



November 2023



Lions District 201 C1

# Lions Chronicles

## DG Pete's Preamble



Our District Convention has been run, those that attended can attest to a wonderful event with fantastic guest speakers in Past International Director Sheryl Jensen, our National Global Service Coordinator PDG John Muller sharing their knowledge on how to grow our organisation, deliver meaningful service and all we needed to know about Lions Clubs International and our Foundation. How good was Professor Ralph Martins, and that we are ever closer to a way to slow and halt dementia. Martin Holmes shared on his experience in vision screening

in 3rd world countries, particular in Papa New Guinea and how much of an impact our eyeglasses we collect have. Some members attended the Light and Sound Show on Friday night at Steam Town and commented on how good it was. We would also like to welcome our two newest members in Professor Ralph Martins and his wife Prita, who were inducted into Lions by PID Sheryl Jensen on Saturday afternoon.

A special thank you goes to the Convention Committee lead by Convention Chair Shirley Dearlove, they delivered a wonderful weekend, from the Mayoral Reception Friday night to the Gala Masquerade Ball on Saturday night and finishing off with the free breakfast at Café 229 and a Question-and-Answer Session. Food was plentiful and delicious for the whole weekend and entertainment by the Jukebox Boys on Saturday night outstanding.

A big thank you to PDG Lance Leak

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### News from ALHD

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### Children's Vision Screenings

Children's vision screenings held at the Elizabeth South Primary School, supported by several C1 Lions Clubs.

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### Lions C1 District Convention

Take a look at a selection of photos from the recent Lions 201C1 District Convention in Peterborough. A fantastic weekend.



# DG Pete's Preamble (cont.)

OAM on a fantastic Flag Ceremony, and to Lyn Gratton supported by PDG Megan Butler on giving us a very thoughtful and moving Remembrance Ceremony. The Remembrance Tribute Display and the medallions handed out to the Clubs who lost a Lion and/or Partner a moving touch.

Congratulations to the 2024/25 District Governor Team, DGE Steve Fawcett, 1VDGE Ray Najar and 2VDGE Alex Coates and to Dr Ainslie Derek-Roberts for being elected as our representative to the Lions Medical Research Foundation SA.

We continue to see slow but steady increase in numbers across our membership having now inducted 63 new members since 1st Jul 2023, sadly dropping 40 which sees us with a growth of 23 members. Thank you to those clubs and individuals that are growing our numbers so we as an organisation can provide more service to our communities.

As we fly towards Christmas, I wish you all an excellent and productive November. Let's remember to keep an eye out for each other, Christmas is a stressful period for many, make sure you stay safe and take a break when you need one.

DG Peter Korndorfer



## UPCOMING WORKING BEE

**Help Us Support Thousands of Individuals and Families Across South Australia.**

**Create Comfort:** Get creative making cushions to bring comfort to children in foster care, and patients during their journey through various health challenges and treatments.

**Empower Minds:** Sort and label children's books ready to be gifted to children to encourage a love for reading and help improve literacy.

Drop by and say hello for an hour or two or spend the whole day with us. Every bit of help counts!

[www.hearmeroarproject.com.au](http://www.hearmeroarproject.com.au)

**Sunday, 12 November 2023  
9:30am - 4pm**

**North Adelaide  
Community Centre  
176 Tynte St, North Adelaide**

**FREE EVENT**

## HEAR ME ROAR!

A Project of the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc.



## Club Charter Anniversaries

Each month, we will celebrate the anniversary of each club in our district.

**November 2023**

**Celebrating 57 years**

Port Augusta - 21 November 1966

**Celebrating 48 years**

Bute & Districts - 10 November 1975  
Cummins & District - 18 November 1975

**Celebrating 47 years**

Athelstone - 4 November 1976

**Celebrating 46 years**

Adelaide Italian - 29 November 1977

**Celebrating 44 years**

Tumby Bay & Districts - 28 November 1979

# GMA Update

In the last DG Bulletin, I reported that our district member numbers had dropped to 1,076. As of 23rd October, our numbers rose again to 1,080. I must congratulate the following 13 clubs that have recorded a positive growth so far this Lions year, and by doing so have already achieved the "BAM target" of nett growth of one or more members: Modbury, Adelaide Italian, Burnside, City of Adelaide, Gilles Plains, Elizabeth Playford, Paralowie, Gawler, Balaklava, Bute, Quorn, Cleve, & Cowell.

Many Lions are asking, "why is MD201 making a big thing about BAM and membership growth", especially when they believe their club is moving along well. Well look at the two graphs below. The first shows that in Australia, our average age of members is now 70 and that by the age of 75, over half the current 70-year-olds will resign and for some clubs it is worse as their average age is in the mid to high 70's already! The second graph shows up the second problem. "Our club does not have a problem gaining new members....." The problem is however we lose so many new members in the first year or two so obviously there is something wrong with our clubs.

So, our task is clear, first clean up our club, fix the issues that are turning new members off and then get new members and keep them. Then of course we hear the old line, "we cannot get young people to join, they are just not interested...." Again, it's our problem, not theirs. Do we have projects that appeal to young families or youth? Do we offer meeting options that suit modern young families? Is a hotel meal for two with a drink or two costing too much these days? Even cheap pub meals today, a couple will need to spend over \$50-60 dollars each dinner meeting night.

Then of course is the other, increasing problem, getting members to undertake club and district management roles. All this adds up to a need, an urgent need to first replace our members who will resign and then start growing our clubs again. We all know there are growing needs for our services and we need members to be able to service those needs, and of course with fewer members costs will increase as fixed or rising costs (eg insurance) will be spread over fewer members, so they will have to cover the increases.

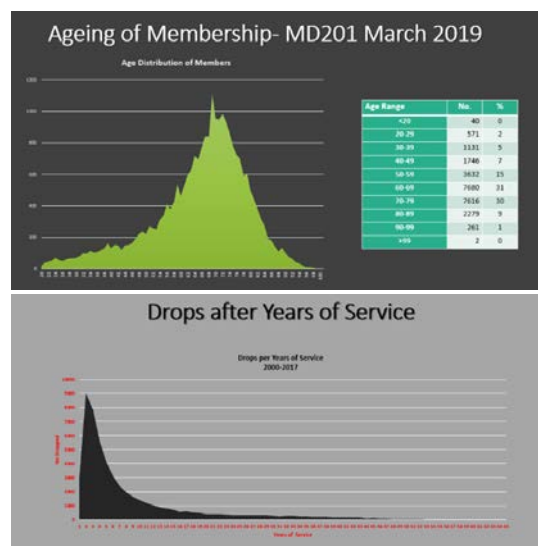
So, I ask all clubs to look at these issues with a sense of urgency and

if you have not already started a critical look at where your club is going in the next five years, start that process now! There are many resources available for you to draw upon, and the GMA team have the personnel that are available and willing to work with you to get your club's membership plan into action.

Check out the LCI web site <https://www.lionsclubs.org> and search for "troubleshooting guide for clubs". In this document it lists all the issues and queries clubs may have re membership and then importantly it has the links to a vast amount of information to help address those issues. The MD201 web site at <https://lionsclubs.org.au/> also has a lot of information available as well, so check out the Resources Centre.

If you need help, contact me by email at [gma.c1@lions.org.au](mailto:gma.c1@lions.org.au) or phone 0418 803 938. Remember the GMA team are here to assist you not just in the planning, but to provide any additional personal resources your club needs.

PDG Rob Royal, 201C1 GMA Coordinator



## Lions Anniversaries

Each month, we recognise and celebrate Lions' membership milestones.

### 5 YEARS

Lion Mary Baillie  
Tumby Bay & Districts

Lion Peter Grosvenor  
Richmond

Lion Robyn Macdonald  
Moonta

Lion Dorothy Marshall  
Maitland & District

Lion Harry Osborn  
Rocky River

### 10 YEARS

Lion Terry Brock  
Moonta

Lion Ronel Cillie  
Booleroo Centre & Districts

Lion Janelle Kirvan  
Lock

Lion Peter Korndorfer  
Elizabeth Playford

Lion William Pexton  
Richmond

Lion Tony Secker  
Moonta

### 15 YEARS

Lion Julie Atkinson  
Peterborough & District

Lion Shane Atkinson  
Peterborough & District

Lion Wayne Branson  
Tumby Bay & Districts

### 20 YEARS

Lion Gregory Flitton  
Booleroo Centre & Districts

Lion Alan Helps  
Mallala & District

### 50 YEARS

Lion Ronald Duncan  
Stansbury Dalrymple

Lion Lorenzo Duregon  
Port Augusta

Lion David Marshall  
Barossa Valley





**Lions Clubs International**

We support our global causes



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood  
Cancer

**BE THE CHANGE**

## Believe in Yourself

To change the world, we first must believe change is possible.

Here are some key steps that can help you face the challenges ahead.

### Be brave.

In the causes you tackle and in the work that you do, don't shy away from something that may seem too difficult. You're up to the task and other Lions are here to support you. So take that bold first step.

### Invest in the future.

We all have a reason to invest in the future, and young people may be uniquely positioned to help us create change. We are better able to deal with the issues facing our communities when they're at the table with us. Let's invite the next generation of global leaders to serve with us as Lions.

### Collaborate.

We do our best work as a team. Work with community leaders, other service organizations, and each other to address the biggest problems facing your communities. Collaboration makes change happen faster.

### Lead the way.

Lions and Leos lead by example. We show the world what is possible when people care about their communities and when kindness is the goal. Lead the way, and others will join you.

## GLT Zoom Sessions

The Cabinet Secretary will email all C1 Lions Clubs to the Zoom link prior to the meeting. Meetings start at 7:30pm and run for one (1) hour.

23 November	Club Branches - How to start one
25 January	Club Membership Approach update
22 February	Service Projects



## Welcome To Our New Lion Members

Welcome to the District C1 Lions Family.

### City of Adelaide

Carol Hau (transfer from Tasmania)

Magadalane Yel sponsored by Andrew Stacey

Joseph Mawien sponsored by PDG Tony Pederick

Scott Mariager sponsored by Lyn Mariager (nee Bermudez)

### Gawler

Jeffery Watson sponsored by Aileen Castigo-Hancock

### Elizabeth Playford

Don Berry sponsored by Brian Marshall

### Mallala & District

John Lush sponsored by Michael King

Patricia Kakoschke sponsored by Neil Kakoschke

### Richmond

Jillian Hunt sponsored by David Frith

John Rashleigh sponsored by Dianne Goldsworthy

Rosemary Fotheringham sponsored by Johannes Van Den Heuvel



# News from Lions Hearing Dogs

On November 14th, we observe the annual World Diabetes Day, with the theme "Access to Diabetes Care" from 2021 to 2023. It highlights a pressing issue: millions of people with diabetes worldwide lacking access to essential diabetes care. Managing diabetes requires continuous care and support to prevent complications.

This event serves as a crucial platform to address matters of utmost significance in the diabetes community, keeping diabetes at the forefront of public and political discussions. This year is particularly noteworthy as it marks the centenary of the 1923 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine awarded to scientists Frederick Banting and John Macleod for their groundbreaking discovery of insulin.

You can contribute to this cause and raise awareness about the need for enhanced diabetes education in several ways:

- Enrol in and share diabetes education courses: Expand your understanding of diabetes by participating in free courses and training available through the IDF School of Diabetes.
- Organise an event for your Lions Club: Arrange activities such as the "Lap the Map for Diabetes" walk, illuminate a local landmark, or host a local diabetes fair: <https://lionsclubs.org.au/lions-lap-the-map-for-diabetes/>
- Utilise our visual resources: Download and display our Medical Alert Dog posters, infographics, and banners in your community: <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/raise-funds/>



**Show Off  
Your Lions  
Pride**



**Lions make things happen!**

## Club Membership Growth Grants

Are you considering/implementing a Membership Growth Plan

Then consider for a District 201C1 Membership Growth Grant of up to \$500 to assist with some of the costs.

What can it be used for:

- PR Activities
- Printing of Club brochures/Banners etc
- Consumables at an info day event

There is no reason not to apply, so contact Rob Royal, GMA Coordinator on 0418 803 938, have a chat and an application form will be sent to you. You will need to supply details on the planned activities as part of the application process.







## Lion Spotlight: Bronte Cameron



**Name:** Bronte Cameron  
(Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford)

**How long have you been a Lion?**  
53 years

**Why did you join Lions?**  
Serve the community.

**How many ALHD dogs have you fostered?** 7 dogs  
Oscar - May 2018 – Nov 2018  
Cam - Feb 2019 to July 2019  
Bill - August 2019 to March 2020  
Pandora – July 2020 to March 2021  
Giddey - May 2021 to Jan 2022  
Tommy - Dec 2022 to July 2023  
Sunshine – July 2023 to Dec 2023

### Past Lions Positions & Service

- Past President (Lions Club of Salisbury & Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford)
- Zone Chairman
- Youth Exchange
- Drug Awareness
- Youth Outreach
- Youth Liaison Projects
- Youth Projects Chairman
- District Chairman ALDAF & Quest
- State Director of SA/NT ALDAF
- Lions Village Licola
- State Director ALDAF
- Leo Coordinator
- Lions Quest District Chairman
- Cabinet officer (for 33 years)
- Australian Lions Hearing Dogs foster carer
- MD201 Lions Quest Chairman
- Director Australian Lions Quest Youth Foundation
- Project Manager & Director of the Lions Quest Programs
- Steering Committee Management Group "Tune In Not Out" Project

and many many more...

## Torrens Valley Lions Club

**T**orrens Valley Club has been busy, as usual, starting with a working bee at clubrooms and attached cemetery where Lions Partner Trevor disturbed a very long brown snake in the long grass

Bunning BBQ's at Modbury have been going well with members either doing a morning or afternoon shift. We also were able to set up in the foyer to sell our raffle tickets and Christmas cakes.

A few of our members have been on the sick list, all seem to be recovering and hopefully be back at the club in no time.

Raffle ticket sales are going well and plans are underway to sell in each of the towns, where we will also have cake sales, on an advertised date and time.

We have received an update on our sponsor dog, Butch. He is socialising and getting on well with his trainer.

Our C1 Making Strides participants are doing well, bit of a competition going on, I think.

At our recent dinner meeting we had Michelle from Relay for Life as a guest speaker and a request to help with catering on the day, which we have agreed to. We also had young Cameron (gymnast) and his mother attend, we presented Cameron with a cheque to help him achieve his trip to Birmingham UK to participate in the World Trampoline Championships 2023. Cameron will attend another meeting on his return to talk about his trip and achievements.

Members are assisting the local Little Athletics Club by cooking a bbq at their next 3 meets, it is good to see these young ones giving various athletics a go, some are quite funny to watch when trying out for the first time.

### Our Approach

## The Service Journey

If the past 100 years have taught us anything, it's that as we serve, we grow. And we were never meant to stop.

# Always Remembered

Lions who passed away in September/October 2023

**Lion Graham Nicklen**  
Modbury

**Lion Suzanne Slade**  
Stansbury Dalrymple



## PR Trailer Bookings 2023/24

**T**he PR Trailer comes with all the PR materials you need, but you are welcome to utilise your club's own materials. We just ask that the trailer is returned in the same condition it was picked up.

You will need to organise with PDG Dean Noll or VDG Peter Korndorfer, pick up and drop off of the trailer. It is generally housed in Gawler, and the facility is not accessible on the

weekend. The trailer may also be stored at other locations depending on use. Please get in early and organise the pick up and drop off.

Please note that the trailer will need to be signed for when picking it up.

Bookings are below. Remember to plan, and book early.

Club	Dates Required	Event
Gilles Plains Lions Club	1 - 3 December 2023	Skin Cancer Screening
Salisbury Lions Club	22 September 2024	Dogs Day Out 2024

The trailer will either be at the Lions Club of Gawler or The Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford.  
Contact VDG Peter Korndorfer on 0402 483 059 or korndogg1866@gmail.com for more information.



# Recruitment & Retention

## Recruitment Tips

- Contact two previous members
- Have a Lions sign at the entrance to your meeting venue "Lions Meet Here"
- Consider a club Instagram page
- An ad or story on community radio

## Why must we grow as an organisation?

- The needs of our community are continually increasing
- There are new service projects to undertake
- We need new ideas to enhance our clubs
- To ensure we can continue to serve
- We will grow to 1.5 million members across the world

## Retention Tips

- Thank you certificates
- Member of the month award
- Limiting meetings to less than 2 hours
- Sending get well cards to members
- Fellowship before and after meetings

## Club Membership Plan

- Every club must have a Club Membership Plan
- It needs to include a realistic recruitment target
- It also needs to include a realistic loss prediction
- It needs to consider who you will target, how you will recruit plus how you will retain members.
- The club members must own it

## What's happening out there?

- Our membership numbers are currently positive, so far we have recruited over 45 members since July 1 and have over 10 members net growth
- The new clubs team are currently working on a Port Adelaide/Le Fevre Peninsula Club
- It was great to hear about the work of Zone 4 clubs at their recent meeting
- Clubs should be considering Cubs and Leos opportunities
- We should consider this simple quote "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Lets make sure Lions has a bright future!

## Diversity & Inclusion

Do we have people of different genders	YES
Do we have people of different ages	YES
Do we have people of different religions	YES
Do we have people of different cultures	YES
Do we have members of different backgrounds	YES
Do we have members living with a disability	YES
Do we have people of different sexualities	YES

Diversity and Inclusion is an ongoing challenge as our communities are ever changing. However, we can embrace change by embracing all potential new members as long as they are ready to serve.

Alex Coates  
GMT Coordinator

## Dogs Day Out

On Sunday 24th Sept, we were invited to Mawson Lakes Dogs Day Out, a great event put on by Salisbury Lions. We, the members of Tea Tree Gully Lions set up our Sausage Sizzle trailer.

The attached photo shows us taking a well earned break, after a very busy and profitable day.

We have already been invited back to this event in 2024.

Yours in Lions, PP Tom Brewer



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# News from Peterborough & District

After over a year of monthly meetings, followed by weekly meetings since September, our Club is looking forward to hosting the Lions 201 C1 District Convention on Friday 27th - Sunday 29th October and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

It should be a great weekend of learning more about Lions with fun and fellowship. More details and photos in the next DG's Bulletin!

A working bee at the Lions Rose Garden on Saturday 7th October, saw members clean and tidy the area in readiness for the Red Cross Open Gardens on Saturday 28th October, as we have been included in their list of 9 gardens this year.

The Open Gardens Committee were invited by Lions to be a part of the Lions 201 C1 District Convention weekend, by holding their event later than usual.

Lions over several months have undertaken putting weed mat and mulch down, on top of their usual weeding, pruning, fertilising of the roses etc. Recently, the Lions sign at the Rose Garden was painted, too.

The Lions Memorial Fountain in the Main Street has had cleaning and maintenance done.

Three members attended the Zone Meeting in Laura on Thursday 12th October and had a great night enjoying the meeting and the fellowship. Bingo was held on Friday 13th October in the Main Street.

Members had a very successful day on Saturday 14th October, Referendum Day, selling donuts from their new Catering Van to the locals and those that came from surrounding towns for voting.

The basketball season has started, with Lions again running the canteen on the Mon & Tues evenings on a rostered basis with President Julie Atkinson organising the canteen supplies, as well as working. This is a great fundraiser for the Club.

After the Lions 201 C1 District Convention, the next event our Club will be organising will be the Lions Senior Citizens & Aged Pensioners Christmas Dinner on Friday 24th November in the Town Hall.

This event has been held for over 30 years and provides everyone a free meal, and musical entertainment by various talented local singers & the choir. The meal is prepared by Lions with local High School students serving the meals.

Our Club looks forward to seeing you at the Convention!



## Vale Sue Slade

2/1/49 - 29/9/23 - Farewell Sue.

Master of the Institute dishwasher, chief cutter and arranger of sandwiches and willing cook of needed goodies.

A valued member of our club, who was always there when there was a need and a job to be done.

We thank Sue for sharing her wonderful artistic talents and managing our Peace Poster contributions in previous years.

Lions Club of Stansbury Dalrymple

# Children's Vision Screenings

Children's vision screenings held at the Elizabeth South Primary School, supported by several C1 Lions Club.

A team of Lions from the Elizabeth Playford, Golden Grove, Glenside and Burnside Lions Clubs recently completed a Vision Screening at the Elizabeth South Primary School. Carried out over two days, the team screened 65 children and referred 25 for further examination by a Eye Health Professional.

The screening reached about 40% of the students currently enrolled at the school. This is a very good response as this was the first visit to this school by a Lions Children's Vision Screening team.

It is expected that the team will be invited back early in the next school term to screen further children as Parent Consent forms continue to be returned.

Each child screened was invited to choose a book from a selection of children's books provided by the Glenside Lions Club Bookmart to take home with them.

It is expected that a children's vision screening will become an annual event at the school. Discussions are expected to begin shortly to confirm dates for 2024.



## Radio Promo

Club Presidents and Secretaries: Lion Nick Brown (President of the Lions Club of Gawler) will be pleased to promote any upcoming projects, events and/or activities that your club may have on PBA-FM (FM 89.7 in the northern suburbs or listen on [www.pbafm.org.au](http://www.pbafm.org.au).)

For more information, or to share your club's news and upcoming events, please contact Lion Nick email [nick.brown@pbafm.org.au](mailto:nick.brown@pbafm.org.au) or call him on 0417 014 431.



## Your Club Website

It is very important that clubs have a website to promote their projects, events and activities. For many, your club's website will be the first port of call to make contact. Social media is a great promotional tool, but works best in conjunction with a website.

If your club doesn't have a website and would like to discuss how to go about getting your club back online, contact Petrea Stacey via [pr.c1@lions.org.au](mailto:pr.c1@lions.org.au) or 0410 625 005 to discuss your options.





## How?

Lion members in the C1 District are invited to record their steps/kms as they walk, run, skate, bike, row or swim. Clubs collate and share their records with the project coordinators every 1-2 weeks, for a 90 day period.

## Why?

By Lions getting out there and being active, we hope to encourage family, friends and the community, to get active too, adopt a healthy lifestyle, and raise awareness for diabetes.

## Track

Track the progress of clubs, and the district, with the district leader board. This will be updated regularly on the district website and social media.

How far can we travel together? Can we beat our current record of 69,007.57km which we set in 2021? We were close in 2022.

This year, C1 Making Strides will be visiting as many Lions Clubs across the MD201 area as possible, on our way to the 2024 Lions International Convention in Melbourne.



**For more information and to submit your records, please contact  
Petrea & Andrew Stacey via [c1makingstrides@gmail.com](mailto:c1makingstrides@gmail.com)**





C1 Making Strides is back for 2023 – together we can get active, adopt a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness for diabetes.

## How does your club get involved?

### Step 1

Email [c1makingstrides@gmail.com](mailto:c1makingstrides@gmail.com) to register your club's interest.

Whether you have 1 member or 30 that want to participate, every step counts.

### Step 2

Starting Thursday, August 17th, start recording your steps/kms when you walk, run, skate, bike, row or swim, keep your club's spreadsheet Up-to-date.

### Step 3

Every 1-2 weeks, submit your updated spreadsheet to [c1makingstrides@gmail.com](mailto:c1makingstrides@gmail.com)

### Step 4

Follow the C1 Making Strides Facebook page and [www.lions201c1.org.au](http://www.lions201c1.org.au)

### Step 5

Stop recording after November 14th, and submit your final records no later than November 21st.

**For more information and to submit your records, please contact  
Petrea & Andrew Stacey via [c1makingstrides@gmail.com](mailto:c1makingstrides@gmail.com)**





## 2023 Challenge Categories

1. Overall club based on total kilometres travelled
2. Overall club based on total kilometres travelled per participating Lions
3. Overall club based on total kilometres walked
4. Overall zone based on the total kilometres travelled by clubs in a zone
5. Individual who walked the furthest total distance
6. Individual who cycled the furthest total distance
7. Club that promotes diabetes awareness the most effectively

**Gather your members, club and zone together, and  
let's get active!**

**For more information and to submit your records, please contact  
Petrea & Andrew Stacey via [c1makingstrides@gmail.com](mailto:c1makingstrides@gmail.com)**



## Convention Details - LCICON24

### Save The Date

Friday 21st June 2024 - Sunday 23rd June 2024

### Host City - Melbourne

Creativity and innovation come together to deliver real change and great events, exciting places to explore and cutting-edge advancements that are globally acclaimed. Explore Melbourne on foot or via its extensive transport network and discover its creative culture, expressed in its food, fashion, events, arts and music scene. For those wanting to explore further afield, the unique natural beauty of regional Victoria is just a short trip away.

### Venue - Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre

The countdown is officially on for LCICON24 and it's time for the convention committee and our ambassadors to start spreading the word. It is such a privilege to be the host of a Lions International Convention which attract more than 14,000 delegates from all around the Lion world each year. For any Lions or Leos in Australia who have never attended a National or International Convention, LCICON24 in Melbourne is the perfect time to do so.

This is a unique opportunity for our members to connect with Lions leaders, members and Leos from across the globe. Attendees are sure to be inspired, entertained and meet new friends. The last time an International Convention was held in Australia was in Sydney in the year of 2010. Those of you who attended you will know first-hand the unique experience and privilege it is to host an event of this kind.

### Volunteering Opportunities

The International Convention is a big job and we would love the help of our local Lions.

From greeters, transport and convention guides to a range of projects in the lead up to convention there are some fantastic opportunities for Lions and Leos to volunteer and make some special memories that will last a lifetime.

Please help us spread the word and encourage anyone interested to register their interest here:

Visit Our Registration Page: [www.melbourne2024.org.au/volunteers-and-supporters](http://www.melbourne2024.org.au/volunteers-and-supporters)

### Gifts for our International Visitors

Our gift is to be an Indigenous theme and be a true reflection of Australia both past and the present. We have decided on the message sticks made from reclaimed timber from the 2019/20 Black Summer Bushfires at no cost.



### Stay Connected

#### Email

[melb2024host.comms@lions.org.au](mailto:melb2024host.comms@lions.org.au)

#### Website

[melbourne2024.org.au](http://melbourne2024.org.au)

#### Social Media

[facebook.com/groups/lciconmelb2024/](https://facebook.com/groups/lciconmelb2024/) [instagram.com/lciconmelb2024/](https://instagram.com/lciconmelb2024/)

Yvonne Bradford

Ambassador 2024 – 201c1



# News from the Lions Club of Onkaparinga

The ROAR Talent Tour; a new member; Shed activities; Doll Sale; Student Instrumental Scholarships; Fly a Kite for Sight.

As this newsletter goes to print, the ROAR Talent Tour has just commenced after months of work from a team of local young people, music professionals, teachers and council youth workers. This event was initiated by Lions Corry Moors earlier this year as a way of acknowledging young musicians and to bring local halls to life with performances. A partnership between the Lions Club of Onkaparinga and the Adelaide Hills Council was established and the ROAR Talent Tour evolved. The music competition is open to youth between ages 11 – 25, split into 2 categories, 11-17 and 18-25 years. 36 applicants were received with a total of 21 acts selected based on criteria set by the organising committee. Auditions will be held on 21st, 28th October 2023 and 11th November 2023 at Woodside Institute, Oakbank Memorial Hall and Lobethal Centennial Hall. Finals will be held on 2nd December 2023 at the Bridgewater Sports and Social Club. The 11-17-year-olds will compete for a two-day recording session at a studio (with mixing and mastering) and the 18-25-year-olds will compete for a chance to perform at the 2024 Vintage Vibes music festival at Woodside.



Club members warmly welcomed a new member in September with PDG Dr Charles Mattner inducting Stella Bellosguardo with sponsor Sharyn Shillabeer formally introducing Stella to the Club. As a volunteer at the Club, Stella has participated in a number of service activities including our roadside cleanup and weekly at the Lions Shed. As a qualified electrical tester, Stella has joined Lion David Schiller and volunteers Jeff and Rod in the electrical testing department.



We have continued to see many of our members assisting the Lions Shed Coordinators on Friday and Saturday mornings at the Lions Shed at Woodside. During September almost 200 community members donated unwanted items to the Shed – ranging from a bag full to boot loads and trailer loads. A lot of items that would have been destined to landfill. Lions members

also assisted 27 community members by collecting larger items from their homes. A community member donated over 2000 dolls to the Shed – more than we could handle so a Doll Sale was organised on the 9th and 10th of September at the Balhannah Hall. Many dolls found their forever homes, but we still have more available.

In August, President Eileen Williams and Secretary Lyn Green attended the Lobethal Harmony Club Instrumental Scholarship auditions. As part of youth support in our district, the Club provides an annual scholarship, the Pfeiffer Family Instrumental Scholarship, to a school age applicant. Administered by the Lobethal Harmony Club, the scholarship provides financial support towards the student's music journey during the next 12 months. This year, 6 students (3 piano; 1 cello; 1 clarinet) were selected to audition and the student playing the cello was awarded the scholarship. The others received gift vouchers from music stores.



Initiative: Lobethal Primary School and Uraidla Primary School both held events with their young students. Lions Roz Bowering and Lyn Green supported the event at Uraidla Primary School and spent a delightful couple of hours with reception and year one students and their 2 teachers (one of whom was Lion Bob Martin's daughter). An age-appropriate chat about eye health and how to maintain it started off the event and both Roz and Lyn were impressed with some very insightful contributions from the students. Then the students coloured in their kites and assembled them with the adults' help. The children then went outside and lined up to fly their kites. A few running repairs were required afterwards!



# 52 Years of Commitment to Lions and the Community

Joseph (Joe) Van Den Heuven's Lions story (as described by Joe) and a little history of the Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

In 1969/1970, 6 men (all originally immigrants from Holland), were asked to join the Lions Club of Richmond Inc. One of these was Joe Van Den Heuven.

The Club was struggling for new members at the time, but the 6 new members raised the member numbers to 21.

The new members did not know anything about 'Lionism' but were keen to learn and to participate.

The old members were mostly business people. Men wore black suits and ties to the meetings.

The new members discovered there was a President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and floor members.

The Club met at a hotel every month on Monday nights.

The first meeting was a business meeting. This meeting commenced with the Song of Australia and God Save The Queen.

The second meeting in the month included partners.

The third meeting was a Board meeting at the Presidents home.

At Business meetings, there was discussion regarding what could be done in the local council area of West Torrens, (one member was a Councillor for the Council) so the Club got on well with the Mayor and Council officers. The Club did small jobs around the West Torrens Council area, mostly gardening etc for the elderly.

Then the Club started a different form of activity.

We started doing garage sales from members homes and started to make some money. Then Xmas cake sales started as well. We went door-to-door with a sleigh, with cakes also being sold at the Council and a local chemist and a bank. A friend worked at a factory and sold a lot of cakes.

My brother Henk became President in 1974/1975 and I became President in 1977/1978 and again in 1980/1981. The Club continued to develop and look to new initiatives. We were able to get some money from the Government to help the West Torrens Council to build the Steve Hamra Retirement Village. The Club put in floor coverings and electrical fittings.

We lost a number of members and the Club fell to only 13 members. At one point in time many of the original Dutch group left to live at Willunga. However, the Club did attract some new members.

Lion Frank Norton talked the Council into building a double garage on Streeters Road for the Club. We did garage sales from there. We won a car lottery and sold it for \$25,000 and bought a van. The Club also used my ute as well. We started picking up paper and bottles from hotels and hospitals.

Joe was Shed Manager and Treasurer during this time. The Club gave many small donations but were also able to buy a bus for the West Torrens Council for use as a community bus.

In January 2022, an arsonist burnt the shed used for garage sales. A major shock to the Club. The Council let the Club store items in the Former Camden Park primary School Gymnasium, while they looked for a new site for a shed.

After a month, I talked the Council into letting the Club do some garage sales while the Council continued to look for another site.

The Council gave permission for garage sales. The Club received a lot of help from a number of people. They helped set up tables and sort goods so as to be ready for a sale.

We started to collect donated furniture from the local area. We also started to collect papers and bottles and cans from the State Administration Centre.

I was still Shed Manager and so Dean Backhouse (who was a bank manager) took over the role of Treasurer.

We started to get volunteers helping us. We could not have achieved the sales without their help. Membership grew to about 16 at this time.

With the success of the sales we were able to make lots of small donations. Western Youth Centre and Children's hospital, Foodbank, long Street Church Hall, West Torrens Council bus etc.

I also did some work at the Hearing Dogs Centre.

The President and Secretary of the Richmond Lions Club believe that Joe has been very modest in his story.

He has been awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship and many other awards. He refuses to accept any awards for his past and current commitment.

Joe continues to be one of the most active members of the Club, providing service for over 60 hours a month, undertaking a variety of activities including driving one of the Clubs two vans.



# Christmas is Coming!

Have you started thinking about Christmas presents yet? We have some exciting new merchandise in stock for you to purchase – whether that be for friends and family, guest speakers at local events, or people in your community who support your Lions activities. (Plus, it all goes to a good cause!)

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## SCASA Awards 2023

The Service Clubs Association of SA (SCASA) held the annual Premier's Community Service Awards at the Glenelg Golf Club on Sunday October 29, 2023. Each year, this event brings together service clubs from across South Australia. It is an afternoon of meeting incredible volunteers and being inspired by the amazing projects and community service they are all involved with.

It was a busy day for the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide with members in Peterborough for our District Convention as well as supporting a large event in Adelaide. A big thank you to Lions Richard & Mena for attending the awards luncheon, and representing our club.

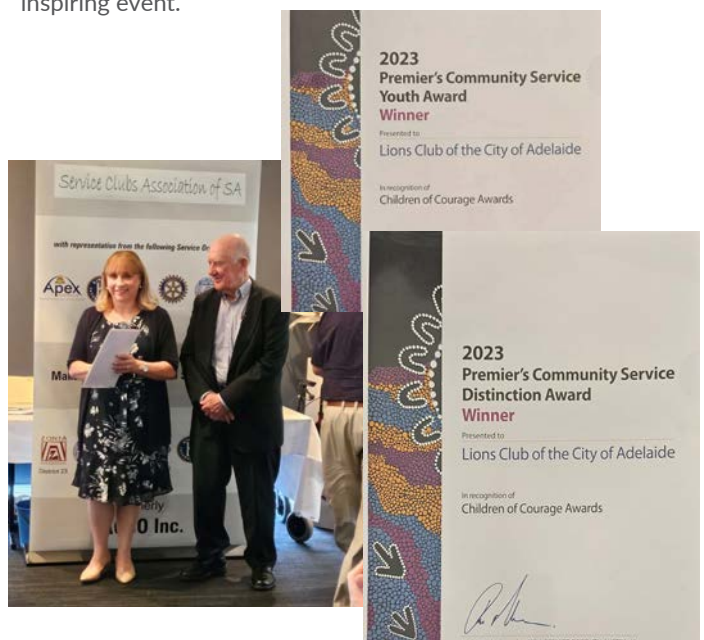
We are honoured to have won the Youth Award category for our Lions Children of Courage Awards this year. This is a long-running project of our club that has seen hundreds of children living with a disability recognised.

In addition to the Youth Award, our Lions Children of Courage Awards also won the Premier's Community Service Distinction Award; such an honour!

We would also like to congratulate Clare District Lions Club on receiving the Community Activity Award for their Second Hand Furniture Shed. They also received a Commendation for the

Premier's Commy Service Distinction Award for this project too. A fantastic project in their community. Congratulations to all the Clare District Lions and volunteers.

Congratulations to all the service clubs, nominees, award recipients, volunteers and the SCASA committee. Another truly inspiring event.





# Around Our District



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# C1 District Convention 2023







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Sharing stories from  
Lions Clubs around SA  
Please contact  
Pat Williams 0411 492 223

## Updated Contact Info

Please note the change in contact details for the Lions Club of Modbury, in part due to the closure of the Modbury Post Office located at Tea Tree Plaza, which will be closing in November.

Lions Club of Modbury  
PO Box 298, Modbury North SA 5092

Lion Alan Zwar's updated email address: ranzawal@gmail.com

## Medical Alert Dog - Sal

Sal is the first medical alert dog to be trained and placed by Australian Lions Hearing Dogs. Sal is proudly sponsored by the Lions Club of Salisbury.

Sal lets her recipient know when their blood glucose level is outside the desired range.

Sal has now been placed for over a year and is doing such a great job!

Lions Club of Salisbury.



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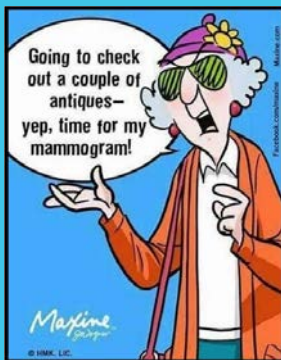
# Jokes From Around C1

Do y'all remember, before the internet, that people thought the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information? Yeah. It wasn't that.

From Torrens Valley Lions Club

My super power is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.

From Clare District Lions Club



From Stansbury Dalrymple Lions Club

Think before you act

The new CEO decides it is time to rid the company of slackers.

On tour of the facilities, he notices a guy leaning against the wall.

The room was full of workers.

Seeing a chance to show he meant business, he says to the guy, "How much money do you earn in a week?"

A little surprised, the young man says, "I make \$400. Why?"

The CEO says, "Wait right here." He walks back to his office and comes back in two minutes. He hands the guy \$1,600 in cash and says, "Here is four weeks pay. Now get out and don't come back!"

Feeling like a boss now, the CEO looks around and says, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goofball's job was around here?"

From across the room a voice says, "Pizza delivery guy from Dominoes."

From Stansbury Dalrymple Lions Club



You know, there are some things that you just never think of ... like Mt Rushmore from the Canadian side.

From Port Augusta Lions Club

My dad used to say to me, "When one door closes, another will open."  
He was a brilliant philosopher but a terrible cabinet maker!

From Cowell Lions Club



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