



Australian Lions Foundation Ltd

NEWSLETTER

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Chairperson’s Report

Although Australia still continues to be impacted by natural disasters from bushfires, cyclones, droughts and floods, it is pleasing to note that there were no major disasters in Australia in 2024 requiring the Foundation to issue an appeal for disaster relief funds.

Overall, our Grants program has continued to assist Clubs with the various Grants available. Over the past 12 months of 2024, we have seen 107 grants disbursed with a value of \$1,444,304. This is again a great achievement when you consider these grants have all been for Australian Club and District community projects and Compassionate & Disaster support.

These grants are made possible by the support given to the Foundation by Clubs and Districts through donations, awards being presented to deserving recipients, and public support. ALF cannot operate without that continuing.

My full report will be provided at the AGM and will be available on the Foundation’s website shortly.

You will notice that we have refined our logo and brand in the last few months. The refinement was to freshen the logo and to provide a more modern, blue and white format. This logo format is more useful in digital formats including online presentations, websites and videos.



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Flooding in Queensland

We are thankful to the Lions Clubs that have been making donations to the Australian Lions Foundations towards the flooding in Queensland. We have been in touch with the Queensland District Governors who have advised that to date, the local clubs are managing and there have been some donations into local appeals.

We are watching very carefully the alerts related to cyclones in Queensland and Northern NSW and rest assured, your foundation will be ready to support Australian communities through your local clubs.

We welcome donations from clubs for disaster relief and you can be certain that your donation will help communities in need in Australia.

Daisy and her mum

Libby's daughter, Daisy has very limited mobility and many other challenges. She loves the beach, outdoors and music. Libby is devoted to providing the very best to daughter who requires 24 hour per day care.

Not only that, but their small car had seen better days and couldn't accommodate Daisy's wheelchair and everything else she needs to get out and about. Unfortunately, while the NDIS can look after modifications to a vehicle, it doesn't cover the purchase.



Thanks to the Tewantin-Noosa Lions Club and an amazing group of community partners including “Aussie Kids”, Rotary, “Noosa Surf Club:” and others, this brand-new Kia

Figure 1 Daisy with Lion Michael Roach from the Tewantin-Noosa Lions Club

Carnival was presented to Libby, ready to help Daisy enjoy her time travelling to the things she loves!



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Grant Update

We have included a new fillable PDF form on the website for general grants as we update our documentation over time. We hope these forms that can be completed on your PC will remove the errors associate with handwriting. We have tried to simplify the form.

Please note that the grant conditions have not changed, so read the guidelines carefully before completing your form so that the application can be processed quickly.

Awards

As we approach club changeover, it may be time that you wish to acknowledge your valued members and supporters through one of the Australian Lions Foundation Awards.

The Australian Lions Foundation Community Service Award

The Community Service Award has been introduced for Clubs who wanted to acknowledge members of the community or organisations that have supported their club or have done activities in their area worthy of recognition.

The Award is designed to be presented to Non-Lions or organisations by Clubs.

The cost of the Award is **\$250** and can be ordered using the normal Awards Application Form



The James D Richardson Honour Award

This Award is named after James D Richardson, who in 1958 was the first Australian to serve as a Director on the International Board of Directors.

The award is achieved through making an undesignated gift to the Australian Lions Foundation of **\$500**, from a Club, Zone, District or other Lions Group who wishes to honour a Lion, Lioness, Leo or a Non – Lion or Group. The gift must be denoted as a” James D Richardson Honour Award” at the time it is made.



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The Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award.

This award is named after Past International Director Ian Stockdale – a most popular and respected member of the Lions organisation. He was a true gentleman who devoted his life to ensuring a bright future for others. Ian was co-founder of the Lions Licola Village

The Ian M Stockdale Humanitarian Award is obtained through making an undesignated gift of **\$1,000** to the Australian Lions Foundation, by a Club, Zone, District or other Lions Groups.

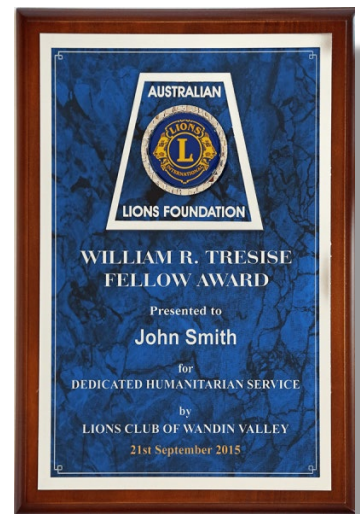
The Willam R Tresise Award

This award, named after the Founder of Lions in Australia, will be presented to a Lion, Leo or Non – Lion where the nominating Club, Zone, District or other Lions Group makes an undesignated gift of **\$2,000** to the Australian Lions Foundation in honour of that person.

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For more information about the Foundation’s Award Program, visit the website or speak with your District ALF Coordinator.

Please use the brand-new fillable forms available on the website.



Coming Up

AGM – 2 May 2025

The AGM of the Australian Lions Foundation Ltd will be held at the at the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium in conjunction with the 2025 Multiple District 201 Convention, Traralgon on Friday 2 May 2025, commencing at 12:30 pm. Details on how the AGM papers can be downloaded have been forwarded to Clubs directly under separate cover.



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