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Lead to Serve.

Serve to Lead.

You are the key to transforming meetings into meaningful moments.

You are the key to growing your club by making it relevant, visible, and vibrant again.

You are the key to turning doubt into belief, and hesitation into momentum.

You are the key to lead with clarity, kindness, & conviction, and people will follow.

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Lions District 201Q1 — 2025–2026

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DG Theme: You are the Key · IP Theme: Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead

District Governor's Overview

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as District Governor of Lions District 201Q1 for 2025–2026 and to complete my three-year journey as a member of the District Governor Team.

My theme for the year, **"You are the Key,"** reflected my belief that the strength and future of Lions does not rest with any one District Governor, Cabinet Officer, committee or level of our organisation.

It rests with our members.

Every Lion holds a key:

The key to helping someone in need.
The key to welcoming a new member.
The key to building a stronger club.
The key to creating new opportunities for service.
The key to developing future leaders.
The key to keeping Lions strong and relevant.

No District Governor, Cabinet Officer, committee chairperson or Multiple District initiative can create lasting change alone. Real change happens when individual Lions choose to step forward and make a difference.

Throughout my three years on the District Governor Team, my focus was on finding practical ways to make our district easier to navigate, improve communication, provide better access to information, strengthen governance and accountability, support our clubs and remove unnecessary administrative barriers wherever possible.

Most importantly, the objective was always to allow our volunteers to spend less time searching for information and dealing with administration and more time doing what Lions exists to do — **serving our communities.**

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Improving Communication and Accessibility

Communication between district leadership, Cabinet Officers, clubs and individual Lions was an area I particularly wanted to strengthen during my year as District Governor.

District 201Q1 covers an enormous geographical area, and not every Cabinet Officer or member is able to attend meetings in person. I therefore wanted to provide additional opportunities for people to participate, contribute and communicate directly with district leadership.

One initiative introduced during the year was a **Pre-Cabinet Zoom meeting**, generally held approximately one week before the formal Cabinet Meeting.

The purpose was to provide Cabinet Officers, particularly those unable to attend the physical meeting, with an opportunity to report directly, discuss issues, raise questions and ensure their portfolio or area of responsibility had an opportunity to be heard.

It was never intended to replace the formal Cabinet Meeting. It complemented the meeting and recognised the reality that we are all volunteers, often balancing Lions with work, family and many other commitments.

I believe that if we ask people to volunteer for district positions, we should also make it as practical as possible for them to participate and contribute.

Direct Access to the District Governor

This same philosophy led to the introduction of the **monthly District Q&A Zoom sessions**.

For the first time in District 201Q1, every Lion across the district was offered the opportunity each month to connect directly with the District Governor, regardless of their club, position or location.

Members could ask questions, seek clarification, raise ideas, discuss issues or simply hear more about what was happening across the district.

The objective was simple — to make district leadership accessible.

Our members should not have to wait for a Cabinet Meeting, District Convention, club visit or chain of correspondence before having an opportunity to ask their District Governor a question.

The monthly Q&A sessions provided another avenue for communication and helped connect Lions across what is a very large and diverse district.

Maintaining Direct Contact With Clubs

Personal communication with clubs was also an important part of my approach.

Each year I made a deliberate effort to personally contact Club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs and other club leaders. Many received telephone calls from me on numerous occasions throughout the year.

These calls were not always because something was wrong. Just as importantly, they provided opportunities to understand what clubs were doing, hear about successes, discuss concerns, offer assistance and maintain a genuine relationship between the district and its clubs.

Our clubs are where Lions happens

They are where service is delivered, members volunteer, friendships are built and communities benefit. District leadership therefore needs to understand what is happening at club level rather than relying solely upon reports and meetings.

I also posted important information directly to Club Presidents in an effort to ensure material reached club leadership.

This exercise highlighted an ongoing administrative challenge: some club and officer information recorded within the Lions portal was not accurate or current.

As a result, some correspondence was returned, delayed or failed to reach the intended person.

While the use of traditional mail was therefore not as successful as anticipated, it highlighted an important lesson for the district. The information contained within our Lions systems is only effective when it is kept accurate and up to date.

Throughout the year, Cabinet Secretary Christine Cufflin worked extremely hard with Club Secretaries to improve this information and assist clubs with their administrative responsibilities. Considerable progress was made, but maintaining accurate information remains a shared responsibility requiring continued attention from clubs.

Accurate officer names, addresses, email details and other club information are not simply administrative details — they are fundamental to effective communication throughout Lions.

Communication Is More Than Sending Information

I recognise that communication styles differ and that no single method will suit every member.

During my year I used numerous communication channels: personal telephone calls, direct correspondence, email, the district website, newsletters, Cabinet

communications, online meetings, Pre-Cabinet Zoom meetings and monthly Q&A sessions. My primary focus throughout was always our clubs and their members.

I wanted information to be available, district leadership to be accessible and members to have multiple opportunities to communicate directly with their district.

There will always be different views about the best way to communicate. In a volunteer organisation, I believe the important measure is whether we are providing our members with practical opportunities to receive information, ask questions, contribute ideas and remain connected.

Communication also works both ways. District leadership has a responsibility to make information available and remain accessible, while clubs and members have a responsibility to engage with those opportunities and ensure their contact information remains current.

Ultimately, the purpose of communication is not simply to distribute information. It is to help people connect, participate and serve more effectively.

Leadership should inspire and support volunteers and make their involvement in Lions easier wherever possible.

MAKING LIONS EASIER FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Cabinet Secretary's Club Checklist

One initiative of which I am particularly proud was the introduction of the **Cabinet Secretary's Club Checklist**.

The objective was straightforward: club officers should not need to know everything from memory or spend hours searching through websites, manuals, emails and documents trying to determine what needs to be completed.

The Club Checklist brought important administrative requirements together in an easy-to-follow format, identifying what needed attention, when it was required and where further information could be found.

It was extremely pleasing to see the initiative welcomed and embraced by Club Secretaries throughout the district.

The purpose was never to introduce more administration. It was exactly the opposite — to reduce confusion, save volunteer time, assist incoming officers and make running a Lions club a little easier.

This philosophy became an important part of my year:

If something can be made easier for our volunteers, we should make it easier.

Or, put another way: **Work smarter, not harder.**

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Building a District Resource Centre

The District 201Q1 website continued to develop significantly throughout the three years, with the objective of creating a central location where Lions could find the information they needed.

Resources developed or expanded included:

- A District Calendar and club event information;
- Latest District News;
- How-2-Do guides;
- Information about Lions foundations, causes and projects;
- Lions acronyms;
- Individual club QR codes;
- In Memoriam information;
- District Convention photographs;
- Convention Audio and Video presentations;
- Memorial Service Resources;
- Digital Convention Handbooks;
- Promotional Flyers and Banners;
- Business Card resources;
- A Invocation Book;
- Club Letterheads and Footers;
- DL Service Flyers;
- Thank-you Certificates; and
- Expanding the online **Bookshelf** of resources for clubs.

The principle behind all of this was simple:

Members should not have to continually reinvent the wheel.

If a useful resource already exists, make it easy to find. If clubs repeatedly need something that does not exist, create it and make it available to everyone.

The **District Calendar** became increasingly important as a central location for meetings, training, district activities, club events and other important dates.

Combined with the **District Zoom Link page**, monthly **Club Checklist**, website news and other online resources, these tools were intended to make it easier for Lions to know what was happening and where to find what they needed.

GOVERNANCE AND FORWARD PLANNING

During the three years, considerable work was undertaken to improve district governance, planning, and continuity.

Cabinet policies and procedures were reviewed and updated to provide greater clarity and assist future district leaders in understanding what could be planned, approved and undertaken before their year formally commenced.

This included addressing situations where incoming leaders could otherwise experience unnecessary delays or personally carry expenses while waiting for their year to begin.

Financial support was introduced to assist members of the District Governor Team with some of the costs associated with fulfilling their roles.

Constitutional changes were also introduced to strengthen and improve district operations, together with mechanisms intended to allow minor administrative and typographical corrections to governing documents to be dealt with more efficiently where they do not alter the intent of the Constitution or policies.

Our members' time at District Convention is valuable. Wherever possible, that time should be concentrated on matters genuinely requiring discussion, debate and decisions by the membership rather than unnecessary administrative corrections.

Convention planning was also improved by enabling incoming District Governors-Elect to begin promoting their forthcoming District Convention immediately following the conclusion of the current convention, providing clubs with considerably greater notice and opportunity to plan their attendance.

SERVICE WITH IMPACT

While considerable work was undertaken at district level during the year, the most important achievements of District 201Q1 did not occur in Cabinet Meetings, on Zoom sessions or on the district website.

They occurred in our communities.

Across District 201Q1, Lions continued to identify local needs and respond with practical service. Some projects were large and involved significant fundraising and planning. Others were small acts of kindness that may never appear in an Annual Report.

Both matter.

The diversity of service undertaken across our district demonstrates one of the great strengths of Lions — **communities determine their needs and local Lions determine how they can help.**

District Community Service Impact Award

The **District Community Service Impact Award** was introduced during the year to recognise clubs undertaking outstanding community service and provide additional financial support that could be reinvested into their work.

The award provided **$1,500 for a Lions club project**, giving the successful club an opportunity to extend the impact of the service it was already providing.

The purpose went beyond providing an award.

It was also about encouraging clubs to report their service, tell their stories and share successful ideas with other Lions.

Too much extraordinary Lions service happens quietly.

While humility is an important characteristic of service, telling the story of what Lions achieves is equally important. It allows our communities to understand what we do, helps other clubs discover new service ideas and provides potential members with an opportunity to see Lions in action.

People join Lions when they see Lions in action.

Clubs Making a Difference

Throughout the year, clubs across District 201Q1 continued to demonstrate the enormous variety of ways Lions can serve.

The **Lions Club of Warwick** prepared support bags for **Willowtree 37**, providing practical assistance through a project responding directly to community need.

Members of the **Lions Club of Griffith University**, through their Krafters activities, created gifts for **Meals on Wheels** recipients and supported **AirMed** with handmade items for premature babies, including beanies, blankets and teddy bears.

The **Lions Clubs of Cabarita Beach and Pottsville Beach** continued practical community education through **CPR training courses**, helping members of their communities develop skills that could ultimately save a life.

The **Lions Club of Brisbane Holland Park** continued its strong tradition of community service through a variety of projects and partnerships, including health awareness, recycling initiatives and support for community programs.

Across the district, clubs continued supporting local schools, young people, seniors, community organisations, health initiatives, emergency needs, sporting and community events, environmental activities and individuals or families requiring assistance.

Many clubs also continued their support of established Lions foundations, projects and causes, extending their service beyond their own communities.

These examples represent only a small portion of the service undertaken across District 201Q1 during the year.

Environmental Service

Environmental service also continued to provide opportunities for clubs to make a lasting contribution.

The **Lions Green Canopy Project**, with its broader goal of planting one million trees by June 2027, provided clubs with an opportunity to undertake practical environmental service while creating something that can benefit communities for generations.

Tree planting and environmental projects are particularly suited to Lions because they can bring members, schools, community organisations and local residents together around a visible and lasting project.

Youth and Community Connection

Youth service remained an important part of the work undertaken by clubs.

Lions Youth of the Year continued to provide young people with opportunities to build confidence, leadership and public speaking skills while developing stronger connections between Lions clubs, schools, families and their communities.

Many clubs also supported young people outside formal Lions programs through schools, community activities, sporting organisations and locally developed projects.

The importance of these projects should not simply be measured by whether a young person later becomes a Lion.

Helping a young person develop confidence, leadership, compassion and community awareness is worthwhile service in itself.

Health and Wellbeing

Health-related service remained another important area across the district.

Clubs supported health awareness activities, medical and community organisations and Lions projects working to improve the lives of people experiencing illness, disability or other challenges.

Projects ranged from local awareness and education activities through to support for organisations and established Lions programs, including the **Australian Lions Eye Health Program**, **Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation** and **Australian Lions Assistance Dogs**.

These activities demonstrate the breadth of Lions service. A club does not need to create every project itself. Sometimes the greatest impact can be achieved by supporting an existing organisation or Lions project that already has the expertise and infrastructure to deliver the service.

Service Is More Than Fundraising

One message I continually encouraged throughout the year was that **fundraising and service are not necessarily the same thing**.

Fundraising is often necessary. It provides the resources that allow Lions to support projects, organisations and people in need.

But service is also about what we physically do.

It is the Lion delivering a meal, visiting somebody who is lonely, helping at a community event, mentoring a young person, planting a tree, assisting an organisation, building something the community needs or simply recognising a problem and deciding to do something about it.

Some of the greatest service undertaken by Lions costs very little. It costs time.

And time is one of the most valuable things any volunteer can give.

Celebrating and Sharing Our Service

Throughout the year I encouraged clubs to share their service stories through the district website, newsletter and Lions reporting systems.

This was not about seeking praise.

It was about demonstrating impact.

When one club shares a successful project, another club may be inspired to adapt that idea for its own community.

When members of the public see Lions actively serving, they gain a better understanding of who we are.

When our own members see what is happening elsewhere in the district, it reminds us that we are part of something much larger than our individual club.

And when we properly record our service, we create a historical record of the contribution Lions has made to our communities.

That is particularly important because so much of what Lions achieves can otherwise disappear from memory once a project is completed.

Our service stories deserve to be told.

Not because Lions needs recognition, but because **service inspires service.**

CLUB DEVELOPMENT, REBUILDING AND EXTENSION

Supporting Clubs

The strength and circumstances of clubs across District 201Q1 vary considerably. Some clubs are growing, some remain stable, while others face challenges around membership, leadership succession and maintaining sufficient numbers to continue their service.

Throughout my year as District Governor, I maintained direct contact with clubs facing challenges and encouraged open conversations about their future.

I believe district leadership has an important role in listening to clubs, understanding their individual circumstances and helping them explore practical options. At the same time, the future of any club must ultimately be driven by its own members and their willingness to build a sustainable future.

Not every club can or will continue indefinitely. Communities change, membership changes and circumstances change. Where members have the desire and capacity to continue, however, every reasonable opportunity should be explored to help a club remain active and relevant within its community.

The objective should never simply be to maintain a club's name on a list. A sustainable Lions club needs members who want to be there, opportunities to serve, leadership from within and a genuine connection with its community.

Lions Club of Texas

The Lions Club of Texas remained in a rebuilding phase during the year and continued to be an area of particular interest.

Texas is an important example of the challenges facing smaller clubs in regional communities, but also of the opportunities that can exist when we are prepared to look differently at membership and service.

Support and discussions continued during my term with the objective of identifying ways to strengthen the club, attract people with common interests and reconnect Lions service with the needs of the local community.

Club rebuilding is rarely something that can be achieved overnight. It requires patience, local relationships, new ideas and, most importantly, people prepared to become involved and make those ideas happen.

The work to rebuild Texas therefore remains an ongoing journey rather than a completed project.

Exploring Extension Opportunities — Thargomindah

There had been considerable discussion within Lions about the possibility of establishing a Lions presence in **Thargomindah**.

Rather than relying solely upon conversations from a distance, I believed it was important to visit the community personally and gain a better understanding of local circumstances and whether the timing was right for Lions club development.

I therefore travelled to Thargomindah during my year as District Governor to better understand the community and explore the possibilities for Lions.

The visit reinforced an important lesson about extension: establishing a new Lions club cannot simply be based on identifying a community where we believe Lions should exist.

There needs to be local interest, community capacity, potential members and, importantly, the right timing.

My assessment, along with community leaders from the visit, was that the timing was not yet right to establish a Lions club in Thargomindah. That does not mean the opportunity will not exist in the future.

Sometimes successful extension is knowing when to proceed — and equally, knowing when to give a community more time.

Canaipa Russell Island Lions Club

One of the significant club development achievements associated with the year was the progression of the Russell Island branch towards becoming the **Canaipa Russell Island Lions Club**.

Work undertaken during the year helped the group progress towards full club status, with the official charter subsequently confirmed in July 2026.

The development of Canaipa Russell Island demonstrates what can happen when local people are given the opportunity to build a Lions club around the needs, interests and identity of their own community.

New club development and the strengthening of existing clubs are both important parts of ensuring Lions continues to serve changing communities into the future.

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MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

One of the most pleasing results of the 2025–2026 year was achieving positive membership growth for the first time in many years.

District 201Q1 welcomed **252 new members** during the year.

We farewelled **206 members,** resulting in a **net membership increase of 46 members,** or **3.37% growth.**

This placed District 201Q1 as the third-highest growth district in Australia.

That result belongs to our clubs and members.

People join Lions when they see Lions in action.

Every community project, fundraiser, event, partnership, conversation and invitation contributes to creating an organisation that people want to be part of.

At the same time, losing 206 members demonstrates that retention must remain a significant priority.

Recruitment cannot simply be about bringing people through the front door. Clubs must create an environment where members feel valued, welcomed, involved, useful and connected.

Our challenge for the future is therefore not simply to recruit more Lions, but to give those Lions reasons to remain.

"Hey You"

The **"Hey You" membership awareness campaign** was developed to encourage a different conversation within our communities.

Rather than simply asking somebody to "join Lions", the campaign encouraged people who had identified a community need, or who wanted to make a difference, to consider how they could become involved with Lions.

Supporting promotional resources, including flyers, music and video, were developed to give clubs practical tools to begin those conversations.

Membership should be connected to purpose.

People are far more likely to become involved when they understand what they can actually do to make their community better.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION — STANTHORPE 2025

One of the major events of the year was the **District 201Q1 Convention**, hosted by the Lions Club of Stanthorpe from **31 October to 2 November 2025**.

With the theme **"Frontier Fiesta / Country & Western,"** the convention was designed to combine important district business with fellowship, community, entertainment and meaningful presentations.

A condensed Saturday morning business session allowed the afternoon to transition into the **Western Long Lunch**, featuring entertainment from the Swamp-Dawkins band.

Presentations across the weekend included awareness of **R U OK?**, recognition of **50 years of the Leukaemia Foundation**, Essential Tremor awareness through **Shakey Nan**, and presentations highlighting Lions projects and community impact.

The Sunday program included the **Remembrance Ceremony** and a **walk along Quart Pot Creek and the Avenue of Trees**, providing an opportunity to remember Lions who had passed away and recognise the contribution they had made.

The convention also welcomed **Operation Friendship guests from Denmark** — Tony, Jo, John and Birgitte — adding an international dimension to the weekend and demonstrating the friendships created through Lions beyond our own district and country.

Hosting the convention in my home community was personally significant, and I thank the Lions Club of Stanthorpe and the many volunteers, presenters, entertainers, sponsors and visitors who contributed to making the weekend successful.

CLUB VISITS, TRAVEL AND CONNECTION

One of the great privileges of serving as District Governor was visiting clubs and communities throughout District 201Q1.

Our district covers an enormous geographical area, extending from communities south of Brisbane through the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers and west across Queensland.

Serving as District Governor while being based west of the Great Dividing Range brought a particular perspective to the travel required to fulfil the role.

Only a small number of clubs are located within approximately an hour's drive of home. For many club visits, the journey required **three to four hours of travel each way**.

As a result, what appeared on a calendar as a single evening club meeting could in reality involve six to eight hours of driving, in addition to the meeting or function itself.

This often made overnight accommodation the practical option.

Initially, I attempted wherever possible to return home following evening club visits. However, after separate incidents involving collisions with a kangaroo and a dog while travelling home late at night, it became clear that this was not simply a matter of convenience — it was also a matter of personal safety.

Long-distance night driving after attending an evening meeting or function is an important consideration, particularly after an already long day.

The experience highlighted something that may not always be obvious when considering the role of **District Governor: where the District Governor lives within a geographically large district can have a significant impact on the time and travel required to fulfil the role.**

For a District Governor located closer to a major concentration of clubs, a club visit may involve relatively short travel. From the western side of the Great Dividing Range, the same responsibility can involve most of a day, significant kilometres and an overnight stay.

This is not recorded as a complaint. It is simply one of the practical realities of serving a geographically diverse district and is worth recognising for future District Governors and those planning district activities.

The Value of Being There

Despite the distances involved, club visits remained one of the most rewarding aspects of my year.

They provided something that reports, statistics, emails and Zoom meetings cannot — the opportunity to sit with Lions, hear their stories, understand their communities and see firsthand the work being undertaken.

Visits throughout the year included club meetings, changeovers, anniversaries, inductions, community events, award presentations, project visits and district activities.

They reinforced repeatedly that every club is different.

Communities have different needs. Clubs have different traditions, personalities, strengths and challenges. District leadership should recognise those differences rather than expect every club to operate in exactly the same way.

What connects them all is service.

The kilometres travelled were considerable, and the commitment of time was significant, but the conversations, friendships and understanding gained through being present with our clubs were invaluable.

I remain grateful to every club that welcomed Kaylene and me during the year and for the friendship and hospitality extended to us wherever we travelled.

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RECOGNISING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Recognition was an important element of my year as District Governor.

Throughout the year, awards and acknowledgements were presented to Lions whose service, leadership and commitment deserved special recognition.

These included **"You Are the Key" trophies**, **"A Lion at Heart" recognition**, District Governor Certificates of Appreciation and significant Lions awards and fellowships.

Special recognition during the year included an **International President's Award**, Ian M. Stockdale Humanitarian recognition, a Helen Keller Fellowship and other awards acknowledging exceptional service.

Selected **"You Are the Key"** recognitions were also accompanied by **$500 donations** to Lions causes including the **Australian Lions Eye Health Program**, **Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation** and **Australian Lions Assistance Dogs**, allowing recognition of an individual to also create further service impact.

Awards are never the reason Lions serve.

However, I believe strongly that people deserve to know that their contribution has been noticed.

In a volunteer organisation, where countless hours of work happen quietly behind the scenes, a simple thank you can mean a great deal.

Throughout my time as District Governor, I also made a point of personally writing thank-you letters, congratulations messages and acknowledgements to Lions across the district.

Each was sincere.

Recognising people is not just something I have done as District Governor — it is part of who I am.

Service deserves to be celebrated, and people deserve to know that their contribution matters.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201 CONTRIBUTIONS

My three years on the District Governor Team also provided opportunities to contribute to developments at Multiple District 201 level.

These included improvements to administrative processes such as ensuring MD email addresses transitioned at the beginning of the Lions year so incoming District Governors could commence effectively from 1 July.

Other initiatives and developments included:

- Global Extension Officers to assist districts with new club development;
- Financial assistance for eligible **Guiding Lion** and **new club development workshops;**
- National and State Child Safe representatives;
- Increased public liability insurance coverage to **$30 million**;
- Club Building Specialists;
- **A $1,500 MD Club Establishment Grant;**
- **A $1,500 MD Club Rebuilding Grant;**
- Assistance of **$75 per participating Lion** for eligible New Club Development and Guiding Lion workshops;
- Planning for **Lions on Safari Awareness Month in 2027;**
- Coordinated discussions with Dollar Sweets to address production and supply issues;
- Approval for gluten-free cakes to become a permanent future product;
- The rollout of the **District Governor Pathway Leadership Development Program;** and
- The **Leos Australia Song Writing Competition.**

Investment in scalable eLearning, structured leadership programs and short courses will provide further opportunities to strengthen leadership capability across Lions.

While these Multiple District initiatives are important, their value is ultimately measured by whether they help Lions and clubs serve their communities more effectively.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS FROM THE YEAR

No Lions year passes without challenges, and recording some of those lessons is an important part of creating an honest historical record.

Membership retention remains one of our greatest opportunities. Welcoming 252 new members was an outstanding achievement, but farewelling 206 demonstrates that recruitment alone will not secure our future.

Some clubs continue to face declining membership, leadership succession issues and questions about their future. Supporting clubs to explore new ideas, new members and different approaches will remain important.

Maintaining accurate club and officer information within Lions systems also remains essential. Our experience with returned correspondence demonstrated the practical consequences when information is not kept current.

Communication remains a shared responsibility. District leaders must make information accessible and provide opportunities for members to connect, while clubs and members must also engage with those communication channels and maintain accurate contact information.

The geography of District 201Q1 also presents challenges. Distance should not prevent members from participating in district activities or having access to district leadership. The continued use of online communication alongside face-to-face meetings provides an opportunity to make our district more accessible.

Above all, volunteer time is precious.

Our members have families, careers, businesses and responsibilities outside Lions. Most District Officers are balancing their Lions responsibilities alongside full-time work and other commitments.

Every level of Lions should therefore continually ask:

Is what we are doing helping our volunteers serve — or simply creating more work for them?

Where processes can be simplified, they should be.

Where information can be easier to find, make it easier to find.

Where a meeting can be more accessible, make it accessible.

Where we can work smarter rather than harder, we should.

EVERY LION HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

During my time on the District Governor Team, I have always known that not every idea will immediately be embraced by everyone.

Some initiatives take time to understand, some take time before their value is recognised and some may not be used by every member or club.

That is the nature of any organisation built on volunteers.

However, every member has an important role to play in shaping the future of Lions.

Sometimes members become frustrated with their club. They may feel their club is not active enough, not undertaking enough service, not growing or not operating in the way they believe it should.

Sometimes people choose to move clubs, and sometimes people choose to step away and leave altogether.

While there may be genuine reasons for those decisions, meaningful change rarely happens by standing on the sidelines.

Actions will always speak louder than words.

If you want something to be better, **YOU** must be willing to step forward and be part of making it better.

If you want stronger clubs, **YOU** must help build them.

If you want more service projects, **YOU** must help create them.

If you want stronger membership, **YOU** must invite others to join us.

If you want better leadership, **YOU** must be willing to lead.

If you want positive change, **YOU** must be willing to contribute to that change.

Every club is ultimately a reflection of the members within it.

The future of Lions will not be determined by District Officers, Committees or Policies alone. It will be determined by Lions who choose to contribute their ideas, energy, leadership and willingness to serve.

That is the true meaning behind: **YOU ARE THE KEY**

THE REAL MEASURE OF OUR YEAR

Statistics, membership numbers, policies, awards and programs all have a place in an Annual Report.

But they are not, by themselves, the measure of a successful Lions year.

The real measure is the impact our members have made in their communities.

It is the person whose life was made a little easier.

The young person who gained confidence.

The community organisation that received a helping hand.

The family that received support when they needed it.

The community event that happened because volunteers were prepared to turn up.

The countless sausages cooked, tickets sold, kilometres travelled, meetings attended, items collected, trees planted, meals delivered and hours volunteered.

Much of that service will never be recorded in this report.

But it happened because Lions chose to serve.

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THANK YOU

While I am proud of the many achievements, policies, resources, communication initiatives and programs introduced during my term and throughout the past three years, I know these things alone do not change communities.

The true strength of Lions has never been found in meetings, documents, websites or awards. **It is found in YOU.**

It is found in the Lion who gives up their morning to run a barbecue.

The member who visits someone who is lonely.

The volunteer who organises a community event.

The Lion who quietly serves behind the scenes without seeking recognition.

The members who mentor new Lions, support their clubs and step forward whenever help is needed.

Every day, across our district, Lions continue to make a difference.

For that, I sincerely thank you.

Throughout my time as District Governor, and during the years leading up to this role, I made a promise to myself that I would always remain true to who I am.

One thing I have always valued is taking the time to personally acknowledge people and recognise their efforts. Whether celebrating achievements, thanking someone for their contribution or simply letting someone know that their service has been noticed and appreciated, I believe those personal moments matter.

Over these three years, I have written many thank-you letters, congratulations messages and personal acknowledgements to Lions across our district. Each one was written sincerely and wholeheartedly because I genuinely believe people deserve to know when their efforts have made a difference.

I sincerely thank the members of my Cabinet and District Governor Team, our Zone Chairs, Club Presidents and Secretaries, committee and project leaders and everyone who accepted a district responsibility during the year.

I particularly acknowledge Cabinet Secretary **Christine Cufflin** for the considerable work undertaken supporting our clubs and Club Secretaries throughout the year.

To the clubs that welcomed Kaylene and me into your meetings, changeovers, events and communities — thank you for your friendship and hospitality.

And to every Lion throughout District 201Q1, thank you for your friendship, support, encouragement, commitment and the countless hours you continue to volunteer in service to others.

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It has been an honour, a privilege and one of the greatest experiences of my life to serve alongside you.

Together, we have **achieved much.**

Together, we have **strengthened our district.**

Together, we have **created opportunities for future leaders.**

Together, we have **demonstrated that growth is possible.**

Together, we have **shown that when Lions focus on service, fellowship and making a positive impact, great things happen.**

The leadership positions will change, as they should.

But the purpose remains.

WE SERVE.

The future of Lions remains bright because it is built upon caring people who are willing to step forward and serve.

Remember, the key to our future has always been in your hands.

YOU ARE THE KEY

Lion Stuart Perrett
District Governor 2025–2026
Lions District 201Q1

CABINET SECRETARY
LION CHRISTINE CUFFLIN

In November 2024, I received a phone call from DG Elect Stuart Perrett offering me the position of Cabinet Secretary. I was both honoured and surprised by the offer and accepted immediately. I still remember Stuart asking if I wanted some time to think about it, but my answer was an enthusiastic "yes" straight away.

In January 2025, I travelled to Sydney to attend Cabinet Secretary Training. This was a valuable experience where I gained a thorough understanding of the role and had the opportunity to meet and network with other incoming Cabinet Secretaries from across Australia. Following the training, I commenced preparing for the year ahead, including entering all PU101 forms into the Lions Portal and familiarising myself with the Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the Policy Minutes.

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On 1 July 2025, I officially commenced my role as Cabinet Secretary. Throughout the year, I have been proud to achieve the following:

- Completed training presentations at Club Officer Development Day.
- Distributed monthly administration checklists to all clubs.
- Implemented the use of Google Drive for Cabinet Meeting call-outs and reporting.
- Increased the use of the Lions Portal by Club Secretaries by approximately 50% for officer reporting.
- Conducted an audit of club details in the Lions Portal, significantly improving the accuracy of club records.
- Conducted Zoom training sessions on how to enter club officers into the Lions Portal.
- Delivered orientation training for the Lions Club of Redland City.
- Provided one-on-one Portal training and support to Club Secretaries.
- Assisted Membership Chair Johnson by forwarding membership enquiries to clubs.
- Served on the ANZI Committee and attended the ANZI Forum in September 2025, which was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience.
- Successfully organised online voting for ID, achieving the third-highest number of voting delegates of any District in Australia.
- Organised registrations for the District Convention in Stanthorpe and the Multiple District Convention in Adelaide.
- Undertook Cabinet Treasurer training in preparation for assuming that role from 1 July 2026.
- Prepared a Club Treasurer Manual for the incoming Lions year.
- Completed a number of Lions Learn courses to further develop my knowledge and skills.

Throughout the year, I actioned and responded to all emails in a timely manner. When I did not know the answer, I made it a priority to find the information or seek guidance from the appropriate people. Through this process, I learnt a great deal and significantly expanded my knowledge of Lions, District administration, and the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary role.

I particularly enjoyed attending Cabinet Meetings throughout the District, especially in Inglewood and Kyogle, where we had the opportunity to meet local Lions members and see firsthand the wonderful projects being undertaken in their communities.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Cabinet Secretary over the past year. The role has provided many opportunities for learning, growth, friendship, and service to our District.

I would like to thank Di McCrae for her support and friendship throughout the past 18 months. I have learnt so much from you, and I am grateful for everything you have done, including all the laughs we shared along the way.

I would like to sincerely thank DG Stuart Perrett for entrusting me with this incredible opportunity. It has been an absolute pleasure serving as your Cabinet Secretary. Looking back, the number of phone calls, emails, and tasks completed throughout the year has been endless, but your support, guidance, positivity, encouragement, and friendship have made the experience both rewarding and enjoyable.

Thank you, DG Stuart, for a memorable and successful year. You Are the Key!

Lion Christine Cufflin

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION JOHNSON CHEN

The 2025–2026 Lions year has been a busy, rewarding and occasionally calendar-challenging chapter in my Lions journey. Serving as First Vice District Governor of District 201Q1 has given me the opportunity to support District Governor Stuart Perrett, work alongside the District Executive and Cabinet, connect with clubs across our diverse District and prepare carefully for the responsibilities ahead.

A major part of the year has been listening and learning. Through club visits, changeovers, Cabinet meetings, District activities and many informal conversations, I have gained a clearer understanding of the strengths and challenges across District 201Q1. Every club is different. Some are growing confidently, some are rebuilding and others are working hard to maintain service and fellowship despite limited numbers. These visits reinforced that District leadership must never become distant from club reality. Clubs do not need more paperwork or broad statements; they need practical support, timely communication and leaders who are willing to listen.

I have appreciated the opportunity to support the current District Governor and learn from both DG Stuart and PDG Jorge Salles. Observing how different leaders approach decisions, communication, club concerns and competing priorities has been valuable preparation. One important lesson is that leadership is rarely about having all the answers. More often, it is about asking the right questions, bringing the right people together and ensuring agreed actions are followed through.

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Training has been another significant part of the year. In January, I attended the Multiple District District Governor-Elect training in Sydney. The program provided a clearer understanding of the District Governor's role, the importance of a strong Global Action Team and the need to set realistic but meaningful goals across membership, service, leadership development and LCIF. It also reinforced that a District Governor cannot work effectively in isolation. A capable, connected and properly supported team is essential.

This was followed by the Lions International District Governor-Elect training program, delivered online over eight evenings in February. While eight evening sessions certainly tested the strength of both my internet connection and coffee supply, the training was worthwhile. It strengthened my understanding of Lions International priorities, strategic planning, team development, membership growth and the responsibilities of leading a District. Most importantly, it encouraged me to turn good intentions into measurable actions.

Throughout the year, I have spent considerable time preparing for 2026–2027. This has included forming the incoming Cabinet, reviewing role descriptions, refining portfolio responsibilities and developing practical targets. My focus has been to reduce duplication, clarify accountability and make each position easier to understand. Volunteers should know what is expected, why it matters and how their contribution connects with the wider District team.

Youth engagement and the future of volunteering have remained important areas of focus. Through the continuing collaboration with Griffith University and the District Youth Cabinet, I have helped progress the "Serve the Future" concept and a youth-friendly approach to promoting Lions service. The work has explored how clearer messaging, social media, practical campaigns and structured opportunities can help younger people connect with Lions. The lesson is clear: younger volunteers are willing to serve, but we must present opportunities in ways that are flexible, purposeful and relevant to their lives.

I also contributed to preparations for the District's 35-year commemorative magazine, encouraging clubs to record and share their history. This project is more than a collection of photographs and dates. It is an opportunity to recognise the people, projects and community relationships that built District 201Q1. Preserving our legacy is important, but so is using that legacy to inspire the next generation.

As the year progressed, planning increasingly shifted towards team readiness. The incoming Executive and GAT team began meeting before the new Lions year to discuss handover, club support, training, communication, at-risk clubs and early intervention. Cabinet Officer development and Club Development Day also provided opportunities to strengthen relationships and establish expectations before 1 July. These preparations reinforced my belief that a successful Lions year begins well before the official changeover.

The greatest lesson from this year is that strong District leadership must remain practical, approachable and connected. Membership growth, service reporting, leadership development and club health are not separate issues. They are linked. Clubs that feel supported are more likely to retain members, report service, develop new leaders and welcome fresh ideas.

I am grateful to DG Stuart Perrett, Cabinet Secretary Designate Di McCrae and Cabinet Treasurer Designate Christine Cufflin for their advice and guidance. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the District Executive, Cabinet Officers, club leaders and members who have generously shared their encouragement, insights and honest feedback throughout the year.

The role has been demanding at times, but it has also been a genuine privilege. I conclude the year better informed, better prepared and even more confident in the value of Lions and the important work we do in our communities.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the journey. I look forward to carrying these lessons forward as we continue to honour the past, strengthen the present and rejuvenate our legacy for the future.

Best wishes, 1VDG Johnson Chen

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION SOPHIA ARGYROU

It has been an honour to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor this year. This role has given me the opportunity to see our district up close, to listen, to learn, and to understand where we are strong and where we must do better. I step away from this year with a clear belief that our future is bright, but only if we are willing to lead with purpose and adapt where needed.

Throughout the year, I have visited a number of clubs across our district. What stands out most is the passion of our members. Lions continue to show up, serve their communities, and make a real difference where it matters most. There is a strong sense of pride in what we do, and that should never be underestimated. At the same time, I have seen clubs that are smaller, quieter, and in need of support. This is where we must step up, not as individuals, but as a district, to ensure no club feels left behind.

Service remains the heart of Lions, and in District 201Q1, we continue to deliver. Our clubs are active, visible, and committed to their communities. However, there is an opportunity to think bigger.

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We can achieve more when we work together, when we share ideas, and when we support each other beyond our own club boundaries.

Stronger collaboration will strengthen not just our impact, but our identity as Lions.

Membership continues to be one of our greatest challenges and one of our greatest opportunities. We are welcoming new members, and that is encouraging. But bringing people in is only part of the journey. Keeping them engaged, supported, and inspired is where the real work begins.

Some of our clubs are feeling the pressure of declining numbers and ageing membership, and we cannot ignore that. We must be open to change, to new ways of doing things, and to creating environments where people want to stay and be part of something meaningful.

Across the district, there is a lot that is working well. We have dedicated members, emerging leaders, and a strong culture of service. But we also have areas that need attention. Communication is not always as strong as it should be. Some clubs are hesitant to change, and at times we rely too heavily on the same people, which leads to burnout. These are not criticisms, but realities, and acknowledging them is the first step toward improvement.

As leaders, we have a responsibility to set the tone. We need to be visible, approachable, and willing to have honest conversations. We must support our clubs, encourage new ideas, and create an environment where every member feels valued and heard. Growth will not happen by chance. It will happen because we make it a priority. District 201Q1 is in a strong position, but we cannot stand still. If we want to grow, we must be willing to move, to adapt, and to lead with intention. The future of our district depends on the actions we take now.

Thank you to every Lion who has contributed this year. Your service matters, your commitment matters, and together, we will continue to build something stronger.

2VDG Sophia Argyrou

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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR
LION JOHNSON CHEN

The 2025–2026 Lions year provided a valuable opportunity to serve as Global Membership Team Coordinator and to develop a deeper understanding of how membership growth fits within the broader leadership and direction of District 201Q1.

Throughout the year, I had worked alongside the District Governor, Global Action Team, Cabinet members and club leaders to better understand the membership opportunities and challenges facing clubs across our diverse District. My particular focus was on considering membership from a strategic District leadership perspective, including how recruitment, retention, club support and leadership development can be better coordinated.

I am especially grateful to Christine Cufflin for her assistance in managing incoming membership enquiries and directing prospective members to the most appropriate local clubs. Her practical support helped ensure that enquiries were followed up efficiently and that interested individuals had a clear pathway to connect with Lions.

Through club visits, District meetings, training activities and discussions with members, I gained a stronger appreciation that sustainable membership growth involves much more than increasing numbers. Successful clubs provide meaningful service opportunities, strong fellowship, effective communication and a genuine sense of belonging. Recruitment may bring people through the door, but engagement and a positive club experience are what encourage them to stay.

The year also provided an opportunity to explore broader membership strategies, including support for smaller and at-risk clubs, early intervention, the role of Guiding Lions, potential new club development and innovative approaches to removing barriers to membership.

Balancing the GMT portfolio with my responsibilities as First Vice District Governor highlighted the importance of viewing membership as a shared District responsibility rather than the work of one coordinator or one team. The most sustainable progress will come when membership considerations are built into club support, leadership planning, service activities and District decision-making. This year has helped lay that groundwork and has reinforced the value of practical collaboration, timely follow-up and a united approach to strengthening clubs across District 201Q1.

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GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM COORDINATOR LION NATALIE REINKE

Service reporting across District 201Q1 started slowly this year; however, as the months progressed, more clubs began sharing the incredible work taking place in their communities. It has been encouraging to see clubs embracing service reporting and showcasing the difference Lions make every day.

Reporting our activities is important. It not only allows us to celebrate our achievements with each other, but also ensures Lions Clubs International can recognise and promote the impact of our service worldwide.

So far this year, clubs in District 201Q1 have reported:

- People served: 251,148
- Volunteers involved: 17,358
- Volunteer hours contributed: 78,350 hours

These figures are impressive, but they represent only a portion of the outstanding work being carried out across our District. Behind every number is a Lion giving their time, energy and compassion to improve the lives of others.

Thank you to every club that has taken the time to report their activities. I encourage all clubs to continue sharing their successes. Together, we can demonstrate the true impact of Lions' service and inspire others through the work we do.

We Serve – and District 201Q1 continues to make a remarkable difference in our communities.

Lion Natalie Reinke

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR LION LIBBY SALLES

During the year, members were encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of valuable courses available through the **Lions Learning Centre**. These courses provided flexible learning opportunities that members could complete at their own pace, with many also offering practical templates and downloadable resources.

Whether serving as a Club President, Club Officer or general member, every Lion had an important contribution to make in supporting their club and community.

As Lions, we are all part of a team, working together to make a difference. Developing the skills to delegate effectively and build strong, productive teams was an important part of helping clubs operate successfully and deliver meaningful community projects.

One of the leadership development focuses during the year was **Delegation and Effective Teams**, with members encouraged to explore two courses through the Lions Learning Centre.

Delegation

This course explored the benefits and challenges of delegation and provided practical guidance to help members strengthen this important leadership skill.

Topics covered included:

- How to delegate effectively.
- Identifying personal comfort levels when delegating responsibilities.
- Understanding and overcoming common challenges associated with delegation.

Effective Teams

This course explored the stages of team development and the support and strategies that team leaders could use to build stronger, more effective teams.

Topics covered included:

- Understanding the differences between groups and teams.
- Recognising the stages of team development.
- Exploring different decision-making methods.
- Developing consensus strategies within teams.

Both courses provided valuable opportunities for Lions to strengthen their leadership capabilities and contribute more effectively to their clubs and community projects.

Leadership Training and Development Opportunities

A number of leadership training and development opportunities were highlighted to members, including:

New Club Member Orientation – 28 September 2025

An online orientation webinar was held to introduce new members to the Lions organisation, its key pillars and the structure of the district. Cabinet members were available to answer questions and provide additional information and guidance.

Lions Certified Instructor Program – 10–13 January 2025

Christchurch, New Zealand.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute – 7–9 March 2025

Boondall, Queensland, Australia.

Faculty Development Institute – 11–13 April 2025

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

These programs formed part of the broader leadership development opportunities available to Lions, supporting members in building their knowledge, confidence and leadership skills.

Leadership Support

Throughout the year, **Lion Libby Salles, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator**, was the district contact for members and clubs seeking additional leadership training, guidance or support.

Members were encouraged to make use of the available learning resources and training opportunities to strengthen their own skills and help build more confident, capable and effective Lions clubs.

Strong clubs are built by members who are willing to learn, lead and work together.

Lion Libby Salles

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GET COORDINATOR
PDG PETER HO AM

Before the year started, I contacted previous years' Lions who had leads to potential new clubs, one on a specialty club and another ethnic club. However, none of them came through.

In the initial worksheet that was submitted in the second cabinet meeting in September 2025, I highlighted that my goals for the year were to form new Clubs in particular areas in need of Lions service and Club Branches for those wanting to volunteer. Later in 2025, I tried to look for potential forming ethnic Lions Club and made some contacts. Again, none of them came home.

The main challenger was the lack of referral and my three months of overseas travel during the Lions Year. Nevertheless, I did assist in the Canaipa Russell Island Club Branch formation sponsored by Macleay Island Lions Club as well as Carrara Lions Club issues regarding the lack of members to take up leadership roles in the Club. I attended both Club meetings (Canaipa Russell Island Club Branch and Carrara Lions Club) and have all issues sorted.

Towards early 2026, Canaipa Russell Island Lions Club Branch reached 17 members, and I had been provided guidance and constant contact with the Secretary in the process of converting the Club Branch to a Lions Club. An induction ceremony was eventually scheduled to be held on 6 June 2026. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled due to "a stabbing on the island of Russell on the day and a couple of the inductees were affected". However, in mid-June, few more joined and the Club had reached 23 members. I then commenced the process to convert the Club Branch from 17 June, and District Governor Stuart authorised the formation on 18 June. As this is the first time for our District to convert a Club Branch to a Lions Club, it took a few turns, but finally on 29 June, the approval to form the new Canaipa Russell Island Lions Club arrived, just two days before the conclusion of this Lions Year!

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GMA COORDINATOR
IPDG JORGE SALLES

Immediate Past District Governor Jorge Salles.

As we come to the close of the 2025–2026 Lions year, we also look forward to the opportunities that a new year will bring.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate District Governor Stuart Perrett and his Cabinet on an outstanding year. The dedication shown by our clubs in serving their communities continues to be inspiring, and it has been a privilege to be part of the journey. I also want to sincerely thank DG Stuart for giving me the opportunity to serve on his Cabinet and continue contributing to the great work being done across our district.

GMA Coordinator Report

It has been a pleasure working alongside such a committed and enthusiastic Global Action Team. The combined efforts of GMT, GET, GST and GLT have resulted in some excellent outcomes for our district.

The GMT Coordinator (DG elect Johnson Chen) has achieved positive membership growth in our district for the first time in many years both in attracting new members and keeping existing members.

The GET Coordinator (PDG Peter Ho OAM) has ensured, through hard work and perseverance that our District achieved our target of opening one new club with the formation of the Karragarra Lions Club which means more Lions are able to make a difference in their local community.

The GST Coordinator (Lion Natalie Reinke) has again ensured that the clubs are reporting service in the Lion Portal. While reporting has improved, we know there is still a great deal of outstanding service that goes unreported. Natalie has also inspired clubs to broaden their service activities and participate in the Kindness Matters Award.

The GLT Coordinator (Lion Libby Salles), together with her team, have delivered training (both face to face and online) regularly across the district. Training was delivered when needed and where needed. This includes the promotion of the Lions Learning Centre across the district leading to an uplift in participation in using the valuable tool. Lion Libby also focused on strengthening our network of trainers by encouraging their ongoing professional development and supporting them to deliver high-quality training throughout the district.

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION IPDG JORGE SALLES

While we have much to celebrate, LCIF donations remain a concern. As at the end of May, we were approximately $14,000 behind where we were at the same time last year. We know many clubs traditionally make their donations towards the end of the Lions year, so there is still reason to be optimistic.

This trend is being experienced across Australia and reflects the financial pressures many clubs and communities are facing. With fundraising becoming more challenging, clubs are understandably focusing on supporting local needs. However, the demand for the disaster relief and humanitarian assistance provided through LCIF continues to grow, making our support of the Foundation more important than ever.

On a positive note, it has been wonderful to see an increase in personal donations from individual Lions. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously. Your support helps ensure that when disaster strikes, Lions are ready to respond.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your support, friendship and commitment throughout the past year. It has been an honour to serve alongside you, and I wish District Governor Johnson Chen and his Cabinet every success in the year ahead.

IPDG Jorge Salles

ZONE COORDINATOR 2VDG SOPHIA ARGYROU

This year has been about staying connected, supporting our clubs, and keeping our focus where it belongs on service. I've worked closely with our clubs, listening, showing up where I can, and encouraging each club to do what they do best. We are not all the same, and that's our strength.

We kept in touch. Most clubs were open, honest, and willing to share both their wins and their challenges. What matters is clubs continue to serve their communities with heart. No matter the size of the project, the impact is real. We welcomed new members into our Lions family. Some clubs made a real effort to grow and invite others in. New

leaders stepped up. Some quietly, some confidently but they stepped up, and that's how we grow.

What We Need to Work On. We are still losing members. We need to ask ourselves are people feeling valued, heard, and included? Not all clubs are equally active. Some are thriving, while others are struggling to find energy and direction. The same people are doing a lot of the work. This isn't sustainable. We need to share the load.

Sometimes the message isn't reaching everyone. We need to keep things simple and clear. Look after our members. Be open to change, Support each other and keep showing up and most importantly. If something isn't working, be honest about it and be willing to try something different.

I'm proud of what our zonies has achieved. But we can be better and I believe we will be. Let's stay grounded, stay connected, and keep moving forward together.

Thank you to all the Zone Chairs for all your support too the Clubs and District. It is greatly appreciated

Q1 Zone Coordinator - 2VDG Sophia Argyrou

ZONE 3 CHAIRPERSON LION VICKY CLARK

This is my End of Year Report for Zone 3 Chairperson Vicky Clark. During my term I looked after 8 clubs, Gold Coast Tallebudgera, Ashmore, Carrara, Mudgeeraba, Burleigh, Palm Beach Currumbin, Southport Lions Club.

It was disappointing that during the last year Ashmore Lions Club were forced to close. There were one of the oldest Clubs in the District who over the years undertook many projects and they were a very active club. The members were very passionate about the community but unfortunately their members were ageing and they lost some good members who moved interstate and others who passed away. I tried to assist them in many ways with suggestions on gaining new members, how to access the portal, changing procedures and I know Sharon McDonald spent many hours letterboxing and handing out brochures. On all my Zone reports I mentioned that Ashmore were at risk and asked District for assistance.

Mudgeeraba have improved their membership and increased their profile in the community. Help many different causes in the community and are very active with aged care, domestic violence and local school groups.

Carrara were going through a bad stage with losing members and at one stage told me they wanted to close. I advised District of their problems many times. Their President Bonnie has taken up the challenge and now they have increased their membership and I feel they may survive.

Gold Coast Tallebudgera are going through a transitional stage with many of their members ageing and having trouble attracting people to take on positions on their board. They are still very active in the community and if they can attract some new members I think this will revitalise them.

Southport are attracting some new members with changing their meetings to day time but are having difficulty finding projects which do not require a lot of manpower. I have suggested going to schools to volunteer and small projects to take on, which do not require fundraising.

Burleigh are going well with regular BBQ's and helping at Council events. They assist with markets at the beach and installed a new sunscreen sunsquirt dispenser which has been popular. Did a great Christmas lunch with seniors last year with very limited manpower.

Palm Beach Currumbin are struggling with ageing but are still a very active club. The President John Vanzino is a very passionate Lion who undertakes many positions in the club. PBC have a great profile in the community and help many people from many walks of life. Leos Club going very well

Robina are going well but have the same problems as most clubs with ageing members but have been able to attract some new more active people who are open to taking on positions in the club. Our school work with Breakfast Clubs, Butterfly Garden, Leos, Movie Carnival, Titans Double selling keeps us very busy.

One thing I have noticed during my year as Zone 3 Chairperson is I feel there is a lot of focus on increasing membership. I understand we have to do this but I wonder if we are losing the essence of lionism. What we stand for. Should it be membership at any cost and losing our integrity.

Thank you for asking me to be Zone 3 Chairperson for 2025-2026. I wish the incoming Zone Chairperson all the best for the year.

Yours in Lionism - Vicky Clark - Zone 3 Chairperson.

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ZONE 8 CHAIRPERSON
LION KAREN MATTHEWS

Action Plan; Lions International Model followed.

Aim of meetings; Share information from District Cabinet and promote DG's vision.

Opportunity for leaders to exchange ideas and challenges with clubs in Zone 8.

Promote Club Excellence Award

Promote Project 1.5

Opportunity for clubs to air difficulties, look for support.

Club Visits and Meetings

1. 4 clubs were visited this Lion Year 2025-26

2. Zone 8 Meetings; 4 held during the year, dates and venue given to Clubs and Presidents in July 2025. Reminders and Agendas at least a week before and SMS/ phone call as needed.

3. Guest Speakers arranged as per the Model; Service, Membership, Training. Also LEHP, Youth portfolio, Leos

Cover all Club Challenges & Successes:

- **Mt Gravatt Mansfield** had 2 members resign due to ill-health, now 13 members

Lions from Zone 8 joined GMGM and enjoyed a presentation by Dr Vince Kelly from QUT, The Belief Effect' thought provoking, perhaps we don't need surgery after all!

Two members presented with service chevrons for 40 years and 15 years' service

One member attended Guiding Lion training and LEHP training

- **Griffith University Krafters** at present making blankets and beanies suitable for premature babies for Air Med**,** as well as gifts for MOWs clients.

- **Camp Hill Carindale** Held a successful Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day.

Celebrated 60th Anniversary of Club in May

Working well with Leo Club, Moreton Boys College

Took part in Youth of the Year.

- **Holland Park** Held a Prostate Cancer Awareness Fundraiser and is planning another. Monthly catch-up in coffee shop, wearing club shirts and paying forward coffees for customers, in an endeavor to attract new members.

Planning with Braille House to raise funds to improve facilities

- At least 2 clubs sent a **35-year commemorative article** to DG Elect Johnson Chen.
- Clubs are finding the Monthly Club Admin Checklist very helpful
- **Peace Poster and Essay;** Holland Park have up to 6 schools interested, Griffith Uni 1 school and GMGM 2 schools

At Risk Clubs and Concerns:

- Griffith Uni 12 members, same President and Treasurer for next year
- Apple Mac, little contact, Zone Chair did send message
- Mt Gravatt Mansfield 13 members.
- All clubs concerned about maintaining and increasing membership
- Club secretaries are not attending meetings; encouragement to do so.
- Concerned clubs are slow to take up available training

Recommendations for Cabinet to action or General Comments:

- Continue your support; clubs appreciate visits from the Global Action Team.
- Clubs are encouraged to attend District Convention in November
- Planning for next Lions year: we discussed handover sheets
- Discussed data entry and training in Lions Portal

Lion Karen Matthews - Zone 8 Chairperson

AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION
PDG KENT WILCOX

Firstly, I would like to thank District Governor Stuart for the opportunity to serve the district as Australian Lions Foundation (ALF) District Chairperson.

As Lions, there is an inner joy you receive when you help people and the community; this inner joy was achieved during this year as ALF District Chair, guiding, advising and generally informing clubs how to achieve good outcomes for their respective communities with the help of the ALF. This includes which ALF grant to apply for, and how to do so, likewise with the ALF awards and the ALF Disaster appeals.

PDG Kent Wilcox

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LIONS CAKES AND MINTS
LION DIANE HENDERSON

It has been a very successful year for sales of Lions cakes and puddings, with 57 clubs across our district participating in this fundraising activity. Overall, in the 2025 calendar year, 4286 cartons of cakes and puddings were ordered. This number does not include gluten-free cakes, as they were only available in limited numbers since they were still in trial mode. The good news for many clubs is that they will be added to the range of cakes and packaged to match our current design. They will then be available for ordering later this year.

Unfortunately, no figures are available for sales of mints across the district.

It was very pleasing to find that all clubs in our district have paid any outstanding accounts for both cakes and mints. As a result, our district received the maximum rebate possible for the number of cakes ordered by the district.

I will be attending the annual Lions Cake and Mint Training Weekend, being held in Brisbane this year, from 11 – 14 June. These are held each year to review the previous year, communicate directly with representatives from the suppliers and plan for the upcoming year.

I have certainly enjoyed working with clubs across 201Q1 and appreciate the cooperation displayed in response to requests on behalf of community members throughout the year. I look forward to continuing in this role in 2026 – 2027.

Kind regards, Lion Di Henderson

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PUBLIC RELATIONS, MARKETING, MEDIA, LIONS AWARENESS, SOCIAL MEDIA & NETWORK EXPANSION LION SOPHIE CUFFLIN

During the past year, I have continued to build on our district's online presence by promoting the outstanding work of our clubs across our social media platforms. A strong focus has been placed on increasing engagement and reach through the regular use of Reels, which have consistently helped expand the audience for our content and showcase Lions service in a more dynamic way. This year, I also began establishing our presence on TikTok to further broaden our reach and connect with new audiences. I have actively shared posts and stories submitted by clubs, highlighting their service projects, fundraising activities, and community initiatives to ensure their achievements receive wider recognition across the district.

Education and support have remained a key priority throughout the year. I hosted multiple online training sessions covering social media best practices and Canva, providing club members with practical skills and confidence to create engaging content. In addition, I delivered an in-person social media training session for one of our zones, allowing members to ask questions, share ideas, and learn techniques to better promote their clubs within their local communities.

I also worked closely with clubs during Lions Awareness Month in March, providing resources, ideas, and guidance to help them maximise their local promotions and community engagement. It was encouraging to see clubs embrace the campaign and increase the visibility of Lions through a range of activities.

I would like to thank all clubs that shared their photos, stories, and achievements throughout the year. Your willingness to showcase the incredible work being done across our district has made it possible to continually promote the positive impact Lions have in our communities.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank District Governor Stuart Perrett for entrusting me with the role of District Public Relations and Social Media Officer and for the opportunity to serve our district throughout the year. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Shirlene Pott for her ongoing assistance with sharing club posts and helping ensure the wonderful work of our clubs reached an even wider audience. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Lion Sophie Cufflin

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LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR
LION JENNY MAGUIRE

A good year for Youth of the Year (YOTY) for our District with the opportunity given to many students to participate in this wonderful program.

Clubs Participated: 16

Contestants: 53

Judges: 67

Audience numbers: 669

Schools represented: 33

The District Final was a great afternoon with Penny Andreatta from Stanthorpe State High School – representing Stanthorpe Lions Club – being announced as the Public Speaking Winner as well as the Overall Winner on the day, and she went on to compete at the State Final in Bundaberg.

Whilst she did not proceed past the State Final, we can all be very proud of Penny and know that she represented our District extremely well, and should be congratulated.

Looking forward to next year's YOTY and many more Lions Clubs participating to provide many opportunities to the upcoming youth.

Thank you, Lion Jenny Maguire

LEO COORDINATOR
LION JOHN CLARK

Just a quick update of the active clubs and clubs interested in forming Leo clubs in Q1.

1. Robina SHS Sponsor: Lions Club Robina.
2. Merrimac SHS Sponsor: Lions Club Mudgeeraba
3. Palm Beach Currumbin SHS Sponsor: Lions Club Palm Beach Currumbin
4. Elanora SHS Sponsor; Lions Club of Gold Coast, Tallebudgera
5. St. Andrews Lutheran College Sponsor; Lions Club Gold Coast Tallebudgera.

6. Morton Bay Boys SHS Sponsor; Lions Club Camp Hill Carindale.

7. MacGregor SHS Sponsor; Brisbane MacGregor Lions Club.

8. Ormeau Woods SHS Sponsor; Helensvale Lions Club

9. Wellington Point SHS Sponsor: Redlands Bay Victoria Point *(Waiting on registration number from LCI)*

10. Have had a request from PDG Peter Ho to start a Leo club under the sponsorship of Brisbane Chinese

11. PDG Ross Gibbons has inquired about starting another club in his area.

12. Robina Lions has had a request to start a Leo club at Varsity Lakes SHS *(This has now been approved by the school and registration form will now be sent to LCI)*

13. I have had interest from Tambourine Mountain SHS *(Work in progress)*

14. Have sent Leo club information to Stanthorpe Lions Club re starting a Leo Club.

Cabinet, when I took over as Leo coordinator in the middle of 2023/24 we had only 5 Leo clubs sort of operating. It has taken a lot of work to get where we are now. I asked DG Stuart if I could stay on as Leo coordinator, and he approved. I have also asked PDGE Johnson if I can continue in this role, and he has also said I can.

Cabinet, it is a very slow process getting the clubs to register members and fill in PU101 forms, and my next area I will be trying to organise is the reporting of hours and projects on the LCI website.

Don't hold your breath waiting for this to happen.

I have sent a request to LCI; as the district Leo coordinator, I cannot access any club's portal. I only had a reply from LCI on 5/5/2026, which informed me that the sponsor club's Secretary and President are the only Lions who have access to their Leo Club. This information has been forwarded to the cabinet executive, and I will send a copy of the email to all Leo Club advisors and sponsor club secretaries.

Lion John Clark - Leo coordinator

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PEACE POSTER/ESSAY & JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING LION PETER MATTHEWS

Accountability

My aim in 2025/26 was to increase awareness and participation in the Peace Poster, Peace Essay and Junior Public Speaking programs among District 201Q1 Lions Clubs.

Activities

1. Articles were submitted to the District Newsletter on
   a. 2025/26 Peace Poster/Essay theme and how clubs can participate.
   b. Time to prepare for your club Youth Projects for 2026.
      Information on Peace Poster/Essay and Junior Public Speaking programs.
   c. International Day of Peace. September 21. Possible club activities.
2. Club and Zone meeting visits to explain the operation and benefits of the Peace Poster/Essay and Junior Public Speaking programs. Presented to:-
   • Zone 8 • Zone 6 • Zone 4 • Capalaba Lions Club • Rosewood Lions Club
3. Recommended and had approved by Cabinet a change to Policy Minute 6.3.2 removing the requirement for a perpetual shield to be held by the winner's school for 12 months and replaced by a small, inscribed trophy presented to the school.
4. Worked with DG Stuart on the design of the trophy.
5. Operated a stand at the Stanthorpe District Convention presenting information on the Youth Programs to conventioneers.

Achievements

1. 9 clubs, 13 schools and 224 contestants participated in the 2025 Peace Poster contest. 1 club had 2 entrants in the Peace Essay contest.
2. Our District 201Q1 Peace Poster winner went on to win the MD201 competition.
3. Several clubs have expressed interest in the Junior Public Speaking contest but to date no school has confirmed an intention to participate.
4. To date 8 clubs with 14 schools have confirmed participation in the 2026 Peace Poster contest. This should increase as we enter the second half of the school year.

Actions

1. The Lions Clubs participating in the Peace Poster and Essay competitions are currently all in the Brisbane Metro and Gold Coast areas. More effort to be put into getting country clubs to participate.

2. The most common reason given for clubs' non-participation in youth programs is an inability to successfully access schools. There is a need for guide to developing a lasting relationship with schools.

Lion Peter Matthews

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP
LION JO WILCOX

Although I have been involved in one form or another for 15 years with Operation Friendship this was my best year of all. When I took it over 3 years ago it was pretty dead due to Covid. This year I feel I have completely updated all information. Also, I have had great support from the District Governor Stuart. Especially obtaining the cost of the Convention accommodation. I was pleased with this as Denmark always supplies this for the visiting Lions from Australia.

I also increased the host list by visiting Zone meetings and clubs and met with enthusiasm.

My convention stall was a great success at the Convention, and the visiting Danes still talk about the wonderful time they had dancing at the gala dinner.

My outgoing visitors to Denmark from Robina club are having a wonderful time and send pictures back daily of their adventures.

The highlight for me was probably the Welcome Party as attended by the District Governor and all the host participants but also our local State MP. Who welcomed them to Australia. But best of all it brought 8 or more clubs together in attendance.

I have doubled the Host list this year and we have people wishing to visit other countries in future. So hopefully we don't have the situation we had 3 years ago when nobody applied.

This year I also found out that through my visitors to Denmark from Robina had met all my Danish Friends. Whom I met either visiting, Hosting over the years all knew each other from as long ago as 15 years.

What more could I have asked for than Lion Kathryn Mills now visiting Denmark and Norway. That she wanted me to know that the people they have met have a lot of love for me. My best accolade of all.

Lion Jo Wilcox

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STANTHORPE CONVENTION PDG ROSS FORREST

The theme of **"Western Frontier of Fellowship"** certainly lived up to its name, with plenty of country hospitality, hearty food and a warm Granite Belt welcome on show all weekend.

The convention was all about fellowship; catching up with old friends, making new ones, sharing ideas and solving the world's problems over the ever-popular Long Lunch.

The support from the Stanthorpe business community was nothing short of amazing. Thanks to the generosity of 26 local businesses, we received sponsorship totalling **$18,624**. A huge thank you goes to our Sponsorship Coordinator, Lion Sharon Empen, whose persistence (and perhaps powers of persuasion!) made this outstanding result possible. Combined with our reasonably priced local venues, the convention finished with a healthy profit of around **$6,500**.

As with any successful Lions project, it was a true team effort. Every member of the Lions Club of Stanthorpe pitched in, whether behind the scenes or front and centre. Special thanks go to our hardworking organising committee: Greg, Jane, Stuart, Kaylene, Aly, Gerard, Sharon, Kurt, the two Rays, Helen, Trevor, Kandi and Sam. For the many hours of planning and preparation that made everything run so smoothly.

Our Multi-Draw Raffle was another winner, featuring an incredible **56 prizes** donated by local businesses. With **783 tickets** sold, the raffle raised **$1,566** for our local community. Once again, Sharon deserves a special mention for coordinating another very successful fundraiser.

Entertainment came in many forms! The Killarney Bush Rangers lived up to their reputation by "holding Peter Ho, Johnston Chan & PDG Stuart for ransom," raising more than **$550**, with part of the proceeds generously donated back to the Killarney Lions Club. It's fair to say everyone enjoyed watching… especially those not being held hostage!

We were also fortunate to have wonderful support from the Lions Clubs of Killarney, Warwick and Tenterfield, who served up delicious country breakfasts on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Gordo Coffee ensured delegates were properly caffeinated each day, while the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe generously kept the refreshments flowing at the Long Lunch. It was a terrific example of local community groups working together.

The convention program offered a great mix of local history, inspiring presentations and fellowship. Jo Hassan (Keeping Our PEPP), Sam Kumm (Leukaemia Foundation) and

Shaky Nan (Essential Tremor Support) all delivered informative and engaging presentations, while Sheriff Gerard kept proceedings moving along and made sure the business sessions stayed mercifully short.

There were plenty of memorable moments throughout the weekend, from the Friday evening Flag Ceremony and the Long Lunch to the Sunday morning walk through the park. Aly's eye for detail brought the western theme to life with fantastic decorations, while Trev and the Historic Machinery Group added plenty of authentic frontier flavour with vintage machinery and western displays.

As for Yoga in the Park… while only one brave participant rolled out a mat, Julie O'Brien can proudly claim a 100% attendance record and was rewarded with a well-deserved coffee afterwards. Sometimes quality beats quantity!

Tony Fawdon's presentation on the pioneering tin miners and the history of our district was a fascinating journey through Stanthorpe's past and tied in perfectly with our convention theme.

One of the most memorable and moving moments of the weekend was the Reflection Ceremony. The specially written song, accompanied by animated photographs honouring our departed Lions, created a heartfelt tribute that touched everyone present.

Overall, the convention delivered exactly what Lions does best: friendship, fellowship, community spirit and plenty of fun. Judging by the smiles throughout the weekend, delegates headed home with wonderful memories and perhaps just a little more appreciation for Stanthorpe's famous country hospitality.

Finally, a very special thank you to PDG Stuart. His vision, leadership and countless hours behind the scenes ensured the convention was professionally presented, exceptionally well organised and an outstanding success. It was a remarkable effort and one that everyone involved can be proud of.

PDG Ross Forrest

2026 DISTRICT CONVENTION LION KEE CHEUNG OAM

When I was first approached to take up the position of 2026 District Convention Chair, I didn't immediately agree to it – I understood it is a big task and a two-year commitment. I just said I would consider, but eventually said yes. That was May 2024.

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The Lions District 201Q1 Convention Handbook provides guidelines for 'District Convention host club/s a 'heads-up' on what is involved in hosting a convention on behalf of the District.'

The first step is recruiting members to the Convention Committee. The Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese (LCBC) is the host club, since it was anticipated Lion Johnson Chen from our club will be the 2026-2027 District Governor. All the committee members are, conveniently, recruited from our club.

The LCBC is unique in the sense that most of our members are relatively young, has a healthy membership and a track record of active participation in Lions and community programs and undertakings. This makes the formation of Convention committee easy, and implementation of action plans with least obstacles. Regular bi-monthly meetings with agenda and minutes ensured action items were followed up, and issues raised resolved. Guidance from members who had experience in attending, as well as organising, previous conventions ensured we are on the right track.

It is not just a project journey but also a learning experience for all those involved. The success of the Convention in November 2026 will be judged by the Lions of the District, but to us, it is a bonding exercise, an enjoyable endeavour.

Lion Kee Cheung OAM

MD GAT STATS END OF YEAR
PDG ANN ELDRIDGE

Preliminary Report as at 30/6/26

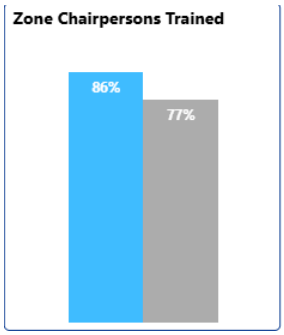
District	TotalClubs	NewClubs	DroppedClubs	ReorganizedClubs	StatusQuoClubs	CharterMembers	NewMembers	TransferredMembers	ReinstatedMembers	TotalMembersAdded	TotalMembersDropped	TotalMembership	GainOrLossFiscalYearPeriod
District 201C1	56	2	0	0	0	46	92	6	13	157	116	1108	41
District 201C2	58	0	0	0	0	0	117	10	21	148	172	1359	-24
District 201N1	60	0	1	0	0	0	171	20	22	213	235	1119	-22
District 201N2	62	1	1	0	0	20	153	8	21	202	183	1315	19
District 201N3	55	1	0	0	0	20	100	13	15	148	168	1019	-20
District 201N4	42	0	1	0	0	0	76	17	8	101	112	756	-11
District 201N5	82	3	2	0	0	65	319	24	29	437	409	1764	28
District 201Q1	66	1	0	0	0	23	200	21	10	254	212	1363	42
District 201Q2	61	0	2	0	0	0	118	17	11	146	189	972	-43
District 201Q3	64	1	1	0	0	22	176	29	20	247	271	1379	-24
District 201Q4	59	1	0	0	0	26	133	8	11	178	134	973	44
District 201T1	44	0	0	2	0	0	76	12	14	102	103	883	-1
District 201V14	77	5	0	0	0	121	144	6	15	286	142	1258	144
District 201V2	61	1	2	6	0	30	143	24	23	220	217	1251	3
District 201V3	58	0	0	1	0	0	109	6	22	137	124	993	13
District 201V5	61	0	5	6	0	0	130	18	8	156	215	1132	-59
District 201V6	53	0	2	0	0	0	59	7	14	80	126	940	-46
District 201WA	92	0	2	0	0	0	208	31	28	267	271	1713	-4
Total MD 201	1111	16	19	15	0	373	2524	277	305	3479	3399	21297	80

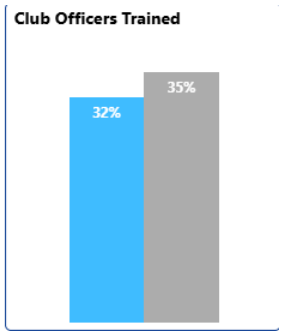
Mission 1.5 Final Results - 30th June 2026

District	New Club Target	New Club Actual	On track	New Member Target	New member actual year	# to be on track	On track	Members Lost Target	Members Lost Actual	# to be on track	On track	Net Gain Target	Net Gain Actual	# to be on track	On track
District 201C1	1	2	exceeded	169	157	169		149	116	149		20	41	41	
District 201C2	2	0		204	148	204		164	172	164		60	-24	-24	
District 201N1	1	0		201	213	201		186	235	186		15	-22	-22	
District 201N2	2	1		191	202	191		171	183	171		20	19	19	
District 201N3	1	1	Met	169	148	169		149	168	149		20	-20	-20	
District 201N4	1	0		128	101	128		113	112	113		15	-11	-11	
District 201N5	2	3	Exceeded	481	437	481		381	409	381		100	28	28	
District 201Q1	1	1	Met	229	254	229		214	212	214		15	42	42	
District 201Q2	1	0		187	146	187		137	189	137		50	-43	-43	
District 201Q3	2	1		248	247	248		178	271	178		70	-24	-24	
District 201Q4	1	1	Met	147	178	147		102	134	102		45	44	44	
District 201T1	1	0		129	102	129		114	103	114		15	-1	-1	
District 201V14	1	5	Exceeded	102	286	102		82	142	82		20	144	144	
District 201V2	2	1		162	220	162		147	217	147		15	3	3	
District 201V3	1	0		210	137	210		195	124	195		15	13	13	
District 201V5	2	0		154	156	154		129	215	129		25	-59	-59	
District 201V6	1	0		138	80	138		98	126	98		40	-46	-46	
District 201WA	2	0		263	267	263		248	271	248		15	-4	-4	
Total MD201	25	16		3512	3479	3512		2957	3399	2957		575	80	80	

Mission 1.5 Tracking Service and Learning-

District	ZC Trained Target	ZC Actual	Dev Day Attendance	DDA Actual	Service % Achieved	Service % Actual
District 201C1	80%	100%	20%	31%	70%	83%
District 201C2	70%	100%	80%	28%	90%	87%
District 201N1	80%	64%	80%	42%	80%	89%
District 201N2	100%	100%	50%	65%	95%	93%
District 201N3	90%	55%	70%	33%	80%	86%
District 201N4	100%	100%	80%	19%	80%	80%
District 201N5	70%	93%	40%	32%	70%	77%
District 201Q1	80%	89%	80%	36%	80%	91%
District 201Q2	75%	100%	60%	40%	70%	72%
District 201Q3	80%	100%	60%	46%	70%	90%
District 201Q4	85%	93%	75%	35%	85%	89%
District 201T1	35%	100%	35%	14%	85%	89%
District 201V14	50%	50%	60%	9%	60%	88%
District 201V2	90%	100%	65%	40%	85%	89%
District 201V3	80%	67%	60%	8%	75%	41%
District 201V5	100%	100%	100%	33%	97%	94%
District 201V6	71%	100%	92%	40%	95%	93%
District 201WA	70%	60%	50%	17%	80%	67%
MD 201 Totals	87%	86%	70%	32%	81%	83%





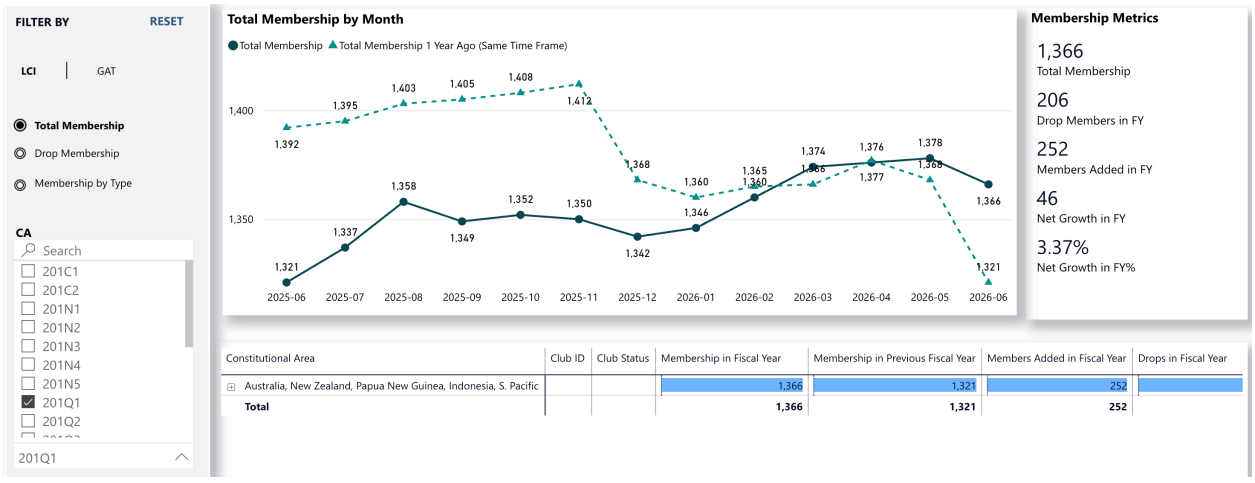
Australia wide stats. Not available for June. MD ended at 85% service statistics

MISSION1.5

Our Audacious Big Mission! lions australia we serve

PDG Ann Eldridge

Membership of Q1 as of the 30th June 2026



Constitutional Area	Club ID	Club Status	Membership in Fiscal Year	Membership in Previous Fiscal Year	Members Added in Fiscal Year	Drops in Fiscal Year
Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, S. Pacific			1,366	1,321	252	
Total			**1,366**	**1,321**	**252**	

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MEMBER REMEMBRANCE

District 201Q1 Remembrance Ceremony

Stanthorpe 2025

We remember those members and partners who have passed away since our last convention

Welcome: DG Stuart Perrett

We gather here today to remember and honour our fellow Lions — men and women who touched so many lives through their kindness, service, and compassion.

Each gave freely of their time and energy, living the true spirit of Lionism — serving others with dedication and heart.

In times of crisis, they stood ready to help, bringing comfort, strength, and hope to those in need.

Today, we come together not only to mourn their passing, but to celebrate their lives — their friendship, their fellowship, and their lasting commitment to the Lions family and the communities they served.

Their legacy continues to guide us, and their light reminds us why we serve — with pride, with compassion, and with love.



Members Called to a Higher Service

Algester Parkinson	Lion Keitha D'Arcy
Beaudesert	Lion Maxine Vincent
Brisbane Hellenic	Lion Jack Maoudis
Brisbane Holland Park	Lion Rosemary Sanders
Brisbane Holland Park	Lion John Grimstone
Brisbane Holland Park	Lion Heather Rhead
Brisbane Macgregor	Lion Paul Neal
Brisbane Macgregor	Partner Donald Wijesoma
Burleigh Heads	Lion Ross Bussell
Gold Coast Tallebudgera	Lion Ellen Parlour
Goondiwindi	Lion Andrew Glasson
Goonellabah–Wollongbar & District	Lion Roger Bronks
Goonellabah–Wollongbar & District	Lion Loretta Gardiman
Helensvale	Lion Elaine Taylor
Killarney	Lion Doug Bradford
Killarney	Lion Mike Bradford
Mudgeeraba	Lion George O'Brien (OAM)
Murwillumbah	Lion John Prosser
Palm Beach Currumbin	Lion Christine de Carteret
Rosewood	Lion John Majkovski
Rosewood	Lion Sel Heit
Rosewood	Lion Clyde Nicoll
Runaway Bay	Lion Paul Ereira
Runaway Bay	Lion Jean McNeill
Tamborine Mountain	Lion Ian Garvie
Tenterfield	Lion Greg Graham
Texas	Lion Jack Beard

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ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CABINET OFFICERS

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 Lions year, I would like to acknowledge the collective contribution of our District Cabinet and the many achievements made throughout the year.

Every Cabinet Officer was provided with the opportunity to submit an end-of-year report highlighting the activities, achievements and progress made within their respective portfolios. While not all reports were received, I believe it is important to recognise that the reports included in this Annual Report do not necessarily represent the full extent of what was achieved.

As District Governor, I had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the dedication, commitment and tireless efforts of many Cabinet Officers. I am well aware of the countless hours spent working behind the scenes, often without recognition, to support our clubs, assist members, develop initiatives, resolve challenges and strengthen our district.

It is unfortunate that some of these positive outcomes and achievements have not been fully documented, particularly as this Annual Report will serve as a historical record of our year. Nevertheless, their absence from these pages should never diminish the value of the work undertaken or the contribution made.

Collectively, our Cabinet achieved many important milestones, and every contribution, whether large or small, helped move our district forward.

I sincerely thank all Cabinet Officers for accepting the responsibility of their positions, for the time and effort they contributed, and for their commitment to serving District 201Q1 and Lions as a whole throughout my term as District Governor.

Your contributions have been valued and appreciated, including the many that may never appear in a written report.

The success of a district is never the achievement of one individual. It is the result of people working together, sharing their knowledge, giving their time and remaining committed to a common purpose — service.

Thank you for being part of the success of this great District 201Q1.

IPDG Lion Stuart Perrett

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2025 District 201Q1 Convention - AGM Preopening Address

My Fellow Lions, before I open our Business Session to like to address you **as the District Governor** and what I have seen over many years serving on the District Cabinet, I've had the privilege of **seeing the very best of what Lions can be** — compassionate people giving their time and energy to serve others and make our communities stronger. But I've also seen something that **saddens me deeply,** and I believe it's time we speak honestly about it.

There have been times when our great organisation — this family of Lions — has been **divided by factions, disagreements,** and, at times, **unnecessary conflict.** Some of this has even come from senior Lions who should know better. It hasn't gone unnoticed — not by me, not by many of our members, and not by Lions beyond our district. Frankly, it's been embarrassing at times, because this is not who we are meant to be. I have been involved with a few other different community service organisations and seen how this affects members and how they simply leave because of this.

We've just heard our **Code of Ethics and Purposes** — the very foundation of what it means to be a Lion. Yet, sadly, there are still those who overlook these principles in **how they treat one another.** We don't have to agree on everything — but we must learn to support and respect each other. We are all Lions to serve not ourselves but the communities.

I don't engage in negativity — I never have, and frankly, I never will. When I encounter it, I simply disengage and focus on what I can control and **where I can make a difference.**

Sadly, **I've seen many past leaders choose to walk away instead** — not because they didn't care, but because they grew tired of the same negativity. And that is a massive shame. We've invested so much time, training, and resources preparing them for leadership, only to see their passion fade and their energy redirected elsewhere. That's not just a loss for them — **it's a loss for our entire organisation.**

Imagine if, instead of disengaging, **we all chose to re-engage with purpose** — to focus on what truly matters: our service, our fellowship, and the communities we exist to support.

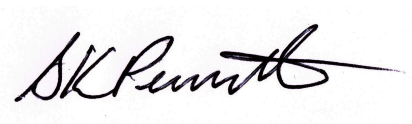
I truly believe that a lack of unity and respect is holding some of our clubs back from growth. When new members join and see division or negativity, they quickly become disengaged — and the data proves it. **Too many members leave within their first two years.**

But this is not about blame. **The majority of our members are doing incredible work** in their communities, quietly and passionately making a difference every single day. **And for that, I thank you.**

Just imagine how much more we could achieve **if we all worked together** — if we channelled every ounce of our **purpose, energy, passion,** and **positivity** into service rather than into conflict.

I am an optimist. **I believe in our members, in our clubs, and in our future.** And that's why my theme is simply: **You are the key.** Each and every one of you holds that key to what Lions can be — to stronger clubs, to greater service, and to a united district we can all be proud of. **Let's choose to unlock that potential, together.**

Thank you. Yours in Service,
Stuart Perrett
District Governor – Lions District 201Q1





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