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Lions,

I trust everybody had a healthy and hearty Easter, and are now ready for the winter months ahead.

Our Youth of the year finals are now in full swing, and the standard of the entrants I have seen so far has been exceptional.

It all bodes well for our future.

I was quite stunned this past month when the principal of a catholic college decided to hand their Leo's Club charter in because they wanted the kids charity efforts to be focussed on the churches' own charity. I am stunned because I thought that most schools in this day and age would be sufficiently broad minded to be able to accommodate differing points of view and philosophies. Without discussing sectarian religion I confess being very disappointed with this arbitrary decision.

Our membership numbers appear to be "turning the corner" slowly and the past month or two has seen our numbers slowly rising back up to our year's starting point again.

I have also seen some more evidence that members of our clubs are caring more for their fellow Lions, which has resulted in fewer numbers leaving us than at the start of the year – fingers crossed that that trend will continue.

Our first vice District Governor Graham "Jacko" Jackson is hard at work organising his cabinet for next year, and he and Lesley are arranging dates and venues for cabinet officer and club executive training. I strongly urge you Lions to attend training if you have been scheduled to go. Even if you have done the job before or are even continuing a role you currently occupy, please come to the training, as you will learn something new, and you will get answers to those questions that have been plaguing you.

Nearly all of the problems I and Lesley have had this year have related to people who could have, and should have, come to training beforehand when it was offered, and therefore know the answer themselves when the problem occurred.

We have enjoyed marvellous support from most clubs this year, and I ask that you extend this courtesy to Jacko, Anne and Kim also as their terms arrive.

Our National Convention this year is in Echuca on the mighty Murray River and I would love to see as many of you as possible there to enjoy what should be a great convention. Led by our Chairman of the Council of Governors, Phillip Johnson, this will be the epitome of our year as District Governors, and I can say without hesitation that all 19 of us this year have worked very well and very closely together and have made a difference, especially in the area of long term planning for our organisation.

I feel that I have made an extra 40 odd "friends for life" and will enjoy catching up with them at future events around our great country.

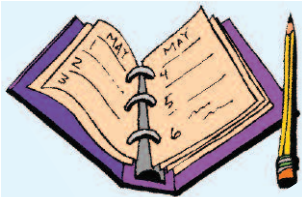
Those of you going to Fukuoka in Japan a month later for this years International Convention are also in for a great time, and I wish all of you all the best, particularly Graham as he gets sworn in as our next DG.

Lions, please take special note of the training days outlined by Lesley in this newsletter and PLEASE GO!

Until next time – good luck and good health.

Cheers,

DG Peter Oliver – Ph: (m) 0418 766 338 or (e) dg@lions201q1.org.au



For your diary

Club officer information mornings – Incoming Club Officers Presidents Secretary's Treasurers and Membership - it's to your benefit to attend these

mornings. We have three areas hosting the incoming Club officer Information mornings and you can attend any one that is convenient for you. Any one in your Club can also attend if they wish to do so. Information will come to your secretary for members to attend.

Morning tea \$6.00 per head and will start at 8.30am – 1.00pm. At all venues

Sunday May 29th – will be hosted by Killarney. Venue details will be sent to your club.

Saturday June 4th – Citi-Link Centre behind Digi Skate 40-44 Johnson Rd Hillcrest

Sunday June 5th – in Coolangatta State School Staplyton Street Coolangatta

Any Lion who is thinking of nominating for President of their club that they should be studying the Club Constitution so that they have a good knowledge of their Clubs Constitution and also their Clubs Policy Minutes.

Cabinet Officers – an information morning will be held at the Citi-Link Centre behind Digi Skate 40-44 Johnston Rd Hillcrest **Saturday April 30th** starting at 8.30am – 1.00pm.

District Changeover – **Saturday July 23rd** Sharks Football Club Southport

From the Cabinet Secretary's desk



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

Brisbane Macgregor:	Bernadette Tanner, Kar Yar Yap
Goonellabah Wollongbar & District:	Toni Russell
Lennox Head:	Joanne Anderson
Logan Village:	Euan Stevens
Rosewood:	Fionnula Connors, Rhoda Murray
Runaway Bay:	Fiona Telford
Southport:	Ivo Nekvapil
Stanthorpe:	Helen Miller
Tamborine Village:	Phillip Dietz, Colin Monro



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Our District has 1919 members • World Wide 1,402,698

Fifth Cabinet Meeting Hosted by Ballina Lions 21st 22nd May 2016

On 13 October 2015 amendments to the Holidays Act 1983 were passed by Parliament (Qld.) prescribing that from 2016, Labour Day public holiday is to be observed on the first Monday in May and the Birthday of the Sovereign (Queen's Birthday) public holiday is to be observed on the first Monday in October.

**Invitation to a Fun Evening with the Brisbane Ekibin Lions Club
and Play with Your Food to Raise Money for the
Miss Personality/Lions Medical Research Foundation**



We would like to invite you to join us on:

When: Saturday 30th April 2016
Time: 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Where: Function Room, Yeronga Services Club
Cnr Fairfield and Kadumba Streets, Yeronga.
Price: \$30 per adult
\$15 children under 12 years



Play with Your Food is a fun experience combining dining and theatrical performance. During the evening, you will get to watch two short plays, enjoy some food and connect with other members of your local community.

For tickets please call Cheryl Desmarais between 4.30pm and 8pm or email Cheryl with your numbers on dfcheryl@gmail.com. Payment can be made on the night.

We will be serving finger food, with desert and tea and coffee. Alcohol drinks can be bought from the club bar.

On the evening, the Ekibin Lions will be selling raffle tickets for our Mother's Day Raffle as well as a second evening raffle. There will also be a door prize.

We hope you will be able to join us for a fun evening filled with laughter.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

All Lions in District 201Q1 are invited to sign up to have the District Newsletter emailed directly each month.

All you have to do is to go to

www.lionsclubmember.com/District-201Q1 and sign up.

Rest assured the mailing list will be kept strictly private and be not used for any other purpose.



News Around The District

Stretch yourself, take that extra step.

The difference between ordinary & extraordinary is that little extra!

Please email details to me at greg.nothling@gmail.com.

The Lions Club of Ormeau: has been busy since returning from the Christmas break. The Saturday morning Sausage Sizzles at Drakes Supa IGA have been welcomed back by regular customers, and the Trivia Night and the World's Greatest Shave at Shearer's Arms Tavern raised almost \$6,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.



Lions Club Secretary Boyd Evans succumbed to the clippers as well as the colours, as did Lions Peter Young and Ron Weatherby. The Club level Youth of the Year attracted entries from several local high schools, and the quality of the entrants proves that our future is in good hands. Both Leo Clubs at Ormeau Woods State High School and Livingstone Christian College are enjoying increased membership with many Year 7 & 8 students joining. The Club will be cooking up breakfast at the Anzac Day Commemorations again this year, with funds raised going to "Wounded Heroes". The committee for the Ormeau Lions Fair has commenced organisational meetings, and registrations are coming in thick and fast on the website – ormeaufair.com.au. The Fair is on Father's Day weekend again this year, 3rd and 4th September, and will have a definite "Father's Day" theme, with lots of activities and displays for Dad's and the family. New members with new ideas and skills are always welcome – we meet at the Shearer's Arms Tavern on 1st and 3rd Monday of each month – 6.30pm for 7pm – for more information call Club President Lion Margaret O'Neill 0403 537573 or email ormeau@lions201q1.org.au or find us on facebook "Ormeau Lions Club"

Runaway Bay Lions Raise Funds To Support Fiji: Runaway Bay Lions Club took the donations tins to the Runaway Bay Shopping Village recently to raise funds in support of the communities of Fiji ravaged by Cyclone Winston.

The category five storm, Fiji's worst recorded cyclone, swept across the island nation last month, killing more than 40 people and flattening communities, impacting the lives of an estimated 350,000 people.

The response to the cause by the shopping public at Runaway Bay Shopping Village was so generous with over \$2500 being donated. Runaway Bay Lions Club, who added another \$1,000 to the cause, were thrilled to be able to post off a cheque for \$3,546 in support of our Pacific neighbours.

As is the case with all Lions projects, every single cent raised from the public is returned to the community, and donors can be confident that all monies raised will be distributed to those doing it tough in Fiji.

Runaway Bay Lions Club, in association with Runaway Bay Shopping Village, conducted the annual Easter Raffle again this year, with all proceeds (well over \$2000) going to support the work of Rosies Gold Coast.

Rosies – Friends on the Street provides unconditional acceptance and friendship to people who are marginalised within our community – especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or simply lonely.

Tonight, 20,000 Queenslanders are homeless. Nearly half are women. Over 40% are aged 25 or under, more than 3,500 of those are kids 12 and under. Within the Gold Coast region it is estimated over 4,000 people call the streets home.

Rosies Gold Coast Branch has street outreach vans operating from Southport to Surfers Paradise. Their wonderful volunteers also operate a drop in centre weekdays in Southport that is full of resources for friends as well as providing a low-cost lunch.

They hold BBQ breakfasts and lunches a few times each week in Southport, and have a room in the Courthouse providing a cuppa bite to eat and a chat every week day morning. Finally, the team also undertakes prison visits.

Through the joy of friendship Rosies aim is to acknowledge human dignity and inspire an increased self-reliance. It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat can do.



Stanthorpe Lions Club: ROARED at the Apple and Grape festival - The Stanthorpe Lions Young Ambassador entrant taking out the Fundraising Ambassador with in excess of \$17,000 raised for the festival along with the Club winning the Grand Champion Float for the festival, themed back to Rome...(which just happened to fit in well for a Lion) The float was made up of three parts, the Lion (A ute in disguised), a Chariote (a box trailer), and of course the Coliseum (a car trailer attached to the other trailer)

The float was a massive crowd pleaser and the mouth of the Lion opened and closed... As a parade marshall guiding the float, it was amazing and encouraging to hear the crowd say, **"Oh here comes the Lions Club!"**

It's a very good reminder how we all are involved in should a great and well respected organisation, we are very well known and we just need to invite more people to share it with us.

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Lions Memorial Wall

Lions Haven for the Aged, Hope Island QLD

Dear Lions, We are writing to you as many clubs in Q1 have a plaque/s placed upon the Memorial Wall at Lions Haven for the Aged, Hope Island in memory of a past members of our Districts clubs. This letter is to inform your members of a repatriation project that is underway on the wall.

As you may be aware the Lions Haven for the Aged has recently completed the construction of a new aged care wing to increase its capacity.

The memorial wall, situated adjacent to the new wing, has been maintained by Runaway Bay Lions Club since its initial construction many years ago. The many years of exposure to the elements had taken its toll on the wall to the point where it no longer did justice to the memory of our collective past members.

Therefore the wall has been completely refurbished to bring it back up to a standard of presentation of which we can all be proud of. This has involved removing all the plaques, having the wall repatriated, and refinished.

The cost involved in completing this refurbishment (\$2,750) has been fully paid for by the members of Runaway Bay Lions Club. Our club members have a special affinity with the memorial wall as we have acted as its custodian since its original commencement, and therefore were comfortable in underwriting the refurbishment in full, and we do not seek, nor expect, and contributions from other clubs in this regard.

The next stage in the refurbishment is to re-install the individual plaques upon the wall.

Replacing the old plaques back on to the wall would involve removing the old plaster off the back of each one, having them cleaned up, and re-affixing them. The cost to do this would be minimal, however many of the plaques are in very poor condition and no amount of cleaning would bring them back up to a presentable standard. As the old plaques are made of a plastic type material, many of them are quite fragile and brittle, and therefore we do not expect they will all survive the clean up process.

It is our desire to have a new plaque made for each past member. The new plaques would be of an aluminium base with modern font etching which include our Lions logo on each plaque.

We have been very fortunate in being able arrange the very generous sponsorship of Newhaven Funerals to underwrite the cost of a new fleet of plaques to be produced and affixed to the wall.

The production of the new plaques, and affixing them will take quite a few weeks work. Once the repatriation is complete, Runaway Bay Lions will arrange a have a small ceremony to mark the re-opening of the wall, and we will be advise when this will occur in due course.

Provided for the information of Q1 Cabinet and Clubs

Please feel free to contact me (Lion Frank Stewart) on 0403049535 or at runawaybaylions@hotmail.com should you have any questions in regards to the project.

Yours in service, Lion Frank Stewart – Secretary Runaway Bay Lions Club MD201Q1
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ERROR IN LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER

Upon reading the District newsletter yesterday I was surprised to read under the Youth Exchange that girls meant to be hosted by Lions Club Thornlands/Pt.Halloran has been cancelled.

This could not be further from the truth.

While the original host parent cancelled at the last moment myself & husband Lion Lester took up the slack & welcomed them into our home so that they would not have to go home.

They arrived with us two days after Christmas & stayed until January 8th. after New Year.

After a few concerns at the start we with help of many of our small clubs members proceeded to show them a great deal of South East Qld.

Our members are dismayed to think other clubs will not realise how much effort they put into this program in which we have not participated before.

I have added a report which I sent to our District Officer Lion Jo Wilcox as well as the Australian co-ordinator Lion Steve Adams.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the things Pei Zhen & Ka Ling enjoyed while they were hosted by our Club.

Regards, Lion Lynn Kitchen., Secretary.
Lions Club Thornlands/Pt. Halloran.

District 201Q1 Website

Lion Chris Richardson, spends a lot of time maintaining our Web Site as well as our Facebook. Please visit these sites on a regular basis to keep up to date with District Activities. 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

Lion Stuart Perrett lists all 201Q1 Newsletters available for download @ **www.lionsclubmember.com/District-201Q1**





Youth Exchange

DECEMBER 2015 TO JANUARY 2016.

ARRIVE SUNDAY 27TH. DEC. Pick up at airport with president Ian Brooks. To Lester & Lynn's.

Ka Ling commented that Pei Zhen was frightened of dogs which posed a problem as we have two. We had a snack break with Ian then decided on a walk along the waterfront but this was stopped by a storm. The girls were happy to unpack & relax before dinner.

MONDAY 28TH. DEC. Free day. Settling in day. After breakfast of white bread, homemade Rosella jam, juice & fruit we set off to have a drive round the Redlands. Starting with Raby Bay with the canals & houses on water. The girls were struck by the size of some of the boats moored in front of the houses. Then out to Wynnum Manly. A visit to an information centre gave lots of further ideas for exploration. We then headed

to Indigiscape (a council run reserve for local flora & fauna) at Capalaba. We had intended to have lunch at the café here but they were booked out so Lester took the girls for a long walk round the reserve with the hope of seeing the koalas in the trees but they were not out sunning today. Decided to lunch at home. That afternoon Lion Diane picked up the girls after she finished work & took them on the Citycat to the city where they met with Diane's son & his girlfriend who is Malaysian & they all had dinner at a Korean restaurant before walking across bridge to Southbank & on to Citycat for home. They had a great evening & loved the Southbank area at night.

TUESDAY 29TH. DEC. We drove up to Capalaba so the girls could do some souvenir shopping. All the way & coming home Pei Zhen needed to have window down even though the air-con was on saying she needed fresh air. That afternoon we had a club welcome for the girls at President Ian & Lion Leena's home. As we were leaving they asked if they could talk to me when we got home. They gave a presentation about their home & themselves to all the members. It was well given & received. At the end of Pei Zhen's she announced "I don't like dogs & I don't like smoke". It was a bit of a shock to all but after a bit of ribbing from the members to Lester & Lynn (Lester is a smoker) a lovely evening ensued.

Arriving home I went to their room to see what they wanted to talk about & was confronted with much crying & Ka Ling explained that Pei Zhen was sick from the smell of the dogs & smoke from Lester's smoking outside. They wanted to go to another host family, preferably Ian's. I explained that there was not anywhere else for them to go & that Ian had four dogs at their home at the moment & that Leena smoked as well. After much wailing they accepted that they would have to stay with us. It was decided if I was willing to vacuum the furniture every day (this was never going to happen) & spray the furniture & the dogs were kept outside with only access to the end of the house & Lester changed the place outside where he smoked & didn't smoke before he entered the car all would be well. Crisis averted.

WEDNESDAY 30th. Dec. Ian & Leena picked the girls up for a trip up the mountain to O'Rielly's Rainforest. They had a ball feeding the local parrots & climbing the tall tree & walking among the treetops on the Tree Top Walk. After lunch they drove down the mountain to Surfer's Paradise to put their feet in the Pacific Ocean & drive along the Gold Coast Strip. A long lovely day for them.

THURSDAY 31ST. DEC. This morning we drove the girls up to Mt. Cootha lookout to see the city & surrounds. A lovely clear day to take many more photos. After an ice cream we decided to pick up KFC for lunch & eat it by the bay. It was incredibly windy but the girls didn't mind & enjoyed themselves. We had dinner booked at a local Turkish restaurant by the lake and to enjoy the fireworks. A pity the service was so bad but the fireworks were excellent. A great attendance by members & family.

FRIDAY 1ST. JAN. 2016. After a long sleep in we drove up to the Glasshouse mountains national forest which gave the girls a very different lot of views & photo ops. After this we drove up to Caloundra beaches & had lunch at local shopping centre. Not much open but enough for our needs. The weather was lovely so the sea was crystal clear & blue. We drove around & parked on hilltop to walk along footpaths laid with memorial plaques for return servicemen & women. The girls were most interested in this. They do not have anything similar in Malaysia.

SATURDAY 2ND. JAN. A club outing to Coochie Mudlo Island was today's adventure. Meeting Ian, Leena & Margaret at water taxi we crossed bay & found a spot on a very busy beachside. Picnic lunch & B.B.Q. satay kababs. A long walk along the beach with Lion Margaret. We caught the water taxi home.

SUNDAY 3RD. JAN. PD.G. Ken Scells & his wife Lion Margaret took the girls to Lone Pine Nature Zoo today. They had a wonderful time looking at Wombats, Tasmanian devils, feeding the kangaroos & had their photo taken holding a koala. They had this made into a 2016 calendar. They watched sheep dog trials & hunting bird displays. It was a brilliant day for them to see & touch so many of our native animals. Our thanks to Ken & Margaret for taking the time to give the girls this great day.

MONDAY 4TH. JAN. Lion Wendy, Susan & her husband Dennis took the girls up to Mt. Tamborine today. What fun they had. Devonshire Tea at English Tea Rooms, Germany visit at the Cookoo Clock shop then to Japan at the Japanese gardens at the botanical gardens. They were most amused to call Susan's husband the "boss" all the day. They were delighted with their day.

TUESDAY. 5TH. JAN. A planned visit to Dreamworld had to be changed due to awful weather so Lion Wendy took the girls to lunch at a Thai restaurant then shopping at Logan Hyperdome. Well, the things they bought. 4x boxes of 25 pkts. Smiths chips, Jatz biscuits, 20 pkts jelly lollies, gifts & souvenirs for family & friends. How they were going to pack these as well as 50 jars of Lanolin cream Ka Ling has purchased is a mystery!!

WEDNESDAY 6TH. JAN. Thank goodness the weather cleared as we booked to go over to Stradbroke Island at 11am. After a quick breakfast of white bread & jam (the usual) the girls were delighted by the trip over the bay (it takes an hour by barge). After a quick morning tea at Lion Lynn's nephew's home which over looks the bay we drove out to "brown lake" explaining the lake gets its name from the brown water created by the teatrees surrounding the lake. We encountered a number of huge goannas here which are very common on Stradie. Many more photos taken! We had picked up some fresh prawns (one of the girl's favourites) to have for lunch with fresh bread so drove out to Pt. Lookout for this. Unfortunately we had picked up the wrong prawns & needed to go to local shop for takeaway instead. \$69 thanks very much!!! Never mind the views were magnificent as was a large kangaroo hopping right out of the bush & sitting for many more photos to be taken. A long walk around the gorge was good after a heavy lunch then back to the barge for the trip home. Ka Ling commented on the fact that she was going to learn to swim when she got home so when she returned to Australia she would be able to swim at our wonderful beaches. It all looked very inviting.

We just had enough time to get home to feed the dogs before going to Lion Margaret's for dinner with Margaret, Lions Brenda & Mark. They especially enjoyed looking at Margaret's rough & cut sapphires & opals. And listening to how you fossick for them out western Qld. A long busy day which the girls really enjoyed.

THURSDAY 7TH. JAN. Another huge day. Lion Margaret picked the girls up for a full day down the Gold Coast where they did lots more souvenir shopping!!! They had so much fun.

After spending some time at Margaret's home they took along a friend of Margaret's to the Vicki Point for dinner. They were nearly always ready to lie on there beds & just talk to friends & family each night.

FRIDAY 8TH. JAN. The girls went with Lester to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to local elderly people. They were very interested in this programme as it does not exist in Malaysia. Pei Zhen was particularly taken with the idea & was out of the car & packing up each set of meals & off to the house to meet the clients. She chatted to all of them & also to the girls in the kitchen. With ease & enthusiasm. They both enjoyed this experience. They show a much caring nature to people who need help each day. They are growing to be caring adults in the future. True Lions spirit.

Today Ka Ling & Pei Zhen will be flying home to Malaysia. An open day at Lester & Lynn's for anyone to drop by & wish them a safe trip. We spent some time & had lots of laughs trying to pack & unpack Ka Ling's suitcase to try to make it weigh less !!!! Lots of moving stuff to Pei Zhen's bags. Many of our members dropped by for a last minute catch up which the girls enjoyed. But then it was time to say goodbye. President Ian & Lion Lester took them to the airport & made sure their luggage would go straight through to KL (& no excess weight charges.) with no picking up at Melbourne where they met with two other girls who have been staying in Adelaide. Their host family from Melbourne also stayed with them till 2am when they had to return to Clifton Springs near Geelong. A PD.G. & PC.C. stayed with them till their flight finally took off at 4.30am. They arrived home safely but tired.

The girls cooked for us one night. Authentic Asian Fried rice & were happy to clear, wash & dry the dishes when we ate at home. They were helpful & very considerate of Lion Lynn with her disability.

It was an interesting & marvellous experience. One made exceptional by the Lions & friends who showed the girls such a great time. We hope they will always remember their time with Lions Club of Thornlands/Pt. Halloran.



The Follow Your Dream Foundation Australia

Greetings to all Clubs and Club Presidents.

The Lions Year is fast coming to an end but there is still a lot to do.

Firstly, may I congratulate all Lions on your dedication and commitment to our association. Without Lions like you, we would not be able to offer the service we do and make life a little easier for those "WE SERVE", as well as allowing them the opportunity, to follow their dreams.

For our Club Presidents, time is fast approaching for you to make decisions on who you will recognise at your Club Changeovers for the service outstanding Lions have performed over the past 12 months.

For the first time ever, "The Follow Your Dream Foundation - Australia" is offering Clubs the opportunity to award some of these committed Lions an award called the "Anne and Barry Palmer AM" Fellowship. For just \$500, you can present one of these outstanding statues, and at the same time help disadvantaged women and children who desperately need help.

All that is needed is a completed Application form with the name of the Lion to whom you wish to present the award, plus payment of the \$500 donation, and the Foundation will have it engraved prior to dispatch.

Application Form, is able to be downloaded from our website www.tfydfa.com.au

The Follow Your Dream Foundation Australia #102 Level 1, 370 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Thank you for your consideration, and should you have any questions in relation to this Fellowship please do not hesitate to contact me.

PDG John D W Muller OAM - Ambassador

The Follow Your Dream Foundation - Australia

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NEWS ITEM

1st April:

The Spaghetti Harvest in Switzerland

It is not only in Britain that spring, this year, has taken everyone by surprise. Here in the Ticino, on the borders of Switzerland and Italy, the slopes overlooking Lake Lugano have already burst into flower at least a fortnight earlier than usual.

But what, you may ask, has the early and welcome arrival of bees and blossom to do with food? Well, it is simply that the past winter, one of the mildest in living memory, has had its effect in other ways as well. Most important of all, it's resulted in an exceptionally heavy spaghetti crop.

The last two weeks of March are an anxious time for the spaghetti farmer. There is always the chance of a late frost which, while not entirely ruining the crop, generally impairs the flavour and makes it difficult for him to obtain top prices in world markets. But now these dangers are over and the spaghetti harvest goes forward.

Spaghetti cultivation here in Switzerland is not, of course, carried out on anything like the tremendous scale of the Italian industry. Many of you, I am sure, will have seen pictures of the vast spaghetti plantations in the Po valley. For the Swiss, however, it tends to be more of a family affair.

Another reason why this may be a bumper year lies in the virtual disappearance of the spaghetti weevil, the tiny creature whose depredations have caused much concern in the past.

After picking, the spaghetti is laid out to dry in the warm Alpine air. Many people are very puzzled by the fact that spaghetti is produced in such uniform lengths. This is the result of many years of patient endeavour by plant breeders who succeeded in producing the perfect spaghetti.

Now the harvest is marked by a traditional meal. Toasts to the new crop are drunk in these boccalinos, then the waiters enter bearing the ceremonial dish. This is, of course, spaghetti – picked early in the day, dried in the sun, and so brought fresh from garden to table at the very peak of condition. For those who love this dish, there is nothing like real home-grown spaghetti.

boccalinos



Operation Friendship

- **Greg and Joann Warden** (Goondiwindi LC) will visit District 106B, Denmark
- **Rob and Alison Lewis** (Kingscliff LC) will visit District 104E, Norway

Both visits will take place in April / May 2016

- **Don and Lois McHenry** (Tallebudgera LC) are visiting District 107N in Finland. All couples have established communications with the overseas coordinators and their host families.

Within the next couple of months I expect to receive applications from Norway, Denmark and possibly Finland for Lions couples from those Districts to visit our District for the District Convention at Kingscliff. I will then have the task of arranging host families for them.

I would appreciate any offers from Lions or Lions Clubs to host the visitors for a short period. The visitors spend 5 or 6 days with each of 5 host families. Past host families report that the hostings are a very pleasant experience for both. Any offers can be sent direct to me by phone **07 5536 2700** or email itsman@bigpond.com

Lion Ian Manwaring
Operation Friendship Coordinator District 201Q1
72 Adelaide Street, Tweed Heads NSW 2485
Phone: 07 5536 2700 email: itsman@bigpond.com

Outward Bound

I am now seeking funding and participants for the 2016 June and September camps.

Full Sponsorship \$1875-00 • ½ sponsorship \$938-00 • ¼ Sponsorship \$469-00

Or what ever your club determines

This year, the NSW and Queensland School holidays do not fall on the same date. There is a one week gap.

Outward bound are hoping to run two camps, a week apart, to overcome this problem.

- 27th June Qld Navigator • 4th July NSW Navigator • 19th September Qld Navigator • 26th September NSW Navigator

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO; Lions District 201Q1, then mail them to me, addressed to
Lion Lois Mc Henry, 363 Cobaki Road, Cobaki, 2486, NSW.

For further information please contact:

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LCIF/ALF

I remind Cabinet Officers and Lions Members generally that donations to ALF made by individuals are tax deductible, as this Foundation has "deductible gift recipient" status with the Australian Taxation Office.

Without the financial support from Clubs, our Australian Lions Foundation is unable to assist Clubs with grants for their bigger projects through the standard grant.

Rob Johnson District Chairman, LCIF/ALF

New Clubs/Branches

Dates have been set for Information Sessions and potential Formation Meetings as follows:

Greater Coomera – new club	Information Sessions: 19 April, 24 May	Formation Meeting: 31 May
Redbank Plains – new club	Information Sessions: 6 April, 4 May, 1 June	Formation Meeting: 15 June
Ipswich South – new club		
(Yamanto, Deebling Heights, Ripley area) –	Information Sessions: 27 April, 11 May, 8 June	Formation Meeting: 22 June
Allora – branch of Warwick club	Information Session: 7 April	

Orientation Workshops

These workshops will be for persons who have become members since 1 January 2013

Regions 1 & 2:	Coolangatta/Tweed Heads	Sunday 15 May
Regions 3, 4 & 5:	Wishart (Brisbane)	Sunday 17 April
Region 6:	Tenterfield	Sunday 3 April

Breast Cancer Awareness

Message from Jenny



Support
Breast Cancer Awareness

A - April
B - Breast
C - Cancer
D - Dinner

It's here – the **April Breast Cancer Dinner** is finally here – is your Club hosting a dinner of any kind in April? Well why not make it “pink” themed dinner, have lots of fun, while raising monies for Lions Breast Cancer Awareness – we all have Lions Clubs Meetings in April, so why not make it one of these.

Following your **A B C D** - email me some photos (max 3 photos please) of your “pink” dinner along with your donation cheque for the funds that you have raised (cheques to be written out to Lions District 201Q1) - your Club could win a prize !!

It is something so simple, and can be lots of fun... Remember **A B C D** : how creative can your Club be??

Another fun way to help...

Bakers Delight's annual Pink Bun campaign is a great way of how something so small can go a long way to change people's lives. From **Thursday 21 April until Wednesday 11 May** Bakers Delight bakeries around Australia 'pink up' and start baking a sweet treat to help to support those affected by breast cancer. During the campaign 100% of the sale of Pink Buns goes directly to Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA). They are hoping to raise \$1.5 million ...

Joining the pink festivities is as easy as:

- Regularly visiting your local Bakers Delight bakery during the campaign
- Develop a craving for Pink Buns and purchasing them as often as you can
- Telling all your friends to purchase Pink Buns too
- Writing a message of support on a Pink Lady silhouette in the bakery or by making a donation into a BCNA tin on their counters.



This is a great way to help Bakers Delight to raise funds for BCNA – and a good excuse to eat some of the delicious Pink Buns...yummm....

Help Support...Many thanks

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Earth Day 2016 – 22 April

Earth Day aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for earth's environment.

Earth Day is celebrated with outdoor performances where individuals or groups perform acts of service to the earth.

Typical ways of observing Earth Day include planting trees, picking up roadside litter, conducting programs for recycling and conservation, using recyclable containers for snacks/lunches. Some people sign petitions to governments calling for stronger or immediate action to stop global warming and to reverse environmental destruction.



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Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

What started as a small pilot program in four countries a few years ago has grown far beyond what I could ever have imagined. To date, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions have mobilized millions of dollars in the fight against measles. Lions in more than 20 countries have worked to educate and mobilize their communities, bringing children to vaccines and vaccines to children.

Alongside Lions and our partners, we have made great strides in reducing measles deaths worldwide, but 400 people still die each day from this preventable disease. LCIF and Lions are working hard to reduce that number. To find out more about how Lions are involved in measles work, watch "Lions Take a Stand against Measles."

When you donate to Lions Measles Initiative, your donation will be doubled by the Gavi Matching Fund, which is financially supported by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This matching program doubles the impact of your gift. Through our joint efforts with Gavi and other partners, we will increase access to quality immunization services at every level to benefit children around the world.

We know that we can eliminate this disease. But we cannot do it alone. Please consider making a donation to LCIF. Remember, it only takes about US\$1 to vaccinate a child against measles. Each and every Lion can make a difference in the life of a child.

Together in Service, Joe Preston
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Lions Youth of the Year District Finals

Well what a wonderful Lions project, thank you to all 45 Clubs that have participated this year, and to all Clubs that hosted Zone and Region finals.

Saturday 2nd April was the District Final hosted by Runaway Bay Lions Club. It was held at the Labrador Tigers Sports Club and there were about 75 attendees. The winners from each of the 6 Regions were interviewed by the panel of Judges during the day. Public Speaking was held that night and again these contestants were amazing with their speeches and responses to the impromptu questions. These were **Question 1:** - In light of the recent Council of Australian Governments meeting, what level of government should fund healthcare and Why? **Question 2:** - If you could invite two people, dead or alive, to a dinner party whom would you invite and Why?

The contestants were

- William Frazer representing Casino Lions Club,
- Benjamin Devine representing Helensvale Lions Club,
- Nelson Reed-Banyard representing Woodridge Kingston Lions Club,
- Yasmin Atwani representing Camp Hill Carindale Lions Club,
- Molly Pitkin representing Rosewood Lions Club,
- Lillian Manahan representing Stanthorpe Lions Club.

The Public Speaking Winner was Benjamin Devine and the Overall Winner was Nelson Reed-Banyard.

Nelson will now go on to represent District Q1 at the State Final to be held in Bundaberg on April 23rd.

I thank the Judges who gave up their time to support this project and everyone for attending. My thanks also to Lion Jenny Maguire the State Coordinator for Q Districts who stood in when the District Governor did not attend due to illness. Thankyou also for all your help and advice during the year it was much appreciated.

Picture: Q Districts State Coordinator Lion Jenny Maguire, Public Speaking Winner Benjamin Devine, Overall Winner Nelson Reed-Banyard, Q1 District Chairman Lion Christine Forrest

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