

OUR BEAT

Creating a new
rhythm with
many **voices**



**LIONS Q1
NEWSLETTER**

**November 2019
Edition**



Lions Clubs International

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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*Great things never
come within
our comfort zone.*

Scott Millar



GREETINGS LIONS

Our Wave of Change Convention at Southport was another inspiring event with the opportunity to hear from our 2nd International Vice President to our youngest key note Scott Millar.

Brian Sheehan's enthusiastic presentation highlighted to Lions the need to embrace change, have confidence in our leadership and create positive attitudes in our clubs.

Scott Millar shared with us, in today's world purpose is the new profit and what we gain in life is enhanced by having a distinct purpose. He mentioned younger people are looking to engage in service through reverse mentoring opportunities and this will help us build an awareness of the need of new generations.

Watch out for video available on our website coming soon.

A new Lion at the Convention asked, how do clubs accomplish more than others? And how do they achieve great things with others?

I believe a leader's/club's success is due to 5 key factors and we all have the potential to achieve more.

1. Dream Big

Don't become a victim of puny dreams. Not only will those dreams fail to compel others to action, they will also fail to ignite and maintain your own Lions passion.

Little dreams are almost as bad as no dreams at all. Erwin Mc Manus says it well: "If you're big enough for your dreams, your dreams are big enough for you. Dreams should challenge us, not comfort us."

2. Plan small

This is a critical step. Once you have the dream, you need the details. That requires you to ask four key questions:

1. What compelling reasons do we have for doing this? The power to achieve my goal lies in the purpose behind it. Compelling reasons are the fuel for motivation.

2. What needs to be done? Identify the specific steps and components of the project that cumulatively are necessary for success?

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

3. Who will do what? Identify who is specifically responsible for each piece of the project. This is essential to creating accountability. Many projects have failed at some point because everybody thought somebody else was doing what needed to be done.

4. When will things get done? The timeline for a project is another aspect of accountability. The goal is timely completion. By developing a simple timeline of completion, it is easy to track progress towards the goal.

3. Work Together

Encourage and appreciate the people on your project. If you've "planned small", each member knows what they are responsible for doing. Track individual progress and regress and monitor the timeline in your meetings.

Remember people can look busy and accomplish little, Measure what you treasure results.

4. Keep Striving

JeanPierre Rampal, a renowned flautist said, "There are nights I go out and play a piece perfectly. Then the next night, I go out and play better."

As you and your club execute your service plan, be on the lookout for "better practices". Many clubs & organisations search for "best practices." The problem, however is that once a "best practice" has been identified, most people quit looking for ways to improve. This is so true in Lions. Today's best practice is passe practice. As you strive for completion, keep looking for ways to do things better.

And if things get off track, convert discouragement into determination by focusing on what has gone right, and what can be done to address what has gone wrong. Complaining identifies obstacles but leadership overcomes them.

5. Implement boldly

Remember that people will be watching your performance. How you act will greatly influence their enthusiasm and commitment. The quality of one's performance is the best indicator of their commitment and belief.

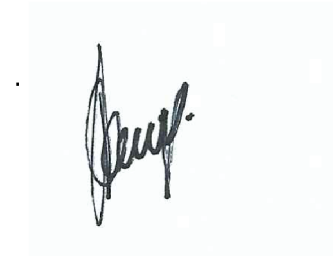
What you choose to do, do it live there is nothing else you would rather be doing. When you do, you'll find that you will achieve the kind of results that Lions only dream of attaining.

Finally a huge thank you to all our clubs who continue to support the ALF National Fire & Drought Appeal.

As we continue to watch the tragic stories across Australia each week and the heroics of our Fire Services, we must continue to find ways to support these communities.

Our Clubs & Communities in these areas value your support and we ask you to continue to reach out by offering two extra hands to help them rebuild.

Christmas is coming and many families will be struggling to provide the basics. What could your club do to adopt a rural community this year?



DAVID GREENUP
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

From the Cabinet Secretary's Desk

Well the Convention is all over for another year and what a fantastic weekend it was. I'm sure everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. It was an honour to have 2nd Vice International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori as our guests for our Convention and like everyone else they really enjoyed themselves. The business session including the voting for DG, 1vdg, 2nd vdg and ID all went well, congratulations to those who were successful. The Saturday night Gala Dinner was a guessing game trying to work out who was under some of those Halloween masks or robes. On the Sunday morning the Remembrance Service was so emotional and well done to the organisers it was a beautiful service with each family or club member receiving a lantern to hang on the lit tree and a native shrub to plant in remembrance of the Lion or Lions partner. We also heard some really great speakers.

At the end of October I had 14 MMR's which I had to complete. Please let me know if you are still having problems doing this report.

If you have any projects you would like other clubs in the district to know about we encourage you to please use the News Archives - Lions District 201q1 at <https://lions201q1.org.au/category/news/>

Christmas is just around the corner and is a very busy time. Most clubs will be organising rosters for selling their Christmas Cakes in shopping centre etc.



Welcome to the Family..

CLUB

Gold Coast Tallebudgera
Goondiwindi
Kingscliff
Logan City Marsden

NEW MEMBER

Diana Saunders
Joanne Priestler
Toni Cork
Girish Rchettui

SPONSOR

Frances Nichols
Pam Glasson
Mary Woods
Juergen Kranz



Did you know ?

Lions Global Causes :

Do you know what the Lions global causes are?

* Diabetes * Environment * Hunger *
* Childhood Cancer * Vision *



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



CHILDHOOD
CANCER



VISION

What is the Signature Cause :

Diabetes is the signature cause of Lions around the world. Partnering with the International Diabetes Federation - Lions are on a mission to make a mark by screening 1 million people for Type 2 diabetes. What is your Club doing for diabetes awareness?





GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

LAP THP MAP – Sunday 17 November 2019

Have your Club planned for this meaningful event? **Any Club aiming to participate, may I request the project Chairs provide the following data:**

Location of Event;
Time of Event;
Supporting Organisations (eg Diabetes groups, Gym, Schools, etc);
Publicity Planned.

A Dietitian from Fuel Your Life attended our District Convention on Saturday 26 October providing information on preventing and treating diabetes through good nutrition.

ALF

Congratulation to Lions Clubs Logan City Marsden & St George receiving ALF grant approval on “Freezer for Nightlight community charity” of \$1,956 and “Smart Pups Assistance Dog for CRPS sufferer” of \$7,000 respectively. All Club should consider donating fund to ALF, all for good courses.

HEARING DOG

In the last three months, there has been three applications for hearing dogs in our District. They should be finalised very soon and recipients should receive their dogs in the next couple of months. Thank you to everyone for their purchase of goods at the District Convention. If anyone would like to purchase calendars or mugs please contact Lion Christine Forrest, email: c.forrest@bigpond.com; mobile: 0409 341 567.

PEACE POSTER

We have at least three Lions Clubs, Griffith University, Tamborine Mountain and Casino, entering the program with the theme of “Journey of Peace”. The judging will be done by District Governor David and the GST coordinators.

REQUEST FOR A WALKER

A family from Tugun area has requested financial assistance in supplying a Walker for a 3 years old boy with Cerebral Palsy. Lions Christine Forrest has coordinated this request seeking a number of Clubs in the area to come to the party.

REPORT VIA MYLION

We encourage all Clubs to report their activities, fund raising, number of people served via <https://myapps.lionsclubs.org>.

PDG Peter Ho

Global Service Team Coordinator
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OFFICE 365 *REMINDER* SURVEY



HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE

Is your club limited to only one- or two-members having access to your key documents or emails?

What do you do when they are away or sick and how do you manage the file history during change-over?

Good governance is an important role of all clubs and it is critical to ensure we retain important emails and file history.

If your club struggles with challenge of storing important club document on personal computers or in boxes and has their club email on free email account (gmail, outlook etc), it might be time to consider what options are open to you.

Q1 is currently piloting Office 365 to create the Club of the future. The benefits will allow us to:

- View from any device
- Centrally managed access & documents
- Up to date internal address
- No more email redirections
- Multi-user access
- History retained

Plus it's Free!

Your club has the opportunity to be a transformational leader by expressing your interest via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q1Office365>

2020 DISTRICT CABINET – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

An invitation is extended to all Lions from clubs in 201 Q1 who express an interest in a position on the Q1 District Cabinet for 2020/21. Interested parties must be a Lion in good standing and submit their interest and a brief background (CV) to DGE kevnar@bigpond.com. This is an expression of interest only and selected applicants will be notified in due course of positions available.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING *REGISTER NOW*

The following online workshops are upcoming:

1. 28th November 2019 – My Lion
2. 5th December 2019 – Privacy Act for Clubs
3. 12th December 2019 – Preparing for Club elections

Each session will be approximately 1 hour. Register via:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q1Workshop>

UPCOMING KEY DATES :

15th November 2019 – Peace Poster Competition Final

23rd November 2019 – District Cabinet

25th December 2019 – Christmas Day

26th December 2019– Boxing Day

1st January 2020– New Year's Day

Lions Cakes, Mints and Cookies Chairperson message:

Dear Lions Clubs of District 201Q1,

It has come my attention that all clubs wanting to order Christmas cakes did not receive an email from me. Firstly I am sorry but I wanted to get in contact with all clubs on a one on one basis so that I can ask questions and answer questions on the cakes. Up till now I have had a fair few club contact me and I was thrilled to talk to your cakes and mints chair people. A lot of club might be scared to contact me but it is ok – my contact details are listed below.

You can order cakes, mints and cookies at any time of the year. To ensure you have ample amounts of stock prior and during Christmas period order as soon as you like. Cake Manual is available on line, and can be downloaded if required. There are also lots of Posters and other resources. Please read the Cake Chairman's Manual as this is updated annually.

Both the Manual and Order Forms are available for download <https://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/products/cakes/club-guidelines-and-forms/>

Username: **cakes** Password: **westons**



Please be aware to only print forms for the current year and dispose of all old printed forms as details change.

If you need anything else please feel free to contact me.

Savva Argyrou
Lions Cakes, Mints and Cookies Chairperson
District 201Q1, 2019
Ph. 0425972782



**Diversity is Being invited to the Party;
Inclusion is being asked to Dance'**

Quote: Verna Myers

Message from the Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator

Greetings fellow Lions,

This month's article I would like to explore relationships and how to build on them. The basis of a good relationship, whether it is with a loved one or with fellow Lions, is trust.

The Dictionary describes trust as a reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of something or someone.

A club will find it hard to stay strong and grow, if there is little trust within its membership group. Often crucial information and responsibilities may not be shared resulting in the club and individuals losing faith in themselves, as well as, others. Trust is not an easy thing to win and it doesn't happen overnight, however, with a few small steps taken in the right direction members can learn to enable themselves to see each other in a new light.

Some ways to build on trust is to view each other as human beings and communicate on a personal level. Encourage your members to ask questions and learn a little about each other's backgrounds eg: work, hobbies and other interests. This will initially break the ice and encourage open and clear communication within the club.

Value each and everyone's strengths and weaknesses, we are all not the same and respecting each other's differences and praising individuals on their achievements, will also build on their self confidence and more likely encourage them to take on responsibility, knowing that they are supported by their club's members.

Also, acknowledge that people make mistakes, no one is perfect, but admitting them is also an element of building trust, it shows your vulnerable side and that you take responsibility for your actions. People find accepting accountability most refreshing and may hold this in high regard, it may also promote additional support from other members.

Trust in people can help build strong member relationships and there are certainly some dance steps that I mentioned above, which you can take to help encourage trust and learn to include others. Lions have invited you to the party, so let's Dance into Diversity and learn to trust each other. 😊

Yours in Lionism

Sharon McDonald

Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator

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Lions International Notices

[Register for the 2020 Adelaide Convention here!](https://www.lionsadelaideconvention2020.com.au/)



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Your Club's support of these licensees will ensure the integrity of our organisation's brand.

For a full list of approved suppliers, please click [here](https://www.lionsclubsupplies.com.au/)

What is LCIF ? :

Lions Clubs International Foundation. (LCIF)

It is the Foundation of Service : the mission of the foundation is : “support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.”

LCIF is the grant-making body enabling Lions to positively impact communities near and far. 100% of donations made to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) fuels grants and programs supporting Lions compassionate service and benefiting those in need of a more promising future.

Together, We Can. Together, We Will

Changing the world. It's why you became a Lion. It's also why LCIF - our foundation - is empowering your service through it's most ambitious fundraising campaign in history : Campaign 100. there's a world in need, and caring Lions are ready to change it. But comfort and compassion alone can't heal those suffering. It takes funding. It takes Campaign 100 - which will span over 3 years, with a goal of raising US\$300 million by 30 June, 2021 - and will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people each year.

Stories at the Heart of Service.

With every Lion worldwide both doing and giving, we're INCREASING our service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian efforts; FIGHTING the global diabetes epidemic and EXPANDING our causes to childhood cancer, hunger and the environment.

For More information on LCIF, Campaign 100 or even about the grants that are available for Clubs / Districts to apply for - go to : <https://lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/history>

Until next time.

Jenny Maguire

District Orientation & Capability Coordinator

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Social Media Update



Did You Know that Q1 has a Forum?

The Q1 forum (on Facebook) has been set up as requested by District Governor David for a place for Q1 Lions to ask questions and get the latest updates and information from the communications team about the district and Lions in general.

The forum will also be a new avenue for Q1 Lions to ask questions and seek help from other Q1 Lions members and Cabinet.

To join, you can go to the District Facebook page and go to groups or search 201Q1 Lions Forum or click on this link - www.facebook.com/groups/43226a8000926869

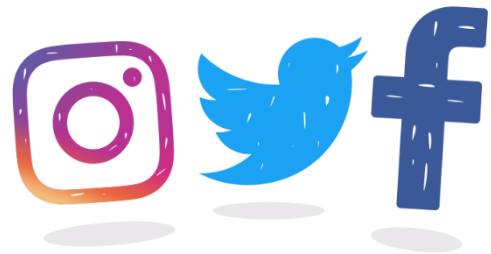
Please note you must supply answer a few questions just to make Lions joining are from district.

Are you following us?

Facebook - www.facebook.com/District201Q1Lions

Instagram - www.instagram.com/lionsdistrict201q1

Twitter - www.twitter.com/201Q2LionsClubs



What are Hashtags?

A hashtag - written with a # symbol - is used to index keywords or topics on social media platforms. This function was created on Twitter, and allows people to easily follow topics they are interested in.

For more information on hashtags please visit - blog.hootsuite.com/how-to-use-hashtags/

The district uses many hashtags on social media to follow us

Our District hashtags - [#201Q1](#) [#Q1Lions](#)

Our Q1 Convention hashtags - [#WaveofChange](#) [#LionsCon](#)

Our DG team visits hashtags - [#DGTeamVisit](#)

DG David's hashtag - [#DreamBigWalkTall](#)



PINTEREST

SOCIAL SITE
THAT IS ALL ABOUT
DISCOVERY

LARGEST
OPPORTUNITIES



20
MILLION
ACTIVE USERS



TWITTER

MICRO BLOGGING
SOCIAL SITE
THAT LIMITS EACH
POST TO **140**
CHARACTERS

5,700 TWEETS
HAPPEN
EVERY SECOND

241
MILLION
ACTIVE USERS



FACEBOOK

SOCIAL SHARING
SITE THAT HAS
1+ BILLION
USERS WORLDWIDE

USERS SHARE
1 MILLION LINKS
EVERY 20 MINUTES

1+
BILLION
ACTIVE USERS



INSTAGRAM

SOCIAL SHARING
SITE ALL AROUND
PICTURES
AND NOW **15 SECOND**
VIDEOS

MANY BRANDS
ARE PARTICIPATING
THROUGH THE USE OF
HASHTAGS
AND POSTING
PICTURES
CONSUMERS
CAN RELATE TO

200
MILLION
ACTIVE USERS



GOOGLE+

SOCIAL NETWORK
BUILT BY GOOGLE
THAT ALLOWS FOR
BRANDS
AND **USERS**
TO BUILD CIRCLES

25-35
YEAR
OLDS
ARE THE MOST
ACTIVE

540
MILLION
ACTIVE USERS



LINKEDIN

BUSINESS
ORIENTED
SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE

BRANDS THAT ARE
PARTICIPATING
ARE CORPORATE
BRANDS
GIVING POTENTIAL AND
CURRENT ASSOCIATES
A PLACE TO **NETWORK**
& **CONNECT**

300
MILLION
USERS



Lions Lap the Map for Diabetes

This year, in the lead up to World Diabetes Day in November, Lions Clubs across the country are organising a series of events in their local communities.

The 'Lions Lap the Map' family friendly walks and community events on 17th November will promote healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of the Diabetes epidemic in Australia.

Clubs will be reporting the length of their walks and are aiming to have a combined distance travelled that will exceed Australia's circumference (25,760 kms).

Spread the word! Post your Lap the Map event to our Facebook Page

- <https://www.facebook.com/lionslapthemap/>



**Australian
Lions Hearing Dogs**

AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS



A few Pictures of our Fantastic Open Day.

Top middle then clockwise:-
1. Banner on front fence.
2. Visitors watch Hearing Dog demonstration on lawn
3. Raffle table and Prizes.
4. "Childminding" ALHD style with Darren Coldwell our Program Director.
5. Another view of Trainers conducting demonstration.
6. ALHD merchandise stall
7. View across Demo area to Main building & free BBQ.
8. View of visitors around market stalls & seating area
9. Wall display of H/dog publicity in Trainers building
10. CEO David Horne & our pride :- The ALHD Team.



Thankyou, look for us again next month.... *The Board of Directors, CEO & Staff.*

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.



**ALL LIONS CLUB MEMBERS FROM
DISTRICTS Q1, Q2, Q3 AND Q4 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES
LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Sunday 24 November at 1pm at the Translational Research Institute, Woolloongabba

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We have a very active Kraft Group within our Lions Club and they do such great work for our community. Their tally so far this year is 1013 items made and sent to Charities in need, such as, Seamen's Mission, Teddies for the Cops Care Program and Teddies without Borders, plus Meals on Wheels. But this small group of dedicated knitters need your help! We are calling for donations of wool, 8 ply Acrylic is preferable, to help boost the supplies and continue to support the local community. To donate please contact Lorraine Bence on 07 32865598 or through the Griffith University Lions Club website.

Thank you,

Regards Marg Kupper - Promotions Officer



5th November 2019

Media Release
For immediate release

MEDIA RELEASE – 25th RUNAWAY BAY CAROLS TO GO OFF WITH A BANG

The biggest and best Carols by Candlelight in the Northern Gold Coast will be held once again in Runaway Bay. The annual festivities which had a modest beginning in 1994, is now a must attend evening for all in the local community.



Proudly sponsored by



Cr Cameron Caldwell
Division 3



CITY OF GOLD COAST

This free Community event, presented by Runaway Bay Lions Club, through the proud sponsorship of Councillor Cameron Caldwell, Div 3, City of Gold Coast, and Runaway Bay Centre, will be held at Kevin Bycroft Fields, Lae Drive, Runaway Bay (adjacent to the Runaway Bay Library).

Hosted by local personalities, John Kerr (94.1FM) and Danielle Goullet, the event comes alive on Saturday 30th November with pre-show activities commencing from 4.30pm with a giant snow globe, short bread



decorating, face painting, roaming characters Minky Mouse, Piggy Pig, Rudolph and Frosty, plus a Fire Engine and Police Vehicle display.

Santa Claus, Live Band, and entertainers Sabrina Durante, Jack Watson. Paradise Kids Angel Choir, Local School Choirs and Dancing Squads round up a great evening of entertainment.

Bring your family and friends, picnic rugs and chairs, and sing along to your favourite Christmas Carols. There will be lots of hot food, coffee, cold drinks, face painting, LED candles, ice cream and sno cones

The Carols Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the night. The raffle tickets will be on sale during the week prior (25th to 30th November) at Runaway Bay Centre (west entrance) 9.30am to 3.30pm, and also on sale at the Carols from 4.30pm.

All raffle proceeds and donations from the evening will be donated to Paradise Kids!!

A fantastic Fireworks Spectacular will send us off with a bang at 8.00pm.

Any weather-related information that may affect the event will be announced on the Facebook page of Runaway Bay Lions Club and through 94.1FM.

**Calamvale Lions
Mo-moment**

*High
Tea*



Saturday 30th November, 2019

10.15am for 10.30am

at the Runcorn Tavern

Gowan Road, Runcorn (downstairs in Ballroom)

Tickets - \$ 25.00 pp (pre paid tickets)

RSVP - by 23/11/19

to Club Secretary : calamvale.lions@gmail.com

and direct transfer to :

Calamvale Lions Club BSB : 638 070

A/C : 9801 782

(using your surname as the reference)

***Come & support Lions Prostate Cancer
Research Foundation and Mo-vement.***



WE SERVE

ROBINA LIONS CLUB INC

ABN 71 492 399 031



BIG RED KIDNEY BUS

On behalf of Robina Lions Club Big Red Kidney Bus Project I would like to officially thank all the Lions Club in the 201Q1 District for the wonderful contribution you all made to our \$10,000 Travel Voucher Raffle as well as donations to the project. We were amazed at your generosity even from the smaller clubs. We sold over \$22,602.00 in raffle tickets which is fabulous.

We drew the raffle at the Lions District Convention and the winner was Ticket No. 8373 James D. from Northern Territory. This ticket was sold by one of our great helpers, Simone who is a dialysis patient in Brisbane. We sold in Renal Units, to Renal Nurses, dialysis patients, Lions Clubs, at every Robina Lions Club function, in shopping centres, BBQ's and at Bunnings. It was a major project but the exposure that Lions have received from this has been astonishing. Every time we sold tickets the public would tell us about people who had just had transplants, people who had just been diagnosed with kidney disease, people on dialysis & the list goes on. A lot of patients originally began with diabetes & then progressed to kidney disease.

We still have approx \$90,000 to go to our goal but we have until August 2020 until the project finishes.

Thank you Lions for your wonderful contributions.

John McIntyre

Project Chairman BRKBus

Email: robinalionsclub@hotmail.com

Club Phone: 0400 147 660

Lions Camp Duckadang News

Thanks to Clubs who sent along representatives to the recent Annual General Meeting of Lions Camp Duckadang.

Three Lions have joined the Board of Directors for the first time:

- Hestra Riley (Bundaberg North),
- Darryl Robson (Golden Valley Keperra) and
- PDG Greg Rollason (Sandstone Point).

Elections resulted in the following allocation of roles:

Directors:

Graham Hunwick	--	Chairman
PCC Rodd Chignell	--	Vice-Chairman
Peter Boge	--	Secretary, Administration, Communication
Luke Somerville	--	Treasurer, Finance and Technology
PDG Greg Rollason	--	Assets and Maintenance
PDG Ann Reed (Q1)		
John Iffland (Q4)		
Hestra Riley (Q4)		
Darryl Robson (Q3)		

Directors ex-officio:

David Greenup	--	District Governor 201Q1
Donna Hedges	--	District Governor 201Q3
Tim Hannay	--	District Governor 201Q4

Manager:

Belinda Bowie	--	Reports to Board Meetings, but is not a Director
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Portfolios yet to be allocated:

- Marketing and Promotion
- Other tasks as they emerge.

Working Bees, 2020:

- Fri 28 February – Sun 01 March
- Fri 19 – Sun 21 June
- Fri 13 – Sun 15 November

It is planned to have an Open Day at the June working bee weekend.

Lions Camp Duckadang Contact Information:

Phone: (07) 5424 8122

Email: manager@campduckadang.com.au

I look forward to meeting members of the Lions Family at working bees, visits to Clubs / Zones and at Conventions.

Peter J Boge

Secretary to the Board, Lions Camp Duckadang

LIONS DISTRICT 201N1 CONVENTION AT NAMBUCCA HEADS

The Convention chaired by Lion Nora Brooks from the Lions Club of Urunga and supported by many Lions Clubs in the Region was held over the 18th, 19th and 20th October. A total of 334 Lions, partners and guests were welcomed, which is the highest recorded attendance in more than 10 years.

Australian Lionsonoz Lions Club members were involved as usual. 17 members and partners attended and from all accounts thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Several stalls were manned by Lionsonoz members: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, Lion Yvie Kearns; Australian Lions Peace Posters by Lion Kel Kearns, Australian Lionsonoz stand by Lion Jeff Mott and District History by PDG Peter Veryard.

On Friday Golf and Bowls competitions were held in Nambucca Heads. Lionsonoz member Lion John Matheson finally won the bowls competition after being runner up for the past two conventions.

The Convention was officially opened on Saturday Morning with the Sergeant At Arms being our very own Lion Brad Weeks, and a magnificent job he did too! The Flag Ceremony held as part of the opening ceremony was conducted by your President Peter Veryard with all flags being carried in by the Convention Committee members. Anthems and incidental music was performed by the Nambucca Valley Band.

PDG John Muller OAM (also a Lionsonoz) presented a very interesting talk on service being the gateway to fellowship, retention and membership. Later that same day Lion John was presented by President Peter for his nomination for the position of International Director. He received approval to proceed to the Multiple District Convention to be held in Adelaide in May 2020.

The Convention Dinner on Saturday night was a colourful and classy evening, none more so than SAA Brad Weeks and Lion Debbie. A great night was had by all with many dollars being raised for ALCCRF through auctions of various items, including Brad's suit! (Pictured)

On Sunday morning conventioners were spellbound listening to our International Second Vice President Brian Sheehan talking about all things we can do to make our Lions members and Club life more positive, appealing, happy and much more. It was a very quick hour and a half.

Throughout the Convention and functions Lions John and Warren and Lion Julie Fleck of Peel Valley Lions Club were snapping photographs of the happenings throughout. For his efforts as Sergeant At Arms, Lion Brad was awarded an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation. Congratulations to Lions Brad, Nora and Peter O'Neill, having all received that award. All in all Australian Lionsonoz made a significant contribution to the success of the Convention. Thank you for the support.

If you would like to view a short video of some of the highlights please click on https://youtu.be/a_hZSRML8EE

President Peter Veryard



Pictured: Master of Ceremonies Lion Brad Weekes really got into the spirit of “Most Colourful and Classy” dress for the Saturday night knees up.

