



Lions Club Mandurah

LIONS CLUB OF MANDURAH INC.

55TH ANNUAL
CHANGE OVER
JUNE 2026

The year that was;
2025/2026



Mandurah Lions Den
95A Park Rd,
Mandurah WA

THE PROGRAMME

Welcome & Introductions

- By Lion Stephen Cannon - Master of Ceremonies

Invocation & Toasts

- By CR Dave Schumacher

Lions Club International Purposes

- By PCC Ian Kelly OAM

Lions Club International Toast

- By Rhys Williams MLA - Member for Mandurah

Response

- By PCC Ambrose Depiazzi OAM

- Lunch is Served -

(Roast Chicken, or Roast Beef)

Board Installation

- By DGE Roslyn Barnes

Vote of Thanks

- By PDG Peter Lamb

- Dessert is Served -

(Apple Crumble, or Fresh Fruit Salad Served with Cream or Icecream)

(Tea or Coffee also Available)

Awards & Recognition

- By Immediate Past President David O'Leary

Code of Ethics

- By PDG Neil Saunders

Acknowledgements

- By MC Stephen Cannon

Lunch today is proudly provided by:



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THE CHANGE

2025 / 2026 Club Board of Directors

President:	Lion David O'Leary
Immediate Past President:	Lion Robert Garratt
1 st Vice President:	PDG Neil Saunders
2 nd Vice President:	Lion Graham Bateman
3 rd Vice President:	Lion Terina Tinson
Secretary:	PDG Peter Lamb
Treasurer:	PCC Ian Kelly OAM
Membership:	Lion Helen Lamb
2 Year Directors:	Lion Ross Pollitt Lion Peta Pollitt
1 Year Directors:	Lion Rob Landon Lion Sue Landon
Tail Twister:	Lion Clive Cartledge
Lion Tamer:	Mixed Role

2026 / 2027 Club Board of Directors

President:	PDG Peter Lamb
Immediate Past President:	Lion David O'Leary
1 st Vice President:	Lion John Osborne
2 nd Vice President:	Lion Cassie Leatham & Lion Shane Leatham
3 rd Vice President:	Lion Helen Lamb
Secretary:	Lion Alicia McCulloch
Treasurer:	Lion Peta Pollitt
Membership:	Lion Helen Lamb
2 Year Directors:	Lion Manuela Dalberg Lion Sari Harrington
1 Year Directors:	Lion Sue Landon Lion Rob Landon
Tail Twister:	PCC Ian Kelly OAM & PDG Garry Irvine
Lion Tamer:	Don McCarroll

THE REPORTS

Change Over Report 2025/2026 *President*

Through my term I have made a change of the second meeting being a social-guest speaker evening, rather than the repetition of previous business meetings.

As the majority of members have aged, health of some has caused concerns but no deaths during my tenure.



**Lion
David O'Leary**

Des and Margaret McLean have been moved into a rather flash new nursing home, which was a relief to those close to them – Cassie & Shane.

BBQ's have been generally well staffed and made good returns to the club.

Recycling has moved along steadily giving good returns also.

Halls Head is a money for little labour project with only one day being cancelled.

Brightwater nursing home have appreciated the cooking of BBQ lunch for the last Friday of the month, except December.

I have enjoyed my term as President and hope that Peter enjoys his term and with the incoming board the best for their term.

2025/2026 President – David O'Leary

New President Report - 2026/2027 2025/2026 Secretary

Firstly, may I say how privileged it is to be elected for the fourth time as the President of the Lions Club of Mandurah. In many ways, this Club continues to provide the benchmark for a successful Club in 201WA and with three Club Branches, we provide both leadership and guidance to our members both young and old on the benefits of Lionism.



**PDG
Peter Lamb**

Our many and varied projects keep us busy, and monies raised provide ongoing assistance to many local community groups and those in need of a helping hand. Despite our ageing membership, we continue to bolster our Lions Foundations and Institutes, whilst also supporting the City of Mandurah and groups such as ALCOA, RUOK, & local Schools with our trademark BBQ Sausage sizzles.

We continue to work harmoniously with our sister Lions Club of Falcon, with whom we share a common goal of “We Serve” to the people of the Peel Region. Similarly, our Club is currently working with the City of Mandurah, to facilitate an orderly transfer of all our Club property, to a new site at the old Mandurah Indoor Sports Centre, to be renamed the Mandurah Community Hub at Dower St, Mandurah. This facility is under renovation and should be ready by late 2027/2028.

I thank the new Board members who have volunteered their time to serve for the next year and congratulate the old Board for a job well done. I would also like to thank our new Secretary Alicia McCulloch and Treasurer Peta Pollitt for joining me at the head table in 2026/27. Both jobs are critical to the success of this Club and their support to me as President is invaluable.

There will be some changes this coming year in the way the Club operates, so please continue your support of the new Board to help make 2026/2027 a very successful year.

PDG Peter Lamb

Change Over Report 2025/2026 1st Vice President

For readers who are not members of Mandurah Lions, my experience over the past 12 months has shown me that this club is far more than a group of people who “sell sausages”.

They follow our lions Code of Ethics by being generous with their time, labour and means, among other things.

Over the last twelve months they have conducted over 37 BBQs resulting in a net income of nearly \$8,100.00. Many thanks to Lion Rob Garratt and his many helpers.

Also, during the same period Lions Peta and Ross Pollitt, Lion Stephen Cannon, and various helpers, spent many hours sorting books into various categories and types. Assistance from Lion John Osborne and his offsidiers in stacking and wrapping the books on pallets was also much appreciated.

Then came the annual BookFest for the long weekend in May. Friday afternoon and evening, setting up the venue, loading, transporting and unloading nearly 8,000 books. These books were then set out in their various categories ready for sale. Total time committed by our members and family was over 40 hours. Saturday, Sunday and Monday time selling books. Monday also included packing up and transport books back to our Lions Den.

In total 32 individuals contributed over 353 hours over the weekend. Our average net return was approximately \$1,540.00 per day. This was nearly double the previous year.

We all learnt some valuable lessons and look forward to putting them into practice next year.

PDG Neil Saunders.



**PDG
Neil Saunders**

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Changeover Report 2025/2026 2nd Vice President

As the 2025–2026 year closes, I report on the activities assigned to the Second Vice President's portfolio.

PCC Depiazzi OAM arranged club visitations for members to observe and share ideas. On October 28, 2025, our club hosted members from the Lions Club of Fremantle, and in November 2025, some members visited the Lions Club of Pinjarra.

PDG Garry Irvine OAM updated members on Lions Foundations and Institutes at the January dinner meeting. He suggested ideas for the Lions District Cabinet to help clubs grow and maintain membership.

Lion Dick Ingle successfully managed the Lions Mints activity solo and earned the club's appreciation.

The Halls Head Shopping Centre Car Park markets are organized by various community groups, including the Lion's Club. President David, Lion Don McCarroll, PDG Peter Lamb, and PCC Ian Kelly OAM coordinate monthly market days, with contributions from Amber Gilkes and her son, William, on one occasion.

On the last Friday of each month (excluding December), a Lions team prepares BBQ lunches for residents at Brightwater Aged Care Facility. Key volunteers include David O'Leary, Peter Lamb, Helen Lamb, Don McCarroll, Ian Kelly OAM, Peta Pollitt, Ross Pollitt, and Graham Bateman.

Lion Rob Garratt is organizing a guest speaker from the Perth Diabetes Centre for our club in the 2026–2027 year to raise diabetes awareness.

Bar Operations were overseen by Lion Stephen Cannon, assisted by PDG Neil Saunders, Lion Clive Cartledge, and occasionally other club members.

The Social Committee, including Lions Graham Bateman and Don McCarroll, organized a visit to the "Wheelchairs for Kids" facility in Wangara on November 18, 2025. On February 17, 17 members and partners also enjoyed dinner at the Penang House Restaurant.



**Lion
Graham Bateman**

Lion John Osborne explored community assistance requests in Mandurah, with guidance from Lion Sue Landon. In August, the club donated to Oakwood Primary School for a vulnerable student. A request for a sleep apnea device was made, but the recipient was advised to seek a sleep clinic assessment and NDIS support, and no further communication was received. The club also continued providing Care Bears to the local Police Station for children in challenging situations.

Lion John Osborne successfully led the Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings project, primarily selling at the Mandurah Forum from December 6 to 21, with additional sales through members' contacts. Total sales included various sizes of cakes and puddings, totaling 840 (1.5 kg), 912 (1.0 kg) cakes, 675 (80 gm) cakes, 50 (400 gm) gluten-free cakes, 186 (900 gm) puddings, and 174 (400 gm) puddings. Thank you to all Lions, partners, and friends involved.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank all who took positions on committees and those that participated in the above activities. I urge all members to continue their enthusiasm by supporting our incoming President, PDG Peter, and his Board of Directors

Lion Graham Bateman

THE BOOK SALE



If there's someone who probably never wants to see books again, it's our amazing Peta Pollitt! Sorting, handling, pricing, organising over 8,000 books, plus dealing with advertising AND finding us our amazing venue? The woman did it all!

Despite it being a wild and windy weekend, it was an incredible feat that we pulled off. A great turn out of volunteers, and some definite hard work done by some incredible people - especially Lyn Cartledge and her scones!



With a fantastic turn out, more interest in the raffle that we thought and having to buy more raffle books, what a complete success.



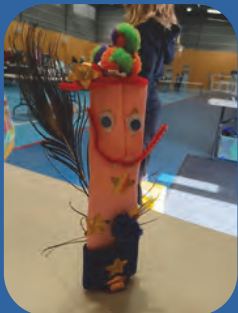
The Final Tally!
A phenomenal: \$9126 !



Even young Cub Samuel gave us a hand!



Some great creative art works were made by the kids too!



The lovely young Lauren - aged 9 took home the colouring in competition! It was a tough choice, but PDG Peter Lamb made the final call.

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THE SHOW & SHINE



Well, if there was going to be a day that's good for ducks, and not for cars - it was the 2025 Show & Shine.



Despite all our hard work, extra preparations, the amazing outpouring of volunteers and all the extras put into place to make it a huge event, we were unfortunately let down by the weather - as well as the date change because of the council.

We still broke even!



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THE BBQs



Brightwater Retirement Village



Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast



Australia Day 2026



Mother's Day Pink Walk



Official Opening of the New Fishing Platform at Estuary Bridge



Mother's Day Pink Walk and PCC Ian Kelly!

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THE 102 HOUR BBQ!

WE MADE HISTORY!



The World Record 102-Hour Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Joondalup!



An INCREDIBLE 8,200 Sausages sold, \$50,000 made and 102 hours of non-stop cooking from so many phenomenal volunteers from all over WA!

The grill, the Bands, the community that IS Lions.



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THE AWARDS

Children of Courage Awards



On the 21st of March, the Lions Children of Courage awards were held at the Morley Noranda Bowls Club.

We heard some inspiring stories, and some well deserved awards were given out in recognition of some incredible young people.

Congratulations to all recipients!

Youth of the Year 2026

🌟 Huge congratulations to Western Australia's own Isabella Chalker from Bunbury — the new National Youth of the Year! 🌟



Isabella has shown the very best of what young Australians bring to our communities: leadership, heart, curiosity, and a genuine drive to make a difference. Her achievement is a powerful reminder of how bright our future looks when we invest in young people and give them the space to shine.

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THE PROGRAMS

Newspapers

Our paper program is growing by the week!

The crew is always looking for extra muscle, so if you have time, come on down for a chat and to throw around some heavy items.

Our current total:

17.76 TONNES!



Containers for Change

Our containers for change program also is going strong.

A huge thank you to our members, who help fill the bin after a dinner meeting too!

All proceeds going straight back into our community.



Activity Hours - 2025/2026

Busy? You bet! Our rough breakdown of hours of community service in 2025/2026!

Recycling:
472 Hours

Fundraising:
2508 Hours

District Projects:
2107 Hours

Total Hours: 7107!

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XYX Syndrome - Their Year!



Rare Disease Day.

Amber Gilkes and Kerry Cooper were proud to attend the official launch of "Beacon" this event was Hosted by Alike WA.

The evening featured an insightful panel discussion, where Amber Gilkes proudly represented the XYX community, alongside Darcy Horwood, Dr Claire Bowden, Travis Cruickshank, and Kristen Nowak.



Respite Camp 2025!



The XYX Syndrome Association of Australia hosted their 2025 Respite Camp for families across Western Australia at the Lions Club Myalup Pines Cottages.

Giving parents, caregivers and kids a much deserved break and place to relax!

Connecting with others, nature or just having an unwind. The kids had an absolute ball, amazing food and a chance to run around in the fresh air.

THE BRANCH CLUB

Meadow Springs Residents Group



What a year for the Meadow Springs Residents Group! Officially welcoming in some new blood on the 23rd of September, these guys have been super busy!

From Halloween and Christmas events, to helping at the repair cafe, running an incredible Toy Swap Event and hosting a Fundraiser for the 'Just a Farmer' movie, these guys don't stop.

They've had some amazing turn outs for their Movies in the Quarry, as well as helping with a green thumb in the gardens there too. These guys are one of the best parts of Meadow Springs, and show just what it is to be a Lion and support our community.

Madora Bay Community Association

The Madora Bay Community Association has been busy too! With their successful Trivia Night, and starting their new project of a community library box for people to take, or leave books!

Music in the Burbs, and a brilliant Christmas event too, they're definitely going strong!



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THE SPECIAL MENTIONS



On the 21st of November, 2025, our very own John Osborne was awarded the Melvin Jones Diamond Pin in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the success of the Lions Cancer Institute Screening project in WA.

John has been an Elected Director on the Board since early 2018.

On the 12th of January, 2026, John was elected, unopposed as Chairman of the Lions Cancer Institute (WA) inc.

Lion Des McLean MBE - Turned 90 in February!

Des celebrated with his wife, Margaret, his son Darryl, from Collie, and his daughter Christine, and son-in-law Ian, over from Mansfield, Victoria, as well as his Grandson Shane, his wife Cassie, and great grandson Samuel, and a couple of close friends. He appreciates the warm online messages, which were compiled into a booklet for his celebration.

After a fall at Christmas, and breaking his leg, it's good to see him back up and causing mischief with Great-Grandson Samuel! Unfortunately, he is no longer able to be a serving member, but sends his love!



Another Lion on the way!

Lions Cassie & Shane Leatham (incoming 2nd Vice Presidents) will be welcoming Baby #2 in October.

While Samuel will always be the special smiley one, we can't wait to meet this new addition!



A special mention to our Original Chief Editor.
It is an honour to continue your work today, and I hope it does your legacy justice.
Always with us.

Vale David Knight.



*Did you like this Bulletin? Lion Cassie has put her hand up to continue on in David's impressive footsteps and keep the Editions coming.
Give us some feedback and let us know!*

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THE EXTRAS & THANKS

Do you know about Operation Teddy Bear?

The Mandurah Lions Club, and the Mandurah Police Force have a furry-amazing operation going on!



These adorable teddy bears are currently distributed by our local police to children during distressing situations.

"In the most frightening moments, when the heroes in blue arrive to help, they also come equipped with these cuddly sidekicks to wrap the most vulnerable in a warm, comforting, soft and hairy hug!"

Like a warm hug wrapped in fuzz, and these particular Teddy Bears are the champions of snuggles! Standing at a cuddly 25cm, they're prime real estate for bear hugs! Decked out in their Lions International gear, they're sprinkled with a dash of magic—courtesy of thousands of committed Lions Club members and a sprinkle of Lion-hearted bravery!

We've even had some feedback over the years, from recipients of these fluffy friends, and the amount of them who've kept them into adulthood!

Right now, the Mandurah Lions Club is donating these fluffy pals to the local police station all by ourselves. So if you'd like to donate to help with our special operation, we would greatly appreciate it!

Sometimes, it's the worst days that you meet some of the best people like our first responders. So we're looking at making this operation even bigger! From Police, to Fire Fighters to Ambulance Drivers, Volunteers, Paramedics and beyond. Those who help the ones in the most distress, definitely need a fuzzy friend to help them out.

Plus, who says our First Responders don't deserve a cozy, warm hug too!



For more information, or to help us out, contact our secretary!

secretary@mandurahlionsclub.info

@lionsclubofmandurahinc



Do you still get **actual** mail? With a stamp!?

Save them!

The Lions Clubs are running a stamp collection program to fundraise for the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. The ALCMF provides mobility aids and walkers to children with mobility challenges!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN, LAUGHS AND GREAT QUESTIONS!

QUIZ NIGHT!

FUNDRAISER FOR
A Car for Dania

Help Dania gain independence and get to the places she needs to go.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH 2026

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

QUIZ STARTS 6:45PM

TABLES OF 8 - \$120
Come make some new friends!

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$15 EACH

RAFFLES GAMES PRIZES & MORE!

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS
Soft drinks and snacks will be available!

SCAN HERE TO BOOK TICKETS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 0466 789 458

QUIZ MASTER DAVID GOODE

VENUE AMHERST COMMUNITY CENTRE
2 Holmes Rd, Southern River

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Denice and Helen once again did some amazing research/help in checking out our uniforms! They have sorted out a better/updated shirt and jackets, that will definitely style us up!

Head into Hip Pocket Workwear on Park Rd, and let them know you're a Mandurah Lion to upgrade.



An enormous thank you is owed to the Coastal Lakes College in Lakelands! Between letting us use their space, cleaning up after us, advertising and the most incredible amount of support with our Book Sales. We would not be anywhere near as successful as we have been without them!



Got some old prescription glasses hanging around? Drop them in to Don McCarroll! He does a few k's regularly, dropping into all the local optometrists for old scripts. He then packages them, and sends them out to be re-used in other countries, such as Indonesia as part of our Lions Recycle for Sight program!

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