



The Lions of MD201 Australia proudly present
Tony Benbow OAM

Recommended by the Board of Directors
for election to the position of

**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
MEXICO 2025**



"Our Multiple District is proud to support his candidature for the Office of International Third Vice President."

David Horne
Council Chairperson 2024-25 MD 201

FROM THE MD201 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Lion Tony has been an active member of the Lions Club of South Vermont since its Charter in 1985. He has held many positions in the club, commencing as Charter Secretary, followed by various other roles including President a number of times.

Although Tony has held many positions outside the Club, including that of District Governor, Council Chairman and International Director, he has never lost his down to earth approach and dedication to his Club and its activities.

Tony's business career has given him extensive management and leadership experience and he has been able to apply those skills in helping many Clubs and Districts throughout the Lions organisation.

Tony has the capacity, experience, the foresight and the passion to serve all members of the Lions family.

David Horne
Council Chairperson 2024-25 MD 201

FROM THE GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 201 V5

On behalf of the Lions Clubs of District V5, I have great pleasure in supporting the endorsement of Past International Director Tony Benbow as the Candidate chosen by the Board and the Executive Officers to stand for the Office of International Third Vice President.

Tony has proven leadership skills seen from the many roles he has undertaken in his Lions career. He has been a driving force in supporting growth in our District as well as participating in many of the projects being undertaken.

Tony has worked extremely hard at an International level in the Leadership and Membership area, also lending himself to training of our future District Governors.

His involvement in the Australian Lions Foundation and the Lions House Foundation is another example of how he serves the community and Lions.

Tony also ensures participation in activities at his own club, thereby keeping in touch with Lions and the community at a grass roots level.

The Lions of District V5 feel that Tony has all the qualities needed to be an Executive Officer of our Association and we have no hesitation in recommending him for that position.

Kim Low
District Governor 2024-25 MD 201 V6

More about Tony...

Tony and Sue have been married for 41 years and have two adult children - Nicole, a qualified psychologist and Michael, a qualified tradesperson. Nicole is married to Dean and they have a daughter Phoebe.

Tony's business career spanned some 39 years in the banking industry, working in many senior and varied management roles.

Tony joined the Lions Club of South Vermont as a Charter Member after commencing his community service in the Rotaract Club of Nunawading where he was a member for 10 years.

At District level, Tony held many roles on Cabinet including Zone Chairman, Promotions Chairman and Cabinet Treasurer for 7 years, to Vice District Governor and District Governor. Following his year as District Governor, Tony was elected Council Chairman of Lions Australia in 2007/8.

On completion of his term as Council Chairman, Tony was appointed to the International role of Area Leader Global Membership Team for Australia, a new role created by the International Board to support our Membership program. He was then appointed into a similar role for Leadership for Australia before taking on the role of Constitutional Area 7 Leader for Membership and Leadership.

Tony was elected to the International Board of Directors in 2016 where he served a two year term. During his first year he was a member of the Leadership Committee and Vice Chair of the Audit Committee. The following year was appointed Chairperson of the Finance and Headquarters Committee. He has also held other roles in Lions, both at the local and International level. He was Deputy Chairman of the 2010 International Convention Host Committee, Constitutional Area Leader for CA7 for the Global Action Team and was the Host Committee Chairperson for the recent International Convention held in Melbourne in June 2024.

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As a Lions Certified Instructor, Tony has also been invited to serve as a Group Leader on the District Governor's Elect Seminar in Hamburg, Toronto and Honolulu.

Tony has a passion to serve and holds a number of positions in other organisations.

He is the Chairman of the Lions House Foundation Inc. which he has held for a number of years and the Victorian State Director and Chairman of the Australian Lions Foundation.

Throughout his Lions and business career, family has always been important to Tony. Tony's wife, Sue is also a Lion and an active member of the Lions Club of South Vermont. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Together with Nicole and Michael, they have always fully supported Tony.



A personal message...

Acknowledgements & Awards

He is the proud recipient of many Lions and community awards including:-

Lions Awards:

Ambassador of Goodwill

Recipient of a number of International President's Medals & Leadership Medals

International President —

Certificates of Appreciation

James McLardie Award

Dr Harry Jenkins Fellow

James D Richardson Honour Award

Bandung Fellow (Indonesia)

Life Member of the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs

Charitable Trust (New Zealand)

District Governors' Appreciation Awards

Cabinet Treasurer/Secretary Awards

Key Member Awards

Various Multiple District, District and Club Awards

Other recognition:

Tony has also been recognised by the Commonwealth of Australia in being awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to the Community and to Lions Clubs International.

He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and regular supporter of our Lions Clubs International Foundation.

My Lions career has afforded me so many incredible experiences and opportunities .

You can read a lot about what is being done by our Clubs, but to see it first hand and meet those that undertake that work is what makes you proud to be a Lion.

I have met so many incredible Lions and Leos, not just in Australia but also in other parts of the world. These members of our Lions family have shown me the number and variety of projects and activities they conduct and this really proves what we do as Lions is so worthwhile.

If I am elected to the role of International Third Vice President, I fully commit, with the support of Lion Sue, to serving all members of the Lions family across our vast Association. It would give me the opportunity to share many of these outstanding projects and activities with other Lions, so that they can see what great work is being done.

I believe I have the experience and knowledge of our organisation to add value in participating at the International Executive level, to be your voice and to support our strategy of growth to serve humanity.

I have appreciated the wonderful support and encouragement from so many Lions over the past years and if successful, hope that I will be able to live up to your trust and expectation .

I thank you for the opportunity and ask for your support, to take on this role.

Tony