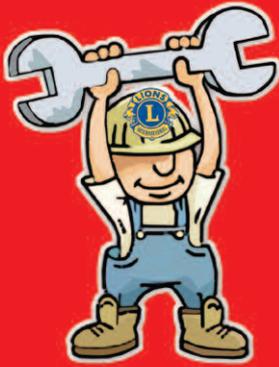




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Welcome everybody to an
Extra Greeedy Year.



Lions,

What a month we have just had, not just here but interstate as well. Australia wide we have met the challenge to get 100 clubs to participate in the Centennial Challenge by our deadline of the end of November.

I congratulate the following Q1 district clubs who made the list:

1. Tweed Coast South Lions Club
2. Kingscliff Lions Club
3. Runaway Bay Lions Club
4. Logan West Lions Club, and
5. Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale Lions Club.

They will be receiving further instructions from Newcastle in the new year on what the next stage of this project is. Congratulations on your involvement.

Last week was a sad week for me, following the devastating grass fires in South Australia that burnt over 4000 farming properties and a significant area of the state's Lower North agricultural area.

This was where I grew up and spent the first 30 years of my life. My home locality, Pinkerton Plains, was completely burnt out, although most homes were saved. We sold our farm that was in our family for four generations 35 years ago to the company that now has the Wasleys Piggery and Feed Mill on it. They lost 300 breeding sows as well as loss of operation of the Feed Mill as a direct result of the fire. This mill mixes 850 tonnes of feed a week for themselves and other farms in the district and it will be weeks before they can resume production – in the meantime frantic measures are being taken to provide food for the 20,000 to 30,000 livestock that depend on it daily for their feed.

Most of my friends "back home" lived in the area of the fire and all of them were impacted by it. It was incredibly sad.

I was heartened that my club, Kingscliff, conducted a bucket run in Kingscliff on Sunday morning with our Volunteer Fire Brigade and raised a magnificent \$2075 from our local community to send to ALF for the SA Fire Appeal.

It is at times like this that the true nature of Lions shines through like a searchlight. I wish all the best to the fire victims in South Australia, Western Australia and the Hunter region of NSW, and pray we don't have a recurrence for a long time to come, although I know that Summer has barely started.

At this time of the year most companies wind down for the Christmas break, but Lions enter one of their busiest times, wrapping presents in Shopping Centres, selling Christmas Cakes and Puddings and hosting Christmas Carols and other festivities throughout our district.

I wish you all the best and both my wife Lion Heather and I, District Governor Elect Graham Jackson and his wife Lion Denise, Vice District Governor Ann Reed and husband Lion Don, Second Vice District Governor Kim Forrest and husband PDG Lion Ross and all of the members of our District Cabinet wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, re-energised and ready to have a go at breaking all kinds of membership, retention and Community Service records in the remainder of my DG year.

Best Regards

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From the Cabinet Secretary's desk



Club Secretaries,

Please check the Lions Australia blue directory and email me if you've had any changes to your club details, also if you've had a change of email address for your club. It's important that you let me know.

At any time of the month you can enter your membership on the MyLCI website. You can also go into the MyLCI website as many times as you wish to change any details.

The current District Cabinet Treasurer is Libby Whitestyles could you please amend if you have a different name on your files.

Good luck with all your Christmas cake selling and for those that are gift wrapping and holding Christmas Carols events don't work too hard. I've stocked the Panadol cupboard ready for long shifts.

As this is our last newsletter for the year I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas. Enjoy all the festivities with family and friends.

For all our members who have been unwell of late take care and we wish you a speedy recovery.

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

Apple Mac:	Wanita Limpus
Brisbane Chinese:	Siwei Guo, Janet Ren, Felicia Song
Brisbane Finlandia:	Taina Silen
Brisbane United Asia:	Reena Augustine
Calamvale:	Jeanette Esdale
Cleveland Challenge:	Brian Davies
Goondiwindi:	Daphne Carrigan
Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield:	Iain St John Meers
Kingscliff:	Pamela Downey
Lennox Head:	Douglas McMinn
Logan Village:	Manvinder Beales, Maurice Beales, Timothy Moyes, Sharon Manson
Logan West:	Alisha Jenkins, Tony Langridge, Sandra Langridge
Macleay Island:	John Andrews
Mid-Richmond River:	Brian Harvey, Judy Harvey
Ormeau:	Denise McCallum, Kenneth McCallum
Rosewood:	Rosalind Hyde
Runaway Bay:	Cherrill McKay
Sanctuary Cove Hope Island:	Jason Crawshaw
Tenterfield:	Max Whitford, Robyn Whitford
Thornlands Pt Halloran:	Mike Horner
Twin Rivers:	Stephen Riley
Warwick:	Gary Clark, Neville Mathews



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2015 Stanthorpe Convention

The photos have now been uploaded to a Dropbox to share with everyone, a link is on the district website www.201q1.lions.org.au Clicking on the link

“PHOTOS FROM 2015 CONVENTION”

(Image are in Dropbox folders for each day)

Or visit the Stanthorpe Convention Website where you can view and download Hi-Res files:

<http://www.convention.stanthorpeclub.com>





"I was so impressed with the Achievers' Awards and the children, teachers and of course their families." Lion Graham "Jacko" Jackson

Lions Achievers' Awards Lions

On the occasion of my official visit to the Lions Club of Rochedale Springwood, Lion Denise and I were privileged to observe at first hand their 12th Annual Achievers' Award Program. This program recognises special needs students from two Special Schools in the

local area. The criteria for consideration of the presentation of the trophy included the academic achievement level of the student; the attitude shown during the year to both the school teaching staff and other students; the participation level of the student at school functions, both academic and sporting, and the general demeanour of the student. This was decided by the School Principal and Teachers.

The winner of the trophy is to be announced at an appropriate assembly of the school, after having already been presented in the presence of a representative of each of the participating schools at the Lions Dinner Meeting.

This Program was initiated 12 years ago by Lion Peter Piccone whose son has Downs Syndrome and recommended that his club gives support to students (and their parents) who have special needs.

I must admit that I was rather emotional while Lion Lena Garrett read the profile on each student explaining their difficulties in life and how they cope and excel to the best of their ability.

Lion "Jacko" 1st Vice District Governor

2015-16 District Peace Poster "Winner"

The winning poster for this year's Peace Poster Contest has been won by Yasmin Zainudir from the Upper Mt Gravatt State School. The entry was from the Pinelands Lions Club.

Congratulations to Yasmin.

Lion Beverley Drysdale
Peace Poster Chairman



Register for Lions Day with the United Nations



Mark your calendars to attend the 38th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Hear from the Carter Center and UN Women and be amongst the first to celebrate this year's winners of the International Peace Poster and Essay Contests. LDUN participants also have the option to attend the popular Lions-UN luncheon with invited ambassadors in the Delegates Dining Room. Seating is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. You don't want to miss this exciting event, so reserve your spot early!



Runaway Bay Lions Carols by Candlelight

The Runaway Bay Carols by Candlelight will be held again this year on Saturday 5th of December.

Since 1995 the Carols by Candlelight has captured the hearts and minds of families in the local community and generated a high level of community engagement, support and goodwill. Each year, the event attracts thousands of community members of all ages and abilities who come along to the Kevin Bycroft Fields, Runaway Bay for a relaxing and fun evening of entertainment, fireworks and Christmas spirit.

The Runaway Bay Lions have hosted this event for nearly two decades. Our club has over 40 members who all reside in the local area and have a passion for community service and giving their time and resources to make a difference. Last year alone our club raised over \$100,000 to support local charities, families and communities in need. Division 3 Councillor, Cameron Caldwell, and Runaway Bay Shopping Village have been consistent supporters of the event, and we very grateful for that ongoing support. This year we welcome The Hon Stuart Robert MP Federal Member for Fadden, to our event support team.

Runaway Bay Lions Club was pleased to present a prestigious Community Service Award to Runaway Bay Shopping Village in recognition of the magnificent support provided to the community. The Management, Staff and Traders of Runaway Bay Shopping Village consistently assist the Runaway Bay Lions Club by providing generous access to the shopping public, and providing resources to assist the successful outcome of the many Lions projects that undertake. The many projects include our gift wrapping service at Christmas, Valentines Day, Mothers day, and Fathers Day, our Easter Raffle, a variety of Disaster Appeals, and co-sponsorship of the annual Carols by Candlelight.

RUNAWAY BAY LIONS GETS THE WHEELS MOVING

Runaway Bay Lions Club are pleased to announce that they were be able to assist funding a new motorised wheelchair in support of a local resident. Robert Sajovic, of Biggera Waters is often seen doing his regular paper run around Runaway Bay, was in need of a new wheelchair , customised to meet his particular needs.

When Yoga Saraswati of Community and Specialist Support Inc (CASSI) sought assistance on Robert's behalf, Runaway Bay Lions Club members were pleased to answer the call, and assist Robert who deals with the challenges thrown at him by Cerebral Palsy. The specialised customisation required for the wheelchair meant that it took about 6 months for the chair to finally be constructed and delivered. Representatives of Runaway Bay Lions Club recently met with Robert, his family, and Yoga to celebrate the arrival of the chair which will enable Robert to continue to participate in the life of the community.

1st Vice DG visit Lions Club of Carrara

Graham Jackson (Jacko) and wife Denise visit Lions Club of Carrara.

While the world was still reeling from the terrorist attacks in Paris, VDG Graham Jackson visited Lions Club of Carrara in November, highlighting the need for "Dignity, Harmony and Humanity" in these troubled times as well as clearly outlining District goals for the coming year.

Jacko and wife Denise were also asked to embrace (literally!) the annual Club project run by PID George Higgs where soft toys are given to the local Ambulance for sick or injured children requiring the service.

But even though Graham and Denise were cornered into a picture with an oversupply of furry critters, Jacko' sense of humour and good nature shone through when he presented Club President Lion Roxanne Scott with the District 2015 mini banner.

Jacko also presented the District Governor's Excellence Award to Lion Dave Wilman for his unflinching service to Lions. Dave is in many ways the backbone of the Club, organising the regular sausage sizzle fundraisers, applying (very successfully) for community grants and overseeing the Club's major project; construction and maintenance of a beautiful Sensory Garden at House With No Steps at Mudgeeraba.

Roxanne Scott, President, Lions Club of Carrara, 0422 067 001



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Lions Memorial Grove of Trees Replanted

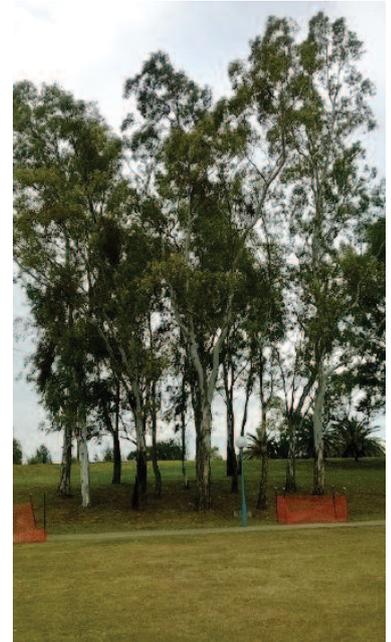
At the Multiple District Convention held in Tamworth in 1991, the 22 District Governors of the day planted a Gum Tree each in a memorial grove on the banks of the Peel River in the Memorial Service as a remembrance to the Lions and members of the Lions family who had passed away in their District over the past year.

The 20 trees that survived had reached 30 or 40 feet high and were thriving in their natural habitat.

Unfortunately the area where the trees were planted was gazetted for the construction of a huge children's play park.

The architects, not being aware of the significance of this grove of trees simply looked on them as trees to be removed.

By the time the decision to remove the trees was brought to our attention it was too late to do anything about it. However following a meeting between the 3 Tamworth Lions Clubs and a representative of Australian Lionsonoz, the Tamworth Regional Council agreed to replant a grove of trees to provide the same significance the original grove held, and reinstall the original plaque, identifying the site.



On Saturday 28th November 2015, 4 Tamworth Lions, 5 South Tamworth Lions, 3 Tamworth Peel Valley Lions and 1 Lion from Australian Lionsonoz cleaned out holes previously dug by an auger and planted the first 17 American Ash, *Fraxinus Pennsylvanica*, in the new grove. The remaining 5 trees will be added later.



The type of trees selected were chosen because they give good shade without the danger of falling branches, as Australian Gums are prone to do.

The new grove will enhance the playground area, which is reputed to be one of the best of its kind in the state.

PDG Lion Warren White.

Lions of South Tamworth, Tamworth and Australian Lionsonoz planting one of the 17 American Ash Trees in the new Children's playground, as a replacement for the Lions memorial Grove of Trees.

Cross Border Lions District Partnering with Outward Bound Australia

Lions District MD201Q1 extends right across the border country of NSW and Queensland, encompassing Lions Clubs in 86 communities, north and south of the border. Readers will recall the inspiring account of teenager Thor Wendell in our November 12 issue, of his life-changing Outward Bound experience. Missing from that account was that Thor was fully sponsored by Tamborine Mountain Lions Club as part of the Q1 Lions District Outward Bound Youth Project.

A mixed gender group of 13 included a massive ten Q1 District Lions sponsored youngsters, who together tackled the Outward Bound challenge, including Thor's Tamborine High schoolmate Liam Voigt. Liam said "It was amazing. A once in a lifetime experience that taught me lifelong skills I will use later in life".

Lloyd Worthy is the coordinator of Outward Bound's Community Partnership initiative that brings the unique Outward Bound journey within reach of many who need financial assistance to meet the course fee. "Australian Lions Clubs are fantastic supporters of this Outward Bound Australia initiative and Q1 District is the first to embrace it at District Level," he said. "It's a highly valued partnership that continues to empower our local community youth with essential life skills to change their own lives."

Lion Lois McHenry chairs the Q1 District Youth Project, collecting Club funds raised by individual Clubs and encouraging them to select young people from within their own communities, as an investment in local youth.

"In my two years as Chairman of the Lions District 201Q1 partnership with Outward Bound Australia, I feel genuinely privileged to witness, course after course, the positive change that occurs in these teenagers on their outlook on life, in the twelve days of the camp. Over two thirds of our 86 Lions Clubs have supported this project to date and so many of them have intimated that it's one of the best things we do. Many parents and teachers agree. One amazed parent told me, 'my child went away a boy and came back a man'."

Thor added, "I owe a huge vote of thanks to the Tamborine Mountain Lions Club and Outward Bound for making this possible".

A recent Q1 District Convention voted unanimously to extend the Outward Bound Youth Project for a further 3 years.

Barbara Proudman, Managing Editor, Tamborine Times
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Award For Young Lion

Mitchell Rand, President of the Wellington Point High School Leos club was recently awarded for his efforts with the club. The award was presented at a school assembly.

Leos are the younger generation of Lions Clubs International and WPHS has a very strong Leos club.

Mitchell was awarded the Lions Young Leaders in Service Award (Gold Seal) for his work as Leos President.

The award is intended to encourage young people to serve in their community and the Gold award is for doing over 100 hours of Community Service.

Under his Presidency, the WPHS Leos have run many functions to raise funds for the less fortunate in the community.

These have included stalls at school functions , “Jeans for Genes Day” and Relay for Life.

The WPHS Leos club is sponsored by the Lions Club of Redland City, with strong support from the staff of the school. Lions club President, PDG Kent Wilcox is very impressed with the Leos club and their efforts for the year.

He said “It is always satisfying to see young people being involved in activities for the betterment of the community by becoming an active LEO. Mitch and his LEO team truly excelled this year with over \$10,700 raised. Such was Mitch’s inspirational leadership, he led by example and participated in many projects Jeans for Genes day, Legacy appeal, Chaplaincy Breakfast Cyclone Pam appeal and world’s biggest breakfast to name but a few. It is a great pleasure to see Mitch being presented with the Lions young leaders in service gold award by our Lions district young leaders in service chairperson, Lion Josephine Wilcox.”

Young people volunteer become adults who serve and service is the primary focus of Lions clubs.

“National 2015 Bushfire Appeal” Support for Western Australia

To all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs Multiple District 201 – Australia

As you would all be aware, the Australian Lions Foundation established the above Appeal in January 2015 to support those impacted by devastating fires in Victoria and South Australia. With the agreement of Council, the Appeal Fund would remain in place to support any such situation that may occur again in our country. The support from Clubs throughout Australia was excellent and enabled the funds to be distributed to those impacted and managed through the Districts and local Clubs. Following the recent fires in Western Australia, impacting areas in and around Esperance, the W2 District Governor has sought support for those areas in his District. Council Chairman Phillip Johnson has asked the Foundation to provide support and initiate communications with District and Clubs seeking support. The fire has devastated thousands of hectares of land, a number of homes and farm properties destroyed and there have been considerable stock lost. Tragically 4 lives have been lost Many Clubs will already be supporting the fire relief efforts throughout the District of W2 and these Clubs will also be in a position to directly assist those communities impacted. Clubs who wish to donate or undertake collections for this Appeal should send those funds collected through to their Cabinet Treasurer who will on forward direct to the Australian Lions Foundation. The Australian Lions Foundation will collect donations being made from Districts and will distribute those funds direct to the areas through the District administration to commence assistance. If Clubs collect funds from individuals or organisations and they require a tax deductible receipt, this will again be available with Clubs providing the relevant details of the name and the full address of the donor so that a receipt may be issued direct to them. If you require any further details, please contact your District ALF chairman or your State Trustee for assistance. *Please Note: Donations to this appeal do not qualify for ALF Awards.*

Yours in Lions Glenn Herbert CHAIRMAN



Lions Youth of the Year

I am happy to report that we have 46 Clubs competing in the Youth of the Year for 2015-16. There are host clubs for all Zone and Region Finals, there has been some interest in hosting the District Final and hopefully that will be sorted shortly so I can let you know where it will be held.

The host Clubs for the Finals are as follows:

- Region 1 - Zone A** – Alstonville, **Zone B** – Lennox Head and the Region host will be Coolangatta Tweed Heads
Region 2 - Zone A – Helensvale, **Zone B** – Robina and the Region host will be Ashmore
Region 3 - Host Club Redland City
Region 4 - Zone A – Brisbane Chinese,
Zone B – Brisbane Pinelands and the Region host will be Brisbane Camp Hill Carrindale
Region 5 - Host Club Fasifern
Region 6 - Host Club Goondiwindi

Reminder Dates for Finals:

- Club Finals must be held by **Saturday 5th March 2016**
- Zone Finals to be completed on **Saturday 12th March 2016**
- Regional Finals to be completed on **Saturday 19th March 2016**
 - District Final will be held on **Saturday 2nd April 2016**
 - State Final will be held on **Saturday 23rd April, 2016**
- National Final held at the MD Convention in Echuca in **May 2016**

For further information please contact:

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Emerald Lions Club's (Qld) 50th Anniversary

Functions 5/7th August 2016 with dinner dance on 6th August. Former members-email emeraldlions@telstra.com to register your interest and information will be provided. Enquiries: Deb or John on 07 49874385 (W)

Lismore Fountain

DG Peter gave some welcome news concerning the Lismore Fountain. After several meetings with the Lismore Council an agreement has been reached on the future of the Fountain. The Council have agreed to take full responsibility for the refurbishment, repair, waterproofing, all maintenance, and the installation of the public artwork etc to upgrade the Fountain as a public asset for the community. The District has therefore agreed to pay to the Council the balance of funds held in our account for the Fountain, at present approximately \$67,000.00, thus ending the District's responsibility. Local Lismore Clubs are very pleased with the outcome.

Drought Appeal

The collection from the Convention for the drought affected farmers held by Pinelands Club totals \$20,000, which included a donation of \$5000 from Maureen Thorpe from District V14. In addition there was a grant from LCIF of \$20,000 to add to the amount. District Clubs in Q1 have been very supportive of requests for donations of foodstuffs and other goods to add to the items being taken out west to the farmers and residents. DG Peter thanks all clubs who had donated to the project.

Membership Kits

Cab Sec PDG Lesley Lyons advised members that the previous Membership Kits are no longer available as such. Lapel badges are still supplied.

Details of the new member/s are to be advised to MD on MyLCI with the induction date along with the name of the sponsor, and items will be forwarded to the Club, e.g. sponsor certificates, information book. Contact MD direct if any delay is experienced.

Guiding Lions

DG Peter had pleasure in presenting Lion David Lyons and Lion Robert Zee with their Certified Guiding Lions Achievement Certificates.

Working with Children Legislation

DGE Graham Jackson advises that all Club members who have contact with children while on projects must have a Blue Card for Qld Clubs, or NSW Registration for the NSW Clubs, under the Working with Children Legislation. This requirement is included also in the District Policy Minutes Section 18.

Lions Medical Research

Art Union: tickets going on sale from 1 December, closes 26 April 2016. First Prize Active X Wagon valued \$37,284-. Second prize Opal and Pearl necklace donated by Beryl Phippard, Third Prize Coles Myer Gift Card. Art Union 1502 was won by Lions Club of Bluff.