

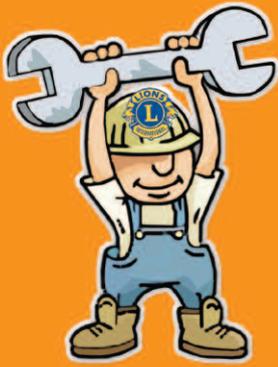


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*We have a nearly century-long tradition of **strengthening communities through service.***

Time is a Traveller is the opening line of the chorus of Peter Allen's immortal Tenterfield Saddler song – and I am feeling that sentiment now more than ever.

As I progress through my year as your District Governor, and now running my own business as well, and doing my best to keep up with my own Lions Club activities, I am finding Time is my biggest problem, or at least the management of time.

There is so much more I want to do as your Governor, but only have 5 more months to do it in, and there are still a lot of commitments to meet during that time.

March to May Membership Months are coming up very quickly and I am going to have to ask all of you for your help. Try as hard as I can, I cannot do it all so you will have to help me. Our District Membership is still sliding unfortunately, although not as quickly as recent years, but sliding never-the-less.

I am asking all of you to help us to reverse that trend.

Our GMT team are working hard to get a new club up in the Redbank Plains area, and I am going to be working hard with another team to re-establish Lions to the Brisbane Woollongabba, Hamilton, Coorparoo, Riverside area where we have now lost 3 clubs this year and in recent times.

Our western team are working on a branch club of Warwick out at Allora.

I am asking all of the rest of you to focus on retaining members in your own clubs and helping get more people to experience the wonderful world of Lionism in your area.

Please remember that we haven't had distinct areas for each of our clubs for many years – please don't be afraid therefore to help out other adjacent clubs, working together for membership if you need to. I ask those of you in stronger clubs to consider helping your neighbours in weaker clubs. We are all in this together and we all benefit from having more Lions in our district, regardless of where they are and in which clubs.

On a much sadder note, I attended the funeral on Monday, of our esteemed cabinet colleague Andrew McDougal from Rosewood Lions Club. Andrew has been our Hearing Dogs Champion for some time and we will miss his quiet and unassuming nature and leadership greatly. I wish his partner Christine and his family heartfelt condolences.

Vale Andrew McDougal.

Perhaps, this too has impressed upon me the sentiment that I expressed at the start of this comment. We are all getting older, and I, for one, am extremely passionate about keeping Lions as a valid and dynamic organisation in our communities' lives for many more years to come, and that can only be attained by Growth and Retention.

Australia Day yesterday – and getting up at 3.30am to get the BBQ trailer down to the park to cook breakfast for a few hundred people with Kingscliff Lions Club, and then up to the high school to do it all again for the Shire Citizenship Ceremony at lunchtime, then packing it all back in the shed for next time makes for a tiring but happy and productive day – and a welcome affirmation of why we keep doing this. It is a fantastic feeling – we just need to get more people in to help us to appreciate this feeling.

Please remember – TIME IS A TRAVELLER.

Cheers,

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From the Cabinet Secretary's desk



In the next month I will be sending out your **PU101 forms** to fill in after your election. Current secretaries - it would be great if you could please assist the incoming secretary to fill in the form.

The cut-off date will be Thursday 14th April. 2016

There are a few things that clubs missed last year on the forms which made it very difficult:

You need to fill in your **Club Name, Address** and also the **email address** that you want linked to the generic email address. Some clubs don't use the secretary's personal address because they have a club address. If this is so, please make sure you put that in the correct place.

If you have any changes from the Multiple District Directory please email me so I can adjust.

The Multiple District Convention in Echuca runs from Thursday 12th – Monday 16th May 2016. Registration forms are available on line. Our membership figures are 1919 we are minus 11 for the month. World Wide 1,387,150

As many of you probably did in the early morning New Year's Day, you thought back on the year just gone - the good, the bad and the ugly - and to try to plan a course for the year ahead.

As Lions Clubs we should do the same. At your next meeting why not review what your club has achieved in the previous 6 months, who have you helped, what connections have been made with the public, what have you raised and given back to the community? Look at the money raised given the hours of member participation.

Our activities and their outcomes are the basis for a report we provide for LCI, service and the people touched. All of these basics are what we report via MyLCI, so these are easy numbers to get. It is an important thing to look at your members, both new and old, reminisce on the fun you have all had and contributions you have all made to make your club a success. Look at the new friends you have made and the new members you have welcomed.

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

Ormeau:
Rochdale Springwood:
Rosewood:
Runaway Bay:

Margaret Kelley
Andrew Cieslak
Carrie Wilson
Robert Palmer



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Australia Day Awards 2016

OAM: Lion Beverley Joan FRASER,
Macgregor Lions Club

For service to the community through
Lions International.



Monday, 8th February

Many Chinese Australian families spend Chinese New Year by gathering together for a festive meal. Children often receive red envelopes with money (Hong Bao, Ang Pao, or Lai See). The Chinese New Year celebrations can last for about 15 days. It is usually a busy time filled with festive programs across different communities in Australia.

Chinese New Year is not a nationwide public holiday in Australia. However, some Chinese businesses may be closed on the day or amend their business hours to take part in the Chinese New Year festivities. There may be heavy traffic and some streets may be closed in towns or cities where Chinese New Year celebrations are held.

Chinese people first came to Australia in large numbers during Australia's Gold Rush in the 1850s and 1860s. About one-third of the miners were Chinese. Many Chinese-Australian families can trace their settlement in Australia to that time. Monuments and buildings developed by Chinese settlers serve as reminders of the long history of Chinese immigration to Australia. Examples remain in towns such as Ballarat and Bendigo in Victoria. The Chinese-Australian community holds a variety of events to celebrate festivals such as Chinese New Year.

Peace Poster Contest 2016-17

“A Celebration of Peace”

This is the theme of the 2016 -2017 Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organised youth groups. **Students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15th 2016 are eligible to participate.**

Through the contest students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme. Each year a different theme incorporating Peace is chosen. Twenty four international finalists are selected to represent the work of more than 350,000 young participants from around 75 countries worldwide. Since 1988 more than 3.6 million children have participated.

Encouraging Youth: Each year since 1988 Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups, encouraging young people to artistically express their vision of peace as well as expressing in words what peace means.

Promoting the Arts: Participants use a variety of mediums including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint to express a new theme developed each year to spark their imagination. The works created are unique and express the young artist's life experience and culture.

Getting Organised: Sponsor a Peace Poster contest in your community and encourage local boys and girls (aged 11–13) to celebrate peace through art.

Resources for organising and promoting your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit which will be available from Club Supplies in Newcastle towards the end of February. Your club will require one kit for each contest held.

As the school year starts it is recommended that your club Peace Poster Chairman approaches your local schools early in the year to ask the teachers to put the Peace Poster Contest into their curriculum for the second or third terms.

Lions International Essay Contest “A Celebration of Peace”

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2016-17 Lions International Essay Contest is “A Celebration of Peace”. **Students who are visually impaired and who are aged 11, 12 or 13 on November 15 2016, are eligible to participate.**

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. There is only one grand prize. The winning Essay will receive an Award plus US\$5,000.

Essay Contest Guidelines

Essays are to be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. Each essay is to be submitted with a completed entry form, through your local Lions Club.

The contest rules and entry form will be available on the Lions Australia website or they can be emailed to you by contacting your **District Chairman, Lion Beverley Drysdale – email - beverley.drysdale@bigpond.com.**



2015-16 National Winner

The National winning poster for 2015-16 was Dylan, Lions Club of Oatley, District N5.

This poster has been sent to Lions International headquarters for the International judging.

Outward Bound Inspiring Australians

The 2016 January camp at Uki concluded on the 22nd.

Fourteen teenagers participated in the twelve days of activities of which five were sponsored by Lions Clubs in our district.

That is fourteen more young people going forward to become responsible members of their community.

Well Done Lions

2016 Camps are held in school holidays in June and September.

I am now seeking further funding and youths from our district for these camps.

For further information please contact:

Lion Lois McHenry, Chairman 201Q1 Outward Bound Youth Project
362 Cobaki Road Cobaki NSW 2486
[P] 07 5590 7352. [M] 04273 10408. Email: donlo200@gmail.com



Outward Bound
www.outwardbound.org.au



Lions Club of Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach



Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach Lions Club are proud to have provided this dormitory to Hotpittayakom School, Hot, Chiang Mai, Thailand. The dormitory is now home to 16 students who are from Hill Tribe Villages. If not for the new dormitory they would not be able to continue their education.

The planning and fund raising for this project commence in April, 2015. The members of Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach Lions Club worked together to make it happen and the finished product will be a legacy to them for many, many years to come. It will provide accommodation for hundreds of students and give them opportunities that they could previously only dream of.

Thank you for the support given by friends, the Lions Club of Launceston Riverside and especially to our members Lions Jenny and Mike Anderson were volunteer teaching at the school and oversaw the whole project. From the Director and Teachers of Hotpittayakom School a big thank you to the Lions Club for this wonderful gift.



Mermaid Broadbeach Lions were proud to be able to present to Silkwood School at Nerang a "Front Row To Go" sound field system.

The Club purchased it through Lions Hearing Dogs and due to the Unit being mobile it will be able to assist hearing impaired children at the school for years to come.

Frontrow™ To Go System: So easy, the hardest thing about Frontrow™ To Go is taking it out of the box. Completely installation-free, Frontrow™ To Go is the only "all-in-one" sound system with DuO™ Technology. Its two precision mounted speakers provide amazingly even coverage of the entire classroom in a way that few multi-speaker systems (and no single speaker) can match.

Pictured Club Secretary (Graham Jones with School Principal, teachers and a hearing impaired student)

Lions Club of Algester Parkinson

Algester Parkinson Lions Club working with foster care group Kyabra

Our club has had a 3 year relationship with Kyabra Community Association Inc. a medium sized multi-service organisation, working with families and communities to strengthen family and community.

Initially we supported their Christmas Breakfast in the park by providing the catering for Foster Carers and their children. This meant that the invited guests could have time to talk and network with each other rather than having to organise their own breakfast.

We have gone on to run the barbecue at their Fun Day serving around 600 people.

We now also assist Foster Carers who need a helping hand. We erect trampolines and swing sets for the kids and help out with the yard work when needed. One of the more unusual jobs we have had included assisting to sell a collection of car parts for a lady whose husband has passed away. **All in a day's work for a Lion!**



PHOTO: Left to right. Volunteers Sarge Sargent, Jean Atkinson, President Alex Atkinson and Treasurer Di Henderson



On 21 January Lion Peter Massey has been honoured with a Local Legends Award from Logan City for his work over many years supporting the hearing impaired through the Lions Hearing Dog Program and Better Hearing Australia. Peter is very modest about the work he does to help others but really fulfils the Lions purpose of "We Serve".

(PHOTO) Here is Peter being presented with his award by Dr Jim Chalmers MP

Congratulations Peter from all of us in Lions

Peter is going (to try) to establish a BHA-Support group for the Hearing Impaired on the Redcliffe peninsular. He will run both support groups in parallel (after the first few months). He will continue to do as much admin. work with BHA as he can, but his priority will be to return to his original focus .. service delivery to the Hearing Impaired community.

A Logan City Legend!

See more details on page 14...

Lions Club of Tweed Coast South

(Photo) A shade shelter we built for our community at Hardy Park Pottsville Beach, this could not have been achieved without the help of an ALF grant. We are also going to build another one hopefully next month just waiting on Tweed Shire Council to give us the go ahead. Thanks to our community supporting us with our BBQs on market days, our raffles at Easter, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Christmas, without that we would not be able to build the shelters.



On the **26th-27th March 2016** the **Lions Club of Tweed Coast South** will be running the **Lions Pottsville Fishing Classic** with \$15,000 worth of prizes to be won. You'll be fishing for a secret fish, with winners drawn from one of six species.

1st place prize \$1500, 2nd place prize \$1000, Major prize Boat, motor and trailer valued at \$7000.

Entry Adults \$25 & Juniors \$15 (under16). Prizes for Vets, Mens, Ladies and Juniors.

On Sunday 27th March Catch Party on the lawns at Pottsville Beach Sports Club,

9am Weigh-Off & BBQ Breakfast, **10am** Minor Prize Winners” You've got to be here to win! **11am** Fish Auction

“Bid and win fish caught in the Classic! **1pm** Live Band, **2pm** Major Prize Winner Announced “You've got to be here to win.”

Contact Club Secretary Lion Maxine O'Dwyer at maxine19odwyer@gmail.com

BRISBANE RIVERSIDE LIONS CLUB.

Please note that this club has now officially closed down.
Members are in the process of transferring into other clubs.

Prostate Cancer Research project. This project together with yours truly has been transferred to the Lions Club of Holland Park, all procedures will remain as is.



President Pauline congratulating Natasha on her successful efforts.

Cleveland Challenge Lions Club Encouragement Award

This is the FIFTEENTH Encouragement Award and Bursary our Cleveland Challenge Lions Club has given to the Cleveland State Primary School.

Our first one was the year of our Club Charter in 2001 and we continued every year with our latest one in December 2015.

What makes this newsworthy is the background story of our latest Encouragement Award recipient Natasha Radionova who migrated from Russia at the beginning of 2015 and started school with very limited English. She went on to achieve outstanding results during the year in all areas despite having to learn our language and her school subjects.

Natasha filled all the requirements of our Lions Encouragement Award and Bursary.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

Letter to the Editor

Dear Greg,

I always thought “fewer” and “less” meant the same thing, but a friend told me I was wrong. What's the difference?—Anonymous

EDITOR: Many people believe “fewer” and “less” are interchangeable, but that's not true. While both words signify a smaller quantity of something, each has a more specific use.

“**Fewer**” emphasizes number and modifies plural nouns, as in a smaller number of persons or individual items. Fewer than 10 Lions attended last night's Board meeting. I have fewer strikeouts than anyone on my softball team.

“**Less**” focuses on matters of degree, bulk or quantity. It often modifies collective nouns, mass nouns and nouns denoting an abstract whole.

This means that the Supermarket signs on fast lanes should read “15 items or fewer.”

“Australian Lions Foundation Bushfire Appeal” supporting local Lions Clubs in bushfire affected communities in their relief efforts.

<https://www.givenow.com.au/australianlionsfoundation>

SOME PEOPLE
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PROBLEM.



As we respond to the current calls for assistance in the aftermath of those disastrous bushfires I am reminded of the words of Merv Ferguson (District Governor 2012 – 2013)

I am Australian

We work with other heroes whose stories must be told
We helped those in floods and fires saving many souls
From the depths of despair, your towns will rise again
We mourn your loss, but you'll rebuild 'cause you're Australian
We offer words of comfort so we can ease the pain
Of losing homes and loved ones, though memories remain
Within the silent tears you'll find the strength to carry on
You're not alone 'cause we are here as Lions from 201Q1

Chorus

We are one but we are many
From District 201Q1 we come
We sing with one voice and share a dream
I am, you are, we are the Q1 team

We come in from the desert and the black soil of the plains
The mountains and valleys amid drought and flooding rains
We are Lions that serve with pride where the rivers run
We share the spirit of this great land, we are Australian
We are the grandsons and daughters of our early pioneers
Became Lions to gain our wisdom that will last for years
We have seen the best of good times and even rocky roads
But by being in a Lions club ensures we share our loads

Chorus

www.lionsclubs.org.au/alf-newsflash-national-bushfire-appeal

Editor

Last week I was working as a Supply Teacher in a class where there was a Student Teacher in attendance. She asked me, “What is the most difficult thing with teaching?” I replied that with the ever increasing numbers of migrant children, calling the Roll is the most difficult. She thought that I was joking until I asked her do this task.

“Mustafa Al Eih Zeri?” – “Here”, “Achmed El Kabul?” – “Here”, “Fatima Al Hayek?” – “Here”, “Ali Abdul Oli?” – “Here”, “Mohammed Bin Kadir?” – “Here”, “Ali Son al Len?” . . . silence in the classroom, “Ali Son al Len?” . . . continued silence as everyone looked around the room She repeated, “Is this the name of any child here?”

A girl stood up and said, “I think it's me, Miss. It's pronounced Alison Allen.”

The same problem occurs for the MC at Australian Citizenship Ceremonies, however Lion David McKenzie breezed through all 54 names without a mistake last Australia Day – Legend!

NOTE for members going to the Multiple District Convention in Echuca in May

2016 National Convention



District Governor Peter has joined with the other Queensland Governors to hold a combined dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday 15th May. This dinner can be booked on the Convention Registration form. The Venue will be printed on your tickets.

There will be Hospitality buses available for the Combined Dinner Sunday and the Gala Ball on the Monday night, if you wish to purchase bus tickets they are also available on the registration form.

The Lions Australia 2016 National Convention will be held in the historic town of Echuca (a-choo-ka) located on the banks of the Murray and Campaspe Rivers in Victoria.

Echuca Lions club is planning an unforgettable convention in a city which combines modern sophistication with the history and magic of yesteryear, commencing with a very special opening ceremony on 12 May 2016 on the waterfront. The convention concludes on 16 May 2016.

Echuca is in the heart of Rich River Country. With a District population of approx. 20,000, Rich River Country is centrally situated on the Murray River 216 Kilometres north of Melbourne. Autumn is a lovely time of the year. With an average of 10 hours of day light and daily average temperatures during May of 20 degrees, Echuca is the ideal place to be.

Tourism is a major part of the infrastructure of Echuca. The main attraction to all visitors is the mighty Murray River and the bustling Port of Echuca on its banks. It is recognised as one of Australia's finest heritage icons. Built in 1865 by the Victorian Railways, the Port of Echuca Wharf was crucial to Echuca's development, as goods from NSW and VIC were transported by rail to Melbourne for shipment around the world. Echuca and the Port precinct were the setting for the movie "All the Rivers Run"

The Inland Port of Echuca represents the pageantry of the river trade's heyday and offers an extraordinary insight into our pioneering days. The Wharf has undergone a three million dollar facelift with walkways and interactive displays which will allow us to use this wonderful facility and our world famous paddle steamers for our Opening Ceremony, and the adjoining "Old Street" for meet and greet. The theme for our Convention is "Riverboats". We will showcase the mighty Murray River and our famous fleet of Paddle steamers, the largest and oldest in the world.

Modern Echuca offers the visitor great shopping, a myriad of accommodation – varying from Motels, apartments, B&Bs to Houseboats and Caravan Parks and a variety of Restaurants to suit all budgets.

The Stubberfield Sports and Entertainment Centre will be the home of the Plenary sessions and is capable of seating up to 1800 with plenty of free parking adjacent to the centre.

For more details please visit www.echuca.vic.lions.org.au

TO BOOK ACCOMMODATION:

Contact: www.echucamoamatourism.com.au

Follow links to the Lions National Convention. OR ring 1800 804 446.

John Simson, Convention Secretary 03 5482 5401

Download Convention Registration Form – <http://lionsclubs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Registration-Form-26Nov.pdf>

PUT THESE EVENTS IN YOUR DIARY...

8 February – (Monday): Chinese New Year

20 & 21 February – 4th Cabinet Meeting @ Upper Mt Gravatt SS

23 February – Trivia Night at the Shearers Arms on Tuesday 23rd February - Ormeau Lions

26-28 February – Camp Duckadang Working Bee-Contact: Peter Boge - pboge@bigpond.net.au

2 March: - COMBINED SERVICES DINNER – Lions are to host a Combined Services Dinner on Wednesday, 2 March 2016 at Fitzy's at Loganholme. Pam Parker, the Mayor of Logan will be the guest speaker. All organisations that provide services in Logan City are invited. **BOOKINGS** rochedalespringwoodlc@yahoo.com.au



(Qld. Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday, 19 March 2016 and Pam has indicated that she will not nominate for re-election this time.)

6 March – (Sunday) - Clean Up Australia Day www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au

25-28 March – Easter

26-27 March – Lions Pottsville Fishing Classic (Details in this Newsletter)

2 April – (Saturday) – YOTY District Final HOST CLUB: Runaway Bay Lions Club
– Moreton Bay Lions Club's 60th Anniversary

Remember, if your club or portfolio has a major event in the next three (3) months, then email details to the District Newsletter Chairman at greg.nothing@gmail.com

Rescue Mission for Children Chang Rai Thailand

Looking for a Guest Speaker at your Club?

In 2009 a member of **Rochedale-Springwood Lions Club** was asked to go to an orphanage in northern Thailand to build a playground for **500 orphans**, who are stateless children. Some of these children have no parents while some may have one parent. However, they have no documentation of where they are from.

To make this project happen Lion Michael, Lions Lady Carmel and Lion Frankie set out to raise \$8000 with the help from Rochedale Springwood Lions. In August 2009 Michael & Craig (who works for Michael) left for the hills in ChaingRai to manufacture a playground in 2 weeks. At the same time they also helped to train the young boys with work skills, such as welding, drilling, cutting so that they have a skill to help them gain employment.

During those 2 weeks the group at the orphanage discussed different ways of helping these kids get a start in life and to help stop slavery. Child slavery in Thailand is very real. Kids are kidnapped and put to work in brothels, factories, drug running and all sorts of illegal activities. We are talking about kids as young as 8 working in the brothels. What choice do they have? None! Corruption is very real and with money you can buy what you want, especially children. A few months previously there were 20 children **STOLEN** from a school in broad daylight, and no one sees anything. The majority of these kids will end up in a brothel, tortured and broken down to do what they are told.

David and Asa Stevenson who run the orphanage had decided to build a school to stop the kids from being stolen. They were looking for help to make it happen.

4 Men in Thailand, No it's not a movie or soap opera, it's about giving back.

In the year 2009 Rochedale Springwood Lions Club watched an operation unfold at Rescue Mission for Children in the north of Thailand with the installation of a playground.

Lion's member Michael has been making the trek back to help change the lives of children, now he has taken other volunteers with him to help with the task. Noel McKay, Terry Wark, Paul Evans and Michael Burgess gave up 2 weeks of their time to go and help some AHKA Hill tribe children who are stateless living in Northern Thailand.

Rochedale Springwood Lions Club has been involved with this project for 6 years, and again approved \$2500 for the renovation of part of this mission.

This is how the money was spent:

- the boys made up new fly screens for the windows as there weren't any there, frame work had to be individually made for each window.
- They cleaned, scrubbed, and washed walls, tiles and toilets.
- Eight units were renovated by painting repairing lights, electrical light switches and power points. Rooms were painted as well as the toilets.
- Doors were repaired, new door locks installed, and glass louvers were replaced.
- All hot water systems were checked repaired or replaced.
- Plumbing, taps were replaced, sinks unblocked and toilets that had to be repaired.
- We made safe existing power cables by terminating live lines removing exposed live wires (these were capped off and made safe or terminated at the electrical box).
- Repairs to the roof sheeting were replaced to cover the holes in one of the dorms. • We also installed two new power points and ran electrical conduit and cable, this was for the two new wall fans we purchased in the dorm.
- All the old shackles on the swings were replaced with new ones supplied by Terry Wark Manager of Playworks.

Over the two weeks a lot of work was carried out and I have to say the most inspirational thing I encountered was seeing three other men bonding with Stateless Children and taking the time to learn their names and interact with them teaching them English and different skills from how to kick a ball to helping clean, paint and fly screen making. It goes to show how grown men can learn new skills and see another side of life giving back was not hard. The three men with me are not Lions Members. As a Lion you learn to give back and these men have come back home with a different view to life. The four men chipped in as funds ran out to purchase 4 extra fans for volunteer's rooms.

If Rochedale Springwood Lions Club can support this project it would be good to see other Lions Club be involved as well. I am happy to do an information night as a guest speaker on how your club and members can get involved. There is still a lot of work to be done at Rescue Mission for Children and we need monetary support as well as volunteers.

Lion Michael Burgess mcburgess@optusnet.com.au



Lion Michael at work helping build some classrooms.



300 egg-laying chickens in their new home – thanks to Michael and our Club.

Yes, we purchased feed also!

EDITOR:

I still haven't worked out how Michael managed to get 300 chooks in his suitcases on the plane. He claims that he achieved this by egg mail.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Message from Jenny



I am happy to report that our District has so far been able to make donations to six different Breast Cancer causes including:

- National Breast Cancer Foundation
- Kim Walters Choices Program
- Qld Cancer Council
- McGrath Foundation
- Breast & Prostate Cancer Assn.
- The University of Queensland

We have been able to do this through fundraising at the last two District Conventions and also the donations made by individual Lions & Leos Clubs – which is absolutely fabulous...

But we cannot stop there ... we need to keep going for as long as we can so that we can keep making donations to these very worthwhile causes in hope that one day one of the researchers will help to find a cure.

So how can your Lions Club continue to help??

- Don't forget to utilise the Lions Musk Lollies in March – for the “March Musk Madness Month” – where you donate the sales from the Musk Lollies for March to Breast Cancer...
- There are still a few “Pink Origami Cranes” for sale – contact me on the great deals for the remainder Origami Cranes.
- Or host an **A B C D**.....

What is an **A B C D** you ask ?? – it is an **April Breast Cancer Dinner** – where your Club hosts a Dinner of any kind in April for Breast Cancer – make it a “pink” dinner and have lots of fun while raising monies for Breast Cancer. Email me some photos (max 3 photos please) of your dinner and send me your donation cheque for the funds raised (cheques to be written out to Lions District 201Q1) and your Club could win a prize. It is something so simple, but will be lots of fun... Remember **A B C D**: how creative can your Club be??

Help Support...Many thanks

Jenny Maguire – Breast Cancer Awareness

Ph: (m) 0412 358 205 or (e) lionjenny.01@bigpond.com

Travel

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in **Suspense!** It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in **Vincible** but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in **Denial** but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I have been in **Deepshit** many times; the older I get, the easier it is to get there. I actually kind of enjoy it there. So far, I haven't been in **Continent**; but my travel agent says I'll be going soon.

Lions Club of Ormeau

The Lions Club of Ormeau are back from their well-earned Christmas break, and are busy organising the World's Greatest Shave fund-raiser. This year, there will also be a Trivia Night to raise funds and encourage more participants to join the Lions Team and shave or colour their hair or beard. Local businesses have donated some great prizes for the Trivia Night.



When: 7pm - Tuesday 23rd Feb, 2016

Where: **SHEARERS ARMS TAVERN**
23 Peachy Rd, **ORMEAU**

\$40.00 for a team of 4

Limited numbers - Bookings essential

Ph: **Lion Lyn Young 0401-232-767**

All funds raised go to the Leukaemia Foundation



Tamworth Peel Valley Lions Club Award

In 1994 the Lions Club of Tamworth Peel Valley Inc. instigated an award to honour people involved in Country Music who have used their musical talents to give community service in a voluntary capacity.

Nominations are called from Lions Clubs throughout Australia and this year **Darryl & Robyn Freiberg** were selected to receive the 23rd P.V.L.C. Australian Country Music Community Service Award at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Darryl & Robyn were nominated by the Lions Club of Boonah Inc. in southern Qld.

The presentation of the award to Darryl & Robyn's Granddaughter ,Becc Holdorf took place live on air on Tamworth Toyota Festival FM 106.1 on Wednesday, 20 January, 2016 at 9.15am.

Darryl & Robyn have been involved in Country Music most of their lives and were foundation members of the Boonah Country Music Club in the early 1990s with the whole family continuing the love for Country Music and the relationship with the club ever since.

The Freiberg family are regular organisers and performers at Country Music events and are involved in fundraising with many organisations for events such as drought, flood, disaster relief, church, retirement villages and seniors' group functions.

Darryl & Robyn received a distinctive, mounted Tamworth "Dunny" created by renowned local ceramic artist Fred Hillier and a cheque for \$500 which they will donate to the charity Fassifern Blue Care.



In 1642 Abel Tasman discovered Tasmania, New Zealand and Fiji, but never noticed Australia.



International Club Twinning

• Clubs are encouraged to consider the International Club Twinning Programme by setting up a twinning relationship with a Lions Club overseas. This is a voluntary agreement to exchange ideas, information about Club activities, to build friendships and mutual understanding and thus further the Purposes of Lionism—" to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world" and " to unite the Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding"

Clubs may make the initial contact with an overseas Club in a number of ways.

- Lions holidaying overseas making contact with a Lions Club.
- Relatives living overseas.
- Lions visiting Australia.
- By contacting the District Chairman.

The Lions International web site has a Club Locator link. This details gives details of all Lions Clubs in a particular country, including name of Club, Club number, District, Name of President, place of meeting, and an E mail address.

Some examples of the kind of material which can be sent to a twinned Club.

- Club and District Bulletins
- Information and photographs about major Club activities.
- Exchanging Club bannerettes or pins.
- DVD's about Club activities and projects.
- Publicity material available from MD201.

When a twinning relationship has been established Clubs should apply for recognition by Lions International in the form of a certificate or banner patch. Forms are available from me.

Operation Friendship

Lions couples from District 201Q1 will be visiting Lions Clubs overseas during April / May 2016.

- **Greg and Joann Warden** (Goondiwindi LC) will visit District 106B, Denmark
- **Rob and Alison Lewis** (Kingscliff LC) will visit District 104E, Norway.
- **Don and Lois McHenry** may visit District 107N, Finland. I am waiting on confirmation from 107N that they intend to participate in the Operation Friendship programme.

Within the next couple of months I expect to receive applications from Norway, Denmark and possibly Finland for Lions couples to visit our District in October 2016 for the District Convention at Kingscliff.

I will have the task of arranging host families for the visitors who will spend 5 or 6 days with each host family.

I would appreciate any offers for Lions couples or Lions Clubs interested in hosting the visitors. Former host families report the hosting is always a very pleasant experience for them and the visitors. **Any Lions interested please contact me by phone or email.**

Lion Ian Manwaring

Operation Friendship Coordinator District 201Q1

72 Adelaide Street, Tweed Heads NSW 2485

Phone: 07 5536 2700 email: itsman@bigpond.com

Operation Friendship Visitors 2015 Happy New Year!

Hello everybody!

First of all, Inger and I want to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR ! And again we want to say, thank you all, for fantastic days in Australia! It was a experience we never, never will forget!!

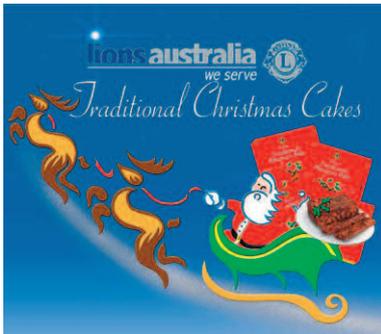
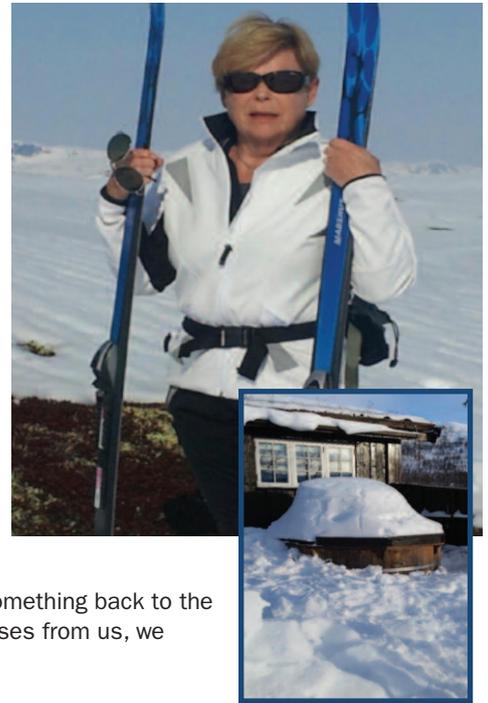
Here in Bergen it is a real winter now, cold and snow. Last week Inger and I were in our cottage, and it was minus16 degree of frost, but much snow, so we were able to try skiing.

For Inger it was exciting, because she got a new knee six weeks ago! It operated very well!

We hope all of you feel well too! We have now about 200 pictures from our holidays in your beautiful country. We both loved the stay with every host family, and we must say thanks again and again to Ian for being a co-ordinator in Operation Friendship.

We are ready to be host family for people from Australia. And it will be good for us to give something back to the people who have given Inger and I so many good experiences! Thanks!! Say hello to your spouses from us, we hope to see you all again!!

Inger Alise & Ola Martin



District 201 Q1 Xmas Cakes And Mints

CONGRATULATIONS to all Q1 Clubs for an overall percentage increase in Lions Christmas Cakes/Puddings orders for our 2015/2016 year.

The bulk of this increase has been in the Mini Lions Christmas Cakes, which is not too surprising, as these products return a 100% profit on sales. Another bonus is that they can be marketed and sold all year long without having to be stored until next years Christmas sales.

On a slight downside, the purchases of the large 1.5 kg. was slightly down on last year, but apparently sales remained quite positive. This decrease apparently had quite a bit to do with most clubs still retaining these large cakes from last year's orders.

On the Lions Mints side, orders remained fairly static, with less than 50% of Q1 Clubs getting involved in Lions Mints sales. I do find this surprising a bit, as Lions Mints also return a 100% profit.

Lions Fudge is now no longer being produced, with the makers pulling out of this market. For any clubs who still are involved in Lions Fudge sales, this product will no longer be available. I am aware that this will not apply to many clubs as very few are involved with this product.

We might not have achieved D.G. Peter's GREEEDY challenge of a 10% increase in Lions Christmas Cakes/Puddings orders for this past year, but even he must be impressed with our overall result. Once again, well done and thank you for your support.

Lion Don Mc Henry. Chairman 2015-2016

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Helen Keller Fellowship

Helen Keller has been identified within our organization for the work that she did for the blind. Many forget that Helen was also deaf, and she was committed to improving the education facilities for both the deaf and the blind.

She gave inspiration and hope to the many deaf/blind people of this world. It is because of her work for the deaf that Lion's Hearing Dogs Inc. has chosen to establish this fellowship.



June 1st Lions Clubs
Remembers
Helen Keller
Keeping the Promise!



Quote from Helen Keller

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught."

For just \$A1000, a Helen Keller Fellowship can be purchased by a District, Club, Lion, Company or a private individual.

The recipient will be presented with an impressive A4 sized plaque. It is a mirrored brass plate mounted on a bevelled edged timber backing, with wall mounting. Images of Helen Keller, Lion's Hearing Dog symbol, and the Lion's logo are laser etched into the plaque with words of your choosing. (Where required other logos may be added). Each fellowship is numbered and Lion's Hearing Dogs will mount the list of fellowships issued on its website.

Download the order form from: www.hearingdogs.asn.au

Orders may be lodged in the following ways:

email: hearingdogs@picknowl.com.au

Mail: PO Box 164 Hahndorf SA 5245

Fax: Lions Hearing Dogs (08) 8388 1299

Phone: (08) 8388 7836

Details required: Presented to: **Name** (Title if required eg Lion, PDG, DG etc.)

(The fellowship may also be awarded to an organization).

By: This may be left blank for personal purchases (the plaque will be altered accordingly).

Delivery address: Street Addressed Only. **NO PO Box delivery.** City, State, Post Code.

Plaques will be despatched by mail from Adelaide so allow adequate time for delivery.

Please ensure that your spelling and wording is correct, particularly with telephone orders.

Make cheques payable to: Lions Hearing Dogs Inc., PO Box 164, Hahndorf, SA, 5245



In 1925, when she was 45 years old, Helen made her now famous challenge to Lions.

"I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind.

Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

You can constitute yourself a knight of the deaf for just \$A1000.00, so please give this your earnest consideration for your end of year awards.



Anniversary Celebration

Lions Club of Moreton Bay

Date: **Saturday 2nd April 2016**
Time: **6:30pm for 7:00pm start**
Venue: **The Wynnum-Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Road, Manly West**

Cost: **\$40.00 per person**
Includes: **2 course dinner & Entertainment**
Dress: **Smart casual**
Important: **Please advise if you have any dietary requirements**
RSVP with Payment: **By 22nd March 2016 to Margaret Wearne on 0418 989 135 or (07) 3396 8360 or email roar46@bigpond.net.au**

Cheques payable to Lions Club Moreton Bay, PO Box 57, Wynnum Central, 4178

Direct deposit details: BSB: 084-468 (NAB) Acct No: 01941 3745 Acct Name: Lions Club Moreton Bay

Please type in surname and number of guests paid for e.g. Smith 2

Australia Day, 26 January, 2016



Australia Day, 26 January, is the biggest day of celebration in the country and is observed as a public holiday in all states and territories.

On Australia Day we come together as a nation celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian.

It's the day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation.

It's the day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future.

What's great about Australia?

There are many great things about this country:

The people - The life savers on the beach and the farmers in the bush; the larrikins; our sporting heroes, artists and visionaries; the volunteers who dedicate their lives to others; the spirit of pulling together in hard times and achieving beyond expectation; the eminent Australians from all walks of life, the battlers and the ordinary Australians who are anything but ordinary.

The indigenous cultures - The rich and resilient spirituality; the knowledge, art and history. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are part of Australia's identity and culture.

Our land - Fragile yet enduring. Harsh and extreme, lush and bountiful-a continent like no other. Our ancient land offers boundless opportunity, sustains us and makes us who we are.

Our freedom and democracy - A society built on fundamental rights and responsibilities. Freedom of thought and expression. Participation in government and respect for and equality under the law.

Our diversity - A nation of difference and unity. People from the city, the country, different nations and backgrounds; we are one people, living together. Through our diverse beliefs and experiences we learn from each other and grow together.

A fair go for all - An enduring spirit of mateship and fairness. A compassionate society committed to access to employment, housing, health and education. Ours is a land of opportunity where we can do anything.

Many Lions Clubs in District 201Q1 host Citizenship Ceremonies with Australia Day being the most popular date.

Helensvale (84 New Australians)
Sunnybank (114 New Australians)
Mudgeeraba (24 New Australians)
Rosedale Springwood (54)
Rosewood (19 New Australians)
Macgregor



TRADITIONALLY,

the Lions Club of Rosedale Springwood meets on 26 January to host an Australian Citizenship Ceremony.

This year there were 54 New Australians (17 countries) at the ceremony held at the Community Centre at Trinder Park Rest Home in Laurel Street Woodridge. The venue was an air conditioned hall with all the facilities required. Once again the Southern Cross Singers were in attendance and Dr Jim Chalmers MP was the Presider. A highly successful event.

A Lectern for Trinder Park Community Hall: With support from the Logan City Council and the Rosedale Springwood Lions Club, Lion Lance Roberts organised a Lectern to be constructed by the members of the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed. The completed lectern was presented to the Trinder Park Committee on Australia Day.

Our Local Legend. (cont.)

Lion Peter Massey a member of the Rosedale/Springwood Lions Club has been a member of the Lions for more than 20 years.

Despite being profoundly deaf Peter put himself through University gaining qualifications in several scientific and medical fields: He gained Under-graduate and Post-graduate Honours in Psychology and Physiology. Has had Australian and International Registration in Cytology. His career included Research Assistant, a tutor and casual lecturer in Physiology, Animal Physiology and Cytology at the University of Queensland and Griffith University, CSIRO working in Pain & Behaviour-Bovine (Tick Research) Cell Biology, Royal Women's Hospital in Cytology and established the Cytology Service for the QML on the North Coast of Queensland.

For ten years Peter spoke to community groups on the benefits of owning a Lion's Hearing dog to the hearing impaired. Peter was accompanied for all this time by Lions Hearing Dog, Sandy who unfortunately passed away with cancer at the end of 2015. Sandy was happy to demonstrate how the Hearing Dog responds to noises around the home that we all take for granted. As the result of hundreds of hours speaking and thousands of kilometres travelled, (from Maleny on Queensland's Sunshine Coast to Lismore in N.S.W. Peter and Sandy raised many thousands of dollars for this Lion's program. They were very well known throughout South East Queensland, particularly in the City of Logan due to their support of his Lions Club bar-b-ques and raffles. (Due to Sandy's friendly nature many parents felt duty bound to stop and purchase at the venues, due to children stopping to talk and pat Sandy). Sales always increased dramatically on the days that Peter and Sandy were in attendance.

Despite his heavy involvement in Lion's Club activities Peter also found time to be a volunteer Secretary/Treasurer for Better Hearing Australia (Queensland Branch), a support group for the Hearing Impaired. He founded a branch in Logan City and shortly intends to open another branch in Redcliffe, north of Brisbane.

I am sure that everybody will agree with me that Peter was a most worthy recipient of this honour.