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## **LIONS GREEN CANOPY PROJECT NEWSLETTER NUMBER 4**

I do hope you have all returned home from the MD Convention successfully. I would also like to thank everyone who visited us at our booth and broadened their knowledge on ideas and the expectations of our Multiple District Category "A" project, The Green Canopy Project.

It was wonderful to catch up with Lions, sharing their individual and club plans for participation in this ongoing program. We thank you all for your support. Visitor numbers to the booth were high and questions answered by your state representatives and supporters. Should you have further questions I suggest you contact your state representative direct or any member of the committee through our email address – [greencanopy@lions.org.au](mailto:greencanopy@lions.org.au) - or any of the attached telephone numbers.

We encourage all clubs to send us details of their own projects for us to share with the Lions community.

This month I would like to thank the Lions Club of Beerwah, Queensland for forwarding details of their recent project. Your ongoing efforts have resulted in a rewarding result for you all. I enclose their project as forwarded to us, which you will find at the end of this newsletter.

### **Can we buy in trees if we cannot plant them ourselves?**

We have spoken recently to a few clubs who have had some difficulty organising a tree planting, or even joining a tree planting organised by someone else. We hope clubs will find the information below to be helpful.

#### **As a club, ask yourselves:**

- Is a zone or joint club approach possible?
- Have you looked out for existing green/environmental/Landcare/"friend of" groups to see if you could assist them?
- Have you looked for small-scale opportunities such as a neglected sports reserve or park and asked your local council if you could plant there?

There are boundless opportunities for club projects.

#### **If you are able to buy, trees and you have an agreed site:**

The groups mentioned above might be able to help. Another organisation that finds volunteers all over Australia is Australian Conservation Volunteers. Their web site is

<https://conservationvolunteers.com.au>



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They have a free call number 1800 032 501 but it's probably best to work through their web site. Note that these types of groups always have their own insurance.

**If you simply want to make a donation and have trees planted for your club, you may want to donate to or fund specific organisations:**

Greening Australia	<a href="http://greeningaustralia.org.au">greeningaustralia.org.au</a> 1300 886 589	A Not for Profit that Works in all states est. 1982
Greenfleet	<a href="http://Greenfleet.com.au">Greenfleet.com.au</a> 03 9642 0570 during business hours email <a href="mailto:info@greenfleet.com.au">info@greenfleet.com.au</a>	An environmental Not For profit that has been going 25 years. Does a lot of work alongside Aboriginal communities
Reforest Now	<a href="http://Reforestnow.org.au">Reforestnow.org.au</a>	They work in both Australia (especially Queensland and N.S.W) as well as Indonesia
Trillion Trees	<a href="https://trilliontrees.org.au/">https://trilliontrees.org.au/</a>	Only works in W.A. - focused on restoration projects in that state. Have a plant nursery in Stirling

Personally, I have donated several times in the last year to **Trillion Trees** and the **Koala Sanctuary** (it was a great gift idea for Mother's Day, Mum loved it!). Koala Sanctuary plants trees for Koalas.

DON'T FORGET TO REPORT IT! The Green Canopy Committee wants to know the great work you are doing.

Day to Remember! JUNE 20 is Arbor Day. Plant one tree or a hundred – it's a great day to do it.

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## **Beerwah Lions Club Green Canopy Project**

*Project coordinator, PDG Lion Rod Layt.*

The Lions club of Beerwah worked very closely with the Beerwah Golf club to fulfil the desire of both clubs. The first major project of the new Beerwah Lions club in 1967-68 was the assistant of clearing the vegetation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 holes, thus the partnership started.



After consulting with the Course supervisor, Steve Millgate, and informing him of the national project, Steve gave the total consent for the adoption of the project on the 18-hole golf course. He allocated the locations of the new trees which are 85% of native trees.



The golf club currently had a desire to replace new trees in spaces where old trees had either died or had been removed due to an unsuitable or dangerous tree. The Lions club had the desire to participate in the National project along with the participation within an environmental project. As President Rod was involved heavily within both clubs, it left a reasonably smooth passage for the project to flourish.



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They were all dug from the proximity of the water edge of 2 dams on the course, which means that they have grown from seeds fed down from existing trees. The balance was donated from a nursery, who supported the golf club.



Approval was requested by the Golf club manager to have colour added to the 2-year-old sealed car park gardens. Approval was granted for flowering Grevilleas, hibiscus and Callistemons to be in various area. 54 trees and shrubs fill this granted approval. The golf club has been utilizing the benefit from this national Lions project right from its inception in July 2024.



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The actual planting program on the course started prior to July 2024 but was bolstered with the potting of the self-sown natives and the grow out into various size pots at a members' home once the project was adopted.



Frustration by the players of wayward golf balls have been "relieved" with the tops taken out of a few new trees but a replacement has been speedily located.



A few occasions have arisen where the "boxing kangaroos" have been recorded attacking young trees mainly during the mating season. This has drawn the need to have young and damaged trees trimmed or replaced.

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The entire project comprising 178 trees and shrubs has been bolstered within the last 6 weeks with the receipt of 1300mm of rain being gauged at the course. The growth rate has been exceptional with the grevilleas in the wetter areas utilizing the extra moisture, thus relieving the surface waters for more solid conditions.



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