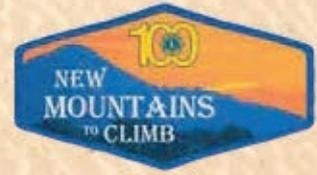


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DISTRICT 201Q1 NEWSLETTER – VOL 3, SEPTEMBER 2016-17

WELCOME TO MY NEWSLETTER

So much has happened since the last newsletter. Denise & I were invited to Xavier College at Skennars Head to witness the Children of Courage awards. The whole of the Ceremony was planned and delivered by the Leo Club members which I thought was fantastic and I must say it was supported by other Leo's clubs close by. Congratulations to the Lions Club of Lennox Head and I thank them for our invitation.

We then attended the Leo of the Year presentation held at Merrimac State High School which was another great Leo project. It is a shame that other Lions clubs with Leo's clubs don't encourage their Leo's to participate.

We must remember that Leo's are the future of Lions and if we don't encourage and support Leo's a lot of Lions clubs will struggle. The Lions clubs of Robina, Rosewood, Mudgeeraba and Ballina East supported the 9 Leo contestants on the day. I must thank Lion John Wearne for organising this day.

A highlight for the month was the 50th Anniversary for Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale Lions club. Oh boy was it a night to remember. They had visits from Marilyn Monroe, two Burlesque Dancers but I don't know their names, maybe I should have spoken to David Greenup, Jorge Salles and Ian Bruning to find out. It was great to see a Charter Member and a former Charter Members wife cut the Anniversary Cake. All in all it was a great presentation and congratulations must go to the organising committee.

This leads me into club visits. They are progressing very well and by the reports I am receiving we are being well received by the clubs. I think the three split system this District is using for visits is working very well. I must take this opportunity to thank 1VDG Ann and 2VDG Kim for delivering my theme and message for this Lions year of course not forgetting our International President Bob Corlew. International President Bob will be visiting Western Australia to visit Lions projects in the west. We will also be having a visit to Sydney by IPIP Dr Yamada, his visit is to look at the progress of the research into Childhood Cancer.

I'd like to comment on some things that are worrying as far as District operations is concerned. For example my two welfare chairpersons are not receiving any welfare reports from clubs but when we are chatting to members out and about they are telling us about members on the sick list. Please clubs let the welfare chairpersons Jennafer Perkins from Lismore club in the south or Paula Davoren from Brisbane Macgregor club in the north know.

The next thing that is of concern is some clubs are not doing their Activities Reports on MyLCI. If clubs don't do this then LCI will be informing me of the non-events, then it will be up to me to do something about this. My Zone Chairpersons are being informed of the clubs that are not conforming so it may come to a head very shortly from LCI and I wouldn't like to see this happen as it will put a mark against our District. The reason I need to mention this is because LCI cannot give a true and accurate account of projects being fulfilled in our District.

Another thing is correct email and postal addresses for clubs and members. Nothing is more annoying than when we get an enquiry from the Newcastle office or someone about joining a club and the appropriate club details are not correct. So can I ask the club Secretaries to please check these details?

In closing can I ask clubs to look at doing something significant for the Centenary Celebrations? We must have a party (any suggestions) in this district to mark this special occasion.

Yours in Lionism

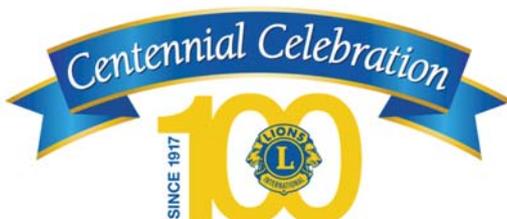
Graham (Jacko) Jackson – District Governor 2016/2017, District 201Q1

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.



2016-17 President's Theme: New Mountains to Climb

This year, International President Chancellor Bob Corlew encourages Lions to climb new mountains and achieve our Centennial goals. Reach the summit of service by joining Lions in the Centennial Service Challenge to help 100+ million people; build your club by inviting for impact; connect with communities through Centennial Legacy Projects and promoting your activities; and lead Lions over the next mountain. **Find resources on the LCI website. www.lionsclubs.org**



FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY'S DESK



CONVENTION DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

All clubs should have received their Delegate and Alternate forms for Convention, they have been emailed to the Club Secretary. **Please advise if no one is attending.**

Remembrance forms you've also received, if you have a deceased member could you send me a photo for the service please.

The Remembrance forms also come back to me.

Please remember you must register for Convention if you are going to be your Clubs delegate. **Convention registration forms can be downloaded @ <http://www.lionsclubmember.com/District-201Q1/201Q1-16-Convention-Rego-Form.pdf.zip>**

Notices of Motion for Convention were emailed to your Club email address.

MYLCI WEBSITE

New members aren't being put onto the MyLCI website, as soon as a new member has been accepted by your board they can be entered, you don't have to wait until they have been inducted.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR GRAHAM & LION DENISE WELCOME ALL THE NEW MEMBERS TO OUR DISTRICT

District figures as the 20th August – **1874 members** —

This month **5 new members** have been entered but sadly **13 have been dropped.**

Burleigh Heads: **Karen Parsons**
Casino: **Sharon Heugh**
Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield: **David Carrington, Bob Meadows**
Kyogle: **Sheryl Lee**
Morton Bay: **Amy Creighton**
Woodridge Kingston: **Jill Regeling**



THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM CLUB VISITS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

CLUBS – SEPTEMBER	DATE	DG TEAM MEMBER
Sanctuary Cove	1st	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Mid Richmond River	1st	DG Graham Jackson
Ballina East	5th	1st VDG Ann Reed
Lismore	5th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Twin Rivers	6th	DG Graham Jackson
Logan Village	6th	1st VDG Ann Reed
Apple Mac	12th	DG Graham Jackson
Algester Parkinson	13th	DG Graham Jackson
Inglewood	15th	DG Graham Jackson
Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach	15th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Brisbane Holland Park	20th	1st VDG Ann Reed
Brisbane Moorooka	21st	1st VDG Ann Reed
Kyogle	21st	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Logan South East	21st	DG Graham Jackson
Tamborine Mountain	26th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Tweed Coast South	27th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Brisbane Kuraby	27th	DG Graham Jackson
Harrisville	27th	1st VDG Ann Reed
Cabarita Beach Pottsville Beach	28th	1st VDG Ann Reed
Goonellabah Wollongbar	28th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest

CLUBS – OCTOBER	DATE	DG TEAM MEMBER
Alstonville	5th	DG Graham Jackson
Lennox Head	5th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Redland Bay Victoria Point	11th	1st VDG Ann Reed
Tamborine Village	13th	2nd VDG Kim Forrest
Killarney	17th	DG Graham Jackson

Lion Lesley Lyons – Cabinet Secretary, District 201Q1
PO Box 4767, Forest Lake QLD 4078
Llyo5865@bigpond.net.au – (H) 07 3279 9425 (M) 0419 796 022

LIONS INSURANCES: A BRIEF REMINDER:

As long as the Club continues to record all approved projects (including BBQ's etc.) in the Board Minutes there is no problem with your insurances.

It is not necessary to record the names of every attending member, partner or volunteer in the actual Minutes. The use of the sign in sheet at each project is a very good idea as it provides good evidence of a person's attendance at the function should an incident arise which leads to a claim.

It is sufficient to cover your volunteers. You should note, that volunteers are only covered while they are in attendance at the project.

There is no cover for volunteers while they are going to or from a project.

LIONS HEARING DOGS - SAYS THANKS!



Lions Hearing Dogs Inc. sincerely wishes to thank all of the generous contributions from within District 201Q1 received during the 2015-2016 financial year.

Money raised goes directly towards the training and delivery of Lions Hearing Dogs to deaf and hard of hearing people across Australia, which now costs approximately \$30,000 per dog.

The ongoing support of Lions Clubs across Australia has allowed the program to continue and this year we celebrate the delivery of Lions Hearing Dog number 550!

Below is a list of donations, sponsorships and sales made within District 201Q1 received between 1st July 2015 and 30th June 2016.

Lions Club of Alstonville Inc.	\$200.00	Lions Club of Macleay Island Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of Andrew McDougall	\$528.00	Lions Club of Murwillumbah Inc.	\$200.00
Lions Club of Beaudesert Inc.	\$1,000.00	Lions Club of Ormeau Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of Belmont-Tingalpa Inc.	\$200.00	Lioness Club of Palm Beach Currumbin	\$500.00
Lions Club of Bonalbo Upper Clarence Inc.	\$100.00	Lions Club of Palm Beach Currumbin Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of Boonah Inc.	\$200.00	PDG Peter Dean	\$100.00
Lions Club of Brisbane Ekibin Inc.	\$500.00	Lions Club of Redland Bay - Victoria Point Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of Brisbane Riverside Inc.	\$500.00	PDG Rob and Kerry Johnson	\$300.00
Lions Club of Burleigh Heads Inc.	\$750.00	Lions Club of Rochedale Springwood Inc.	\$2,135.00
Lions Club of East Ballina Inc.	\$1,120.00	Lions Club of Rosewood Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach Inc.	\$1,485.00	Leos Club of Rosewood State High School	\$50.00
Lions Club of Gold Coast Tallebudgera Inc.	\$500.00	Lions Club of Runaway Bay Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of Goonellabah-Wollongbar & Districts Inc.	\$300.00	Lions Club of Southport Inc.	\$1,000.00
Lions Club of Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield Inc.	\$500.00	Lions Club of St George Inc.	\$100.00
Lions Club of Helensvale Inc.	\$500.00	Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain Inc.	\$300.00
Lions Club of Kingscliff Inc.	\$400.00	Lions Club of Terranora Lakes Inc.	\$500.00
Lions Club of Lismore City Inc.	\$500.00	Lions Club of Woodridge Kingston Inc.	\$100.00
		TOTAL	\$17,168.00

PDG Rhys Roberts, Chairman
Lions Hearing Dogs Inc.

LIONS HEARING DOG – ROGER: 2001 TO 2016

It's hard to believe it is 15 years since our club sponsored Roger, the Lions Hearing Dog. Roger was a cross everything and like all hearing dogs was found on death row in the local Adelaide pound (our head office for the program). He was assessed and trained in Adelaide and given to Trent, a local Alstonville resident who is profoundly deaf. His job was to alert Trent to sounds in the home by touching him with his paw—things like knocks on the door, the kettle whistle going, the phone ringing and most importantly, alerting Trent to life-saving sounds like smoke alarms.

He did this and more (he had to otherwise it was back to death row). Roger was a true friend to Trent for his arrival gave Trent a new outlook on life. He started leaving his small unit and walking around town and eventually venturing to Ballina and Lismore. They didn't have it easy for the first few months as many shop keepers didn't understand that Roger was a working dog and often refused entry. Thankfully this didn't last for too long as Trent and Roger became inseparable and best friends. You could see the joy they both gave to each other as they walked along the street.

Unfortunately, on the 6th June Roger passed away. He had been sick for a few months. His passing is sad but we should remember that if not for the Lions Hearing Dog Program Roger would have been put down 15 years ago and Trent may never have had the confidence to live within the community as he has. *R.I.P. Roger, Alstonville Lions Ordinary People changing lives*

EDITOR: *We who knew Lion Peter Massey's Hearing Dog, Sandy, fully understand the feeling of loss when one's constant companion is lost to us. Lion Peter's new LHD Banjo, currently undergoing final assimilation with Peter, is progressing rapidly towards full accreditation as a Lions Hearing Dog. Keep an eye out for Banjo at Convention.*

THE IRISH ANGLER

The rain was pouring down. And there standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

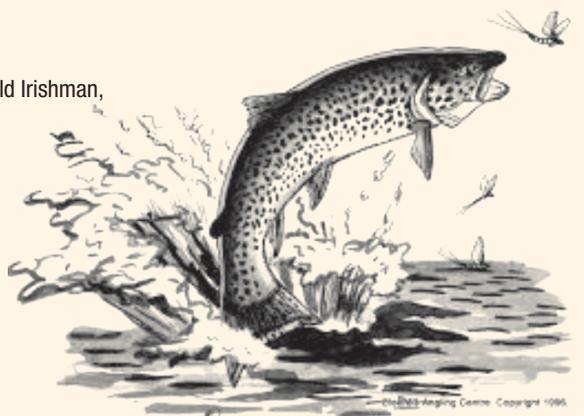
A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing," replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman cannot resist asking, "So, how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth," says the old man.



OUT AND ABOUT AROUND THE DISTRICT



DISTRICT 201Q1 CLUB SECRETARY OF THE YEAR FOR 2015-2016

Lions Club of Cleveland Challenge Secretary, Lion Celeste Parker said it was an honour to receive the Award as District 201Q1 Secretary of the Year 2015-2016 from Immediate Past District Governor Peter Oliver. It was a privilege to be recognised and a joy to be able to follow Lions Motto "We Serve".



This tops off a great year, not only for the club which has just celebrated their 15th Anniversary, but also for Celeste who is in her 25th year of Lions Service which includes ten years as a previous Charter Member of the Redland Bay – Victoria Point Lions Club

LIONS CLUB OF GOLD COAST MERMAID BROADBEACH PRESENT LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Through our ongoing fundraising for international and local projects our club identified the need to support one of our local volunteer Rural Fire Brigades located in the hinterland of the Gold Coast.

At a recent Open Day held by the Clagiraba Rural Fire Brigade our members turned out in force on a very cold winter's day to proudly present to the fire-fighters an AED defibrillator and a chainsaw to be stored on one of their fire fighting appliances. These two valuable pieces of equipment will form part of life saving equipment should the need arise. We are proud to say that these are two Gold Coast volunteer organisations working together in support of our community.



SEIZURE RESPONSE DOG, MAXX

We previously donated \$1,000 to Casey in June when her plight first came to our attention.

With the cost of just training Maxx at over \$8,000 we are making Casey & Maxx one of our major club projects this year under President Lester.

We will be looking for lots of fundraising projects like our garage sales every three months & B.B.Q.'s at local Bunnings.

Our little club is very committed to helping our Redlands locals where we can.

President Lester Kitchen & members of Lions Club of Thornlands/Pt. Halloran were delighted to present a further donation of \$1,000 to local lass Casey Mackay to assist with the expenses to train her Seizure Response Dog Maxx.

The donation came from funds raised recently when the club purchased the opening night of Mt. Cotton Drama Group's latest play.

Casey, who suffers from rare Epileptic Encephalopathy will have Maxx by her side to alert her carers of the seizures. At only 11 weeks Maxx has already had a huge impact on Casey who loves to know where he is at all times.

On the night Casey regaled all with her singing of songs she sings in the school choir.



ANNUAL LIONS WHITE CANE DINNER

Date: Saturday 15th October

Venue: Carina Leagues Club, 1390 Creek R Carina

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Cost: \$30 for 2 course meal + 2 free drinks

Tickets & transport to be purchased & organised by 17th September.

Please Contact: Tric Smith - (Ph) 3393 4915 (Mob) 0417 799 043 or tricrob@bigpond.net.au

2016 CONVENTION KINGSCLIFF



Kingscliff Lions Club is hosting the 201Q1 Convention at the beautiful beach side town of Kingscliff. The Business sessions will be held at Kingscliff High School.

The **Friday night function** is at the school and will include a noodle box dinner with the option of alcohol or soft drink to be purchased, prior to the opening of the Convention. The entertainment on Friday night is **Red Faces**, each club attending is asked to put on a five minute skit. The prize for the best skit is \$250.00 to be paid into the winning club's Administration Account.

Friday afternoon golf (Details Below) and bowls are yet to be confirmed, information regarding venues will be posted as soon as possible

Saturday afternoon there is a partner's tour planned to Carool Winery

Carool is in the beautiful Tweed Hinterland and the winery has won awards and the views are wonderful. Guests will be served afternoon tea with the option of wine tasting at an extra \$5.00 per head



A banquet will be held on Saturday night at Cudgen Leagues Club, Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff.

The theme for the banquet is a Hint of Red and Masquerade

A three course meal will be served and the raffle drawn, entertainment is by the Seven Deadly Swings Band.

Sunday is back to the school for the morning with a lunch completing the weekend.

Accommodation: Anywhere in Kingscliff or Chinderah and you will be within close proximity of the High School and Cudgen Leagues Club. Buses will be available for Saturday night so be sure and put where you are staying on your registration form

<http://www.lionsclubmember.com/District-201Q1/201Q1-16-Convention-Rego-Form.pdf.zip>



DG Jacko contacted me a few days ago and asked me to make arrangements for the District Convention "Broken Putter" Golf Day.

I have made a booking at the Chinderah Golf Course, Chinderah Road, Chinderah for Friday the 7th October 2016.

Starting time 9.00 am for a 9.30am hit-off.

Costs- \$11 for 18 holes.

Golf Buggy - \$15 (or \$7-50 each sharing) Pay on the day.

This golf course is only about 2 km from Kingscliffe on same road.

Could all golfers participating please contact me (**Lion Don Mc Henry**) on either of the following:-

Home phone: 07 5590 7352, Mobile: 0427 310 408 or

email:- donlo200@gmail.com

but don't leave it until the last minute.

WEBSITE:

<http://kingscliff.qld.lions.org.au>

DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM:

<http://www.lionsclubmember.com/District-201Q1/201Q1-16-Convention-Rego-Form.pdf.zip>



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CONVENTION SERGEANT AT ARMS

PDG Peter Ho advised that this would be his last Convention as Sergeant at Arms, and suggested that any person who would like to apply for the three-year position, should supply an Expression of Interest letter to the District Governor.

Lion Peter would work with you at this year's Convention so that you would become familiar with what is involved with this role.

NOTE: PDG Peter is now our District Centennial Co-ordinator, District 201Q1

OUTSIDE LIFT

We have an outside lift available FREE to any person who could use it. It goes on the outside of the house and goes up one level. It has been taken down and only needs to be installed.

For information Please Contact Winston Fraser on 0412 722 910



START PLANNING NOW FOR LIONS AWARENESS DAY

Saturday 4 February 2017, as part of our **100th Anniversary**.

Don't forget to share your good ideas with everybody through our District Newsletter. (Community Radio, Newspapers, public picnics, Stalls at Shopping Centres etc.)

Work, Play, Serve:

Looking for a balance? You can do it all as a Lion.
Make a difference
Make Connections
Make every moment count.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Our Lions Organisation is spread throughout the world, made up of Clubs, Districts, and Multiple Districts we belong to. Our organisation is one of the most important on the planet because we are a beacon of light that stretches across humanity to achieve positive things in peoples lives, reaching 200 million people.

As with any organisation our members are our most precious resource and crucial to our collective ongoing efforts and achievements. Membership retention is vital to the success of Lion's Clubs, the organisation, and the impact on our community.

Firstly, let's consider our present members -

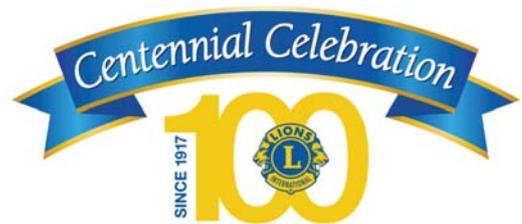
- are you happy and satisfied as a Lion and feel able to contribute?
- do you feel confident in the role that you are doing?
- do you feel accepted if you can't get to meetings or activities?
- do you feel supported in what you want to achieve in Lions?

In the following link there are a few options for understanding members needs and satisfaction www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me15b.pdf

- I would love to hear from members who are using tools like these and are they helpful? Or is there something else that works better for your club?
- I am also asking Lions to pass on what is working well for your Club, so these success stories can be shared with others in the District, and we can continue to learn from each other.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do.
Regards

Cheryl Nylund – Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator
Ph 02 66771671 M 0411289928 email: cfroude@bigpond.com



CENTENARY AWARDS

To celebrate our centenary year, Lions Club International is providing special awards, Limited Edition Centennial awards, to new members and new Clubs joining prior to our centennial celebration in 2017.

This is once a life time award, never again as no one will live through to the next centenary year. Why not invite a friend, an acquaintance, a colleagues etc., to be part of this milestone of Lions serving the world through every Lions Clubs embracing the community by every Lions members.

LIONS AWARENESS DAY – 4 FEBRUARY 2017

Initiated by Zone Chairman John Clarke, our District will mark Saturday 4 February 2017 as our Lions Awareness Day. On this day, Clubs are invited to promote Club projects to the community at shopping centres, railway stations, bus terminals, football matches; that is, anywhere the public is. More information will be provided at the District Convention 7-9 October 2016 at Kingscliff.

CENTENNIAL SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Our International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, has in August encourages all Lions to support the three signature programs. One of which is the Centennial Celebration Memberships Awards mentioned above. The other two are the Centennial Service Challenge and Legacy Project. Centennial Service Challenge is to host at least 1 service project on youth vision, hunger and environment, to meet the goal of helping 100+ million people. Whereas Legacy Project is to connect with community that commemorates the Centennial providing a lasting gift to our community.

Visit the Lions100 website at lions100.lionsclubs.org to learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns.
WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION.

PDG Peter Ho – Centennial Coordinator 2016-17
Lion.peterho@gmail.com

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion



LIONS CAMP DUCKADANG – AGM



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The Annual General Meeting of Lions Camp Duckadang will be held as follows:

Date: Sunday 23 October 2016

Venue: Pine Rivers Lions Den at Petrie. From the roundabout in Petrie, travel west approx. 1km, turn right into Woonara Drive, then first turn left before water tower. The Den is fifty metres on the left. **Latest UBD Map 88 Ref: G20**

Time: Arrive to register at 9.30 am for 10.00 am meeting.

Agenda:

1. Club Delegates register for voting cards and all attending are asked to sign the attendance book.
2. Welcome by Chairman Graham Hunwick.
3. Receipt and adoption of Minutes of the last AGM held 27 September 2015.
4. Receipt and adoption of Reports.
5. Receipt and adoption of the Auditor's Report on statements of receipts and expenditure for year ended 30 June 2016.
6. Election of Directors to vacancies (2). In accordance with the Articles of Association, current Directors Jamie Sims and Peter Boge will retire at the AGM, but are eligible to re-nominate.
7. Appointment of an Auditor for the year 2016/2017.
8. Any business of a general nature.
9. Light refreshments will follow the close of the meeting.

Vacancies: Expressions of interest are called for a three year term for the two vacancies.

Eligibility to become a Director: A candidate for the office of Director shall:-

- i be nominated by a member; (NB 'Member' here means 'Club') and
- ii be an active member of a Club; or
- iii be by invitation of the Board.

Other notes:

- i. Directors are bound by the rules of audit and company laws applied by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).
- ii. Directors' obligations include monthly meetings, working bees, promotion of the Camp, and serving on committees.
- iii. A meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors will follow light refreshments after the AGM.

How to nominate for the position of Director: Eligible persons are asked to send me an email at: pboge@bigpond.net.au or write to:

The Secretary

Lions Camp Duckadang

PO Box 437 STRATHPINE Q 4500

with the name and address to which an Information Package is to be posted. (There is too much to be sent by email). Please allow time to receive the Information Package and for your Club to return a nomination form by the closing date.

Please note this notice is being sent out earlier than usual as I'll be away for nearly all of August. I shall respond to any inquiries in early September.

Nominations shall be in the form provided in the information package and are to be received by the **Secretary PO Box 437 STRATHPINE Q 4500** by 5.00pm Monday 10 October 2016.

Voting: Clubs are eligible to send voting delegates according to the numbers reflected in the current MD Directory and in the ratio of one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members or major portion thereof. Written advice of delegates duly authorised by the Club President or Secretary is to be in the Secretary's hands by the commencement of the **AGM on 23 October 2016**. Directors may be nominated by their Club as one of their Voting Delegates.

Peter J Boge – Secretary to the Board

email: pboge@bigpond.net.au

MY FAVOURITE LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN THE CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Dear Greg,

My Lions club has played an important role in my life. It has been a vital influence for good. My Lions Club is in my blood and heartbeat. It has wakened in me a consciousness of many obligations and has added fuel to my burning desire to useful service. I love my Lions Club because it is composed of men and women, sincere, service minded people, who gladly give gifts of their time as well as gifts from their heart -people that give for the sheer joy of giving.

My Lions Club has taught me to not take myself too seriously, yet it has taught me to enjoy life more fully and to put to maximum use my enthusiasm for worth- while civic improvements.

My Lions Club brings out the best in me. It aids me to overlook the frailties and weakness that I formerly saw in my fellow man. Instead, it has taught me to search for the good that I never looked for quite well enough before.

My Lions Club has helped me to overcome my own timidity and fears, and has, instead, developed my latent talent for leadership and service.

My Lions Club gives me a definite feeling of belonging to something extremely worthwhile – a sense of being a vital part of a great world brotherhood of service minded people – a deep pride in the knowledge that I am essentially a part of something that is important and necessary in my own community as well as on a national and international plane. Every Lions Club meeting makes me more conscious of the fact that I am affiliated and associated with leaders in our community. At our club meetings we hear the best speakers. They inform, educate and acquaint us with the affairs of our city, state, nation and the world.



LEO OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2016



Held on Sunday 14th August 2016. I advise that the overall winner was Sebastian Gallagher and the Public Speaking Winner was Ryan James. Both contestants were from Southern Cross -12 School Leo Club which is sponsored by Ballina East Lions Club.

I would like to thank Merrimac SHS, Robina SHS, Rosewood SHS and Southern Cross K-12 School for their support of this year's competition.

Nine Leos from these four Clubs were wonderful participants, however the number of Clubs involved was disappointing. It is usually the same clubs competing and I ask why is it that Leos from other clubs are not coming forward to enter. Are their Advisors bothering to tell them about it? An awful lot of preparation goes into this competition, please Advisors encourage your Leos to enter. A number of the contestants had work commitments, however they changed times with their boss to allow them to enter. There is always at least two month's notice given as to when the competition is on. It was great to see a contestant from Rosewood State High School. This Club has not been involved for some years and Club/Teacher Advisors and Leo Natalie are to be congratulated.

The friendship shown between the contestants was wonderful and they were all soon mixing together. This is a wonderful learning experience for Leos to meet Leos from other Clubs. I understand that some Leos are nervous about entering these competition's, however this is what Leos is all about, **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY**. A Leo only has to be a member who is keen to have a go. This competition is all about giving our **Leos** the **E** and **O** in **LEO**. Some of our contestants were very young, but all acquitted themselves very well.

I would like to thank the Leo Club Advisors from the four Clubs that entered for attending the competition and supporting their young Leos.

The three judges, Lions Paul Cavanagh (Chairman), Maree Ramsey and Greg Nothling did a wonderful and not easy job and I sincerely thank them for their efforts.

A big thank you to Steve Strong from Merrimac SHS for organising the rooms for us and providing a most enjoyable afternoon tea.

I ask the Advisors again to encourage your Leos to become involved in 2017.

John Wearne – District Leo Consultant and Leo of the Year Chairman

The Leo of the Year Competition in District 201Q1 is proudly supported by Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group

Leo Joshua Manning gave a rather interesting talk at this year's Leo of the Year Competition. It is on a topic with which I am sure nearly all of us can identify:

"There is a hero amongst us. Might be here in this very room, or might not be. But I can assure you, without the presence of this legendary figure, The Leos and The Lions would not be a fraction of what it is today. This figure, the building block of these clubs, works tirelessly in making sure each and every one of those we serve is completely satisfied. You may see this figure, this symbol of our pride, doings its best down at your local market, working in your schools and even down at your Bunning's.

This presence works in the shadows but is often in plain sight. Silently, although with a slight crackle in the air this hero performs its duties with no complaint but receiving no recognition and finds no gratitude amongst its peers.

You may find this hero hiding in your fridges, your freezers, or on your dinner plates

At the cricket or the footy in which every Aussie relates.

This is not a poem, but a poem contains rhyme

I like to rhyme all the, afternoons of the week.

I am of course speaking about the sausage sanger.

Wait, wait, before you disregard me as being a bit of a dimwit, just think about the implications of the mighty sausage sandwich, which makes it such an essential part of this organization.

It's cost effective, easy to prepare, smells brilliant and is the most incredible substance on the face of this universe.

But! There is an exacting science in the construction of the sausage sanger comprising of 3 major steps.

1. You should put lots of onion on the sandwich, and I mean Loooooots of onion. But not too much because that would wreck it and you'll have to fumble around with tongs to try and get just that little bit off, but if you get too much you'll have to put more on it. You all know the struggle.
2. Ample amounts of BBQ sauce, once again ample means lots, in a sort of just pile it on fashion. But unlike the onion, you can't have too much sauce. The trick here is not to mix up the BBQ sauce with the Tomato sauce this would be a catastrophe, because no matter what people think, BBQ sauce is superior to tomato in every single way possible. Its sort of like how coffee is far superior to tea – it's scientifically proven.
3. Singlehandedly the most important part of the construction of the sanger, you could disregard the other things I said, if only you remember this point. The sausage must, and I repeat **MUST** be placed diagonally on the bread. If this is not achieved, it will be classed as un-Australian and that sausage sandwich must be incinerated.

If you have managed to complete these simple steps, you my friends have just created the ultimate snagger and hence you are a downright legend. This sandwich will live on to fill all those of whom it comes in contact with great joy, happiness and saturated, MSG-cholesterol and I'm talking the good sort of MSG. It's like a prehistoric meteor made out of tungsten titanium diamonds sent to us from aliens so we may know the true joys of life - metaphorically.

But in all seriousness, because you all know I like to be serious (wink), there's nothing like waking up early on a fresh winters dawn, to hear the crisp grass crunch underfoot, whilst the morning poets sing away in the trees. To experience a school devoid of students – which is oddly satisfying. This not because of the romance of a new day, but because there are no students.

The BBQ bursts into life and at last there is something on which you can warm your frozen fingers, at which point the first signs of life trickle in through the gates. A PDHPE teacher will undoubtedly ask for a snag even though none are ready.

The game starts to pick up and in the blink of an eye, you find yourself in amongst a flurry of people cooking, creating a serving sangers.

Sausages and Onion flying-through-the-air.

The bell rings and you once again find yourself in an empty play ground but now with table upon table lacquered with oil, sauce and crumbs with the aroma of onions sautéing in the oil that has gathered in the bottom of the BBQ – A sign of a job well done.

Its at this point, you can sit back look upon the massive mess you just helped make and say, "I made a difference".

See, a sausage sandwich in all of its unrecognized glory, is not just an instrument in which we can raise money; it's a medium that allows peers and friends and even people you may never have anything to do with, to get together and work for a common cause a righteous cause. The sanger builds new relationships, friendships and instills the traits of reliability and responsibility whilst helping to benefit not only others, but yourself as well.

So next time you rock up to Bunning's to buy yourself a tasty Snag, remember, the snag has the ability to improve this world in ways you may have never thought possible. It can change lives, save lives, stop hunger, create clean water, prevent disease, repair sight, and find a cure for Un-Australianism.

In conclusion, the sausage sandwich as shown by the equation $E=MCBBQ2$ is essentially the fabric in which space and time are constructed of – Unless of course, it has tomato sauce on it."

SUPPORT THE FIGHT



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

S.S.S – SHOW SUPPORT SEPTEMBER

You still have time to Show Support September: in September you and or your Club just need to do something for someone with Breast Cancer (on any kind of Cancer really), that shows your support to them. This does not necessarily mean giving them money, it means showing you care – cooking them a meal, taking them round a baked treat and having a coffee with them, arranging for their lawns to be mowed. It can be anything really – just something that shows you care.... The possibilities are endless... Make sure that you email me the details and let me know what you and or your Club have done for S.S.S – Show Support September...

BID FOR A BRA AT CONVENTION

I'm pleased to advise that there are bras being painted by some celebrities again this year, which will be "silent auctioned" at the Convention. This is the last year of this project, so make sure that you don't miss out. So far we have the following celebrities painting a bra for the "silent auction":

- **Wally Lewis** – (former rugby league footballer)
- **Samuel Johnson** – (actor, played "Molly" in TV mini-series & founder "Love Your Sister")
- **DG Graham "Jacko" Jackson**

With discussions still being held with a few more celebrities. Do you like one of these celebrities? Why not Bid for a Bra! Keep an eye out for the "silent auction" paperwork very soon.

BREAST WISHES COOKBOOK

It's back – the 3rd volume of the Breast Cancer "Breast Wishes" Pink Cookbook – will be for sale at the Convention. It will still only be \$10.00 – and will be even better than the last two volumes – there will only be a limited amount being printed, so don't miss out...

Help Support...Many thanks

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