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Philip Caunt
Cabinet Secretary

District 201 W2

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Dear Philip

Re: Nannup Lions mascot Tandy and her *Fight For Sight*

I'm hoping you and your local clubs might be able to offer a hand to a very small Lions Club in the far south west of Western Australia? You see, a member donated a six ounce gold nugget to be raffled, with funds raised to go to the Lions Eye Institute (LEI) in Perth, and we've got to get rid of 10-thousand tickets over the next three months. The nugget has been independently valued at \$12,500, and the tickets are \$10 each.

The LEI, with its worldwide reputation, is deeply involved in stem cell research, which will - hopefully - provide those with eye diseases such as macular degeneration the chance of restored sight....The nugget was found by the donor 14 years ago while he was detecting about 900km north of Perth. He himself has about five percent of normal sight, and his new self-trained vision assistance dog, Tandy, is leading the campaign to raise \$100-thousand for this research.

If your clubs would like to help, they can pay for orders by placing funds (\$10 per ticket) into our Nannup Lions Gold Nugget Raffle Account (BSB 066-508, Account 1042-4053). If they then forward a receipt with a name and address/phone number to Nannup.lions@gmail.com, we will forward the relevant numbers for tickets purchased. If required, scanned copies of tickets can be emailed, or physical tickets can be posted.

The winning ticket will be drawn at a Gala Dinner in Nannup on 4 November 2017. We have a lot more information on our website, www.nannuplions.org.

We feel it is one of the most exciting projects Nannup Lions has ever undertaken and is, perhaps, worthy of the support of all clubs. We hope you agree, and look forward to your District's support.

With Best Wishes

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President, Nannup Lions

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Tandy Lion has been our Club mascot since a few weeks after she passed a three-hour dog guide test in Perth a day before her first birthday. She'll wear a replica of the gold nugget on her harness, which already sports the Lions logo. Tandy has raised nearly \$2,000 in two years, as part of her Fight For Sight!



When the nugget was found, the donor and his late wife did not own a digital set of scales. So they weighed one steel bolt, and added a few more until they balanced the old scales. Close enough! The nugget was recently valued at \$12,500....



The nugget was found on the edge of a station road. The two prospectors were camped in the trees over the donor's left shoulder. His wife was cooking bacon and eggs when he walked up and asked her to close her eyes and hold out her hand....

