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VICTORIA COCHRANE BRIEF

I am sure I am not the only one wondering where the year has gone! After the convention was over, I was back on a plane to Melbourne to celebrate my father's 90th birthday. Now that's an achievement!

Since then I have been on the road and in the air visiting the Lions' clubs of New Norfolk, Clarence, Perth and Flinders Island. At Clarence, I had the pleasure of presenting them with a Club Excellence award, as well as a chevron for 45 years service, amongst others. In fact, I had chevrons to give out to members in all four clubs. Thank you to all clubs for making me feel so welcome and for their wonderful hospitality.

There were six clubs awarded Club Excellence awards for 2023-24. As well as Clarence, they were Kingborough, Penguin, Riverside, Bicheno and Devonport-Mersey Lions Clubs. Congratulations to all clubs and members. It's a wonderful achievement.

The Club Excellence Award criteria are a great guide for all clubs to monitor how they are tracking and what they need to improve on or to add to their planning. I highly recommend printing it out and referring to it regularly, and perhaps using it to determine where you need to put more focus or resources to, such as donating to LCIF or planning a recruiting drive.

Talking about membership, Multiple Districts call for clubs to apply for PR materials for Lions on Safari month in March 25 has only been answered by 2 or 3 clubs. The deadline has passed, but the materials will now be sent to me to distribute. Ideally, your club will be planning some kind of event in March to attract new members. Currently, our membership has dropped to 904.

It is with sadness that I report the closure of two clubs in our district at the end of November, Dodges Ferry-Southern Beaches in the South, and St. Helens in the North East. I am happy to say, however, that at least 6 of the 9 members have transferred to other clubs.

There are multiple reasons clubs fail, but it is clear to the DG and GAT teams that both community and members' needs are changing, due to such things as communities becoming more transient, work and family commitments taking up more of members' time, the cost of living making families tightening their belts and older members being unable to go out to meetings at night. As a result, many of our smaller clubs will be buckling under the strain of serving their communities with less available members at meetings and events. If it's always falling to the same few to keep the club going, it's time to ask yourselves what is and isn't working, and what needs to change to ensure all members can participate. It's the same with the community you are serving; if they are not responding, why not, and what can you replace the project with that will reignite their interest? It may even be worthwhile conducting a membership satisfaction or community needs survey, just to reassess and get an idea of the bigger picture. If any of you need help with resources or problem solving, please don't hesitate to contact your Club Support chair or any member of the DG and GAT teams.

On Saturday December 7th I was a guest judge for the City of Launceston's Christmas Parade, which went ahead despite some very heavy rain. Despite the weather, it was a fantastic event and people came out with their brollies and smiles. Congratulations to President Tracie Pearce and her team; it is a mammoth effort that paid off despite the odds.

As the year draws to a close and we all eat a bit too much and imbibe a bit more often, I want to thank you all for your dedication and service in the past year. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday.

Kindest regards,

Victoria Cochrane

DG 201T1 24-25

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75 years and counting

Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure

March 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025

Lions Awareness Day is now "Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure"

This March, we're taking our annual Lions Awareness Day to new heights with *Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure*—a month-long campaign showcasing the incredible work Lions are doing across Australia.

We invite you to join the adventure! Organise or participate in events happening nationwide and help us raise awareness for the causes we champion. It's a fantastic way to highlight our impact and inspire new volunteers.

What is Lions on Safari?

Pack your sense of adventure! *Lions on Safari* will take you on a journey through community service, featuring environmental projects, acts of kindness, and exciting opportunities to get involved.

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Looking for ideas to celebrate *Lions on Safari* and important dates in March 2025? Here are some suggestions to inspire your Lions Club events:

- **Bunnings Barbecue (March 1-7):** Partner with your local Bunnings for a barbecue or host a family-friendly event. Click here for more information about booking a spot!
- **Clean Up Australia Day (March 2):** Organise rubbish clean-ups, recycling projects, or environmental awareness campaigns to engage the community in caring for the planet.
- **International Women's Day (March 8):** Organise impactful events and fundraisers that empower and support women in their communities. Consider raising funds for vital projects such as women's community shelters, sanitation projects, or the PNG Birthing Mothers Projects, all of which contribute to the well-being of women.
- **International Day of Happiness (March 20)**: Organise events that spread joy and promote well-being, like games, celebrations, or activities that get people smiling. Promote happiness by highlighting human rights, environmental care, and social well-being.
- **Harmony Day (March 21):** Encourage everyone to wear orange in support of cultural diversity. Consider hosting a sausage sizzle with an international food twist or inviting a local cultural dance or singing group to perform.

With these ideas, your Lions Club can make March a month to remember. The possibilities for *Lions on Safari* are endless!

Don't forget to use the hashtag #lionsonsafari on social media!

MEMBERSHIP MEGASTARS

Membership Megastars
Lions Club of Kentish

This year Kentish Lions Club has inducted three new members. Chris Searle, President of the Club said that members keep an eye out for people in the community who might be ready to have a conversation about the activities of the Club and perhaps join. "We don't wait for people to come us, we approach them and talk about Lions and what we do. We have quite a few members who are elderly now, so we are trying to attract younger people in the community."

Most community members are well aware of the Club because they post information about their activities on the Club Facebook page and in their monthly articles in the Kentish Voice, the local newspaper. "We are very active and visible in the community as Lion Jan Crosswell is heavily involved in the school breakfast program and we are pretty active with the Lions Eye Heath Program through the vision screening that we do in local schools. We also have our Christmas Parade in Sheffield this Friday." Well done, Lions Club of Kentish.

Celebrating our Unsung Club Heroes

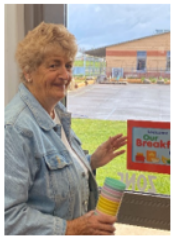
Lions Club of Launceston City

Lion Don Binns

A Lion since 1992, Don has been President of the club and is never shy to put up his hand to help in any way. He was instrumental in the design and build of a wishing well at the Cataract Gorge, although it fell victim to vandals too many times to be successful. He involves himself in every project the club is involved in, and has a kind, caring helping underpriviledged families, Youth of the Year and enhancing the environment in the community.

Lions Club of Kentish

Lion Jan Crosswell



Jan has been a Lions member for 20 years. She has made her mark on families and the community through her involvement in the local primary school's breakfast program. The Lions' national office received this letter from another volunteer.

"I am not a Lions Club Member , however in February 2024 my neighbour mentioned to me a program running at Sheffield Primary School called breakfast club . I am now volunteering with that group , who prepare healthy fruit platters ,toast & a warm milo drink for kids who for whatever reason have not been able to have breakfast at home , Eg it may be that they've had a long bus trip to school , or perhaps even financial insecurity at home . The atmosphere for the kids is sociable & just an enjoyable start to their day . The teachers have commented about the improvement this makes in the kids' attentiveness in class . It has been my great pleasure to meet her this year . Her name is Jan Crosswell . She is an exlemplorary Lion with her positive outlook , huge energy & all round thoughtfulness & kindness . She gets things done !! How lucky our Sheffield community is to have someone of this calibre working for them & looking out for them ."

If you have an opportunity to bestow an award on her , please do 😊 .

Yours Sincerely ,

Linda Rowell , Sheffield , Tasmania

Lions Club of City of Burnie

Rod Jordan

A Lions member since 1988, Rod has held leadership positions in three clubs on the North West Coast. He was instrumental in the rebuilding of the City of Burnie club in 2021, holding both positions of Treasurer and Secretary until the club was back up and running. He still holds the position of treasurer.

Rod is an integral member of the leadership team who are all extremely active and work tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of all of the club's projects, which include Bunnings barbeques, City Mission food drive, Youth of the Year and the club's signature service project, the annual Dog Show which began this year and for which Rod organised all of the prizes. He is also the club Mints Chairperson. Rod was the inaugural recipient of the Vale Roger Groom Award for outstanding service in '23-'24.

Cheryl Wells

Cheryl has been a member of the City of Burnie club just after it began rebuilding but has been a Lion for thirteen years. Cheryl has been club secretary for two years and has been instrumental in the club forming partnerships with community groups to serve the community.

In October 2023 Cheryl arranged a community tour of TMEC in Burnie as a community awareness project. In July, Burnie City participated in Share the Warmth by donating neck warmers to Vinnies and City Mission that were made by volunteers led by Cheryl at a workshop at Burnie Community House. She has been actively involved in the club's community Krafternoons, Bunnings barbeques and the club's inaugural dog show in May 2024. Cheryl was the recipient of the Cochrane-Crawford award for outstanding service in '23-'24 and, since joining, has been an invaluable asset to the club and the leadership team.

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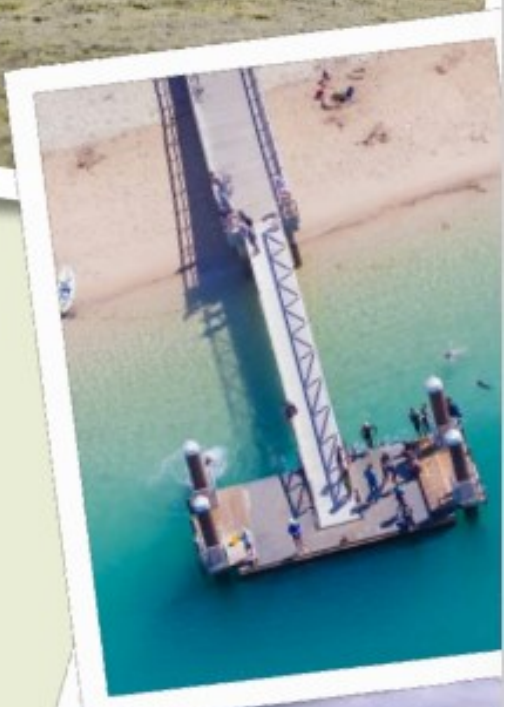
46TH 201T1
Lions Convention



Join us for a weekend of inspiration, engaging speakers, and networking with fellow Lions. Discover how to unleash your inner lion and strengthen our community impact. Don't miss this chance to roar for change!

Join Us

November 7-9 2025 for the 46th Annual 201T1 Lions Convention, hosted by Port Sorell Lions Club

Where

Being held at the Banksia Centre, 1 Anderson Street, Port Sorell

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS

Wonderful Christmas collaboration Lions Club of Wynyard !

Yesterday marked the start of the Community Christmas Collection 2024, bringing together the spirit of giving and kindness to help those in need this holiday season. Up until Dec 11, the Wonders of Wynyard will be collecting donations under the tree to support families across the municipality.

This year's launch saw generous contributions from the Rotary Club (represented by Janet Lambert), Woolworths Wynyard (represented by Craig Richardson), and Lions Club (represented by Neville Woolley), with Neville noting, "it's great to see the community come together."

Lions Club of Westbury

More 🐄💩shovelling yesterday at Exton House by the mighty Westbury team. We dragged and bagged 111 sacks of magnificent quality excrement in less than an hour. Great work. You can get it at Westbury Rural Services.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS CONTINUED

One of the more traditional projects for King's Meadows Lions from money raised throughout the year is donating to the Examiner Empty Stocking Fund, welcome to Shae and Andrew who presented our contribution to the Examiner.

GLENORCHY CITY LIONS CLUB AND THE RED BENCH PROJECT

Collaborating with Glenorchy City Council has created a first in southern Tasmania for the Glenorchy City Lions Club - the first Red Bench in southern Tasmania as a permanent reminder to us all that domestic violence and coercive control exist in all our communities.

The presence of a Red Bench in a public location aims to raise awareness and provide an opportunity for this important issue to remain visible. A place to sit and have a conversation ab0ut how we as community can change the ending to domestic violence.

Combined Southern Region
Lions Club's...

FEBRUARY DINNER

Lions Club of Sorell wishes to inform Clubs and Lions that there will be *NO DINNER* in February 2025...

Sorell made this decision as they wish to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their sponsor club, the *Lions Club of Clarence*

John Salmon / Secretary / 0408 321 658

photo with santa

Take your own photo with Santa

2nd December, Burnie Park
9th December, Burnie Community House
16th December, Burnie NWRH Children's Ward

2pm to 5pm Mondays
Gold Coin donation City of Burnie Lions Club

And just like that another incredible year at Australian Lions Hearing Dogs draws to a close.

We are on track to place a total of 34 Assistance Dogs this year. This includes 29 Hearing Assistance Dogs, 4 Diabetic Alert Dogs and 1 Psychiatric Assistance Dog, the very first in our exciting new program. There were some big milestones in these numbers with the exciting milestone of our first interstate delivery of a Diabetic Alert Dog, followed by 2 more throughout the year. By the end of 2024, we will have also accredited 28 Assistance Dogs, which is almost double our numbers last year.

Our Breeding and Puppy Programs have grown significantly, with our puppies showing tremendous progress in both development and confidence. Thanks to our dedicated team and volunteer puppy carers, each puppy is receiving an exceptional start to their journey to become an Assistance Dogs. After a slow start to the year, four gorgeous litters of future Assistance Dogs were introduced into our world and we are eagerly awaiting the fresh pitter patter of another litter due mid-December! We also proudly celebrated the graduation of 27 adorable puppies from our Puppy Pre-school, equipping them with the foundational skills needed to excel in their training journey.

Our thriving volunteer program ensures our dogs are loved and cared for daily. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, Lions Clubs, and sponsors, whose generosity is the backbone of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.

This year we implemented a Bed and Breakfast Program, which enables our dogs in training to be dropped off to 'school' four days a week and spend the rest of their time in a loving volunteer home. The standard of the BnB dogs is very high and we are excited to bring on more volunteers in the program next year. This year we have had eight dogs in the BnB program with five already successfully delivered to their recipients.

As we welcome summer and the festive season, we want to sincerely thank you for your incredible support and kindness throughout 2024. Please note our Training Centre will be closed during the holidays, though our dedicated staff will still be on-site caring for our dogs. Our office will close from Tuesday, December 24th, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, with our emergency line available for urgent matters. Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season—we can't wait to see you in 2025!

Welcome to our newest members:

Brian Swan: Kentish Lions Club

Donald Smith: New Norfolk

Joanna Smith: Port Sorrell

Leigh Johnstone: Hadspen South Esk

Chris Gatenby: Tasmanian Online Club

Have you seen our weekly Friday Forum on the Lions Tasmania FB Page?

Every Friday, one of our admins posts up a discussion question to help members to learn more about latest events and to share their knowledge.

To get involved go to www.facebook.com/Lions 201T1

Marg Cranney

Funeral Notice Australia

In September, IPDG Rob Batcelor and I met with Anthony Mulhern from Funeral Notice Australia. He and his family set up this free service after missing their uncle's funeral because they never saw his death notice!

If you wish to report the death of a member in the future on Funeral Notice Australia, please contact Rob Batchelor or myself to inform us ad/or for support. It could be a much more efficient way of communicating with our membership when someone passes away. We just need to try it out to see if it is a good fit for our district.

The url is www.funeralnoticeaustralia.com

DG Victoria

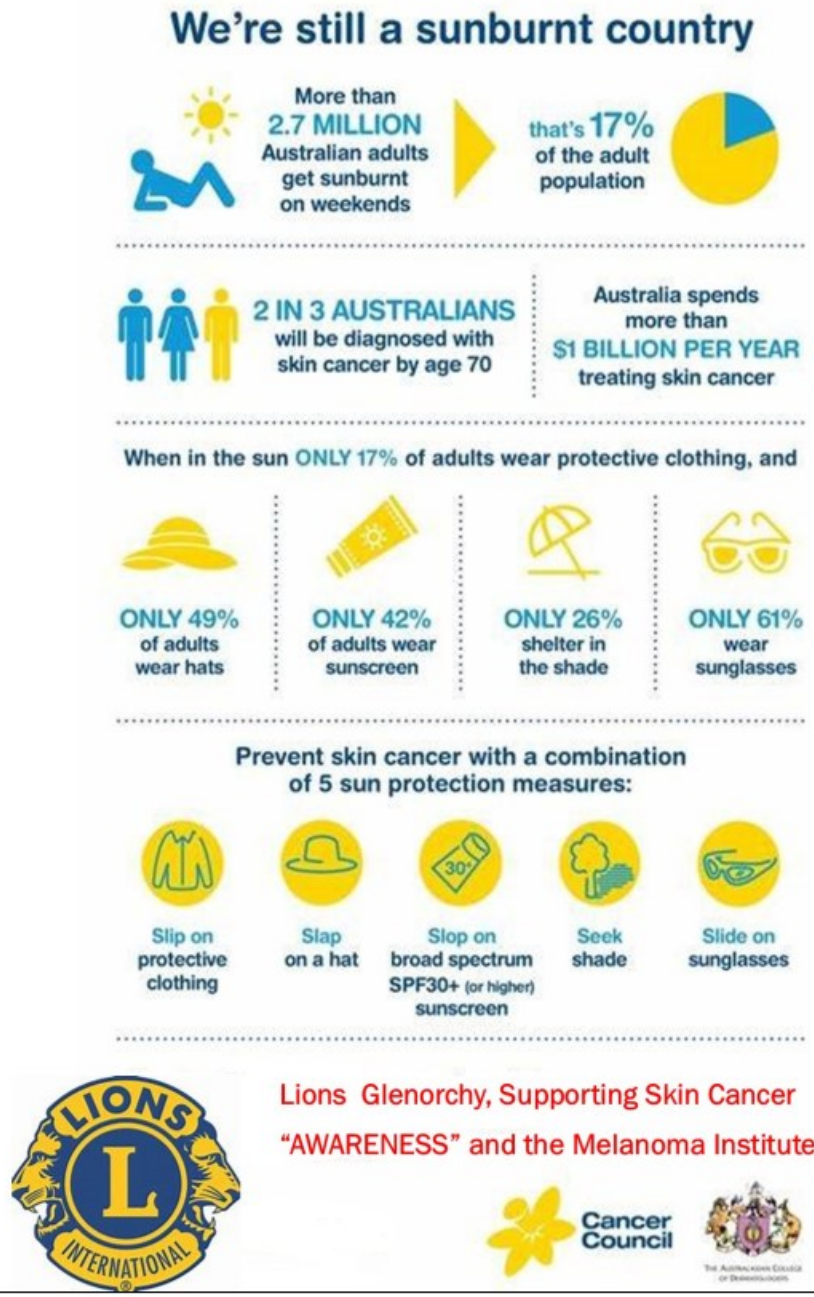
GLENORCHY CLUB NEWS

The lions club of Glenorchy City are again running their popular "SKIN CANCER AWARENESS" project, which is intended to hopefully bring an "Awareness" to the ever present danger from U.V radiation.[Prevention better than cure]
The project is run with the co-operation and acknowledgement of the Melanoma Institute and Cancer Council.
The club will be, again giving away [hopefully with donations received] the U.V. wrist bands [as per photo] and free sun screen at all our events through the summer period.

Kind Regards Brian.

Brian G Forster

" PROUD TO BE A LION"..



201T1 Leo Club News

The **best Christmas present** your Lions club can receive is a group of enthusiastic young people keen to make a difference in your community. They will come wrapped in bright bubbly sheets of laughter, topped off with large, sparkly personalities. You'll have to feed them now and then, but they'll bring your members **endless festive spirit** and great promise for good things to come in Lionism.

Let me know if you find some under your tree this Christmas to give your club a boost.....

Linda Payne Leo Chair leo@lionstasmania.org ph 0488 566 448

WHY REPORT?

Why report service

By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.

Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.

Photo by: Lion Othmar Fetz, The LEO Book

Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals.

Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.

Lions are active. Our motto is "We Serve". Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities. For more about Lions Clubs, go to www.lionsclubs.org

Why report service

Grow partnerships

Collaborating with other organizations in your community is a great way to increase the visibility, reach and quality of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

Enlighten leaders

High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Knowledge of your club's service history provides invaluable insight to current and future club officers. In addition, district, zone and Global Action Team leaders can best support your club when they understand how clubs in their area serve their communities.

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Be proud

Service data gives us the ability to communicate how ***We Serve*** around the world. For example, in 2021, Lions and Leos served more than 350 million people! We can take pride in that achievement thanks to the leaders who reported over 1 million service activities. Through service reporting, your club joins in that pride and is eligible for service awards.

Would you like to learn more?

Visit lionsclubs.org/service-reporting

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High Country

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CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

PROMOTING CLUBS THROUGH THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

HAVE YOU HAD A RECENT EVENT, PRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

THE BEST PLACE TO PROMOTE, SHARE AND INFORM

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 201T1

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