

Newsletter



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Institute (WA) Inc.

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BRINGING SKIN CANCER SCREENING TO REGIONAL WA

As our Community Skin Cancer Screening Program continues to travel across Western Australia, we remain focused on improving access to early skin cancer awareness in regional and remote communities.

Recent visits to Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Southern Cross, Merredin and Kalgoorlie saw strong community participation, highlighting the ongoing need for accessible services outside metropolitan areas.

Many participants attending had not had a skin check in over 12 months, with a significant number accessing screening for the first time. This reinforces the importance of delivering services directly into communities, reducing barriers such as distance, time and availability of local services.

Delivered by trained volunteers, the program supports early awareness and encourages participants to seek further medical assessment with their GP where appropriate.

We thank our volunteers, community hosts and sponsors who make this work possible.

MAR TO JUNE 2026 SCREENING ITINERARY

Contact details will be listed on the Lions Cancer Institute (WA) Inc. website as they become available. There were some amendments made to the screening program shortly after the release of the January newsletter. The amended program is shown below. Please note that bookings can be made online. Check the website for details.

Community skin screening delivered by Lions Cancer Institute (WA) is visual and observational only. It does not constitute a medical consultation, diagnosis, treatment, or referral. Participants remain responsible for their own health care decisions.

Dowerin	14 March 2026	Collie	16 May 2026
Wyalkatchem	15 March 2026	Collie	17 May 2026
Southern Cross	21 March 2026	Donnybrook	23 May 2026
Merredin	22 March 2026	Boyanup	24 May 2026
Kellerberrin	28 March 2026 <i>Cancelled due to Cyclone Narelle</i>	Narrogin	30 May 2026
Cunderdin	29 March 2026 <i>Cancelled due to Cyclone Narelle</i>	Narrogin	31 May 2026
Kalgoorlie	11 April 2026	Kojonup	13 June 2026
Kalgoorlie	12 April 2026	Tambellup	14 June 2026
Menzies	18 April 2026	Albany	20 June 2026
Leonora	19 April 2026	Albany	21 June 2026
Laverton	2 May 2026	Denmark	27 June 2026
Leinster	3 May 2026	Mount Barker	28 June 2026

We welcome Adrian Boeve from Truck Centre to our screening team. Adam took part in the Dowerin and Wyalkatchem screenings and is a valuable addition to the team.

Following the screening event held in Wyalkatchem, Chairman John received an email from Rod Lawson Kerr, the President of the Wyalkatchem Men's Shed, which read as follows:

"Good afternoon, John,

Thank you and the team for offering your service at our shed.

I have attached a copy of the piece I have submitted to the Wylie Weekly. Hope it's ok.

Cheers,
Rod.

Rod Lawson Kerr
President
Wyalkatchem Men's Shed"

Rod's article which he submitted to the local newsletter is shown below.

Men's Shed News for March 2026

I was recently contacted by the Lions Cancer Institute to ask if we would be interested in hosting a skin cancer screening service. I was more than happy to assist and we booked in the 15th of March for their visit. Luckily the bus fitted through our front gate and once set up people started arriving. Thirty four people came to have themselves checked out and many stopped back for a chat under the shade cloth.

Gary organised a morning smoko and lunch for the Lions crew which was also attended by some of the visitors.

I thought it would be worth mentioning that the services provided to the community by their various Lions groups are all run by volunteers, there are no paid staff, so the contributions from the towns and companies they visit along with company sponsorships are what keep the lights on and fuel in the tank. At this stage there is no additional funding from either Federal or State Governments. The people carrying out the scanning are qualified nurses who have also carried out the required training in order to perform their duties.



MAR TO APR 2026 SCREENING RESULTS

Unfortunately, the scheduled screenings in Kellerberrin and Cunderdin had to be cancelled due to Cyclone Narelle. Those screenings will be rescheduled for later in the year.

The results of screenings carried out in March/April at Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Southern Cross, Merredin, and Kalgoorlie are as follows:

Males	90
Females	123
Total	213
Met Criteria	112
Further Investigation Recommended	50
% Recommended for Further Investigation	23.47%
Last Screened within 6 months	4
Last Screened 6 -12 months	12
Last Screened over 12 months	135
Never Screened	62

KALGOORLIE

At an event held in Kalgoorlie on the 11th and 12th of April, a further 111 participants were screened. For 54 of them, this was the first time that they had been screened. Twenty three participants were advised to seek a follow up with their GP. The distance travelled to provide the service was 650 kilometres. Total volunteer hours contributed: Screening 32. Travelling 36.

MENZIES

On the 18th of April, team volunteers conducted a screening event in Menzies where 14 participants were screened. Three of these were screened for the first time. Seven of the participants were advised to seek follow up attention with their GP. Four volunteers contributed a total of 24 hours to this event.

CHILDREN'S BIG DAY OUT

The Christmas 2025 Kids Big Day Out event was held at Orana Cinemas in Kalgoorlie. Over two hundred and carers were most appreciative of the outing, where the children received drinks and popcorn before enjoying a movie.

Special Children's Big Day Out Tax Deductible Donations can be sent to:

Lions Cancer Institute's Special Day Out
PO Box 1540, West Perth WA 6005

EFT Donations can be made to Special Children's Big Day Out Westpac Bank.
BSB: 036-107 Account: 23-0011

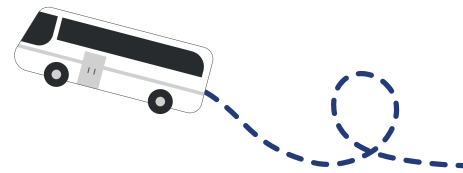
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RESEARCH

We will be providing an update on the research being sponsored by the institute in our July newsletter.

IMPACT

Above all else, the Lions Cancer Institute (WA) Inc. strives to make a difference by relieving the incidence and burden of cancer now and for the future through our skin screening, research, education, outreach and advocacy of prevention and treatment.



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We are a Registered Charity and all donations are Tax Deductible.
Funds raised will assist with the on-going cost of providing
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