

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

INCREASING  
SERVICE IMPACTFIGHTING  
DIABETESEXPANDING  
GLOBAL CAUSES

## Top Club Service Project Award 2025 Update

As Lions' core business is service, the award to recognise the impact of our service projects, the Top Club Service Project Award, has gone through the first stage. The C1 District level of judging the award has been completed.

Thank you to the Lions Clubs of City of Adelaide, Clare District, Golden Grove and Port Pirie for submitting wonderful service projects to be considered. Their respective projects submitted were Lions Christmas Spirit event, the Gleeson Wetlands, Stress Teddies and Lions Community Seating.

The judging committee for this level of judging were DG Steve Fawcett, Anne-Marie Fawcett and District GST Coordinator, Andrew Stacey.

On behalf of the judging team, I'd like to congratulate the Golden Grove Lions Club for their 'Stress Teddies' project to be put forward as C1's representative for the MD level of judging. This is a wonderful project that supports children who have to visit police stations due to someone close to them having to deal with a police matter.

The 'Stress Teddies' project now proceeds forward to the MD level of judging, competing against other Districts' top



service projects. The announcement of the national winner will occur the Pacific ANZI Forum to be held on the Gold Coast in September. Good luck Golden Grove Lions Club!!!!!!

# News from Tumby Bay Lions Club

**Tumby Bay Lions Club has a new member. The ups and downs for Terry Wilson.**

**T**umby Bay Lions has a new active member, Terry Wilson. Terry and his wife have a close connection with Tumby and country South Australia, just another the ups in his exciting life.

As Terry says..."I have been around country South Australia most of my life, being brought up in Pinnaroo and finishing the last two years of schooling at Norwood High".

"In 1980 I spent a year on Rotary Exchange with District 952 to Enumclaw, Washington State, when I was lucky to witness Mt St Helens blow up".

"Upon return I worked at the family's newspaper, Pinnaroo Border Times, marrying Jill in 1985, and moving to remote Groote Eylandt, Arnhem Land for two years (1986-1988) as a printer".

"We returned to South Australia and I worked for various commercial printers in Adelaide. In 1993, we moved to Burra and built up a little run-down business, resurrecting a newspaper in the town that had been missing for 20 years".

"As a small business, we multitasked—taking pictures at the footy, developing Monday nights, writing stories, laying out pages, and printing the paper. We also printed four-color work, books, etc. Our three children, Amy, Doug, and Harley, were raised in Burra. By the time we sold in 2006, we were producing a regular 24-page tabloid with a colour cover".

"But the writing was on the wall for the printing industry with Gumtree and Domain websites on the rise, cutting into advertising revenue, and we got out at just the right time"

As a mature age student, Terry at 43 years of age went to university, studying to be a teacher while Jill kept working full-time doing finance at the Health Department in Clare.

After graduating, he worked at the most distant school in the

state with all Aboriginal students.

To avoid the dirt and corrugated road, long and tiring travel and making travel quicker and easier between home and remote schools Terry took to the skies.

Firstly, building his own light aircraft – setting over 10,000 hand riveted fixings and then mastering flying in the outback of Australia navigating to outlying distant education facilities.

From a set of plans he build a new Vans RV-7A aircraft that he now flies in and out of Tumby.

A Vans RV-7A is a two seat, single engine, low wing aircraft powered by a 16+0 hp Lycoming engine. It can fly up to around 15 thousand feet with a range of around 700 miles.

His love for flying has not diminished since locating to Tumby and VH- TJW, in a smart green and white livery, can be seen zipping in and out of Tumby. Terry now has his cherished private aircraft parked in its own hanger at the Tumby airport.

Terry and Jill are fulltime residents of Tumby putting, five schools and 15 years down the track, as 'work experience', he is working four days a week at Tumby as a Tech Studies teacher.

Both Terry and Jill have been actively engaged in community activities wherever they have been and are proud to see their children enjoying their lives, happy with life in Tumby and looking forward to rolling up the sleeves assisting Lions in the many community activities.

They have both spent most of their lives heavily involved with their local church, community organisations and consider it an honour to be able to help others.

Terry was inducted to the Lions Club of Tumby Bay & District in March and has since been active with a number of Lions activities including the Lions catering for the Colour Tumby weekend.





# Peterborough Lions News

At our works meeting, on Tuesday 1 April 2025, President Ian Satterley inducted new member, Lainy Garraway into our club. Ian presented Lainy with her welcome kit & then her sponsor Judy Higginson pinned on her lapel pin. President Ian presented Judy with her sponsor certificate. Welcome Lainy!!

Lainy has already proved to be a very valuable member by participating in several working bees prior to joining, including garden maintenance, serving donuts, etc & continues to help wherever needed.

During the local basketball season, the Lions canteen has proved to be a good fundraiser for the Club & a great way to connect with the town's youth. At the work's meeting, President Ian presented a \$2,500.00 cheque to Peterborough Basketball Association President Shane Atkinson & Julie Atkinson. This annual donation helps with their youth training program, etc.

At this meeting, our Club also donated \$250.00 to the Lions Food Project, which is an important project for farmers & for Foodbank to provide meals for those in need.

Our Club had a month to hand deliver telephone book directories around the town into letterboxes & to the business



houses & schools, which has now been completed. Members worked in pairs & had designated areas to do. The money received from this goes into our administration account.

Members have been busy selling donuts, including at various events like the 'Peterborough Art & Cultural Festival' event on Saturday 19 April & will be selling donuts on Election Day on Saturday 3 May, which will be very busy.

Lions gave away donuts at 'The Advertiser's - For Pete's Sake' Free luncheon on Mon 14 April when the Premier was in town. The donuts were free & the luncheon was provided by 'The Advertiser' & their foundation & donors.

Judy Higginson & Emily Low joined in the Lions Zoom meeting – 'Lions Foundations' & continue to enjoy them. Members will continue to do bingo fortnightly until it becomes too cold.

Members are looking forward to hosting the Cancer Council's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' on Friday 23 May in the Senior Citizen's Hall from 10.00-12.00pm. The school choirs will be involved in providing the entertainment for up to 60 locals & tourists, who will enjoy the morning & the delicious morning tea.



## Welcome To Our New Lion Members

Welcome to the District C1 Lions Family.

**Adelaide Filipino**

Trevor Heinjus

**Cowell**

Emma Daw sponsored by Allan Zerna

**Moonta**

Tom Benjamine sponsored by Julienne Cheshire

# News About SA's WalkFest 2025

**W**alkFest 2025 is an annual event held in the Belair National Park in April each year. The organisers have built the event to showcase the many clubs and organisations involved in camping, walking, hiking, and discovering nature trails.

A very pictorial record of the groups who have participated in the event over the past years was displayed to show the increasing numbers that have been involved in the event. Many associated sponsors that equip this event also share the latest equipment to ensure that these activities continue to be accessible to all. Wheelchairs were also being used to show the versatility of three wheel double handle chairs that can traverse over the tracks.

Younger agile participants were able to show their agility climbing the scout mobile wall with their strong harness assisting them to reach the top. The information stands featured a large number of brochures as well as speakers talking about specific walks and trails. There was even a stand promoting the Comino walk in Spain.

The weather was perfect for this particular Sunday morning on April 6th, encouraging many to join the variety of guided walks available.

The City of Adelaide Lions Club have catered for this event for several years now; walking and hiking is hungry and thirsty work. Our Lions are always kept busy at this event. It's always a joy to talk to, and feed, the many people who have returned from their hikes/walks.

The organisers, and their volunteers, do a great job ensuring that everyone is able to enjoy the day as well as promoting the continued support for the event to continue growing. We certainly look forward to the next even in April 2026.

This event is also a reminder that exercise, such as walking, is so important and can be more enjoyable seeing nature and discovering the many scenic spots in our lovely state. We are certainly spoilt for choice in Adelaide and regional South Australia.

Kaleeda Rasheed  
City of Adelaide Lions Club



## Club Charter Anniversaries

### May 2025

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

**Celebrating 17 years**  
Stansbury Dalrymple - 10 May 2008

**Celebrating 46 years**  
Gilles Plains - 14 May 1979

**Celebrating 51 years**  
Whyalla Mount Laura - 3 May 1974

**Celebrating 55 years**  
Balaklava & District - 12 May 1970

**Celebrating 57 years**  
Clare District - 20 May 1968

**Celebrating 60 years**  
Port Lincoln - 27 May 1965

**Celebrating 63 years**  
Burnside - 4 May 1962

## ALHD Update

**Honoured to be a part of the Lions community as a major Lions Project, we recognise that our growth and development can be credited towards Lions Clubs and their many valued members across Australia.**

**A**s we are a non-for-profit organisation, our funding and achievements are possible through the efforts and donations from you, Lions. As we approach the end of the financial year, it is a crucial and important time of the year for us. We reflect and recognise on the accomplishments from the year prior, and we reach out to you asking for your support to help us continue to grow. In early April, we sent an appeal to all Lions Clubs across Australia, hoping that members will include us in their disbursements as Clubs wind up the year that was.

In the past year we saw multiple advancements of our programs, with a major one being the delivery of our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog Yannis. It stands out as an indicator

that our organisation is continuing to progress with our mission of helping Australians who are deaf or hard of hearing, free of charge. Furthermore, the growth in our Medical Assistance Program has been very successful with positive feedback coming from our recipients living with type 1 diabetes. Building from these successes, we have also been able to introduce our Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program for Veterans of the Australian Defence Force living with PTSD. Our work within these programs are making a profound difference in the lives of Australians through our life-changing Assistance Dogs.

We take this opportunity to not only ask for your continued donations and support, but to thank you for enabling us to thrive and grow over the past 45 years as a Lions Project.

For more information on our programs or ways to donate, contact us through [development@lionshearingdogs.com.au](mailto:development@lionshearingdogs.com.au)





# News from the Lions Club of Gawler

The Lions Club of Gawler recently donated a defibrillator worth \$2465 to the Veteran's Motorcycle Club (Mid-North Chapter), whose clubhouse is located on Kentish Road, Uleybury (roughly between Gawler and Elizabeth).

The donation was the result of a request by Veterans' Motorcycle Club member Doc, a paramedic, who recognised the need for this vital equipment in a club environment where there is a great risk of heart attacks amongst older members as well as the general community no matter what age.

At a handover of the defibrillator on Saturday 12th April, Damien Brooks, President of the Mid-North Chapter of Veteran's Motor Cycle Club, acknowledged the Lions Club of Gawler's donation and thanked the Lions Club for their generosity. "You never know when this equipment will be needed, and I hope it never has to be used, but if it saves a life, then we will be very grateful that we have this machine."

The Veteran's Motorcycle Club has members across a wide age range, who have served in conflicts ranging from Vietnam to Afghanistan, Iraq and East Timor; the club

provides a social benefit to its members and a shared love of motorcycles.

Lions Club of Gawler President, Nick Brown said the donation was a no-brainer, "the club is happy to donate to such a worthy cause and to assist people who served in our defence forces". All the Lions Club members who attended the handover of the defibrillator have previous defence force service, and Lions Assistance Dog Milly (a 10-month old Border Terrier), who attended the handover as well, is going to be a Companion Dog for a Veteran with PTSD; so it was certainly an appropriate celebration all-round.

Meanwhile, Lions Club of Gawler members cooked a sausage sizzle and egg & bacon sandwiches for SAPSASA school sports day at the Gawler campus of Trinity College on Thursday 10th April. The Lions Club recently inducted four new members, who all took part in the cooking and serving. Welcome to Dennis & Jennifer Blizzard, Les and Donna Rae to our club. Lions Club of Gawler, serving the local community!



## Always Remembered

Lions who recently passed away.

**Lion Shirley Monaghan**  
Stansbury Dalrymple

# News from Charles Sturt Lions

We recently received a heartfelt email from the Safe and Well Kids coordinator at Women's Safety Service SA, reaching out for support for a client who had escaped domestic violence and was now in a safe house. The client's living situation was relatively sparse, lacking essential furnishings. Women's Safety Service SA had secured a grant to provide bedroom furniture for the client's two young children; however, the cost of assembling the flat-pack furniture proved to be prohibitively expensive, with quotes reaching as high as \$800, and other service organisations showed no interest in assisting with assembly.

At short notice and in a display of Lions community spirit, Secretary Mark Daker, Membership Chair Greg Ward, and a prospective member Greg Buttfield stepped forward to

volunteer their time and skills. Their generous offer to spend a total of 30 hours putting together wardrobes, beds, cupboards, a dresser, and side tables has not only created a more welcoming space for the children but also set a shining example of our club's commitment to service. This endeavour was particularly notable, as the Secretary was navigating the challenges of recovering from major surgery on his dominant left hand just 12 weeks prior and was still in a splint.

Together, as a united Lions community, we can make a real difference. Let's remember our motto, "We Serve," and continue to support those in need.



## Leadership Development

# Learn. Lead. Grow.

Learning is part of the human experience. It empowers us to improve our thinking, our feeling, our communication, and our service. When Lions and Leos put learning into action, leadership happens.

The Leadership Development Team works year-round with Lions and Leos who want to continue growing for the sake of their clubs, their communities, and Lions Clubs International. If that describes you—no matter where you are in your leadership journey—training and development opportunities are available to keep you moving forward.

[Learn online](#)

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[View grants](#)

[Tell us your story](#)





# Growth & Respect

We have good news as far as membership in our District is concerned as we are now at total net growth of nearly 50 but we need to keep driving forward. We have experienced a net growth of 51 members but have now dropped some. We now need to bounce back and continue growing, we need to increase our new members beyond 150 and towards 200.

It may be individual new members who see you serving, hear about your work or see your service online or it could be a group of individuals or a current community group that joins the Lions family. The possibilities are endless you need to grab them.

## GROWTH

Good  
Responsible  
Organisations  
Will  
Thrive  
Heartley

## RESPECT

Respectfully  
Empathetic  
Supportive  
Proud  
Effective  
Committed  
Together

We MUST also stem our drops as we are heading towards losing 100 members this Lions year, we need to aim to stay below 100!

To retain members, we need to remember RESPECT towards all members whether it is listening to their views, respecting their diversity or trying new ideas. We know club conflict whether obvious or subtle is one of the largest causes of members leaving our organisation.

If you have heard statements in your club that reference the age, gender, sexuality, mental status, personal attributes, cultural background of Lions members or members of the public

then there are issues. If you hear statements about the length of meetings, quality of leaders, throwing items at members or why male and female members have different size name badges there may be issues.

If you or other members don't believe you can be open and honest in your club, you don't have open discussions at meetings or you see members being ignored at meetings there may be issues.

As Lions, we will never like everyone we serve with in our club, our District and our association, that is human nature. However, we are all here to serve others and the best way to do that is together. Our motto is We Serve and we know that more hands make lighter work or a greater impact.

You need to:

Value every person

Treat the person as an individual.

Take the perspective of the person

Have a positive social club environment

So lets thank the Lion next to us for their service, lets ask how they are going and lets be interested in their response!

Next month.....

- Thanks and Awards
- Thanks and Creds
- Thanks and Cheers

Yours in Lions,

2VDG Alex Coates

District Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Advocate

## Port Augusta Lions Club = Busy!





**Adelaide Filipino Lions Club Charter Night: A Celebration of Community and Service.**

## Welcome Adelaide Filipino Lions Club

On April 5, 2025, the City of Playford played host to a momentous occasion as the Adelaide Filipino Lions Club celebrated its charter night. This significant event marked the official inception of the club, bringing together a vibrant community of individuals committed to service, camaraderie, and uplifting those in need.

The Adelaide Filipino Lions Club, steered by a dedicated group of founding members, came together with a shared vision to carry on the esteemed legacy of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs Australia. Among the founding members, key figures included President Aisley Castigo-Hancock, 1st Vice-President Jane Onuzans, 2nd Vice President Norfe McCaskill and Secretary Christine Dieckmann, all of whom shared their passion for community service and social advocacy. Their leadership and inspiration will guide the club in its various initiatives for years to come.

Chartered under the auspices of Lions Clubs International, the Adelaide Filipino Lions Club in the district of 201 C1, joins a global network committed to humanitarian service, promoting peace, and creating a better world for all. The club's establishment signifies a strengthening of the Filipino community's voice and participation within the broader Australian landscape, emphasizing cultural diversity and inclusivity in service.

As members embark on this promising journey, they are guided by the principle of serving those in need without expectation of reward. The charter night was not merely a celebration of the club's inception; it was a commitment to the values of empathy, integrity, and friendship that are the hallmarks of the Lions' ethos.

The Adelaide Filipino Lions Club's charter night was a resounding success, emphasizing the club's dedication to service and community enrichment. As it looks to the future, the club is excited to be a beacon of hope, unity, and social responsibility, embodying the true spirit of Lions Clubs Australia.

The charter night was graced by the presence of numerous dignitaries who underscored the significance of the event. The evening was attended by local government representatives, Lions District leaders, and members of neighboring Lions clubs, all united in their support for the new club. In total, around 120 guests filled the venue, reflecting the enthusiasm and commitment of the community to embrace the Lions' principles of service.

The vision and mission of the Adelaide Filipino Lions Club align closely with the overarching goals of Lions Clubs Australia and its global counterpart, Lions Clubs International. The club aims to foster fellowship and cooperation among its members while addressing pressing community issues such as hunger, education, healthcare, and youth development. Through collaborative projects and initiatives, the Adelaide Filipino Lions Club is poised to make a significant impact at both the local and state levels, echoing the Lions' motto of "We Serve."

By Irene Rowe



# Viterra Donation Boosts Bute Lions

BUTE and Districts Lions Club has been recognised for the outstanding support it provides to the local community by being named as one of three regional South Australian organisations to receive donations from agricultural commodities company, Viterra.

The club, which is due to celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, was nominated to receive a \$3000 donation through Viterra's post-harvest survey competition.

Club president Mark Davidson says the community — driven club works to provide support for several organisations through fundraising and other initiatives.

"We get together for working bees, host events to fundraise for various organisations and provide infrastructure support to the town," Mark says.

"This is only made possible by our members volunteering their time.

"Being a part of the Bute and Districts Lions Club is not just about providing support for some great causes, but also just as important for our members' mental health to be able to get together and enjoy each other's company."

Kulpara grower Nick Daniel nominated the club to receive the donation as part of Viterra's post-harvest survey competition, highlighting the club's incredible fundraising efforts to support various charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the CFS, Variety Children's Charity, and local cancer care services.

Viterra central region

operations manager Jack Tansley says the competition is run through Viterra's postharvest survey, where feedback gained helps the company plan for future harvests.

"This survey allows us to evaluate our operations and ensure we're providing a service which meets the needs of growers and carriers," Jack says.

"It's also a great way for us to further support the local communities we operate in on behalf of our customers, by giving them the opportunity to win a donation to a group of their choice."

Other Viterra initiatives to benefit the Bute and Yorke Peninsula community include the Bute silo art project, where Viterra's silo has provided a canvas for a large-scale mural promoting ongoing tourism to the region, and Viterra's Country Connect program in partnership with Adelaide Football Club.

"Together with the Crows we hosted our second Country Connect event at Bute last year, bringing past and current AFL and AFLW players to Yorke Peninsula," Jack says.

"It was a great weekend, with players and Viterra employees supporting the Bute Football Club's match-day events, followed by a coaching clinic where around 200 juniors took part."

Other rural organisations to receive a \$3000 donation after this year's postharvest survey competition include the Pinnaroo ambulance service, and Kimba Area School.



**DONATION...** Viterra operations coordinator Ben Abela (second left) with Bute and Districts Lions Club members and local growers, Justin Harris, Mark Davidson and Paul Paterson.

*Published in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times*

## 105 Years of Service Recognised

**R**ecently, the Lions Club of Gilles Plains recognised 105 years of Lions' service.

Lion Stewart - 45 years

Lion Peter - 45 years

Lion Jane - 15 years

Congratulations to each of you and thank you for all you do for our club and the community.





## Lions 201C1 District Convention

Adelaide, 10–12 October 2025

Royal Coach Hotel  
24 Dequetteville Terrace  
Kent Town SA 5067



### Registration Form

#### Contact details of person submitting this form

Name		Club
Tel.	Mob.	Email

#### Participants (e.g. a couple might comprise 2 Lions, or a Lion and a partner)

Participant	First / preferred name	Family name	Delegate?	First convention?
Lions club member 1				
Lions club member 2				
Partner 3				
Guest 4				

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. The **Royal Coach Hotel** (where all business sessions will take place) and the adjacent **Econolodge** are offering a 10% discount on their advertised rates. These rates may change, so early booking is advised.

Make your booking for either hotel at [royalcoach.com.au](http://royalcoach.com.au) or (08) 8362 5676, using promo code **LIONSOC25**. Buffet breakfast is an optional extra. Check-in after 2pm, check-out before 10am.

The Gala Dinner will be held 7km from the Royal Coach Hotel at the **Sicilia Social and Sports Club**, 45A OG Road, Klemzig SA 5087.

#### Programme (subject to minor alteration)

Date	Venue	Event	Time	Remarks
Friday 10 Oct	Royal Coach	▪ Conference registration.	3–4:45pm	
	Town Hall	▪ Lord Mayor's reception and official opening, including flag ceremony.	6:00pm	Bus transport will be available from/to Royal Coach Hotel.
Saturday 11 Oct Business sessions	Royal Coach	▪ Conference registration	8–8:45am	Tea/coffee will be available throughout the day, and there will be mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.
		▪ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	8:45am	
		▪ Lunch	12:00pm	
		▪ Speakers, discussion groups and youth programmes (Leos and YOTY)	12:45pm	
		▪ Close.	4:00pm	
Gala Dinner	Sicilia Social & Sports Club	▪ Gala dinner, with guest speaker, entertainment, live music and dancing.	6:00pm	Drinks to be bought at the bar.
Sunday 12 Oct	Royal Coach	▪ Remembrance ceremony.	10:00am	
		▪ Open forum.	10:30am	
		▪ Closing ceremony	11:00am	
	Rymill Park	▪ Barbecue lunch, provided by City of Adelaide Lions Club.	12:15pm	



## Special dietary needs

Participant No.	1	2	3	4
Gluten intolerance				
Lactose intolerance				
Vegetarian				
Vegan				
Diabetic				

Please mark '1' in the relevant box for each participant who has special dietary needs.

## Calculation of payment

Participant No. ▶	1	2	3	4	Total \$
Full participation [a]	\$140				
Mayoral Reception [b]	Nil				—
Bus to/from Mayoral reception	\$5				
Barbecue lunch on Sunday [b]	Nil				—

Please mark '1' as appropriate in columns 1-4.

For wine, enter the number of bottles required.

Then enter the consequent payments in the final column: 'Total \$'.

### For less than full participation

Business sessions only [c]	\$40				
Annual General Meeting only [c]	Nil				—
Gala Dinner only	\$60				

### For sale to any registered conventioneer (priced per bottle)

Convention wine (red) [d]	\$10		X	X	X	
Convention wine (white) [d]	\$10		X	X	X	
<b>Total to be paid</b>						

[a] 'Full participation' covers all sessions including the Mayoral reception and official opening; refreshments and lunch on Saturday; Gala Dinner; Remembrance ceremony; and barbecue lunch on Sunday. A seat on the bus to the Mayoral reception is extra, however.

[b] There is no charge for this, but we need to know numbers in advance. Attendance at the Mayoral Reception is limited to 100, so registering late may mean exclusion.

[c] 'Business sessions' comprise all proceedings on Saturday 11 October, including the AGM which will occupy the morning. The \$40 charge covers lunch, refreshments mid-morning and mid-afternoon, and tea/coffee at any time. The 'AGM only' option carries no entitlement to lunch or refreshments but tea/coffee will be available to buy..

[d] Enter the number of bottles you want in column 1.

## Paying

Please make direct payment to the Convention's account at Bendigo Bank:

Account name ..... Adelaide City Lions Club

BSB ..... 633-000

Account number ... 159062256

Reference ..... CON25 [and your name]

When your payment has been made, please send this form as an email attachment to the Convention Treasurer, John Standingford ([johnstandingford@hotmail.com](mailto:johnstandingford@hotmail.com)).

The final date for both payment and registration form is **Friday 3 October 2025**. For 'Early Birds' the deadline is **Friday 5 September 2025**. Early Birds will go into a draw for a refund of \$140.

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

# Celebrate Our Innovation & Diversity

We all know that C1 is the best District in Australia. It is also the most innovative District when it comes to celebrating our Diversity. While delegates at the MD Convention in Canberra did not see the merit in a Diversity Statement. Our District has embraced a Diversity Statement, Diversity Policy and District Diversity and Inclusion Support Officer and Advocate as a Cabinet position.

As a pioneer of this I am proud to have served in this position and proud that the diversity of our District continues to grow. We have members from numerous cultural backgrounds including three multicultural clubs, members living with multiple abilities, an increasing number of female members, members from the LGBTIQAP+ community and members from our youngest cubs through to members who have served for decades.

This is to be celebrated and should be acknowledged regularly and used as a positive way to increase our membership. Everyone is welcome in Lions if they have a desire to serve and are of good character regardless of social status, previous skills or experience or knowledge of our nine global causes.

Our new Filipino members described having their own club as feeling like they now have a seat at the table. We do not need to totally change our organisation to enhance it, but we do need to be adaptable, welcoming and open to new ideas. This is not new we have welcomed female members, embraced technology and new global causes while developing hundreds of service projects.

Our Lions purposes tell us to organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs. While our Ethics tells us to hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given. Lets remember that.

**D**ifference  
**I**nclusive  
**V**ersatile  
**E**quitable  
**R**espectful  
**S**elf-Expression  
**I**ndividuality  
**T**olerance  
**Y**ou

**Many other districts have adopted our Diversity Statement.**

**Every C1 club is encouraged to endorse our Diversity Statement.**

**Following the charter of our Filipino Club, there are 4 new potential multicultural clubs being considered.**

**We have previously had Aboriginal and Chinese clubs in our District.**

## Lions 201C1 District Diversity & Inclusion Statement

We, the members of the Lions District 201C1 respect and acknowledge the diverse community we serve including the Aboriginal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and serve. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters and that sovereignty was never ceded. We also acknowledge all the members of our communities from across the world and those born in this country.

We respect and acknowledge community members with other differences including but not limited to differences of ability, belief, gender identity, outlook and sexuality. We welcome and respect the great diversity of our community and the strength and agility it provides us.

We agree to treat everyone equally with kindness and through our service improve our community. Kindness for all and the welcome acceptance of diversity in all matters.

Yours in Lions,  
2VDG Alex Coates  
District Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Advocate





**Angie Vale**  
Lions Club



**City of Adelaide**  
Lions Club



**Elizabeth Playford**  
Lions Club



**Adelaide Filipino**  
Lions Club



**Paralowie**  
Lions Club



**Tea Tree Gully**  
Lions Club



**Gilbert Valley**  
Lions Club



**Adelaide Hellenic**  
Lions Club



**Moonta**  
Lions Club



**Paralowie**  
Lions Club



**Port Augusta**  
Lions Club



**Balaklava & Districts**  
Lions Club



**Elizabeth Playford**  
Lions Club



**Angie Vale**  
Lions Club



**Gilles Plains**  
Lions Club

# District C1 - Around The Clubs



# News from Torrens Valley Lions

Torrens Valley Club members did such fantastic bbqs at Paracombe Primary and Kersbrook Primary schools at the end of last year that we were invited to cook the bbq for their sports days last term. Word must be getting around as we were also invited to do the bbq at Gumeracha Sports Day. The club has already been booked for the end of year events. Profits from these bbqs were donated back to the schools to benefit the children. Our donation to Kersbrook Primary allowed the students to attend the Planetarium at Mawson Lakes at no cost to the families.

Members were on board to man the gate at this year's Mount Pleasant gate. This is usually a very busy day, unfortunately the day was very hot and the show was not well attended so we all were sent home by 12.30pm.

The 5th Sunday Market at Gumeracha was well attended by stallholders and the public.

Plans are underway for Lions Eye screening, hopefully this coming term. Members assisted Glenside Lions Club with their "walk in" screening held before the community outdoor cinema.

Club members assisted by cooking the bbq for Bunnings Modbury Easter Family night, a very busy night indeed.

At our April dinner meeting, a self catered meal, 2 members of the Houghton Hub attended and talked about their community project, at their oval. How long it has taken to get this far and how much more to do. A very large project for a small town, will be such an asset to the community.

Our club continues supporting the Community Pantry and we are considering a food donation drive in the coming months. Our Recycle for Sight collection points are being monitored and glasses collected.

Coffee mornings are being well attended by members at various venues throughout our local area.

We have a Bunnings bbq tomorrow 24/4 and then cooking a free breakfast for those attending the Dawn service on Friday, a couple of members will then man the gates at the local football match.



## Bute & Districts Lions Club Award

Australia Day 2025 Awards - The Mayor's Active Citizenship Award was presented to the Lions Club of Bute and Districts. Standing: Barunga West Deputy Mayor Peter Button with club members Glenn Herbert, Brett Gill, Justin Harris, Malcolm McDonald, Howard Daniel, Ashley McKay, Greg Dermody, Anthony Wehr, Darren Schilling, Citizen of the Year Ian Taylor, Paul Paterson, Phil Harris, John Green, Wayne Krieg, Kym Paterson; kneeling: Club President Mark Davidson and Greg Prince.

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# Club Development Days

## 🌟 District C1 Club Development Day Forums

### Empowering Lions to Lead, Serve, and Grow

Calling all passionate Lions – whether you are a seasoned Lion or just starting your journey, this is **your day to connect, grow, and be inspired.**

Join us for a **dynamic day of learning, leadership, and Lionism**, as we come together to build stronger clubs, embrace new tools like AI, and energise our service for the year ahead.

#### 📅 Forum Dates & Details

##### 📍 Whyalla – Sunday, 18 May 2025

**Venue:** Whyalla Road Safety Centre, 1 Billing Street, Whyalla Playford

**Time:** 9:30 AM arrival for a 10:00 AM start – concludes at 3:00 PM

**Lunch:** Provided

**RSVP by:** 2 May 2025 to [glc.c1@lions.org.au](mailto:glc.c1@lions.org.au)

##### 📍 Burton – Saturday, 31 May 2025

**Venue:** Burton Primary School, Kensington Way, Burton

**Time:** 9:30 AM arrival for a 10:00 AM start – concludes at 3:00 PM

**Lunch:** Provided

**RSVP by:** 16 May 2025 to [glc.c1@lions.org.au](mailto:glc.c1@lions.org.au)

When RSVPing, please include:

- Names of attendees
- Their selected **breakout session** (see below)

#### 🕒 Agenda Highlights:

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Inspiring Address** from our 2025–2026 District Governor – Theme & Goals
- **Building Stronger Lions Clubs** – Tools, tips, and success stories
- **Staying Cyber-Safe: Avoiding Scams & Phishing**  
*Protect your personal data, club finances, and communications from online threats.*
- **Unlocking the Power of AI** –  
*Discover how to use artificial intelligence for club promotion, event planning, and more!*
- **Open Forum** – Bring your questions, ideas, and energy!

#### 🌿 Breakout Sessions: Tailored for Your Role

Choose the session that fits your focus:

- Club President
- Club Secretary & Administrator
- Club Treasurer
- New Members / Membership / Leadership / Service Chairs

#### 💬 Questions?

Reach out to **GLT Coordinator Megan Butler** at

📧 [glc.c1@lions.org.au](mailto:glc.c1@lions.org.au)

Let's come together to **lead with purpose, serve with heart, and grow as Lions.**  
**We can't wait to see you there.**

# New Seats

The Lions Club of Athelstone - Rostrevor Inc recently participated in the provision of Memorial seats at the Gums Reserve, Shakespeare Avenue, Tranmere.

It was a joint project between the Magill RSL, our Club and Rotary Clubs in the area all of whom are individually recognised with their own seat. The seats were officially unveiled by Her Excellency, Governor Frances Adamson AC, in the presence of DG Steve, his partner and members of the participating clubs and dignitaries in the early evening of Tuesday, 18 February 2025. DG Steve, as well as other invited Club Governors addressed the attendees.

The ceremony was concluded by the playing of the 'Last Post' by a bugler as birds sang in the adjacent trees.

The seats are situated in a Reflective Garden as part of the RSL Memorial where members of the public can quietly sit and contemplate the brave actions of our Defence Forces who gave their life for our country.

There is also a plaque set in stone recognising those who provided a seats and the date of unveiling by Her Excellency.

John Heffernan  
Lions Club of Athelstone- Rostrevor Inc  
7 April 2025



# Upcoming Event: Quiz Night



***LIONS CLUB of ATHELSTONE ROSTREVOR***  
***inc***

DISTRICT 201 C1

PO BOX 63 ATHELSTONE SA 5076

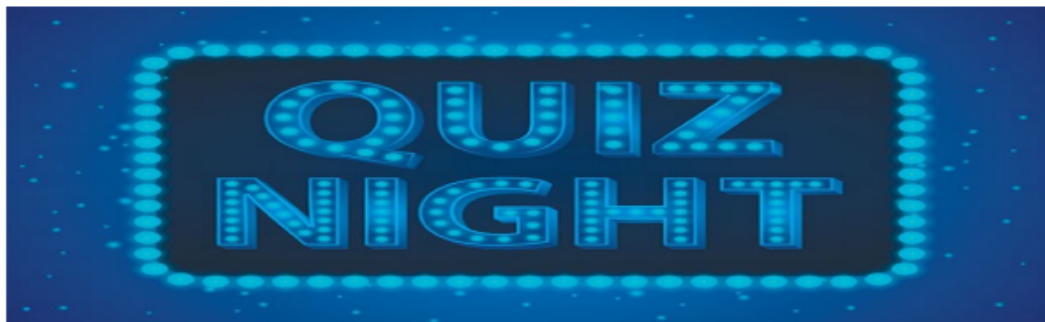


Lions Club of Athelstone Rostrevor Inc

## AN INVITATION

President Cameron  
Wyers

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

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### **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



# News from Glenside Lions Club

April was a moderately busy month for Glenside Lions. On the 2nd a good proportion of the membership, plus partners, attended the Eastwood Community Centre's 'Showcase' event where staff and users of the centre told us about the many programs on offer, and food was served by students using kitchen equipment bought with Bookmart profits.



Two days later Glenside members joined with others from Burnside and Torrens Valley to offer free vision screening to children who had been brought to Hanson Reserve (right next to the Bookmart) for Burnside Council's open-air showing of the film 'The Wild Robot'. The opportunity was not missed to sell a few Christmas cakes and puddings on the side – December's not that far away, after all.



The next day some of us had the great pleasure of celebrating the launch of a new club: Adelaide Filipino Lions Club, sponsored by Elizabeth Playford Lions. The

Charter Dinner was a grand event. The food was good, the entertainment was good. The organisation was flawless. And the newly sworn-in Board was impressive.



The following week President Leonie Varga presented Lion Rob Byrne with an ALF medal for his 50 years of Lions service.



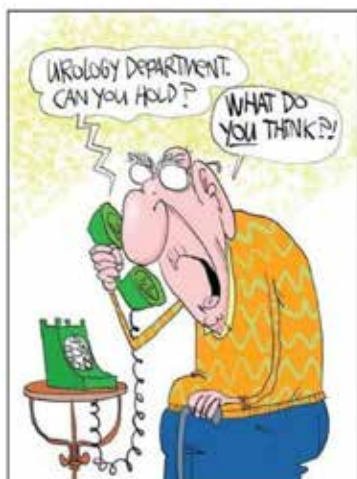
And ANZAC Day was marked with a brunchtime/lunchtime barbecue beside the Bookmart.

Looking forward, 31 May will be the first day of Foodbank Fortnight, when Glenside Lions will be receiving non-perishable food donations at the Bookmart, for delivery to the Foodbank. This will be preceded by a letterbox drop in surrounding streets, which in the past has brought in donations in excess of 200kg.





# Jokes from Around C1



**What did one toilet say to the other?**

**You look a bit flushed.**

Parade



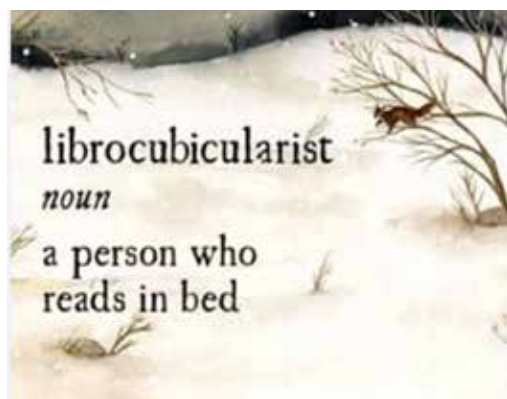
**I HAD A HEN THAT COULD COUNT HER OWN EGGS.**



**SHE WAS A MATHEMACHICKEN.**

COFFEE AND JELLY BEANS

**So I was in a shoe shop this morning trying on a shoe, I said to the assistant "It's too tight." She said: "Try it with the tongue out." I said: "It'th nho ghoo, itth thill thoo thight."**



The only thing I take seriously in the newspapers is Fish and Chips.

And even that I take with a pinch of salt!

Baby changing stations are the biggest hoax.



The parents always come out with the same kid!

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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