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THE OFFICIAL
NEWSLETTER
OF DISTRICT 201 Q3

LIONS AWARENESS DAY
2ND MARCH

Service With a Smile Leads to Success.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 2026 edition of the Newsletter will be 20th March 2026.

Copy received after the deadline, unless urgent,

will be held over to the following month.

Please email your articles to
lionbeverleyq3@gmail.com

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

*True Wealth isn't in
your wallet it is in your
heart*

Ed Diener

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
NARELLE'S
MESSAGE**



Where did February go? It doesn't seem that long ago that I was planning for our Cabinet Meeting, which is now already two weeks behind us.

We had an informative and enjoyable weekend at Wamuran with our Council Chair Richard conducting a workshop and our 1VDGE Mark adding some fun with a few games. It doesn't always have to be all work! Thank you to the Lions Club of Wamuran for hosting us. The venue was great, the company wonderful and the food was so good. A big thank you to all the Clubs who host our Cabinet meetings. Without your support, these meetings would not be possible.

This time last year I had just arrived back from training in Chicago and moved straight into District Governor Elect mode. I would like to wish DGE Stuart Matthews all the very best while he completes his training this time online, sorts out his cabinet and organises the cabinet and Club development days.

I had a lovely time attending the charter afternoon for the Golden Valley Leo Club. Lion John Creagh, our District Leo chair, inducted the members and I had the pleasure of installing the executive. They are a bright and enthusiastic group of emerging leaders who are eager to make things happen in their community. They are ready to carry forward the proud tradition of service while bringing fresh ideas, innovation and energy. Congratulations to Veronica and Ruth and the Lions Club of Golden Valley Keperra for supporting this new Club.

Many Clubs have taken up the challenge with the Lions Medical Research 'Let's Get Loud 2026' - loud shirt day. Who will be the winner this year? As they say, 'each donation counts as a vote and helps shape the future of medicine'. If your club hasn't already joined in, put on your loud shirts, take a photo and donate to our Foundation. You never know your photo may be the winner!

As Club finals have been completed for our prestigious Lions Youth of the Year program, we move on to zone, region and district finals. It is truly amazing what these students have achieved in such a short time. They are our next generation; they are our future.

Please support our Club winners as they progress through each level.

Don't forget the District Final to be held on Saturday, 18 April 2026 in Pittsworth. The winner of this final will head to Bundaberg for the State final on the long weekend, 1 and 2 May 2026.

March is shaping up to be another busy month. Clubs are gearing up for Lions on Safari month. What is your club doing? We talk about sustainability of Lions and this is one way of showcasing what Lions do for their community and the service projects they promote.

Clubs will also be holding their nominations and elections for office bearers for their 2026-2027 year. If you haven't taken up a position before, why not have a go. Instead of continuing in a position you have done before, why not consider trying a different position.

Help in working through these roles is on hand either from your Club or at the Club Development days. Details of these days have been emailed out to clubs. I encourage you all to participate in these very informative days even if you are not taking up an executive position.

These days are for all Club members. It is a great opportunity to not only learn more about the many roles within your Club but also meet and connect with fellow members who are serving their community in many ways. You may even pick up a few new ideas for your Club.

Until next month.

Keep Smiling

Narelle





Lions District 201Q3 Convention

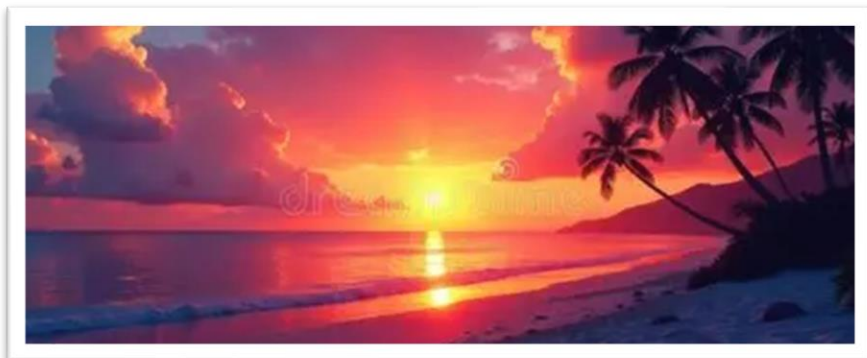
Your Shore excursion!

Travel back in time!!!



 Saturday 10 am- 1pm— don't miss out! 

Cost \$25 includes entry and morning tea!



NEWS FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF REDCLIFFE CENTRAL INC



Last year we celebrated our Club's forty-five years of service to our community. The world has changed, and the nature of the things we do is different to what the Club has undertaken in past years, but our ethos has never varied: "We Serve", and 'Where There's a Need There's a Lion'.

In March of 1980, the Lions Club of Redcliffe Central was chartered, with forty-seven charter members, one of whom, Lion Ted Heyes, remains with our Club as an active member after forty-six years of service.

On 23 April 1980, the Lioness Club of Redcliffe Central was organised, and two of the original members, Lilian O'Kamura and Jan Heyes remain staunch active members of what is now the Auxiliary arm of our Club.



District Governor Narelle Gluer visited our Club for our February dinner meeting and presented Years of Service Chevrons to four of our Lion members. Kim Schier 10 years, David Marsden 25 years, Mike Skelly 45 years and Neil Tyler 50 years. Neil was also presented with a 50-year service medal from the Australian Lions Foundation (ALF).

*Lion Barbara Matthews
Lions Club of Redcliffe Central Inc.*

Always be kind.
If you see someone falling
behind, walk beside them.
If someone is being ignored,
find a way to include them.
If someone has been
knocked down, lift them up.
Always remind people
of their worth.
Be who you needed
when you were going
through hard times.
Just one small act of
kindness could mean the
world to someone.



*Called
To
Higher
Service*

PDG David Knowles
Lions Club of Roma

Lion Frank Wilson
Lions Club of Brisbane Bunya



CABINET SECRETARY DANIELLE'S REPORT

Welcome to March! With Christmas and New Year now well behind us, many Clubs are returning to full momentum. March is always a busy and productive time across the District, with activities ramping up and preparations beginning for the incoming leadership teams. Nominations, elections, and transition planning will soon be well underway as we look ahead to the new Lions year.

Business Matters

MD Convention – Adelaide | 22-25 May

Registrations are now open via the Lions Australia website.

Estimated delegate numbers for each Club will be distributed shortly, with final numbers confirmed in early April. Please remember that all delegates must also complete their own Convention registration. Please note that the Lion Portal allows Clubs to look up their eligible delegate number (once released the month before Convention starts) as well as enter their chosen delegates however it does not have the capacity to assign alternates. Therefore, at this stage we will continue to request this information from Clubs via the Delegate Return Form.

Memorial Returns will also be circulated soon. This is a meaningful opportunity to honour those Lions who have been called to higher service since the last Convention. Please ensure your Club submits any relevant details.

International Convention – Hong Kong | 3-7 July

Eligible delegate numbers will be available via the Lion Portal, and Clubs will need to enter their assigned delegates directly into the system. If you require assistance with this process, District Administrator Barbara Matthews will be happy to help.

MD Directory

Unfortunately, the Lion Portal is still not fully equipped to provide all the information required to complete the MD Directory. Accordingly, I will need to seek clarification directly from Clubs this year, but only in relation to the missing information such as Club email addresses.

To minimise workload, a hybrid approach will be adopted and Clubs will no longer be required to complete a PU101. Instead, newly elected officers will only need to be entered into the Lion Portal as soon as elections are finalised. Please note that it is essential that all contact details are accurate and kept up to date throughout their term.

I will then email each Club to confirm the details extracted from the Portal and to verify that the additional Club information carried forward from last year remains correct.

Your cooperation in maintaining current Portal records and responding promptly to my email will be greatly appreciated and will significantly streamline the Directory process.

Club Development Days

Please note the upcoming Club Development Days:

- Saturday 6 June – Hosted by Morayfield
- Sunday 7 June – Hosted by Golden Valley Keperra
- Saturday 13 June – Hosted by Dalby
- Sunday 14 June – Hosted by Fernvale

Final Words

As Cabinet Secretary, my role is to support you. If your club faces challenges, needs resources, or seeks guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Danielle



“Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure”



This coming March, join *Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure* — a month-long campaign showcasing the incredible work Lions are doing across Australia.

Join the adventure! Organise or participate in events happening nationwide and help raise awareness for the causes we champion.

It’s a fantastic way to highlight our impact and inspire new volunteers.

What is Lions on Safari?

Pack your sense of adventure! *Lions on Safari* will take you on a journey through **community service**, featuring environmental projects, acts of kindness, and exciting opportunities to get involved.

Free Safari Packs

Grab your Lions on Safari PR Pack!

There are a limited number of Lions on Safari PR Packs available to help your Club spread the word and attract attention in your community.



Don’t miss out.
Email Jemma Pascolini,
at pr@lions.org.au with your
Club name, District and shipping
address.



- **Bunnings Barbecue:** Partner with your local Bunnings for a barbecue or host a family-friendly event.
- **Clean Up Australia Day (March 1):** Organise rubbish clean-ups, recycling projects, or environmental awareness campaigns to engage the community in caring for the planet.
- **International Women’s Day (March 8):** Plan impactful events and fundraisers that empower and support women in their communities.

Consider raising funds for vital projects such as women’s community shelters, sanitation projects, or the PNG Birthing Mothers Projects, all of which contribute to the well-being of women.

- **National Leo Day (March 16):** Celebrate the amazing impact Leos are making in their communities! Connect with your local Leo Club and collaborate on an event to highlight their incredible work.
- **International Day of Happiness (March 20):** Organise events that spread joy and promote well-being, like games, celebrations, or activities that get people smiling.

Check out the quality resources at the Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation.

Harmony Week (March 16 –

22): Encourage everyone to wear orange in support of cultural diversity. Consider hosting a sausage sizzle with an international food twist or inviting a local cultural dance or singing group to perform.

Alan Brooks (Pine Rivers)

District Service Team

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Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Donate for a Chance to Win

- For every **\$1000** (AUD) donation to LCIF gives your Club **1 entry** into the draw
- **Eligibility:** Q3 Lions Clubs only - donations made from 1 July 2025 through to 31 May 2026
- **Prize:** \$1000 (US) LCIF Instalment credits to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive MJF
- **Contact:** Kevin Hedges [201Q3 LCIF Chair] for further information kevhedges@optusnet.com.au - Ph: 0437 088 868



LIONS CLUB OF TOOWOOMBA CITY

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



CUTTING THE CAKE

**CHARTER MEMBER
LION JOHN EVANS**

AND

**NEWEST MEMBER
LION NICOLE
HAMMERMEISTER**



Helping Lions Help Their Community

Can your Club help?

We are currently facing long term flood recovery in North and Central Queensland and bushfires in our Victorian and N3 Districts. Every Club would have received an email about this and thank you to the Clubs who have responded already, donating to one or both of these disaster events. But more is needed so please consider making a donation.

If you do, the protocol in these situations is to send the amount your Club can spare to Bruce Unwin, our District Treasurer, and he will forward it to the relevant District on your behalf.



*Debbie Williams
201Q3 ALF Chair*





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

RECOGNITION FOR TWO OF OUR 201 Q3 DISTRICT LIONS

A huge congratulations to Lion Reg Maharaj and Lion Aruna Maharaj of the Lions Club of Bramble Bay who were recently presented with their Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships by Council Chair Richard Williams. Their dedication and service to the Boondall Lions Club, their community and beyond is a credit to them and this recognition is richly deserved.



The Foundation thanks you both for being instrumental in the support given by the Boondall Lions Club to the Foundation.

Lion Kevin Hedges LCIF District Q3 Chair

kevhedges@optusnet.com.au

Ph: 0437088868

**LCIF serves
Lions. Lions
serve the World.**

LCIF is here to enhance the service of Lions. If you have a large-scale project you need help funding, reach out to us. We may be able to help.

[Learn More](#)



Thank you to all those Clubs who have taken up the opportunity to be part of this wonderful program. We have twenty-eight Clubs participating in our Youth of the Year program and the Club Finals will be completed by the time this Newsletter is sent out. Zone and Region finals: Due to the decrease in school and Club participation, we only have one Zone final.

The following table lists the Zone, Region and District finals with dates and locations and the host Club. I hope you are able to attend at least one of these finals.

Zone, Region and District Finals

| Region | Club | Date | Location |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Zone 7 | Ashgrove The Gap | 15 March 2026 | Voices of Birralee 57 Carwoola St Bardon |
| Region 1 (zones 1&2) | Dalby | 14 March 2026 | Dalby Lions Den |
| Region 2 (zones 3&4) | Highfields | 7 March 2026 | Toowoomba Library |
| Region 3 (zones 5&6) | | March 2026 | |
| Region 4 (zones 7&8) | Brisbane Bunya | 21 March 2026 | Kakowan |
| Region 5 (zones 9&10) | Albany Creek | March 2026 | Aveo Albany Creek |
| Region 6 (zones 11&12) | Wamuran | 28 March 2026 | Wamuran SS |
| District | Pittsworth | 18 April 2026 | Pittsworth Function Centre/ Pittsworth Motor inn |

The **District final** will be held in **Pittsworth** on **Saturday, 18 April 2026** hosted by the Lions Club of Pittsworth. Invitations and booking forms are attached to this newsletter.

Our District winner will then go on to the **State Final** which will be held in **Bundaberg** on the **1-2 May 2026**. Bundaberg is not that far away. If you are able to attend, it will give our District winner great support.

Clubs will be emailed with these details as well. Looking forward to catching up at one of the Zone, Region or District.

If you have any questions, please ask. I can be contacted on 0402140709.

*Narelle Gluer
District MD201 Q3 Chair
Lions Youth of the Year*





MAKE YOUR VOTE AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP COUNT

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION'S MEMBERSHIP COMPRISES

ALL 249 QUEENSLAND CLUBS

Amendment to the Constitution of the Queensland and North New South
Lions Medical Research Foundation

The below letter was emailed to all clubs on 20th January 2026. Has your Club responded?

The [current constitution](#), adopted in 2012, no longer complies with Lions Clubs International requirements because it includes a provision for proxy voting. This must be corrected immediately to maintain compliance.

Amending the constitution requires:

1. A majority vote of the Board of Directors.
2. A majority vote of the Foundation's members.

The Board approved the [amendment](#) at its December 2025 meeting. The Foundation's membership comprises all 249 Q Clubs. The amendment was presented at the November 2025 AGM; however, insufficient voting papers were returned, and the amendment did not pass.

To resolve this, the Board has scheduled a **Special Meeting on 8 April 2026** to finalise the amendment. **This is a critical deadline.** Voting will be conducted in writing, and a voting paper will be circulated to you shortly. To avoid the necessity of members attending in person, it is suggested that you appoint a proxy to vote on the resolution. The voting paper will allow for this. The meeting will be held via Teams. If you prefer to attend via Teams to cast your vote you will need to give our Executive Officer plenty of notice to ensure arrangements are made for you to attend. The proxy vote (to vote at your direction) would be the simpler way to proceed. All proxy appointments must be received by the Secretary of the Foundation at least 48 hours before the meeting.

We urgently ask that your club **participate in this vote without delay**. Your engagement is essential to ensure the Foundation remains compliant and continues its vital work.

Thank you for acting promptly on this matter.

**Tom Braes OAM
Chair**

WEBSITE: www.lionsmedicalresearchfoundation.org.au

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/lionsmedicalresearchfoundation/

Phone (07) 3832-1688 Email info@lmf.org.au

GPO Box 1030 Brisbane Qld 4001

WHY CHANGE AND WHAT'S NEW IN THE 2025 CONSTITUTION?

- The present Constitution was approved in 2012, and does not comply with LCI requirements in that it has provision for proxy voting. This has been removed.
- **Modernised for charity compliance** – aligns with ACNC and Corporations Act; simpler amendment process.
- **Clearer objects** – includes diagnosis/testing and allows monetising research outcomes (where lawful).
- **Membership rules tightened** – New members must be incorporated, formal register, clear join/leave process, and defined Club representative hierarchy.
- **Dispute & discipline process added** – mediation first, then options to warn, suspend, or expel.
- **Meetings go hybrid** – tech-enabled general meetings; 21-day notice; auditor rights clarified.
- **Voting simplified** – one vote per club; Chair **no casting vote** at member meetings.
- **Board refreshed** – 8–10 Directors, elected by District; max 6 years continuous service (with limited extension).
- **Alternate Directors removed** – no substitutes; clearer vacancy rules.
- **Transparency boosted** – strict record-keeping, member access to key records, annual audited reports at AGM.
- **Indemnity & insurance strengthened** – Directors protected under law.
- **Personality Quest section dropped** – now handled outside the Constitution.
- **Clarifies that the Chair can move a motion.**
- **Clarifies the term and role of the Secretary and Treasurer**



PEACE



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

“Together as One” Multiple District Winner for 2025-2026

The Multiple District Winner is Zoey Liu from District Q1.

The MD Presentation will be at the Adelaide Convention from the 22-25 May 2026. Zoey receives \$200 and a trophy.

Her poster will now proceed to the International Level of Judging at the International Convention in Hong Kong 3-7 July. There are 24 Posters from around the world in the final Judging. I know you will join with me and wish Zoey Liu the very best of luck!

The International President Mark Lyon will present the USD \$5,000 Award to the Grand Prize Winner. The Winner also receives a beautiful peace trophy.

There are also 23 Merit Award Winners who each receive USD\$500.

Statistics for 2025-26: Eighteen Districts in Australia entered in the competition. In Q3 District 18 students entered from two Clubs. The Number of Clubs entered in Australia were 89. The number of students entered Australia-wide were 2,817. Thank you for participating in this fun and exciting competition!

Photo Below of the Multiple District Winner in 2025-2026: [ZOEY LIU](#)



Service With a Smile Leads to Success.

PROMOTING 2026/2027 LI PEACE POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

The Peace Poster is an Art Contest for young people conducted Internationally by Lions International. The age for students to enter is 11,12, or 13 years. Entrants must be the nominated age on the 15th November 2026.

The Peace Essay Contest is for visually impaired children giving them the opportunity to express their feelings of peace. The same age bracket applies as above.

The Theme for Artwork and Essay 2026 – 2027 is “Harmony in Humanity”. This contest is easy to organise, usually through your local schools.

The Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest Rules are in the Kit.

Clubs can Download a digital copy from Lions International Website: www.lionsclub.org.au/pposter The cost is US \$11.95 (AUD equivalent about \$20.00)

A License Key is to be saved for use on the Winner Sticker.

If Clubs prefer, they can still purchase a hard copy of their Kits: Visit Lions Australia National Office Club Supplies: www.lionsclubsshop.com.au. The cost is \$25.00 plus postage.

Check List for Schools. This is an aid to help schools. I have an electronic copy. Contact me if your Club would like a copy.

Details for Artwork:

1. Artwork size must be no smaller than 33cm x 50cm or no larger than 50cm x 60cm
2. Art paper: to be flexible material so that it can be rolled up for mailing tube.
3. All artist's signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster
(upper right or left side of artwork)
4. Winner Sticker – attach on the back – lower right-hand corner on winning entry.

Below are Great Incentives for Students to Enter:

Prizes:

- **Club Level** – Clubs decide on the prize and arrange payment of their prize
- **District Level** – District Winner – District donates a \$100 voucher
- **Multiple District Level** – The Australian Winner receives \$200 and a trophy
- **International Level** – International Winners USD\$5,000 and a Peace trophy.
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The Deadline and information for Clubs for the Peace Poster are as follows:

- **Clubs Winning Entries to be Submitted by the 1st September 2026**
- Clubs Conduct their own Judging or Art Teacher
- Clubs can post artwork in a mailing tube to the Peace Poster & Essay Chairperson.
- Please follow the Rules and Regulations outlined in the Kit
- District Convention Judging: Dates are 2nd to 5th October 2026

If you would like any clarification Clubs can contact me anytime. My details are below.

Lion Diane Unwin District Chair 201Q3 LCI Peace Poster & Essay Contest
94 Copeland Drive North Lakes Qld 4509 M: 0418 904 999 E: brucendi@gmail.com



HELLO LIONS AND LEOS

AUSTRALIAN LIONS WELLBEING FOUNDATION (ALWF) AWARDS

There are only 4 months remaining in this Lions year Clubs may be considering their disbursements. I ask that you consider donating to ALWF. A great way to recognise the efforts of your members or benefactors could be an ALWF award.

There are two awards which are presented to Lions and Community members for their work in the area of wellbeing:

James McLardie Award (donation of \$500)

In recognition of outstanding service to the community

Dr Harry Jenkins Fellowship (donation of \$1000)

Recognising the value of service given to Lions Clubs International/or wellbeing Promotion Clubs can nominate an individual via the application form and donation. Recipients receive a wall plaque.

NEW – Leo Wellbeing Award

A Leo Wellbeing Award, an initiative that recognises the dedication and passion of Leos who have made a meaningful impact in their communities and contributed to improving the wellbeing of others across the areas of Community Impact, Leadership and Initiative and Involvement in Wellbeing areas.

Lions Clubs are encouraged to nominate deserving Leos by submitting a nomination and donation of \$250.



ROAR FOR WELLBEING

After a successful 2025 – we are pleased to announce we will be back in October 2026 with the roar for wellbeing campaign.

Please be advised that the upcoming District Convention on Bribie Island in October will offer four Service Projects for participants to engage in, including one wellbeing activity. Further details will be provided via Facebook and through this newsletter.

Stay safe and well and take care of yourselves.

Barbara

DEFENCE TRANSITION SEMINAR BRISBANE 18 FEBRUARY 2026

A Defence member and family transition seminar, was held at the Royal International Convention Centre Bowen Hills on Wednesday 18 February 2026. Districts Q1 and Q3 held a display stall showcasing the benefits of Lions in the community for a defence member and/or their family in joining.

Lead by District Governor Narelle, Past Council Chair Rodd Chignell and Past District Governor Steve Hood operated the display whilst approximately three hundred and fifty Australian Defence Force personnel and their family members either visited the display area or attended the presentations. Lions Rodd and Steve were about to discuss the opportunities for ex defence personnel in joining Lions and being part of their new community network.

A number of the defence members provided their details for further discussion re-joining a Club near their new location. Overall, for our Districts Q1 and Q3 first attendance at the seminars, the engagement and discussion was warmly received by participants and our Lion facilitators.



District Governor Narelle, Lions Rodd and Steve are photographed in front of the stall at start of the day.

DG Narelle Gluer



Lion Portal

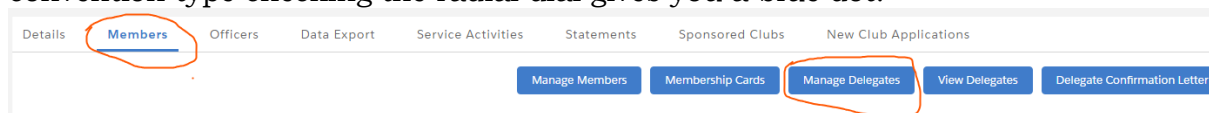
FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CLUB SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS

There are 2 upcoming Conventions that delegates **can only be registered** via the Lions Portal.

- Option 1 Virtual Convention – Multiple District every club can register delegates to vote
- Option 2 Delegates must be attending the International Convention in Hong Kong

You need to be on your club page. Choose Members, then Manage Delegates, then the convention type checking the radial dial gives you a blue dot.



Option 1

Convention Type

District

Multiple District

International

*Time

Past

Upcoming

Show Voided

Conventions

1 of 1 item · 1 item selected

| Convention | Start Date | End Date | Venue | Is Void? |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------|----------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> March Virtual | Mar 20, 2026 | Mar 21, 2026 | Online | |

Option 2

Convention Type

District

Multiple District

International

*Time

Past

Upcoming

Show Voided

Conventions

1 of 1 item · 1 item selected

| Convention | Start Date | End Date | Venue | Is Void? |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 108th Annual Convention - LCICon 2026 Hong Kong | Jul 3, 2026 | Jul 7, 2026 | | |

You then can see the number of delegates your club is allocated and check assign delegate

Manage Delegates

108th Annual Convention - LCIcon 2026 Hong Kong - 2025-2026
July 3, 2026 - July 7, 2026

VIP Delegates: 0
Allowed Delegates: 1
Assigned Delegates: 0
Available Delegates: 1

*What do you like to do?
 Assign a Delegate

March Virtual - 2025-2026
March 20, 2026 - March 21, 2026
Online

Select a member to assign as a delegate Q Search this list...

23 of 23 items - 1 item selected

| Member Name |
|---|
| <input type="radio"/> David Marsden |
| <input type="radio"/> Gary Baumann |
| <input type="radio"/> George Heyes |
| <input type="radio"/> John Pampling |
| <input type="radio"/> Michael Skelly |
| <input type="radio"/> Norman Alcock |
| <input type="radio"/> Mr Ian Langford |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr John Matthews |

If you have more than one delegate check yes and continue.

March Virtual - 2025-2026

March 20, 2026 - March 21, 2026
Online

*Would you like to manage more delegates for this convention?

- Yes
 No

Delegates for the Multiple District Convention in Adelaide (May 2026) and the District Convention on Bribie Island (October) will be selected as usual. The Cabinet Secretary will send nomination forms to Club Secretaries, who should complete and return them.

If you have any questions or require assistance please contact me.

Barbara



LEO NEWS IN DISTRICT 201 Q3

Leo Club Advisor Training:

I will be holding a Leo Club Advisor Training Day on Sunday 15 March at the Cabrilla Centre (home of Brisbane Bunya Lions Club and formerly Ferny Districts Amateur Fishing Club premises), 11 Cabrilla Street, Everton Hills. We will start at 8.30 for 9.00am and aim to finish by 3.00pm. Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be provided. Please RSVP to me on 0417612204 or by email to johnLcreagh@bigpond.com by Sunday 8 March.

We will be covering the roles of the Leo Club Advisor and the Leo Club Officers and various aspects of running a Leo Club. I will be assisted by our District Child Safe Officer, PDG Donna Hedges who will be covering the Lions Australia Child Safety Policy, the requirements of the Queensland Blue Card system, and risk management processes. I will also be assisted by our District Administrator, Lion Barbara Matthews who will be covering all aspects of the Lions Portal, including reporting of membership and service.

School Leo Coordinators and any interested Lions Club members are welcome to join with us on the day.

Mitchelton State High School Leo Club 30th Anniversary Afternoon Tea:

Brisbane Bunya Lions Club will be hosting an afternoon tea at the Cabrilla Centre, 11 Cabrilla Street, Everton Hills on Saturday 28 March to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its Mitchelton State High School Leo Club. All past and present Leos and Lions members are welcome to join with us. We would welcome any photos and memorabilia from the 30 years of the Leo Club, as well as contact details for any past members. Please RSVP to me on 0417612204 or by email to johnLcreagh@bigpond.com by Sunday 22 March.

Lion John Creagh
District Leo Chair
2025-2026



*Lets get our name out there;
Every way that we can.*

Most people only see the Lions name occasionally on Parks or at sausage sizzles. Even when they buy our Christmas cakes they do not really see the Lions name or have any understanding of what we do. We need to get the name LIONS out in front of the public whenever we can or we will remain the world's best kept secret.

Why can't we have large Lions signs on our vehicles all the time (not just when going to Lions functions)? Who said you can only wear a Lions shirt when you are doing a Lions project? Why can't you wear a larger Lions badge on your shirt collar. Why can't you put a Lions badge on your hat? Why can't you have a Lions Hat Band?

We need to consider how we can personally get the Lions insignia out there for everyone to see.

Lion Garry J Bates JP (Qual)



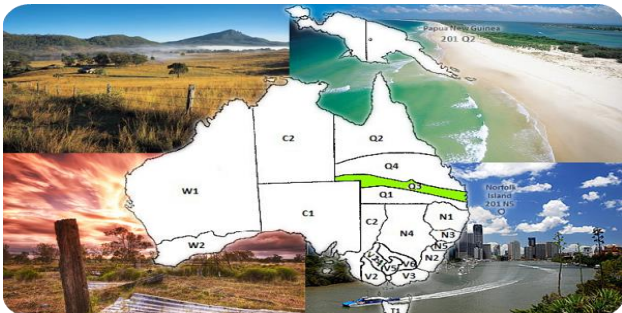
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COMMUNITIES & THOSE
IN NEED.*

*BE YOU
BE A STRONG LION*

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.

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| <i>Brackenridge Central</i> | Robyn Donohoe |
| <i>Charleville</i> | Robert Calcino Rosalita Calcino |
| <i>Fernvale</i> | Belinda Lomax Leanne Mitchell |
| <i>Ipswich</i> | Emily Dionysius |
| <i>Millmerran</i> | Denise Nugent Jamie-Lee Nugent Russell Nugent |
| <i>Morayfield & District</i> | Sandra Molloy |
| <i>North Lakes</i> | Pradeep Sinnya Suchitra Sinnya |
| <i>Teneriffe</i> | Debbie Stubbs |
| <i>Toowoomba West</i> | Allison Goldman Conor Martin Suren Putter Warwick Steger |
| <i>Woodford</i> | Catherine Billett |



MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Taken from the Lion Portal – 27 February – 10.00am.

Our total membership number this month is one thousand four hundred and twenty.

Since the last report:

- 19 new members
- 14 members dropped (2 deceased).

That gives us a net gain of 5 members this month (a gain of 17 year to date). Our retention rate for retaining members for 12 months is currently 54.5% for new members and 87.5% overall.

Service Activities This Year

- Lions Clubs Reporting Service – 89% (57 of 63 Clubs).
- LEO Clubs Reporting Service – 29% (2 of 7 Clubs)
- Total for District – 83%
- People Served-236,012 (166 people per member)
- Activities Completed – 1,766
- Childhood Cancer – 66
- Diabetes – 25
- Disaster Relief - 15
- Environment - 117
- Hunger – 115
- Humanitarian – 912
- Vision - 76
- Youth – 133
- Administration – 307
- Volunteer Hours – 78,188
- LCIF Donations – 22,521 US Dollars
- Funds Raised – 545,269 US Dollars
- Funds Donated – 246,583 US Dollars

PROSTATE CANCER

This is the new link to the [Lions Prostate Cancer Research Treatment](#) website for you to check out. Here you will find the details of the bank accounts you can use to make any donations or the address to send your cheques by snail mail if you are still using them. As you will see the funds raised go directly to the work of the Mater Foundation on research into this major challenge for men.

September each year is designated as Prostate Cancer Awareness month. With over 25,000 men diagnosed annually. The campaign highlights the need for early detection, as early-stage prostate cancer often has no symptoms. Some key facts and information for Clubs and their members to ponder when considering if they should donate to the Project.

- **Significance.** One in six Australian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer by age 85.
- **Why September?** It is a time to promote early detection, as survival rates are much higher when found early.
- **Take Action: Men over 50** (or 40 -45 with a family history) should discuss prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing with their GP. I understand there is a better understanding by GPs these days through the efforts of organisations like the [Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia | PCFA](#) of the need for testing.
- **Support & Awareness:**



Participate in campaigns like the Prostate Cancer Foundation's Long Run or my own modest attempt to raise funds for the work of the Mater Foundation by checking out [Norm Jensen - NORM'S CHOPS FOR PROSTATE CANCER | Mater Foundation](#) Still a few dollars to go before my modest target of **\$2,500** is reached. As at time of writing the amount raised so far is **\$1,895**. You may recall that I painted my chops **Blue** at last year's District Convention and may do so again next year at Redcliffe to help get over the modest target I have set.

Lions' members recently farewelled a great Lion from Sandstone Point, PDG Lion Greg Rollanson OAM, who went on to higher service after losing his battle with prostate cancer just after he received his OAM. I am sure all of you will join with me in passing on our condolences to Wendy and Greg's family and the members of the Sandstone Point Club at this time.

Early detection is the key so, if you, your husband or your sons fit into the age category or there is a family history of prostate cancer, make sure you checked via what is a quite simple blood test. The first one should be covered by Medicare and future coverage by Medicare will depend on the result of your first test and the time between tests. I missed a test by 6 months back in 2015 which sent me on my own journey with prostate cancer which is in remission.

I am still waiting of the latest numbers from the Project on our District's contribution this year. However, these numbers from 2024-25 give the District something to aim for – with 24 clubs involved raising \$15,326. The numbers from my efforts for the Mater Foundation as provided above.

PDG Norm Jensen
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CAKE & MINT PORTFOLIO March 2026

Cakes:

Well, we have another selling period behind us so I thought I would give you some figures from our last Sales Report.

The total cartons Nationally was 56822 of which Q3 sold 6806 or 11.98% which is very good and no mean feat.

Unfortunately, we were down to last year where we sold 6934 cartons. There could be many reasons for this to happen on the odd occasion such as returned orders. Clubs with stock left over from the year before so their order for this year was down and so on. This does not mean that we cannot pick ourselves up and have a great year with sales this year, 2026.

We have been relegated to second spot behind Western Australia, who sold 7078 cartons for 2025, keep in mind though that we have 63 Clubs in our District and Western Australia now have 94, so in fact we are holding our own considering.

The good news is that the Gluten Free Cake will be available in our full range from this year. Clubs will not be restricted to the number of cartons of this product as in the past. Because the Gluten Free will become a permanent product in our range it will be counted in our total sales.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Clubs that took part in the Cake Programme for 2025, you all did a great job and one that will be reflected in the rebate our District will receive from the total sales for the period.

We should not let this phase us at all, I am sure with a little perseverance and if every Club in Q3 could increase their order this year by 2, 3 or 4 cartons we can show all that you do not have to be big to be successful.

To the two Clubs that did not order cakes last year, we hope that you will do so this year.

Mints:

Mints do not seem to have risen from the ashes, as I believe that we may still have Clubs waiting on orders. I have been in contact with Dollar Sweets, they are looking into all the outstanding Q3 orders, so hopefully I will hear some positive news very soon as to what is happening.

I believe that their promises are just that and no action ever seems to take place in locating what has happened to their orders, it is no benefit to know that this is happening in all Districts.

I can tell you that a committee has been formed to have a face-to-face meeting with Miranda Higgins (CEO) Dollar Sweets in early March, so I am waiting with bated breath for the result/report of that meeting.

I just hope that all our concerns are brought to the fore and that Dollar Sweets will action a good majority of them if not all of them.

The main problems are –

- # Deliveries on time
- # Enough stock available to fill orders
- # That our phone messages and emails receive a timely response to name just a few, so keep your fingers crossed.

Until next time please do take care and remember that I am here to assist you and if you would like me to visit your Club, I am happy to do that too, call me. Now is the time for preparation and planning for a bumper year this year.

Do not forget to rotate any stock you have by date, keep it up and dry and out of the way of any bugs, geckos etc. that might be lurking.

Kaye Smith (PDG)

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PAUSE FOR A CAUSE





GLOBAL CAUSE ... CHILDHOOD CANCER

As we move towards the end of the Lions year – where has it all gone – it is time to consider your donations to the Foundation and ways to help raise funds for that great Lions cause. This link [Resources - Childhood Cancer](#) takes you to a range of resources your Club can use to help decide on how you will go about it.

For example, your Club can make an award to a Club member or member of the community who has helped in your fund-raising activity. There are a number of options available depending on the level of your donation. You will also find a list of those Clubs and members who have been granted these awards in the past. The Awards range from \$1,500 for a Dr Joe Collins AM Award to a Bronze award for \$250. Flyers and application forms are available.

This [link](#) will take you to a YouTube video by the first chair of the Foundation, Dr Joe Collins. Why not play it to your Club members. Even better still when you do your Youth of the Year judging and you are looking for something to fill in the time before the judges return to give their verdict, why not show this video and some of the more recent ones on the Lions Australia website to your audience. I put this on our program for our Clubs Youth of the Year judging event this year.

Similar information is available on the [Barry J Palmer Fellowship - Childhood Cancer](#) Fellowships from this link. For a \$2,000 donation, which is available to be used for two years after it was donated is required here. Progressive Barry Palmer Fellowships can also be awarded to existing holders of this fellowship.

This link [Stories - Childhood Cancer](#) takes you to a range of videos you can share with your members. This information is also available from their website.

About Childhood Cancer

Cancer in Australia

What are the most common types of new cases of cancer in Australia?

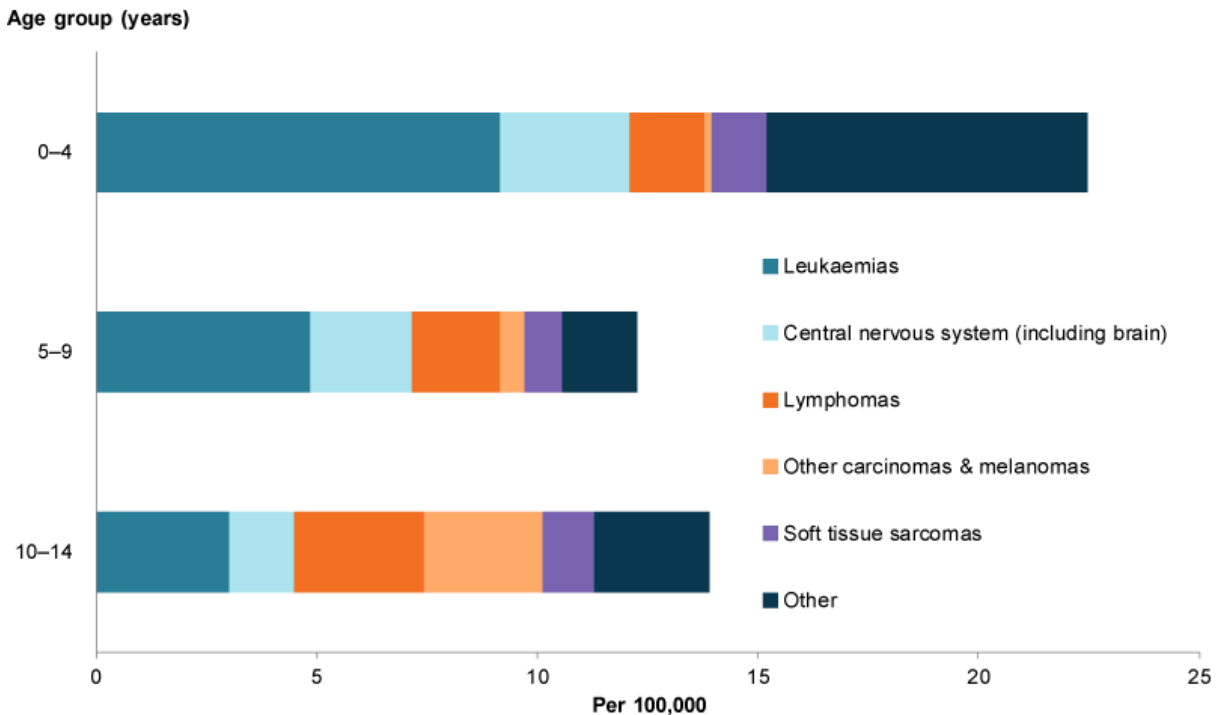
Source: AIHW Australian Cancer Database 2015.

During 2011–2015, the most common cancers among children aged 0–14 fell into 3 broad cancer groups (ICCC-3):

- leukaemia's (5.8 per 100,000 or 35% of all cases), including lymphoid leukaemia's (27% of all cases)
- central nervous system (including brain) cancers (2.3 cases per 100,000 children aged 0–14 or 14%)
- lymphomas (2.2 cases per 100,000 children aged 0–14 or 13%), including:
 - Hodgkin lymphomas (3.8%)
 - Non-Hodgkin lymphomas (except Burkitt lymphoma) (3.5%).

There were more new cases of cancer for children aged 0–4 than for older children.

Most common types of new cancers among children aged 0-14, 2011–2015



Source: AIHW Australian Cancer Database 2015. [Website](#)

Some numbers for you to ponder that suggest more money for research is still needed. - last year a total of thirty-nine Clubs plus the district and my own coin line and merchandise sales raised **\$60,737**.

As of February, this year ALCCRF has reported that fifteen Q3 clubs and the District has raised a total of **\$17,538** from Biggest BBQs (five Clubs \$5,267.32), donations (ten Clubs - \$11,750) and merchandise sale (1 Club and district (\$148)).

At the District Convention, **\$372.80** was raised from a coin line. So, you can see there is still more work to do to achieve my goal of going past last year's final total.

PS: I am about to return the last few ALCCRF Christmas pins which I will do by the middle of March. So, if you would like one to add to your collection please let me know so I can arrange for one to get to you before I put them into the mail. Cost this year is **\$7**.

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Australian Lions





GLOBAL CAUSE ... HUNGER
WORLD HUNGER DAY MAY 28

28 May is World Hunger Day, an opportunity for all of us around the world to play our part in ending world hunger, for good.

In 2011, The Hunger Project started an initiative known as World Hunger Day. *Celebrating sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty* is the aim of this day.

Nearly one in eleven people around the world go to bed hungry each night, a crisis driven largely by conflict, climate change, and chronic inequality.

Hunger is defined by the United Nations as the periods when people experience severe food insecurity—meaning that they go for entire days without eating due to lack of money, access to food, or other resources.

The theme for 2026 is '*Right to foods for a better life and a better future.*' This is based on the fact that the world's farmers produce enough food to feed more than the global population but hunger is still an issue for many.

We must not forget the disasters that have fallen in our own backyard – cyclones and floods that have left families without the ability to provide a meal.

There are many fantastic organisations out there that are giving people a meal on a daily basis as well as many giving young people the opportunity to become employed.

My plea to all Clubs is to donate money and time to help the organisations in your area that are providing meals. They are doing it 'tough' as well to keep up with the unprecedented **demand on their services – many without government funding.**

It is time to organise an event at a “Soup Kitchen”, School Breakfast Club or similar for World Hunger Day – if not please consider doing so.



*Lion Jenny Tate
Hunger Chairperson*



GLOBAL CAUSE ... ENVIRONMENT

WHAT IS BLUE CARBON?



Carbon captured from the atmosphere in trees, plants and soils, is also known as carbon sequestration. It's a natural climate solution that can help in the battle to fight climate change. Many of us think of rainforests as the earth's green lungs. They're seen as the heroes of carbon sequestration due to their ability to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in the dense vegetation and soils. But did you know that marine ecosystems like coastal wetlands are much more successful at storing carbon?

Coastal wetlands which include mangroves forests, saltmarshes and seagrass meadows are one of the most powerful natural climate solutions. They absorb and store carbon at a much greater rate than forests and grasslands. And, if undisturbed, they are the only ecosystem that can continuously store carbon in soil for millennia. This type of carbon sequestration is known as 'blue carbon' because it takes place in marine ecosystems.



Why is Blue Carbon important?

Blue carbon has the 'edge' over other forms of carbon sequestration because coastal wetlands can accumulate carbon in the plants themselves as well as trapping carbon from the surrounding environment. Both forms of carbon get trapped in the soils with the saltwater which prevents the carbon from being broken down by bacteria. Coastal wetlands work just like a natural 'carbon filter'. They prevent carbon from washing out to sea and amplify the rate of carbon sequestration.

The benefits aren't limited to blue carbon capabilities. Mangroves, saltmarshes and seagrasses are mighty in many other ways too. They filter water, provide nursery habitat for juvenile fish and crabs, feeding areas for shorebirds and protect communities and homes from flooding.

Sadly, coastal wetlands around the world are under pressure. They're often filled in to create more space for urban development and infrastructure, or cleared to make salt and agricultural land. When coastal wetlands are drained or filled for development, their ability to store blue carbon is compromised.

Blue Carbon as a natural climate solution to climate change

Countries all around the world including Australia are working hard to meet the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement of less than 1.5 degrees warming. Much of the financial investment is supporting renewable energy. Yet, we also know that natural climate solutions, like blue carbon, have the potential to contribute up to 30% of the world's climate mitigation.

We still need to plant as much Australian Flora as possible however we need to be careful just how much we disturb our coastal wetlands to preserve the blue carbon collectors.

Lion Garry J Bates JP (Qual)