

Parent Body

Lions International is a world wide, non- political and non- sectarian organisation, open to service minded people of mature age. Members are bound by a Code of Ethics with the simple motto WE SERVE. There are now over 46,000 Clubs throughout the world in 208 Countries with over 1.4 million members. In Australia there are over 1200 Clubs with over 30, 000 members. Lions in Australia have provided and continue to fund Eyesight Institutes in all States and operate Australia's only training facility for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Lions Club of Wangaratta

The Lions Club of Wangaratta, Inc, was chartered on March 17th 1956, with twenty four members. It was the 47th Club in Australia, the 9th Club in Victoria and the 1st Club in North East Victoria and Southern New South Wales. In recent years we have maintained an average membership over forty five members.

Wangaratta belongs to Lions District V6 which borders Victoria and Southern NSW, which in turn is governed by Multiple District 201, Australia.

Overview of Purposes

To provide the opportunity to serve the community. To promote good fellowship and mutual understanding with all Club members. To install confidence in ones ability to act and to create high ethical standards. To provide a forum for the open discussion by Club members, on all matters of public interest.

Board of Directors

The Board comprises the President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors and a further four members, all of whom are elected annually by the Club members. Their role is to provide direction and to administer the affairs of the Club.

Sub Committees

The three Vice Presidents each co- ordinate and chair one of the three sub committees.

1st Vice President - Administration,

2nd Vice President - Projects,

3rd Vice President - Activities.

Every Club member is appointed to one of these committees to align with their delegated responsibility or Club involvement.

Administration - controls Administrative and Financial affairs.

Projects - Investigates worthwhile charities and projects besides co-ordinating community projects.

Activities - Co ordinates fund raising activities.

Additional special committees are established by the Board to conduct specific events and projects such as the Wangaratta Swap Meet, the Lions Apex Road Safety and Carols by Candlelight.

Annual Fees

Annual fees are paid in equal instalments in July and January to cover Multiple District and International membership and insurance.

Currently this fee is \$35 per half year and is reviewed annually.

Meetings:

Dinner Meetings are held every second Thursday at 6.00 for 6.30pm, commencing the first full week in July of each year. (Apologies must be made for non attendance) The Board of Directors meet monthly after the first Dinner Meeting for the month. Each of

the three committees meet monthly in the week immediately preceding the Board Meeting.

Social Activities

Social events are arranged throughout the year to cater for all interests.. This includes an annual campout in March, a Presidents theme night in May and a Christmas celebration Dinner in December. Social Nights are also scheduled into the Clubs Dinner Meeting program for special celebrations and guest speakers. These nights always commence at 6.30 for 7.00pm and include the Changeover Night June, District Governors Visit, Youth of the Year Final February, Charter Anniversary Night in March.

Significant Club Activities

These fund-raising activities include Catering for Australia Day festivities, Drink waiters for 2nd /24th Battalion Dinner, Lions District V6 Youth Orientation Day, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Cakes and Lions Mints, Gate keeping at the Wangaratta Show – October, Youth of the Year and International Youth Exchange – Ongoing, Meals on Wheels at Weekends /Public Holidays – Ongoing, Annual Swap Meet and Yesterdays Heroes Car Show – February, and Spectacle Collection for Lions Save Sight Program - Ongoing.

Significant Community Projects

1957 - Re- establishment and ongoing

improvements to Painters Island Caravan Park.

1959 - Erection (1959) and Extensions (1986) to Girl Guides Hall.

1967 - Established the Avenue of Honour - Old Highway at North Wangaratta.

1968 - Children's Playgrounds at West End, Ryan Avenue and Yarrunga.

1968 - Donation and Placement of the K191 Steam Locomotive at Wareena Park.

1971 - Assisted in the establishment of the North Eastern Car Club complex South Wangaratta.
 1971 - Donation towards the Fountain at Merriwa Park.
 1971 - Fund Raising of \$12, 650 for Killara Centre for intellectually Handicapped.
 1977 - Assisted with establishment and ongoing maintenance (1991) and (2006) of the 15 Mile Creek School camp.
 1988 - \$10,000 and 1800 hours toward the Establishment of the Verner Kentmann Sound Shell in Merriwa Park.
 1995 - Built the Lions Shed at Wangaratta Show-grounds.
 1996 - Established the Lions Park and Emergency Helipad at Batchelors Green Reserve.
 1997 - Provided a Shelter over the Toddlers Pool at the Olympic Pool.
 2000 - Established the Wangaratta Swap Meet Event and Yesterday's Heroes Car Show.
 2012 – Constructed the Rangeview Cres. BBQ and Shelter in conjunction with Wangaratta Council.
 2013 - Accepted responsibility for the management and operation of the Road Safety School from the Apex Club of Wangaratta.



Significant Donations

1956 - \$10,000 donation the Olympic Pool appeal .
 1974 - Fund Raising of \$4,500 for the Yarrunga Swimming Pool.
 1983 - Fund Raising of \$7,000 for the North Eastern Handicapped Persons Centre.
 1993 - Donation of \$12,000 to Lions Sight First
 2001 - Funded \$10,000 for the Disabled Persons Change rooms at the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre.

2002 - Funded (\$5,400) and constructed the mud brick fuel shed at Typo Station.
 2003 - Donation of \$5,000 toward fitting out the Multi Sensory Room at Special Development School.
 2003 - Establishment and Ongoing support for Autism support - WARTS (2003 to 20100).
 2006 - Constructed the Lions Memorial, and Peter Seargeant BBQ shelter at Batchelors Green..
 2013 – Donation of \$10,000 to NESAY to assist with Homeless Youth accommodation.
 2014 – Donation of \$6,000 to WDSS to assist with building an all abilities playground.



Children enjoying the facilities at the Lions Apex Road Safety School in Ryan avenue. Each year about 1000 pre-school and primary students attend classes, receiving basic road rule education.

We Serve



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Lions Club of Wangaratta Inc.

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**Chartered
March 1956**

**Profile of the
Lions Club of Wangaratta**

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