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Legacy Link



Johnson Chen
District Governor 2026-2027



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DG Message: Stronger Clubs Through Transparency & Communication

July marked the beginning of a new Lions year and a new chapter for District 201Q1. It was a pleasure to welcome our new District Cabinet members and club officers, and to recognise the many Lions who have again stepped forward to serve.

To our outgoing officers, thank you for the leadership, time and experience you have contributed. To those beginning a new role, please remember that you are not expected to have every answer from the first day. Leadership is a journey, and the District team is here to support you along the way.

As we begin the 2026-2027 year under the theme of **Legacy Rejuvenated**, two principles will continue to guide my approach as District Governor: **transparency** and **communication**.

Transparency means making the work and operations of Cabinet easier for clubs and members to understand. Cabinet should not be seen as a distant layer of administration operating separately from clubs. Our District is made up of its clubs, and Cabinet exists to support those clubs. When clubs are stronger, better informed and more confident, the entire District becomes stronger.

This also means being clearer about how decisions are made, why certain actions are necessary, what support is available and what clubs need to prepare for. Transparency does not mean sharing every confidential discussion. It means ensuring that, wherever possible, clubs understand the reasoning, responsibilities and timelines behind District activities.

My commitment is therefore focused on building stronger clubs through practical support, leadership development, membership growth, visible service and open communication. Please never hesitate to reach out if there is any way the District team can support you, your club or your local service efforts. If your club is experiencing a challenge, it is far better that we discuss it early and work together than wait until the situation becomes urgent.

Communication is equally important. We all lead busy lives and already manage demanding Lions schedules. Too often, an important deadline or responsibility becomes a last minute emergency, even though earlier advice and better preparation could have prevented the unnecessary rush, stress and anxiety.



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To help address this, the rolling three-month Club Secretary Checklist has been introduced. The checklist is intended to help clubs see what needs attention now, what is coming next and what should be prepared several months in advance. It is not designed to create more paperwork. Its purpose is to make club administration easier, reduce surprises and give officers more time to plan.

The **District newsletter** has also returned in a downloadable format so that members can save it, print it, share it and refer to it when needed. We will also work towards publishing the individual stories and important notices on the District website, creating a more accessible record of District news, club achievements and upcoming opportunities. Our monthly Q&A sessions will provide another opportunity for members and officers to ask questions, seek clarification and share concerns directly.

I am also pleased that the **Youth Cabinet** will continue to provide a genuine pathway for younger Lions and emerging leaders to participate in District activities. Our young people are not simply the leaders of tomorrow. They have ideas, skills and perspectives that can strengthen Lions today. I encourage every club to identify young members who may benefit from this opportunity and invite them to become involved. They will receive mentoring, practical experience and opportunities to contribute their voices to the future of our District.

Finally, a reminder about our **District 201Q1 35-Year Commemorative Magazine**. This important project will preserve the stories, photographs, projects and service traditions that have shaped our District over the past 35 years. If your club has not yet submitted or verified its material, please act now. Our history cannot be properly preserved without the stories of those who helped create it. The final deadline for submissions is 31 August 2026, so please do not leave it until the last minute.

July has been a month of transition, renewal and renewed commitment. As we move forward, let us continue to communicate early, work transparently and support one another. By strengthening our clubs, we strengthen our District and increase our capacity to serve.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Johnson Chen

District Governor
Lions District 201Q1



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A New Lions Year Begins: Changeover and the Handover of Leadership

On Saturday 18 July 2026, Lions, partners, friends and community supporters gathered at Landmark Restaurant in Sunnybank for the District 201Q1 Changeover Dinner. Beginning with fellowship at 6.00 pm before the formal program commenced at 6.30 pm, the evening provided an opportunity to recognise the service of the outgoing District leadership and welcome the team that will guide our District through the 2026-2027 Lions year.

The handover was more than a change of titles. It was a moment to thank Immediate Past District Governor Stuart Perrett for his leadership and to acknowledge the many Cabinet members, club officers and volunteers who supported the District throughout the previous year. Every successful Lions year rests on hundreds of quiet contributions: reports submitted, meetings organised, clubs visited, members encouraged, projects supported and difficult situations handled with care.

The evening also marked the commencement of Lion Johnson Chen's term as District Governor and the public launch of the 2026-2027 theme, "Legacy Rejuvenated." Rather than holding a formal installation of the incoming Cabinet, the new leadership team was called forward and recognised together. The approach reflected an important message for the year ahead: leadership is not about ceremony alone; it is about being available, practical and accountable to the clubs we serve.

District 201Q1 enters the new year with clear priorities. These include strengthening membership, supporting clubs that may be doing it tough, improving service reporting and visibility, building leadership capability and making District systems easier for volunteers to use. None of these priorities can be achieved by the District Governor or Cabinet working alone. They require clubs, Zones, Cabinet officers and individual Lions to communicate early and work together.

To every Lion who attended, helped organise the evening, donated a raffle prize, welcomed a guest or contributed behind the scenes, Thank You. To those who could not be present, you remain an equally important part of the District family. As this new Lions year begins, every member is invited to help turn "Legacy Rejuvenated" from a theme into visible action in our clubs and communities.

For more information about the District Changeover Dinner, photos and videos will be posted on the District Website so please visit <https://www.lions201q1.org.au/> regularly for all the latest news and information.



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From the Newsletter Editor...

Welcome everyone to the first edition of the 2026/2027 Newsletter entitled "Legacy Link".

My name is Sam Hutchinson and I am the 201Q1 District Newsletter Editor. It brings me immense pleasure and joy to be able to collate each and everyone of your stories each Month into an informative and enjoyable read.

Please remember that this newsletter is the combination of ALL clubs within District 201Q1. It is a chance for you to communicate what amazing things your club has been doing in the past month; fundraisers, service activities, guest speakers, and any awareness you have been raising in and around the amazing communities you live within.

This newsletter therefore is not possible without each of your contributions. WE want to HEAR about anything that your club is doing!!! Whether it be big, or small, it is a way to showcase the legacy and impact that each of your clubs have on the broader community. Everyone knows the Lions Club for their Christmas Cakes and Mints, but we are SO much more, and this newsletter is a way to showcase, and LINK the legacy that each club and Lions collectively share amongst our communities.

Each month, we will send a newsletter by the last day of the Month. This July Edition, being the first for the year, is the only exception being within the first week of August.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please send me an article or photos of the amazing things your clubs have been up to, or anything you wish to raise awareness of within the 201Q1 District, to me by the 25th of each Month. Please send your submission to: newsletter@lions201q1.org.au. Please outline the club you are part of.

I am looking forward to a very positive year ahead! Just remember we want to know it all, so anything big or small, I, along with our district, would love to see and read about.

Sam Hutchinson





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Legacy Rejuvenated: What the 2026-2027 Theme Means

Every Lions year has a theme, but a useful theme must do more than appear on a banner. It should help us make decisions, set priorities and explain where we are going together. For 2026-2027, the District 201Q1 theme is “Legacy Rejuvenated” - a commitment to honour what previous generations of Lions have built while renewing our clubs for the people and communities of today.

Our legacy is substantial. Across District 201Q1, generations of Lions have created projects, raised funds, supported families, developed leaders and built trusted relationships with local communities. That history deserves to be recorded and respected. It also carries a responsibility. If we want the Lions name to remain strong, we cannot simply repeat familiar routines because “that is how it has always been done.” We must keep what works, repair what is weakening and make room for new ideas.

Legacy Rejuvenated will be expressed through practical action. It means supporting healthy membership growth while giving equal attention to retention and belonging. It means helping clubs earlier when membership, succession or meeting structures become difficult. It means making our service visible through accurate reporting and stronger storytelling, because unreported work cannot inspire prospective members, partners or supporters. It also means preparing new leaders, listening to younger voices and making volunteering more flexible without losing the standards that protect the Lions name.

This theme is merely the change of tradition. The strongest traditions are those that carry their purpose forward. Fellowship, respect, service and community trust remain central to who we are. What may need to change are the methods: how we communicate, how people first participate, how meetings use volunteers’ time and how clubs invite new members into meaningful roles.

During this year, every club is encouraged to have one honest conversation: what part of our legacy must we preserve, and what must we rejuvenate? The answer will be different for each club. For one, it may mean documenting a signature project before that history is lost. For another, it may mean redesigning meetings, strengthening digital communication or creating a pathway for younger volunteers.

Legacy is not something we inherit and place on a shelf. It is something we receive, strengthen and pass forward. Together, we can honour the Lions who came before us by ensuring that their spirit of service remains relevant, welcoming and alive.

For further information, please see **DG Branding Resources 26** <https://www.lions201q1.org.au/member-resources/district-dg-s-cabinet-team/dg-branding-resources-26.html>



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The District Growth Challenge: Every Club Aiming for Net +2

Membership growth can sound overwhelming when it is expressed only as a large District number. The challenge becomes more practical when every club asks a simpler question: can we finish the 2026-2027 Lions year with two more active members than we started with?

District 201Q1's formal goals for the year are to establish one new club, welcome 223 new members, achieve a recruitment target of 243, retain 215 members and record a net gain of 28 members. These figures are ambitious, but the purpose behind them is more important than the arithmetic. Stronger membership gives clubs more hands for service, more ideas, greater succession options and a healthier spread of responsibility.

Recruitment alone will not deliver sustainable growth. A club can welcome several new members and still shrink if existing Lions feel disconnected, overworked or uncertain about their place. That is why the District challenge combines invitation with retention. New members need a genuine welcome, a clear explanation of Lions, an early opportunity to contribute and someone who checks in after the excitement of induction has passed. Long-serving members also need appreciation, meaningful involvement and flexibility as their circumstances change.

Each club can begin with a short local plan. Identify the communities and networks that are not represented in the club. Look at upcoming service activities where prospective members can participate before attending a formal meeting. Ask current members to make personal invitations rather than relying entirely on social media. Review whether meetings respect volunteers' time and whether new ideas receive a fair hearing.

The target of net +2 is deliberately simple, but it should not encourage clubs to recruit people merely to improve a figure. The quality of a member's experience matters. Growth that weakens fellowship or overwhelms new volunteers will not last. Growth built around visible service, personal connection and meaningful roles is far more likely to endure.

Every club starts from a different position. Some may gain considerably more than two members; others may need to focus first on stabilising and retaining their current team. What matters is that every club has an honest plan and acts early. If each club takes responsibility for its own next step, the District goal becomes achievable - one invitation, one welcome and one engaged member at a time.

For further information about membership recruitment strategies, please contact Global Membership Team Coordinator, Mark McCosker at gmt@lions201q1.org.au and Zone Chair Coordinator, Sharon McDonald at zone-coordinator@lions201q1.org.au



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Understanding the 2026-2027 Zone Redistribution

District 201Q1 has moved from its previous 10-zone structure to a nine-zone operating model for the 2026-2027 Lions year. Clubs previously associated with Zone 6 have been redistributed, while Zone 6 remains empty in name only within the numbering sequence.

Zone boundaries and numbering can appear to be an administrative detail, but the structure affects how clubs receive support, communicate concerns and connect with nearby Lions. A well-designed Zone gives the Zone Chair a manageable group of clubs and creates opportunities for shared training, combined service, fellowship and early assistance.

The redistribution is intended to strengthen those practical connections. Clubs should know which Zone they now belong to, who their Zone Chair is and how to include the correct people in relevant correspondence. Presidents and secretaries should update internal records, contact lists and meeting references so that outdated information does not continue circulating.

Zone Chairs provide an important bridge between individual clubs and District leadership. They can help identify common challenges, share successful ideas, encourage attendance at District activities and alert Cabinet when a club needs support. They also create a natural network for clubs that may be too small to run training or major service activities alone.

The new structure should not become a boundary that limits cooperation. Clubs can and should work across Zones where geography, service interests or established relationships make that sensible. The purpose of the Zone model is coordination and support, not separation.

During the first months of the Lions year, every club is encouraged to make contact with its Zone Chair and share three pieces of information: the club's major service priorities, any support it may need and one success story worth sharing with the wider District. This will help the new structure become a working network rather than simply a revised chart.

For further information about the different zones, please visit Cabinet Officers <https://www.lions201q1.org.au/member-resources/district-dg-s-cabinet-team/cabinet-officers.html> or contact Zone Chair Coordinator, Sharon McDonald at zone-coordinator@lions201q1.org.au



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35 Years of District 201Q1: Help Preserve Our Story

The history of District 201Q1 is not stored in one office or one set of minutes. It lives in club archives, newspaper clippings, project records, photographs and the memories of Lions who saw community needs and decided to act. Unless that history is collected now, parts of it will disappear.

Work is continuing on a 35-year commemorative magazine that will document the people, clubs and projects that have shaped District 201Q1. The working master includes reflections from Past District Governors, club histories, major service initiatives and space for approximately 62 club stories. The aim is to create more than an anniversary publication. It should become a lasting record for members, prospective Lions, community partners, elected representatives and local historians.

Every club has something worth preserving. It may be a long-running project, an unusual fundraising idea, a response to disaster, a youth program, a community facility established through years of work or the story of members who quietly changed lives. Smaller clubs and newer clubs are just as important to the record as large or long-established organisations.

Clubs are encouraged to appoint one history contact to coordinate their contribution. Useful material includes a concise club history, charter and milestone dates, signature projects, notable partnerships, honours, strong community-impact examples and high-quality photographs. Images should be accompanied by names, dates, locations, a clear caption and the photographer or source where known. An earlier guide allowed clubs to provide up to 16 photographs; this limit will be confirmed with the final submission instructions.

Accuracy matters. Memories are valuable, but names, dates and claims should be checked against minutes, newspapers or reliable records wherever possible. The magazine should celebrate Lions confidently without overstating achievements or repeating stories that cannot be verified.

The theme “Legacy Rejuvenated” makes this project especially timely. Recording our legacy allows new members to understand what they have joined and gives clubs strong material for future awareness, recruitment and partnership work. It also reveals patterns: which projects endured, how clubs adapted and what lessons can guide the next generation.

If your club has not yet submitted or verified its material, please act now. Our District’s history cannot be properly preserved without the stories of those who helped shape it. The final deadline for all submissions is **31 August 2026**, so please do not leave it until the last minute.

For further information, please contact DG, Johnson Chen at dg@lions201q1.org.au or Cabinet Secretary, Di McCrae at cabsec@lions201q1.org.au.



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Youth Cabinet: Giving Younger Voices a Real Pathway

Community organisations often say they want younger people involved, but involvement must mean more than asking them to manage social media, carry equipment or attend a photograph. District 201Q1's developing Youth Cabinet model is intended to create a more meaningful pathway for younger voices to contribute to real District work.

The Youth Cabinet is designed as a support and advisory structure, not a parallel governing Cabinet. Its Chair reports into District Cabinet, and its work should connect directly with agreed priorities such as marketing, digital engagement, youth programs and contemporary volunteering. The proposed rhythm includes monthly online meetings and quarterly in-person meetings aligned with key District events.

The model recognises that younger contributors need both opportunity and support. An intended balance of approximately 60% senior support and 40% youth focus allows experienced Lions to provide context, mentoring and governance while younger participants bring new perspectives, communication habits and community connections.

For the initiative to succeed, participants must receive clearly defined projects and authority appropriate to their role. A Youth Cabinet that meets regularly but produces no visible work will quickly feel tokenistic. Strong assignments might include testing how young volunteers discover Lions, redesigning a digital campaign, interviewing Leos, improving event communication or developing a flexible-volunteering pilot with measurable outcomes.

Mentoring must be a two-way relationship. Senior Lions can explain the organisation's history, obligations and service networks. Younger participants can challenge assumptions about language, platforms, meetings and participation. Neither group has all the answers. Clubs also have a role. They can identify capable younger members, Leos and community contributors, offer project opportunities and create environments where new ideas receive a fair hearing. Age alone does not guarantee innovation, and experience alone does not guarantee relevance. The strength comes from combining both.

Appointments, responsibilities and safeguarding arrangements must be confirmed before the Youth Cabinet is promoted publicly. Participants should understand what they are joining, how their contribution will be used and who supports them. If designed well, the Youth Cabinet can become more than a committee. It can be a practical leadership pathway and a testing ground for the "Legacy Rejuvenated" principle: preserving organisational wisdom while giving the next generation genuine space to shape what comes next.

For further information, please contact Youth Cabinet Chairperson, Sophie Cufflin at youth-chair@lions201q1.org.au for more information.



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Meet your District Governor Team

District leadership is most valuable when clubs know who to contact, what support is available and how the different roles work together. For the 2026-2027 Lions year, District 201Q1 is led by District Governor Lion Johnson Chen, First Vice District Governor Lion Sophia Argyrou and Second Vice District Governor Lion Libby Whitestyles.

District Governor Lion Johnson Chen is a member of the Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese. His theme for the year, “Legacy Rejuvenated,” reflects a practical focus on respecting the District's history while strengthening membership, service visibility, leadership development and club support. His role includes representing the District, leading Cabinet, visiting clubs and helping the District's many teams work toward shared priorities.

First Vice District Governor Lion Sophia Argyrou, from the Lions Club of Capalaba, supports the District Governor while continuing her preparation for future District leadership. The First Vice District Governor role provides continuity across Lions years and helps ensure that club needs, emerging issues and long-term priorities do not disappear when the calendar changes.

Second Vice District Governor Lion Libby Whitestyles, from the Lions Club of Sunnybank, completes the District Governor Team. Her role provides another important connection between clubs and District leadership while developing experience across service, membership, leadership and administration.

The three leaders do not work in isolation. They are supported by the Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Global Action Team, Zone Chairs and a wide range of Cabinet officers responsible for projects, youth programs, foundations, risk, communication and club development. Together, this structure exists to help clubs succeed - not to add another layer of complexity.

Clubs are encouraged to raise questions or concerns early. A membership problem is easier to address before it becomes a crisis. Confusion about reporting is easier to fix before deadlines are missed. Leadership succession is easier to build when the conversation begins well before an annual general meeting.

Profiles and downloadable introductions for the District Governor Team are available on the District website. Club officers are encouraged to read these before a formal visit and to share local priorities openly. The District team will not know everything happening in every community unless clubs communicate. The invitation for 2026-2027 is simple: stay connected, ask for help when needed and allow District leadership to work with you.

For further information about District DG's and Cabinet Team, please see summarised on the next pages, or visit:

-District Governor Team [here](#), Executive Officers [here](#) and Cabinet Officers [here](#)



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Meet your Cabinet Officers

District Governor Team

District Governor
Johnson Chen

First Vice District Governor
Sophia Argyrou

Second Vice District Governor
Libby Whitestyles

District Executive Team

Cabinet Secretary
Di McCrae

Cabinet Treasurer
Christine Cufflin

Constitutions & By-Laws Chair
PDG Peter Ho (AM)

Minute Secretary
Shirlene Pott

Treasurer Assistant
Donald Huang

Immediate Past District Governor
IPDG Stuart Perrett

District Youth Cabinet

Youth Cabinet Chair
Sophie Cufflin

Youth Cabinet Treasurer
Sam Hutchinson

Youth Cabinet Secretary
Nicole Cufflin

Youth Cabinet Social Media
Sarah Hoult

Youth Cabinet Service
Lachlan Gibb

Youth Cabinet Membership
Siena Zanatta

Youth Cabinet Service
Matthew De Castro

District Global Action Team

Global Leadership Team Coordinator
Sophie Cufflin

Global Membership Team Coordinator
Mark McCosker

Global Service Team Coordinator
Natalie Reinke

Assistant Leadership
Libby Salles

Global Extension Team Coordinator
PDG Peter Ho (AM)

Assistant Service
Pearl Chen

Guiding Lion Coordinator
Michael McDonald

Global Membership Approach Coordinator
PDG Jorge Salles

Zone Chair Coordinator
Sharon McDonald

Assistant Zone Chair Coordinator
Piers Warnholtz

Legal & Operational

Convention Chair 2026
Kee Cheung (OAM)

Child Safety Officer
Ray Lucre

Risk Management
Colin Obee

Convention Chair 2027
Christine Cufflin



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Meet your Cabinet Officers

Zone Chair Coordinators

Zone 1
No Appointment

Zone 4
Euan Stevens

Zone 8
Karen Matthews

Zone 2
No Appointment

Zone 5
Piers Warnholtz

Zone 9
Sonya Perkins

Zone 3
Katura Halleday

Zone 7
Ken Ross

Zone 10
Gerard Torrisi

District Service Projects

Lions Story Dogs
Helen Lucre

Lions Variety Bash
Brad Hall

Operation Friendship/Club Twinning
June Ho

National Service Programs

Lions Eye Health Program
PCC Kim Forrest

Lions Assistance Dogs
Jenny Rainbird

Lions Cakes and Mints
Di Henderson

National Youth Programs

Leo Clubs Coordinator
John Clark

Lions Youth of the Year
Jenny Maguire

Peace Poster/Peace Essay/Junior
Public Speaking
Peter Matthews

Service Foundations

Lions Club International Foundations
IPDG Jorge Salles

Australian Lions Foundation
PDG Narelle Parkins

QLD & NSW Lions Medical
Research Foundation
No Appointment

Australia Lions Childrens Mobility
Foundation & Australian Lions Childrens
Cancer Research
PDG Ross Forrest

Communication & Marketing and Promotion

Marketing
& Digital Engagement
Sophie Cufflin

District Newsletter
Sam Hutchinson

Webmaster
Kaylene Perrett

Information Technology
IPDG Stuart Perrett



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District Convention - 18th July 2026





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Thank you - from Stuart Perrett - IPDG

A Message of Thanks to the Members of Lions District 201Q1

My Fellow Lions,

As my journey on the District Governor Team comes to a close, I have taken some time to reflect on the past three years and the incredible privilege it has been to serve alongside so many dedicated Lions throughout District 201Q1, Multiple District 201, and beyond.

It has been an honour to work with so many passionate, committed, and caring people who continue to give their time, skills, and energy to making a difference in their communities.

When I began this journey three years ago, I made a commitment to myself that I would always try to make a positive difference, support our clubs, listen to our members, and ensure that Lions remained focused on what matters most—service, fellowship, leadership, and making an impact in our communities.

Throughout this time, many achievements, innovations, improvements, and initiatives have been introduced to strengthen Lions and better support our clubs and members. Some changes may appear significant, while others may seem small, but every initiative was introduced with one common goal—to make Lions easier to participate in, easier to manage, and better equipped to serve our communities.

My theme for this Lions year has been **"You Are the Key."**

While it has appeared on banners, publications, presentations, awards, and promotional material throughout the year, the message has always been much deeper than a theme.

The message is simple:

Every Lion holds a key.

You are the key to helping someone in need.

You are the key to welcoming a new member.

You are the key to creating a stronger club.

You are the key to identifying opportunities for service.

You are the key to developing future leaders.

You are the key to ensuring Lions remains strong and relevant for future generations.

No District Governor, cabinet officer, committee chairperson, or Multiple District initiative can create lasting change alone.

Real change happens when individual Lions choose to step forward and make a difference.



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Strengthening Our District Through Better Support, Communication and Governance

Within our district, we have worked hard to improve communication, transparency, planning, governance, and access to resources.

Cabinet policies and procedures were reviewed and updated to provide greater clarity, consistency, and accountability, ensuring future leaders have the information they need to plan effectively and avoid unnecessary delays or personal financial burdens while preparing for office.

We also introduced constitutional changes to strengthen accountability and improve the way our district operates, while identifying opportunities to make future amendments and typographical corrections to our Constitution and policies more efficiently. Where changes are administrative in nature and do not alter the intent or purpose of these documents, the aim is to avoid unnecessary use of valuable member time at District Convention and allow conventions to remain focused on matters requiring discussion, debate, and decisions by the membership.

Additional support was introduced to assist members of the District Governor Team with some of the costs associated with fulfilling their roles, recognising the commitment and financial investment required to support our district.

We also improved convention planning processes by allowing incoming District Governors-Elect to begin promoting their conventions sooner, providing clubs and members with greater opportunity to plan, participate, and support these important district events.

Making Administration Easier for Clubs

One initiative that I am particularly proud of has been the introduction of the Cabinet Secretary's Club Checklist.

This resource was developed with one simple goal in mind—to make the administrative responsibilities of running a Lions club easier to understand, easier to manage, and easier to complete.

I am extremely proud that this initiative has been welcomed and embraced by Club Secretaries throughout the district. The positive response has demonstrated that members value practical tools that help simplify administration and provide greater confidence in knowing what needs to be completed, when it needs to be done, and where to find the required information.

Too often, volunteers spend valuable time searching through multiple resources, trying to find answers, or discovering tasks only after deadlines have passed. The Club Checklist was created to help remove that frustration by bringing important administrative requirements together in one easy-to-follow resource.



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The purpose has never been to create more paperwork or additional requirements. It has always been about saving members time, reducing confusion, supporting incoming officers, and allowing clubs to spend more energy on what truly matters—serving their communities.

Connecting With Our Members

This same philosophy was behind the introduction of the monthly District Q&A Zoom sessions.

For the first time, every Lion across District 201Q1 was provided with direct access to the District Governor each month, regardless of where they lived or what club they belonged to.

The goal was simple—to break down barriers, improve communication, create greater connection, and provide members with the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, share ideas, and better understand what was happening across our district.

Leadership should never feel distant or inaccessible. These sessions were introduced to bring members closer together and ensure every Lion had the opportunity to have their voice heard.

Another important part of my role as District Governor has always been maintaining direct contact and connection with our clubs.

I would like to sincerely thank all Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Zone Chairs, and club leaders who took the time to speak with me throughout the year. Many of you received personal phone calls from me on numerous occasions—not because there was always a problem to solve, but because I believe strongly that a District Governor should understand what is happening at the club level, listen to members, provide support when needed, and celebrate the great work being achieved across our district.

Direct communication is one of the most important responsibilities of district leadership. A phone call, a conversation, or simply taking the time to listen can often achieve far more than an email or formal report.

Our clubs are where Lions happens. They are where friendships are created, where service is delivered, and where communities are changed.

I truly appreciate the openness, honesty, and willingness of those who shared their thoughts, ideas, concerns, and successes with me throughout the year. These conversations helped strengthen the connection between the district and our clubs and reinforced my belief that leadership in Lions must always be built on relationships, accessibility, and trust.



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Expanding Resources and Supporting Clubs

Over the past three years, the district website has continued to grow into a comprehensive resource centre for clubs and members.

Resources added include club information, how-to guides, foundations and Lions projects, acronyms, club QR codes, event listings, convention photographs, memorial presentations, audio and video recordings, digital convention handbooks, marketing resources, templates, certificates, letterheads, banners, flyers, invocation resources, and many other tools available through the online bookshelf.

The goal has always been to ensure members have access to the information and resources they need without having to spend valuable time searching.

We also introduced the **"Hey You"** membership awareness campaign to encourage conversations within our communities about how people can become involved with Lions when they identify a need or want to make a difference. This campaign was supported by promotional material, videos, and music resources to help clubs start conversations about service.

Achievements Across Multiple District 201

At a Multiple District level, there have also been many positive developments that will benefit Lions into the future.

These include improvements to administrative systems, ensuring MD email systems were transitioned effectively at the beginning of the Lions year to allow incoming District Governors to commence their roles smoothly, the introduction of Global Extension Officers to support districts in forming and chartering new clubs, financial assistance for Guiding Lions training, National and State Child Safe Representatives, increased public liability insurance coverage, Club Building Specialists, grants to assist with new club formation and club rebuilding, and further support for leadership development.

The rollout of the District Governor Pathway Leadership Development Program represents a significant investment in the future of Lions leadership. This will enable the creation of accessible, high-quality eLearning courses, structured leadership programs, and short courses designed to strengthen leadership capability across all levels of our organisation.

Other initiatives such as Lions on Safari Awareness Month, improvements to member communications, ensuring that Dollar Sweets production and supply issues were fixed, the inclusion of gluten-free cakes as a regular product line, and the Leos Australia Song Writing Competition demonstrate the continued commitment to youth innovation and growth.



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Celebrating Membership Growth

One achievement that deserves special recognition is the progress our district made in membership growth during the 2025-2026 Lions year.

For the first time in many years, District 201Q1 achieved positive net membership growth, welcoming an incredible **252 new members** into Lions while recording a **net increase of 46 members overall**.

This represented a 3.37% membership increase, making District 201Q1 the third- highest growing district in Australia.

This is an achievement that every Lion should be proud of.

However, while we celebrate this success, the figures also remind us that our work is not complete. During the year, we also farewelled 206 members.

Attracting new members remains important, but our greatest opportunity is ensuring we retain the members we welcome by creating clubs where people feel valued, connected, involved, and able to make a difference.

Membership growth is not achieved through membership committees alone. It happens because clubs are visible, active, welcoming, and making a genuine difference in their communities. **People join Lions when they see Lions in action.**

Every project completed, every fundraiser conducted, every community event supported, and every act of kindness performed by our members contributed to this achievement.

Every Lion Has a Role To Play

During my time on the District Governor Team, I have always known that not every idea will immediately be embraced by everyone. Some initiatives take time to understand, some take time before their value is recognised, and some may not be used by every member or club.

That is the nature of any organisation built on volunteers.

However, every member has an important role to play in shaping the future of Lions.

Sometimes members become frustrated with their club. They may feel their club is not active enough, not undertaking enough service, not growing, or not operating in the way they believe it should. Sometimes people choose to move clubs, and sometimes people choose to step away and leave altogether.

While there may be genuine reasons for those decisions, meaningful change rarely happens by standing on the sidelines.



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Actions will always speak louder than words.

If you want something to be better, you must be willing to step forward and be part of making it better.

If you want stronger clubs, **YOU** must help build them.

If you want more service projects, **YOU** must help create them.

If you want stronger membership, **YOU** must invite others to join us.

If you want better leadership, **YOU** must be willing to lead.

If you want positive change, **YOU** must be willing to contribute to that change.

Every club is ultimately a reflection of the members within it. The future of Lions will not be determined by district officers, committees, or policies alone. It will be determined by Lions who choose to contribute their ideas, their energy, their leadership, and their willingness to serve.

Until one takes ownership of the things they wish to improve, little will change. But when Lions step forward with a positive attitude and a willingness to contribute, extraordinary things can happen.

That is the true meaning behind:

You Are the Key.

Thank You

While I am proud of the many achievements, policies, resources, websites, training programs, and initiatives introduced during my term over the past three years, I know these things alone do not change communities.

The true strength of Lions has never been found in meetings, documents, websites, or awards.

It is found in **YOU**.

It is found in the Lion who gives up their mornings to run a barbecue.

The member who visits someone who is lonely.

The volunteer who organises a community event.

The Lion who quietly serves behind the scenes without seeking recognition.

The members who mentor new Lions, support their clubs, and step forward whenever help is needed.

Every day, across our district, Lions continue to make a difference.

For that, I sincerely thank you.



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Thank you for your **friendship**.
Thank you for your **support**.
Thank you for your **encouragement**.
Thank you for your **commitment to Lions**.
Thank you for the **countless hours you volunteer in service to others**.

Throughout my time as District Governor, and during the years leading up to this role, I made a promise to myself that I would always remain true to who I am.

One thing I have always valued is taking the time to personally acknowledge people and recognise their efforts. Whether celebrating achievements, thanking someone for their contribution, or simply letting someone know that their service has been noticed and appreciated, I believe those personal moments matter.

Over this time, I have written many thank you letters, congratulations messages, and personal acknowledgements to Lions across our district. Each one has been written sincerely and wholeheartedly, because I genuinely believe that people deserve to know when their efforts have made a difference.

In a volunteer organisation, where so much is achieved quietly behind the scenes, a simple message of appreciation can mean a great deal. While leadership roles may come and go, the friendships, encouragement, and recognition we provide to each other are what help strengthen our Lions family.

Recognising people is not just something I have done as District Governor—it is part of who I am.

It has been an honour, a privilege, and one of the greatest experiences of my life to serve alongside you over these past three years.

Together, we have **achieved much**.
Together, we have **strengthened our district**.
Together, we have **created opportunities for future leaders**.
Together, we have **demonstrated that growth is possible**.
Together, we have **shown that when Lions focus on service, fellowship, and making a positive impact, great things happen**.

The future of Lions remains bright because it is built upon caring people who are willing to step forward and serve. Remember, the key to our future has always been in your hands.

You Are the Key.

Yours in Service,

Lion Stuart Perrett – Immediate Past District Governor (2025-2026)



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Leadership Development: Our Training Promise

Leadership development should not begin after a person accepts a role. It should provide members with the confidence, practical knowledge and support to succeed before problems become overwhelming. For 2026-2027, District 201Q1 has set clear commitments designed to strengthen leaders at club, Zone and District levels.

The District aims to complete induction for all Zone Chairs by 30 September 2026 and achieve at least 60% participation in club-officer training by 31 December. At least six new-member orientation sessions are planned, together with a minimum of 10 "Cabinet Connect" opportunities during the year. A training calendar will bring confirmed sessions into one accessible schedule.

These targets matter because strong leadership directly affects member experience. A well-supported president is more likely to run purposeful meetings and share responsibility. A confident secretary is more likely to keep members informed and meet reporting requirements. A treasurer who understands controls protects the club and its reputation. A properly inducted Zone Chair can identify concerns early and connect clubs with help.

Training must also be practical. Volunteers do not need long presentations that repeat information available in a manual. They need realistic examples, current forms, demonstrations and time to ask questions. Sessions should recognise that experienced officers may need updates while first-time officers require a clear foundation.

New-member orientation is equally important. Induction welcomes a person into the club, but orientation helps them understand the wider organisation, service opportunities, terminology and support available. A member who understands Lions is better able to choose meaningful involvement and less likely to feel lost after the first few meetings.

Clubs can support this work by identifying needs honestly. If officers are struggling with the portal, governance, membership conversations or meeting structure, the District needs to know. Training should respond to real problems rather than assumptions.

Progress against these commitments should be reported during the year. Publishing attendance alone is not enough; the District should also ask whether participants gained confidence and applied what they learned.

Every club is encouraged to nominate its training priorities and ensure that new officers and members attend relevant sessions. Leadership is not a title we hand to someone and hope they understand. It is a capability we build together.

For further information, please visit the District calendar <https://www.lions201q1.org.au/member-resources/district-calendar.html> or contact Global Leadership Team Coordinator, Sophie Cufflin at glt@lions201q1.org.au for future training schedules



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District Convention

Reminder to register for our District Convention taking place in Logan this year from 6th - 8th November.

Register by clicking this link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/district201q1-convention-2026>

Join us in Logan for a wonderful weekend of fun & fellowship - Learn something new about some of the amazing Lions projects that are available for clubs to participate in.

You know the hospitality is always great when hosted by the Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese! And this event will be no different. It's time to enjoy fellowship with all your fellow Lions members from around the district, enjoy good wholesome food, including a Chinese Banquet.

2026
DISTRICT 201Q1
LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION
6-8 NOVEMBER 2026
Logan Entertainment Centre

Join us in Logan for an unforgettable weekend celebrating service, culture and community.

Lion Kee Cheung
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Celebrating Club Milestones and Anniversaries

Club anniversaries deserve more than a date in the District calendar. They are opportunities to record local history, recognise sustained community trust and share lessons that may help other clubs remain strong.

Across District 201Q1, clubs including Redland City, Capalaba, Burleigh and Tenterfield have recently promoted anniversary or changeover events. Each celebration represents years of meetings, fundraising, service, fellowship and adaptation. The most valuable anniversary stories look beyond the dinner itself and ask what the club has contributed to its community over time.

A strong milestone feature should include the charter date, significant projects, important partnerships and one or two moments that shaped the club. Historical photographs are especially valuable when accompanied by accurate names, dates and context. A picture of Lions beside an old vehicle or community facility becomes meaningful when readers understand what they were doing and what changed as a result.

Anniversary stories should also look forward. Longevity alone is not proof of health. Clubs can use the occasion to consider what they will preserve and what they must rejuvenate. Which project remains central to the club's identity? How has the community changed? What will attract and retain the next generation of members? What knowledge must be passed on before it is lost?

These questions connect club celebrations directly with the District theme, "Legacy Rejuvenated." We honour the Lions who built our clubs by recording their contribution honestly and ensuring the organisation they loved has a relevant future.

Clubs approaching a five- or ten-year milestone are encouraged to contact the District editor at least six weeks before the event. Early notice allows time to develop a proper story, verify history, select photographs and promote attendance. A late poster may still reach the calendar, but it cannot replace a meaningful article.

Neighbouring clubs are also encouraged to support anniversary events. Fellowship across club boundaries strengthens the District and gives members a chance to learn from organisations with different experiences.

Every club has a story worth telling. By treating milestones as community history rather than internal celebration alone, we create content that members can value, prospective Lions can understand and local communities can recognise as part of their own shared story.





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Service Reporting Support

Natalie Reinke - Lions Club of Redland Bay - Victoria Point

Service Reporting Support

Do you have a burning question about service reporting? Need help reporting a specific project? Want to learn how to copy a report, or simply refresh your skills?

Join us on Zoom on Thursday, 13 August at 7:00 pm for an informal training session where we'll answer your questions and demonstrate the reporting process.



<https://lions201q1.org.au/member-resources/zoom-meeting-links.html>

If you have any questions you'd like covered, please email gst@lions201q1.org.au before the session.

If you would prefer one-on-one or in-person training, please get in touch—I'm always happy to help.

Service / Awareness Opportunities - August & September 2026

Looking for inspiration for your next project? Here are some upcoming awareness days that may align with your club's service activities.

August

- Trades National Health Month – **1–31 August**
- Homelessness Week – **3–9 August**
- Never Give Up Day – **18 August**

September

- Blue September (Prostate Cancer Awareness Month) – **1–30 September**
- International Day of Charity – **5 September**
- International Literacy Day – **8 September**
- R U OK? Day – **10 September**





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Could you be your Club's Next Service Chair?

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Do you have a passion for serving your community? If so, the role of Club Service Chair could be the perfect fit.

A Service Chair helps ensure your club's community projects are well planned, meaningful and sustainable. Rather than organising activities on an ad hoc basis, they guide the club in developing a service plan that aligns with Lions International's global causes while ensuring your club's service is accurately reported and recognised.

Appointing a Club Service Chair offers many benefits:

- Strategic Planning – Develop an annual service calendar that addresses genuine community needs and helps projects remain proactive and well supported.
- Impact Reporting – Ensure your club's service activities and volunteer hours are reported, helping showcase your club's impact and contribution.
- Resource Coordination – Work with the Club Secretary and Treasurer to manage volunteer requirements, insurance considerations and project administration.
- Member Engagement – Encourage members to participate in meaningful service activities while working with the Membership Chair to introduce prospective members to Lions through service.

To learn more about the role of Club Service Chair, visit:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-service-chairperson>





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Maximise your Service for a Thriving Club!

Service is at the heart of Lions. It strengthens communities, engages members and helps clubs grow. Here are a few ways your club can maximise its impact:

- Report your service – Service reporting tells your club's story, measures your impact and helps grow membership.
- Kindness Matters Service Awards – Discover how your club can be recognised for outstanding service by visiting the Kindness Matters Service Awards webpage.
- Promote your service – Great service deserves great publicity. Visit the Marketing Matters webpage for resources to help promote your club, attract volunteers and showcase your projects.

Your service makes a difference. Tell your story, celebrate your impact and inspire others to serve.

Fundraising or Service? Why the Difference Matters

Every Lions club does amazing work in its community—but sometimes we blur the line between fundraising and service.

This month's infographic (**see overpage**) is a fun reminder that the distinction is actually quite simple.

- If your club is selling something or running an activity to raise money – that's Fundraising.
- If your club is giving its time, skills and compassion to help others without financial reward – that's Service.

Both are essential.

Fundraising provides the resources that allow us to serve. Service is where Lions make a direct difference in people's lives. Neither is more important than the other—they simply have different purposes.

As GST leaders, one of our roles is helping clubs recognise and celebrate their service. Many clubs are doing far more service than they realise, and ensuring these activities are reported through Lions International helps showcase the incredible impact Lions are making in our communities.

So, here's a challenge for your club:

At your next meeting, look at your calendar and ask:
"Which activities are fundraising, and which are service?"

You may discover your club has even more opportunities to increase its service impact—and ensure those activities are recognised and reported.

Remember:

Fundraising gives us the means. Service gives us the purpose. Together, they are how Lions change lives.
We Serve.



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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

FUNDRAISING
AND
SERVICE

QUIZ!

⇒ LET'S FIND OUT TOGETHER! ⇒

WHAT DOES SERVICE LOOK LIKE
IN YOUR CLUB?



Does your club
sell things to
make money?

YES? GO TO ANSWER 1



Does your club
support the community
without financial
reward?

YES? GO TO ANSWER 2.

ANSWER 1

**It's
FUNDRAISING!**



You raise money
by selling items
or running
money-making
activities.

ANSWER 2

**It's a
SERVICE
ACTIVITY/PROJECT!**

You give your time,
skills and care
to help others
and make a
positive difference.



WHETHER WE FUNDRAISE OR SERVE,
WE'RE MAKING A **POSITIVE IMPACT** TOGETHER!



TOGETHER



WE SERVE



WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Get Your Project Ready for the Community Service Impact Award

Some of the strongest Lions projects begin with a simple observation: a local need is not being met, and our club can do something practical about it. The District Governor's Community Service Impact Award is intended to identify, strengthen and celebrate projects that turn that observation into measurable community benefit.

Clubs should not wait until nominations close to begin gathering evidence. A strong entry starts when the project is planned. What need has the club identified? How was that need confirmed? Who will benefit? What will Lions deliver, and what change should be visible when the project is complete?

Good evidence does not require complicated research. It may include the number of people served, volunteer hours, funds raised or invested, partner contributions, participant feedback, photographs and a short explanation of what improved. The best nominations combine credible numbers with a human story that shows why the result matters.

The award should encourage clubs to improve useful projects, not inflate claims. A smaller project that responds clearly to a real local need may demonstrate greater impact than a large activity with no clear outcome. Clubs should also be honest about lessons, challenges and what they would do differently.

Service reporting and award preparation should support each other. Information recorded promptly in the Lions portal can provide the foundation for a nomination, local-media story, grant application and club presentation. Trying to recreate details months later is difficult and often leads to gaps.

Club Presidents, Secretaries and Service Chairs can prepare now by identifying eligible projects and assigning one person to coordinate the evidence. Partners should be acknowledged accurately, and photographs must be used with appropriate permission.

Current eligibility, project dates, judging criteria, award funding and closing information are available here
<https://www.lions201q1.org.au/service-projects/406-district-comunity-service-impact-award.html>.

The purpose of the award is not only to recognise one winner. It should build a collection of strong service models that other clubs can adapt. When Lions share what worked - and prove the difference it made - the whole District becomes more capable of serving well.



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Club Impact Spotlight: Robina Reaches 100,000 Recycled Glasses



In March 2026, The Lions Club of Robina has reached an extraordinary service milestone: 100,000 pairs of glasses collected for recycling. Behind that number are years of persistence, community participation and volunteers who understood that a simple donated item can become part of something much larger.

Recycling glasses is one of the most recognisable Lions service activities. It gives community members a practical way to help, creates visible collection points and connects local action with the wider Lions commitment to vision. A pair of unwanted glasses may have little value sitting in a drawer, but when collected through an organised recycling pathway it can contribute to improved sight and greater independence.

The Robina milestone demonstrates the power of consistency. Many service achievements are not created through one large event. They grow through hundreds of small actions: a member maintaining a collection point, a business agreeing to host a box, volunteers sorting donations, community members telling friends and the club continuing the project year after year.

Reaching 100,000 pairs also gives the club a strong public story. The number attracts attention, but the real message is the community network behind it. Every donor and collection partner became part of the service. That broad participation is one reason glasses recycling can support both impact and Lions awareness.

Other clubs can learn from Robina's example. Begin by understanding the approved recycling pathway and requirements. Identify accessible collection locations. Give businesses clear information about what can be accepted and how often boxes will be serviced. Maintain records so the club can report its contribution accurately. Most importantly, explain why the project matters rather than displaying a box with no story.

Milestones should also become a moment to thank people. The club's long-serving coordinators, collection partners, members and local donors deserve recognition for building the result together.

District 201Q1 congratulates the Lions Club of Robina on reaching 100,000 pairs of recycled glasses. It is an achievement that reflects a simple but powerful service principle: when Lions make it easy for communities to contribute, small individual actions can accumulate into an impact none of us could achieve alone.

For further details, please see Lions Australia's Robina milestone story <https://lionsclubs.org.au/news/robina-lions-eyeglass-recycling-surpasses-100000-pairs/> and Lions Recycle for Sight Australia <https://lionsclubs.org.au/our-impact/recycle-for-sight-australia>



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Lions Cakes & Mints

Lions Cakes

The new order form for cakes and puddings for 2026/2027 is now available on the Lions Australia website at [Lions Mints & Cakes - Lions Clubs Australia](#)

The password to enter this site has not changed and remains at westons2020.

You will notice there has been a slight increase in the purchase price of all cakes and puddings. This slight increase will certainly be offset by the increase in selling prices of all items which have increased by \$1. Please note that this is a consistent selling price so cakes and puddings cannot be sold for more or less than the price on the back of the order form.

The gluten free cake is now included on the regular order form and will now be packaged in a similar design box to all other cakes & puddings. These will now come in boxes of 12 per carton with their sale price being \$13 each. Due to their shorter 'best before' time, they will not be baked until mid-July so will not be available for delivery until early August.

Trays are no longer supplied with the mini cakes so please ensure that you provide the number you require on the order form (in the Optional section at the bottom if the price list) should you require some.

When filling out the order form remember the 'date of delivery' will be for the 'week commencing' so your delivery may arrive any day during this week. Please ensure you answer unrecognised calls, particularly if they come close to your expected delivery date, as it may be the courier checking on delivery or your order.

Please ensure that the club member on the order form who receives the copy of the invoice makes sure that they pass it on to the Club Treasurer so they know what they need to pay and can do so on time.

Lions Mints

All orders for Lions Mints need to be lodged by email, preferably typed rather than handwritten. Postal and telephone orders will not be accepted. A tax invoice will be generated and is emailed once the goods have left the warehouse. The email that will be used is the one provided on the order form. Please only pay once you have received your invoice so that the correct amount is paid. Payment by cheque will not be accepted.

The official Lion Mint order form will be available to download from the Lions Australia website. The password to enter this section of the site is md201. If you use an old order form, the current pricing and directions will apply. Account terms are strictly 30 days.

Should you have any questions in relation to either Lions cakes or mints, please do not hesitate to contact Di Henderson at hendodi@bigpond.net.au



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Expression of Interest

Lions Clubs are invited to

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Lions
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of the
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THE DISTRICT FINAL OR THE STATE FINAL

Help inspire and empower young people in your community!



DATES: END MARCH AND
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Be part of a life-changing experience
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Contact Jenny if your Club would like more information on hosting
either of these two important Finals by email to lionjenny.01@bigpond.com



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Lions Prostate Cancer Research & Treatment Project



Be Prostate Cancer Aware Awareness Session

- Date:** Tuesday, 1 September 2026
Time: Arrive 6pm for 6:15pm – 8:30pm
Location: Holland Park Hotel, 945 Logan Rd, Holland Park
Cost: Free entry for Lions Members and non-members
Catering: Light refreshments provided

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Australian men, with an estimated 28,868 new cases in 2025.

Join us for an engaging and informative session to raise awareness of prostate cancer. Hear directly from leading clinicians and researchers as they share the latest insights into diagnosis, treatment, and advances in care.



Scan to register by 25 Aug
or
email: prostatedist201@gmail.com

lionsprostatecancer.org.au





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ANZI Pacific Forum 2026: Innovation, Inclusion, Impact

Lions from across Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the Pacific will gather in Auckland from 20 to 23 August 2026 for the ANZI Pacific Forum. Under the theme “Innovation, Inclusion, Impact,” the Forum offers an opportunity to learn from service, membership and leadership experiences across a region that is diverse in geography, culture and community need.

District Governor Lion Johnson Chen will attend on behalf of District 201Q1. The value of that attendance should not be measured by travel or photographs alone. The important question is what ideas, relationships and practical lessons can be brought home for our clubs.

Innovation does not necessarily mean complicated technology. For Lions, it may involve a more flexible way to volunteer, a better partnership model, a simpler system or a fresh approach to an old community problem. Useful Forum ideas should be tested against local reality: can a club deliver them, what resources are required and how will impact be measured?

Inclusion requires more than inviting people from different backgrounds into an unchanged environment. Clubs need to consider whether meetings, language, traditions and leadership pathways allow new people to participate genuinely. This is particularly relevant to District 201Q1 as we explore youth engagement, culturally diverse recruitment and more flexible participation.

Impact is the test that keeps innovation and inclusion grounded. A new idea is not successful merely because it is new, and an event is not effective simply because it was well attended. What changed for the community, club or member? Can the result be demonstrated and sustained?

Before the Forum, clubs are invited to share questions they would like District representatives to explore. These might relate to membership retention, branch development, service reporting, youth leadership, digital engagement or partnerships.

After the Forum, the District will provide a concise report focused on application: three useful ideas, one potential partnership or relationship and one practical action that Q1 clubs can consider. Members attending independently are also encouraged to share notes and photographs so the District benefits from more than one perspective.

For further information, please visit ANZI Pacific Forum 2026 <https://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com/>.



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Operation Friendship - District 2016B 2027

District Governor Elin Bødker and the Lions family of District 106B, Denmark, extend an invitation to the Lions of District 201Q1 Australia, to visit our District in 2027 as part of the Operation Friendship program.

District 106B is one of the 3 Lions Districts in Denmark, which collectively make up Multiple District 106, which also includes the Faroe Islands and Greenland. The district has 112 Lions Clubs with about 2400 female and male Lions members.

From the applications received, one Lion and partner will be selected to spend approximately 4 weeks, as guests of the Lions of District 106B. Other applications may be kept on file for future years. The visitors are expected to attend and address several Lions Clubs, and the District Convention which will be held Saturday from 24th - 25th April 2027. To enable this, the visit should be planned for the visitors to arrive on or about Saturday 10th April 2027, and leave on or about Saturday 8th May 2027.

During the one-month period, food at host family homes and accommodation will be provided by the Lions of District 106B. Every effort will be made that the interests of the visitors will be included in the leisure and sightseeing activities. An itinerary will be planned, so that the visitors will be hosted in various parts of District 106B.

The visitors must arrange and pay for all travel costs and travel insurance from Australia to Denmark and return. During the stay, Lion 106B District will not be responsible for any medical and general expenses incurred.

Typed applications to participate in Operation Friendship should be submitted to the address below by 1st December 2026. The successful applicants will be advised by 31st December 2026 allowing adequate time for travel preparations.

Submitted the application with the following headings:

1. Personal Details

Lion's name, age and any other relevant details
Partner's name, age and any other relevant details
Mail address, telephone numbers and E-mail address
Details of any previous visits to Denmark
Some recent photos

2. Lions Club Details

Name of Lions Club and brief history
Club achievements and projects

3. Involvement in Lionism

Offices held at Club, District and Multiple District Levels
Awards in Lionism
Any involvement in Operation Friendship

Forward application to:

Lion June Ho
Operation Friendship chairperson
Email: xj.zhang2006@gmail.com





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Newsletter Submissions

Got something you would like to include in our next edition?

Send a photo and some info to newsletter@lions201q1.org.au by the 25th each month.

Newsletter will be published in the last week of each month

(Please send articles in word document format)

The newsletter will operate best with a firm monthly cut-off. Material received late may be published on the website first or held for the next issue. Urgent deadlines should not be submitted at the last moment and expected to displace planned content.

Every club should aim to submit at least one meaningful story each quarter. District 201Q1 has no shortage of service. We need complete, accurate and human stories that allow members and communities to see it.

