

KIM'S KICKOFF

Igniting the future

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District 201 Q1

Kim Forrest

**District Governor
2018/2019**

Never forgetting the past



**1st VDG David Greenup
2nd VDG Narelle Parkins**



We Serve

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE

I am continually amazed at the amount of varied and extremely worthwhile projects that all clubs in our District are doing.

I must say, that one of the best parts of being the District Governor, is having the privilege of being able to visit your clubs and not only meet with every one of you, but also to hear firsthand the amazing things that you all are doing.

The enthusiasm that you are all showing is certainly contagious with the new members that are joining.

I think that it's important that every member in our District be given the opportunity to hear about these projects too, and that is why I am encouraging every club in the District to send along some photos of the projects you're doing, plus a quick outline of the project to Lion Michael McDonald, (the Lions Awareness Chairman in your directory) lionsaware@lions201q1.org.au, myself or Cabinet Secretary Lesley before the 29th October, so that we can put up a display wall at Convention, with your clubs name on it, for everyone to see just what is happening in our District, a great way to share ideas and ways of doing projects.

Our District Convention, at the Logan Entertainment Centre, is getting closer every day, 2nd – 4th November 2018.

I hope that you are all getting your registrations in to come along, join in the fun and partake in the fellowship that always happens at a Convention.

Once again I would like to congratulate you all for your continued support of the ALF Drought relief and whatever else your club is doing to support our own in need.

I have touched base with clubs in our District to assist me in putting together a grant from ALF to go back to the people that need it, now it's just a waiting game till we hear. I will certainly be letting you all know how we go.

Till next time, keep safe and stay well

District Governor Kim Forrest – District 201Q1 2018-19

GUEST SPEAKERS - LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

My name is Nicole Phillips and I am an Ambassador for Lions Medical Research Foundation. I am working with Penny Kourra who is the Q1 Director and we would love to come and speak at one of your meetings about our wonderful Foundation.

We believe in the importance of our foundation and the excellent work that is being conducted by our researchers. Penny and I would love to share their discoveries and successes with you.

Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Nicole Phillips 0407 763 007 davina85@me.com

Penny Kourra 0418 877 290 pkour11@hotmail.com



PRE-MELBOURNE CUP CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST



The Sunnybank Lions cordially invite you to a **pre-Melbourne Cup Champagne Breakfast** on

Sunday 28th October 2018 in the Lions Community hall, 95 Lister Street, Sunnybank at 8.00 am for 8.30 am.

Cost \$15 per person (includes Lucky Door prize).

There will be raffles and a Fancy Hat competition.

Booking and enquiries: Meryl Witty 3345 9349 or mwitty@bigpond.net.au

• Dorothy Berger midot2@bigpond.com

RSVP by 22nd October 2018 (for catering purposes).

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK IN!

District Convention Registration Form Now Released

2018 – 201Q1 District Convention

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th November

www.lions201q1.org.au

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS

Apple Maq Lions Club has been actively making wooden toys to donate to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital for a few years. This project is part of our Lions Aid & Relief Centre project which is located at Woollongabba.

The toys are donated to the hospital to be handed out to sick children and their siblings. These toys are hand cut, prepped and painted.

Nicole Phillips and other members are packing the toys again as Christmas is approaching. These toys have been well received by the hospital and the children. The smiles on the children's faces are unforgettable! Initially parents thought that they had to give the toys back when they leave but, when they find out that they get to keep the toys, both parents and children are so thankful.

We can't wait to deliver the next lot of toys to the hospital. Apple Maq Lions members want to put smiles on their dial! The toys are only a small thing but it means so much to these sick children.

We are always happy to come and visit your club to speak about the Lions Aid & Relief Centre and people are welcome to pop in and visit us at the shed.

Please contact to organise us to visit your club: **Nicole Phillips 0407 763 007**



THAILAND PROJECT – LOGAN UNDERWOOD LIONS CLUB

Two of our members, Michael Burgess and David Langham, flew to Thailand in August to visit a School there and to access what work could be done to improve the facilities. We were greeted at the Chiang Mai airport by Joy (a teacher) and another teacher from Hotpittayakom school who gave us a brief tour of the city. The trip to Hot was around 1.5 hrs by road.. We were then whisked away to the school for a look.

Starting on the first block David and Michael found the normal Thai wiring to most power points light switches and fans all dangerous and how nobody gets electrocuted is beyond belief. After a quick look through the block they set out what would be achieved in the time frame. After talking with Joy they asked her for a couple of older boys to help out and give a little bit of work experience, the boys were keen to learn and take it all in

Thursday and Friday went looking at hardware stores, what was available and how much items were going to cost. Finding out what tools were there and what they would need. On Saturday they were taken up to the Villages. Joy and Shell and their crew treated us to a fresh lunch prepared at the village, makes you open your eyes to see how these people live and how they make do. The kids from the villages stay at the school in dormitories boys and girls and travel home at weekends. We were told of some heart wrenching stories of what some of these children have to endure.

We surveyed the school for future projects, extension of the girl's dormitories (this is urgent waiting to go in immediately) water storage, toilet and shower sanitary problems, kitchen where the kids prepare food, clothes drying areas, vegie growing areas, Chicken run, electrical areas that still require attention, the list goes on, we both felt impelled to do something to alleviate the problems that we found. This will take a long time to complete.

Having met the principal and most of the staff, we found them to be up front and honest, Joy and the group of teachers went out of their way to make sure we had everything that was required, We held site meetings and discussed different ways of achieving forward planning of projects.

Upon our return and a meeting with the Board this has given our club a new project that is currently underway, the building of a new dorm for girls who are sleeping on the floor, This new dorm will house up to 8 girls and by the time it is finished will house over 20 girls. We are going back to Thailand to work on this dorm, Right are photos of the area where we plan to build the Dormitory for the girls



Wiring that needs to be Fixed



Appalling Toilet Conditions



Boys learning their skills



CALAMVALE LIONS CLUB WISHES TO WELCOME THEIR NEW MEMBER LION LOUISE NANN



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Disasters like the flooding in the Kerala State of India are a stark reminder of why we do what we do as Lions. We have established ourselves worldwide as the global leader in humanitarian service. For more than a century, we have helped millions of people see. We have joined the fight to eradicate diseases such as trachoma and we have provided meals so children do not go to bed hungry. We have become known as an organization that provides relief in the wake of disaster.

We never know when or where disaster will strike, but when it does, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there to provide designated disaster funding, enabling Lions on the scene to respond to make an immediate impact in the hardest hit areas.

We are calling upon you to support LCIF as, once again, we respond to a devastating disaster unfolding in the Kerala State of India. The worst flooding in over a century has consumed this area in the southern part of the country.

Countless roads and more than 100 bridges have suffered major damage, isolating remote areas in the hilly districts of the state, which are most affected.

With more than 680,000 people sheltering in relief camps and thousands of others on high ground in areas cut off by the floods, supplying food, medicine, and clean water is a growing challenge. The good news is that local Lions are making a difference and you can help!

LCIF has provided US\$ 100,000 in designated disaster funding, allowing Lions in the area to respond with much needed life-saving supplies. Since flooding began in July, LCIF has awarded an additional US\$95,000 in emergency relief grants.

In just the past two years, LCIF has awarded US\$2.3 million to assist our global community of Lions in short- and long-term disaster response efforts. Your donation to LCIF, today, makes our immediate response possible! Please give what you can and join us in keeping the victims of this devastating natural disaster in your thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER - LISMORE NORTHERN STAR.

It went under the title "Northern Rivers Most Influential People. Lions came in at Position 15.

We did not have to seek the publicity and it was freely given. Great for Lions.

Detail from the Lions public artwork. **Terra Sword**

WITH drought relief efforts now in full swing across much of Australia's eastern states, one organisation guaranteed to be in the thick of efforts to help struggling individuals and communities will be the Lions.

Living and breathing the Lions' motto "We serve", members in Australia and abroad roll up their sleeves to help their local communities as well as fundraise tirelessly to affect change in medical, humanitarian, environmental and social areas.

And Lismore plays a big part in the global success of Lions, having been the starting point for the service club's spread across Australia.

Following a meeting in the US with members of Lions Clubs International, Lismore businessman William Tresise formed the Lismore Lions Club in 1947.

Today, under the umbrella of Lions Australia, there's more than 30,000 members and 1300 clubs nationally, making it the country's largest service club.

More than \$50 million is donated to Lions Australia each year with all funds going directly to causes and people in need.

Lions Australia also provides disaster relief to communities in times of crisis and the Australian Lions Foundation to date has provided more than \$134 million in funding grants and relief.



ONE TIME PROMOTION

Please find below details of this fantastic promotion on the remaining Centenary Tins.

This is a two-pronged promotion –

DISCOUNT –

- A Discount of \$13.20 per carton (The new price to Clubs is \$86.78 [incl GST] per carton)
- Making the purchase price of a Tin \$14.46 each
- Profit on Sales – selling at \$17 Club will make \$2.54 per Tin, \$18 Club will make \$3.54 per Tin, \$19 will make \$4.54 per Tin and so on. The sell price will be left to the discretion of the Club.

IMPORTANT NOTE: on the New Order Form you will find the calculation is based on a sell price of \$19 however, this is a guide only and the actual sell price will be up to you and your Club to set.

- **The new Order Form (with the discounted price) is now on the website.**

1. INCENTIVE –

Each Club will receive one chance, in the draw for the incentive prizes, based on the total number of Cartons of the Centennial Tins ordered between 10th September & 7th December 2018. One chance for each 5 cartons ordered. The more cartons your Club purchases the more chances you will receive in the draw.

THE DRAW -	1ST PRIZE	\$5000.00	(This amount includes \$2000 provided by Top Taste)
	2ND PRIZE	\$2000.00	
	3RD PRIZE	\$1000.00	

Whilst the date of the 7th December is purely for the Incentive draw, the discount will continue right through until 2019 or until the tins run out.

SUGGESTED AVENUES FOR SELLING.

- Each member of the Club to be offered product.
- Use as gifts for guest speakers.
- Use as Christmas gifts etc.
- Approach local businesses to purchase as gifts for staff and / or customers.

IMPORTANT NOTE – Whilst we offer this great hot discount, it must be emphasised that the cakes within still have a best by date between October and November 2019. Clubs will still have plenty of time to sell the Tins.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either your District Chairman (their details are on the cake web page) or contact me direct, we will all be happy to assist you with any questions.

EVERY TIN MUST GO!

WANTED SOMEONE WHO LENDS A HELPING HAND TO OTHERS THROUGH COUNTRY MUSIC

THE PEEL VALLEY LIONS CLUB OF TAMWORTH is continuing to recognise a member of the Australian country music industry for voluntary service given to the community through his or her connection to the genre through the awarding of its Australian Country Music Service Award.

Since 1994 awardees have ranged from country music stars, songwriters, musicians and media personalities, through to couples and the tireless workers behind the scenes from country music clubs throughout the country.

This award has honoured the quiet achievers who have seldom, if ever, sought recognition or superlatives for their charity and community efforts and have made a difference to the lives of those in need.

President Amanda Gwalter has announced that nominations for the 2019 award are now being accepted and nominates must be made via your local Lions Club.

"Anyone with a country music connection who has given of their time and talent to assist charity through their music is eligible," Amanda said.

Nominees don't have to be Lions Club members and it can be someone who entertains members of their community, works on major country music fundraising events, or something as simple as giving their time for free to help out in caring and support programs."

Nominations need to be made through your local Lions Club and must be made in writing to:

The Secretary, Peel Valley Lions Club, PO Box 957, Tamworth, NSW, 2340 or via email to secretarypeelvalleylions@gmail.com and need to be in by December 17, 2018.

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A panel will sift through the nominations and the 26th Peel Valley Lions Club will be presented during the 47th Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2018.

The recipient will receive a one-off trophy crafted by respected artist Fred Hillier and will also be given the opportunity to nominate a charity to receive a \$500 donation on his/her behalf from Peel Valley Lions Club.

Enquiries should be directed to Terry Hill on (02) 6765 6042, Jon Wolfe on 0478 040 167 or email terryanddihill@bigpond.com

Previous recipients include:

1994 - Bruce Moser, Vic.	1995 - Rocky Page, SA.	1996 - Olive Bice, Vic.
1997 - Lorraine Pfitzner, NSW.	1998 - Carol Lockhart, NSW.	1999 - Desree-Ilona Crawford, Qld.
2000 - Merle & Graeme Gillis, Vic.	2001 - Shirley Llewellyn, NSW.	2002 - Bob Gray, NSW.
2003 - Peter Sheahan, Vic.	2004 - Peg & Ivan Spann, Qld.	2005 - Johnny Doyle, Vic.
2006 - Noel Smith, SA.	2007 - Frank Turton, SA.	2008 - Brian Letton, NSW.
2009 - Kay Willis/ Barry Johnston, NSW.	2010 - Chris Doyle, Qld.	2011 - 'Bidge' Boyd, Vic.
2012 - 'Cactus' Martens, S.A.	2013 - Murray Mac, S.A.	2014 - Alison Ham/ Mark Tempny S.A.
2015 - Paul Ensbey, NSW	2016 - Daryl & Robyn Freiberg, Qld	2017 - Marcia Wells, NSW.
2018 - Di & Winston Masters, NSW		

**QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES
LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

POSITION VACANT: HONORARY TREASURER

The Lions Medical Research Foundation is a Company Limited by Guarantee. The position of Honorary Treasurer is important to the Foundation and is responsible for the management of all aspects of financial management. The individual must possess a good knowledge of accounting principles and accounting system MYOB Accounting and Payroll. It is possible to access MYOB remotely so distance from the Head Office is not a major constraint.

The main duties of the Treasurer are to oversee the financial administration of the Foundation, review procedures and financial reporting, to advise the Board on financial strategy and to advise on fundraising.

Specific duties include:

- Monitor the MYOB accounts on a monthly basis ensuring appropriate procedures are in place,
- Work with the Chairman, other board members and the staff to prepare an annual budget,
- Prepare financial reports for Board meetings and attend same,
- Prepare and lodge quarterly Business Activity Statement (BAS),
- Prepare annual financial statements in conjunction with the Foundation auditor, and
- Manage the Foundation investment portfolio.

Written applications giving details of name, address, qualifications, experience and where applicable, the name of the endorsing Lions/Lioness Club should be sent by mail or email to:

Company Secretary Qld & Northern NSW Lions Medical Research Foundation

GPO Box 1030 BRISBANE QLD 4001

email: kevnar@bigpond.com

Nominations for Director are hereby called for the following Districts.

District 201Q1 Vacant Position

[Casual Vacancy to AGM 2019]

[Eligible for re-election AGM 2019]

District 201Q4 Vacant Position

[Term three years]

[Eligible for re-election AGM 2021]

Company Treasurer Vacant Position – Criteria for position attached

Qualifications necessary to be eligible for acceptance as a Director of the Foundation's Board are as follows:

A candidate for the office of Director shall be:

- An active member in good standing of a Lions Club; and/or
- A person of shown ability to promote, market and manage the Foundation in support of its objects and confirmed by a Lions Club in the District as a suitable candidate.

Nominations including letter of support from their Lions Club are to be lodged in writing with the Foundation Secretary (via email – kevnar@bigpond.com or post/fax to the Foundation Office by 2nd October 2018.

Narelle Parkins

Hon. Company Secretary, Queensland and Northern New South Wales Lions Medical Research Foundation



THANK YOU TO THE LIONS CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA DROUGHT RELIEF APPEAL

AUSTRALIAN LIONS FOUNDATION: We set a target of \$500,000 and we made it, in fact we surpassed it! The generosity of Lions Clubs throughout our multiple district has been absolutely fabulous. We have also had an amazing response from members of the Public, and business organisations. At the end of the appeal period, August 31, we had raised \$603,988.35. This includes the initial \$100,000 put forward by the Australian Lions Foundation to kick start the Appeal. Many Clubs have indicated that they will still be holding fundraising events into September, so we have extended the Appeal to accommodate those Clubs. As promised by the ALF, the distribution of funds raised so far, is happening. ALF Chairman Tony Benbow is in constant contact with the District Governors of those affected areas, making sure that the monies you have donated are being used effectively. To date \$450,000 has been distributed, with further requests expected. This includes: • Supply of Vouchers through local stores for food and family essentials • Fodder for animals, including stock and working dogs • Transportation of fodder • Supply of water to farmers • Several small events for community get-togethers to show supports • Purchase and supply of gas bottles or identified properties to for cooking.

So many Lions Clubs throughout our Multiple District have contributed in ways other than just donating money, and we thank you for each and every contribution.

APOLOGIES FOR THE LATE DISTRUBUTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER & REPORTS (Lions Stuart Perrett)

LIONS CLUB OF BRISBANE CENTURIONS QUEENSLAND

On October 17th to 20th 2018, GSDVIA (Global Sustainable Development) is hosting a GSDVIA 2018 Love's Creative Carnival. This event will attract over 10,000 people from Brisbane, Australia wide and overseas visitors.



Love's Creative Carnival Date: 17 –20 October 2018

**Venue: Brisbane City Botanic Gardens
Queensland Government Parliament House
GSDVIA**

Goals and Objectives :Enhancing stakeholder engagement in the sustainable development events and projects through an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental goals;

1. Promote the Love and healthy lives, to promote wellbeing and eco Friendly
2. Empower everyone to make a healthier choice -Vegetarianism and healthy diet
3. Help Brisbane to become the most Environmental friendly city -Reduce, Reuse & Recycle
4. Promote Queensland's Agriculture, eco-Tourism/-Hospitality/-Health industries to the world
5. Encourage Good social networks and associated with greater levels of social cohesion, informal care and enforcing healthy behaviours
6. Outline social, economic and environmental targets which focus on improving health by
7. Improving the Living environment of a community
8. The importance of positive social environments and relationships, Living in a Grateful world - spread the seeds of Love and Happiness around the world.

More information about the program can be found at <https://www.gsdvia.org.au/>

We invite you to go over our detailed sponsorship opportunities.

All interested inquiries/sponsors will go into a draw for a prize value up to \$200.00. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Tony at 0430 220 393 should you require any further information.

Tony Wang Vice President of GSDVIA Vp1@gsdvia.org

Vice President - Lions Club of Brisbane Centurions Queensland

LIONS AWARENESS

The purpose of Lions Awareness is to both raise 'Awareness' of WHO we are and WHAT we do, in doing so hopefully attracting new members or more support, to do this we need to promote the wonderful work and projects that we do.

How do you promote YOUR club, when your club is doing an activity in your local area, it is a good idea to have some signage up promoting your club and how to make contact, maybe get some business cards made up so they are easy to carry around and handout, do you have a Lions sticker on your car?

Do you have YOUR club details available at your BBQ's?

Use social media to promote what you are doing, not just your own facebook page checkout other local pages for your area, see if it is OK to promote a local activity you are doing or supporting, most pages are happy to help.

Could you ask your local real estate agent if it is OK to give them some club information leaflets, something they could handout to people that newly join the area and want to reach out and meet members of their new community.

There is NO better way to connect with your new community, than to play a part in helping and supporting YOUR local.

These are EVERYDAY ideas, that can be used ALL year round, **Lions Awareness DAY** is a day set aside for the special intent of promoting Lions, **2nd March 2019** is our next day, I am suggesting that the best way to showcase WHO we are and WHAT we do, is to show our selves doing it, and in doing so give people a REASON to visit us, instead of sitting or standing behind a table, in a shopping centre, hoping people will come over or stop and say hello, lets promote ourselves BY being ourselves, IE collecting glasses for Lions Vision, or hearing Aids, walking sticks, maybe handing out Peace Posters, nomination forms for Children of courage, Diabetes information packs, Drug awareness information etc etc etc.

Project chairs if you have something that could benefit from this type of community contact, PLEASE let me know

YOUR **Lions Awareness DAY** is YOUR chance to promote any special projects, or activities YOUR club has done or causes YOUR club has raised money for, or donated to, especially in YOUR local area.

Also if you want to promote the friendly, social aspects of being a Lion member, show it, I had a great chat to Carey Dobson, at our Cabinet training day, how his club, met in their local park (I think it was a Lions park), they had Lions members and families attend, this being a lot less restrictive, and welcoming than a shopping centre stand, I know our local shopping centre had a list of what we could not do,

i.e. Approach people with handouts etc, have signs only a certain size etc, if you do decide to hold it away from a busy area like a shopping centre it is then EXTRA important to;

(try to do these things ANYWAY)

Promote YOUR display, and explain we will be collecting i.e. Eyewear etc, and will be handing information out on.... i.e. Some of our projects, and how people can either get information about how to JOIN US, or help and support us, or even suggest someone or something that should be considered for our support, promotion could include:

- Contacting YOUR local newspaper,
- Ask YOUR local politicians for promotion and support,
- Contact YOUR local radio stations,
- Use lots of social media posts, YOUR own site and others within YOUR area
- Any other ways you can to get the information out



District Governor Kim has asked me to share our best projects or activities, so what is a project, activity or milestone that YOUR club is particularly proud of?

It could be large fund raising project like Robina Lions Big Red Kidney Bus, or it could be a successful community event/ fund raiser i.e. Sunnybank Lions pre Melbourne Cup Champagne Breakfast, or MacGregor Lions Art Extravaganza, (details of both found from our August district Newsletter, thanks Greg), please send me anything that you would like to be considered, as we are looking to showcase some of these at our Lions Awareness stand at District Governor Kims District Convention.

Special mention to both Jacko and John Clarke for their help, support and guidance.

Mike McDonald 0412879343 mmsm@tpg.com.au and via lionsaware@lions201q1.org.au

**Newsletter Editor: send article & submissions to Lion Greg NOTHLING:
greg.nothling@gmail.com OR info-officer@lions201q1.org.au**

ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for Lions Medical Research Foundation is up and running with donations from individuals, businesses and clubs. It's a great start and we need to maintain this momentum in order to be able to fund our researchers and the wonderful work they do. Information has been mailed and emailed to clubs and districts but more information can be found [HERE](#).

With your help we can ensure that **TODAY'S RESEARCH IS TOMORROW'S CURE.**

Our most significant news this month is that our Annual Appeal - Spring for Research - has been launched and will run through the months of September and October. This will be the 4th year that the Foundation has run this appeal and each year it continues to grow in support. Donations have already been received and the Appeal kicked off with donations from Lions Club of Boyne Island in District 201Q4, Lions Clubs of Toowoomba Wilsonton, Jandowae and Dalby in District 201Q3, Lions Clubs of Lower Herbert Halifax and Ingham, and the Lioness Club of Mareeba in District 201Q2, and Lions Clubs of Kyogle and Belmont Tingalpa, and the Leo Club of Aspley in District 201Q1. With these donations, pledges of support and others contributions received from individuals and small business, the Appeal is off to a good start. We ask you to support this Appeal and help us achieve our target.



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

By now hopefully all the Peace Poster entries are well underway at the schools and will be ready for the clubs to collect and be judged to find each club's winning poster.

Winning posters need to be sent in for the District judging which will take place at the end of October and the posters will be on display at Convention at the beginning of November before the winning poster is sent to Multiple District for the National judging.

Please ensure that your club's entries have the Winning Sticker completed (and placed on the back of the poster on the bottom right hand side). The sticker needs to have the Student's details, parents' details and the Student's quote and then it must be signed by the President of the club.

Once all this is completed the poster can then be rolled and placed in a tube to be sent to me at – Lion Beverley Drysdale, PO Box 2259, Sunnybank Hills Qld 4109. Posters need to be received by 26 October, so they can be judged.

LIONS ESSAY CONTEST

If any club has an entry for the Lions Essay Contest, please forward the entry to me at the above postal address by the end of October so that it can be included in the Multiple District judging.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0405 496 922.

Thank you.

Lion Beverley Drysdale

Q1 Peace Poster Chairman

BULLIES seem to be the hot topic lately. There seems to be no escape, even in Parliament. However, with a little imagination, there ARE ways to sort the bullies out.

How about this one that recently arrived in my INBOX

LIONS OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

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 two visiting couple to our district this year, Karl and Lilly Jakobsen from Denmark, and Liisa and Jouko Kontturi from Finland. They will be attending our convention in Logan. Please make yourself known to them and welcome them. Thank you to those members who have offered to host our visitors.

I have received invitations from our overseas Lions Districts, Denmark 106B and Finland 107N for members from our district to visit theirs.

It is a wonderful opportunity to experience another country, their Lions Clubs and their culture.

For those wanting to make an application to go overseas can do so by contacting me for an application form.

The travelling dates for Denmark are for the visitors to arrive on or about Sunday April 14, 2019 and leave on or about Sunday May 12, 2019 (Convention April 27-28). The dates for Finland will be similar as their convention is April 13, 2019.

Applications need to be received before the end of November.

I can be contacted by phone H 0754642108, Mob 0407370041.

rosewoodvetservice@gmail.com

Lion Ivan Schindler

LIONS – LET'S TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE. LET'S HELP THE FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES.

World Diabetes Day – Wednesday 14th November 2018 – is the Internationally recognised World Diabetes Day – and Lions Clubs in our District are encouraged to do something on this day (or on the Saturday if the Wednesday is not possible) for Diabetes Awareness. The official international colour of this day is "Blue" – and the official international symbol is a blue "ring" (a circle with no inside, just the outside).



world diabetes day
14 November

World Diabetes Day is a campaign co-ordinated by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) – in which Lions is a supporter and participant of throughout the Countries of Lions. Every year, the World Diabetes Day campaign focuses on a dedicated theme that runs for one or more years. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018 is 'Family and Diabetes'.

I encourage all Clubs in our District to do something for World Diabetes day for Diabetes Awareness. Your event / activity can be anything at all – as long as it is promoting Diabetes Awareness and is promoting to eat healthy and to move (exercise).

You could :

- * Hold an information session with a guest speaker and invite members of the public to listen – it could even incorporate a 'healthy eating cooking demonstration' as well.
- * Arrange a role model with Diabetes to the local school to talk about healthy lifestyle choices – and maybe event provide each child with a fresh piece of fruit.
- * Arrange for a large group of people to be standing on an oval all wearing blue shirts and making a large ring / circle shape (the Diabetes logo), and then take an aerial photo of the participating crowd.
- * Organise a Lions "Strides" Walk for Diabetes Awareness event in their community - and they could then provide a "healthy" breakfast at the finish line

These are just a few ideas – but the event / activity possibilities are endless (let me know if you want some more ideas) – and why not also make a large blue ring photo board and take photos of everyone that participates in whatever event you do.

Be as creative as you can – and send all the details to me (including 2 - 3 photos) and I will use these photos to promote what Lions in our District are doing for Diabetes Awareness. **What will your Club do?**

Lion Jenny

email : lionjenny.01@bigpond.com



INVITATION TO LIONS CLUB OF UPPER COOMERA CHARTER EVENT, WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2018 AT GAINSBOROUGH GREENS GOLF COURSE

Date: Wed 24th October 2018

Time: 6.30pm: Fellowship and Drinks **7.00pm:** Charter Ceremony followed by Dinner

Venue: Gainsborough Greens Golf Course at 1 Halcyon Drive, Pimpama
(Take Pimpama Exit 49 off the Pacific Highway onto Yawalpah Road, turn left/left at McDonalds)

Cost: \$32 per person

Dress code: Smart Casual

Kindly confirm your attendance with the following details and email to

For more information & RSVP, David Chan (Sec) by 25th September 2018 at GCCoomeraLions@gmail.com

Lions Club of Upper Coomera Payment can be made at the door, or by Bank Transfer to the following account:

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 159 083 930 Name: Upper Coomera Lions Admin Account

The following details would be appreciated: • Reference – Name (s) & Club Name who will be attending

• If you have special dietary requirements, for example vegetarian, gluten free, please specify.

LIONS PURCHASE SPECIAL STROLLER FOR VERY SPECIAL ARIA

Runaway Bay Lions Club, with the support of the Australian Lions Foundation were pleased to be able to purchase a special stroller to assist 4-year-old Runaway Bay girl, Aria Ball. Aria has a range of health challenges, including Aicardi Syndrome, scoliosis, hip dysplasia, vision and hearing impairments, developmental delays and feeding difficulties. Aria is unable to move unassisted, is non-verbal and is fully dependant on her parents for day to day care.

A family friend, Suzanne Bawden, alerted Runaway Bay Lions Club, and advised Aria was in need of a new specialised stroller/pushchair to aid her mobility and alleviate future back issues for her parents and teachers. The stroller needed to support her back and neck whilst allowing for ongoing growth. The volunteer members of Runaway Bay Lions Club were keen to assist, and with the support of the Australian Lions Foundation, was able to fully fund the purchase of the new stroller.

Aria's mum, Regan, has expressed how appreciative the family is "Words cannot express how grateful we are that Aria will now be able to get around comfortably with all the right support she needs. We sincerely thank Runaway Bay Lions Club, Australian Lions Foundation, our friend Suzanne Bawden, equipment provider Special Needs Solutions and Movement Solutions Physiotherapy, we are so grateful". Runaway Bay Lions Club Secretary, Steve Grech, said this is an example of the proceeds from local Lions Club projects supporting the community "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 who need it".



Photo – Lions Bob Charters and Jennie Cox were on hand to see Aria fitted in her new stroller with Mum, Regan, friend Suzanne and Special Needs equipment fitter Liesl.

LIONS CLUB THORNLANDS / PT. HALLORAN ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Hawaii was the chosen theme for new President Margaret McDine at her Change-Over lunch recently.

One of her first happy duties was to make a donation to Redlands District Special School for over \$1,000 to assist their senior students to attend a 2 day camp to the Sunshine Coast. They will be enjoying trips to Underwater World at Mooloolaba as well as many other fun places. As this is the first time away for many of the students they are super excited.

This contribution was made possible by the generous support by local couple John & Aileen Haines on behalf of their company APL Group. John was on hand to present their cheque to Headmaster Andrew & two teachers from the School.

Also on the day retiring President Lion Leena Brooks presented Lion Narelle Parkins with a donation for \$1,000 for the Lions Medical Research Foundation.

Lion Leena also contributed \$1,000 to Royal Flying Doctors & \$1,000 to the Australian Lions Foundation as part of her end of year disbursement.

Our Club is grateful to Victoria Point Bunnings Warehouse, Woolworths Town Centre as well as the residents of the Redlands for their continued support.

We are proud that the majority of the funds raised in the Redlands are spent on much needed support which included walkers for local children like Matty with his Crocodile Walker.

Previously Matty had spent most of his life in a wheelchair.

An on-going project for our Club is a Seizure Response Dog for a local lass & gifts to residents of a local retirement village & nursing home.

We are a small club of only 11 members but we make BIG things happen with a passion for helping those who need Lions.



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