



## District Governor Carolyn Kilpatrick

Lions Clubs International

Multiple District 201C2 2024-25

### Introducing the District Governor Team 2024-25

#### *District Governor Carolyn Kilpatrick*

Being asked to join the Lions Club of Murray Bridge City in 2001 has taken Carolyn on a journey that has introduced her to many new and wonderful friendships, as well as training and leadership opportunities.

Appointed Zone 3 Chairperson in 2011 and being reappointed for another 5 years, enabled Carolyn to witness firsthand the workings of 201C2 Cabinet and Lions members improving the lives of others, through their individual clubs and many Lions Foundations.

Carolyn strongly believes in mentoring and empowering others, ensuring access to information and training, along with the sharing of knowledge and skills, are vital to the development of Lions members and future leaders. Professionally, she worked in the field of aural rehabilitation and teaching lipreading to adults, as a senior hearing rehabilitation coordinator for 25 years, working in metropolitan and country SA. During this time, Carolyn gained skills in networking with allied health, sensory, funding and community organisations and agencies.

Carolyn and Lion Roger have been married for 53 years with two married daughters and five grandchildren. They live in Murray Bridge. Carolyn and Roger retired in 2013 and have enjoyed many caravanning adventures.

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#### *Vice District Governor Simon Westwood*

Simon was born and schooled in Melbourne prior to living in rural Queensland and working on a cattle property. He returned to Melbourne in 1985, and in 1987 he joined Victoria Police, serving in metro Melbourne, as well as country Victoria.

After 12 years' service, he left the police, bought a small business, and joined the Country Fire Authority as a volunteer firefighter.

On moving to SA and Mount Barker around 2000, he continued his voluntary firefighting, joining Hahndorf CFS Brigade. He became one of the Brigade Lieutenants and Brigade President, and was introduced to the local Lions Club, all while working in Adelaide.



**We Serve  
We Care.**

**Simon Westwood**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor  
Hahndorf & Districts Lions Club

**Margie Thomas**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
Lions Club of Robe and District



In 2013, Simon joined the Hahndorf and Districts Lions Club and has since served as Club Safety Officer, Club Vice President, and Club President. He is supported by his partner, Amber Cauchi, who has also become a Lion and has carved out her own path in Lions, now serving as District Global Membership Team Coordinator.

Simon has served as District 201C2 Global Leadership Coordinator 2022/23, Zone 6 Chair 2022/23, is currently a Trustee of the SA Lions Medical Research Foundation, and Unit Manager and C2 committee member of the Skin Cancer Screening Committee. Outside of Lions, Simon was elected as a Councillor to the Mount Barker District Council from 2010-14, and 2018 to present, including during the current term as Deputy Mayor.

Both Simon and Amber are committed to rejuvenating and increasing the membership of our District, and encouraging innovation and new ideas in service, membership, and leadership.

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### ***Vice District Governor Margie Thomas***

My name is Margie Thomas and I've been married to PDG Dave Thomas OAM for 46 years. Together we have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

I started my working career in my family's battery factory making batteries of all descriptions, and in security businesses which involved alarm installation, debt collection, and security guard work, store detective, and investigator.

As David's career in SA Police developed, we moved across SA to Coonalpyn, Port Augusta, Mt Gambier, and Naracoorte, before retiring to Robe. Along the way, I became employed as a childcare worker and studying for a Diploma in Early Childcare and Education.

I have been a member of Lions International since 2012 and immediately took on the position of secretary despite not knowing much about Lions then. A valuable lesson was learned. Being a member of the Lions family has allowed me to travel and make new friends and I continue to be proud to be involved with such a great organisation knowing that my effort is helping others throughout Australia and the world. It gives me that tingling feeling, when I know of the projects that Lions has to offer, and the way Lions change people's lives.

One of my passions for Lions is the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs program. It was a great honour for me to accept the position of ALHD's C District Board Member in 2015, a position I continue to hold. I have also been C2 Cabinet representative for 10 years.

Being the Zone 10 Chairperson has allowed me to travel and spread the word about both the hearing and diabetes dogs, and Lions in general. I am looking forward to a new challenge as part of the C2 District Governor Team this year.

I believe that being kind to one another and working together as a team will achieve more goals and I look forward to the years ahead working with you all.

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