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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**



**2ND VICE DG
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CONTINUING JOURNEY HELLO ALL.

I hope everyone is safe and well. We certainly have had some catastrophes over the last few months and for many of us it has been extremely challenging. To those affected, my heart goes out to you and your families but please remember that we are here to help. Contact your local Lions Club and give them details whether it be for yourself or someone you know of. Apart from local help through our surrounding clubs District also has access to certain grants that may apply in specific situations.

It is now Easter Monday as I write this and so I hope everyone had a lovely break albeit the weather and the on again off again lockdowns. Easter is a time for peace and remembrance and of family.

Our District Team has managed to complete the club visits to Northern New South Wales which were unable to be done due to border restrictions. It was great to catch up finally and to hear how they have been faring during the pandemic.

As mentioned previously, the 103rd International Convention in Montreal will be held virtually this year, so if you haven't already registered, please look at gathering a party together and make a bulk registration. A lot of fun can be made on that particular weekend of 25th – 29th June if initiative is taken to do so. There will

be a great opportunity to hear world class presenters as well as being there to witness the swearing in of our International President Doug Alexander. More information can be found on the Lions Australia website under 'events'.



It is disappointing that for the second year in a row 793 District Governors from around the world will be inducted virtually, however I do not envy the decision makers one bit as they have had calls to make that apart from last year have never had to have been made in the past.

Our 2021 National Convention is going ahead as usual and will be held in Canberra from 7th to 10th May. Our accolades to the Convention Committee for this one as well as it also has been indecisive over the past months due to restrictions. Everyone is on alert.

The second round of COVID Hardship grants have now completed. Thank you to those clubs who have persevered through hard times and for those clubs in hardship that have received a grant, we hope that we helped in some small way. To those Lions Clubs affected by the recent flooding there is help available. Please contact us.

All the very best to each of you.

Kind regards – DG Narelle



LIONS CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA (MD201)



National Convention

SEE ALL THE LATEST DETAILS – VISIT WEBSITE NOW

www.lions2021.com.au



CABINET SECRETARY

Thank you to clubs that have returned their PU101 forms, as at today 5th April, I still have 15 clubs who have not returned their completed forms. Unfortunately, if the form is not received this week, the 2020-2021 club officers will again be listed in the 2021-2022 MD Directory. Would all club Secretaries please contact me if you cannot locate the 1st of February 2021 email with the form attached, I will gladly email the form again if requested.

Our District Membership on 31st March was 1554, on 1st July we had 1564 members, over the past 9 months we have added 142 members, with 152 members being dropped or transferred.

A reminder, if your club has a new member to induct, please contact order the New Members Kit via the MD Lion Shop at Newcastle, there is no charge for the Kit, but it may take up to 10 days to arrive.

At the end of March there were 26 clubs who had not completed their Monthly Membership details on MyLCI, this is a simple task, and many clubs would only be required to click on the "No changes" button. Please email or call me if you require assistance.

Please check with your club members and ask if they are attending the MD Convention in Canberra from 7th – 10th May 2021. If so, has your Club returned their Form A – calling for Delegates and Form B – List of deceased Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Lions partner during the past 2 years. There have only been 20 clubs who have responded to this request. Please note – a completed form or "NIL" return is to be emailed to me by all clubs.



ANZI Pacific Forum 2021

Lions Constitutional Area 7 : Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, New Caledonia and the Pacific Region

WWW.LIONSANZIPACIFICFORUM.COM

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD PLEASE SIGNUP TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER DIRECTLY :

www.eepurl.com/br7EYz



WHO IS THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS SERVING LION IN AUSTRALIA?

He's in our Q1 District

**He's a member of the
Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby.**

He's 92 years old and still attending meetings

He's in his 67th year as a Lion

LION NOEL JAMES

What a great example of dedication.



Noel joined The 5th chartered Club in Australia the Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby in 1952, he had two brothers in the same club. He was the joint owner with his family of James Electrical and Hardware store in Mullumbimby, later sold to Mitre 10.

He was a keen pilot, he flew Tiger Moth and Wirraway aircraft out of a small local air strip.

He Fondly remembers his early Lions membership working with

James D. Richardson BEM. who was the Charter President of the

Brunswick Mullumbimby club, and with Ray Phippard OAM.

Noel's Loins activities throughout his many years were mixed and varied and too many to list in this space, suffice to say he is a "Life Member"

Club members keep a close watch on Noel as he adds more years to his already impressive resume, they pick him up and drive him to meetings and other venues. He is looked on as a Legend.

Noel was once asked "What was the best part of his Lions Career"

He said " The day I joined Lions"

He is held in high regard within his club and Lions District.

Article submitted by PDG Tony Cornell



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Dear Dorothy *For your information*

Q Will the International Convention in Montreal go ahead this year?

A Yes – the Convention will go ahead and will be live streamed from Montreal between 25th-29th June 2021. Unfortunately, due to the world pandemic the Convention can no longer be held face to face, but a lot of time and preparation has taken place to ensure that you have a wonderful representation of guest speakers and events for your enjoyment.

Q How do I become involved in the International Convention?

A Details can be found on the Lions Australia website <https://lionsclubs.org.au> and click on the 'events' tab.

Q Will the International Board stay in for a further twelve months?

A No. Voting will take place at the International Convention in Montreal. Douglas Alexander is the 1st Vice President, Brian Sheehan is the 2nd Vice President and Patti Hill is the 3rd Vice President and it is anticipated that these members will move up a position and Douglas Alexander will become the next international President.

Q Why should I submit a PU101 Form?

A Submitting a PU101 form from each club is extremely important if you wish your club to be listed in the Multiple District Directory. The listing of clubs contact details including meeting days is very important and can be a huge advantage.

Q Why was the date brought forward for submission of PU101's?

A Multiple District brought the date forward for submission of the information by two weeks due to the workload of the staff compiling the Directory and for deadlines to be upheld with the printers. This was not a District decision but is supported by District.

Q What is the Lions Code of Conduct?

A The Lions Code of Conduct is a document written and published on the Lions Clubs International Website. This Code of Conduct also contains the Lions Clubs Purposes and the Lions Code of Ethics. This should be upheld by every Lion who took the International oath.

Q Does the Lions Code of Conduct apply on my personal Facebook page?

A Absolutely. It is important to uphold the Lions Code of Conduct at all times, and especially on social media as it spreads the word of Lions, what we do and what we are about, to so many people. A negative comment or a badly written post will gain momentum much faster than a person would imagine. Please, take the time occasionally to revisit the Lions Code and think – is this okay? before posting.



The Queensland and Northern New South Wales Lions Medical Research Foundation would like to thank all those clubs who have supported them in their quest to save lives by taking art union tickets to sell. Just remember, each dollar you donate brings us one step closer to saving lives of loved ones.

LMRF is proud to acknowledge that those Lions Clubs who registered for the cash-back system have been rewarded with dollars for their club account.

New Art Union to begin soon.

ART UNION – HAS BEEN WON

LION ALLAN GRAVELLE FROM Q2 IS THE LUCKY WINNER OF A \$10,000 COLES GROUP & MYER GIFT CARD.



LMRF would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and supported Medical Research



2020 ART UNION

Ticket No. **2612**

Name: **Allan Gravelle**

Club: **Whitsunday Lions Club**

Book buyer: **No**





ABOUT AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS

Since 1980, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) have provided a set of “furry ears” to over 600 Australians, all made possible from the ongoing support of our generous donors and Lions Clubs across Australia. Each Hearing Assistance Dog costs ALHD upwards of \$37,000 to train, deliver and support, and is gifted free of charge, to its deaf or hard of hearing new owner.

As a Lion, how can I help?

By serving our local District as a Lion, you DO help! You can also spread the word about the great services that ALHD provide and promote further within our community. Most importantly, through our **Puppy Champion** program, you can directly support our puppies in training like Bella (above) by making a monthly donation for as little as \$10 per month. In return, you will receive exclusive monthly updates on Bella’s progress in the Puppy Program, as she continues her journey to become a Hearing Assistance Dog providing life-changing support to a deaf or hard of hearing Australian.



Take the lead and become a Puppy Champion today, and you will be transforming the life of someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Scan the QR code to the left to visit our website and sign up, or visit

www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/puppysponsor. When you sign up, you will receive a special ‘welcome pack’ to acknowledge your incredible support.

How can my Lions Club support?

Lions Clubs can support ALHD in many ways, and by getting involved as a Club, this promotes community spirit in our Lions network. A great way to get your Lions Club involved is to ‘name a puppy’! This is a great group experience to get



your Club Members engaged and suggesting or voting on names, or even naming a pup after something associated with your Club!

Some great examples of effective naming opportunities are; Lions Club of Theodore Inc. recently naming a pup ‘Theo’, and Lions Club of Salisbury Inc. naming an upcoming pup ‘Sal’. Upon making a \$3,000 donation, ALHD will work with you to put forward your name suggestions and prioritise your wishes; PLUS a monthly update on the puppy you name will be sent through to you for you to share with Club Members and discuss your impact at your regular meetings. To discuss a naming opportunity please email Fundraising Manager, Alix Katala, at **alix@lionshearingdogs.com.au**.

Other ways to get involved with ALHD:

Spread the word about our amazing work. We are a home-grown Lions project that is now the only Hearing Assistance Dog provider in Australia; we place dogs with people who are deaf or hard of hearing far and wide!

Volunteer with us and contribute to our daily operations to support our services. You can foster a puppy, volunteer in our kennels, or provide administrative support to our marketing and fundraising team.

Host a fundraiser as part of your workplace, Lions Club, community group, or friends; we can provide resources for you to raise funds to donate back to ALHD.

For more information on Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, to get in contact, or support; please contact our team **info@lionshearingdogs.com.au** or **08 8388 7836**.



Final Lioness Luncheon Canberra Convention 2021

Date: Thursday 6th May (prior to the opening of the Convention)

Time: 11.30 am for a 12:00 Noon start

Venue: 65 NORTHBOURNE, 65 Northbourne Ave Canberra

Bookings: Via the MD Convention Registration forms when available.

Your Multiple District Committee look forward to welcoming all Lionesses, former Lionesses and their partners to celebrate the amazing legacy of Lionesses in Australia.



2021 TOUR DATE & DESTINATION ANNOUNCED... LEAVING FROM STANTHORPE TO THE OUTBACK FESTIVAL IN WINTON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021 (3 WEEK TOUR)

**HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO VENTURE OUT WEST,
BUT WORRIED ABOUT ALL THE HOW, WHAT, WHERE'S ETC...
WHY NOT TAG ALONG WITH FELLOW LIONS AND HAVE FUN, FELLOWSHIP & ADVENTURE,
WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES ALONG THE WAY!**

**VISIT & STAY @ STANTHORPE • NINDIGULLY • MITCHELL • CHARLEVILLE
• LARA WETLANDS • WINTON • LAKE DUNN VIA MUTTABURRA • JERICHO
• ROLLESTON • POSSUM PARK • CAMP GREENUP**

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WORDS

The difference between a mean word and a kind word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug. This is recognized by Lions Clubs International in their Ethics - To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

You may have noticed our visitor with her arm in a sling – her injury was caused by an angry four-year-old boy at Child Care. I told her of recent incidents when I was working with Prep classes at a local school. An angry boy threw chairs around the room and then proceeded to run around kicking over every desk in sight. I have observed in recent times more and more children and adults displaying these symptoms of antagonism.

The Roman Statesman, Cato The Elder (BC 234-149), taught "Speech is the gift of all, but the thought of few." When was the last time you thought about the power of speech? When speaking, are you always aware that we use speech to inspire, strike fear, dissuade, persuade, console, hurt, disappoint, encourage, educate, censure, exchange ideas, vent feelings, pontificate, argue, thank, threaten, ridicule, criticize, cheer, sadden, curse, brag, comfort, insult, provoke, incite, or apologize? Before you speak, do you remind yourself our words can express understanding, hate, love, praise, appreciation, resentment, kindness, respect, rudeness, or wisdom? How do you apply the gift of speech? Do you use it to tell jokes, spread rumours, wrench tears, recite poetry, or instill hope?

Have you ever been hurt by the remarks of others? Many have. That's why Pontianus, who was crowned Pope on July 21, 230 and reigned until 235, wrote in his Second Epistle, "The stroke of the whip maketh marks in the flesh: but the stroke of the tongue breaketh the bones. Many have fallen by the edge of the sword: but not so many as have fallen by the tongue." That's a strong commentary about the pain words can cause. But words don't have to hurt. They can soothe, uplift, and give support.

Do you realize how much power your words have to make a difference in the lives of others? Let's think about this for a moment. Suppose you encouraged two people today, motivating each of them to encourage two others tomorrow. If the process continues everyday, 128 people will have benefited by the end of the week. If it continues for two weeks, there will be 16,384 beneficiaries. What if it lasted for three weeks? There would be more than TWO MILLION people benefiting from kind acts that you initiated! But let's be conservative and assume that at the end of three weeks "only" one-half of one percent of that number would benefit. If so, there would "merely" be

10,000 people better off because of your two acts of kindness. Imagine if you were kind to two different people every day! Can you begin to appreciate the enormous power you have to do good?

Of course, the reverse is also true. That is, each of our unkind acts spreads and multiplies just as quickly. Is there any wonder there is so much suffering? Isn't it obvious the world is in desperate need of our acts of kindness? Can we afford to let a single day pass without a kind word? Let's begin to make a difference today. Although we can improve the world in many ways with the gift of speech, for clarity's sake, let's focus on one issue: ENCOURAGEMENT.

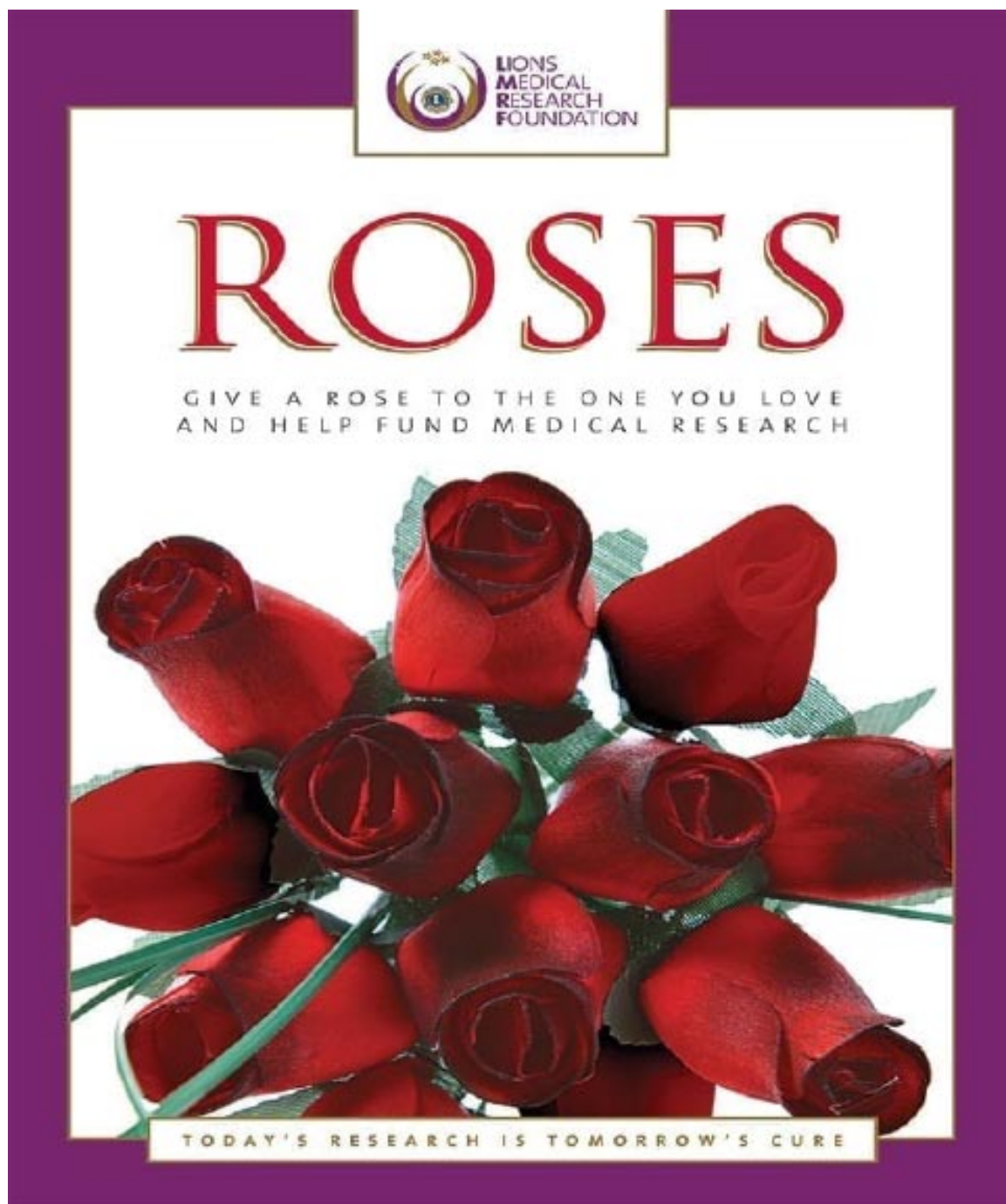
Plants need water and kids need encouragement

"Save lives; save kids." writes Celeste Holm, "We live by encouragement and die without it - slowly, sadly, angrily." The number of sad and angry children is rising. So is the rate of crime. To put the brakes on crime, we need to build more lives, not more detention centres and prisons. We build lives by nurturing our children. We must encourage them every step of the way, for they become what we encourage them to be, not what we nag them to be. As they struggle to become responsible, they are sure to stumble along the way. At such times, let's remember that a word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after a success. If they engage in inappropriate behavior that requires a scolding or discipline, guide them gently. The purpose is not to instill fear, but to build confidence. As Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe wrote, "Correction does much, but encouragement does more. Encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower."

When nurturing our children, we begin by accepting them as they are. After doing so, we then encourage them to become more than they are. William Arthur's words seem to describe how children may feel, "Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I may not forget you." We are all standing on the shoulders of others. We have reached our present station in life because of the help and encouragement we received from others. The best way to return that favour is by picking up our

children and placing them on our own shoulders. The best friends children can have are parents that constantly encourage, inspire, and guide them in becoming what they wish to be. The only thing a good parent will do behind their child's back is pat it. How shall we use our gift of speech? Wisely. After all, as Edward Thorndike explains, "Colours fade, temples crumble, empires fall, but wise words endure."





LOOKING FOR THAT TOKEN GIFT FOR RESIDENTS OF AGED CARE FACILITIES FOR MOTHER'S DAY?

Think no further. The Lions Medical Research Foundation has '**roses of life**' at only \$2.20 each.

Buy a bunch for someone special or hand one out to those lovely ladies in aged care facilities who have been deprived of personal contact throughout the year.

Orders taken by calling **3832 1688** in person, email **info@lmrf.org.au** or by going online **www.lmrf.org.au** and ordering via our online system.

Comes in boxes of 100's and in boxes of 25's. postage is included.



LIONS EASTER RAFFLE SUPPORTS BRAVEHEARTS AND FLOOD VICTIMS.

Runaway Bay Lions Club, in association with Runaway Bay Centre, conducted the annual Easter Raffle again this year, with all proceeds going to support the work of Bravehearts.

In conjunction with the raffle, a donation appeal was held in support of those doing it tough through the recent floods.

Due to the wonderful generosity of the shopping public, the kind prize donations by traders and management of Runaway Bay Centre, and Bunnings Arundel, we were able to donate \$2000 to Bravehearts, being all the proceeds from the raffle, plus a cash donation from Runaway Bay Lions Club.

Bravehearts is Australia's leading child protection organisation. Bravehearts works tirelessly to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child by providing world-class child protection training and education initiatives, specialist child sexual assault counselling and support services, as well as research and reform campaigns to work holistically to prevent child sexual assault in our society.

The Australian Lions Foundation has launched a national appeal to support the many people effected by the devastation of the recent floods in NSW and QLD.

The shopping public support for our appeal was just wonderful, and realised a donation of \$1000 to the Flood Appeal.

As is the case with all Lions projects, every single cent raised from the public through community events is returned to the community.



Lion Gail presents cheque to Michelle (Bravehearts)



*Melissa (Runaway Bay Centre) drawing raffle with Lion Gail
(Insert Photo) Winners smile - Brooklyn of Paradise Point.*

If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of people, contact can be made by email to runawaybaylions@hotmail.com or by phoning 0403 049 535.

Our Global Causes



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



CHILDHOOD
CANCER



VISION



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3. The **cut-off date** for inserting articles in the newsletter is **28th of each month**.
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5. All articles for the newsletter should be sent using Microsoft Word or Simple Text.

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