



**FREE SCREENINGS:** Michael Millar, Gibson Atherton, John Barnes, Maralyn Millar, Janet Atherton and Carol Barnes from the C District Lions Club joined together over the weekend to provide free skin cancer screenings at the South East Field Days.

## Lions skin cancer screening initiative helps save lives

LIONS Club members from across the expansive C District joined together over the weekend to provide free skin cancer screenings at the South East Field Days.

Offering free professional advice, the service was fully booked over the weekend, with demographer Gibson Atherton hailing it a success.

"We came on Thursday and provided free skin screenings for the staff at the South East Field Days and were fully booked for the rest of the weekend," Mr

Atherton said.

The screenings were held in a van complete with a small reception area and three screening rooms.

A total of 195 clients were inspected, with 75 having suspicious lesions with 51 suspicious of being life threatening.

Staff referred 42 clients to a GP with only one member of the group previously screened within the last six months.

Over 90 visitors to the van had never been screened, 67 were screened over 12

months ago and 37 were screened between six to 12 months ago.

Mr Atherton and his team travel throughout the C District of the Lions Club, which covers South Australia, the Northern Territory, Broken Hill and Mildura.

The initiative is financed through Lions Clubs from South Australia.

The van will return to the South East in October, when the Lions Club hosts its C District Convention.