



Welcome to Lions Clubs International

About Lions

Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community.



Today with more than approximately 45,000 clubs in 206 countries and geographical areas, Lions have expanded their focus to help meet the ever-increasing needs of our global community.

Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered: "We Serve."

We Serve - Nearly 1.35 million Lions members in 206 countries and geographic areas answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world. Lions tackle tough problems like blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness.

Global neighbours - Lions members—men and women—provide immediate and sustained relief in time of disaster and offer long-term assistance to those in need. Lions collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries and treat millions of people to prevent river blindness.

Community Leaders - Lions improve the quality of life in their local communities by building parks, supporting hospitals and establishing water treatment programs.

For nearly 90 years, whenever there is a need at home or around the world, Lions members are there to help—We Serve.

Vision Programs

Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the association's 1925 international convention.

Today, in addition to their international SightFirst program, Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts.

Lions are also involved in a variety of other activities to improve their communities and help people in need, such as assisting the hearing impaired, providing diabetes awareness and education materials, working on environmental projects and developing youth programs.

Lions Clubs International Website

Refer to the website for comprehensive information about Lions Clubs International

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>



Welcome to Lions Club of Wodonga

The Lions Club of Wodonga was chartered in 1965 with 18 members and over the past 45 years has actively served the community of Wodonga in many ways.

Today the Club has 30 members who continue to maintain the proud reputation of Lions Objects and Ethics through a wide range of projects and activities. The following list indicates how club members are actively engaged with these projects and through many of them raise considerable funds each year to donate back to the community and to Lions projects.

The Wodonga Lions Club is one 63 clubs in District 201V6.

The members of the Lions Club of Wodonga meet twice a month for a Dinner Meeting, sometimes at a hotel and other times at the Club meeting room.

Major Projects and Activities:



Catering: The Club owns a large catering van and mobile coolroom and caters for the public at race meetings at the Wodonga Turf Club, a major weekend Chrysler car event, Children's Annual Fair and on many other similar

Lion Mints: Many shops in Wodonga sell Lion Mints at the counter to help raise funds for Lion projects.



Christmas Cakes: Every Christmas club members help to sell 800 specially made Lions Christmas Cake in our community. The sale of Christmas Cakes has helped raise money to support sight projects and to support our community.



Motor Bike Show and Shine: For the last three years the Club has conducted a special motor bike show and shine to display very old motor bikes to the very latest. Funds raised have been used to support Kidney Health Australia, Arthritis Foundation and Lions Health Projects.

Meals-on-Wheels: Twice a month on a Sunday members deliver meals to home bound people from the kitchen at the Wodonga Hospital.



Library Book Home Service: Like Meals-on-Wheels members deliver and collect library books each fortnight for about 30 people who are unable to visit the library. This is a great project which the Club has been running for over 25 years.

Welfare: From time to time Club members help people in our community to look after their gardens or visit members and their families when someone is not well.



Royal Children's Hospital Appeal: Every year on Good Friday members of the Club help the Wodonga Fire Brigade with counting the donations received for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. This year the Club sent a donation of \$45,000.00 from the Wodonga community to the appeal. The appeal is well supported by communities all over Victoria because the hospital which is in Melbourne looks after children from all over our state.

Youth Exchange: The Lions Club of Wodonga has always been proud to sponsor young people to visit other countries through Lions Youth Exchange. From time to time Wodonga Lions families have also hosted young people who are visiting Australia through Youth Exchange.

Health Projects: The Club regularly collects used spectacles from optometrists. The used spectacles are passed on and then sent overseas to places like India and Africa to help people needing glasses but are not able to afford a new pair



Social Activities: Apart from working hard to support the community of Wodonga, members and their families enjoy a great Christmas party each year, visiting other clubs and occasionally going out somewhere different for a dinner or Sunday lunch.

Donations: Each year the Club donates nearly \$25,000.00 back to the community as well as \$50,000.00 towards the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

The programs and activities of the Lions Club of Wodonga are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered: "We Serve."

Further Information:

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Be a part of the change. Join the Wodonga Lions Club. Lions club members are men and women who strive to make a difference in their local community as well as in communities worldwide.