

# LIONS FAMILY LINES



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MEET DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
ANDY FITZGERALD  
HER WELCOME IS ON PAGE 4

***“COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, ENJOYMENT – STRONGER TOGETHER”***

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## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**The deadline for the August edition of the Newsletter will be 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Copy received after the deadline, unless urgent, will be held over to the following month.**

Please email your articles to  
[lionbeverleyq3@outlook.com](mailto:lionbeverleyq3@outlook.com)

To ensure a quality print all photographs should be at least 1MB in size.



The Image Consent and Release Form from Newcastle is now a smaller document and can be obtained at -

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/PHOTO-RELEASE-FORM-2021.pdf>.

I look forward to assisting the Clubs promote their many and varied activities via this Newsletter. Please do **NOT** format your articles as I use a template and I work to place your articles in the available space. Also, please **DO NOT** send them to me in PDF format or Publisher (I do not use that programme). **Please use Word or jpg.**

A suggestion is that if you are placing an item on Facebook ... copy it through to me for consideration for the Newsletter. Remember, we are a National publication ... good news does travel. In the meantime, have a great month.

Beverley Bates  
District Newsletter Editor

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANDY'S NOTES



Fellow Lions

As I write this report, I hope everyone is well and coping with our great Queensland winter. We really are blessed to live here. I realise it has been freezing west of the divide but the clear sunny days put a sparkle in my heart.

At this stage of the Lions year, we are starting to fold up all what was achieved during the past eleven months and take on what to expect for the next twelve months.

It did my heart good to see so many Lions come to the Incoming Officers Forums some weeks ago. I have only heard positive things said about what was said and the information passed onto those who attended. I must really thank all our presenters as well. They gave up two total weekends in a row to impart their knowledge and support my ideas and plans for the next year. Without them this premier district would not be as advanced as it is. I also must thank our supporting Clubs who hosted the four days. Their friendliness and willingness to help with the set up and of course, THE FOOD. If I am not careful, I will not be able to move by the end of the year.

Of course, this is the time of Changeover dinners. I must thank all the outgoing boards and welcome the new board. Congratulations to all involved. If you are new to your board, just remember we are all only a phone call away, if you need to clarify and need some help.

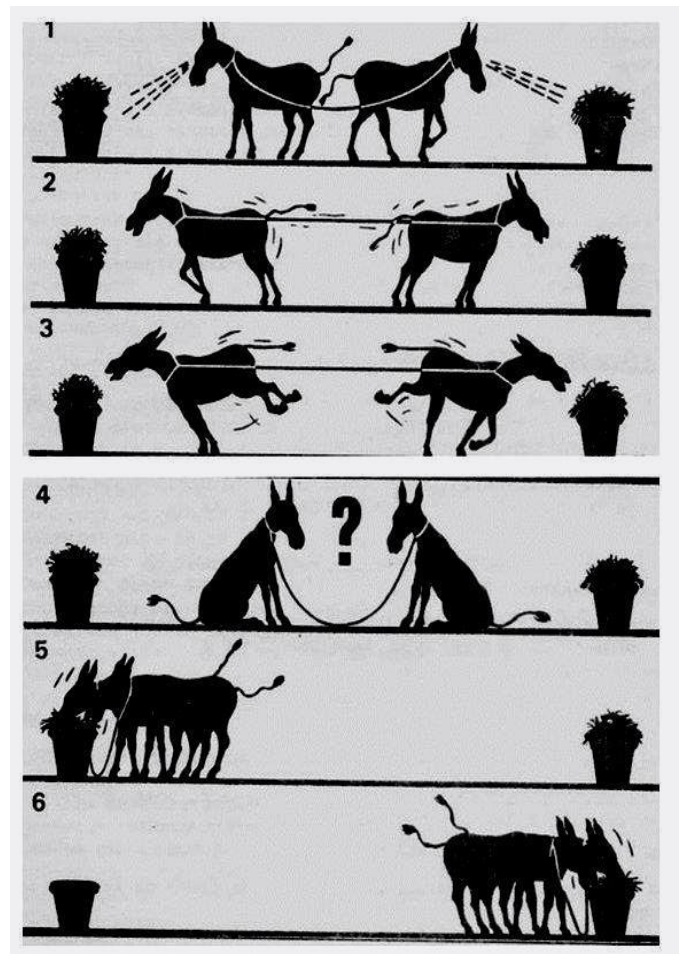
I thank you all for stepping up to your role. Sometimes we must step outside our comfort zone but trust me, it is well worth it.

As I write this it is only eleven days until I fly out to Boston. Excitement is starting to creep in, especially as our parade shirts were delivered today. I will proudly represent you all in Q3 and of course Australia and the International Convention in Melbourne next year. I hope to post some photos on to the District Facebook page. Stay tuned, of course, some photos will be censored!

Remember Communication is the key, so I challenge you to go into My Lion and learn a new fact on the net. Once you learn how to get into the site, click onto the little magnifying glass and you would be amazed what you can find!!

My next report will be written in the US, so until then, stay safe, talk to one another, and enjoy what we do, helping the community.

*Andy Fitzgerald*





## Lookout for: **ANDY'S ROAR!**

Quarterly videos to inspire Lions Clubs

Video #1

### "Refresh Your Club For Spring"

Check District FB page for details



## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANDY'S WELCOME**

*Welcome to you all.*

This year the International President Dr Patti Hill's theme is "Changing the World." This goes with the saying 'where there is a need there is a Lion.'

My theme is Communication, Education, Enjoyment – Stronger Together.



A lot of problems can be solved with good communication whether at club, zone, region or district level.

**Education:** There is so much available through the Lion's web pages. As a member of Lions International the web site is there for you to look up anything you want. Just log on and hit the little magnifying glass on the right-hand side – then put in what you want to know and voila there it is!! I have managed to find amazing things and I am not a whiz at the Internet!!

**Enjoyment:** Why did you join Lions in the first place? What was it that encouraged you to join?

Are these relevant today? Give some thought to these because without Communication and Education you will not have Enjoyment or be Stronger Together.

Our big challenge this year is "The Big Audacious Mission." There will be a lot of ideas and plans coming from the Global Action Team with the District Leadership Team, and District Membership as well. They will pass on lots of knowledge to get this project going.

Most of all I want you to enjoy the next year. I know I am excited about it all. We have a fantastic District so let's keep it going and have fun doing it.

Thank you and look after yourselves. Remember, I am there any time you need to talk, vent or share.

*Lion Andy Fitzgerald*  
District Governor

*District Governor Andy's Photographs appear on Page 5*





## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT RICHARD'S NEWS

Paul Cezanne said 'We live in a rainbow of chaos', and that is certainly what it is like inside my head at the moment. I have so many half-ideas, half-thoughts and half concepts running around in my head. I'm enjoying the conversation with myself. But I also have the VDG1 training to think about, and about twenty club visits to look forward to.

Now, this may seem a strange statement, but now that you have taken over a role, what are you doing to groom your successor? We too often leave succession planning to the last minute, but there are some things you can be doing now (regardless of your role) that maybe will encourage others to put their hand up for a position next year. These include:

- delegating tasks to help people understand the role, and realise that they can do it
- include people in your decision making
- don't overstate how many hours you put in and how hard you work. Tell the truth, but don't discourage people by over dramatizing
- create a file of documents (e.g. Youth of the Year correspondence) so your successor doesn't have to start from scratch.

I don't promise to contribute an article each month – but will add something if I have got something to say!

And please, contact me if you have any ideas or want a chat.

Take Care



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANDY'S PHOTOGRAPHS



*DG Andy with International President Dr Patti Hill*



*DG Andy with her family – daughter Fodhla, grandsons Joe and Alec*



*Remembering a life of Service*

*Called  
To  
Higher  
Service*

Lion Robert (Bob) Free  
*Lions Club of Clifton*

Lion Graham Chisholm  
*Lions Club of Brisbane West*

Lion Yvonne Edwards  
*Lions Club of Chinchilla*



## CABINET SECRETARY BARBARA'S REPORT

Welcome to a new Lions year I am remaining as Cabinet Secretary for District Governor Andy. Congratulations to all the secretaries for 2023-24 and thank you all for taking on this vital position for your Clubs. I enjoyed meeting all of you who came to our Club Officer Development Days in Fernvale, Dalby, Wamuran, and Bardon. My thanks to the host Clubs, Lions Clubs of Fernvale, Dalby, Wamuran and Ashgrove/The Gap. Without host Clubs we would not be able to hold these training days.

I hope that you all gained something from the day and that you remember that I am here to help in whatever way I can to assist you in your role. A lot of hard work goes into the preparation and running of these days. Any feedback on your manuals and/or on what you would like to get out of training days in the future would be appreciated.

For those of you who weren't able to join us please log into your Lion Account and click on to learn icon and you can choose the online Club Secretary training. Even if you did attend the training it is a great revision exercise.

A reminder of some of 'chores' for July, Club Policy Minutes need to be updated and ratified at your first board/business meeting in July. The District Changeover is on Saturday 22 July at Club Pine Rivers, make up a table with your Club members and come along to thank IPDG Graeme and welcome DG Andy.

Many of you may still be organising your own Club changeovers in July.

District Convention is 29, 30 September, 1 October 2023, the remember deadline is **31 July 2023** for

- non-project notices of motion
- Nominations for DG, 1VDG, 2 VDG
- Nomination for host club Convention 2025

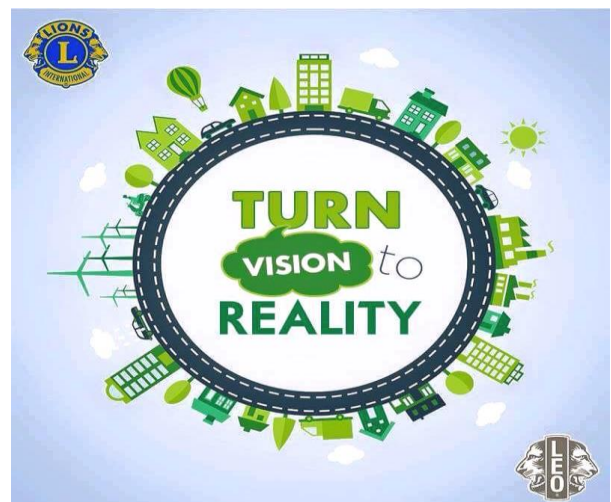
Ongoing 'chore' by the 27th of the month add your membership changes/nil membership changes/service activities to MyLCI/MyLion. Consider appointing a Club Administrator to assist with reporting.

An important message is that the MyLion Account is evolving into a new Lion Portal in the coming months. To help ensure a smooth transition make sure your Lion Account Information is correct in MyLCI and that you have a unique, unshared email address. Everyone will need to re-register; you will be notified by LCI of when to do this. Learn more at [www.lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](http://www.lionsclubs.org/portal-updates).

Should you need any assistance or advice, or further information please don't hesitate to ring me on 0438 853 862. If I don't have an answer, then I will certainly get back to you with one. I am looking forward to working with you all in District Governor Andy's year.

I wish you all the best for a successful year and hope that by the end of it you will spread a positive message that being a Club Secretary though a challenging role it is one that you found interesting and rewarding.

*Barbara Matthews*  
*Cabinet Secretary 201Q3*





**TOOWOOMBA WEST ASSOCIATION**  
**WITH DOWN SYNDROME SUPPORT**  
**GROUP**

Toowoomba West Lions have, over the past twenty odd years, hosted the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Down Syndrome Support Group to Camp Duckadang each March. With COVID happening, the camp has not happened for the past two years plus the kids are getting older – so to continue the relationship we organised a BBQ for the Group in Lions Park to renew and continue our association.

Following extending the invitation to the Group we were advised of some forty-nine adults and twenty children would be attending. A call to arms was sent out to the Club members for assistance on the day plus provision of home baking for the dessert. I was blown away with the support offered with over twenty members and partners coming along on the day to help plus proving the delicious home cooking for the families to enjoy.

The morning went off really well. The Group had not really been together for some time, so it was an opportunity for those who live outside of Toowoomba to renew friendships with those other members of the group. There was a lot of chatting and laughing within the group plus with the lunch put on by our Club was just what the Group had wanted – renewal of friendships with both their members as well as our Club members.



*Members of Down Syndrome Support Group enjoy the day*

President of the Group, Kara Wren, sincerely thanked our Club for hosting the morning and she was amazed at the number of our members who willingly gave up their time to support this little project and make the day a true success.

Our members assisted with packing and collection of the trailer, set up and clean up on the day, preparing the meal, cooking the BBQ and just interacting with group members. A special thank you to you all.

Let's hope that we can someday soon host the group back at Lions Camp Duckadang and continue the tradition.



*Toowoomba West members serving up the home cooked dessert*

The surplus food, steakettes and bread rolls, were dropped off to Toni's Kitchen, on the way home, as they have a BBQ tea for the homeless every Sunday evening – so nothing was wasted, and they were very grateful for the donation and promised it would put it to good use. Feel good donation to follow Lions Ethics of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

*Lion Merv Symons  
Project Chairman  
Lions Club of Toowoomba Inc.*

**OPEN DAY**  
**SATURDAY 29 JULY**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**  
**PLEASE TELL OTHERS**



## **SERVICE TEAM REPORT**

This year, your Service Team consists of myself, Debbie Williams, as your Chairperson, ably assisted once more by Chris Sang, from the Lions Club of Brisbane Inner North and Danielle Runge, from the Lions Club of Kallangur. Welcome to the team Danielle!

We have three goals to work towards for this Lions year and they are:

- To have 80% of all Clubs reporting their Service and Fundraising Activities via the new Lion Portal, once it is up and running.
- To increase the number of Clubs that have a nominated Club Service Chair to do this reporting.
- For each Club in our District to take on one new project, whether that be Children of Courage, Clean Up Australia Day and so on. Note that we are encouraging a new Service project, not a Fundraising project, something that will get our Clubs out in public assisting their community once again.

Why are we encouraging these types of Service projects? The more we are in our community in our shirts, the more we are actively promoting our Clubs. **EVERY SERVICE PROJECT IS A MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY.**

Once the new Lion Portal is online and active for us to use, it will make reporting our monthly Membership and Service simpler as to access both MyLCI and MyLion, you will go to the same place on the LCI website.

Once there, you will notice some changes to reporting of Service, they being:

- Service project reporting is the main focus. What the project is/was, how many volunteer hours it took to complete and how many people were served by this Service project.
- They also want to know about the Fundraising you have done and any donations your Club has made.

- **HOWEVER, Fundraising is not considered to be a Service project. So Bunnings Sausage Sizzles or sales of Christmas Cakes etc is to be recorded in Fundraising.**
- If all or part of the money raised by your fundraising is used for example, to buy toiletries and food staples to put into care packs for the homeless, then this part is recorded as a Service project, again listing how many people served, how many volunteer hours to put the care packs together and so on.
- Some of our Clubs are lucky enough to have arrangements with their local Council and facilities to run a café for a number of hours each week. Again, this is a fundraiser, not a Service project and like a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, is NOT a Hunger project. Please do not record it as such. Hunger projects are those where you are providing food/drink to truly needy members of our communities, not people who are enticed by the smell of onions cooking on a barbeque.

If you have any questions about what should and shouldn't be recorded and where, please give me a call to discuss the project in question. We're looking forward to seeing the Lion Portal up and running and our team are only too happy to assist our clubs as they make the transition.

Cheers

*Debbie Williams*

Service Team Chairperson





## **ASHGROVE THE GAP NEWS**

On 4<sup>th</sup> June some incoming members of our Lions Club attended the Lions Training Day at Voices of Birralee in Bardon in preparation for their positions on our Board for the next twelve months. Our Club also catered for over fifty Lions Members and Presenters.



*Members enjoying lunch at the Club Officer Forum*

Twenty Members, Partners and Friends attended a Thank You Morning Tea on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June in recognition of our Club donating fifty percent of the funds to purchase a commercial treadmill in conjunction with our Community Partner Trek2Health.

We were able to view the treadmill in operation and were presented with the work that Trek2Health does with First Responders and Veterans to improve their mental and physical health. We were advised about managing chronic stress, having nutrition for well-being, behavior change along with gratitude and empathy. Further, the trending of the statistical data has provided outcomes that the work that Trek2health are doing is positive for the participants as well as the commitment from Trek2Health. The morning finished with a 1.5 kilometer walk around the Enoggera Dam Wall.


At our Business Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June our Club welcomed our Community Partner Melanie Grevis James from Planet Marketing who has been working on a Strategic Business Plan for our Club.

This plan was presented to the members attending and will now form an active component of our development going forward. We would like to thank Melanie most sincerely for all of her hard work devising this plan in conjunction with our steering committee

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July our Club will conduct their annual changeover from the Outgoing Board to the Incoming Board for the next twelve months. This is an opportunity for Ashgrove The Gap Lions to celebrate their work in our community and recognize the work and commitment from previous Board Members. This event will be held from 2pm to 4pm in the Ellis Room at Ashgrove Golf Club.

Leading into Christmas in July, we have Christmas Cakes and Puddings for sale if anyone in our community would like to purchase a 1kg Cake and 900gm Pudding for \$15 as well as a 80gm Mini Cake for \$2.

**Lion Allan Turner**



## CHARITY TRIVIA NIGHT

**LIONS CLUB BRISBANE INNER NORTH**

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES, MULTI DRAW RAFFLE AND BRING A \$5 NOTE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100 - 100S BOARD

USE YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE WHILST HELPING TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS AND AWARENESS TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE OF QLD TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER MORE CALLS FOR THOSE IN NEED DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**WHERE: CLUB CHERMSIDE**  
468 RODE ROAD CHERMSIDE QLD 4032

**WHEN: SATURDAY 5TH OF AUGUST FROM 7.30-9.30PM**  
DINNER, DRINKS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE FROM 6.00PM  
MAIN DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM

**SPONSORS NEEDED**  
PLEASE RSVP TO JO BY 29 JULY 2023  
AT  
JOMCDONALD871@GMAIL.COM OR  
BRISBANE-INNER-NORTH@LIONSQ3.ORG.AU

COST:  
\$20 PP/ \$140 TABLE OF 8/ \$60 FAMILY OF 4  
(SAVE \$20)  
PLEASE PREPAY TO  
BSB 084004 ACCOUNT 89219 8760. NAME AS REFERENCE



CANT MAKE IT? YOU CAN STILL DONATE BY JUST SCANNING THE QR CODE TO TAKE YOU TO THE FUNDRAISING PAGE



201Q3's Environmental Photo Competition for  
2023 -2024

This year's Theme is

**WATER CONSERVATION**

**PROTECTION OF OUR WATER WAYS.**

Deadline for your photos to be submitted is

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Name of entrant .....

Club Name .....

Email address of Entrant .....

Title of your Photograph. ....

- Only 1 photo per person will be accepted
- More than 1 club member can enter the competition
- **Photos MUST be submitted electronically to [dell.emery5@bigpond.com](mailto:dell.emery5@bigpond.com)**
- Photos are not to have any marks, names, or identification that will clearly identify the Photographer or Club.
- Please keep your photo a secret, so the photo stays anonymous, for judging purposes to be fair.
- **Photos will be on display at the Environment Stand at the Millmerran Convention, for voting purposes.**
- **We ask that you support the competition via a GOLD Coin donation to be forwarded to an environmental project.**
- The winner will be announced on the Saturday night, where a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented.

For further info or questions. Please direct them to

**Lion Dell Emery Phone 07 54324572.**

**Or Email [dell.emery5@bigpond.com](mailto:dell.emery5@bigpond.com)**

**So get your fingers snapping, try and make it a Club Event.**



## **BLACKALL RANGE HELP FOR THE HOMELESS**

Blackall Range Lions Club covers such a small geographical area - the villages of Montville and Mapleton and localities of Flaxton, Dulong and Kureelipa, that one would expect that homelessness would not be such a problem here. Compared to some other places it is not, but for the individuals and families affected, it is indeed a problem, the need of individual families being just as great here as it is for families anywhere else.



*Montville SS Principal Adam Montgomery receives fuel vouchers from Lion Marcia for distribution to those needing them.*

We know of and are supporting several families on the Range and are also aware of quite a few others who come up from Nambour to park in the quiet carparks of National Parks, State Forests and other locations at night because they feel safer sleeping in their cars away from larger population centres.

Blackall Range Lions has several small projects underway to support people in this situation. We have always provided occasional hampers through our two primary schools to families the Principals have told us need help. It is now done on a more regular basis. There are families who have had to take up camping in showgrounds or staying with relatives in nearby towns after regular rent rises have forced them out of their

homes. They'd like their children to have continuity in their schooling, especially as their present 'homes' are likely to be temporary, so our club is supporting them with fuel vouchers. We have given the tuckshop convenor of one school a debit card to buy supplementary food for those children she and the Chaplain feel need a little more.



*Goods collected at our April dinner meeting ready to be delivered.*

We've also become aware of women of pension age who have been made homeless due to rent rises. There are not cabins in the caravan park for all of them, and we've been able to help one who had to move into an unsealed shed 45 km away. A couple of members helped pack up her belongings and move them into a much safer and less isolated studio apartment back on the Range when one became available for her.

Another small project about which we are speaking with the school Principals is a 'food sculpture' competition between classes. This would involve classes collecting packet & tinned food over a week or two, and then building a structure with it before it is donated.

On a larger scale, we are helping those who travel up from Nambour through our aid to the Nambour Community Centre. Like similar organisations, the NCC provides social workers, showers, food, meals, warm clothing, and welcoming places to sit and chat or play board games - it gets very lonely if you live in your car. Some of their clients are not homeless but now pay such high rents that they have insufficient left to buy enough food. Our club has collection boxes at each dinner meeting, and in addition, recently gave the Centre \$1,000 which they will use for less common situations when they arise. The manager mentioned one case where a mother couldn't afford new shoes for a growing child, so providing shoes that fit would allow her son to continue at school without awkward questions being asked by staff and other pupils.



*Club President Peter presents a cheque to NCC Manager Anna.*

These are all band aid solutions to a growing problem, but never-the-less, they are making a world of difference to the people who find themselves in need.

*Lion Marcia Jensen  
Lions Club of Blackall Range*



## **KNIT A BEANIE WITH FEENEY**



### **CAMPAIGN BRIEF:**

**Dates:** Monday 12 June – Friday 7 July

**Key message:** Keep Brisbane and Queensland warm this winter. Join our knitting appeal to help those in need keep a little warmer this winter.

**Charity partners:** GIVIT (they will help distribute the beanies to their partners) and local knitting clubs / groups.

**Knitting partners:** Queensland Spinners and Weavers.

**Drop off locations:** Drop them to our office or mail them to us at **ABC Radio Brisbane, 114 Grey Street, South Brisbane 4101**, and we'll donate these to trusted charities through GIVIT partners.

**Campaign copy:** *As winter ramps up and the weather chills down, ABC Radio Brisbane are asking the community to knit together to create hundreds of beanies to donate to those in need.*

*Whether you're a knitting pro, or a wool novice, everyone can get involved and contribute to this appeal, by simply knitting a wool beanie. Drop them to us, and we have our trusty joiners ready to join squares into blankets.*

*The ABC will donate these to trusted charities through GIVIT partners.*

*We'll include all the information you need on ABC websites for tips, tricks and lessons in how to knit your very own beanie. Challenge your friends and colleagues to see who can knit the most!*

**The ABC will gladly accept Beanies after Friday 7 July ... .. Beverley Bates ... Editor**

## **2023 Lions Convention Millmerran Registration Form Access**



To register for the 2023 Millmerran Convention, simply use your mobile phone and scan the QR code, or if you prefer to use your computer, click on the hyperlink below.



<https://lionsconventions.com.au/2023/>



**Lions Clubs International**

## CAKE & MINT PORTFOLIO

July 2023

### CAKES –

As you are aware we had our Cake and Mint Seminar early this month where quite a lot of information on both Cakes and Mints was given.

I have now received copies of everything that was discussed, a detailed report will shortly be coming to every Club for an update.

What is in this article is simply a snapshot of the relevant points.

Firstly, and most importantly there will be another price increase this year. As you are all aware when you do your own grocery shopping and pay your own house bills, everything from a sprig of mint to a bottle of coffee and all in between has gone up in price and in some cases still rising week after week.

The reason for the price rise, due to increases –

Eggs gone up by 60%

Flour risen by 38%

Sugar by 30%

Fuel levies up by 30%

Fruit varies in price and we used 280,000kgs of fruit in 2022.

Gas and electricity have had significant increases and still they rise. So you can see Traditional Foods dilemma. I know we can still sell these great products and keep Q3 at the head of the pack.

The RRP for 2023 is as follows –

1.5kg Cake \$20.00

1.0kg Cake \$16.00

Pudding \$16.00

I know that this is not the news you hoped to hear but unfortunately it is a sign of the times. We all know that we do have a great range of products and that the public at large do like and support this major fundraising programme for our Clubs no matter where we are situated.

So, come on, let's think positive about this and let's get our orders in early and get out there promoting and selling our Cakes and Puddings.

Let's continue to lead the way and to show all other Districts how it is done for success.



Another great move by Traditional Foods for this year is that they have partnered in every capital city to secure a product holding warehouse.

So all of our orders will come from stock held here in Brisbane, at Acacia Ridge, so this should cut down on the problems with waiting for stock.

As at the time of our meeting, every warehouse was at least to 80+% capacity and they were still baking to make sure that they all have 100% come ordering time from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

***PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE NEW ORDER FORM WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY.***

As promised, I will forward a detailed report shortly.

Remember if you have purchased cakes between January and now, June, those accounts MUST be cleared (paid for) now or by the end of this month, they cannot hang over after the 30<sup>th</sup> June, so please see to it that this is done immediately, if not sooner.

### MINTS -

What can I say, we still have a few issues with Dollar Sweets, although they say that they are aware of what is happening, they are trying to fix the problem.

Trouble is that they still have many orders to fill to catch up and as we are not at that point yet, orders that get to them now will be put into the waiting pile to be done.

They promise that we will be notified on their progress and once this is done, orders should then reach them as normal and be processed and delivered in hopefully, a timely manner.

Again, there will be a report on Dollar Sweets and what suggestions have been put forward and what they promise that they can do to enhance the range and get this product moving again.



*Kaye Smith* (PDG)

District Q3 Cake & Mint Chairman

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0477 212 242

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

ISO is the International Organisation for Standardisation. It is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of one hundred and sixty-eight national standards bodies. Standards Australia is a member of ISO. In Australia, we are now expected to use the ISO standard in defining such things as the correct date format and such expressions as Risk Management.

According to the Risk Management Standard, ISO 31000, risk is the “effect of uncertainty on objectives” and an effect is a positive or negative deviation from what is expected. The following will explain what this means.

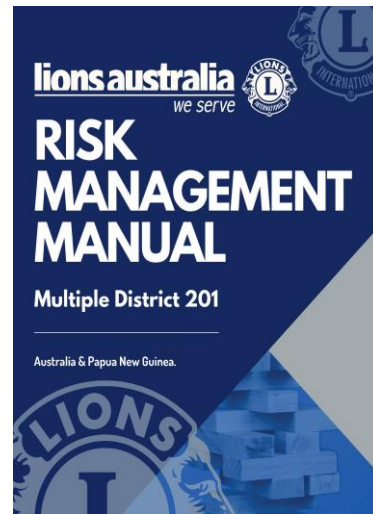
ISO 31000 recognises that all of us operate in an uncertain world. Whenever we try to achieve an objective, there’s always the chance that things will not go according to plan. Every step has an element of risk that needs to be managed and every outcome is uncertain. Whenever we try to achieve an objective, we don't always get the results we expect. Sometimes we get positive results and sometimes we get negative results and occasionally we get both.

The traditional definition of risk combines three elements: it starts with a potential event and then combines its probability with its potential severity. A high-risk event would have a high likelihood of occurring and a severe impact if it occurred.

While ISO 31000 defines risk in a new and unusual way, the old and the new definitions are largely compatible. Both definitions talk about the same phenomena but from two different perspectives. ISO thinks of risk in goal-oriented terms while the traditional definition thinks of risk in event-oriented terms. These two definitions can and do co-exist. They’re two different ways of talking about the same phenomena.

ISO provides a conceptual definition of risk while the traditional formulation operationalizes this general definition: it explains how to quantify risk. It argues that the amount or level of risk can be calculated by combining probability and severity. Many people are resistant to this change however to ensure understanding of the results of

risk analysis, the standard definition needs to be accepted and used.



The MD201 Risk Management Manual is based on the provisions of ISO 31000 so it is a bit different to other previous publications in this field however we do need to conform to the International standard.

*Lion Garry Bates  
Multiple District Risk Management Consultant*

## **AROUND THE DISTRICT**







**MD201Q3 District Five Year (2022 to 2026) Strategy  
DG Andy Fitzgerald 2023-24 District Goals Overlay**

**Five Year District Strategy**

“Our DLT Coordinator will report completed zone, club officer and member training in LEARN.”

1. To have more club members assume leadership roles.
2. To grow and develop members and leaders through learning and experience.
3. To increase the number of effective members.

“Encourage all clubs to have a succession plan in place contesting all club positions.”

“By the end of 2023 – 2024, our District will have processes in place to identify and support the rebuilding of clubs.

4. To achieve a more diverse membership e.g.: gender, age, and ethnicity to better reflect the demographic of the communities in which we live.
5. To increase membership in all clubs.

“By end of 2023-2024 all clubs will achieve an increase in membership.”

“By the end of 2023 – 2024, our district will charter 1 new club.”

“To encourage all clubs to be involved in one or more new service projects.”

6. To increase the number of Lions and Leo clubs.
7. For clubs and members to have a better understanding of, and engagement with District and LI directions through participation in Global Causes service projects, reporting in My Lion, attendance at zone meetings and conventions etc.

“Our team will ensure that 80% of our district clubs will report service.”

“To improve communication between district and clubs.”

8. To adapt to current trends in volunteering and fundraising.
9. To raise Lions profile by effectively using a variety of media formats.

“By the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, our district will support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Australian Lions Foundation (ALF)”

20/04/23

10. Encourage clubs and their members to donate to LCIF and ALF



## **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH FOR CLUBS**

*“The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.” – JFK*

Many of our sixty-eight Clubs in the Q3 district are doing very well in terms of membership and service.

However, as some Clubs have found, that can change very quickly.... dropping membership, lack of interest in service activities, declining attendance at meetings etc are some indicators that a Club could be in trouble.

A proven process that has been used by many Clubs across Australia and the world to help Clubs grow and plan is the Global Membership Approach.

The process involves Clubs sitting down and creating a plan in terms of membership, service, and community.

Where do you start? Start by discussing.

*“If we continue as we are, where do you think out Club will be in 5 years’ time?”*

Look at information such as Club growth, service activities, retention of existing members and other data relevant to your Club.

Your Zonie has a copy of the Club Health Assessment for their Zone.

Ask to see how your Club is tracking in terms of the data.

The Club could then complete a SWOT analysis. It looks at your Club’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

From the responses in the SWOT your Club can onto develop some simple goals that can be achieved in terms of membership, Club operations, service and sharing success with the community.

Your Zonie has been recently trained in this process and will be only too happy to assist your Club with this.

Members of the District Global Action Team are also able to assist. They are a valuable, experienced team.

You just need to ask!

Our District has a 5 Year Strategy in place. Some of these goals can be adapted for clubs to use. There is a copy of the District Plan on the previous page of this newsletter.

**Mark Bates**

*District Global Membership Approach Leader*

## **REDCLIFFE CENTRAL ASSIST THOSE IN NEED**



Encircle Redcliffe and The Breakfast Club Redcliffe have both received a donation of \$2000 of groceries which will benefit the homeless and those doing it tough this winter.

These donations were made during the last two weeks.



*We Serve*

## **MALENY BLACKALL RANGE** **CELEBRATE FORTY YEARS**

The Maleny Blackall Range Lions Club celebrated forty years of service to the Maleny Blackall Range Community at our recent dinner meeting. The Maleny Blackall Range Club was chartered on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1983 and Roger Jackson (deceased) was the first President. At charter night twenty-nine members were installed as the first members of the Club. Chris Symons a current member of our Club attended the Installation dinner at the RSL Maleny and remembers it as being a formal affair with one hundred and twenty guests. He recalls the celebrations going on all weekend.

Numbers dwindled over the years down to about nine members and when Bill Crawford was inducted in 2005 as President, he set about rebuilding the Club to be the strong Club it is today.

Clarke Alexander is the longest serving member of the Club at this time and he and his wife Lyn introduced the “Iced and decorated Christmas cakes” back in Bill’s time to raise awareness of our Lions Club. This project is still popular today.

Around 2006 Colin Sinclair, who has over fifty years’ service as a Lion, together with his wife Sue, came up with the idea of the Welcome Dinner (now known as the “Meet and Greet”) and this event has proven to be our Annual Signature Lions Project. This event is held every September or early October and with the support of local businesses enables new residents of Maleny to learn about the services our community offers and to meet like-minded people.

The first woman President was Una Robinson 2000- 2002 who now lives in Beerwah, followed by Chrissie Dittmann in 2002-2003 and then Helen Johnston in 2014 and currently 2020 -2023.

The Club’s biggest growth in membership was twenty members in 2014 and another twenty members in 2015 during Peter Jensen’s year as President. Our Club grew to seventy members and for practical reasons split into two Clubs to service the Range currently The Maleny Blackall Range Lions Club and the Blackall Range Lions Club. Over the years our Club has fostered the formation of the Mooloolah Valley Lions Club and the Beerwah Lions Club.

Our Club has won the Maleny District Sports Club Organisation of the Year Award several times and the Lions District 201Q3 Clubs’ Year Award (out of seventy-five clubs in the district) twice.

The Club has a proud record of service to our local community and long may this service continue.

For further information about our Club email: [membership.mbrlions@gmail.com](mailto:membership.mbrlions@gmail.com)



*Club Members present at the Anniversary Dinner*



*Lion Mary McIvor*



## OUR NEWEST LIONS FAMILY MEMBERS

**A big welcome to the following new Lions who recently joined us. We all hope you enjoy your Lions experience.**

*Brisbane Oxley Sherwood* Beverley King  
Transferred from Warrnambool

Jeffrey King

Transferred from Warrnambool

*Brisbane West* Kevin Bishop

*Cecil Plains* Tiffany Munchow

*Deception Bay* Di Peresson

*Golden Valley Keperra* Jacqui Dunstan

*Ipswich* Barbara Tate  
Transferred from Sunnybank

*Oakey* Julie Ann Ernst  
Isabell Reyes  
Geoffrey Mason  
Veda Phillips

*Redcliffe Central* Ian Langford  
Transferred from Charlestown

*Roma* Laney O'Neil  
Cameron O'Neil

*Samford* Colleen Whiting

*Teneriffe* Fiona Clarke  
Graham Nilsson

Transferred from Brisbane MacGregor

*Toowoomba* Norma Sanderson

*Toowoomba West* Nigel Goulding

# Welcome

## MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY REPORT

These figures are correct as at 3.00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Our total membership number this month is one thousand three hundred and eighty-one, with eighteen new and thirty-three leave a loss of fifteen for the month.

### **MyLion reports:**

325,137 People Served

325 People Served per Member

3,606 Service Activities

- 114 Diabetes

- 204 Environment

- 114 Childhood Cancer

- 237 Hunger Relief

- 137 Vision

- 2800 Other

124,171 Volunteer Hours since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

USD \$553,576 funds donated and USD \$936,023 raised

Fifty-four Clubs have reported their activities, that is one more than last month, however fourteen Clubs reported no activity this year.

Thank you to those who report each month.

*Barbara*

Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.



Organised by the Lions Club of Albany Creek

**201Q3 Invites all members and their guests to attend our District  
Change Over**

Come and show your appreciation to  
DG Graeme and your support for DG(E) Andy



**DISTRICT CHANGE OVER**

**CLUB PINE RIVERS**

Francis Rd & Sparkes Rd, Bray Park Qld

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

6.30pm for 7pm



**Cost: \$48.00 per person**

2 course meal – alternate drop

**RSVP: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Dress Code:** \* Men – Jacket & Tie      \* Ladies – After 5

\* Drinks at bar prices      \* Raffles      \* Lucky Door Prize

**Payments Preferred by Direct Deposit**

**BSB** 034073      **ACCOUNT** 467475      (Westpac)

Please send your email acceptance & deposit to:

[mylionsmail@gmail.com](mailto:mylionsmail@gmail.com)      Contact Steve 0488 417 333

Club ..... No. Attending .....

Names .....

Contact ..... Address .....

Food Allergies .....





### **Australian Lions Hearing Dog's 2024 Calendar is finally out!**

Take a look at the cutest, bravest and most handsome Australian Lions Hearing Dogs and Medical Alert Dogs for the year 2024. The front cover page features Pansy, a sweet labradoodle from our very own Breeding Centre! Pansy is now in official training to become a Hearing Assistance Dog that changes someone's life for the better.

In recent years, the increase in demand for Hearing Assistance Dogs and the sharp increase in the price of puppies through the global pandemic has forced Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) to turn to other options to ensure a consistent supply for the training programs.

2021 marked the start of the organisation's Breeding Program when ALHD whelped its first litter of Labradoodles from a Brood named Winnie. Since then, the program has expanded to include not only Labradoodles but also Border Terriers in an attempt to keep the tradition of having dogs of different sizes for clients with varied preferences.

This Autumn, you can support our programs with the purchase of our 2024 calendar.

All proceeds of our merchandise sales directly support our Assistance Dog programs. Merchandise can be purchased either online or, for those locals, in person at our National Training Centre in Verdun.

Check out the rest of our merchandise range on our website:  
<https://lionshearingdog.com.au/shop/>

*Belinda Henschke*  
*Office Manager*





## **LIONS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Lions Australia have actively been seeking companies to develop partnerships with that will enhance Lions profiles within the business world and give credit to companies that are supporting Lion's projects. Recently, District 201Q3 has participated in two such enterprises.

On Thursday 8 June, SIKa, a specialty company that produces chemicals and sealants worldwide, held a Community Service project at their Brendale depot. Employees from both the Brendale and Pinkenba depots were released from work in order to participate in putting together Care Packs for the homeless. Fifty employees were involved in the packing. The company had gone all out with a Pizza truck providing free lunch, games such as Football target, oversized Chessboard, Musicians and tables decorated with balloons. They really tried to create a party atmosphere.

Alan Brooks and I attended to represent Lions and thank the company for the opportunity to work together. Once the Care packs were done, they were loaded into Alan's car to be delivered to a local charity, Encircle, that does a lot of work with the homeless in the Pine Rivers area. He and President Helen, then presented them to the Encircle office.

We hope to grow the relationship between the Brisbane SIKa and Q3 Lions so that we can deliver more projects that benefit people in our communities.



The second partnership was one that began last year in Q3. Haymes Paints, a national Australian company, made the offer that for every local Lions Club that ran a Breakfast Barbeque for their customers, they would donate \$500 to the Australian Lions Foundation and reimburse the costs involved for the barbeque.

The company donated \$28000 last year as fifty-six Clubs Australia wide, ran a Breakfast Barbeque for their stores in numerous localities. The Lions Club of Brisbane Inner North ran the event on behalf of Q3 last year at the Newmarket store.

The same deal applied this year but Haymes Paints only offered fourteen stores Australia wide. Unfortunately, in five of those locations, we didn't have Clubs in the vicinity but nine Clubs were available to run the Breakfast Barbeque for their customers. That means that this year, the company was only able to donate \$4500 to the Australian Lions Foundation. We hope to increase this next year by persuading the company to propose more stores as they did last year.

A big shout out to the Lions Club of Brisbane Bunya, who this year took their trailer to the Newmarket store and cooked up fifty egg and bacon rolls for the tradies and clients. Once again, Q3 were ready to step up and not let the opportunity pass us by so well done to all those involved!



*Lion Debbie Williams*

## **MALENY BLACKALL RANGE ANNUAL BIKE SWAP EVENT**

The Queensland Historical Motorcycle Club hold their annual "Bike Swap" event at the Maleny Showgrounds in early March. For the last twenty plus years the Lions Club of Maleny Blackall Range has catered for this event and the bike swap has become one of our Club's signature events, so it is with relief that I can report that this year's effort was a success and worthwhile.

A week out the weather forecast was good for the weekend but as the event approached the prospect of rain increased. We were told to expect around 20mls on Friday and 50mls on Saturday but thank the heavens it did not eventuate!

Yes, Friday night was a little wet but nothing like what was predicted, and Saturday morning was wonderfully dry.

Over the years the event has shrunk from a full-on weekend catering gig to what has now become a modest dinner (sausages sizzle BBQ) for the exhibitors on Friday evening and a busy breakfast of mainly egg/bacon rolls and hot chips, drinks etc for the attending crowds on Saturday morning. 6am to 10am was very busy but our efficient team were up to the task serving the customers often before they had finished paying! One customer said we were "faster than McDonalds", so that was a feather in our cap!

We made over \$2,300 profit, which considering the bad forecast was a better-than-expected result. *Continued on Page 23*



## **SOCIAL MEDIA.**



We had some great discussions at the Social Media breakout groups at the Club Forums. Here are the key points that we discussed:

- There is no simple way to determine which is the best platform for your club to use. It depends on the messages your expectations your audience your budget and your technical skills.
- However, ‘.....if there’s one social media site where virtually any business can thrive, it has to be Facebook.
- Use your website for static information (people go to it) and your social media for regular updates (goes to people)
- Make sure you have at least two people who add and delete roles
- Have a mix of promotion, celebrational, information and fun on your social media
- Promote events before, during and after
- Consider your audience when posting – not all posts need the same audience
  - encouraging members to share posts on their page
  - posting on community pages
  - encouraging MPs and Councilors to promote your activities on their social media
  - tag organisations you are working with so you get on their page
- Make sure your post has sufficient appeal to stop someone scrolling:
  - photos
  - videos
  - graphics
- Be creative with photos and videos – don’t rely on ‘standards’ e.g. two people holding a cheque

*Richard*

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And as usual the Bike Swap was only made possible due to the wonderful support we get from our Club members. There is always much laughter and teasing while everyone works together which is probably the main ingredient that contributes to this events success year after year.

I should also mention the wonderful support we get from the Show Grounds Committee. They provide us with the sheds, chips cooker, urn and the use of their cool room. The grounds manager Dean is always obliging and available.



So, a heartfelt thankyou from the organising committee of the Mary & Denny McIver, Dave & Jean Coffey and John Sanderson as well as the many volunteers who continue to support this event.



*Lion Mary McIver*







## COMMUNICATION ... EDUCATION

### ENJOYMENT

### STRONGER TOGETHER

**29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**MILLMERRAN SHOWGROUNDS**

The time is now for you to register to attend District 201Q3 Convention in Millmerran. Will you also pay attention to the dietary requirements when registering.

The Convention Committee is working hard to bring you an exciting Convention with a few surprises that will be revealed at the Convention.

Thank you to all Clubs who have provided us with their Bannerettes. Lion Cathy will be putting them to good use.

Lion Cathy has sourced many great raffle prizes for the ongoing raffle throughout the Convention as well as some wonderful prizes for the Big Raffle at the District Governor's Banquet. You can prepay for tickets when you register.

If you or your Club would like to donate a raffle prize we would gladly accept it.

This year we are having prepaid tickets for soft drinks and beer/wine. These will be available when you arrive at the Convention on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

While you are planning your little getaway to our Convention, why not include a few extra days to tour around the area. There are many worthwhile tourist spots to investigate. There is the Darling Downs Zoo, Sister Kenny Museum at Nobby. For those who don't know of Sister Kenny- she had a radical idea that physiotherapy was far more successful in the treatment of Polio. Also a visit to the Steele Rudd hotel for a meal or a refreshing drink is a must, also in Nobby.



#### **Toowoomba Tourist Information Centre**

**Address: 86 James St, South Toowoomba QLD 4350**

#### **Oakey Tourist Information Centre**

**The Historical Railway Station on Bridge Street, 176 Bridge Street, Oakey 4401**

#### **Pittsworth Visitor Information Centre**

**50 Short Street,  
Pittsworth QLD 4356**

**E: [pittsworthinfo@tr.qld.gov.au](mailto:pittsworthinfo@tr.qld.gov.au)**

#### **Millmerran Museum and Tourist Information Centre**

**24 Charlotte Street  
MILLMERRAN**



**29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**MILLMERRAN SHOWGROUNDS**

## **AROUND THE WORLD WITH LIONS**

### **LEOS HELPING THOSE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS**

#### **THE TWENTY-NINTH IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES SOURCED BY LION LYN PYSDEN**

The Coppell High School Leo Club in Texas reached out to seven non-profit organizations in their quest to find a community project. What they chose proved that a little kindness and conversation over a warm, home-cooked meal can go a long way.

On five occasions the Coppell Leos AIDS Supper Club in partnership with AIDS Services of Dallas provided meals to the sixty-five residents of Hillcrest House, a residential facility for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. Isabel Mascarenhas, then president of the Leos and now service chair for the University of Texas Lions Club, was the driving force behind the effort.

The Leos made five visits to Hillcrest House in Dallas over five months, and with the help of an LCIF Leo Service Grant, budgeted US\$350 for food and supplies per visit. The grants are available to support service projects that are developed and implemented by Leos.

The Leos planned each meal, varying them to include a Christmas dinner, Italian, Mexican, Chinese and American fare, did the shopping, cooked the meals, and served them, visiting with the residents at each dinner. They began with menu planning, then grocery shopping on Friday, preparations at Leos' homes on Saturday, and cooking and serving on Sunday, ending only when the leftovers were packaged for the residents. "None of us were amazing cooks, but the people appreciated it, and we enjoyed it," says Mascarenhas. "There is a lot of stigma around people living with AIDS. It was an eye-opening experience to speak with them on a more a personal level and get to know these people who have lived a completely different life than ours."

Coppell Lion Dan Madden, in his fifth year as adviser to the Leo club, says the Supper Club project not only taught the Leos about implementing a project, but writing a successful grant proposal, and working together while helping those in need. "It was a significant commitment for a high school club," says Madden. "Our Leos did a tremendous job."

Mascarenhas, whose father, Kevin Mascarenhas, is a Coppell Lion and an inspiration to his daughter, was named 2019 International Leo of the Year in MD 2X 1. She credits Madden for encouraging young people to stay in the 36-member Leo club. "Not only is he there to make sure we get what we need and we get where we are supposed to be, but to share ideas for things that we can help with," she says. "He gave us opportunity, and that's an important part of being a Leo. ... I'll be a part of Lions forever."





# 2023 Millmerran Convention Registration Form

Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October 2023



Welcome! Please complete your details below and email to [2023convention@gmail.com](mailto:2023convention@gmail.com) if you are not able to register on-line. Once received you will be contacted by registration team with total cost and payment details.

Number of Attendees \*Max two attendees per registration form. You can register multiple times.

## First Attendee Details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Preregistered Y/N

Is This Your First Convention Y/N

## Second Attendee Details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to book ALL meals? Full Hospitality package Y/N \$135 per person \_\_\_\_\_

OR choose individual meals

| Meal                               | Cost             | Quantity |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Friday Dinner Meet, Greet & Eat    | \$ 25 per person |          |
| Saturday Breakfast - BBQ & Cereals | \$ 15 per person |          |
| Saturday Lunch - Boxed Lunch       | \$ 15 per person |          |
| Saturday Night – DG’s Banquet      | \$ 50 per person |          |
| Sunday Breakfast                   | \$ 15 per person |          |
| Sunday Lunch                       | \$ 15 per person |          |

Would you like to book for the Partners' Outing? (\$25 per person - includes morning tea) Y/N

First Attendee Any Dietary / Allergy Requirements? Y/N. If YES what are your requirements:

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Second Attendee Any Dietary / Allergy Requirements? Y/N. If YES what are your requirements:

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Which of the following would you like to order

| Item  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Convention Badge (\$5.00)                           |          |
| Multi Draw Prize Book (\$5.00) (3 Tickets Per Book) |          |
| Alcoholic Drinks (\$5.00) (Beer, Wine, Cider)       |          |
| Soft Drinks (\$2.50)                                |          |

Other Information

| Y/N                                   |       | How Many |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| I will be bringing a Club Banner      | Y / N |          |
| I wish to play Putt Putt on Friday    | Y / N |          |
| I wish to play Indoor Bowls on Friday | Y / N |          |
| Do you have mobility issues           | Y / N |          |

Where will you be staying? (Please book early as limited accommodation available.)

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Millmerran 2023 Convention Committee ... *stronger together.*



# PAUSE FOR A CAUSE





**Lions**  
**Eye Health Program**  
Australia

## CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING PROGRAM

### FACTS ABOUT CHILDREN'S VISION

- I in 5 children have an undetected vision problem. Lions Vision Screening teams are operational in every Australian State and Territory and we already have over 55 registered screeners in our Q3 District.
- Vision disorders can have a profound effect on a child's growth and development
- Up to 80% of a child's learning happens through their eyes
- Most children accept vision problems and adapt
- They rarely complain as they believe everyone sees the world just like they do
- Once detected, most eye conditions in children can be easily corrected
- All children should have a full eye examination before starting school and regularly as they progress through their education

For more information, find the LEHP website where you can watch a 12 minute video entitled "LEHP Children's Presentation." You can also download the LEHP Children's Vision and Screening Brochure.

### SCREENING FOR CHILDREN

Vision screening is not a new initiative. It has been around in various forms for some years. Currently, some health services and governments provide vision screenings, however, they can often be limited in relation to the age of children eligible and the type of screenings performed. In Queensland, State Schools are offered a service to their Prep students and there is a substantial cost involved. **Our LEHP Children's Screening Program is free to all students because it is administered by trained Lions members. It also provides a wider range of screening activities.**

LEHP's Children's Vision Screening Program is the most comprehensive program currently available in Australia. Since September last year, our trained Q3 screeners have visited 9 schools. We have screened 429 children and have referred 82 students with a range of visual problems for further optical tests with an Optometrist. We are making a huge difference in the lives of our young people with the potential of greatly enhancing their educational outcomes and future development.

At the moment, our Lions screening teams are based in the Moreton Bay, Brisbane North, Sunshine Coast and Sunshine Coast Hinterland areas. In the second half of 2023, I would like to expand the program to the western areas of Brisbane, Ipswich and further west to the Toowoomba area.

In the next District Newsletter, I want to expand further on this scheme and also explain the types of experiences that the children undergo as well as the equipment that we use in doing our screening.

*Geoff Moor*  
*District 201Q3 Vision Chairperson/ Co-ordinator.*  
*LEHP Screener, Facilitator and Trainer.*





## **GLOBAL CAUSE ... DIABETES** **THE YEAR THAT WAS**

Well in the words of John Lennon, “Another year over, and a new one just begun”

First of all I would like to welcome Fodhla FitzGerald to the diabetes team for this year. Fodhla will be looking after all you guys in the metropolitan area, while I will continue in the rural areas.

We both will of course be working on Camp Cockatoo.

We will be looking at holding more diabetes forums in the coming year. So any Club who would like to hold one please get in touch and we can organise it all for you, we will even pay for morning/afternoon tea.

Some Clubs like to incorporate these type of inputs into dinner meetings, and that is good too, we can arrange speakers for you and of course one of us will be there as well, so please do get in touch.

Diabetes awareness will have a stand at District Convention in Millmerran later in the year, and the way time is shifting along, it will be here in no time at all, so come see us and have a chat.

Of course Diabetes Awareness month is in November, which also incorporates Lap The Map, details regarding this year’s Lap The Map will be coming out in the not too distant future.

There were some great results from Clubs in last year’s Lap The Map, it would be lovely to see a few more of the smaller Clubs having a go this year. And don’t forget it doesn’t have to be a huge event, or even a long walk, a simple little get together and a leisurely walk around your favourite park admiring the spring flowers, enjoying the fresh air and exercise is all good too, take your little or big four legged buddy along for a walk too, the more the merrier.

As you are all aware our second Medical Alert dog is about to go out with a new owner and improve their life immeasurably, so an option is you can raise a few dollars at your Lap The Map and donate to the training of these exceptional dogs. The choice is yours.

Another idea for diabetes awareness month is a doggie diabetes day, I will be arranging one up here in my area.





## **GLOBAL CAUSE ... DIABETES**

### **CONTINUED**

I am looking at getting the local vets involved to give a quick chat about diabetes signs and symptoms in our best friends, also some of the local canine rescue organisations to come along and join in the fun.

I will be getting the local school involved, and having some crafty stalls, and a sausage sizzle.

Of course there will be prizes for dogs that dress up, but every dog will get a treat.

Bunnings have already committed to a donation, and with their new dog section in store, who knows what treats are in store for our fur babies.

So if this sort of event interests you, put it to your Club then give me a shout and I will certainly give you some ideas on organising something similar, it really is quite easy as we all love our pooches and giving them some socialising time, while we learn about canine diabetes.

Come April next year we again will be holding Camp Cockatoo at the Sunshine Coast, having such a successful camp this year we are all looking forward to another very successful event next year.

There are lots of Clubs that love being involved with Cockatoo and I will let you know later on in the year how you can help us again.

So if you're a Zonie, or a Club member or President and you are interested in holding a diabetes awareness event in the coming year, have a chat with myself or Fodhla, or come have a drink at District Changeover with us, we would love to help organise an event for your Club/Zone.

In the meantime thank you all for your support over the past year, and I look forward to the coming year and all that it holds for Lions.

*Gail Jones*

*District 201Q3*

*Chair Global Causes Diabetes Awareness 2023 - 2024*

**lions australia**  
*75 years and counting*







## **GLOBAL CAUSE ... HUNGER**

I firstly must congratulate the Tenerife Lions Club for the continuing work that they undertake for one of our Pillars of Service – Hunger.

They have shared their work on Facebook – if you are not a friend of their Club I encourage you to follow them.

It is encouraging to see such simple ideas helping the less fortunate in their community. Maybe your Club could ‘borrow’ one of their ideas.

If your Club has an innovative way of working towards Hunger would you please share with us so other Clubs may also ‘borrow’ your idea.

Hunger is a problem in our communities that isn’t going away. Unfortunately with the economic pressures on families there may not be enough money in the budget for food. Then there is the problem of homelessness – this is happening to many folk who have never been in this situation before.

What can we do - give monetary donations to Charities that feed the hungry is one way. Breakfast Clubs at your local Schools is another way of feeding possible future Lions.

With the new Lions Year just around the corner I hope the Pillar of Hunger is at the forefront of everyone’s mind.



*Lion Jenny Tate  
District Hunger Chairperson*



**GLOBAL CAUSE ...**  
**CHILDHOOD CANCER**



**JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER**

Every year, more than nine hundred and fifty children are diagnosed with cancers, three will die from cancer every week. While sixty years ago cancer was a death sentence, today eight out of ten children survive thanks to medical research. Unfortunately, though, cure rates for a number of childhood cancers have not improved significantly over this time.

This makes cancer the biggest killer of children in Australia and only intense research in this field will help to change this.



Participate in the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's **JULIKE MY CHOPS**. An initiative to raise money for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation to give childhood cancer the chop.

To register and donate go to the webpage <https://www.julikemychops.com.au/>

or check out the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's web page at <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/>

For more information call PDG Norm Jensen on  
0404 984 455



Join him at the Millmerran Convention to show off your chops and finalise a District contribution to the campaign.

**LIONS BIGGEST BBQ**

The latest advice from the Foundation is that eleven Clubs registered an interest in participating in this event this year. I am aware of at least one Club that was not on the list that has completed their BBQ and have donated \$1,000 to the Foundation. Another three Clubs that had registered their interest are still to either complete their BBQ or report the amount raised.

This has resulted in **\$7,297** being sent to the Foundation from the District. However, there is still six months to go so there is still plenty of opportunity for Clubs to register, conduct their event and go into the draw for a couple of fancy BBQ's. Check out the ALCCRF website for information and resources on conducting an event. <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/events/lions-biggest-bbq/> I still have a few aprons at \$20 each left so give me a call or send me an email and I will arrange to get it to your Club. If I run out, they will of course be available directly via the website.





**GLOBAL CAUSE ...**  
**CHILDHOOD CANCER... CONTINUED**

**DISTRICT DONATIONS**

The last information on our Districts efforts in support of the Foundation were back in April and I believe I have already transmitted that information to you. As soon as I get the latest update, I will include it in the District Newsletter. The details will also be included in my report to the Convention.

**AWARDS**

Finally, there is probably not enough time for your Club to arrange for one of the awards for your changeover as they require at least three weeks' notice, there is no reason why you can't still use any credits you have for awards in the future. Here is the link to their web page on this option. <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/resources/alccrf-awards/>

Finally, thanks for your great support during the last Lions Year and I look forward to being available to help out with any of your fund raising activities in the new Lions year. I have a couple of pull up banners that can be made available to you.

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## **GLOBAL CAUSE... ENVIRONMENT**



Welcome to the new Lions year of 2023 -2024.

What does the upcoming year hold for the Environment? If only we had a crystal ball to predict the outcome.

Will there be Drought, Floods, Bushfires, Gale force winds, Cyclones, Thunderstorms, and so on? Only time will tell.

Over the past several years we have dealt with many of the above, now as we move from winter to spring to summer, we most probably will face some of the above as the world's climate is changing and Australia's states are not immune to experiencing one or more of the above.

My Theme this year is **“WATER CONSERVATION, PROTECTION OF OUR WATERWAYS”**

MY view this year is to look at the effect of how we should better protect or precious water resources.

I believe that WATER is the most Important component of the Environmental cycle. Take a moment to think about this.

- A. How would we survive without water
- B. How would nature survive without water
- C. Would we have a food source without water
- D. Would businesses survive without the use of water
- E. What would become of our rivers, dams, oceans, snow- capped mountains, ice cap, and so on.
- F. Is global warming changing how, when and why we receive our much need rainfall
- G. Urban development has an impact on where our rain falls and how much we receive
- H. The over use of our underground water
- I. Gas fracking is it destroying the water of farmers
- J. Pollution is another important aspect that is affecting our water supply
- K. Unnecessary water wastage, leaky taps, sprinklers, burst pipes etc.

These are just a few aspects we should take seriously in regards to conserving our precious WATER.



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Environment Chair*