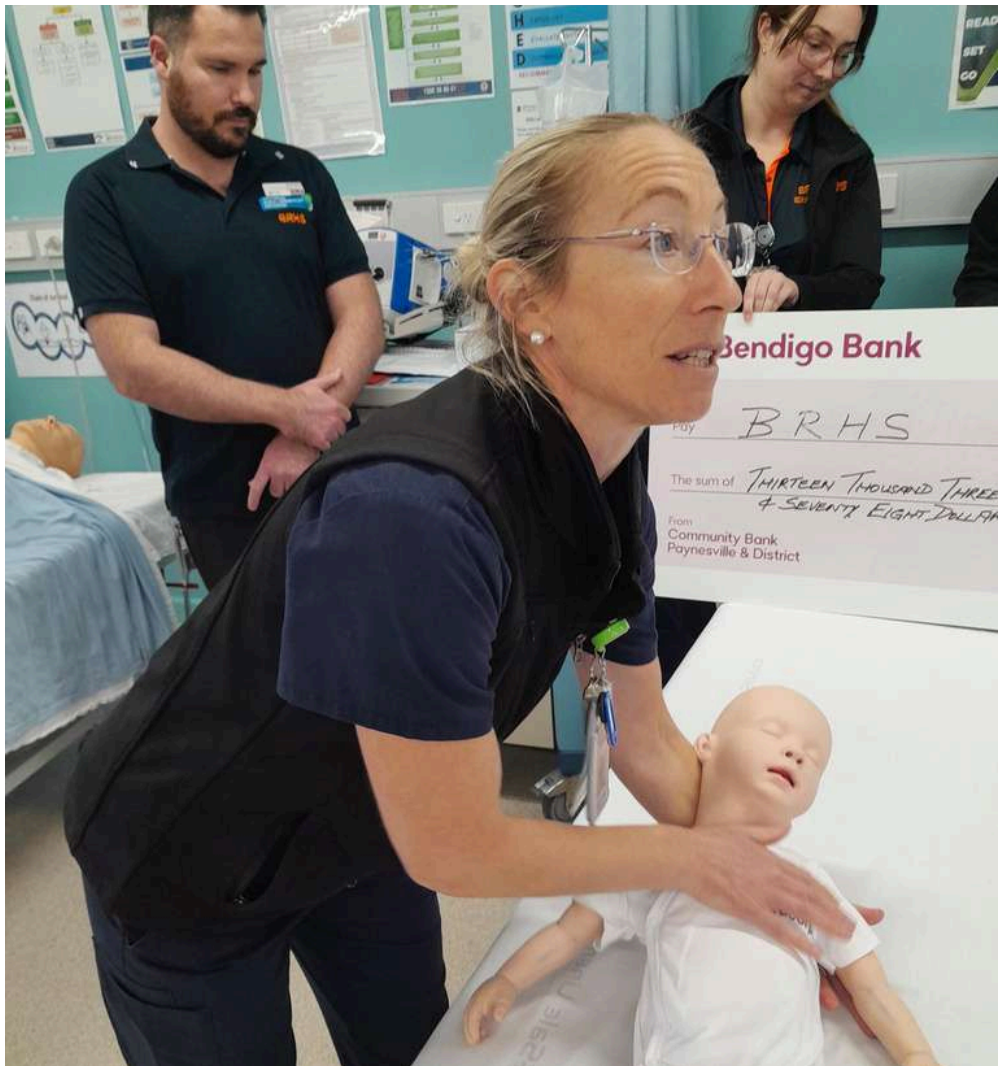
Staff were enthusiastic about the many features, functions and training opportunities presented by TruBaby X, while Lions members were amazed by its many features including rib structures, bones and blood flow.

The cost of the item was \$13,278.00. Donated funds were raised through the Paynesville Lions monthly market and various raffle activities, supported by a very generous dollar for dollar grant from the Australian Lions Foundation.

Paynesville Lions have developed a strong relationship with BRHS in recent times having donated almost \$45,000.00 in equipment on 3 occasions since 2018.



President John Waller presenting the big cheque to BRHS CEO Peter Abraham



Lion Judy Ramsdell comforting TruBaby



Nurse Educators demonstrating some of the amazing features of TruBaby



TruBaby with accessories



Lions Paul and Mary Hammond and TruBaby

MALCOLM GIBBS: 50 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Lion Malcolm Gibbs of Boneo Lions Club has served his community for over fifty years! These pictures show him receiving his 50 year medallion for continuous service, presented by DG Geoff Anderson on 29th September 2025.

Congratulations Malcolm and thank you.



MCCRAE CONTRIBUTES AT ROSEBUD COMMUNITY DAY

On Saturday Oct 4th the McCrae Lions participated in the Community Day at Rosebud Plaza. There was a sausage sizzle and raffles with all proceeds donated to Police Legacy. There was lots of fun and enjoyment on the day for all who attended.



MERYL REID WINS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT PHILLIP ISLAND

Our new president at the Lions Club of Phillip Island had the pleasant task in awarding member Meryl Reid with an Achievement Award. Meryl is the welcoming identity at our Steptoes yard - secondhand trash & treasure palace. Everyone is met with charm and chat. Meryl directs the yard visitors to their area of choice quickly and efficiently.

And if Meryl doesn't win them over, John Jackson, our new President, certainly will. (From Madeleine Pitt).



WELFARE REPORT

District Governor Geoff and the V3 Cabinet would like to pass on condolences to the family and friends of Lion Dick Moulton and Lion Alan Marshall both from the Lions Club of Maffra. In last month's newsletter I reported on the illnesses of both these well respected and long serving members of the Maffra club. Unfortunately, both members have since passed away. Best wishes to Lion Lady Gerarda Marshall, Lion Lady Maureen Moulton their families, friends and the Lions Club of Maffra.

Best wishes and condolences are also extended to Lion Matthew Joscelyne of the McCrae and District Lions Club on the sad passing of his brother.

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

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.

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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
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