



Membership Dues Breakdown

I've been asked a number of times about where our dues go and how they're used, so I've put together a general overview to help your club better understand the breakdown and make informed decisions around member dues. As you know, some costs are supported through your community activities account. Insurance is often assumed to be the main reason for higher dues, but that isn't entirely accurate. As part of an international organisation, we operate across multiple levels of governance, all of which require funding to function effectively.

I hope this overview provides greater clarity and helps you better understand how and where your dues are applied.

There are three levels of Membership Dues - 2026-2027

1. International Dues - (US\$53.00 (AU \$74.00 approx) per member - charged half yearly at \$26.50 p/m)
2. Multiple District [MD Australia] - (AU \$56.60 per member - charged half yearly at \$28.30 p/m)
3. District Q1 - (AU \$22.00 + \$8.00 Convention Levy per member) + \$8.00 Youth Levy in January (Com)
The district discounted membership for each member by \$10 due to the income from the Christmas Cake Rebate and interest from the investment of funds.

Total of approximately after Exchange Rate: \$160.60 per member

PLUS

4. **Multiple District [MD Australia] - From Admin Account - Insurance / Other**

PLUS - Public Relations & Information Fund Levy - \$2.53 p/m

PLUS - Lions Personal Accident Insurance - \$11.80 p/m

PLUS - Directors and Officers Indemnity Insurance - \$4.50 p/m

PLUS \$18.83 per member

5. **Dues Per Club**

PLUS - General Property Insurance (Club) - \$25.00 p/c

PLUS - Fidelity Bonding Insurance (Club) - \$35.00 p/c

PLUS \$60.00 per club

ADMIN TOTAL PER MEMBER = \$160.60 + \$18.83 (\$179.43)

+ PLUS Items charged to Clubs divided by the number of members within the club \$60/members

6. **Multiple District [MD Australia] ONLY CHARGE WITH FIRST HALF DUES**

From - Community Activities Account - Insurance / Other

PLUS - *Leos Personal Accident Insurance (If Applicable) - \$11.80 p/m

+ Leos Loss of Cash Insurance (Full Year) - \$15.00 p/c

PLUS - Excess Public Liability - \$3.00 p/m

MD Projects Promotions Fund Levy - \$ 3.30 p/m

MD Youth of the Year Fund Levy - \$ 2.50 p/m

MD Leo Fund Levy - \$ 2.75 p/m

MD Green Canopy Environmental Levy - \$ 0.77 p/m

PLUS \$12.32 per member

7. **Dues Per Club**

PLUS - Loss of Money (Club) - \$15.00 p/c

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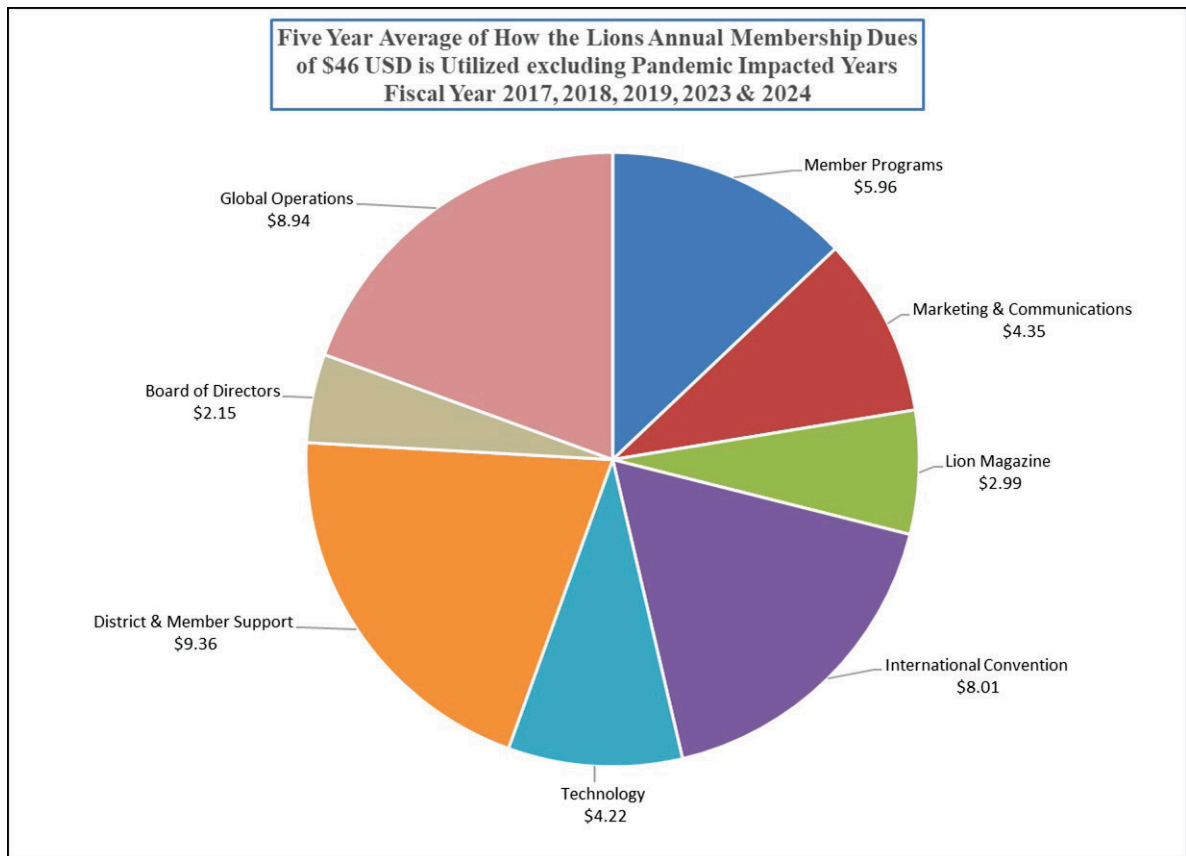
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International dues cover:

- Cost of maintaining and operating the LCI Headquarters in Oakbrook, USA
- Cost of salaries and wages for the 300+ staff employed at LCI Headquarters
- Cost of travel for the International Executive, Directors and staff
- Cost of International Board meetings, including Directors' travel from all parts of the world
- Cost of reimbursing the District Governors throughout the world for their travel expenses for visiting Clubs and attending Council meetings
- Cost of subsidising the Lion Magazines issued by Multiple Districts throughout the world
- Net cost of holding the International Convention
- Cost of running the International Global Action Team (GAT), Global Extension Team (GET), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Leadership Team (GLT), and Global Service Team (GST) programs

Lions International provides annual financial statements to members to account for how multiple district dues are spent. The pie chart below shows an indicative allocation of international dues per member:



International dues are invoiced directly to clubs by Lions International in US dollars and are usually paid by clubs via their district in Australian dollars at the exchange rate set by Lions International each month (*it is possible for clubs to pay international dues directly via the Lion Portal, **but this is not encouraged***).





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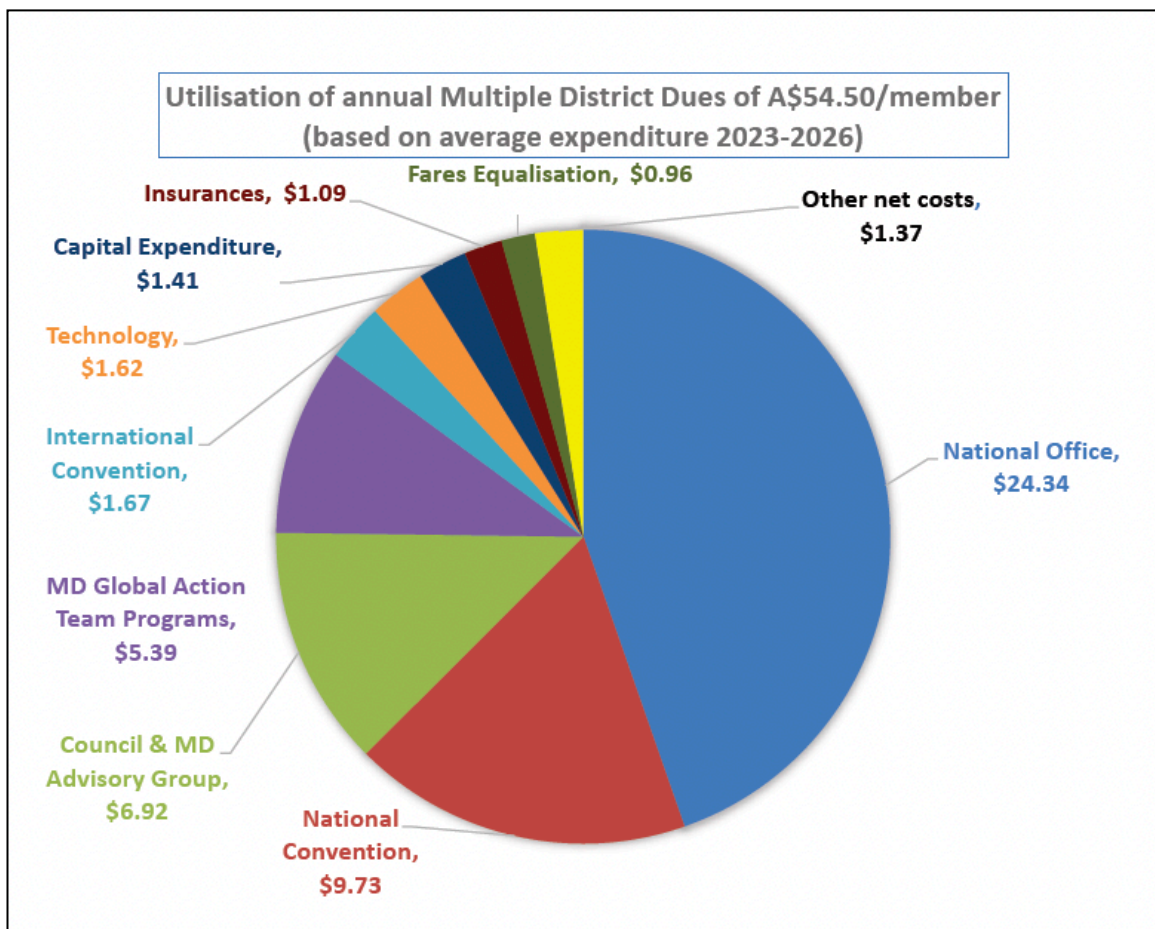
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The Multiple District 201 dues cover:

- Cost of maintaining and operating the Multiple District National Office in Newcastle
- Cost of salaries and wages for the seven staff employed at the National Office
- Cost of travel for the Council Chairperson and Executive Officer
- Cost of Multiple District Council Meetings, including travel for the Multiple District Advisory Group from all parts of Australia
- Cost of holding the Multiple District Convention (no registration fee is charged to members)
- Net cost of producing the Lion Magazine in Australia
- Cost of running the Multiple District membership, leadership, and service programs

Multiple District 201 provides annual financial statements to clubs to account for how multiple district dues are spent. The pie chart below shows an indicative allocation of multiple district dues per member:



Administration Account:

Multiple District and District Dues
 Public Relations and Information Fund Levy
 Lions Personal Accident Insurance
 Directors and Officers Indemnity Insurance
 Fidelity Bonding Insurance
 General Property Insurance
 Directories (Invoiced separately)

Activities (Community Service) Account:

Leos Personal Accident Insurance
 Workers Compensation Insurance
 Excess Public Liability Insurance
 Lions and Leos Loss of Money Insurance
 MD Projects Promotion Fund Levy
 MD Youth of the Year Fund Levy
 MD Leo Fund Levy
 Green Canopy Environment Project Levy





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PAYMENT SCHEDULE – 1st HALF DUES 2025-2026 (inclusive of GST)

DUES AND LEVIES	RATE	PER
Multiple District Dues	\$27.25	Lions Member
Public Relations & Information Fund Levy	\$2.53	Lions Member
MD Projects Promotions Fund Levy	\$3.30	Lions Member
MD Leo Fund Levy	\$2.75	Lions Member
MD Youth of the Year Fund Levy	\$2.50	Lions Member
Green Canopy Environment Project Levy	\$0.77	Lions Member

INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Collected with the First Semi Annual Dues)	RATE	PER
Personal Accident – Lions	\$11.80	Lions Member
Personal Accident – Leos	\$11.80	Leo Member
General Property (Club)	\$25.00	Lions Club
General Property (District)	\$35.00	District
Fidelity Bonding (Club)	\$35.00	Lions Club
Fidelity Bonding (District)	\$35.00	District
Loss of Money	\$15.00	Lions Club, Leo Club & each District
Excess Public Liability	\$3.00	Lions Member
Directors and Officers Indemnity	\$4.50	Lions Member
Workers Compensation (Note: NOT APPLICABLE FOR CLUBS IN VIC, NSW, SA & NT)	\$0.50	Lions Member

Voluntary Payments

Voluntary payments may be included in both notices for Semi-Annual Dues – leaving Clubs to choose when they contribute, or they may be ‘split’ between notices. These voluntary payments are not subject to GST.

VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS	RATE	PER
MD Projects and Activities Fund	\$1.00	Member
PNG Assistance Fund	\$0.50	Member
Australian Lions Foundation	\$1.00	Member





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The District dues cover:

- Cost of travel for the DG/DGE and Secretary to attend the MD Convention as well as MD Training
- Cost of running the Club and District membership, leadership
- Cost of holding District Cabinet Meetings
- Cost of holding the District Convention (no registration fee is charged to members - covered by levy)

District 201Q1 provides annual financial statements to clubs at the District Convention each year to account for how the district dues are spent and administered.

Club Dues

Each club charges their own dues to members and they all vary. These dues cover the cost of the district, multiple district and international dues paid by the club as well as other administrative costs of the club. Clubs should provide annual financial statements to their members to account for how club dues are spent.

Levies

In addition, the multiple district (and district) charge levies for various multiple district (and district) projects, but these are usually met from the club activities (community service) account and therefore are not paid for by the members. Multiple district levies are charged annually in July.

LIONS INSURANCE PREMIUM CHARGES

Multiple District 201 also charges the mandatory insurance premiums for the Lions Australia Insurance Program that all members in Multiple District 201 enjoy. These are charged annually in July.

The mandatory insurance policies that are charged to clubs are as follows:

- **Public Liability** Covers: Legal liability to the general public in respect of any negligent act by Lions organisations. Sum insured: AUD\$20,000,000 (AUD\$1m provided by LCI, AUD\$19m by MD201).
- **Personal Accident** Covers: All Lions, Accompanying Partners, Leo, Volunteers while attending any official Lions activity or meeting. Sum insured: \$50,000 capital benefits, up to \$500 per week for 104 weeks (employed members).
- **General Property (Regalia)** Covers: Regalia & equipment used in administration of the club or district. Sum insured: clubs \$3,500, districts \$7,500.
- **Fidelity Guarantee** Covers: Misappropriation by members of goods or monies owned by clubs or districts. Sum insured: \$150,000.
- **Directors & Officers Liability** Covers: Legal liability of officers of clubs for personal actions brought against them for inappropriate actionable conduct. Sum insured: \$1,000,000 any one loss and in aggregate in any one year.
- **Loss of Cash** Covers: loss of cash in transit, whilst at any meeting or project site, and whilst in a member's home (for 48 hours plus any intervening non-banking period). Sum insured: \$10,000.

Note that workers compensation policies are no longer provided under the Lions Australia Insurance Program. It is up to each club who employs staff to arrange the appropriate workers' compensation insurance in accordance with their relevant state legislation.

**** This document has been prepared to outline in general terms as to where membership dues are allocated on each level of Governance. If you have any additional questions, feel free to ask or seek clarification from the District Treasurer or Cabinet Secretary.****

**** When the district membership is over 1875, a family discount is applied.

Yours in Service,

Stuart Perrett, District Governor – Lions District 201Q1

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