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Lions Eye Institute \$14.1 Million Redevelopment

The Lions Eye Institute (LEI) is currently having a \$14.1 million redevelopment of its theatre complex at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (QEIIIMC) in Nedlands. It is the largest investment LEI has made to its facilities since the original theatres were built 30 years ago.

The redevelopment will transform the existing facilities into a state-of-the-art ophthalmic theatre complex. Upgrades include a complete redesign of the theatre complex, increasing the size of two operating theatres, creating a dedicated Laser Vision suite and modernisation of outpatient spaces to improve comfort and capacity.

"This redevelopment represents a significant milestone in the Institute's history, as we continue to invest in the future of eye care," said Dr Glen Power, Managing Director of the Lions Eye Institute.



Has your Club considered a tour?

This may be a great time to come and see the changes occurring at LEI. Why don't you arrange for your Club to take a tour of the state of the art facility at the LEI and see what Lions in WA have achieved.

You will be given a tour through the clinic facility including the research areas and eye bank by one of LEI's leading researchers.

Contact our office to book a tour of this amazing facility or download the LEI Tour Booking form from our website at www.lssf.com.au

Perth Half Marathon 2025

Last year, Marg Sparkman filled in for Paul Tomas on the day of the Perth Half Marathon.

On the Sunday the Marathon was being held, inclement weather looked like the event would have to be cancelled. But no, the start was put back 30 minutes. There were huge fronts coming through - wind, thunder, lightning, hail, heavy rain and it was very chilly. A decision was going to be made at 8.30am as to whether to start the race - and it was, the runners started!

The 3 water station volunteers had instructions to stay in their vehicles & stay safe until 8.30, but they were caught unprepared as the communication that the race had started didn't come through. Nevertheless, Lions braved the dreadful conditions, set up and worked, and the runners were happy.

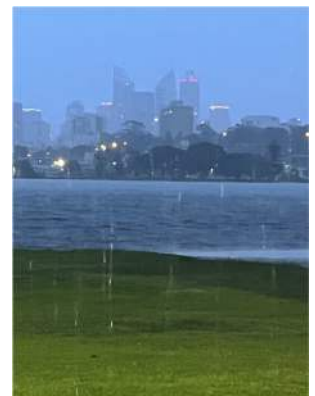
Unfortunately, the weather affected Canning City's BBQ. They had set up their trailer under the annex on Saturday night & when they arrived Sunday morning - no annex to be seen or found. It is still missing!



Although the day was fraught with bad weather, missing shelters, and miscommunications, Lions rose to the challenge and made it another successful Marathon. Thank you to Lions Clubs of Ballajura, Booragoon, East Fremantle, Fremantle and Leeming.

The Foundation would also like to thank Paul Tomas for organising the fundraising event and Marg Sparkman for stepping-in in his absence.

The Foundation received a donation of \$630 from the Marathon Club for our efforts.



VISION VAN SCHEDULE 2026

JANUARY

5-30 Maintenance

FEBRUARY

4-6 Katanning
9-20 Kalgoorlie
23-24 Kambalda
26-27 Norseman

MARCH

2-4 Esperance
6-18 Albany
20 Denmark
23 Manjimup
26-31 Kalgoorlie

APRIL

1-2 Kalgoorlie
9-10 Laverton
13-14 Leonora
16-17 Wiluna
20-21 Meekatharra
23-24 Newman
27-30 Hedland

MAY

1-5 Hedland
7-8 Roebourne
11-12 Karratha
14-15 Paraburdoo
18-19 Tom Price
21-22 Onslow
25-27 Exmouth

JUNE

4-5 Geraldton
8 Moora
10-12 Katanning
15-16 Manjimup
18-30 Albany

JULY

2-3 Esperance
6-7 Kambalda
9-24 Kalgoorlie
27-28 Laverton
30-31 Leonora

AUGUST

3-4 Wiluna
6-7 Meekatharra
10-12 Newman
14 Tom Price
17-21 Hedland
24-26 Roebourne
27-31 Karratha

SEPTEMBER

2-4 Exmouth
7 Geraldton
9-10 Moora
15-16 Katanning
18 Denmark
21-30 Albany

OCTOBER

1-2 Albany
5-6 Esperance
8-9 Norseman
12-13 Kambalda
15-31 Kalgoorlie

NOVEMBER

2-3 Leonora
5-6 Meekatharra
9-11 Newman
13 Paraburdoo
16 Tom Price
18-24 Hedland
26-27 Roebourne
30 Karratha

DECEMBER

1 Karratha
3-4 Onslow
7-8 Exmouth
10 Geraldton
14 Moora
16-18 Kalgoorlie

Contact

The Lions Outback Vision (LOV) van will be travelling to these destinations throughout WA during 2026.

Please contact LOV at info@outbackvision.com.au or phone: 9381 0802 at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange a guest speaker to visit your Club. Your Club can also arrange to visit the van and see what a remarkable project this is.

For more information about LOV, Outreach Clinics and the Kimberly Clinics go to the Lions Outback Vision Website.

www.outbackvision.com.au

LSSF Funding for 2026

In 2026 LSSF have committed to fund a total of \$250,969.93 to LEI. The commitments are;

- Lions Curtin Chair in Ophthalmic Big Data Analysis - \$193,469.93
- PDG Brian King Fellowship - \$17,500
- Dr Danial Roshandel - \$25,000
- Dr Jack Hoffman Scholarship - \$15,000

Our current PDG Brian King Fellowship funding is scheduled to finish at the end of March and funding of a Dr Jack Hoffman Scholarship will commence in April.

In 2025, LSSF funded \$281,927 to LEI to help researchers Dr Danial Roshandel, our Brian King Fellow Dr Jessica Mountford, and our Lions Curtin Chair in Ophthalmic Big Data Analysis Professor Andrew Turpin, who are all making many inroads in their areas of expertise, adding to the Lions Eye Institute's body of knowledge.

The LSSF Board would like to thank all Lions Clubs for your generous donations made last year. WA Clubs made a total donation of \$32,420 which helps immensely towards achieving our commitments.

LSSF is looking forward to the achievements of 2026.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Clubs are invited to send their delegates to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Lions Save-Sight Foundation. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4th June this year and will be held at the Harry Perkins Research Institute, Nedlands.

Our forthcoming AGM provides us with an opportunity to showcase our activities and achievements over the last twelve months.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Notice of Meeting will be posted to all Clubs in April.

2026 Footy Tipping Competition

It is nearly footy season once again and we want to take this opportunity of drawing attention to our annual tipping competition fundraiser. Last year, through the efforts of Elaine Collins, the competition raised a total of \$1,260 (including donated winnings).

The details are: The registration fee is \$50.00. The prize pool is as follows: At the end of the season—1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$200, 3rd prize - \$100. Each week a \$15 prize is allocated to anyone who picks the nine winners. Any monies raised over and above prize monies goes to your Save-Sight Foundation, so it is not only good fun but is helping a good cause at the same time. Applications will be forwarded to all Clubs by the end of February, so start planning now and "be in it to win it".

The Foundation would like to thank Elaine for her time, effort and good humour in such a great fundraiser.

