

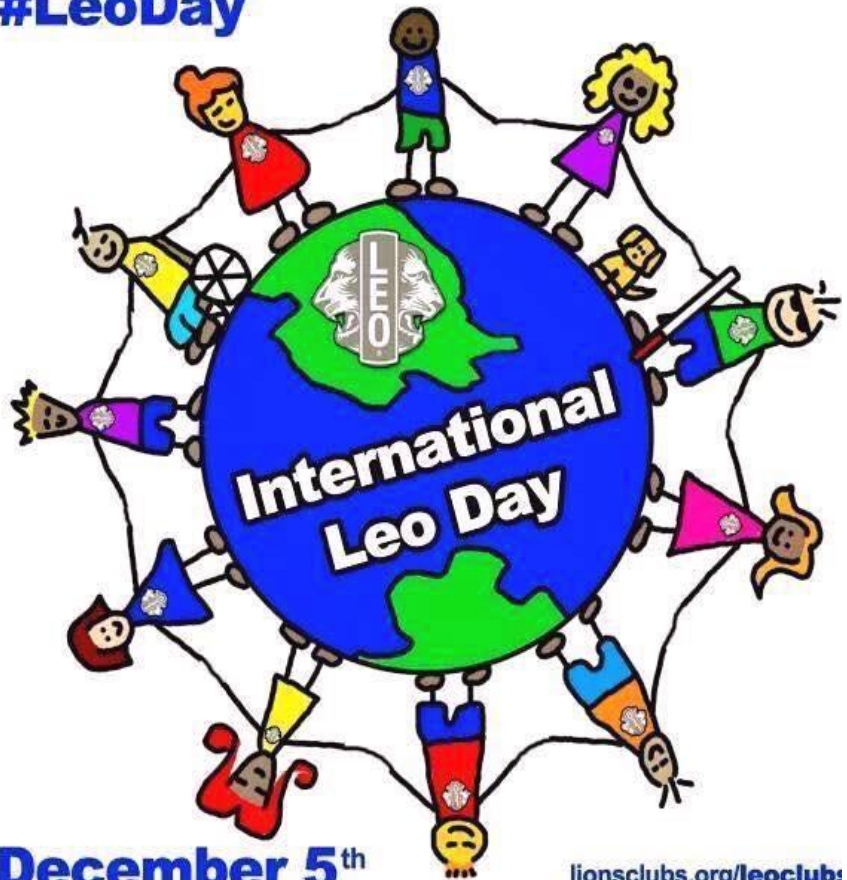
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the January 2024 edition of the Newsletter will be 20th December.

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

Please email your articles to
lionbeverleyg3@outlook.com



Wishing all our readers a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.

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



What a busy month this has been, I have had the pleasure to represent Q3 at both Q2 and Q1 Conventions, in Mackay and Goondiwindi respectively. It was such a pleasure to meet so many Lions doing wonderful work in the community and we are all similar in our views, Q1 Convention had a bonus for me as I met up with many Lions I had not seen since I moved up to Sandstone Point.

As I continue to visit the Clubs in the District, I continue to be amazed with the work that is done. I congratulate you all. We are continuing to induct new members, so at present we are ahead of our target for BAM!

Please remember to report your service on My Lion and hopefully I can make my goal of 80% of Clubs reporting, we are now at 72.9%. We all hope that the Lions Portal will be up and running in the New Year, fingers crossed.

Our District has already been hit with severe fires, very early in the season. I would like to commend and thank Millmerran Lions and Tara Lioness Club Branch for stepping up and providing shelter, food and support to those who were immediately affected. Also, to Dalby Lions for assisting the Tara Club with buying necessities for the school children affected.

The management committee unanimously agreed to advance money to both Clubs to help with the immediate costs involved.

Any other donations can be sent to the District Disaster fund via the Cabinet Treasurer, and vouchers and invoices furnished for the people in strife will be paid from this.

Of course, this should not stop Clubs donating to Lions Clubs international Foundation and Australian Lions Foundation as well.

We had a very informative Cabinet meeting in Roma. My thanks must go to Roma Club for their wonderful hospitality. The fish and chip dinner at the den was as delicious as ever, not to mention the morning and afternoon teas. For the first time in a while, we had all Zone Chairs and both Region Coordinators attend, a fantastic turn out. Saturday night's Christmas dinner made us realize that the silly season is not too far away. Thank you to everyone who joined us and dressed in Festive gear, it was a fun night.

Today I had the privilege of awarding Isabella from Humpybong State School the prize for the District Peace Poster. I hope that her wonderful painting will go well in Darwin in May. Again, fingers crossed!! I am assured their art teacher will encourage more students to enter next year.

At this stage, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New year. Please relax, enjoy the festive season, hopefully with friends and family and return in the New Year refreshed and full of energy to complete the second half of the Lions year. By then we should have sold kilos of cakes, puddings and slices.

Thank you for your support for this half of the year. I have enjoyed meeting everyone and I look forward to what the next half of the year brings us.

*District Governor
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 201 Q3 PEACE POSTER 2023

PRESENTATION TO WINNER

Judging of our 2023-2024 Peace Poster contest from Club level winners took place at the Q3 District Convention in Millmerran at the end of September. Isabella, who was sponsored by the Lions Club of Redcliffe Central was the winning entry.

On Monday 20 November District Governor Andy FitzGerald together with Lions Stuart and Barbara Matthews attended the School Assembly at Humpybong State in Margate to present Isabella with her prizes.

Along with her a certificate and a framed photo of her Poster she was given a \$50 gift voucher, a Crime Watch Koala and one of DG Andy's personal stock of furry Lions.



The school assembly was a privilege to attend, the children were well disciplined and the school leaders who led the assembly guided by the deputy principal were amazing. With young leaders such as these the world is in good hands for the future.

A big thank you to art teacher Susan Glassow and the school. It should be noted that the contestants do their paintings as extra-curricular work at home.

Isabella's entry now goes forward to the National level of Judging which will be at the Multiple District Convention in Darwin in May 2024.

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75 years and counting





DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT RICHARD'S NEWS

As we approach 1 January I am turning my mind to next year's Cabinet – After the Roma Cabinet Meeting we have the Management Team in place – we added Danielle Runge (Cabinet Secretary), Bruce Unwin (Cabinet Treasurer), Norm Alcock (Constitution and Bylaws Chair) and Beverley Bates (Assistant Cabinet Secretary) to the District Governor, Vice District Governors and Immediate Past District Governor to complete the Management Team.

If you are interested in a Cabinet position, please flick me an email (debnrich@netspace.net.au) and let me know. No promises, but I will consider all volunteers. If you are interested but would like to shadow or support a Cabinet Officer next year to get a better feel for the role, let me know as well.

It is easy to overlook the impact of our efforts. A couple of weekends ago Debbie and I were with the other Q District Governors Elect, and the Board and Research Fellows of our Lions Medical Research Foundation (LMRF).



DGE's and Partners John and Debra (Q1), Tim and Line (Q2) and Jorge and Libby (Q1)

A check on the LMRF website Current Fellows/Lions Medical Research Foundation will give an insight into the work that our researchers are undertaking.

Dr Olivia Holland is researching ways to reverse the rapidly increasing incidence of gestational diabetes, to make pregnancies healthier and eliminate its long term effects. Dr Dominic Guanzon is developing a companion test for ovarian cancer recurrence and chemoresistance (chemotherapy kills most cancer cells, but the cancer stem cells survive, and seed a new tumour that resists chemotherapy).

While the story of their research is mind - boggling, I hadn't considered the people impact of the fellowships.

Dr Carlos Salomon received three quarters of a million dollars from LMRF, which allowed him to remain in Brisbane, and has since attracted \$10 million funding. Both Carlos and Olivia support a number of local researchers, many of whom are students using the research to further their education.

Lions – so many untold stories.

Management Team 2024-2025



Finally, when you have sold the last cake, been to your last meeting, made the last donation, and attended to the last Christmas Party, I hope you put your feet up, relax, enjoy the company of those you love and who love you and recharge – the world needs Lions next as well!

Happy Christmas all.

Richard and Debbie.





CABINET SECRETARY BARBARA'S REPORT

This is my last article in 2023 for Family Lines our 201 Q3 District Newsletter. I know that it's a cliché but where has the last five months gone? Time to reflect on the journey we have taken to date.

Our Club Officer Forums in June, District Changeover in July. District Governor Andy's first Cabinet meeting in July at Murrumba Downs and her second in November in Roma. District Convention in September/October in Millmerran, is it any wonder I feel exhausted by the 31 December each year? Strangely I'm always rejuvenated by the first Club meeting in January.

I know that a lot of Clubs choose not to meet in January however there is no requirement not to have a meeting, it's a good plan to have a board/business meeting some- time in the month.

During our Cabinet meeting in Roma a special general meeting was held on Sunday 12 November to elect the remaining executive positions for the 2024-25 District Cabinet. The following positions were filled, Cabinet Secretary Danielle Runge (Kallangur), Cabinet Treasurer PDG Bruce Unwin (North Lakes), Constitution & By-Laws Chair PDG Norm Alcock (Redcliffe Central), Assistant Cabinet Secretary PDG Beverley Bates (Toowoomba City). Congratulations to all.

I would like to express my personal thanks to Lions Cub of Roma for hosting Cabinet over the weekend 10-12 November, the hospitality was great and the venue perfect. On Friday night the Club hosted us to a wonderful fish and chip supper at their Lions Den.

It was a really great weekend and I hope that we will have some great outcomes from our two days of meetings.

On the Saturday evening the social gathering was well attended and we all dressed up in our Christmas themed clothing. None so colourful as our District Governor.

For the first time that I can remember since I started on Cabinet every Zone Chair and Region Coordinator was there. Your Zone Chairs will be holding their meetings and relaying the important points to attendees to take back to their Clubs.

A reminder that the District Governor's Advisory Committee Meetings known as Zone Meetings are the conduit to two-way conversations between Clubs and Cabinet officers. Attendees that are expected to attend are Presidents and 1st Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairs. Of course any other Lions members are very welcome to attend. (Each attendee earns their club points towards the Club of the year award).

Our thoughts are with all those who were affected by the recent bushfires. As is the norm for our Clubs those closest to the areas were able to respond quickly. District is coordinating their approach and if your Club would like to donate funds we ask that you consider the District 201 Q3 Disaster Fund first.

Don't forget to enter your membership changes/nil membership changes into MyLCI by the 27th of each month. As always I am here to help, should you need any assistance or advice, please do not hesitate to ask.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the tremendous support I have had from you all and wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas. Stuart and I are taking the opportunity to go away for ten days on the Coral Princess to Papua New Guinea.

Barbara Matthews
Cabinet Secretary 201Q3

Your Membership Matters

Whilst there is a need to gain more members, we must also focus on the retention and engagement of current members.

How are you catering for our aging community? (The average age of a Lion is 70 years). Two years ago, it was 68. When we project forward 2 or 5 years, the maths is obvious!

We need to value our senior members with their wealth of experience and dedicated service. We must also attract, welcome and encourage people of all ages.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



1. Have a solid mission statement

A strong purpose is something that your members can get behind and be proud of.

2. Emphasize value

Show your members why membership is worth their time and money.

3. Keep programming fresh

Mix up different types of events to appeal to more people.

4. Have a good system in place for interaction.

Make it easy for members to communicate and collaborate, both online and off.

5. Focus on the social aspect

Encourage developing friendships, professional relationships and a variety of social gatherings.

6. Revel in great communication

Stay in contact with members to solidify those connections.

7. Encourage everyone to take a turn

Share the responsibility and volunteer opportunities among different members.

8. Personalize as much as you can.

Gather feedback from members to target offerings and events to their needs, interests and capabilities.

9. Be patient

Don't expect changes to happen overnight. Member retention is an on-going process!

10. Flexibility is key

Keep an open mind and celebrate progress. But, don't forget to plan!

Q: When did you last have a focused discussion on how many Club members are engaged in planning, service and social?

Q: How can you improve this for the benefit of all concerned?

Let's Make a Difference



CLUB and DISTRICT GOAL

To grow our influence and service impact, every Club will achieve a net increase of at least one member in the 2023 / 2024 Lions year.



Alan Brooks (Pine Rivers)

District Membership Coordinator

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TOOWOOMBA WEST SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL STREET FIESTA

Our Club was approached by the organisers of the International Street Fiesta for assistance once again for their festival. Our Club provided some lighting for their event held in Queens Park in Toowoomba on October 28, 2023. Our lighting team, Lions Marshall Cox and Geoff Deacon, met with one of the group to discuss their requirements and a plan was prepared. Whilst a simple plan, our Club was there to support their efforts and show our respect for this multicultural event bringing various nationalities together in harmony through music and food. The Fiesta was to commence at 3pm in the afternoon and was to wind up around 8 pm that evening with a fireworks display.

On Saturday morning, Lions Marshall Cox, Geoff Deacon, Merv Symons, Bob McKeon, John Churchett and PDG Ian Scarborough, headed to Queens Park with all the gear to set up the lights for this event. The plan was to provide festoon lighting over two seating areas and utilise our Globe of the World at one end of the festival. The lighting was assembled over a couple of hours and our members returned to the Cress St Shed for a well-earned cuppa.



Lions Ian Scarborough, John Churchett, Marshall Cox, Bob McKeon and Geoff Deacon

The lighting was switched on later in the afternoon and around 7.00pm Lions Marshall and Geoff visited the event and enjoyed some of the food cuisine on offer and took in the various activities occurring around the event.

Lions Merv, Bob, Thelma, David, Cheryl, John and Ian joined them around 7pm in readiness for the dismantling of the lights at the conclusion of the festivities. Once the fireworks commenced it was time to take the lights down and return them to our storage shed.



Our Globe of the World along with the Fiesta Logo

A simple project that has provided our Club with the involvement in this International Street Fiesta and showing support and harmony for the various nationalities.

*Lion Merv Symons
Lions Club of Toowoomba West*

ASHGROVE THE GAP NEWS

At our Partners and Friends meeting at the Golf Club in late October, we welcomed CEO of E-Waste Connection Monique to present on reduction of E-Waste into landfill. Our Club will be conducting a project with E-Waste Connection in March next year.

In November, our Club will continue to conduct a number of BBQ's for Trek2Health as part of their program to assist First Responders and Veterans.

Club members attended The Gap State High School Senior Excellence Evening where we presented our Lions Public Speaking Award to Richelle Lal.

In early November, leading up to the Melbourne Cup, the Club continued to sell Trifecta Tickets in the Melbourne Cup, we would like to thank members of our community for supporting this annual project.

On 3rd and 4th November, the Club sponsored and assisted The Gap Uniting Church with "Celebrating The Gap Festival" conducting a BBQ and also having a stall for the sale of Christmas Cakes and Puddings together with information on our projects and membership as a "Friend of our Lions Club".

On 4th November, our Club assisted the Paddington Ward by conducting a BBQ and selling Christmas Cakes and Puddings in support of the Movie Night which was held in Jubilee Park in Bardon and which was supported really well by the local community.

On 19th November, we conducted another very successful BBQ, Plant Sale and sale of Christmas Cakes and Puddings at the Art Space Christmas Markets in Quinn Park at Toowong.

On 25th November, we conducted a BBQ, Plant Sale and sold Christmas Cakes and Puddings at She Shed Twilight Christmas Market at The Gap Football Club.

On 29th November, our club attended the Junior Excellence Awards at The Gap State

High School where we presented our Public Speaking Award.

On 1st December, the Club will also get into the Christmas spirit by selling Christmas Cakes and Puddings outside the offices of the Paddington Ward Office and will also conduct a fundraising BBQ in the Car Park of Paddington Hardware to celebrate the Paddington Christmas Markets.

Save The Date:

"Little Ray of Giving" where the community can drop off Christmas gifts to Ray White in the Gap and the Lions Club will distribute them to Community for the Bardon Christmas Markets.

9th December Frew Park in Milton ... Christmas Carols where our Club will be selling Christmas Cakes and Puddings.

Sale of Christmas Cake and Puddings at Princess Alexandra Hospital and Wesley Hospital through till the end of December.

BBQ at Bunning's in Keperra on 30th December.

Lion Allan Turner

CHANGING THE WORLD

Changing the world is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is only a beginning – and it starts with us. It happens through the many small choices and acts of kindness we make every day. Together, the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Dr Patti Hill – Lions Clubs International President 2023 - 2024



PEACE



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

LCI PEACE POSTER – DISTRICT WINNER IN 2023 – 2024

Congratulations to the Winner! Isabella aged 12 and in Year 6 at Humpybong State School who was sponsored by the Lions Club of Redcliffe Central.

A presentation has been arranged at the school for District Governor, Andy FitzGerald to present the Award.

The District Winner receives a framed certificate and photograph of her artwork, a \$50 Gift Voucher from Officeworks and a Lions Koala.

Isabella's poster will now progress to the next level of judging at the Multiple District Convention being held from the 24 to 27 May in Darwin. The MD Winner receives \$200 and a trophy. The winner here will progress to the International judging.

The International Grand Prize Winner will be announced at the International Convention being held from the 21 to 25 June 2024 in Melbourne. The Grand Prize is \$5,000 USD or our countries equivalent. The winner also receives a beautiful Peace Trophy. The Grand Prize will be presented by the International President Dr Patti Hill.

The Theme for the Peace Poster Contest this year was "Dare to Dream".

My Congratulations to all the students in our District who entered the Peace Poster Contest! It is a great opportunity for young people to showcase their artistic talents.



The Peace Poster and Essay Contests are fun and easy to organise projects to coordinate. To be a Sponsor Club, contact schools in your community and encourage children to enter this colourful creative project. The prizes are a great incentive!

If your Club would like to participate next year, details will be circulated early in 2024.

To the left is the photograph of the District Winner's Peace Poster

Isabella's Quote: "Astronaut is using a fishing rod to fish and connect all of the countries from the world to unite".

*Lion Diane Unwin
District Chair 201Q3
LCI Peace Poster and Essay Contest*



The Darwin Convention will be held from 24 May 2024 until 27 May 2024 & will be very different, very sociable and relaxed. In other words, it will be very Darwin. Read on to find out what is new!...

Isn't that a little late for a Multiple District Convention?

Most Conventions are held early in May, but we wanted to be very sure that we cleared the Cyclone season in the top end. You can expect warm, sunny, dry days. May is the Damibila* Season when the Barramundi are biting, and bush fruit are in abundance.

**The Damibila Season is one of the seven tropical seasons recognised by the traditional owners, the Larrakia people.*

What will be happening?

Plan to register at the Convention on Thursday 23 May 2023 at the Darwin Convention Centre. This state-of-the-art Centre will house all our activities including the Council meeting, Convention and Exhibits. Surrounded by restaurants, lagoon, ocean and a shady park, it's both beautiful and functional.

Friday 24 May

Be ready to start at 8:30 am. Shuttle buses will leave from key points in the city to get our Conventioneers to the Centre and home, but many hotels are within easy walking distance.

The Convention Opening and Flag Ceremony is on Friday with keynote speakers and the important notices of motion session where you can get involved in making important decisions about our organisation.

Over 40 Lions projects will be on display in the exhibition area, right beside the auditorium in air-conditioned comfort. Make sure you wander over during the breaks to find out everything you need to know about our Foundations, projects and activities.

After the Convention closes for the day, we are doing something new! *Join us at the Darwin Casino Foreshore for our Opening Gala Dinner!*

This year we wanted to have our big Gala dinner early in the Convention when we are all fresh. The outdoor event will be a chance to catch up with friends, plan for the Convention, sample amazing food and watch the unique Darwin Sunset over Mindil Beach.

The dinner will start at 6:00pm to give you a chance to get settled before that sunset! Shuttles will be available from key city locations but it's only a short Uber/Taxi drive if you want to get there early.

Saturday 25 May

Get to the Convention Centre by 8:30am to hear from our amazing Leos in the Leo of the Year competition. Saturday will also feature more notices of motion, keynote addresses and project presentations.

And something special is happening at 12:30pm...

We know that our Lions will be travelling a long way to come to this Convention, and you will be escaping the onset of winter by coming to Darwin.

We wanted to give you the chance to see more of Darwin as well as continuing our great discussions.

With that in mind we are planning workshops at various locations in Darwin.

Register to join an open-air workshop led by our Lions at the Botanical Gardens, Darwin Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Military Museum or Careflight.

Shuttle buses will leave from the Convention Centre to take you to your destination and back. Registration includes transportation and a boxed lunch.

Workshops will be held for about 1 hour and then you will have time to explore these beautiful venues before returning to your accommodation. Partners are welcome to participate in workshops or just have a nice social visit.

Saturday late afternoon/evening is a great time for Districts to arrange some gatherings and get together. The Convention Committee is happy to connect you up with many great Darwin venues that would welcome Lions.



Sunday 26 May

Sunday will be a full day with our important Remembrance Ceremony, project presentations, speakers and hearing from our international guests. There will be opportunities to visit the exhibits and displays.

Sunday will finish at 4:30pm to give Conventioneers the opportunity to freshen up before heading to our VIP area at the famous Mindil Beach Markets for our Farewell Reception. Join us in the VIP Lions area at the Markets to watch another beautiful sunset, enjoy some refreshments and browse these amazing markets with crafts and foods from all over the Territory.

Shuttles will transport you from key locations to the markets and return. Register now for the Farewell reception. The cost will include transport and 20 "Mindil dollars". "Mindil dollars" can be used at the myriad of food stalls at the markets to buy your meal or crafts. (1 Mindil dollar = 1 Australian dollar.)

Monday 27 May

The last day of the Convention will feature the very popular Youth of the Year Competition and we hope to encourage visits from local school children to inspire them to get involved.

The Convention will close at 12:30pm.

Consider staying on to see more of this beautiful part of Australia.



Childcare / Creche

At the Gold Coast Convention, attendees requested information about the possibility of childcare or a creche at this Convention. This will be dependent on demand and cost.

To assist with planning, please e-mail the Executive Officer by 30 December 2023, if you plan to attend the Convention and would like to discuss the possibility of childcare arrangements.

Please e-mail eo@lions.org.au and include "Convention Childcare" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Tell me more...

The Convention is well supported, and you can expect to see high quality entertainment, keynote speakers and special events.

Register early!

Accommodation will sell out quickly, particularly in the more affordable brackets and air travel can be limited due to a scheduled airport upgrade. Please make your plans early to ensure that you can join us.

The registration form will be available online at the Darwin Convention website by mid-November.

Come join us and thaw out at the Top End; relax, eat, drink and have some fun in the sun.

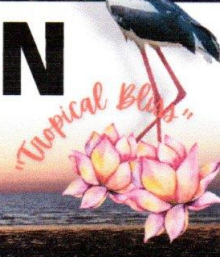
We hope to see you there!



DARWIN

24-27 MAY 2024

www.mdconv201.com



CAKE & MINT PORTFOLIO

December 2023

CAKES:

Well as this article goes to print, we are well and truly into our peak Cake and Pudding selling time.

Things have been going pretty well with the deliveries this year with the warehouse here at Acacia Ridge, however, this delivery company has a policy that they do not contact the receiver prior to the delivery.

We are working hard to get this rectified, especially for those Clubs who have their product delivered to an unmanned facility. Traditional Foods are aware of the inconvenience that this is causing some Clubs around the nation and are in communication with the companies around Australia to get this sorted.

I have been requested by Traditional Foods for an end of year report so please do let me know of any genuine problems that you may have or may be experiencing.

I would like to wish you all a very successful selling period and I am sure that it will be, as we do have a great product which is more than comparable to any products out in the supermarket world. Better value for money as well.

MINTS:

LION'S MINT ORDERING PROCESS UPDATE.

Due to problems with the current ordering process, some changes are being introduced to avoid future problem occurring.

- Orders will only be accepted via email. No phone or post orders.
- The **only email address** to be used for order/s is admin@dollarsweets.com
- It is **highly recommended** that you also copy/C.C. your order to mints@lions.org.au this will allow your order to be monitored to ensure that the processing of your Order is done in a timely manner. Within **48 hours** you should receive a **Dollar Sweets email** confirming your orders receipt.
- Terms of payment – nett **30 days** from Invoice Date.
- Please allow 14 working days for processing and delivery of your order.
- Orders must be on the current Order Form **dated 2nd October 2023**

- New Orders will be placed on hold if the Club has **an outstanding amount owing** to Dollar Sweets from a previous Order. An Invoice for the outstanding amount will be emailed to the Club, at this time.

Lion Brendan Delahunt
Lions Vice National Cake and Mint
Coordinator
Ph: 0418 633 789

NOTE :

Just a reminder to place orders before 8/12/23 to receive before Christmas.

Our factory will be closed from Friday 22/12/23 and will reopen on Monday 8/1/24.

Lion Mint Australia - +61359450500
Email – admin@dollarsweets.com
Hours – Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your Families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy, Healthy, New Year.



I look forward to hearing of very successful profits in the New Year. Take care and stay safe, see you in 2024.



Kaye Smith (PDG)
District Q3 Cake & Mint Chairman
lion.kayesmith@bigpond.com
Ph: 0477 212 242

LIONS CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARDS 2023

The Lions Club of Redcliffe Central Auxiliary held its 21st Children of Courage Awards Ceremony on Saturday 21 October at the Woody Point Memorial Hall. This year there were twelve recipients from seven schools on the Peninsula. A wonderful response. There were over ninety people that attended the afternoon, families of the recipients, support staff from the schools as well as our Lions and auxiliary members.

2nd Vice District Governor Narelle Gluer and District Children of Courage Chair April Lindel made the presentations while Auxiliary Secretary Jo Quinn was the MC for the day and read us the stories of these remarkable young people. PDG Lion Norm Alcock was in charge of the IT presentation. President Lillian O’Kamura welcomed everyone and gave the vote of thanks.

As in the last year the recipients were awarded a medallion, a certificate, a Lions Crime Watch Speak up Bear, and a backpack donated by Redcliffe Leagues Club and NRL our sponsors for the 9th year.

To refresh your memories there are 4 categories for these awards.

Special needs Children with special needs i.e., sight, hearing, speech impaired, wheelchair bound or long periods of hospitalisation or medical treatments. Nominees in this category will be those children who have attempted to overcome these obstacles and who have striven to improve the quality of their lives.

Courageous act or deed Showing great concern for others, aided at an accident, assisted with the preservation of life or property. This category may also include children who have undergone lifesaving operations, or undergone daily medical treatments i.e., diabetes.

Sibling Recognition Award Siblings who actively participate in the daily care for their brother or sister who has a special need are recognised under this category.

Outstanding sporting achievement Children who have overcome great personal hardship or disadvantages to compete as an individual or team member in their chosen sport.

Following the presentation of awards and photo opportunity we were given a sumptuous afternoon tea. Another very successful event congratulations to all the organisers, thank you.

I have a postscript to this report. One proud grandmother went home and immediately looked up Lions and sent a membership request to Newcastle. The Lions membership chair will follow this up and we hope that we get a new member from the afternoon. That’s a wonderful outcome.



Lion Barbara Matthews

LINDA'S NEW ADDITION TO HER LIFE

Chermside resident Linda Hough is celebrating a new addition to her life – a Hearing Assistance Dog named Fitzy.

Fitzy is a trained dog from Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) and has found a loving home with Linda, thanks to the support of the Lions Club of Brisbane Inner North.

Linda said she was very excited when she met the Jack Russell terrier.



“Fitzy is my best mate,” Linda said. “He alerts me when the phone rings and shows me where it is. He lets me know when someone is at the door. He lets me know when the oven timer sounds. He is trained to alert me to the smoke alarm.”

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD), established in 1980, has placed more than six hundred and fifty dogs with Australians who are deaf or hard of hearing. Each dog undergoes extensive training, which costs ALHD just under \$40,000. However, the dogs are provided to recipients free of charge.

Linda, whose hearing was permanently impaired following a virus several years ago, applied for a Hearing Assistance Dog in November 2021 and received approval from the Hearing Dogs in April 2022.

Fitzy recently finished his 12-week training period, which involved follow-up visits from members of the Lions Club of

Brisbane Inner North.

“After Fitzy arrived in Chermside (from Adelaide) he and I have been supported by the wonderful dog-loving volunteers from our local Lions Club,” Linda said. “Three times per week ‘sound testing’ has been conducted. These people are all wonderful and the visits have been very enjoyable.”

Last month, Fitzy had his final assessments, where he successfully demonstrated correct behaviour at the supermarket, on public transport and in a café or restaurant.

As an officially accredited Hearing Assistance Dog, Fitzy will be presented with his graduation collar this month.

Lions Club of Brisbane Inner North member Debbie Williams said the members involved in the project had thoroughly enjoyed their interactions with both Fitzy and Linda and could see how valuable the ALHD program was for people with hearing loss.

“Fitzy adds to Linda’s quality of life and they have developed a strong bond in just 12 weeks that is a joy to see,” Debbie said.

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Chermside Guide*

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PITTSWORTH LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR



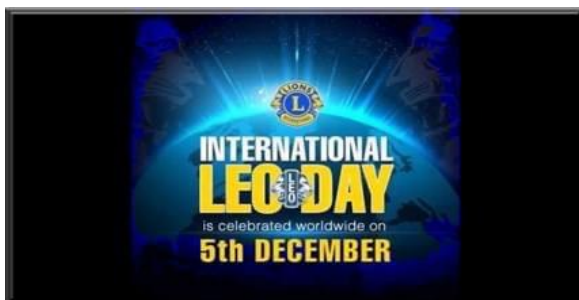
Pittsworth Lions Club held its annual Youth of the Year program at the local Motor Inn on Wednesday 8th November, and the function was, as usual, very successful.

Organised by Lion James Evans (a veteran of fourteen Youth Of The Year chairmanships) and Lion Kerri Crighton (undertaking her first year as Club Coordinator for the program), the dinner and evening was very successful and enjoyed by parents, teachers, Club members and probably even the student competitors.

Our thanks to our student speakers for their efforts, and our thanks to Pittsworth State High School who have supported the program for over fifty years.



*From left to Right: Kiera (Public Speaking Winner)
Lions Kerri Crighton and James Evans
Jess (Pittsworth Lions Youth of the Year Winner)
and Jilli*



BERYL PHIPPARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Two students from The Glennie School in Toowoomba were awarded a Lions Medical Research Foundation (LMRF) Beryl Phippard Memorial Scholarship to attend the SPARQ-ed Senior Research Immersion Program held in September at the Translational Research Institute (TRI) in Woollongabba.

SPARQ-ed have been working closely with LMRF to connect the most recent Beryl Phippard Memorial Scholarship recipients with their local Lions Clubs.

The students at The Glennie School, Alice and Wald, were presented with their Certificates at a formal assembly at the School by a member of the Lions Club of Toowoomba City on Thursday 2nd November.

LMRF has a commitment to the SPARQ-ed (Students Performing Advanced Research Queensland) program which is a unique educational facility founded as a partnership between the University of Queensland Diamantina Institute and the Department of Education and training located within the (TRI) in Brisbane.

Through this program, Alice and Wajd gained hands-on research experience with leading scientists at the Translational Research Institute. They actively contributed to groundbreaking projects in biomedicine and immunology.

This flagship service offered by SPARQ-ed is open to all senior year 10, 11 and 12 students and teachers throughout Queensland. Student participants are selected through an application process via their school. Applications consist of a section where the applicant writes to stated criteria (interest in science and previous experience working on science related projects) and consideration of the applicant's academic performance.

For more information visit

- <https://di.uq.edu.au/sparq-ed/research-immersion-programs>

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.

<i>Blackall Range</i>	Carolyn Roberts Liam Kment
<i>Bracken Ridge Central Transferred from Taylors Lane</i>	Stuart Fletcher Frederick Krebs
<i>Chinchilla</i>	Isabel Stuart
<i>Crows Nest</i>	Vickie Dimmick
<i>Kilcoy</i>	William Watts
<i>Morayfield & District</i>	Margaret Hilton Murray Hilton
<i>Samford Reinstated</i>	John Burnham
<i>Teneriffe</i>	Mark Purvis
<i>Toowoomba Wilsonton</i>	David Mahon

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY REPORT

These figures are correct as at 8.30am on 28th November 2023

Our total membership number this month is one thousand four hundred and twenty-three, with twelve added and four leave a gain of eight for the month.

It is so great to see the trend continue with a positive membership growth.

MyLion reports:

106,876 People Served

75 People Served per Member

1383 Service Activities

- 41 Diabetes
- 89 Environment
- 49 Childhood Cancer
- 82 Hunger Relief
- 39 Vision
- 1083 Other

45,531 Volunteer Hours since 1st July 2022

USD \$146,943 funds donated and USD \$227,501 raised

Fifty Clubs have reported their activities, that is three more than last month. Seventeen Clubs have not reported any service. Please report your service and let's make it a record year, at the end of the last Lions year we had fifty-four Clubs reporting service.

Barbara

CAMP COCKATOO ASSISTANCE



Members of the Lions Club of Toowoomba Wilsonton recently held a Bar-B-Q at Bunnings and have donated the proceeds to Camp Cockatoo. This gesture is very much appreciated by those involved with running the Camp.

Welcome

SERVICE MATTERS

Thank You for a New Service Record!

In 2022-2023, Lions and Leos served more than ever before — 539 million people through over 1.5 million service activities around the world.

This Lion's year, we are on track to surpass these statistics and we encourage all our 201Q3 Clubs to help us achieve this by regularly recording the amazing work you do in your areas!

When we share our stories and report our impact, we unify our organization, inspire our communities and capture the attention of a global audience.

This month we will look at how to enable service reporting by:

Defining what service means to Lions and Leos.

In the January issue, we will explain the various ways Lions and Leos measure their impact.

And in the February issue, we will look at ways to calculate the number of people served.

What is service?

Lions and Leos serve in many ways, including:

- **Service activities:** Hands-on service activities, such as tree planting, vision screening, rebuilding homes after disaster strikes or serving meals to those in need.
- **Advocacy:** Raising awareness of the causes that are important to Lions, educating our communities on issues that impact them and working with others to bring about positive change.

Some examples include Lap the Map for diabetes awareness or holding a Diabetes Awareness morning tea to educate community members about risk factors that can lead to Diabetes and encourage them to get checked by a medical professional.

- **Donations:** Making charitable donations to individuals or organizations, including Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Funds donated to LCIF are tracked by the foundation and need not be reported as a service activity.
- **Fundraising:** Raising funds to enable our service.

Service support activities:

This encompasses four broad categories:

1. Holding meetings to strengthen your club, educate and train members, or plan other service activities.
2. Fulfilling administrative tasks, such as running errands, maintaining club records, or reporting.
3. Attending Lions events such as conventions and forums.
4. Engaging in fellowship and fun, together with other Lions.

These activities contribute to Lions' positive impact in various ways, including attracting new members to Clubs, helping Clubs retain members by providing a positive experience, preparing Lions to serve, or directly benefitting the people we serve.



What is not reportable service?

Many Lions and Leos serve their communities individually, outside of the activities planned by their Clubs, districts or multiple districts. Some examples include bringing a meal to a neighbour, driving a parent to a medical appointment, or volunteering at their place of worship. This type of work is important and commendable; however, it should not be reported as a Lions' service activity.

Lion Debbie Williams

LIONS HEARING DOGS



As 2023 swiftly draws to a close, we find ourselves on the brink of a new year, 2024. This past year has been a whirlwind, and as we enter the final stretch, we're proud of our progress. Thanks to our expanded team and innovative methods, we're on target to place a total of thirty-five Assistance Dogs by December's end. This includes thirty-one Hearing Assistance Dogs and four Medical Alert Dogs, showcasing the remarkable growth of our Medical Alert Program since its inception in 2021. By the end of 2023, we will have also accredited a total of fifteen dogs.

Our Puppy Program and Breeding Program have flourished, with various strategies enhancing their success. With this growth, the need for both puppies and volunteers to guide them during this crucial phase has risen. To meet this demand, our team has explored and tested new approaches, such as recruiting volunteers in the South-East of South Australia. These volunteers care for some of our puppies with fortnightly video calls and monthly visits from our Puppy Socialisation team. Presently, five puppies are in the South East being a part of this trial.

Our volunteer program is thriving, with familiar and new faces dedicating their time to enriching the lives of our dogs. Their support ensures our dogs receive the love and care essential for their happiness and well-being.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the incredible sponsors from Lions Clubs and individual supporters who have played an invaluable role in our journey. After all, it is your support that has also been instrumental in our organisation's achievements.

As we bid adieu to spring and embrace the upcoming summer, along with the Festive Season of Christmas and New Year, please note that our Training Centre will be closed during the holidays. However, our dedicated staff will be on-site, ensuring our dogs are well cared for. Our office will close from the end of business on Friday, December 22nd, reopening on Tuesday, January 2nd. During this period, our emergency phone line will remain active for urgent matters that require immediate attention. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support

*Rachel Lim
Communications Coordinator
Lions Hearing Dogs*

TOOWOOMBA WEST **FEEDS THE HOMELESS**

Our Club proudly supports Base Services in their various activities especially when it relates to those who have fallen on hard times. Recently, during a discussion with Nat and Tiff Spary from Base Services, the Club agreed to help out with some BBQ's to help feed the homeless during the busy time. Members agreed to do two lunchtime BBQs on Wednesday 18 October and Thursday 19 October to help Base Services cover a busy period where their volunteers were stretched to the max.

On Thursday 29 September, our Lions, Merv Symons, Thelma McKeon, Bob Steger, Greg Sleeman, Bronwyn Rees and Ian Scarborough attended to the BBQ and fed nearly ninety clients. The Club provided Steak Burgers, Sausage Burgers plus salads for the lunch. Naturally the Steak Burgers were the most popular and several clients came back for seconds. Some product was left over from the lunch and the surplus was left with Base Services for their use.



From left to Right Lions Wendy Moloney, Merv Symons, President Bronwyn Rees, Greg Sleeman, Thelma McKeon and Tiffany Spary from Base Services

On the next day our Club provided another BBQ lunch for the clients. This time our volunteers were, Cheryl and David Orton, Derek Tuffield, Elaine and Graham Nosse, Thelma McKeon, John Churchett and Ian Scarborough.



From Left to Right Lions Wendy Moloney, Greg Sleeman, Bob Steger, President Bronwyn Rees and Thelma McKeon

The weather was warm, and our members toiled and again provided lunch for nearly ninety clients. Again, the Steak Burgers were a big hit.

With the BBQ fired up and cooking up a storm, there were a few clients hanging around looking for a feed so we kicked off around 11.15 am – the steak burgers were again a big hit with seconds a must. Our sausage burgers were popular however the steaks were well received.

Everyone one of the clients of Base Services thanked us for coming down and providing them lunch. This sign of respect makes you indeed proud to be a Lion and providing this community service that is appreciated by those falling on hard times. The BBQ's wound up around 1pm on each day.

Another successful project which helped a lot of people. Many thanks to our band of volunteers for making these projects enjoyable.



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LIONS CLUB OF DALBY LAP THE MAP

The Lions Club of Dalby conducted a very successful Lap the Map on 18th November with fifty-eight participants who walked/ran a total of 300 kilometres.



The Lions were supported by the Dalby Park Run Group which added to the success of the event.

Diabetes Awareness Brochures were handed out to some of the participants and we were also able to speak to some of the runners who were taking part in the activity to improve their fight against the disease.



This National Diabetes Awareness Day activity was a huge success and all the participants enjoyed their early morning walk in the park.

*Lion Peter Brown
Lions Club of Dalby*

FERNVALE LIONS READY FOR CHRISTMAS



The Lions Club of Toowoomba West together with the Australian Army Aviation Training Centre have commenced setting up "Toowoomba's Christmas Wonderland" in the Queen's Park Botanic Gardens.



All the Zone Chairs and Region Co-ordinators were at the recent Cabinet Meeting held in Roma. This is the first time in quite some time that all were able to attend.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH LIONS

THE THIRTY-FOURTH IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES SOURCED BY LION LYN PYSDEN

PICKLEBALL PANDAMONIUM – Clubs hit the courts for fun, fitness and fundraising.

If anybody knows how to serve, it's the Lions. They've been acing it for more than 100 years. But serving in pickleball, now that's a relatively new thing, and Lions who try it are getting stuck on it like syrup on pancakes. "Lifelong friendships are made out of this," Lion Curt Goke in Minnesota says of both Lions and pickleball. Goke, 77, a member of the Eden Prairie Lions Club since 2017, plays pickleball three times a week and teaches beginners after church on Sundays. He has competed in 43 tournaments and played in at least 70 venues. His wife, Jane, equally as active, qualified to play in the 2019 Margaritaville USA Pickleball National Championships.

Pickleball has also created new fundraising opportunities for Clubs. The sport is so popular in Goke's town that the Eden Prairie Lions partnered with the Twin City Pickleball Club to sponsor a tournament as part of the Lions' biggest fundraiser, the annual Schooner Days. Pickleball registration filled in early April for the June event. When Curt and Jane swapped their racquetball racquets for pickleball paddles about 14 years ago, few people knew what the sport was. Now all ages vie for time on the courts. A hybrid of badminton, tennis and ping-pong, pickleball has been the fastest growing sport in the U.S. for three years running, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. It is played in almost every country.

In New Hampshire, Ron Farina, a member of the Keene Lions Club, has enjoyed seeing the sport's popularity explode. Farina is a USA Pickleball Association Ambassador and proud to say he has played on the courts at Bainbridge Island, Washington, where the sport was founded. For about 50 years he was happy with tennis, playing every week, indoors or out, with his friend, Rich. "One day Rich said he was switching to pickleball. How would you like to come to a pickleball lesson?" Farina recalls. "I took that one lesson, and I couldn't believe the workout and how much fun it was. I played one more game of tennis and I never went back." Farina was soon playing pickleball six days a week on a tennis court with markings for pickleball. Off court he found himself dreaming about converting two of the city's old tennis courts into six pickleball courts.

A Keene Lion for 53 years, he is known in his Club and his community as a man who gets things done. Anxious to make his dream happen for the city of Keene, he began meeting with Lions and city leaders to educate them on pickleball — not just how fun it is, but how it can be used to increase awareness of diabetes and the importance of exercise. Eventually some of his listeners tried the sport, came back to the table, and supported his efforts. In 2016, the Keene Lions donated US\$15,900 to have six new courts installed as one of four legacy initiatives marking the 100-year anniversary of Lions International. Farina's list of people either interested in learning the game or getting time on a court had grown to include 350 email addresses.

"When we first opened the gate for the new courts, all six were immediately filled and there were people waiting. The courts continue to be in constant use," says Farina. "People come twenty miles to play. It's about community, camaraderie and exercise. It's just fun to play." In addition, the sport has brought new Lions into the Club.



PAUSE FOR A CAUSE





**Lions
Eye Health Program
Australia**

URGENTLY NEEDED!!!!

SCREENERS FOR THE LIONS CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING PROGRAM IN DARLING DOWNS AND WESTERN QUEENSLAND.

At the District Cabinet Meeting at Roma on 11 and 12 November, the Cabinet approved the application of an LCIF Grant to purchase a third Lions Eye Health Program screening kit to be used in our District from Toowoomba to the western part of Q3.

However, to apply for such a grant, we need to show that we have a process in place and a team of screeners who are willing to be part of such a fantastic initiative.

To achieve this, I am calling on interested Lions to register their interest in being involved in visiting schools and child-minding centres to screen our most valuable resource, our young people, to access possible vision disorders.

Currently the Vision Screening Program has found that 1 in every 5 children screened has an undetected vision problem which is hindering the child's educational, social and sporting development.



I am encouraging Lions to become part of this much needed program and make a huge difference in the lives of our young people.

What can you do?

There are 3 stages in becoming a qualified screener and you will receive training along the journey.

- A. Log on to the LEHP Website and click on "Training Courses". You will be given a link to the Online Training Course. Once completed, your name will be added to a list and sent to me.**
- B. The second stage involves attending a Face to Face Training Session which will be conducted by either Peter Wilkes or myself. You will be shown the equipment and processes used at a screening and given a chance to work with the materials. This should take about 2 to 3 hours and will be done at your town or centres close to you.**

C. You will then be ready to participate under supervision at a screening session with children. Once you have completed all three steps, you will be issued with a Certificate of Attainment. Further training can be undertaken to become an Accredited Vision Screening Facilitator or Qualified Vision Screening Instructor, if you wish.

Please give this matter your serious consideration. The program has been successful in the Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast Hinterland areas and I am very keen to extend our areas of screening not only throughout the Brisbane metropolitan area but also to the areas around Ipswich, Toowoomba, Dalby, Chinchilla, Roma and beyond. I even have visions of doing western road trips to visit communities to our western extremities

We now have two screening kits in District 201Q3, but to get an LCIF Grant for a kit for the Darling Downs and further west, we need to have a plan in place before we apply for that grant. Screening Kits are around \$12,000, the most expensive part being a state of the art camera which photographs children's eyes and diagnoses problems.



Are you willing to be part of a dynamic team that is making a huge difference in the lives of our young people? Our current screeners enjoy the experience and I am sure that you will too. Just log on the LEHP website to begin what will be an amazing experience.

Should you have any questions regarding the screening program, please don't hesitate to give me a call on either 0411 503 033 or 07 54290982. Alternatively, email me on ggmoor@bigpond.com.

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



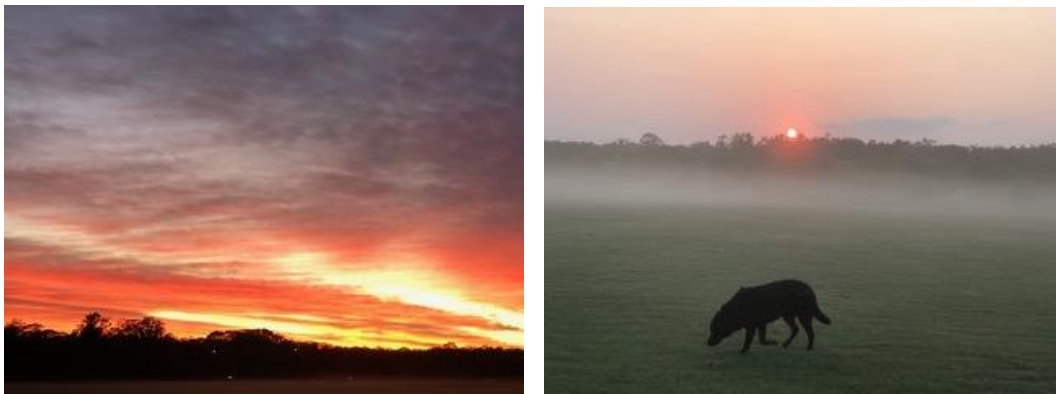


GLOBAL CAUSE ... DIABETES **DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**

So there we are, another Diabetes awareness month has come and gone, however awareness never stops we continue all year round raising awareness and helping sufferers understand how they can better their lives with a little more knowledge.

I would like to say a big thankyou to all those Clubs who participated in different types of Diabetes Awareness during the month.

Caloundra Club sent me some lovely early morning shots taken by members during their early morning walks.



Not only did a lot of you participate in Lap The Map, but some Clubs went out and spread the word about diabetes awareness which is what November is all about for us in the diabetes world.

On behalf of District Governor Andy and myself a massive thankyou to all members of Q3 who participated in Diabetes Awareness Month for 2023.

Research is so very important in every disease today, we can only improve treatments, find cures and give sufferers a much better quality of life through medical research.

Research changes lives, awareness changes lives, Lions can change lives by promoting awareness.

This is Tanya's story

For Tanya diabetes research means hope for the future. Not just for her but also her daughter.

Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was 12 years old, she vividly remembers being told she would have to inject needles every day for the rest of her life. A difficult concept to comprehend for a young girl entering her teens. Tanya immediately began questioning how this would impact her friendships and her school life and whether she would be treated differently.

Tanya experienced great anxiety when injecting in public, and her stomach and the side of her legs were often covered in bruises. The physical, mental and emotional adjustments of her diagnosis were enormous.



GLOBAL CAUSE ... DIABETES

CONTINUED

Now 33 Tanya has been living with type 1 diabetes for over two decades. Advancements in research and development mean Tanya now has access to life changing technology.

“Today, I currently have an insulin pump and continuous glucose monitor (CGM) I manage my food by carb counting and enter them in my pump.

The changes have been incredible and made my quality-of-life skyrocket from what it was back in 2002. I can have a life supported by technology rather than a life limited by the condition”.

With her diabetes management supported by an insulin pump and continuous glucose monitor. Tanya no longer needs daily injections. These developments in technology coupled with improvements in diabetes management through research afforded Tanya a healthy pregnancy, resulting in her greatest achievement to date, her two year old daughter.



“For me personally, without the research and technology, it may have been questionable if I could have a child and thus, I would be without my daughter.”

“Pregnancy in general was challenging to keep my blood glucose levels as best as possible, however the technology and understanding of diabetes and pregnancy meant I had a successful pregnancy with no complications caused by diabetes.”

Tanya hopes that in years to come if her daughter is also diagnosed, she will benefit from further advancement from diabetes research.

“Funding and research mean that maybe, my daughter won’t have to eliminate certain foods or miss out on activity or be looked at strangely by someone who doesn’t understand what she is doing. She might never be told, ‘You can’t do that’ because the understanding and knowledge about diabetes will be more advanced than it was for me.”

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may all your hopes and dreams be realised in the coming year.

*Gail Jones
Global Causes – Diabetes
District 201Q3 2023 - 2024*





GLOBAL CAUSE ... HUNGER

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – I hope you are able to spend the Christmas period with your loved ones enjoying great food, great company and mostly great cheer. If you are travelling please stay safe.



Many, many folk are unable to enjoy the holiday period that we take for granted - whether it be from loneliness or being unable to afford the Christmas treats that so many enjoy.

I would like to see the Clubs in District 201 Q3 donate at least one of these items to a Church group or Charity group providing Christmas lunch to the needy – a Christmas Cake and Pudding or two would be appreciated as well.



*Lion Jenny Tate
District Hunger Chairperson*



GLOBAL CAUSE ... **CHILDHOOD CANCER**

Greetings – at this stage the latest numbers from the Foundation have not been received so I will make sure they are reported to you via the Newsletter as soon as they do.

As reported in the last Newsletter our usual fundraising at the Convention was successful and monies passed onto to the Foundation.



I still have some of the limited-edition Christmas badges for 2023 with Santa and his two white boomers available. A couple more went at our Cabinet meeting but unless they are sold at my Clubs Christmas Cake sales that started on 20th November, there should still be some available. Please let me know if you would like a badge and I can make sure I hold one for you. They are still only \$6.

A gentle reminder that Clubs can run a Biggest BBQ any time during the year. So if you haven't done one yet think about making your next Bunnings BBQ, if you are fortunate enough, to have that option available to you as a Biggest BBQ. Resources are available on the website from [this link](#) .

[This link](#) takes you to the resource page for the Biggest High Tea. When combined with a fashion parade for example, this not only exposes more members of the community and your friends to one of the many Lions projects and activities, it may even result in the odd membership enquiry – remember the motto JUST ASK.



information on the virtual coin line is also available from the website via this link [this link](#) to their website. While schools are at the end of the year over the next few weeks now might be a good time to make contact with your contact in the schools to see if they would be prepared to add this option to the fundraisers many schools have throughout the year. If you get in early enough you may be able to get the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation onto their list next year.

One area where our District seems to lag behind is in making use of the credits available to your Club when you make a donation to the Foundation for one of the many awards that are available. Information on this is also available on the website from [this link](#) .

Finally, if you need any assistance with a fund raising idea, for example I have a couple for pull up banners you can use and some of the latest brochures, just let me know and I will work out a way to get them to you. Don't forget to follow the Foundations Facebook page on your Club Facebook page and share you Clubs stories and the work of the Foundation with you friends and other Clubs.

Thank you all for your support of the Foundation during the year and I look forward to working with you all in the new Year. Have a safe and great Christmas with family.

PDG Norm JENSEN
'Ph 0404 984 455

GLOBAL CAUSE... ENVIRONMENT



Today as I sit down to write this report for December, what a wonderful sound happening at the moment.

The sound of RAINDROPS on the roof. What a welcome sound that is? Not only here but for areas of our District that desperately need it.

I am referring to the District areas, that have faced adversity with bushfires, dry winter, hot summer conditions when we are only in Spring. Thunderstorms causing havoc with hail, strong winds and so on.

Many a farmer has been robbed of his precious water supply during the bushfires as helicopters sucked up their dam water to stem the fires burning out of control. Yes, they needed to take that water, so let's hope the rains falling across the district replenishes their supply for the summer months.

According to the weather bureau, more rains are on the way, let's hope so, for every-ones sake it falls in the right areas.

On our recent trip out to Roma for our Cabinet Meeting, it was evident that the country folk are doing it tough, without the amount of water required to survive on the land. The towns folk are required to watch their water usage also, as much of their supply comes from our under-ground supply, be it bore water or artesian.

While we were in Roma the town of Crows Nest (Just north of Toowoomba) had an early white Christmas with a white blanket from a hailstorm covering the landscape. It may be a lovely sight, but on the other hand what damage can be caused by one of these storms? Leaves stripped from trees, plants destroyed, damage to roofs and windows, cars, businesses, which may take several months to repair. Did not our food growing area outside Gatton suffer a similar destruction to crops?

Please take precautions when you see Storms approaching, have an emergency kit ready, watch for flash flooding.

What to look out for during storm season



Be safe over this Festive season.
See you all in the New year, have a wonderful Christmas.

*Lion Dell Emery
Environment Chair*