

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Welcome to our new Lions year with a very sincere thank you to IPDG David Horne. Your excellent team building skills, innovative webinars have ensured our District is in positive growth

and left very big shoes to fill. IPDG David was elected as MD 201 Council Chairperson for 2024-25 and I wish him and his wife, Melissa, a successful year.

To all Cabinet members who served over the past year, for all your dedication and outstanding service, along with all Clubs in C2 district, thank you as you have upheld our motto 'We Serve'.

Congratulations to all who have accepted a role on our District 201C2 Cabinet. With your knowledge, skills, experience and working together, it will enable us to support our fellow Lions for which I thank you.

Our Zone Chairpersons and Club Development Training were held in May and the result of an amazing team effort. I thank our GAT, DG and Executive teams who organised and facilitated, and to those who participated.

In May, our district hosted the MD201 Convention in Darwin with Convention Chairperson Delma Swan and her team, ensuring all attendees had a memorable time, from the opening ceremony, the inspiring guest speakers and the wonderful warm weather. The fun and fellowship ensured a memorable time was had by all.

June 21-25 Lions Melbourne International Convention, with over 11,000 Lions from 160 countries around the world coming together to meet and share our stories on how we improve the lives of millions of people around the world. A very proud moment when I was sworn in as your District Governor and Lion Roger as District Governor Partner.

Our International President Fabricio Oliveira's theme 'Make Your Mark'.

'Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we *make our mark* on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share.' Lions lead by example. We always have and we always will.

Both Roger and I have been busy attending Handovers, installing new Presidents and their Club Board, sharing in your fellowship your achievements and your plans for the next twelve months.

Our first Cabinet Meeting was held on July 20th with CC and IPDG David Horne's District Governor Handover held at the Hahndorf Convention Centre, it was a privilege to be amongst so many inspiring fellow Lions, with congratulations to all award recipients.

Our Goals for this year are to continue working and implementing our five year plan. With many goals set last year achieved through your hard work, we will continue to build and grow our membership and service to others. To support future leaders through mentoring, information sharing and access to leadership training will be provided.

My theme is 'We Serve - We Care'.

We serve others in times of need, all of which you do so willingly supporting our global, district and local causes. We care; with like-minded people who want the best outcome for others. One act of kindness can change people's lives.

Roger and I with VDG Simon and Amber, 2VDG Margie and Dave look forward to the year ahead working with you all and wish you an enjoyable and successful year.

Kindest regards,

Carolyn Kilpatrick
District Governor MD201 C2

DISTRICT HANDOVER DINNER



A Roaring Night to Remember!

On Saturday, the 20th of July, Lions from across the C2 District gathered together to celebrate the incredible 2023-24 year we had.

The night honoured the amazing leadership from CC & IPDG David Horne, recognised outstanding individuals for the contributions they have made towards C2 Lions District and the community, and also welcomed our 2024-25 District Governor, Carolyn Kilpatrick and her husband, Roger.

The night was filled with heartwarming stories, laughter, fantastic music and food, each other's company and fellowship. Looking forward to another incredible year of making a difference!



A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

Bill Holmes Award

Melissa Horne

Progressive MJF

Delma Swan

MJF

Jill Holmes

Lions Clubs International Presidential Award

Alix Katala

Lions Clubs International Presidential Leadership Awards

Lorraine Rosenberg

Chris Ramsey

Cheryle Pedler

Australian Lions Foundation Bill Tresize Award

Theresa Andrew

Star Awards

Joyce Holmes

Cherie Van Gastel

Brett Gabel

Margie Thomas

Beryl Mahoney

Geoff Baker

Council Chairperson Awards

Amber Cauchi

Melinda Fogden

Beccy Field

Sharyn Welfare

Simon Westwood

Carolyn Kilpatrick

David Leonard



201 C2 DISTRICT CONVENTION 2024



Back to the River

The 2024 District Convention is fast approaching and it won't be long before the month of October is upon us. Registrations are open now, with the deadline on Wednesday, the 25th of September.

The venue for business sessions is the Murray Bridge Performing Arts and Function Centre, 17 Bridge Street. The Gala Dinner will be held at the Bridgeport Hotel, 2 Bridge Street. There are also an array of functions including a trip to the Monarto Safari Park and a Sausage Sizzle!

If you haven't yet, you can register now at the event page on the [C2 Lions website](#). We can't wait to see you there!

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

Congratulations to Past International Director Tony Benbow from Australia for being the board recommended candidate for 3VP at the 2025 Lions International Convention in Mexico City.



Tony has been a member of Lions Clubs International for 30 years, holding senior roles including District Governor and then Chairman of Lions Australia in 2007/8. Since that time he has held a number of International roles involving Leadership and Membership.

He is also the Chairman of StepAhead Australia Ltd, a Trustee of the Australian Lions Foundation Inc, and a member of Lions Club of South Vermont.

MARION CITY LIONS



Supporting the MarionLife Community Centre

Members of Marion City Lions have been meeting monthly to support the MarionLife Community Centre; purchasing and delivering non-perishable food supplies to keep their pantry in stock, such as canned soup, vegetables and meat.

Their continuous support is greatly appreciated by the community centre. However, demand for food is increasing every day, and more help is needed to help people in need. If you live in Marion, please consider donating a can or two to assist with hunger relief.

Primary School Eye Health Screening

Lions Club of Mount Gambier, Lions Club of Blue Lake City Lioness, and Lions Club of Kingston, along with partners and community volunteers, all joined together to conduct eye screenings for the students at Melaleuca Park Primary School.

Dedicated Lions volunteers have undergone extensive training and accreditation to become certified screeners. Personalised letters were provided to families, highlighting any areas of concern that may need further examination by an optometrist.



The Melaleuca Park Primary School was incredibly grateful for the commitment Lions have made to ensuring their students have the best vision possible!

LIONS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES 2024-25



Every year, our dedicated Lions team provides training courses to support members who are keen to step up and improve in their respective roles. With the upcoming Lions Leadership Development Programmes, you can:

- Develop your leadership skills
- Share experiences with others
- Learn more about Lions
- Become an effective leader
- Enjoy fun and fellowship
- Skills for Lions, business and family

Below are the upcoming training courses to join, so register while it's early!

Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

Dates: 7th - 9th of March 2025

Location: Brisbane, Queensland

Application Deadline: November 30th 2024

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute targets those Lions and Leos (over 18 years of age) who are looking to take on leadership positions at Club or District levels, maybe for the first time. It focuses on the skills required to build teams and manage people effectively. It also builds knowledge of Lions' activities outside of club level and includes strategies for making change to move our organisation forward. There are no pre-qualifications required.

Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

Dates: 11th - 13th of April 2025

Location: Brisbane, Queensland

Application Deadline: December 29th 2024

The Faculty Development Institute is designed to expand the number of skilled Lions' trainers who can conduct training at Club, District and Multiple District levels. The curriculum looks to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques to increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership programmes.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as instructors at local Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills.

Lions participating in the FDI will be required to conduct a local training event within six months of attending the institute, in order to complete the FDI.

The application form needs to be signed by the applicant, the District Governor with supporting comments and the Multiple District GLT Coordinator with supporting comments.

Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP)

Dates: 10th - 13th of January 2025

Location: Christchurch, New Zealand

Application Deadline: September 27th 2024

The Lions Certified Instructor Program is designed to develop and expand the number of the most senior skilled Lions' trainers. Lions who complete the LCIP are eligible to serve as faculty at locally approved institutes (FDI & LCIP), as well as International FVDG/DGE Seminar and other training-related events conducted by LCI.

There are several pathways into LCIP but for this course it covers Lions who have training experience, but have not served as FVDG/DGE Seminar Group Leader or Lions Clubs International-directed institute faculty.

For more information to register to the training course, please email GLT.C2@lions.org.au

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