



Australian Lions Foundation Ltd

NEWSLETTER

“Helping Lions help their community”

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Chairperson’s Report

Dear Lions in MD201,

The Directors of the Foundation have been very active since the beginning of the Lions year, not only providing support through grants to Clubs but also looking at how the Foundation will deliver in the future.

Many will have seen the recent survey sent out and thanks to the Lions who have responded. The responses have given a great insight into how the Foundation is received and highlighted what is needed in terms of support, communication and awareness for all Lions and Leos. You will see more information later in the newsletter about the results for the survey.

You will see many updates and changes happening soon. We will still provide updates on grants and the successful projects completed by Clubs that make our communities a better place.

At this time, I would like to advise all that I am stepping down as Chair of the Foundation to pursue the honour I have been given to stand for the office of International Third Vice President.

During a recent Board Meeting, the Directors confirmed that our Deputy Chairman, PDG Allan Cooper, will take over as Chair of the Foundation, and I wish him all the best. Serving on the Foundation has been an incredible experience, allowing me to witness the impactful work of Lions Clubs and how the Foundation facilitates so much of this.

Thank you all for your support of the Foundation and please all continue to make “your” Foundation the one that can help you and your community.

Tony Benbow



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ALF National Survey

Thank you to our members that participated in the first ALF National Survey. This survey helps the ALF Board to continuously improve the processes and operations of the Foundation. 235 Lions responded on behalf of their clubs.

1. You rated the foundation...

4.2★
average rating

Thank you for your confidence and we will keep working to better that score.



2. Communications and profile

- a. Less than one percent of respondents reported “They have never heard of the Australian Lions Foundation. 60% have a ‘good understanding’ and 17% an excellent understanding
- b. 38% knew our website address but 31% are visiting our old website address so there is more work to do there. (Its alf.org.au by the way!)
- c. Nearly 40% didn’t know about our Facebook page, and 46% are aware of the page but rarely visit it. Only 14% liked or followed our page so we have a lot of work to do here.

Facebook is where we would love you to share your stories about the fantastic projects you deliver with the support of the Foundation. We have just renamed our page so it’s easy to remember. (Just go to Facebook and type in Australian Lions Foundation)

It's <https://www.facebook.com/australianlionsfoundation> . Please like our page today!



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- d. You asked us to start an Instagram page to reach younger people so that is on the way!



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3. Grants and Administration:

- a. The survey found that members rated the Foundation well on its administration of funds, with 79% rating fund management as “Very well, well, or acceptably”.
- b. Respondents had a good knowledge of the grants available from the Australian Lions Foundation and rated “Disaster and Emergency Grants” as the most valued.
- c. Most respondents found the grant application process easy although the largest percentage of respondents hadn’t applied for a grant. Anecdotal comments indicated that many Lions wanted to find out where to go to apply for a grant.

Is it time to help your community by applying for an Australian Lions Foundation grant? <https://alf.org.au/grants/>

Thank you for supporting this survey from the Australian Lions Foundation.

Join us now online



Visit the ALF website at www.alf.org.au to find out more about the Foundation Grants, Awards stories of how Lions Clubs help their communities.



Don’t forget to like us online at Facebook. Our Facebook community has positive stories about how the ALF works with Lions Clubs on amazing community projects and you may find a new idea for your next service project. It’s easy to remember. Just click this link or type ‘Australian Lions Foundation’ in the Facebook Search bar.

<https://www.facebook.com/australianlionsfoundation>



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Essential support for the Neo-Natal unit at Campbelltown Hospital



Thanks to the support of the Narellan Lions Club and the Camden Lioness Lions Club, the Campbelltown Hospital Neo-natal unit have received over \$18,000 in essential medical equipment for the Neo-natal unit.

Pulse Oximetry devices measure the oxygen saturation levels in newborn children, and are used in monitoring

newborns on supplemental oxygen in their own homes, providing guidance to parents as to assist in home care and alerting them to when medical support is needed.

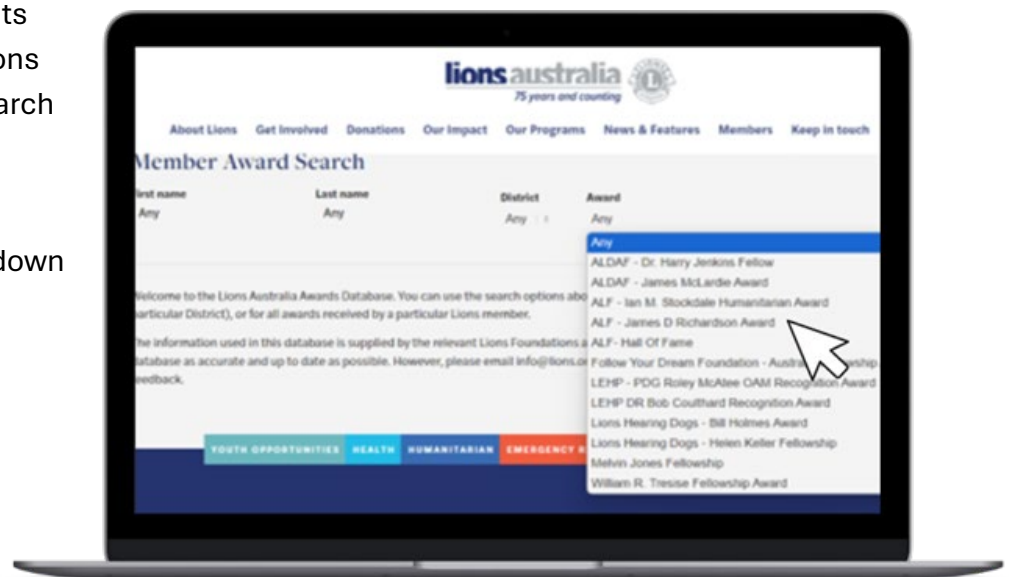
New jaundice meters provide accurate information with 3 seconds to alert staff to conditions requiring life-saving interventions.

Coming Up

Don't forget to catch up with your Australian Lions Foundation District Chairperson at your District Foundation to find out about ALF grants that can help your community projects and Awards to acknowledge your generous donations.

ALF Award recipients are listed on the Lions Australia Award search tool

Just select the ALF Award on the dropdown menu to find our awardees.



<https://lionsclubs.org.au/member-award-search/#/>



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