

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Welcome to our February Newsletter, I hope you all had an enjoyable time with your family and friends over the festive season and are ready to welcome all that 2025 has to offer.

Congratulations to our District 201C2 Cabinet Secretary, Lion Cheryl Pedler OAM, who was named as a recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia, as part of the Australia Day Honours last month for her volunteer work at local, state and national level.

In January, Roger and I attended the Council of Governors meeting in Sydney, which was held over three very busy days. On February 2, we held our District Cabinet meeting via videoconferencing.

A very successful webinar was held on February 6, hosted by Lion Sharon Bond on Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation, focusing on utilising the Foundation's website. Our next webinar 'Mentoring, How To' will be held on the Thursday, April 3, via videoconferencing. A copy of Sharon's webinar has been distributed and may I encourage you to share this and our upcoming Webinar dates with your Club members.

Roger and I attended Zone 10 and 11's combined meeting held in Millicent on February 9, which included two inspirational and informative speakers. The meeting showcased how sharing information, collaboration, and working together have created so many wonderful projects for your Zones. Congratulations to all.

March this year heralds our Lions Awareness month with the theme 'Lions on Safari, A Service Adventure'.

It allows us a chance to promote Lions throughout all of March. Let's invite others to join us on a journey of service, alongside sharing the highlights of the incredible work we do as Lions.

In recognition of your many wonderful Lions projects, I encourage Clubs to nominate for Corrine Stone District Project Awards, also known as 'Stonie's Awards'. Please keep in mind, nominations will close in May.

Our 73rd Multiple District 201 Convention will be held in Traralgon, Victoria, May 2 to 5. The Convention Committee has put together an event to showcase Lions locally, nationally, and internationally. Registrations are now open and I look forward to seeing you in Traralgon.

We have a busy few months ahead and as we enter the last six months of our Lions Year, I thank you for your dedication and service, and I wish you all the very best.

Kindest regards,

Carolyn Kilpatrick
District Governor MD201 C2



BLACKWOOD'S BOB THE BUILDER



Congratulations to Lion Kevin Brook!

Each year the City of Mitcham presents Australia Day Awards in recognition of outstanding service and contributions made to the community by Australian individuals and organisations.

Lion Kevin Brook, a long standing member of Blackwood Lions Club was presented with the award for Active Citizenship on the 23 January 2025 at the Soldier's Memorial Gardens, Hawthorn.

Kevin, with his knowledge and skills in the building industry, has been instrumental in the continual expansion of the Bargain Centre at Eden Hills and is affectionately called 'Bob the Builder'.

On 22 September 2024, the official opening of the new expansion to our Bargain Centre with funding from the Mitcham Council and the Federal Government, was celebrated with local Council dignitaries, members of Parliament, our members and local companies who provided their services.

In December 2024, Kevin was presented with a Boothby Volunteer Service Award from our local MP Louise Miller-Frost, for services to our local community.

TOP CLUB SERVICE PROJECT



'Service' is our eight global causes' key focus, so why don't we tell everyone about what we are doing?

C2 District Lions Clubs has an opportunity to be recognised by entering their top service project in this program.

Your Global Service Team is going to help you showcase your projects, not only for Lions to see, but for the wider community to hear and read about through our network of media channels, local advertising, social media, as well as various publications.

So, how will the program run?

- The program will run from individual Lions and Leos Clubs, through District, Multiple District, and finally at the Constitutional Area level. The winner will be announced at our next ANZI PACIFIC Forum in 2025.
- It must be an innovative and inspiring Club project that has either been completed in this current Lions year or be an ongoing project. (Note: This must be a project by an individual Lions and Leos Club, not of combined clubs or a Zone project, and must have been reported into Lion Portal for reference.)
- Club Project entries will be judged by a committee established in each District by the District Governor and will include the GST District Coordinator.

For information on how the program will run, or for the application form, click [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAY OFFICERS TRAINING (via videoconferencing)

Dates: May 31 2025

This training will be available online and face-to-face at a venue (to be decided). All are welcome to attend. More details to be confirmed in the coming months.

For further information please contact **District Leadership Global Leadership Coordinator Melinda Fogden** E: GLT.C2@lions.org.au

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

EMBRACING NEURODIVERSITY

Autism specialty club members use their unique gifts to enrich others and themselves!

One of the most appealing aspects of Lions International is the wide variety of clubs that service-minded individuals can join. In Canada, the Montreal Autism Community Lions Club (MACLC) takes a special interest in promoting inclusion, homing more than 20 Lions, more of whom are autistic or neurodiverse.

‘Our focus is not simply to bring light, awareness and advocacy for the needs, adversities and challenges of the special needs community, but also to welcome them as contributing members,’ said Zemanovich, the club’s president. “Our

club celebrates our members’ ability to contribute to society by creating opportunities for them to use their gifts to help others and empowering them to develop their own leadership skills.”

To read more, check out the latest issue of the LION magazine [here](#).



GOT IT IN YOUR DIARY YET?

The annual Normy Fun Run, held by Yankalilla & District Lions Club is coming back to us this March!

The event is a terrific, fun family and group event, to be held on Sunday, March 9. Come along to Normanville Beach and join us! You can participate in your event of choice, ranging from 2.5km or 5km walk or run.

It’s a gold coin donation to enter and all proceeds go towards funding local Lions projects. See you there!



CONGRATULATIONS CHERYLE!

What an honour! Congratulations to our very own Cabinet Secretary, **Lion Cheryle Pedler OAM**, on receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division.

Cheryle has been an integral Lions member of C2 Lions Districts and her service to Lions could fill pages. However, her other community endeavours are just as long and important as the work she does with us. We are so proud to have such a committed, dedicated, volunteer part of our Lions community, and to receive her limitless kindness and patience.

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