

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025



From DG Steve

Well, April fool jokes are already out and about, I had not realised that all clubs in the district were sponsoring a real lion! But there it was on our Facebook page so it must be true.

Our district is travelling well, especially when compared to the other districts in Australia. This has not been the case for many years, regarding to membership numbers, new clubs, training etc. We need to continue this trend through to the end of the year.

It is an interesting time for our district as we prepare to hand the reins over to the new incoming club Presidents, the District Governor, and their respective teams. As this is the last quarter of our Lion's year, it's time to reflect on what has been achieved and what still needs to be completed.

If you or your club require any support, please reach out to your zone chairpersons. Feel free to contact myself with a phone call or email and we can have a chat about any concerns you may have.

NOTE!

I really enjoy finding out about all the great things that you are



doing in district as well.

Easter is upon us, so I ask you all to enjoy the season and the 4-day long weekend.

Have fun, enjoy your Lions experiences and stay safe.

Cheers,
Steve Fawcett

District Governor
Lions District 201 C1

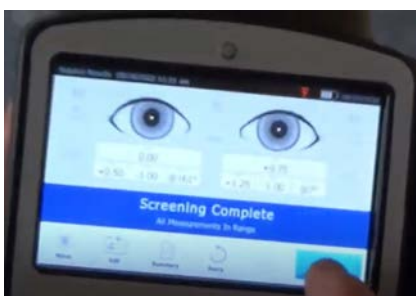
News from Glenside

For Lions Awareness Week, Bunnings at Kent Town offered local Lions Clubs space inside the store for promotional activity. Glenside took up the offer, and leveraged it to have the Hearing Australia mobile unit in the carpark too. This was to highlight Lions' engagement with health-related issues. We harvested only one name at our stall, despite being positioned just beside the child-sized trolleys.



But we have a pipeline of interested potential members, highlighting the often remarked-upon success of informal contacts and personal invitations, as opposed to set-piece membership drives.

Visible service delivery is the other way to attract new members. On 4 April Burnside Council will run an open-air film-show in Hanson Reserve, right beside our Bookmart. This presented Mike Neal with an irresistible chance for another walk-in Children's Vision Screening event, which he has organised together with Peter Keam, Glenside's LEHP Coordinator.



Welcome To Our New Lion Members

Welcome to the District C1 Lions Family.

Adelaide Filipino

Grace Dalogdog
Alfredo Paniza
Lore Espartero
J-Mark Rodriguez

Balaklava & District

Melville Haynes sponsored by Maurice Tiller

Barossa Valley

Robert Fletcher sponsored by Kenneth Milne
Geoffrey Fulwood sponsored by Kenneth Milne

Elizabeth Playford

Jason Cass sponsored by Diana Newell

Gawler

Dennis Blizzard sponsored by Elizabeth March
Jennifer Blizzard sponsored by Elizabeth March

Gilbert Valley

Ebony Hean sponsored by Carmel Paxton
Liz Hean sponsored by Carmel Paxton

Mallala & District

Paul Guerin sponsored by John Lush

Modbury

Jason Wilson sponsored by Peter Wilson

Port Lincoln

Valerie Pope sponsored by Michael Wynne

Quorn

Marjorie Calliss sponsored by Anne Freebairn

Walleroo

Peter Dixon sponsored by Moira Copping

Breaking News!

Lions District 201C1 to Adopt REAL Lions!

After years of serving communities worldwide, our Lions Clubs are taking its name to the next level! Starting today, each club will be assigned a real lion as an honorary member.

These new furry recruits will:

1. Attend meetings (virtually - safety first!)
2. Help with community projects (mainly by providing roars of encouragement)
3. Be the new face of service with heart... and a mighty mane!

Stay tuned for lion training sessions and official club safari gear.

#AprilFools #LionsClub #WeServe (But Not as Lion Tamers!)
#Lions201C1



LIONS ROAR!

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[FIND OUT MORE](#)



www.lions201c1.org.au



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News from Port Augusta Lions

The Port Augusta Lions Club have been very busy with events, activities and much more. Recently, the club presented a cheque for \$1,100 to Stirling North Country Fire Service Cadets. The Club also recently presented a cheque for \$400 to support Dance Explosions.



Lions Support SARRC

Another hot evening at the Adelaide University oval on Friday, 14th March found us preparing to cook up a storm for the SA Runners, our second BBQ for that organisation in this season of warmer than usual summer.

Our multicultural Lion members each set about preparing each workstation for food preparation, ensuring the serving of the runners would be fast and efficient. Once we are wearing our blue Lion aprons and gloves cooking and food preparation is underway.

Once each entrant has received their running number they line up and then the running is underway. We marvel at the stamina many runners have to undertake runs in such warm weather, the advantage being that the run is happening in the early evening and not in the heat of daytime temperatures.

We were very busy serving hot sausages, onions, and beef burgers. Happy children love to put the sauce on their sausages and runners carefully walk off with the piled high burger ready to enjoy their food.

As the evening progresses we get caught up with the cheering of spectators as early entrants begin returning to the finish line or those being cheered on to complete their number to cover around the circuit.

The evening was starting to get much cooler much to our relief, as many runners had finished their circuits they gathered to collect their medals, some moving on to get their name engraved and group photos were being taken.

We were able to chat with some of the runners and share some happy exchanges. We love to meet and spend time with the individuals and groups that we support.

Yes, we Lions volunteers serve the community in many ways, and on this occasion it was to support runners and their families through catering for their event and share their enthusiasm for fitness. Health and wellbeing are very important, and link in with our global cause, diabetes.

Kaleeda Rasheed
City of Adelaide Lions Club



Club Charter Anniversaries

April 2025

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

Celebrating 61 years

Whyalla - 1 April 1964
West Beach - 15 April 1964

Celebrating 56 years

Salisbury - 17 April 1969

Celebrating 53 years

Kimba - 25 April 1972

Celebrating 44 years

Cowell - 22 April 1980

News from Richmond Lions Club

Volunteers with the Richmond Lions Club knit 20cm by 40cm rectangles, which are then sewn together to make beautiful and warm blankets.

Pictured here is the 40th blanket knitted by the group, which was donated to the Adelaide Day Centre for the homeless, as many previously-made blankets have been.

Donations of 8 ply wool is appreciated.



Guide for Forming a LEO Club

1. Download and read the Leo Handbook. It is available from the LCI Resource Centre. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>

Just search for Leo Club Program Handbook. This booklet explains in detail how to establish a club. There is also a PowerPoint called "Why Start A Leo Club".

2. Gain approval of your club to start working on establishing a Leo club. Your club needs to pay the yearly fee of \$US100.

3. Recruit at least one other Lions member to assist you with the establishment and running of the club. One of you needs to be appointed as Leo Advisor by your club members. You will need WWCC certificates. Apply online as volunteers asap (no fee).

4. Seek support from your District Leo Chairperson. I have quite a few templates on file for you to use – voting slips, meeting script, minutes recording sheet.

5. Decide whether you want to form a school-based or community-based Leo club. Alpha Leos must be from 12-18 years old, while Omega Leos are from 18 – 30 years old.

6. For a school-based club, the next step is to contact the school and arrange a meeting to discuss your proposal. If possible, meet with the principal or extra-curricular activities leader. Give the leader a copy of the Leo Club Program Handbook. Arrange a follow-up meeting date for making final decisions. Agenda items- information about Lions International, purpose of Leo club, structure, fees, forms, charter event, venue.

7. For a community-based club, you will need to find a suitable venue in the local community for club meetings.

8. Meet with school leaders again to finalise arrangements. Agree on a fee per student for the purchase of resources. \$50 per student is a normal amount. There is an information sheet in the LCI Resource Centre. Search for Leo Club Program Fees.

9. Advertise the club through the school newsletter/ emails, or on community Facebook pages and posters for community-based clubs.

10. Distribute and collect enrollment forms. Alpha Leo members must gain parental consent before their details are entered on the Lions Portal. You need at least ten members before sending the form to LCI for the chartering process. While younger students may join the club, their details cannot be entered in the Lions Portal until they turn 12 years old.

The form is in the LCI Resource Centre – Alpha Application For Leo Club Membership form.

11. Hold the first club meetings to clarify the purpose, elect club officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors (optional). Start planning your first projects.

12. Inform your District Governor of the formation of your Leo Club. Agree on a suitable date for your club charter.

13. Fill in the Leo Club Organisation Report form available from the LCI Resource Centre. This lists your charter members, as well as the details about your Leo Advisor, your Club President and the Leo President. Allow 4-6 weeks before you receive an email to inform you that the club has been chartered. You will also receive charter pins for the listed members, a club charter certificate and three copies of the extension certificate.

14. Send for resources from LCI through your club account. See Leo Resources on LCI website for details. Your club might want to order Leo pins for new members.

15. Start planning your charter ceremony (in collaboration with the school leaders). I have a sample program and order of ceremony on file for you to use as a guide.

16. Decide who will be awarded the extension certificates on charter night. See details in the Leo Handbook.

17. When you receive your charter, put details of your members and office bearers on the Lion Portal. Your Leo club will be on your club home page on the righthand side under Sponsored Clubs. Your secretary may need to put your name in as Leo Advisor first, so that you have access.

18. CHARTER YOUR CLUB.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- You, as Leo Advisor, are a guide on the side. The students will run the club their way, with you as an advisor.
- You need at least ten members aged 12-18 (for Alpha Leos) and between 18 – 30 years old (for Omega Leos) to charter a club.
- Your club must pay \$US100 per year to LCI.
- Report regularly to your club about the Leo projects underway. Invite your Leo President to attend your club meetings.
- Report hours of service for your Leos in the Lion Portal every month.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for support.

Annette Slater

C1 District Leo Chairperson

Leo Advisor – Pedare Christian College Alpha Leo Club
(sponsored by Golden Grove Lions)

News from Peterborough Lions

As part of the March 'Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure', our Club decided to set up a large front window display in a vacant shop that was generously loaned to us for free for the month of March.

Judy Higginson set up the display on Thurs 6 March with Alex French helping with the large club banners & stands. Emily Lowe did all the great A3 laminated posters of our Lions Global Causes, our Club projects & how to join our Club, which was displayed on the side windows & door of the shop.

The focus of the display was to showcase not only our products of Lions mints, cakes & puddings, but also our Club's proud history of historical records of old minutes of our Club projects & services. Photo albums showed events & Club members over the years. Other club memorabilia was also on display.

Also, on display was some of our service projects, including the ring pulls that we recycle for cash for various projects & also reading glasses that we send to the 'Lions Recycle for Sight' project. The shop display drew a lot of interest from local people & tourists.

On Sat 8 March, Judy Higginson had a display at an inside market of our Lions products, including mints, cakes & puddings along with historical Club memorabilia & the Ring pulls & reading glasses, with many new people to the town asking about these projects & our Club. Vanessa Malycha had her Lions Hearing Dogs stall with all the available merchandise, which is always popular.

On Saturday 1 March, Club members were involved in the basketball grand finals from 1-9pm, working both in the Lions

Canteen, whilst other members made donuts, which were sold through the canteen. The Lions canteen has been a great fundraiser for the Club during the basketball season & a great way of connecting with youth. Last year, some of the money from the canteen was donated back into the basketball youth training program.

Club elections were held on Tues 4 March. Bingo continues to be held twice a month. Lions will be selling donuts from the van on Sat 29 March.

The District Zoom Meetings are a great source of information, including the recent Global Causes, which are enjoyed by some of our members.

Social Director Vanessa Malycha, Beth Chapman & Judy Higginson enjoyed a social trip to the Gladstone Gaol Open Day on Sun 16 March & then onto Laura for lunch. On Sat 22 Feb, 10 members attended the social outing organised by Vanessa to the Flinders Gin Distillery in Quorn & then onto Tickle Belly Hill Cafe for lunch. Both days were fun days out.

Telephone Directories have arrived on Sat 22 March & Club members have a month to deliver these to people's letterbox. The money raised from this is used for our Administration Account.

Club member Alex French will be doing the 'World's Greatest Shave' on Thurs 10 April. Our Club donated \$250.00 to his page.



Always Remembered

Lions who recently passed away.

Lion David Box
Jamestown

Lion Ian Symonds
Jamestown

News from West Beach Lions Club

At its dinner meeting on 19 February members welcomed 1st VDG Ray Najar to outline his vision for his upcoming year as District Governor. Ray also spoke of his background and how he had progressed throughout his working life.

At the meeting Ray was pleased to present Melvin Jones Fellowships to President David Parrish and Vice-President Dik Karssen for their service to Lions and the local community over many years.

The opportunity was also taken to present Caitlyn from Camp Quality with a cheque for the residual funds remaining from the total of \$87,000 raised by the Club and its fellow clubs with support from the ALF for the purchase and fitout of a new caravan at West Beach Caravan Park. Caitlyn reported that the facility was extremely popular with visiting families with sick children.

On 25th February, the Club was proud to install its 4th Buddy Bench at The Star of the Sea Primary School at Henley with the continuing support of the Community Bank at West Beach. This facility is designed for those students, who are feeling lonely or distressed, and aims to attract fellow students to give encouragement and support as a "buddy".

On 1st and 2nd March, the Club hosted a free Skin Cancer Screening event at Henley Square with approximately 130 persons being screened. Some 25% of those presenting were referred on to their doctors for further assessment.

We were pleased to be fully booked on both days, but unfortunately had to turn away perhaps twice as many persons as were screened. The enormous value of this project medically and in enhancing the visibility of Lions in the community cannot be overstated.

David Parrish
West Beach Lions Club



District 201 C1 Convention 2025

District 201 C1 Lions Convention: Lions Working Together

Convention Dates: 10th – 12th October 2025

Planning for the 2025 Lions Convention for District 201 C1 is well underway. An enthusiastic committee of eight, representing Lions Clubs City of Adelaide, Glenside and Adelaide Italian have been meeting regularly since November last year.

The conference base will be at the Royal Coach Hotel at 24 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town. A fantastic central location within easy reach of the Adelaide CBD. The Committee have negotiated a very attractive accommodation discount for participants who wish to stay 'on site' for the two nights of the conference, in either the hotel or the nearby Econo Lodge East at 27 Dequetteville Terrace (next door the Conference headquarters.) Contact royalcoach.com.au or (08) 83625676, using promo code LIONSCT25. Early booking is advised.

The conference will kick off with registration on Friday 10th October from 3.00 pm -5.00 pm. Then put on your glad rags as at 6.00 pm there will be a formal welcome and flag ceremony at a Lord Mayoral Reception at the Adelaide Town Hall's Queen Adelaide Room, King William Street, Adelaide. Buses will be provided to transport you to and from this event to alleviate parking problems. This cost is included in your registration fee. A wonderful venue and a very special beginning to our great weekend. Of course you are free to stay on in the city afterwards to wine and dine at your own cost.

Saturday's programme begins at 9.00 am with the day including the formalities of the conference's purpose as well as a fantastic keynote speaker, and discussion groups. Morning and afternoon teas plus lunch is included. The day programme wraps up at 4.00 pm giving participants plenty of time to relax and prepare for the evening's entertainment.

At 6.00 pm, buses will leave the Royal Coach Hotel and travel to the Sicilia Social & Sports Club, 45 O.G. Road, Klemzig. The focus for the night is for us come together and celebrate our nation's cultural diversity. Wearing National costumes or giving 'nods' through our dress to our ancestral connections are encouraged. We will enjoy a gala two course dinner preceded by antipasto platters, listen to a very special guest speaker and enjoy music from the band 'Music to My Ears' presenting 60's, 70's 80's throughout dinner and afterwards for dancing. A highlight of the evening will be a performance from an International Dance group.



Again there will be bus transport back to the hotel for those who require it.

Sunday kicks off with our Remembrance Ceremony at 10.00 am at the Royal Coach Hotel, followed by Open Forum. The Closing Ceremony will bring to an end our wonderful weekend. As a special bonus, the City of Adelaide Lions Club invite Conferencees and partners, who wish to stay on a bit longer, to share a free BBQ lunch in the adjacent parklands.

Total cost for the conference is \$140.00. We are only 5 months away from launch, so please decide that this is a very worthwhile event to attend and make your commitment soon. Get up a group from your club.

Registration forms are available on our website www.lions201c1convention.com.au/ giving full details of programme and payment.

The 'Early Birds' benefit closes 5.00 pm Friday 5 September 2025.

***'Early Birds' participants' names will go into a draw, and one lucky participant will receive a full refund of \$140.00 conference cost.

The final closing date for both the payment and registration is 5.00 pm Friday 3 October, 2025.

Questions? Contact Leonie Varga (0449 847 022) or John Standingford (0421 187 691).

We hope that you will value this opportunity to be part of reviewing 2025, planning for 2026 and beyond, while celebrating the wonderful fellowship and service Lions Club involvement gives us.

Written by Judith Francis



We Serve

Tell Your Story

How to create an elevator speech

An elevator speech is a short, 30-second story you can use to spark interest in joining your club. Rather than sharing facts and figures, focus on what being a Lion means to you personally — and the impact your club's service has had on others. Don't worry about being perfect. Just be honest and heartfelt.

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Who are you?

Start by introducing yourself and your club in a friendly way.

Example: "Hi, I'm Sara Smith and I'm a member of the East Coast Lions Club."

2. How has being a Lion made your life better?

Talk about a personal benefit you have gained by being a Lion. It could be:

- Feeling a sense of belonging
- Making lifelong friends
- Gaining personal or professional growth through networking, mentorship or leadership roles

Example (Belonging): "When I first moved here, I didn't know anyone. Joining our club connected me with people who truly care about me and my family. Some of my best friends are now fellow Lions."

3. What service has your club done?

Now, briefly share a story about how your club is making a difference. Think about a project you're proud of.

Example: "You know that new playground at the school? Our club helped raise the money to build it. I feel so proud every time I see kids playing there—it reminds me why I'm a Lion."

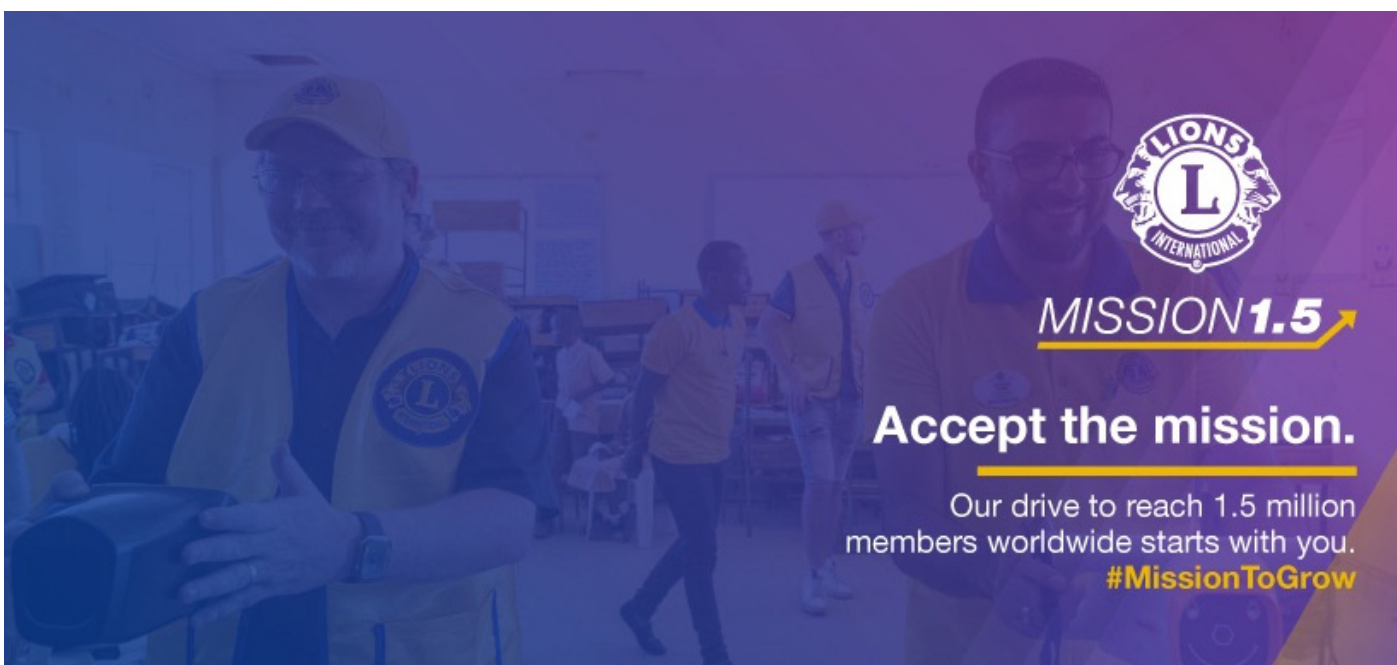
4. Invite the other person into the conversation

End by asking a question that encourages them to share their interests. This will help you find common ground and guide how you talk about membership.

Example: "What kind of service are you interested in?" or "Have you ever volunteered for something that made you feel really good?"

Be Yourself!

Remember, this isn't about delivering a perfect speech—it's about sharing why being a Lion matters to you. Keep it genuine, keep it simple, and most importantly, let your passion for service shine through.





Lions Bequests

Council at the January Council meeting sought advice from the Legal Officer regarding the terminology that could be used to promote the Lions Bequests Program.

Please consider the notice below, drafted from the Legal Officer, with a suggestion that it may be included in your District Newsletter.

"Lions Bequests Program

A legacy under a Will offers the opportunity, upon your passing, of gifting a sum of money of your choice to our Lions Multiple District or a Lions nominated Foundation.

Such a gift would be gratefully received and acknowledged in recognition of your support and service to our Association.

A simple bequest could be inserted in your Will as follows:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ to Multiple District 201 of Lions Clubs International Inc for the general purposes thereof".

Should you have a query or require any help, please contact the Multiple District Legal Officer, PCC David Skinner OAM for assistance."

Kind Regards,
Rob Oerlemans

Start a LEO Club

As your District LEO Chairperson, I urge all clubs to consider starting a LEO club. We now have two LEO clubs in C1 District, the latest being formed at Pedare Christian College at the start of last year. Our club started out with 12 members, but now has 18 very enthusiastic students meeting every week to plan and implement projects.

Several clubs are working on starting LEO clubs right now. I am very happy to come to your club as a guest speaker, to explain how to get started and provide you with resources on a USB.

You might be pleasantly surprised at how easily you can get a LEO club started. You do need a **dedicated Leo Advisor** to ensure that the club thrives.

I found the following letter in a recent email from our international president, Fabricio Oliveira. I couldn't agree more with his view that our future depends on how many young people we can recruit. Many, if not most, of our LEOs will become Lions when they turn 18. By then, they are committed service-minded people, who realise the value of their contributions to others' lives and their own. They are hooked!

Dear Lion,

To ensure a thriving organisation, we must continue to innovate and involve even more people in our service. One of the best ways to achieve both is by **increasing the number of young Lions and Leos**. This will help us reach our **MISSION 1.5** goal and set us up for a bright future.



So collaborate with your club to ensure it's a welcoming, inclusive and energising place that will attract young people - and all people who want to serve. The next generation of Lions starts now.

At your service,
Fabrício Oliveira
International President

Please contact me if you want assistance.
Annette Slater
Ph 0407189075
Annette.slater@outlook.com.au

Australian Lions Foundation

Our neighbours in Northern Queensland and Northern New South Wales have been inundated with rain as part of Cyclone Alfred and ongoing thunderstorms. The Australian Lions Foundation has launched an appeal to assist those in the affected area to recover and rebuild. Please think about donating to this appeal.

Yvonne Bradford – ALF District Chair.



Australian Lions Foundation Ltd **DISASTER APPEAL**

March 2025

Cyclone Alfred

As we are all aware, damage from Cyclone Alfred throughout southern Queensland and Northern NSW has been significant, with further flooding risk likely. We know that our Lions Clubs will be mobilising to support the relief efforts and the longer-term recovery.

[Disaster and Emergency Grants](#) are available to Districts and Clubs from the Australian Lions Foundation and just follow the links above for more information. For additional assistance, please contact your District, Australian Lions Foundation Chairperson or the Foundations' Emergency and Disaster Chairperson, PDG John Houghton at alf.edcgrants@lions.org.au. Application forms can be found [here](#).

We know that Lions Clubs from around Australia will be ready to support their colleagues in the affected areas, and we encourage you to channel that support through the Australian Lions Foundation.

If Clubs wish to donate we recommend that you donate by EFT to the following bank account, with "National Disaster Appeal" as the reference:

BSB: 036-048

Account#: 440704

Reference: National Disaster Appeal

Note: To reduce the risk of fraud please check these account details on the Foundation's website in the "Appeals" menu.

When you have made your deposit, please confirm your club details and the amount of the deposit to alf.edcgrants@lions.org.au so that it can be recognised.

Cheques payable to the Australian Lions Foundation can be sent to: Treasurer
Australian Lions Foundation PO Box 278 Melville, WA 6956

Our thoughts are with our Lions and their communities in the affected areas. Let's work together towards the recovery.



Australian Lions Foundation Ltd
"Helping Lions help their community".
www.alf.org.au



Burnside Lions - Meeting Venue Change

Meeting change for The Lions Club of Burnside inc. **Where:** The Kensington Hotel, 23 Regent Street Kensington SA.
When: Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except January) **Time:** Business meeting 5.30pm followed by a Dinner 7.00pm. Contact the Secretary Barry Taylor, 8 3327106 for details.

Upcoming Events



LIONS CLUB of ATHELSTONE ROSTREVOR
inc
DISTRICT 201 C1
PO BOX 63 ATHELSTONE SA 5076

Lions Club of Athelstone Rostrevor Inc



President Cameron Wyers

AN INVITATION

To test yourself, your club and your friends while having fun



ALL PROCEEDS TO

- THE CAMPBELLTOWN S.E.S. Athelstone CFS
- THE CAMPBELLTOWN ST. JOHN AMBULANCE division
- THE CAMPBELLTOWN CITY BAND

At the Campbelltown Function Centre

Rear of Council Chambers at 172 Montacute Road

On Saturday 14th June 2025

6.30 p.m. for 7.00 pm start

BYO drinks & nibbles. Tea & Coffee supplied

Tables of 8 per team

(limited number of teams)

Admission \$20 per person

Many prizes

Bookings : Phone Trevor Symonds 0428 321189 trevsymonds@gmail.com

Cowell Lions Market Sunday

FOOD COFFEE • LIVE MUSIC • VARIETY OF STALLS

APRIL 6TH **9AM- 1PM**
COWELL MAIN STREET



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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

Sunday, 6 April 2025
9:30am - 4pm

Econo Lodge East Adelaide
27 Dequetteville Terrace,
Kent Town

Street Parking Available

FREE EVENT



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

FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY event!

PUPS in the PARK

5th APRIL
10am - 2PM
POP-UP PARK
MORPHETT ST
MOUNT BARKER

We Serve

Upcoming Zoom Sessions

Date	Topic	Presenter
Thursday, 24 April 2025	Discovering and understanding the Lions Portal	TBA
Thursday, 22 May 2025	Leadership and group dynamics. How to set expectations.	TBA
Thursday, 26 June 2025	Youth Programs - preparing for the new Lions year.	TBA

The sessions are only attended by a few members and there are regulars.

Is there a reason why you don't join in?

The sessions usually only run for an hour and can be as interactive as you wish.

If there a topic you would like presented, please let the team know - email glt.c1@lions.org.au

We will be planning the sessions for 2025/2026 and would love your input.

The leadership team is here to support you.

Lions Children of Courage

Each year, the Lions Club of the City of Adelaide hosts the Lions Children of Courage Awards, celebrating young individuals who show extraordinary strength in the face of physical and mental challenges. The awards are traditionally presented at Government House, but this year, an exception was made for a truly special recipient.

On Thursday, March 27, the club received a request to honour a remarkable young man at the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH). Moved by his story and the profound impact he has had on others, the club acted swiftly to arrange a special presentation.

On the morning of Saturday, March 29, Club President Andrew and Project Coordinator Petrea were privileged to join Her Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, at WCH to present the first Lions Children of Courage Award for 2025 to Alexander Piff. Alexander's resilience, strength, and unwavering positivity in the face of immense challenges are truly inspiring.

Congratulations, Alexander! Your courage is extraordinary.

The Lions Club extends heartfelt thanks to Prestige Trophy & Awards, Government House, Women's and Children's Health Network, and Hospital School SA Principal Matthew McCurry for helping to make this special presentation possible.



Lions Skin Cancer Screening at Ileostomy Association

We all know the importance of regular skin cancer screening. Early detection of skin cancer can significantly reduce the mortality rate associated with the disease. The Lions Club's skin cancer screening initiatives are pivotal in educating the public about the importance of routine checks and fostering a proactive approach to skin health.

Lions Clubs frequently organize free or low-cost skin cancer screening events with local healthcare providers and cancer organizations. These events allow individuals to receive professional skin examinations and learn about risk factors, warning signs, and preventive measures. Partnerships with medical institutions and government agencies further enhance the reach and effectiveness of these screening programs.

Many would know of my involvement with the Ileostomy Association of SA. At a recent Association board meeting, the question was raised as to whether the Lions would be prepared to conduct a screening for the members of the Ileostomy Association.

Invitations went out, and the 50 available appointments were quickly filled. The screenings were conducted in the Ileostomy offices at Mile End, with Carol and Dean providing the screening and Yvonne and Gillian assisting. One member wrote, 'I just wanted to say "thank you" to the Ileostomy Association of SA and also to The Lions Clubs for the Skin Cancer check that was done yesterday. Dean who did the check was very good and thorough and I thank him and his colleagues for their great work and assistance.

It all appeared to be ok, but Dean did find a small? on my lower back, which he said is about 95% ok, but to be safe, have my GP have a look at it during my next consultation with him. Other than that, I'm all good for another 10,000kms!



When you consider that a lot of the members have either had or are having a fight with cancer, it makes good sense to have these checks done at regular intervals. I must admit that this is the first one that I have ever had'.

The skin cancer screening clinic is just one of several initiatives the Ileostomy Association freely offers its members. Thanks to generous member donations, the Association donated \$5,000 to the Lions Medical Research Foundation.

PDG Don Pritchard
Treasurer
The Ileostomy Association of SA



The Importance of Skin Cancer Screening

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be next held on 19-25 May 2025.

We here at Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) commemorate this special week as one of the most important weeks in our calendar year. It is an annual celebration of the individuals who go above and beyond to help a cause in which they believe in. For us here at ALHD we cannot do what we do without the help of those who so selflessly lend their time and commitment towards us.

Our organisation and Assistance Dog programs operate on the trust and help from volunteers of the community, and our appreciation of our volunteer community is underpinned by our

work with Lions. Our volunteers are involved in many aspects of ALHD, from our Kennel Enrichment Program to individuals who provide low and high level BGL saliva samples to help train our Medical Alert Dogs. We also have volunteers who are involved in our Puppy Program, caring for 8-week-old pups for up to ten months, and people involved in the Guardian Program, caring for dogs in our Breeding Program between litters and into retirement. We value each and every Lions member who commit their time and energy to the many community initiatives that can only succeed with the support of volunteers.

As always, we invite all Lions Clubs and their members anywhere across Australia to join us in celebrating this important week in any way you can.

Save The Date - DG Handover Lunch

You are all invited to this year's C1 District Handover Luncheon to be held on
Saturday the 28th of June 2025, 11:30am for 12:00 noon.

The event will be held at:
West Augusta Football Club
Gardiner Avenue, Port Augusta West SA 5700

A formal invitation will be sent out shortly including costs, dress code and payment details.
I look forward to seeing as many members that are able to attend.

Steve Fawcett
MD201 C1 District Governor
Lions Club of Port Augusta

Club Development Forums

It is getting to that time of the year when the Club Development Forums are held. This is open to all members- those moving into specific roles, those who want to know more but were always afraid to ask and those new members who are learning what Lions is all about.

Club Development Forums

Whyalla: Sunday, 18th May -Venue Whyalla Road Safety Centre

CBD: Saturday 31st May -Venue Burton Primary School

Breakout Sessions

For Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership & Service Chairs.

Open Forum

For sharing ideas.

Information on AI

Learn how to use AI for promotion, planning, and more.

Everyone is Welcome

New Lions: Come and learn more about the various roles.

Experienced Lions: Discover what's changed.

Lunch Provided

An email will be sent to clubs and members with an invitation and an RSVP date

More info or questions email glt.c1@lions.org.au

Foundation (LCIF) Grants



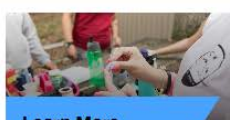
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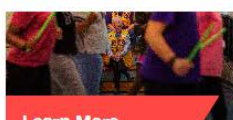
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Humanitarian Award Winners

Jokes from Around C1



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.



Why do Dads take extra socks when they go golfing?



In case they get a hole in one.



On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Kanga.

Kanga who?



Actually, it's kangaroo!



WHAT DID THE KOALA WRITE IN HIS VALENTINE'S DAY CARD TO HIS GIRLFRIEND?

"I LOVE YOU-CALYPTUS".

What did one toilet say to the other?

You look a bit flushed.

Please remember to submit your articles no later than the 24th of each month to be included in the following month's edition.

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