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A new Lions year, and a new leadership team



A new Lions year, and a new leadership team (or at least some of them are new - others have been shuffled around a bit to give them some variety and to allow them to follow personal passions).

I particularly welcome our new 2nd Vice District Governor, Ann Reid. Ann will be participating in club visits for the first time this year, along with 1st VDG Graham Jackson and myself.

The shared visitations are working remarkably well, we have had very few dissenters to the program, and I suspect that even they have seen the sense in what we are doing.

I am currently in Hawaii for the International Convention, and also for 3 extra days DG training.

I was talking to an American farmer from Pennsylvania this morning who is a part of our group and he was very interested in how we run our programme. This man was a little younger than most of the group and still very involved on his farm, but thinks our shared visit model would work very well in Pennsylvania and he plans to introduce it to their district. It is very encouraging to get this sort of feedback from one's peers, particularly if they are from afar.

I have had some criticism of my idea to bring back a regional coordinator to organise zone meeting times and venues. While I very much value suggestions and criticism of what we do, I am very committed to try this program, and if there is any constructive criticism, I would very much prefer if it came towards the end of the year after the concept has been tried, and "a little extra effort" has been applied to give it a decent run. I have absolutely no interest whatsoever in a "straw poll" that someone has conducted on this topic before the year has even started, and I will be talking to those affected clubs early in the year with the expectation of a willingness to at least "have a go". After all, that is the Aussie way, is it not?

While on this subject, I warn all of you that I have a very low tolerance for those people who oppose change because "no, we have always done it this way". This attitude has nearly brought our once great organisation to its knees and it is time we woke up and got back to our ethics and our motto of "We Serve".

On a brighter note, I also welcome Vida McLachlan and Allison Lewis onto our District Team for the first time. These ladies form the core of a new initiative we are running this year to focus on Club Member Care. We want to prove to you, our club Lions, that your district team really does care about your well being, and in the process hopefully we can begin to lower our relatively high dropped member rate. Our District Development Team under Ken Mulcahy and Kim Forrest have done a magnificent job over the past 12 months and I look forward to more from these very talented people.

Please Lions, if you are asked to help to do anything from these Lions, and the other members of the development team including our Regional Development Coordinators, please cooperate as much as possible, because all of our clubs benefit from increased membership and lower member drops.

Above all, have a lot of fun this year, enjoy the fellowship offered, and together we will have an "Extra Greeedy" year.

DG Peter Oliver.

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District Governor Peter & Lion Heather welcome home

I'm sure it's been an exciting time and of course Hawaii is always beautiful. International Conventions are always special and you meet up with so many different people.

We have finished the year with excellent membership numbers, Immediate Past District Governor Kent you should be very pleased. Finishing off his year Kent has been busy with the Chartering of a new club.

The new Club Brisbane United Asia Chartered with 38 member's, congratulations to President John and his team. Between forming the Club and the Charter night they gained another 18 members. The Charter night was packed with entertainment and wonderful food, one hundred forty eight people attended.

We also saw Q1 take out Personality and Highest Fundraiser in the Grand Final of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Personality Quest last weekend. Amanda O'Reilly from Kyogle took out the highest monies raised \$ 32,243.68. Congratulations to Amanda and the Kyogle Lions Club.

Angela Gee a young lady from Harrisville was the personality winner. Congratulations also goes to Angela and the Harrisville Lions Club. This year the three districts raised in excess of \$197,000. This was amazing with Q1 raising \$99,000. Congratulations to all Clubs.

Thank you to all the incoming secretaries who attended the information days, please don't hesitate to call or email if I can be of any assistance.

District Governor Peter & Lion Heather welcome all the new members to our district.

Ballina East:	Keren Gregory, Richard Molloy, Brenda McFarland
Brisbane Chinese:	Shaun Wang, Jun Xie
Brisbane United Asia:	Baily Chan, Mandy Chan, Sirinnard Serena Denis, Trevor Fox, Jason Kuo-Huang, Gary Ho Fai Lam, Osker Lau, Veronica Leung Maguire, Chi Kin Stanley, Ben Mak, Don Simpson, Desmond Rudi Soen, Flora Tang, Roy Kai Hung Tsang, Jenny Wang, Leo Wang, Yvonne Louise Wong, Wanling Yao, Yuki Ye, Steven Zhang
Brunswick Mullumbimby:	Brian McLinden
Calamvale:	Edward Smith
Harrisville:	Terry Mcallister
Killarney:	Glen schulz
Logan West:	Rachel Crookes, Coralie Fischer, Penelope Harland, Liz Lokhorst, Amanda Trvong
Macleay Island:	Yvonne Powers, Colin Scoble, Kaye Scoble
Morton Bay:	Ryan Murphy
Ormeau:	Kayleen Greig, Peter Greig
Robina:	Gemma Kerwick
Sunnybank:	Peter Russo, Lei Mark Shi
Thornlands Pt Halloran:	Denise Thomsen
Warwick:	John Binney



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Where will the District Governor's team be in July?

District Governor Peter Oliver

Ormeau	6th July
Brisbane Moorooka	15th July
Cleveland Challenge	20th July
Cabarita /Pottsville Beach	22nd July
Tenterfield	23rd July
Bris Camp Hill Carindale	27th July
Capalaba	28th July
Ballina East	3rd August
Brisbane Chinese	10th August

1st Vice District Governor Graham Jackson (Jacko)

Warwick	15th July
Gold Coast Mermaid Beach	16th July
Greater Mt Gravatt Mansfield	22nd July
Lismore City	27th July
Sunnybank	28th July
Coolangatta Tweed Heads	4th August
Lennox Head	5th August

2nd Vice District Governor Ann Reed

Brisbane Finlandia	13th July
Bonalbo Upper Clarence	15th July
Thornlands Pt Halloran	16th July
Griffith University	27th July
Belmont Tingalpa	3rd August
Twin Rivers	4th August
Calamvale	5th August
Nerang Highland Park	11th August

Oz Clubhouse Information
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Thoughts on leadership

This month, our District and Clubs, have Lions who have accepted the challenge and have stepped into leadership roles. Leadership is something special. It is found in people who want to better themselves, their club, and society.

Leadership is not selfish. It is real leadership. Real leadership reaches out to others, sets a good example, shows others the best 'in them', and inspires them to seek the best 'in life' and in others.

Leadership is generosity in ACTION...

It respects others,
it is not overpowering,
it is not an ego trip.

We all need LEADERSHIP in ourselves and in others. We need it 'in us' so we can realize that we have to 'USE' our talents, give of ourselves and open up to those around us. We need leadership in others because we are not supermen or superwomen. We need to be directed too. We need to see greatness in others so we can be encouraged always to keep trying, to keep living as a full person.

- **Leaders take responsibility** when the opportunity is at hand. They carry out a job without fanfare.
- **Leaders are going places** because they are always on the move.
- **Leaders are alert** to situations that might call for help.
- **Leaders know how to talk** – they realize that talking is an important way of communication...
they talk with confidence, reason and patience.
They talk in such a way that they make others feel at ease,
that others understand them, that others are edified.
Leaders generally think before they speak.
They speak with integrity and sincere honesty.
- **Leaders know there is a time and place for everything.** There is a time to be serious, a time to joke, a time to relax, a time to work, a time to play and a time to hustle.
Above all, leaders have the unique sensitivity to know exactly when the time is for these things.

Leaders dare to be different. That is why leaders really live...life is always something of an exciting challenge to them, something of a mysterious hush, something of a gift. Leaders want to be a part of this gift called 'LIFE'

Leaders have a strong preference for innovation. They are imaginative, passionate, non-conforming risk takers. Leaders stand out from the crowd. They question assumption, and are suspicious of tradition. A leader can be a new arrival in a Club, who has bold, fresh, new ideas. On the whole, leaders tend to be active, since they create ideas instead of reacting to current situations; they provide a vision that alters the way people think about what is desirable, possible, and necessary. They are good at stirring people's emotions, raising their expectations, inspiring them, and then leading them in new directions.



Lions Hearing Dog 2016 Calendars

The 2016 Lions Hearing Dog Calendar was officially launched at this year's Lions Multiple Districts Convention in Newcastle on the 1st May.

We have plenty printed off ready to send out. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for yourself, as a gift or if you are interested in selling some on our behalf as a fundraising effort please contact andrew@mcdougallfamily.com.au. Calendars are again \$10 each plus postage.



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Southern Cross School K-12 Leo Club



which is sponsored by the East Ballina Lions Club, have over recent months recycled 300 mobile phones. The phones are packed into satchels and sent to the Humane Society International to help save the mountain gorillas. Inhabiting the dense forests of tropical Africa, mountain gorillas were encountered relatively recently for the first time by a non-African in 1902. Since then, they have become an iconic symbol of the African wilderness. It is believed that approximately only 720 mountain gorillas survive today in the dense forests on the border between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda and Uganda.



Coltan is a valuable mineral used in the manufacture of mobile phones but is mined from the mountain gorilla's forest home. The mining of Coltan destroys the natural habitat of the gorillas, and is one of the major threats these endangered animals face. Old mobile phones are sent to the Aussie Recycling Program where thousands of mobile phones are recycled every year. Refurbished phones are exported to developing countries, where low cost handsets are needed. The remainder are stripped of their components and recycled or reused in a variety of ways. No materials go to landfill.

Already in a vulnerable position, mountain gorillas are facing even more direct threats at the hands of humans. Poaching has been a significant threat to their survival since they were first discovered by non-Africans in the early 1900s. In the first two decades, over 50 mountain gorillas had been killed by scientists and trophy hunters, and the effects of poaching are still seen to this day. Infants are poached to be sold as pets or to zoos, adults die defending their family group or for the sale of their heads, hands and feet, and they are sometimes an unfortunate victim of unselective hunting with snares intended to catch other wildlife. Poaching is known to occur in all three countries where mountain gorillas are found. Thanks to the recycling program there is less need to mine Coltan in gorilla habitat and the money raised from the recycling has contributed to the cost of rangers who provide vital protection for the gorillas. The rangers have made a significant difference. In the year before their deployment seven gorillas were brutally slaughtered but no gorillas have been lost to poaching now there is a constant armed presence.

<p>BUS SHOPPING TOUR Redland Bay Victoria Point Lions - 19th July Pickup 8am / Return 5.30pm at Panorama Drive, Thornlands</p> <p>Tour includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning tea • Lunch • Afternoon tea • 8 to 10 Outlets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clothes - Toys - Shoes - Bags - Jewellery <p>Raising funds to support JOHAAN KAA</p> <p>Contact us: Jane - 0422 665 591 / lapisblue76@msn.com Kelly - 0488 086 646</p> <p>RAFFLES, FUN, LAUGHTER!</p>	<p>Outgoing Governor Kent Wilcox & Incoming Governor Peter Oliver</p> <p>Invite you to the Welcome Home Change-over Dinner Saturday 25th July 2015 Cudgen Leagues Club 6.30pm for 7.00pm Dinner or Lounge suits / ladies after five \$37.00 per head</p> <p>Bookings and payments to Cabinet Secretary PDG Lesley Lyons PO Box 4767 Forrest Lake QLD 4078 Further information 0419 796 022 RSVP 18th July 2015</p>
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Chief Executive Officer, Mater Foundation, Nigel Harris receiving the donation from the Lions Australia.

Lions Clubs boost funds for Mater Research

A recent donation from Lions Clubs of Australia at their annual conference in Newcastle has provided a major funding boost for Mater Research to continue its leading-edge research into prostate cancer.

Lions Clubs of Australia has donated almost \$1 million to Mater Research during the past 12 years and presented a further donation at their conference for \$209,918.80.

Lions Clubs of Australia has been a major supporter of prostate cancer research through Mater Foundation with donations funding leading prostate cancer research

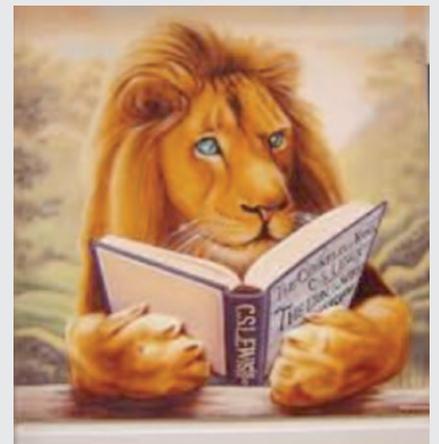
and supporting the purchase of much-needed research equipment.

Our members have really got behind this project and we are thrilled that our contribution is making a difference to the great research work being achieved at Mater.

"We hope that, in time, our donations will result in much better outcomes for prostate cancer patients and perhaps ultimately result in finding a cure," Lions Club Prostate Cancer Coordinator John Grimstone said.

"The visionary support of Lions Club Australia is absolutely essential for our cancer research efforts and inspires us to increase our research efforts, allowing us to take a multidisciplinary approach and to take on new research directions that have the greatest potential but are often not funded by mainstream funding bodies," said Mater Researcher Associate Professor John Hooper.

2015-2016 District Newsletter



• **Goals:** The District Newsletter is published each month.

There will be 12 issues during Peter Oliver's year as District Governor. My goal is to have the Newsletter to Cabinet Secretary Lesley so that she can distribute it electronically to Clubs before their first meeting each month.

• **Deadlines:** The cut-off date for contributions to the Newsletter will be 10 days before the last day of the month, or about the 21st of each month. This gives Lion Stuart Perrett and myself time to prepare the newsletter ready for publication.

• **Website:** The Newsletter is posted on the District Website by Lion Chris Richardson, usually within 48 hours of it being distributed electronically. www.201q1.lions.org.au

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• **Your Contributions:** in most issues (Leos, Youth of the Year, Youth Exchange, etc). Others will have limited opportunities, but I would like to see an article from all District officers at least once and preferably twice in the next 12 months.

The District Newsletter provides Clubs with an opportunity to let other Lions know about their successful membership and retention programmes, successful club projects that will keep their members engaged (retention) and their profile in the local community as high as possible (growth), upcoming events, such as anniversary dinners, changeover nights or fundraising activities, which other Lions may wish to attend or participate in. Photographs or stories of Lions working in the community are particularly welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: No pdf – Word Files only (These I can Edit) Good jokes, cartoons, quotations have limited use as fillers.

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2015-16 President's Theme: Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.

Join International President

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and Lions around the world in bringing dignity to others.

Breast Cancer Awareness



End of Year Donations ! –

Just a small request – if you are sending end of year donation cheques to me for the Lions Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising – please make sure that the cheque is made out to “Lions District 201Q1” (with Breast Cancer Awareness written on the back) – Awareness. There is no bank account in the name of Lions Breast Cancer Awareness and so cheques made out to this cannot be banked – so they will have to be sent to you for them to be amended. **“Lions District 201Q1”**

In saying that – thank you very much for the donations that have been coming in so far to support Breast Cancer Awareness – it great to see Lions Clubs supporting this very worthwhile cause. More wonderful donations from these funds will be able to be made very soon to Breast Cancer causes.

“Bid for a Bra” Silent Auction – It’s back !! – the “Bid for a Bra” silent auction will be held again this year at the District Convention in Stanthorpe. I have been able to gain some wonderful celebrities to paint bras for me and they are busy creating their “pink creations” as we speak. As per last year, details of the painted bras, who the celebrities are and pictures of their creations, will be release before October, so that you can arrange your bidding before you get there – or even put in a bid if you can’t make it. Stay tuned.....

Origami Cranes – Last month I put in a ‘snippet’ in the newsletter requesting for some help to do fold Origami Cranes. I am happy to say that I had three lovely offers which was just wonderful. I am very pleased to say that I have the help, and would like to give a very big **thank you** to Lion Narelle Wyvill-Anstey from the Brisbane Macgregor Lions Club who has been very busy folding them for me – and now I can “finish them off” for my Breast Cancer Awareness idea – a big job, but a great job.....

Stay tuned at the District Convention in Stanthorpe on how you too can help using these Cranes.....

Help Support...Many thanks

Jenny Maguire

Breast Cancer Awareness

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Lions Club of Ormeau



The Cafe Royale at Ormeau was the venue for a very tasty “Changeover Dinner” for the Lions Club of Ormeau for the installation of the Officers and Board for 2015-2016. Lion Margaret O’Neill continues in her role as President for a second year, with Lions Boyd Evans remaining as Secretary, and Carmel Austin as Treasurer. PDG Rob Johnson presented **President Margaret** with the **“Melvin Jones Award”** and announced that the Club entry to the **Syd Packham PR Award** reached the finals, and presented the certificate to Media Officer Lion Lyn Young. President Margaret was pleased to report that the Club is proud to assist our Aussie Farmers and since mid 2013 approximately **\$17,000** has been sent to help with drought relief. **\$4,200** of this amount came from the regular Saturday morning Sausage Sizzles at Drakes Supa IGA Ormeau. Other donations have been made to various causes, including the Vanautu Cyclone and Nepal Earthquake Appeals, and just recently the club donated **\$1918** to the Australia Lions Children’s Mobility Fund for the purchase of a Crocodile Walker for a young Upper Coomera girl with Cerebral Palsy.

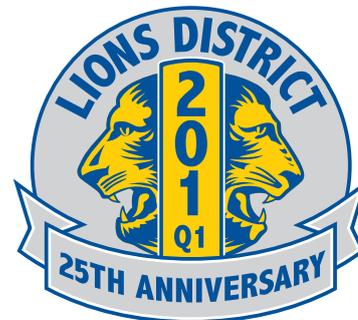
The Club sponsors two Leo Clubs, one at Livingstone Christian College and the other at Ormeau Woods State High School, encouraging students to be active in the community and develop and practice leadership organisational and social skills. We also sponsored a team of year 11 students from Ormeau Woods State High to attend the Northern Collegiate Leadership Australian Business Week Event, where the students have the opportunity to run a business in a competitive marketplace. They have a hands-on learning activity fostering teamwork, leadership and enterprising skills.

Collection of used spectacles is on-going, with over **500 pairs** sent over the last 12 months to the Lions Spectacle Re-Cycling centre for distribution to third world countries.

Preparations for the **9th Ormeau Lions Fair** on the weekend of **5th and 6th September** are well under way, with most sites already taken. There are still some sponsorship opportunities available and interested persons should **contact Lion Lyn Young on 0401 232 767** for more information.

This year due to Rugby League commitments on the oval the Ormeau Lions Fair will be held on 5th & 6th September. The Fair is the Northern Gold Coast’s **“Mini Ekka”**. Held over Saturday & Sunday the local Primary & High Schools compete for big cash prizes with choirs, dance groups and bands and attract large crowds on both mornings. Regular attractions are the VIP Dog Show and Viv’s Shearing Shed and baby animal show. Classic Car Clubs put on a great display of wonderful old vehicles. Sideshow Alley is always a favourite, and the fireworks on Saturday night are spectacular. All in all a great time to be had by everyone and the best thing about our Fair is the **admission cost - FREE!!** All funds raised after costs are distributed back to our local schools, community groups and sporting clubs.

Silver Anniversary District Convention



On behalf of District Governor Peter Oliver and his convention team we extend to all Lions an invitation to attend a fantastic convention in Stanthorpe in October.

It will be a Silver Anniversary celebration in recognition of it being twenty five years since our District 201Q1 was established in its present form. As a result the theme for the convention is **"SILVER"**. There will be a prize for the club that best expresses this theme in their dress for the Saturday night Gala celebration.

We intend to present a convention that will be equally memorable as our effort of 2001. Come along and visit a great part of Queensland in the Granite Belt.

For those able to arrive here early enough on Friday the usual game of golf or bowls will be available. This year on Friday we also offer an afternoon tour of three or four wineries in the area.

To make our Convention truly attractive we have added breakfasts to the packages available. These will be really special events with full breakfasts – Juice, Fruit, Yoghurt, Cereal, Toast, Hot serves of Bacon/Sausage and eggs with Hash Browns and Tomato, Tea or Coffee. There will be entertainers performing during breakfast including bush poets.

Our motels are holding their rooms for Lions until the end of July. You will need book by phone and identify yourselves as Lions attending the Convention because the rooms are simply shown as unavailable on the internet. For anyone wishing to bring a caravan or motorhome we have powered sites available in our Showgrounds for \$20.00 a night. **(Contact Lion Joy on (07) 4681 3184 to book a van site)**. The Showground Pavilion is the venue for Saturday night.

Our Partners' Tour this year are a series of smaller groups of about 20 people on Mystery Tours. So you hop on a bus and the Driver is then given the itinerary. You will be guaranteed a visit to three different establishments in the area with afternoon tea provided at one of them. So you won't know where you are going until you get there.

At the end of the morning business session on Saturday we will march through our main street with a bus provided for those unable to walk the distance. The buses for the mystery tours will be waiting at the bottom of town and partners will be given their lunches as they board and everyone else makes their way back to the Civic Centre for their lunch and Forums.

The object of all of our planning has been to make the Convention FUN. Without that it's just another meeting.

Mike Bonoguore. Convention Chairman.

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REMEMBER – STANTHORPE CONVENTION – THE PLACE TO BE SEEN IN TWENTY-FIFTEEN.

Registration forms are online now at the following website.

Simple Print and fill in and return, OR Open in Acrobat Reader and fill in and hit the Save Button then hit the Email Button –

these buttons are both shown at the end of the form in Green. Very Easy.

Please indicate on the form - each of the hospitality events that you will be attending even if you purchase the complete hospitality package.

Keep in mind that we may sell out, so book early!

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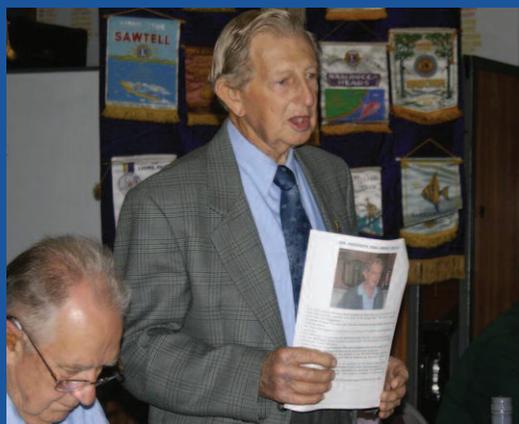
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of District 201Q1*

Stretch yourself, take that extra step.



The difference between ordinary & extraordinary is that little **extra!**

- **District 201Q1 Welcome Home Change-over Dinner** on **Saturday 25th July 2015** @ Cudgen Leagues Club 6.30pm for 7.00pm
- **First Cabinet Meeting for 2015-2016**, Hosted by Kingscliff Lions, @ Cudgen Leagues Club on **Sunday 26th July 2015** @ 9.00am
- **The Leo of the Year Competition** is to be held on **Sunday 9th August** at Merrimac SHS Mermaid Waters. Application form is being changed and that the Marking is also being changed. The 5 minute speech is to also demonstrate something of the entrants Commitment to Community Service, The new Entry Application is posted on the web site, There will be new marking criteria:
 - Community Service Involvement (25) – Leadership (25) – Knowledge of Leos & Lions (10) – Knowledge of Local & World Affairs (10)
 - Impact during Interview (10) – Public Speaking (20) **TOTAL: 100**
- In the second week of the Queensland School Holidays, **Logan Youth Music Exchange** will be hosting a fantastic visiting orchestra from Xuhui in the Shanghai Area of China.. This Orchestra of 69 will be performing at the Logan Entertainment Centre in a concert with John Paul College musicians **on July 7**. LYME – Logan Youth Music Exchange was hosted by this group last year in a visit to Xuhui. Some Lions have volunteered assist with hosting.
- **Lions Club of Warwick Inc.** had its Changeover Saturday 20th June between outgoing president Jeff Ferguson and Incoming president Concetto Lo Giudice. Guest for the night including, Opposition Leader and Members for Southern Downs Lawrence Springborg, mayor Peter Blundell, 201Q1 Cabinet officers, PDG Ross Forrest and Lion Kim Forrest who she did the installation. The night atmosphere was well celebrated by all present at the Criterion Hotel, Warwick, Lion Kim in installing the new Warwick lions Office board and members said she was pleased to work with past ZC Con in the past year Cabinet and for sure he going to have success as President of the Warwick Lions. IPP Jeff Ferguson made two special worthy presentation to two very dedicated Club Lions Members, Lion Concetto lo Giudice was presented with the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellow for service in the Lions Clubs International. Lion Cec Watts was presented with the Life Membership in his long 40th years standing as Member of the Lions Club of Warwick, president twice.
- **Rescue Mission for Children: In March 2015**, Rochedale Springwood Lions Club, arranged for the replacement of the thatched roof over the volunteers dining room in a mission in Thailand. (This had been wrecked by a combination of age and recent bad storms). The mission has a fantastic water filtration system, however the filters have not been changed for many years. The Lions replaced several of the main filters to keep the quality of the water for safe use. Club Member, **Lion Michael Burgess** departs for Thailand this month, **July**, to continue work on the Academy which currently looks after nearly 50 children in need. There are various projects urgently in need at the Akha Academy. Most of the projects are for the upkeep and maintenance for the Academy to operate and continue to function smoothly. The children at Rescue Mission have lived in poverty, fled from conflict, been orphaned and neglected. They have never been to school before or had the guarantee of regular meals every day. The vision is to protect these vulnerable children from child trafficking, to educate them to reach their God given potential and to empower them to have hope and a future for themselves and their communities



Found out on Facebook

District 201N1 – Bellingen Lions Club held its 59th Changeover and congratulations to club president Carl Foster who has clocked up 60 years of service – what a monumental effort.



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