



# *Duckadang Diaries*



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Welcome to the Newsletter for Lions Club Duckadang (LCD) for February 2026. Yet again, February showed the continuation of the slower months during the storms and summer heat. This is an area that urgently needs to be addressed in future years through the Strategic Plan. More about that later in the Newsletter.

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### PROFILES

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Lion Mike Miles has been in Lions nearly 33 years. He became a director of LCD in 2024 and comes from District Q3. He was Introduced to Camp Duckadang by the late Lion Greg Rollason which gave him a new avenue to help. Although there were many projects at the camp he felt the recent Strategic Meeting gave the meaning of working together to achieve a single goal. He personally believed that what was achieved from the meeting will show results within the next 6 months. Before retiring Mike ran his own business designing and building industrial wastewater treatment systems.



Lion Trevor Collins was introduced to camp Duckadang buy Lion Greg Nothling. Trevor has been a director of LCD since 2023 and is from District Q1. He was told that for years it was a waste of money and time, but Trevor could see the potential of it all. He had some setbacks but believes anything worthwhile is not easy and he feels now if it wasn't for Lion Maurie McKenzie and others, LCD would be in trouble. All members own houses and know how they need constant maintenance. The only problem is that at Duckadang there are more than one house, and it won't fix itself. The most pressing jobs would be the Hall and bank to tennis courts. If the three Districts could come together, most of important works could be completed in about two years in his opinion.

### CAMP ACTIVITIES

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As mentioned at the start, February was a very slow month with only four groups all month. We ended up with one group of seven campers for two nights, a second group of just 2 campers for 4 nights. The best we had was the Dalby Church of 44 people for two nights running a teen youth camp, and finally Leadership under the Stars had a small group of 10 people for two nights.

The summer months is really an area that needs to be developed as there is still plenty to do with the pool and kayaking to name just two activities.



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## CAMP MAINTENANCE

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At LCD you never know what may happen next. In February the freezer in the kitchen decided to give up the ghost. An essential item like this has to be replaced immediately. While there is a cold room, for convenience a freezer needs to be handy in the kitchen. So, at a time when the camp is going through a slow period, an expense of \$1,000 was not welcome but was needed. Let's hope the new one, shown below, will last a long time.



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### WHAT'S NEW

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As a result of the Strategic Plan held in January, there is a buzz of enthusiasm in the eight Board members to succeed in achieving the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2028. However, despite the keenness to succeed, there is only so much Lion volunteers can achieve on their own. Like all Lions Members, there is only so much time to devote to a project like this while also maintaining the day to day running of the operation. It is essential that more Lions from the three districts can put their hand up and give just a few hours each month. Particular areas of expertise that are required are in Marketing and Redevelopment of the camp.

Are you interested in bringing your expertise to this excellent opportunity to revolutionise this youth resource? Please contact our Chairman Rodd on 0407 640 218.



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