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**‘AS ONE WE ARE MANY,
TOGETHER WE ARE ONE’**



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2020-2021

**1ST VICE DG
NICOLE PHILLIPS**



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CONTINUING JOURNEY HELLO EVERYONE.

Our apologies for not producing a newsletter in November. As you will appreciate it was an extremely busy month for both our District and our Ed. So, we have now a bumper issue in readiness of the festive season.

There has been a lot of changes during these uncertain times and whilst there are a lot of negatives there is also a lot of positive outcomes. People are conversing via telephone and electronic platforms like Zoom, Teams and Go To; just to name a few. We have been adapting to the new way of life and when this madness is all over, we will not have lost what we have learned during these unprecedented times. Some members who had never had an interest in computers before, especially social media, are now requesting tuition. This new interest has taken off and is reflected by the number of nursing homes teaching their elderly residents. One club in our District chose to distribute their funds by purchasing and supplying a number of computer tablets to a nursing home in their area. The residents now have their mini-computers hooked up to large television screen and have been seen to be playing bingo on a number of occasions.

As of my last report I was conscious of the border bubble being extended further south and was optimistic that the DG Team could soon begin to re-establish dates for club visits to our NSW clubs. Since that last report what we had all been hoping for has actually happened. The borders have been removed and we are now free to visit each other at last. Cab Sec Di will be in touch over the next few weeks to arrange and confirm dates for club visits. In the meantime, I would like to say that we are, and have been, thinking about you and hope that you are all doing well under the circumstances.

A huge thank you to each of those people who were involved in the District

DG NARELLE PARKINS

Virtual Convention held on Saturday 7th November. There were a team of us who have been working tirelessly for weeks bringing this together to change it from a three-day face to face to a one-day virtual presentation. This was not an easy task as there were many obstacles, however with the team all working together this was achieved and due to the number of compliments received I would say that we did pretty well under duress. So; thank you to all involved. A special thank you to our Cab Sec Di, our CBL Chair Rob and of course our MC Extraordinaire Laurita Chu who did a fantastic job – thanks Laurita.



Thank you to the production crew Levinge Events for going above and beyond, to Mikky Whalan who entertained us as a solo guitarist and vocalist and the marvellous guest speakers who are to be congratulated, especially 3rd Vice International President Dr Patti Hill; she was amazing. Patti made her speech so personal by mentioning names of members and projects done by our District throughout her whole speech. Congratulations to PDG Rob Johnson, Lion Di McCrae and Lion Jenny Maguire on being presented with the Lions International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Awards. This was a total surprise to the three recipients and the look on their faces told it all. Congratulations – you deserve it.

A huge thank you also to those who tuned in on the day.

Thank you to PDG Ken Mulcahy who as usual did not let us down. Ken put together a wonderful flag ceremony and an amazing remembrance ceremony. I will be in touch with the clubs involved to make arrangements to deliver the Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (Brunsfelsia) plants and remembrance pins to the families of the loved ones who have passed.

PTO...





Voting papers have been returned and counted.

On Sunday 29th November commencing at 3.00pm CBL Rob Johnson and his committee firstly opened the sealed envelopes which had been returned by mail, then sorted and counted the votes and according to the Constitution, I was handed the results for me to then announce to our Lions Clubs. Unlike other years the results were announced via zoom platform. The District Governor Elect and the two Vice District Governors gave acceptance speeches to those clubs tuned in. It was a little disappointing that 20 clubs did not send back voting papers, however a big thank you to those clubs who voted allowing the decisions to be upheld. Congratulations to

District Governor Elect Nicole Phillips. 1st Vice District Governor Elect Ian Bruning and 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Savva Argyrou. Please see CBL report for further results on the notices of motion.

As most clubs will be shortly breaking for Christmas, I would like to now take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past six months and to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to a happy and healthy new year ahead.

Please look after yourselves, look after each other and be safe.

Kind regards – DG Narelle

CABINET SECRETARY

Our District Membership on 30th November was 1578, we started the Lions years on 1st July with 1564 members, a plus 14 for the year to date.

I hope that you all enjoyed the 2020 District 201Q1 Virtual Convention and were able to log into Zoom on Sunday 29th November for the election results, Congratulations to DGE Lion Nicole Phillips, 1st VDGE Lion Ian Bruning

2nd VDGE Savva Argyrou, we all look forward to working with each of you over the coming years.

A reminder to club secretaries that there are still many Clubs who are not completing their Monthly Membership Report and Monthly Activities Report on MyLCI each month, this is a simple task that should take just take a few minutes each month, so can I request that if you as club secretary are not familiar with MyLCI that you contact me and I will assist you with the process.

In service,

Lion Di McCrae

I would like to wish all members of District 201Q1 a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021 and if you are travelling to visit loved ones, please drive safely.





DG NARELLE WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS



Jacqui Hapgood – LC Beaudesert
 Chloe Thomas – LC Beaudesert
 Steve Mulford – LC Harrisville
 Andrew Mathieson-Blakely – LC Rosewood
 Ben Scott – LC Rosewood
 Olivia Daw – LC Rosewood
 Renee Tomkins – LC Rosewood
 David Moon – LC St George
 Sally Moon – LC St George
 Malcolm Hapgood – LC Beaudesert

Angeliqu Bellas – LC Brisbane Hellenic
 Barbara Marshall – LC Brisbane Holland Park
 Roy McCallum – LC Logan Underwood
 Riana Swanson – LC Loga Underwood
 Lauren Battese – LV Tenterfield
 Leyla Campbell – LC Tenterfield
 David Clifton – LC Tenterfield
 Narelle Elks – LC Tenterfield
 Robert Elks – LC Tenterfield
 Bevan Sutton – LC Upper Coomera

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE SIGNUP TO DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: www.eepurl.com/br7EYz

GDE NICOLE PHILLIPS 2021 – 2022 DISTRICT CABINET – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To build furthermore onto a prosperous and exciting 2021, I am extending an invitation to all Lions from clubs in 201Q1 to participate on cabinet. I am seeking new members to join our cabinet OR members who have been on cabinet previously.

We are looking for members with all viewpoints that can offer diversity, creativity, and ambition to developing our clubs and communities. If you never thought about becoming a cabinet member, this is your opportunity to join a collaborative and engaging group of members, to foster progress and become a part of your district's vision.

Being a member of cabinet it will require you to harness your position, work with others in the cabinet, attend meetings and report to cabinet, build a relationship and rapport with our clubs and provide ideas/innovation.

If you are interested in becoming a cabinet member, please submit your interest by sending a letter and a brief background (CV) and ensure that you are in a Lion in good standing. Also please include if you have particular position/s you would be interested in holding.

Ready to take the step?

Submit your expression of interest via email to nicole@applemaqlions.org.au by 15th Jan 2021.

If you have any questions relating to the EOI process, please feel free to contact me on 0407 763 007 or via the above email.

This is an expression of interest only and selected applications will be notified in due course of positions available.





BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS

Please email me on kevnar@bigpond.com or editor Stuart at newsletter@lions201Q1.org.au for the next edition of the newsletter.



Brick Bats: To the council truck who parked in the entry to the underground carpark in Brisbane and then got annoyed when he was forced to move – *can't you see the line -up of cars waiting to get in?*
Candidate for Spec Savers if ever there was one.

Bouquets: To those who worked tirelessly on pulling together the District Convention.

Bouquets: To 3rd International President Patti Hill for an amazing speech at the Convention and to her personal approach.

Brick Bats: To the guy who went straight through the roundabout from the right hand, right turn only lane and had the hide to abuse the other person who was turning from the other lane.
Spec Savers again.

Bouquets: To the candidates for District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and their nominators for their wonderful speeches under such difficult circumstances.

Bouquets: To everyone at Christmas. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to those taking a break and we look forward to your return in the new year.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY LIONS GETTING INTO CHRISTMAS

There has been no rest for this group of Lions Krafters this year! They have just knitted 75 toys for the Operation Christmas Child Project with activity bags, teddies, teddies in bags and puppets. Another 60 teddies are ready to go for the Cops Care Hospital visit Project and now the push is on to complete 150 Christmas Candles, using toilet rolls (all dutifully sanitised) to hold Christmas treats for distribution to clients of Meals on Wheels – Sunnybank and Acacia Ridge.





LMRF ART UNION – IS HERE

HURRY LAST CHANCE ORDER TICKETS NOW

Get your tickets now. www.lmrf.org.au
and help us help you.

The Queensland and Northern New South Wales Lions Medical Research Foundation would like to give back a little to help you as well as you helping them.

Until the end of January 2021 the LMRF will be offering Lion clubs the opportunity to sell art union tickets on consignment and the Foundation will pay into the club's nominated bank account 10% of the dollar value of tickets sold by that club. eg. sale of 100 books of 10 would earn your club \$500.

It's a win win situation. The Foundation sells tickets and the sellers make money for their club as well as supporting the Foundation as a District project.



Tickets are \$5 each.

Single tickets

Limited number of tickets printed.
(only 10,000)

One off prize of a \$10,000
Coles and Myer Group gift card.

If the winning ticket is a part of a book purchased by the same person (\$50 book buyer) in the same name then that person will win a further \$500 fuel voucher.

The Lions Medical Research Foundation is a foundation owned by Lions and it understands the needs of people and how necessary medical research is to survive.

You can help save lives of children suffering from debilitating diseases by helping to sell tickets in our fundraising art union or by simply donating to the Foundation. Unfortunately for some its too late but for those in the waiting room its hope.

Contact the office of LMRF on **3832 1688** or info@lmrf.org.au for your registration and ticket orders.

Conditions apply. This offer only applies to Lions Clubs taking tickets on consignment. Payment will be made to the club only after the ticket butts are returned and the correct reconciliation of money returned with the ticket butts is verified by the office staff.

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

www.lionsmedicalresearchfoundation.org.au

CLOSING DATE 29TH JANUARY 2021



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Dear Dorothy

For your information

Q Why could I not attend the District Convention?

A The District Convention was held as a one-day convention with limited numbers due to COVID-19 Queensland Government restrictions. As it was an impossibility to choose only 40 from 1578 members a decision was made that only those who were involved in the preparation and orchestration of the convention would attend. The District did their utmost to make sure that the day was live streamed to all members via zoom.

Q When will the plants and remembrance pins be delivered to the families of those who lost loved ones during the year?

A A "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" plant (*Brunfelsia*) will be brought to the clubs along with a Remembrance Pin to enable the club to present to the families at an appropriate time. A copy of the Remembrance Ceremony will also be available.

Q How important is it to submit project hours?

A It is very important for LCI to be made aware of the service and project hours of your club and of Australia. This data is used to determine the percentage of grants allocated to each country. We know you do the hours – so please let it be known.

Q Is it mandatory to submit a web monthly membership report (WMMR)?

A Submitting a monthly membership report to Lions Clubs International is mandatory from each club and district globally. If your club does not submit one, then behind the scenes your Cabinet Secretary does so on your behalf.

Q Can I still get training in Office 365?

A Yes you can. Please contact the Cabinet Secretary to make arrangements.

Q Why am I not receiving information from District?

A All correspondence from District is sent through the Office 365 generic email address (the one listed in the Club Directory). If you are not receiving information you must advise the Cabinet Secretary of a preferred email address so a redirection can be put in place.

Q Have the results of the Notices of Motion and the Elections been announced?

A Yes; announcements were made via a zoom hook up at 5.00pm on Sunday 29th November. All clubs were notified of the link and the time to log in. All motions were carried and the District Governor Team for 2021 is Nicole Phillips DGE, Ian Bruning 1VDGE and Savva Argyrou 2VDGE.

THE SANCTUARY SAYS THANKS.

Simone McKeown from 'The Sanctuary for Women, Children and Pets' says a special thank you to Lion Jenny Maguire.

After hearing Simone's presentation at the District Convention on the 7th November Jenny was so moved she went out and bought gifts and put together packs for each of the women in the safe house. Enclosed in the brightly coloured bags were a number of personal and luxury items. Each bag held a bracelet with a hand written card telling them that someone cares.

David Phillips of the Lions Club of Apple Mac Users also made contact with Simone and offered her a filing cabinet and

the offer to come to the shed to see what else she can use.

The Lions Club of Carrara will be sending Santa to the Sanctuary on a Harley Davidson on Christmas morning to hand out gifts.

Donations of gifts are welcome.

Please contact **DG Narelle 0409 894 221**, the Lions Club of Carrara carrara@lions201q1.org.au or by dropping off in the trailer at 72 Melaleuca Drive, Palm Beach.

Secretaries; please telephone Simone if you wish to book her in the new year for a club presentation **0422 031 199**.





RUNAWAY BAY LIONS SPONSOR RIDING FOR DISABLED PROGRAM FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Runaway Bay Lions Club support many organisations, community groups and disaster appeals throughout the year. Each of them is important to us and we are proud to be able to contribute to saving or changing people’s lives.

Every now and then there is a service project which is a little bit ‘special’, and one of those for the volunteer members of Runaway Bay Lions Club is our sponsorship of the program run by Arundel Park Riding for Disabled for six students of the Labrador State School Special Ed Unit.

Arundel Park Riding for Disabled provides a horse-riding experience for children and adults with a disability.

Runaway Bay Lions Secretary, Steve Grech, said “Our club members are so pleased to support both the students and the program. We have personally seen the students grow through their involvement in this wonderful program. We were just thrilled to see the students participating in this program”.

Representatives of Runaway Bay Lions Club recently took time out to visit the students at Arundel, and to see them display fantastic horsemanship skills

If you are interested in joining this wonderful band of volunteers in your local Lions Club an email to runawaybaylions@hotmail.com or a call to **0403 049 535** will get your journey in community service underway.

As Lions we serve together.



Photos - Lions with Labrador State School students





LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT BY YE CHAIR ALISON MULLER

As most of you are aware there hasn't been any inbound/outbound youth for exchange due to Covid-19, but the YE Committee had a Zoom meeting this week and there's some exciting things happening! The committee have been working hard behind the scenes over the last few months to organise 2 camps in the April 2021 school holidays.

Camp Warragundi – is to be held 10-17 April 2021. Travelling camp to build indigenous cultural understanding and leadership skills by getting in touch with the land through adventure. The target age group is 16-17 yr. olds. 12 youth placements are available (6 male and 6 female). There is a 20 seater bus towing a camp kitchen. There are no telephones on the camp. Catering Manager is Therese White, the driver is Trevor White. All Lions Members must have Working With Children Cards (WWCC).

MD201 committee members are Sue Newton, Amanda Gwalter and Lorraine Hemsworth. Also involved are; First-aid Officers Trevor and Therese White, Youth Leader Lion Alannah Newell. Camp Supervisor Sue Newton. The cost for youth to attend is approximately \$650 (includes meals, accommodation, travel and activities).

After flying into Newcastle Airport youth will be picked up and transported to Forster where they will spend the first 3 nights camping at Camp Elim at Forster and the next 4 nights will be spent at "Warragundi" which is a property owned by Lion

Amanda Gwalter at Bendemeer, near Tamworth. Over these 8 days, activities include kayaking, tubing, campfires, swimming, beach games, visiting National Parks, walking and lots more. To raise cultural awareness the youth will be visiting sacred Aboriginal sites, become involved in Aboriginal dance and the traditional camp fire. There will be a group activity planned to paint a mural design on a 20ft shipping container which will be led by local Aboriginal artist Jodie Herden.

At the completion of the camp there will be a presentation of CV certificates and a celebration dinner. Youth will then be transported back to Newcastle Airport via bus to return home.

Camp Koala – Diabetes Camp is to be held 11-17 April 2021. This camp has just been given the approval to go ahead so there is to be more information to follow.

This camp is aimed at 16-20 yr olds who are type 1 diabetics and there will be Diabetic Educators and Youth Leaders on board. Depending on how many Diabetic Educators can be arranged as to how many youth will be able to attend the camp.

Further information can be obtained by emailing Lion Lorraine Hemsworth

Email: youthexchange.admin@lions.org.au

I hope everyone is healthy and safe!



PROMOTING CLUB PROJECTS VIA YOUR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER!

1. PLEASE do NOT send a flyer about an upcoming club project or function to the Cabinet Secretary for distribution.
2. The District Newsletter is the appropriate medium. newsletter@lions201Q1.org.au
3. The **cut-off date** for inserting articles in the newsletter is **28th of each month**.
4. Items arriving after that date may be held over to the following newsletter.
5. All articles for the newsletter should be sent using Microsoft Word or Simple Text.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN SUBJECT LINE: DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ...





CLUB TWINNING

The International Club Twinning program promotes the association's Third Purpose: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. Through this program Lions and Leos alike have the opportunity to formalise their friendships with clubs in other countries, learn about different cultures, exchange experiences and ideas about what it means to be a Lion, and add an international dimension to their service mission. Club Twinning is a voluntary and mutual agreement between two clubs (Lions with Lions, Leos with Leos) and can involve as much exchange and interaction as the two clubs desire.



LEARNING AND SERVING THROUGH CLUB TWINNING

Club twinning is an excellent opportunity for Lions to extend their service mission beyond their national borders. When possible, twinned clubs are encouraged to seek opportunities to serve together. With the help of social media and virtual communication tools clubs can plan a joint activity, report results, and share photos and stories with fellow Lions. Below are some tips on how to get started.

- Set up a Facebook group where members can introduce themselves, keep in contact, post photos of club activities and service projects, etc.
- Work together to develop a mission statement that outlines the purpose of the twinning relationship and what the two clubs wish to accomplish together.
- Organize two identical and simultaneous service projects – one in each local community.

- Use Facebook, email and Skype to discuss ideas and share tips. After the projects are complete share photos and exchange experiences.
- If/when possible, plan a visit to the twin club's country and join in a service activity on-site. Or invite your twin club to join in an activity or event in your community.
- Explore the possibility of organizing a health care, education or sanitation and clean water related mission to the twin club's community and applying for an International Assistance Grant (IAG).
- Remember to report twinning related service activities through MyLCI.

For further information please contact Carey Dobson Operation Friendship and Club Twinning, 201Q1 District Cabinet at:-
careydobson.LIONS@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: send article & submissions to Lion Stuart Perrett
stuart.perrett@lions201q1.org.au OR newsletter@lions201q1.org.au

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AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:-



A letter has recently been sent to the Lions Clubs of Australia informing you all that our "Christmas Appeal" is now underway. We trust your Club will support us again as in previous years. Your support is always sincerely appreciated as it assists us continue to :-

Give the Gift of a Hearing Dog - at Christmas.



Our wish this Christmas is to enhance the lives of people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and provide them with the comfort and safety of a Hearing Assistance Dog.

With your support, we can continue to provide Hearing Dogs free of charge, to people who are living in severe isolation.

Mary and Bo - A Recipient's Gratitude.

I heard about Australian Lions Hearing Dogs not long after my husband passed away 2 years ago.

My hearing had been diminishing for years and I was increasingly feeling left out. I taught myself to lip read but it's very tiring.



Hearing aids helped but they don't provide the whole solution and certainly not at night when I take them off. After my husband died I became very anxious, yet only 6 weeks into Bo's and my beautiful relationship, I've lost all anxiety and people tell me I haven't stopped smiling...I feel safe. Thankyou Lions.

A recent placement is Norm -

Norm is an Australian Labradoodle and was recently placed in the N3 District. Norm had been fostered in the puppy program for 8 months before advancing into the Hearing Dog training program.

He was sourced from Alpen Ridge Labradoodles and was named after PDG Norm Alcock, National Co-ordinator of the Marketing Committee, in honour of the work he does for our program.



Thankyou to all Lions & Clubs for your ongoing support.....

Merry Christmas & A Safe, Healthy & Happy New Year.

**Board of Directors, CEO & Staff.
Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.**

www.lionshearingdogs.com.au





LION DARCY MCFADDEN



Lismore Lions Club members are all deeply saddened on the passing of our beloved Life Member Lion Darcy McFadden. Darcy James McFadden was born at Coraki in NSW on 14th August 1930 and lived his younger life with a caring Catholic farming family at Buckendoon near Woodburn. Darcy was happily married to Teresa for 62 years and the couple had four children.

Lion Darcy was an outstanding member of Lismore Lions Club with 48 years of service to his community as a Lions member and work with his 14 years with Lismore Apex Club. Darcy's total years of service amounted to an outstanding 62 years. Lion Darcy served as President for 3 terms and filled many other board positions. This also included Leo Club Advisor for 12 years. Lions Darcy was the recipient of over 18 awards including the prestigious awards - Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, James D Richardson Honour Award and Graham Pearce Award.

Darcy was much loved in the local Northern Rivers community where he worked tirelessly for 60 years in the media as a prominent photographer and photojournalist at the "Northern Star".

He would have to travel all over the area to capture local items of interest, weddings, debutante balls and other family and community celebrations. His role also included being the photographer for The Primary Producer newspaper photographing rural shows and events.

Some of the memorable events Darcy covered included the unveiling of the Lismore Lions Memorial Fountain in Lismore in 1968 which was a memorial to Founder of Lions in Australia, Mr William Tresise. He was also given special dispensation to cover the Queen Elizabeth II visit to Lismore in 1954, which had to be cut short because of the devastating flood which hit the region at the time. Darcy also photographed world renowned Pianist Winifred Atwell when she played at Lismore City Hall and was invited to attend her private funeral.

He also covered the opening of the first TV Channel in the region and took the Northern Star's new Editor, Jim Briggins, to view the Lions Road at Kyogle. He also covered the Cowper bus crash and Clybucca bus crash events in 1989, winning several awards for his work.

Darcy McFadden fulfilled the position of unofficial police photographer in the district for many years as there was not a police photographer appointed to the area. This involved covering some horrific murders, many major fires, and floods, including the devastating major floods of 1954, 1974 and 1998.

As well as his many Awards for his photographic expertise, Darcy received a touching letter from the Prime Minister of Australia John Howard on his retirement.

Lion Darcy's Lions Club history, local knowledge and his engaging personality will be greatly missed by his fellow Lions members and those who were touched and inspired by his life, photos, and stories,

Rest in Peace Darcy.

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DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

November was Diabetes Awareness Month, a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes and to raise awareness about both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes is the epidemic of the 21st century and the biggest challenge confronting Australia's health system. Around 1.7 million Australians have diabetes. This includes all types of diagnosed diabetes (1.2 million known and registered) as well as silent, undiagnosed type 2 diabetes (up to 500,000 estimated).

Lions around the world fight for better diabetes relief. We run initiatives and programs to improve the lives of those living with diabetes and helping others from developing Type 2 diabetes. We're helping educate the world on the need for diabetes research, programs and initiatives. Our goal is to reduce these statistics in the coming years

through service, investment, and kindness. Lions around the world are making diabetes relief a focus of their service. To help achieve the best possible outcomes, we've enhanced our grants to assist with large-scale or affiliate projects.

LIONS AUSTRALIA LAP THE MAP

Lions "Lap the Map" for Diabetes –
The final Numbers are in?

Clubs participated : 14

Total KM's : 5904.21 kms

Total Lions Walkers : 141

Total Other Walkers : 55

Total Donations : \$ 2,910.85

(some donated to Diabetes and some to LCIF)

Congratulations to all those that took part in this years walk.

Jenny Maguire

Global Service Team Coordinator

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email: GST@lions201q1.org.au



Lap the Map
Saturday 14 November 2020
lions australia we serve





LIONS GLOBAL CAUSE: "ENVIRONMENT"

The earth sustains human life. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it. Lions throughout the globe are committed to do everything they can to make the world a better place – from cleaning up waterways, planting trees, to undertaking many recycling initiatives.

Are you collecting plastic bottle tops, and can't send them anywhere at the moment due to COVID-19?

Why not recycle some of them into a small gift that will last for ages - (only those with recycle numbers 2 & 4 on them will work for this).

Make them into drink coasters for your coffee cup. It's fun, It's quirky and It's really easy.

Contact me if you would like more information on how to make these cute bottle top drink coasters.

Jenny Maguire

Global Service Team Coordinator

Ph: 0412 358 205 email: GST@lions201q1.org.au



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on 13th November. On this day, participants attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness, either as individuals or as organisations.

World Kindness Day was first launched in 1998 by The World Kindness Movement, an organisation formed at a 1997 Tokyo conference of like-minded kindness organisations from around the world. There are currently over 28 nations involved in The World Kindness Movement which is not affiliated with any religion or political movement. The mission of the World Kindness Movement and World Kindness Day is to create a kinder world by inspiring individuals and nations towards greater kindness.

Lions are serving safely in communities around the world.

When the world is in need, Lions respond. During this time of great uncertainty, Lions are helping people meet their basic needs and



providing hope for a better tomorrow.

The theme for the current Lions International President, Dr Choi - is "United in Kindness and Diversity" - and he believes that Lions don't just serve the world. We represent it.

This year, we'll unite clubs and communities around the world because in times of great need, greater good can only be achieved when we join together as one. Remember Kindness Matters!!

Jenny Maguire

Global Service Team Coordinator

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APPLE-MAQ LIONS CLUB

In October, Apple-MAQ Lions Club was invited to the Timor-Leste Appreciation Ceremony: a celebration of our club's hard work helping a developing nation combat COVID-19. We were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Timor-Leste Ambassador Ines Maria De Almedia, in addition to Thank-You letters from the New Zealand Embassy, and the Maliana and Suai hospitals.

Lions members Nicole Phillips (LARC Coordinator Assistant), David Phillips (Chairperson and Director of LARC & PET Aust Ltd, LARC Coordinator), Margaret Phillips (Palliative Care Coordinator), Lion Alekisio and Lion Jane Kaihea (club members) were recognised for their hard work on behalf of the Apple-MAQ Lions Club.

Rhys Broadfoot, an INTERFET Veteran and Veterans Care Association Volunteer, first approached our club in 2019. He was sending a container of medical supplies and education resources to where it was urgently needed: Timor-Leste. The container arrived in early December 2019 and was full of medical consumables, vital hospital equipment, high grade hospital beds, Lion's recycled eye-glasses, and numerous other resources. The supplies were delivered to health centres, hospitals and schools in Dili, Same, Balibo, and Maliana.

The following quote from Michele Rankin, in-country PALMs Volunteer, illustrates the profound-

ness of this impact. "They only have 1 incubator in the delivery room. When I asked what happens in the case of multiple births needing the incubator, they said that the mother needed to make the decision [who survives]. The surgical theatre doesn't have a patient warmer. Their only course of action was to turn off the aircon."

Impressed by our organisation's commitment to philanthropy and the "wonderful setup" of our Woolloongabba warehouse and its processes, Mr. Broadfoot turned to us again in 2020, this time to deliver a container of medical equipment and supplies to help Timor-Leste combat the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, Mr. Broadfoot was inundated with requests for assistance from hospital directors, friends, and even the Timor-Leste President's office. He turned to us, a club dedicated to bettering communities in need, to help.

In record time and through the complexities of a global pandemic, over 11 tonnes of medical equipment and supplies were sourced, obtained, and delivered to help fortify Timor-Leste's struggling health system. We, the Apple-MAQ Lions Club, QLD and our networks, provided almost half of that equipment. In addition, the club donated 2500 fit-for-purpose COVID-19 masks on behalf of our club. Everything in the container went to hospitals and clinics in remote areas of Timor-Leste that desperately needed a helping hand.





As a result of our effort, Maliana Hospital, Suai Hospital, the Balibo Community Health Centre, and the Same Health Clinic received life-saving medical equipment and supplies.

The Apple-MAQ Lions Club plans to continue assisting Timor-Leste in becoming a community that is a safe place to live, work, and grow. We have established a reputation of delivering high-quality eyewear and glasses through previous containers. Eventually, this will become the Eyewear Outreach Program. The program will provide people in remote communities with eyewear and glasses. It will deliver more than optical assistance: it will deliver dignity and higher quality of life for those suffering from vision impairment.

The Apple-MAQ Lions Club is dedicated to helping those most vulnerable. Although we do this without the expectation of recognition, being recognised for our hard work is an affirmation of our mission and dedication to serving our community.





PEACE POSTER WINNER

The Peace Poster entrants were judged at the recent Cabinet Meeting and the winner is Rachel Davis who was sponsored by Griffith University Lions Club.



PEACE ESSAY WINNER

The Peace Essay winner is Joshua Wood sponsored by Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale Lions Club.

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It has been confirmed that YOTY will go ahead as usual. We are confident that we can at least get through to having a State Final on 16th/17th April in Brisbane. At this stage I have not received many registrations so would appreciate if clubs could advise me of their intention. The club judging needs to be completed by 28th February 2021.

Youth of the Year Registrations have been a little slow to come in so it would be good if all clubs intending to enter in 2020/2021 could send through the Registration Form to me.

Barbara Clifford, Peace Poster and YOTY Chair - 0408 924 024 YOTY@lions201q1.org.au

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https://lionsclubs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Yoty_Entry_Form_2018-19.pdf

HOME COVID TEST

1. Open a can of beer and try to smell it
2. If you can smell the beer, drink it to see if you can taste it,
3. If you can taste it and smell it, you don't have COVID.

*Last night, I did the test 19 times and all were negative.
Tonight, I am going to do the test again because this morning I woke up with a headache and feeling like I'm coming down with something.*

I am so nervous.





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2. The District Newsletter is the appropriate medium. newsletter@lions201Q1.org.au
3. The **cut-off date** for inserting articles in the newsletter is **28th of each month**.
4. Items arriving after that date may be held over to the following newsletter.
5. All articles for the newsletter should be sent using Microsoft Word or Simple Text.

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PEACE ESSAY WINNER

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Peace and Service go hand in hand

By Joshua Wood

I remember walking hand in hand with my Grandfather when I was a little boy. He was a very wise man, his grey hair highlighting his wisdom. His hands felt dry and rough, particularly to a child who uses his fingers to read.

It was many years later when I stood at his funeral that I realised the significance of those dry, rough hands. They were the hands that held mine and guided me when I was young. They were the hands of a young man, who went to War, sacrificing his own safety, to preserve freedom in our country. They were the hands of a man who held his dying mate in battle. They were the hands of a man who mowed the lawns of local elderly people. They were the hands of the man that had been awarded medals, yet didn't wear them as he felt he did not need recognition for his service. They were the hands of a man who truly understood what service meant.

My Grandfather planted a seed in my mind many years ago about the importance of service and its huge contribution to not only peace in our communities but providing inner peace as well. I often think about the conflicts, wars and fighting in the world and the sadness in many people's lives.

I also often think about how selfless my Grandfather was by helping others without wanting anything in return. My Grandfather would say to me, "you don't have sight, but you have insight and that is much more important."

We can find inspiration from so many who have gone before us. Mother Theresa who served the poor in India. William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army, who dedicated his life to helping the poor. The most inspiring for me personally, is Helen Keller who herself was blind and deaf, yet lived a life of service. Despite her disabilities she helped veterans blinded in World War 1, founded charities, advocated for the blind and poor and led the American Foundation for the Blind for over forty years. All these incredible people served others, and by doing so brought peace to the poor, wounded and hungry. A quote by Albert Schweitzer resonates with me, "the only really happy people are those who have learned how to serve."

I have made a promise to my Grandfather. That I will spread the word about serving others and how it not only promotes peace for others but also provides an inner peace that so many people are striving for. I can serve others despite my disability. I do not want to be self focused, but focused on others. I hope to inspire others to achieve peace through service. In the words of Mother Theresa, "The fruit of service is peace." I want to plant seeds of peace in my life and encourage others to do so also. Peace and service go hand in hand just like my Grandfather and I walking along many years ago.

