



# Ann's Buzzing Chronicle

*We Serve*



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**District 201Q1**

**Australia**

**ANN REED**

**District Governor  
2017-2018**



*Bee together  
in service*



**1st Vice District Governor**

**KIM FORREST**

**2nd Vice District Governor**

**DAVID GREENUP**



# Welcome to the first of Ann's Buzzing Chronicle!



July 2017 is an exciting month for us all. This month saw Don and I (Broken foot and all) attend the International Convention in Chicago and on the 4th of July, I became your (very excited) District Governor, being inducted at our International Convention along with 744 other DGE, home of where Lions started in 1917. I helped carry our Centennial white flag where you had all signed your names and helped paint a special mural to celebrate our 100 years of service.

Our district handover is on the 22nd July, where you are all invited to help say farewell to PDG Graham and Denise and welcome home to your new District Governor (me) and Cabinet, who will hold their first Cabinet meeting the next day. It will be a fun evening with a multi draw raffle, a special raffle and an auction. So, come dressed in the theme colours of black and gold, network with your family of Lions and have some fun.

This year will see a continuation of District Team visitations where I and husband Don or 1st VDG Kim Forrest and husband PDG Ross or 2nd VDG David Greenup will come to visit your club over the coming months. We will present your club with my bannerette and two District Governor Service Awards, one will be presented to the Club President and one to a club member. The new District badge will also be for sale for \$5.

Thank you to all my new Cabinet members who accepted their positions with pride. I am looking forward to working with you all over the next year. Together we will achieve our District goals.

My theme for this year is **"BEE TOGETHER IN SERVICE"**

I chose this theme after watching a hive of Native Reed Bees working cooperatively together in my front yard. Evidently bees were not designed to fly but no one told them that and they fly anyway. Really that's just like Lions, we don't listen when others tell us we can't do something. We talk to each other, we plan and we put into action to get the job done. We work together as a committed team, just as our motto says **We Serve**.

## The Power of WE = The Power of Action = We Serve

As a retired School Teacher, I strongly urge us to remember the 3 R's for Lions.

<b>R</b> for Respect	For each other at all levels, respect goes both ways.
<b>R</b> for Retention	Look after the members we have, draw on each other's strengths.
<b>R</b> for Rejuvenation	Look for younger members to join us, move forward, new ideas.

**If we follow the 3 R's our Clubs will become stronger and our District will grow.**

We all joined Lions to serve our local community and to help others around the world. The key to a club's success in delivering community service it is not just the leadership of the President but the whole club working together in service.

As a club have you thought about doing a Community assessment to find out who or where you can help?

Perhaps you could invite your local Councillor to come and speak with you as they know where help is needed most in the area.

Draw up a plan and work together to achieve your goals and don't forget to publish what you are doing so the public know who you are and what you are doing in your community.

Let the Editor of this District newsletter know so we can all read what you are achieving.

Let's share our successes with each other.

Don't forget to send a copy of your club Newsletter to the District Editor and myself as we have a Best Newsletter competition. Your Zone Chairperson has all the details for District competitions this year. Good luck.

It's not all about fundraising, it's about service to others and having some fun along the way. Let us know how your club has fun. Share your ideas with the District.

## Have you registered to come to our annual District Convention?

### The theme this year is 'Come to the Heart'

The heart of Lismore and where our Lion's heart first started beating by opening the first Club in Australia.

**Date:** Last week end in October, 27-29 October 2017

**Where:** Lismore Workers Club, 231 Keen Street, Lismore

**What:** Help celebrate 100 years of Lions International  
70 years of Lions Australia  
60 years of Leos

Great Keynote speakers, 6 forums to choose from, Presidents invited to lunch with the District Governor, Gala dinner with 1940's theme with great prizes for best dressed club, Couple, Dapper and Pin-up Lady.

Bring along knitted blankets, beanies, fingerless gloves and socks to donate to Lismore's Disadvantaged. They will be presented at the Convention.

Huge congratulations to all members who updated their Lion's knowledge by attending the Cabinet Officer Information morning or one of the three Club Officers training days.

A big thank you to the Presenters who did a great job to make these days not only informative but interactive for all and a lot of networking as well.

To the clubs that hosted these days, a big thank you for your support and great food. You all did a fantastic job and we had record numbers attend all sessions.

Let's start the year as we mean to finish and that is strong, by working together for our common cause of Bee together in Service

**Ann Reed**  
**District Governor 2017-2018, District 201Q1**

## July Report from the desk of Cabinet Secretary

On 4th July Lion Ann Reed was installed as Q1's District Governor for 2017-2018. This happened at the International Convention, in Chicago, and many from the District were there to support her.

In the lead up to this year, the incoming Cabinet Officers and Club Officers have attended training days which have been very well attended. Fifty Four Clubs attended the three training days that were held and we had 13 apologies from clubs who were doing other things on the day. There has been a lot of positive feedback and ideas from these days and some will be taken onboard in the coming months and years. To the clubs of Helensvale, Gold Coast Tallebudgera, Redland Bay Victoria Point and Warwick, I thank you for providing the great venues and catering which was very much appreciated.

All Cabinet Officers for this year, have been preparing for their portfolios so that they are ready to take up the challenge from 4th July and I am sure that they will continue to keep the high standards that has been set by previous officers.

The District Handover is to take place at Redlands Sporting Club Wellington Point on 22 July. This is the time that we farewell Immediate Past District Governor Graham Jackson and Lion Denise as well as welcome District Governor Ann Reed and Lion Don. This dinner will be a great night to catch up with other members of the District, conduct some official business and have lots of fun and fellowship. Please get your bookings in as soon as possible. The invite is a full page in this newsletter.

The first Cabinet meeting for the year will take place on July 23 at Redland City.

If you have any issues or problems that I can help you with please email or phone me so that we can get it sorted as soon as possible.

**Lorraine McKenzie**  
**Cabinet Secretary**

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**The Texas Lions Club** has become very involved with dementia awareness.

They have formed a committee of volunteers and club members to make Texas a dementia friendly town. With the help of Mrs Beverley Giles OAM they held workshops in Texas and erected a banner in the grounds of the Texas post office.



**Bangalow Lions Club** entered a team in the Byron Bay Triathlon this year. They may have only achieved 63rd out of 78 teams but average age of 64 years well eclipsed any other team.

*Pictured from left to right are Lions Chris Hayward, Neil Sowerby and Neil McKenzie.*

It was a cold Autumn morning as **Alstonville Lions** jumped out of bed. The sun had not shown its head as many Lions arrived at the Federal Hotel to start setting up for the race that stops Alstonville. Dennis arrived early at the shed to arrange the table and chairs to be transported. Alan Bruce and Richard Lutz controlled the Federal Hotel Parking Area, Brian and Les the Main Street. As the sun rose we saw blue skies and no sign of rain. The stewards declared the track as dry and hard. The crowds started to arrive around 9.00am and stayed until the last race at 2.30pm. Crowds were entertained in the main street by the local kids and Buskers. The Federal Hotel car park saw race patrons enjoying rides, face painting, snow cone and coffee before the first race. The crowds were 4/5 deep by the start of the first race. The race started, the aqua pig SNOW BALL (sponsored by Alstyle Cabinets) got off to a great start but faltered at the first turn. Captain pig knuckle took the lead but failed to smell the milk and lost the lead to the eventual winner Roast pork. The Richmond Valley woodcrafter's members went mad and took off the first Trainers trophy. The day only got better. All in all, it was a great day. The kids went home with memories and stories to tell their children about the day they went to the race that stopped the village of Alstonville when roast pork won the race and was Heathers Greens dinner that night.



## Lionsonoz in Action

Immediate Past President of **Australian Lionsonoz** Bernie Donchi and his wife Lion Jan found themselves at the Barmedman Pool Camping Ground and stayed for 5 days enjoying themselves swimming in the huge mineral pool there.

The temperature soared while they were there, reaching 44 degrees one day and 45 the next. The generator therefore got a good workout, running the Air Conditioner for days on end.

They got to meet some of the residents of the Town and discovered that there was a need for volunteers to assist in cleaning and maintaining the pool during the swimming season, so Lions Bernie and Jan volunteered to assist them by removing the build-up of algae weed on the surface of the pool. Quite a tiring exercise, especially in the heat but this is what members of Lionsonoz do.

*Pictured: Lion Bernie Donchi preparing to test out the Mineral Pool at Barmedman after he and Lion Jan removed the algae weed from its surface.*

Australian Lionsonoz cannot conduct normal projects on their own behalf due to the fact that members are in every State of Australia and now New Zealand and the logistics of obtaining the necessary permissions from all States makes it more practical to assist "main stream" Lions Clubs in their projects or to assist the local communities in the town in which they find themselves in their travels all over Australia.

PDG Lion Warren White

I am pleased to announce that **we just surpassed our all-time membership record of 1,445,591 Lions!**

I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to changing lives and growing our association's humanitarian impact over the past year. Thanks to you, we are positioned to enter our second century of service stronger than ever before. Thanks to you, Lions clubs are serving in more communities around the world. And thanks to you, we are helping more people than ever before.

Thank you for helping Lions reach new heights! **Chancellor Bob Corlew**

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## Redland Bay Victoria Point Lions serving their community.

Raising funds by gift wrapping and giving gifts to the residents of a nursing home. Also keeping the environment clean by Adopt a Road clean up with first effort picking up 36kg of rubbish.



## CHILDREN OF COURAGE AWARDS

I would like to introduce myself to all Lions Clubs in the District. My name is Penny Kourra and I am the chair for the 'Children of Courage' project for 2017-2018.

It is a worthwhile and valuable project to recognise special children and increase their self-esteem and self-worth. I know many Clubs have been involved in the past and I encourage you to continue this year. I also hope other Clubs who may have not participated previously will consider the project this year.

For those who have participated in previous years, could you please provide me ways you have celebrated the event. I will share these ideas with other clubs in the district.

If you are interested in participating this year or would like further information please feel free to contact me. I will also provide further information in my next article.

**pkour11@hotmail.com 0418 877 290**

**I look forward to speaking with all Clubs. Penny Kourra**



*misconstrued.*

Synonymous, tactful, univocal, voluble, whimsical, Xeroxed, yackery, zeumatic – *words misspelt.*

Then I go to the shop. “How much is that roundish, cakey-looking thing?” I ask pointing.

## EDITORIAL

I work all day with words.

I say and read and write and hear –

Ambiguous, bombastic, colloquial, didactic, euphemistic, felicitous – *words miscellaneous.*

Glossarial, hybrid, illegible, jabbering, kinetic, lexicographical – *words mispronounced.*

Metaphorical, nonsensical, orthographic, portmanteau, questioning, rhetorical – *words*



## Lions Clubs International

LCIF is close to its target of 30 million USD for the eradication of measles. If LCIF raises its target, it will receive a \$ for \$ subsidy. While it was hoped that this \$30M USD target would be reached in time to celebrate at the Chicago Convention, donations to this cause will continue to be accepted until the end of the year. Clubs are asked to donate to this worthy, worldwide cause if they haven't done so already.

Earlier this year, our Foundation reached a monumental milestone in that it has awarded more than US\$1 billion in life-changing grants since its founding in 1968. Though these grants, Lions and LCIF have been able to provide hope and dignity to millions of people who need it most. Thanks to the generosity of Lions and partners, LCIF has helped communities recover from disasters, empowered our youth, saved sight, and done so much more.

As indicated in previous newsletters, Clubs now are requested to have an LCIF Chairman on their board of directors. Clubs that have filled this position are asked to notify me of the name and contact details of the appointee so I will be able to keep them up to date with LCIF information.

**Rob Johnson (PDG) District Q1 LCIF Chairman**

# Give 'em an inch

Lion Don Reed finally convinced  
Lion Ann to think metric.  
Ann now shops for things in  
litres and kilograms.

“It was tough,” Lion Don said.  
“I had to battle her every  
inch of the way.”

## LIONS CAMP DUCKADANG NEWS

The Lions Family is invited to working bees at the Camp for the rest of 2017:

**Fri 04- Sun 06 August; Fri 10 – Sun 12 November.**

It is OK to arrive late on the Friday afternoon. Caravans are OK.

- Bring your own pillows, sheets, blanket (weather can get cold).
- Bring whatever you plan to eat or drink.

**HOWEVER, the Saturday night will be provided.**

Bunk style beds and mattresses.

Refrigeration facilities are on hand for drinks and food.

Plates, cutlery, tea, coffee and milk are provided by the Camp.

Cooking facilities; kitchen (toast, etc) and Jones Rotunda BBQ where most people cook and eat.

In the dining room and outdoor shelter, tables and chairs may be placed for meals or socialising. This is a very pleasant area at night.

There are some jobs to do, but there is still time for 'happy hours' and socialising.

There is no charge for going to working bees.

Facilities include: Hamilton Hall, Stewart Observatory, indoor bowls, swimming pool, pool table, tennis courts, canoes, mini golf, and low ropes course.

Volunteers 'sign' the book and advised to wear suitable clothing, footwear and a hat.

**ADDED ATTRACTION:** Come and see the difference being made as the result of donations by Clubs.

**We all hope to see you soon!**

**Peter J Boge, Secretary to the Board, Lions Camp Duckadang**



## AUSTRALIAN MOTORHOMING LIONS CLUB

- Can AMLC help your Lions Club?
- Do you need some extra "hands" to assist in your Club activity?

We are a new special interest group of Lions motorhomers who like to give something back to, and make meaningful local contacts in, the communities we travel through. [See our website: [www.amlc.org.au](http://www.amlc.org.au)]

If you are planning a fund-raising [or other] activity requiring more personnel than your club can easily raise, you may be able to request assistance from our members.

To register your interest, you will need to obtain a Service Request Form, from Frank or Lynne [[franklynne30@gmail.com](mailto:franklynne30@gmail.com) or 0403 963 544].

[Note: Website availability of these forms is under way.]

Please complete form with details of your event, scan and send to the email address on the form itself.

### Please note:

1. We have members all over Australia who need to plan their trip well ahead, so at least **one year's notice** is more likely to get the help you need.
2. As we are all on strict budgets, **free or low-cost** self-contained camping and free entry to your event are more likely to attract volunteers.

P.S. Note also that we, Frank and Lynne, are available to assist around Ballina and surrounding towns when we are not away on a trip! Call us direct on the above number.



## RUNAWAY BAY BLANKET APPEAL A BIG SUCCESS

"We're going to need a bigger truck" was the catchcry at the completion of the Runaway Bay Blanket Appeal.

The loving generosity of the shoppers and traders of Runaway Bay Centre knows no bounds with a huge number of blankets donated to help keep the homeless and at-risk kids warm this winter.

A collective effort by Runaway Bay Lions Club and Runaway Bay Centre saw hundreds of blankets and clothing items made available for immediate distribution by Rosies – Friends On the Street, and Uniting Church Southport, to those in need on these cold winter nights.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of donors, many homeless and crisis care kids in our community will have more comfortable nights this winter.

**201Q1 DISTRICT CONVENTION LISMORE 2017  
REGISTRATION FORM  
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER – PAST ARCHIVES**

**[www.lions201q1.org.au](http://www.lions201q1.org.au)**

*THIS IS NOT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE JUST A RESOURCE SITE*

**FULL DISTRICT WEBSITE  
IS STILL AS FOLLOWS**

**[www.201q1.lions.org.au](http://www.201q1.lions.org.au)**

*SUB DOMAIN OF LIONS AUSTRALIA CLUB HOUSE*



## THE SUNNYBANK LIONS CLUB

Invites you to Christmas in July

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Saturday, 29 July 2017**

Lions Community Hall - 95 Lister St Sunnybank  
**6.30pm for 7.00pm start**

Cost \$15.00 per person - Includes supper and lucky door prize

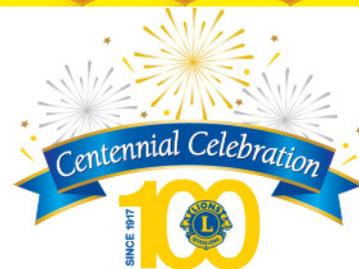
Teams of 6 per table or come alone and we can find a team for you

**Fun for Everyone**

Booking and enquiries:

Don: don\_hewett@iprimus.com.au or 0411 429 168  
Dorothy Berger: midot2@bigpond.com

Please RSVP by 23rd July 2017 (for catering purposes)



- Centennial Projects Due July 15 – Remind your clubs that they need to report all of their *Centennial Service Challenge* activities and *Legacy Projects* by July 15, 2017 in order to receive their exclusive Centennial Banner Patches for the 2016-17 year.
- Leave Lasting Lion Legacies – Hundreds of clubs are planning *Centennial Legacy Projects*—are yours? Your clubs can leave lasting legacies in their communities by creating a Level 1, 2 or 3 Legacy Project. This will raise their visibility and celebrate Lions' 100 years of service.

Estimating Your Clubs' Service Impact – It's up to each club to quantify its service impact. Review the *Centennial Service Challenge FAQs* for tips on how to estimate the number of beneficiaries of an activity.

### Centennial Service

*The Centennial Service Challenge goal has now served more than 160 million people, well beyond the 100 million initially set back in 2014, and is still going! A new global service framework with diabetes as a global service focus will be launched in the Centennial Convention. Myself and my family are heading to Chicago to attend the Centennial Convention and will bring back more news on the setting of an ambitious goal for Lions for the next 100 years.*

### WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION.

**PDG Peter Ho, Centennial Coordinator 2016-2018**  
[Lion.peterho@gmail.com](mailto:Lion.peterho@gmail.com)

## A big "thankyou" ....

I am very excited and happy to advise that WE DID IT – between the donations from Lions Clubs, Leos Clubs and the monies raised from the two Cookbooks, the Pink Cranes and the Celebrity Painted Bras at the last three Conventions – we have made the goal I set and have now raised the \$ 20,000 in three years – in fact are now even close to \$ 21,000 raised (I heard there may be one more donation to come in?).

This is just amazing that we have been able to raise this much – and been able to help so many. We have been able to make donations to the following : Kim Walters Choices Program, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Qld Cancer Council, McGrath Foundation, Breast & Prostate Cancer Association, The University of Qld, Love Your Sister & Wesley Choices Cancer Support Centre.

Some of these donations went to the research side of things to hopefully one day find a cure, and some of the donations went to directly helping the patients diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

If you do have any more funds, please get them in now so that the final donations can be made. Please send in your funds raised now – cheques to be made out to : "Lions District 201Q1" – and posted to 10 Shapcott Place, Runcorn QLD 4113 – or contact me and I can give you the direct transfer details to make it a lot easier.

Please don't forget about the "Breast Wishes" Cookbooks. They make beautiful little gifts to give as a "thankyou" to Club Members, to your Guest Speakers, or even just a gift for your Family & Friends filled with over a 120 "very easy to make" recipes at only \$ 10.00 each – with full proceeds to the Breast Cancer cause. Contact me with how many you would like and we can arrange payment & delivery.

Once again – a big thankyou – I have loved every minute as the Q1 District Breast Cancer Awareness Chairman, and thanks to PDG Kent, PDG Peter and PDG Jacko for letting me do so.

Help Support...Many thanks

**Jenny Maguire, Breast Cancer Awareness**  
**Ph : (m) 0412 358 205 or (e) lionjenny.01@bigpond.com**

## OPERATION FRIENDSHIP AND CLUB TWINNING

My name is Lion Ivan Schindler, a member of the Lions Club of Rosewood, and I will be the Operation Friendship/Club Twinning Coordinator for our Lions District 201Q1 for the coming year 2017-18.

I would like to thank Lion Ian Manwaring for his excellent work in this portfolio over the years he has been coordinating the Operation Friendship project and for his guidance to me.

Operation Friendship has been a project of our district for a number of years. Lions from Australia have hosted visitors from Scandinavia, UK and Singapore, while Lions from Australia have reciprocated to provide fellowship and the experience of Lionism within another culture. In the words from the Lions Clubs International Purposes, what better way is there to:

*... unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.*

*... create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.*

The project has one visiting couple this year, Bjarne and Lene Svendsen from Denmark. They will be attending our convention in Lismore. Please make yourself known to them and welcome them. Thank you to those members who have offered to host Bjarne and Lene.

When I receive invitations from our overseas Lions Districts, I will notify all clubs in our District, so that those wanting to make an application to go overseas in 2018 can do so. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience another country, their Lions Clubs and their culture.

This is also a great opportunity for members to share Lionism and get to know our visitors as a host family or club, so please let me know if you would like to host a couple in your home during October November 2018.

The International Club Twinning Program is a voluntary and mutual agreement between clubs in different countries. Lions and Leos can participate, however, twinning should occur between like clubs (i.e. Lions with Lions, Leos with Leos). To find the guidelines please go the Lions International Member Centre on the Lions International Web Page.

**Lion Ivan Schindler – I can be contacted by phone H 07 5464 2108  
W 07 5464 1607 Mob 0407 370 041 rosewoodvetservice@gmail.com**

## Robina Lions recently presented a Friendship Seat to the Merrimac State Primary School as a centenary gift in our Lions International centenary year.

The Friendship Seat, located in the school playground will provide children with a place to go if they are upset or lonely. When teachers or other children see a child on the seat they can approach them to see if they can help in any way.



*The people in the photo are Ms Patricia Boccaccini (head of the special education unit), Dr Randall (principal), Vicky and John Clark (Robina Lions Club) and students Chris and Tim.*

## LOCAL LIONS CLUB MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The Griffith University Lions Club may be small but its members are committed to helping others. They are presently fundraising to expand the cold room for the Emergency Food and Relief Program at the Village Avenue Community Centre, Coopers Plains. This program provides food to those in the local area suffering hardship and at this time of the year the need for relief is rising.

The Griffith University Lions Club has also been raising funds through Bunnings BBQs, raffles, a High Tea and its upcoming **Variety Night on 22 July at the new Sunpac Centre, Sunnybank Hills**. The Variety Night has music, dance, comedy, raffles, heaps of surprises and features legendary Brisbane comedy group *The Sons of Germaine Greer*. It's a family friendly night of entertainment. Come along, have a laugh and support this local community event. All funds raised will go towards the Emergency Food Relief program at the VACC.

**BOOKINGS:** On 22nd July the Griffith University Lions Club is holding a Variety Night to raise much needed funds for the Village Avenue Community Centres Food Bank. They are committed to raise funds for a Cold Room to help the centre store their much needed supplies. For bookings please call SunPAC, McCullough St, Sunnybank on 3323 9600.

### The Sons of Germaine Greer are returning for a ONE OFF event!!!!

Strap yourselves in for a journey of pure larrikinism as Brisbane's best loved Blokes share their opinions on immediate contemporary issues including burning topics such as the secrets of loving the little woman real good, the culinary delights of deep fried food and the trials and tribulations of home maintenance. *The Sons of Germaine Greer* put their own unique take on a Bloke's reality and through hilarious cabaret performance share the secrets of what's really important to men.

A bunch of Bloke's who "...can't sing, can't dance, can't act... BUT what a night out!!" (The Australian)

The Sons are joined by Brisbane's sweetest sounding songbirds *Carolynne and Angel* who put their own unique flavour on some of your favourite songs from The Mama's and the Papas, The Beach Boys, Louis Armstrong and Fleetwood Mac.

Good old fashioned Variety Performance at its best, this is a great night of entertainment with all proceeds assisting the *Emergency Food and Relief Program of the Village Avenue Community Centre (VACC)*.

For tickets and more information, please visit SunPAC at [www.sunpac.net.au](http://www.sunpac.net.au) **ADULTS \$33 CONCESSION \$25**



## LITERACY

I would like to introduce myself as your district chairperson for Literacy.

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

The Literacy project is a internationally recognised project and includes the Reading Action Program. The literacy project that your club can take on can be as easy as:

- listen to your children, grandchildren, local schools, retirement homes to read out loud
- visiting a school, retirement home or local community groups to assist with reading, writing, or using a computer or tablet to type up an email or a letter to help communicate to their family or friends
- providing support or Braille machines to the visually impaired
- donate computers, tablets to schools to retirement homes, schools, community groups to promote literacy
- Spelling Bee competition
- write a story as a competition



Lismore  
*come to the heart*



## 201Q1 DISTRICT CONVENTION - 2017 LISMORE

DATE: 27-29 OCTOBER

Saturday night!

Theme night:  
**Fabulous Forties**

Theme Awards:

1. Best table / club
2. Best dressed couple
3. Smartest Dapper
4. Pin-up

Multi – Raffle Draw:

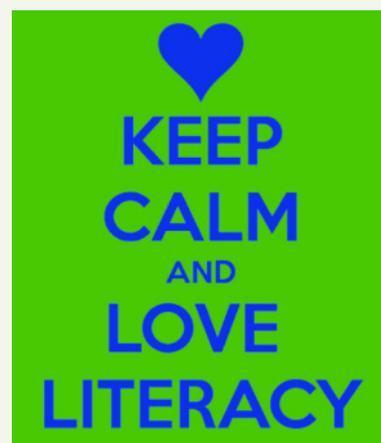
**Thirty-Six Fantastic Prizes**  
**3 for \$5.00**

Spot Prize draw:

**Fourteen draws!!!**



Convention Celebrate  
**70YRS OF LIONS IN AUSTRALIA**  
Come to the heart  
**REGISTRATION FORM @ [www.lions201q1.org.au](http://www.lions201q1.org.au)**



I have provided you a few examples for literacy, If you have a project which involves literacy, please share your ideas with me. I will come up with more ideas small and large for clubs to be involved in. Your zone may even want to participant in one larger Literacy project.

I am here to answer any questions or to have someone to provide feedback on your project ideas. I am happy to assist anyway I can, if you would like me to come visit your clubs to talk I am more than happy to.

**Nicole Phillips (Feathers)**  
[davina85@me.com](mailto:davina85@me.com) 0407 763 007

## OPERATION FRIENDSHIP TO NORWAY

17TH APRIL-18TH May 2017

LANCE AND JUDITH ROBERTS. ROCHEDALE-SPRINGWOOD LIONS CLUB.

NB. Names in CAPITAL letters could be worth to Google if you want more information.

After a comfortable 30 hour journey to Bergen, we were met on arrival by Torgeir Boerve from Norway Operation Friendship and his wife Kristin who drove us through rain and sleet to our first homestay in NORHEIMSUND to visit Lion Svein and his wife Unni. Their property was on family land on the banks of a fjord with several homes and a small farm, with a giant waterfall to pass as you entered farm area. As they both worked, the next day Torgeir took us on a tour of his family property near SJETE which joined with Torgeir's property in the mountains where they co-owned a ski run and accommodation facility, and to visit his farm and join the family for dinner. The next day we walked to explore the local town and that evening visited Unni's parents (father an ex-Lion) for dinner, they live at the other end of the fiord with more beautiful views of the area.

Friday was the day to leave Norheimsund to travel through some snow to LOFTHUS where the Convention was being held at the HOTEL ULLENSVANG a magnificent hotel on HARDANGER FJORD owned for the past five generations by the Utne family since the late 1800's. The scenery and weather was beautiful, with 'locals' swimming in the outdoor pools, we gave pools inside a miss, but did enjoy a spa. The Convention was attended by approximately 140 delegates, and 126 observers. As it was all held in a very formal way I did not feel it appropriate to photograph proceedings. The Friday night function, a silver service dinner, followed by a 'meet and greet' time and then a most entertaining comedian and later a band. Saturday after a sumptuous breakfast, the opening ceremony began with most of the welcome speeches done in English for our benefit. After being welcomed by the District Governor, we exchanged greetings and presented a gift from the Mayor of Logan to the local Mayor, who reciprocated with a gift for us to take back to Logan. As the rest of the Convention would be spoken in Norwegian we left on the partner's trip, first to a local factory and show room where stainless steel cutlery is made and then on to the largest electricity plant in Norway- STATKRAFT where we were driven 3km into the centre of the mountain where the plant operated. We were to be one of the last tours to visit due to the possibility of it being a terrorist target. Next stop was a Nature reserve where we viewed a panoramic film of a helicopter ride through fjords, and glaciers. We returned to the hotel for my presentation in the form of a power-point show with Australian maps, photographs and information in text, and I also spoke the written segments as they appeared on the screen. I followed this with Australian and Q1 and club Lions projects with accompanying relevant photographs. I also provided printed copies of these. I was sincerely congratulated on my presentation which aroused a lot of interest in Australia, and Australian Lions, (also because I did not exceed the time allocated!) That evening was another very formal dinner with various speakers from the Lions hierarchy. All this of course was in Norwegian, but fortunately on Friday Judith had met with a Lion's partner who had said that she wasn't a Lion as her husband was a very busy Lion, and had translated for us on the partner's bus trip. This couple were seated with us at dinner, and her very busy husband was actually the Secretary-General for the Norwegian Lions Clubs so once again she kept us in the loop' by translating. The Convention ended after breakfast on Sunday and we travelled to our second homestay in SANDEID with Lars and Aagot who we had already met at Convention. Lars was an engineer, who retired after many years on an oil-rig training the operators. They live right on the end of the fjord and we could actually walk from the back lawn into the water. In the winter the water is frozen so much so that a car can be driven on it, but normally ice-skating, sailboarding and fishing through holes drilled in the ice. We travelled one day for over 2 hours to visit the family farm which was settled in 1360 and is now an orchard. The farm was only 30 minutes away by boat but as the fjords are like fingers you must travel up and down each finger to get to an end. One highlight of our stay in Sandeid was a visit with Lars and Argot to a Lithuanian family who they were mentoring. There were seven of us at the house with five languages being spoken-Lithuanian, Russian, German, Norwegian and English, but as the other five spoke two languages nothing got lost in translation. A big Lions project is Tulip day where all clubs are involved. We both spent a day selling the flowers in different centres. Next day we went by car to the bus to ASKOY which also took us on the ferry and then drove off, and on to BERGEN where we were met by hosts PER GUNNAR and EDITH. We stopped at their local mall on the way and met up with 12 Bergen Vest Lions also selling tulips. A highlight of our days in ASKOY was a day spent viewing the club projects, namely a youth centre for immigrants, (tuition in Norwegian language) unemployed, and troubled youth, that provided art, drama, dance, music (3 recording studios, with musical instruments and facilities for mixing) Pokemon and Pinkachu gaming room, and car and veteran motor-bike restoration garage, gymnasium, café and leisure room. Next was a visit to an aged care facility where Lions had provided a 1950's lounge area with furniture, décor, paintings, magazines, books and radio programs to assist residents with dementia. Also they had arranged the construction of an outdoor chicken run that could be viewed from the common lounge area. We then went to lunch at the home of the President of the Club and that evening I spoke and re-did my presentation for their club members. This was last Lions meeting to be held, as they are in recess during the long summer break. We found it amazing that each home stay family had a summer cottage, winter cottage and often a unit in the city, conversely they were amazed that we didn't inherit family land. One Lion we spent a day with, told how

his son had decided he wanted to move into the family home, so they had bought a town house in Bergen as was the expected thing to do.

Our hosts took us to HERDLA where during WW2 the Germans had a military base and airport looking out to the North Sea and entrance to Bergen. Another amazing trip was to GULEN to their summer cottage 90 minutes by ferry from Bergen then long drive to cottage, 9 other properties there with own boathouses and jetty. Owners usually stay from June until September, no shops or entertainment just fishing and walking. Edith had driven the car for nearly 3 hours while we went by sea and after the stay at the cottage we travelled for 5 ½ hours to KVIKNES to an hotel built in 1750, for lunch. Another two ferries to next stop and drove for 1 hour up snow covered mountains and through a tunnel that was only a little arch in the side of the mountain. Snow melting but a lot of cabins still had snow up to the roof. We drove through 30 tunnels that afternoon, longest 10 kms with a round-about about 7kms inside. The longest tunnel at the moment in Norway is 25.8kms.

Ola Martin and Inger are our next hosts. They have previously visited Australian through Operation Friendship. Their home is at the entrance to Bergen Harbor so we could watch a lot of shipping activity. We were taken by a Lion who was CEO of Bergen Transport on a tour of Bergen, so he knew a great deal of info that most people wouldn't hear, and another day by a Lion who was a historian so gave us a great insight into Bergen history, HANSEATIC museum tour amazing. We also visited the STAVE church and composer EDVARD GREIG'S cottage and rode up above Bergen city in the funicular. Weather still great 24c and a trip with Ola Martin to the 'country' to a family who have occupied the area since 1600 (lady is a Lion). Ola Martin is a retired engineer, artist, singer and well respected man having received a medal from the King of Norway for his various works, and was there to arrange for a road to be put in to access the cottage she had lived in since before Christmas. This was her own choice as she had a fine home elsewhere, but loved her traditional family land. Another day we went walking in a forest to an Historic Site GULLAKSDALEN, where the Lions had erected a sign and map explaining the significance of the area where rocks were mined to produce dynamite centuries ago. Inger was very busy preparing traditional costume for a grand-daughter for Norwegian National Day on May 17th as costumes are handed down through generations and altered to suit. The costumes are worn at Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmation and other special events.

Last stop is with Terje and Sissel in Os (pronounced Ooos). Terje is Chief of Police and elected to local government (which is great for us as we get to see a lot not open to the public).



We visited a Lions project-dismantling boat houses for conversion into accommodation units. Lots of Indians giving advice! But only one chief on top of the structure with a chain-saw! He was the head of the local Red Cross which covers disaster relief, search and rescue and other emergencies, so had a tour of the headquarters. He took us for a trip on his

boat through HORDALAND, so much water and so little sign of life, but spectacular scenery again. Later in the day Terje took us to HOTEL SOLSTRAND just down the hill from his home, largest establishment we have ever visited. Were there for a few hours while Terje showed us behind the scenes of this amazing hotel. It was raining most of the day and forecast for National Day was bad, however we woke to a perfect morning for champagne breakfast for the days celebration. Sissel spent over 3 hours ironing the blouses of the National costumes for the family, their two daughters came home one from Paris and one from Oslo for the celebrations. The costumes are handmade of fine linen, blouses with hand drawn thread work, vest with hand embroidered insets and pure woolen skirts with ribbon embellishments. For Baptisms and Confirmation girls are given jeweled pendants that they wear at the neck of the blouses, and as they get older get beautiful jeweled belts. The costumes are worth up to 50,000 Norwegian Kroner. At 10am the local parade began at the church then uphill (of course) to the aged care area and back to the church grounds. It took 30 minutes for the parade to pass by and about 1pm we went home for lunch. Traditional meal, smoked lamb, potato dumplings, Swedes and carrots. Also porridge made with cream and sour cream heated and stirred until thick and served with smoked ham, sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Surprisingly very tasty. Berries and pavlova to follow. It was a wonderful finale for our stay in Norway being included in the family and local celebrations. Terje had to work the morning of our departure so had arranged for his sister (a nurse on an oil rig -14days out and 40 at home) to take us to the airport. As she had spent National Day with us it was nice to be wished a farewell by a 'new friend'.

We had an incredible month in Norway with only 3 days with any rain, the most incredible travel up, over, round and in through tunnels in this amazingly mountainous country, seeing so many beautiful lakes, fjords and harbours and being hosted by such genuine and welcoming families.