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Legacy Link



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District Governor 2026-2027



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A Month of Connection Service & Momentum

Fellow Lions, Leos and friends,

October has been another energetic month across District 201Q1. Amy and I were fortunate enough to share fellowship with Lions at two neighbouring District Conventions.

At District 201Q3, the program blended a warm Friday welcome with practical service, leadership and youth activities across the weekend. Highlights included the Abbey Museum 'shore excursion' for the partners, hands-on projects such as Read Bears, Share the Dignity and Roar for Wellbeing and the Captain's Table banquet at Bribie Island RSL.. It was a creative reminder that District business does not

need to feel heavy. I am also pleased to report that, despite the nautical theme, no Lion was asked to walk the plank.

Later, at the District 201Q4 Convention in Gracemere, the welcome was equally warm and the program explored palliative care, medical research, mental health, youth leadership, membership, extension and practical community projects. I was honoured to present the Lions Code of Ethics during the opening proceedings. Both weekends reinforced the value of learning from one another and turning good ideas into local action. Between a Captain's Table and a Shimmer and Shine Gala, Amy and I returned home with full notebooks, renewed energy and formalwear that was ready for a short holiday.

Closer to home, an enormous amount of work has continued behind the scenes for our own District Convention at Logan from 6 to 8 November. Our organising team, volunteers, presenters, sponsors, Lions and Leos have brought together a weekend that combines District business with learning, culture, celebration and genuine fellowship. I thank everyone who has helped with the program, ceremonies, displays, entertainment, catering, registrations and countless practical details.

Cabinet's recent review also kept our focus firmly on the matters that strengthen clubs: membership and leadership development, clearer communication, better service reporting, youth participation, risk awareness and preparedness for community need. These priorities only become meaningful when they are visible in club operations, so I encourage every club to keep reporting its service, sharing its achievements and asking early for support when challenges arise.



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I have asked all District project chairs to provide a quarterly update covering July to September. Each update should explain what was learned, how the project operated, what was achieved and what support or priorities are needed next. Honest reporting matters. It helps us recognise progress, identify barriers and make better decisions about where District attention and resources should go.

This edition celebrates major research support, Leo generosity, longstanding club service and practical opportunities in health, wellbeing and community engagement. It also contains several deadlines and calls to action. Please share the relevant items with your members rather than allowing useful information to stop at the club inbox.

Thank you for continuing to serve with energy, care and good humour. I look forward to welcoming many of you to Logan for our Convention and to hearing more about the work being delivered in every corner of District 201Q1.

Yours in Service,

Lion Johnson Chen

District Governor Lions District 201Q1



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From the Newsletter Editor...

Welcome to the October 2026 edition of Legacy Link, your Lions District 201Q1 newsletter!

As we continue through another exciting Lions year, October provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible work being undertaken by our clubs and members across the district. From community fundraising initiatives and local service projects to special events and inspiring stories, our Lions continue to demonstrate what it truly means to serve with kindness, compassion and dedication.

In this edition, we shine a spotlight on the achievements, activities and contributions of our clubs, while sharing important district updates and opportunities to get involved. Every project, no matter how big or small, plays a part in strengthening our communities and making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Lions, Leos and volunteers for your ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and generosity. Your efforts are what make our district so special, and your stories continue to inspire others to embrace the spirit of service. We hope you enjoy this month's edition and take pride in the wonderful work happening throughout District 201Q1.

No story is too big or too small. Sometimes it is the simplest acts of service that have the greatest impact, and every contribution helps us build a better picture of what Lions are achieving right across our District.

A new edition of Legacy Link will continue to be distributed by the last day of each month.

To be included, please send your articles, photos, club updates, upcoming events or anything else you would like to share by the 25th of each month to newsletter@lions201q1.org.au. Please remember to include the name of your Lions Club with your submission.

Thank you to every club that has contributed to Legacy Link so far. Keep the stories and photos coming! I look forward to continuing to showcase the service, fellowship and community spirit of Lions throughout District 201Q1.

Together, we remain Anchored in Service, building stronger communities and keeping the Lions legacy alive! ❤️💛

Enjoy the October edition of Legacy Link!

Sam Hutchinson





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Quarterly Zone Chair Update

Quarterly Update Report - Zone Chair

Priorities for the Next Three Months

Zone Coordinator Meeting and Cabinet Communication

- Hold another meeting via Microsoft Teams with all Zone Coordinators.
- Provide updates on relevant Cabinet discussions, decisions, initiatives, and information that will assist them in supporting their clubs.
- Encourage open discussion and give Zonies the opportunity to raise concerns, share successes and identify areas where they need assistance.
- Reinforce the importance of communication between the Zone Coordinators, clubs and Cabinet.

Review of Zone Reporting and Club Progress

- Seek feedback from the Zone Coordinators on the reporting template introduced in the previous period, particularly in the sections relating to the Lions Portal and Facebook.
- Ask whether the template has been helpful in identifying club activities, administration, and areas requiring support.
- Encourage Zonies to complete the template again for the next reporting period so we can identify whether clubs have improved their reporting, online presence, and engagement.
- Use the feedback to determine whether the template needs adjustment to make it more practical and useful for Zone Coordinators and clubs

Encourage Club Visits and Participation

- Encourage Zonies to visit clubs within their Zones and, where possible, participate in a club service activity or event.
- Promote the value of face-to-face contact in building relationships, understanding individual club challenges and recognizing the work of members.
- Encourage clubs to invite their Zone Coordinator to activities
- Identify clubs that may benefit from additional visits or support from the District Governor Team or relevant Cabinet members.



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Leadership Development and Succession Planning

- Encourage Zone Coordinators to look for potential future leaders within their Zones, including members who may be willing to take on additional responsibilities such as a Zonie or another Cabinet role
- Encourage emerging leaders to participate in training, club activities and leadership opportunities.

Membership

Membership remains the most significant challenge identified in the initial Cabinet Report and will be a major focus over the next three months.

I intend to work closely with the Guiding Lion Coordinator and Membership Chair to explore practical ways to support clubs experiencing membership difficulties.

Zone Coordinator

Sharon McDonald





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Membership Update

Quarterly Update Report - Zone Chair

District 201Q1 warmly welcomes the following new members who joined us between 1 July and 18 October 2026. We are delighted to have you as part of our district and look forward to supporting you as, together, we make a world of difference in our communities.

Representatives are :

- Michael Vile (Algerster Parkinson Inc.);
- Sandra Case (Ballina);
- Mark Dunn (Ballina East);
- Mike Macmillan and Anthony Maxwell (Bangalow);
- Erin Kerr and Joy Surawski (Boonah);
- Paul Huston and Ashley Hodson (Brisbane Moorooka);
- Rhea Hirschmann (Brisbane New Civitas);
- Hainan Dong, Eva Yang, Tracey Li and Yiting Yang (Brisbane Zhong Hua);
- Taneale McCleary (Harrisville);
- Anne McArdle (Kyogle);
- Nerida Downs (Lennox Head);
- Braeden Schwerin and Finlay Tuovinen (Mudgeeraba);
- Anna Natale (Palm Beach Currumbin);
- Cindy Corrie, Mark Thompson, Elisabeth Coffison and Caroline McIntyre (Redland City Inc. LC);
- Norma Bourne, Gabrielle Di Giannantonio, Tony Di Giannantonio and Trevor Jager (Robina);
- Kevin Canny, Joanne Sawyer, Paul Foster and Terence McBean (Runaway Bay);
- Angus Charlton and Karen Charlton (Tenterfield); and
- Pauline Parfitt (Upper Coomera).



Lion Mark McCosker

Member of the Lions Club of Stanthorpe
District 201Q1 GMT (Global Membership Team)



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Your Lions Club can enhance the joy of Christmas for children in your community.

- Encourage children to write to Father Christmas and share in the thrill when his reply is delivered.
- Have parents, grandparents or friends organize for Father Christmas to write to their children.

Appoint a Letters to Father Christmas chair and be a part of this simple project for Christmas 2026.

[LTFC Brochure](#), [Order Form](#) and [Child Safety Checklist](#) are attached by clicking on the hyperlinks.

For more information and tips on running the project contact:

YouTube: search “Lions Letters to Father Christmas”

Phone: Kingsley Fiske 0409 355 216

Letters to Father Christmas has been conducted by the Lions Club of Vermont throughout MD201 for more than 43+ years.





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District Convention

Our District 201Q1 Convention is almost here. These two special evenings offer a colourful preview of the fellowship, hospitality and cultural celebration awaiting registered delegates. The weekend begins on Friday 6 November and continues through Sunday 8 November at the Logan Entertainment Centre, with Friday evening at Landmark Restaurant in Sunnybank.

Friday 6 November

Displays and registration from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Logan Entertainment Centre. Pre-drinks and the Welcome Dinner follow at Landmark Restaurant.

Saturday 7 November

Registration and displays from 7.30 am, opening ceremonies from 8.30 am, District business, workshops and the One Night in Shanghai Gala from 6.30 pm.

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Ceremony from 8.30 am, District Governor Elect address, keynote presentation, project displays and closing lunch.

A preview for registered guests

Dinner bookings and catering have now closed. Registered participants should bring their name card and lanyard to Convention events. Any urgent dietary or attendance issue should be raised directly with the Convention team.



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Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese
布里斯本華人獅子會

Lions Club of District 201Q1
國際獅子會 201Q1 區

2026 District 201Q1

Lions International District Convention
Legacy Through Succession

WELCOME DINNER BANQUET

Friday 6 Nov 2026
6:30 PM for 7:00 PM start

Landmark Restaurant
101/358 Mains Rd, Sunnybank QLD 4109

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fine Chinese cuisine and warm hospitality to welcome delegates to the 2026 District Convention.


SCAN TO REGISTER

\$75/pp

Dress Code: Smart Casual
Jacket or Lions club apparel encouraged

LIONS CLUB OF BRISBANE CHINESE
布里斯本華人獅子會

LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 201Q1
國際獅子會 201Q1 區

SATURDAY GALA DINNER

One Night in Shanghai

Saturday 7 November 2026
6:30 PM for 7:00 PM start
Logan Entertainment Centre

\$75/pp
RSVP closes 23 Oct due to catering requirements

Dress Code: Gatsby Glamour with a Chinese Twist
Think 1920s elegance with a touch of Chinese-inspired style.


Scan to Register



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District 201Q1 District Convention 2026 Legacy Through Succession		
Friday 6 th November 2026		
11:00am	Bump in and Set up of Static Display Stalls at LEC	
1.00 – 4.00pm	Static Display Stalls Open	
1.00 – 4.00pm	Registration and Accreditations at LEC	
6.00pm	Pre-Drinks at Landmark Chinese Restaurant	
6.30pm	Introduction of Official Party	
7.00 – 10.00pm	Chinese Banquet (Ticketed Event) Singing Performances & Operation Friendship Presentation	
Saturday 7 th November 2026		
7.30am	Static Display Stalls Open at LEC	
7.30am	Registration and Accreditations	
8.30am	Acknowledgement to Country & Flag Ceremony	
9.15am	Opening Speeches	
10.00am	Morning Tea & Lions Display	
10.30am	Rules of Debate / Notices of Motion	
10.50am	Immediate Past District Governor’s Speech	
11.20am	Nominating Speeches District Governor, 1 st VDG and 2 nd VDG 2027	
12.00 noon	Lunch, Lions Display & Voting commences	
1.20pm	Announcements and results of voting / Acceptance Speeches	
1.40pm	Notices of Motion Continued / Open Forum with District	
2.30pm	Afternoon Tea & Lions Display	
3.00pm	Concurrent Workshop 1: Changing with our community. Rebuilding our Lions Clubs for Today.	Concurrent Workshop 2: Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition
4.00pm	Convention Closes	
6.30pm	Pre-Drinks at Logan Entertainment Centre	
7.00pm	Welcome Official Party & Lion Dance Entertainment	



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7.30 – 10.30pm	"One Night in Shanghai" Themed Gala Dinner and Cultural Performances (Ticketed Event)
10.00am – 4.00pm	Partner's Function
LEO LAB CONVENTION	
Saturday 7th November 2026	
7.30am	Static Display Stalls Open at LEC
7.30am	Registration and Accreditations
8.30am	Acknowledgement to Country & Flag Ceremony
9.15am	Opening Speeches
10.00am	Morning Tea & Lions Display
10.15am	DG Welcome & Leo Takeover
10.20am	Leo Voice: What Lions should understand
10.45am	Skills Sprint: What skills does Leo has
11:15am	Service Challenge: Design a 90-day executable Leo-led project
12:15pm	Lunch + Mentor Mix
12:45pm	Pitch for Impact and Build the Team
1:30pm	Decide next steps, photo, return and Close
1:50pm	Leo Voice to District: Present 90-day executable Leo-led project
Sunday 8th November 2026	
7.30am	Static Display Stalls Open at LEC
8.15am	Doors closing for Remembrance Ceremony
8.30am	Remembrance Ceremony
9.30am	District Governor Elect Address
9.40am	Keynote Speaker - PDG Megan Butler, MD 201 GLT Coordinator
10:15am	Morning Tea & Lions Display
10.45am	Presentations of all display stalls
11.30am	Presentation of 2027 District Convention
12.00 noon	Close of Proceedings & Lunch

MORE INFORMATION: [DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION](#)



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District Global Service Team : Serving Our Communities Together

Natalie Reinke - Lions Club of Redland Bay - Victoria Point

☀️ **Be the Spark That Brings Service to Life!** ☀️

Why every Lions Club benefits from a Service Chair — and why YOU could be the perfect person for the role! 🦁💙💛

Imagine the difference we could make if every great service idea became a reality! 💡

As Lions, we share a passion for helping others, strengthening our communities and making a positive difference in people's lives. But behind every successful service project is often someone helping to turn ideas into action — someone who keeps the focus on service, inspires others and encourages the club to reach even further.

That person could be your club's Service Chair! 🙌

💙 **Why have a Service Chair?**

A Service Chair helps keep service at the heart of club activities, bringing ideas, people and opportunities together to make a real difference.

Here are just some of the benefits!

🎯 **Keep the focus on what matters.**

A Service Chair helps the club identify community needs and keep service activities moving in a purposeful direction.

💡 **Turn great ideas into action.**

Have you ever heard a fantastic idea at a club meeting, only for it to get lost in the busyness of everyday club life? A Service Chair can help capture those ideas, encourage discussion and support the club in turning them into achievable projects.



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Get more members involved.

Not everyone wants to lead a project, but everyone has something valuable to contribute. A Service Chair can encourage members to share their talents, offer suggestions and find a way to participate that suits them.

Discover new opportunities.

Our communities are changing, and so are their needs. Having someone champion service helps the club explore fresh ideas, consider new opportunities and continue making a meaningful impact.

Celebrate our achievements.

Every act of service matters! From a major community project to a small gesture that brightens someone's day, recognising what members achieve together builds pride, enthusiasm and motivation.

Keep the spirit of service alive.

When service is visible, organised and celebrated, it reminds members why they joined Lions in the first place — to serve, connect with others and make a difference.

You don't have to do it all yourself!

Let's be clear: being a Service Chair doesn't mean carrying the entire workload on your shoulders! It's about encouraging, coordinating, communicating and bringing people together. The best results come when members work as a team, share responsibilities and support one another.

You don't need to have all the answers. You don't need to be an experienced project leader. And you certainly don't need to come up with every idea yourself!

What you do need is a willingness to listen, a positive attitude and a desire to help your club make a difference. The rest can be learned along the way, with support from fellow Lions.

Could YOU be our next Service Chair?

Perhaps you're someone who enjoys organising things. Maybe you love coming up with ideas, connecting people or seeing a project come together. Or perhaps you've been looking for a way to contribute more to your club without knowing where to start.



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This could be your opportunity! 🙋🙋

Taking on the Service Chair role is a chance to develop your leadership skills, build stronger relationships with fellow members, discover new possibilities and help your club achieve even more for the community.

And who knows? Your enthusiasm could inspire someone else to get involved, spark a new project or help your club reach people who need our support.

 **Here's our call to action!**

 **Members — be brave, be curious and put your hand up!**

If your club doesn't currently have a Service Chair, why not start the conversation at your next meeting?

If you're interested but unsure, ask your Club President or fellow members how they can support you.
Start small, build confidence and work together.

And if you already have a Service Chair, take a moment to thank them for the important work they do.
Better still, ask how you can help!

Every club has potential. Every member has something to offer. And every service project begins with someone willing to take that first step.

Be the person who turns “We should do something about that” into “Look at what we've achieved together!” 🎉

Let's bring fresh energy, new ideas and renewed enthusiasm to our service. Let's support one another, strengthen our clubs and continue making a positive difference in the communities we serve.

💙💛 **Step up. Get involved. Inspire others.**

Because when we work together, our service goes further — and our impact grows.

WE SERVE! 🦁🌍



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OzHarvest Food Drive

OzHarvest is inviting groups to collect shelf-stable food for people experiencing food insecurity. In Brisbane, the organisation works with 388 food donors and supports 145 charities. Its nine local vans rescue more than 25,000 kilograms of food each week, equivalent to about 55,000 meals. A community food drive complements that fresh-food rescue with useful pantry staples.

Suitable items include pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna, jarred sauces and casseroles, biscuits, tea, coffee, cereals and muesli bars. Ring-pull cans are preferred because they are easier to use when someone does not have a can opener. Alcohol products should not be included.

A club can keep the project manageable by setting a short collection period and publishing a specific list. Members might bring two items to a meeting, invite family and neighbours to contribute, or place a clearly labelled collection point at an approved community event. Boxes should be easy to lift and no heavier than 10 kilograms.

OzHarvest's published Brisbane arrangements require at least 20 kilograms for collection, one week's notice and a non-residential pickup address. Brisbane collections operate on Tuesdays, with the final published collection day for 2026 on 15 December. Food can also be delivered to OzHarvest sites at Banyo or Molendinar by arrangement.

District dates already circulated

The earlier invitation listed possible Brisbane collection dates of 3, 10, 17 and 24 November and 1 and 8 December. Clubs must register and confirm their date directly with OzHarvest before advertising a pickup.

More information: [OzHarvest food-drive instructions and registration](#)

More information: [OzHarvest Brisbane impact](#)





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Southside Volunteer Awards 2027

Authorised organisation and community leaders in the federal electorate of Moreton can nominate a volunteer for the Southside Volunteer Awards, hosted by Julie-Ann Campbell MP. Every nominated volunteer will be recognised at an event planned for February 2027, with the venue to be advised.

Nominations close at 11.59 pm on Monday 30 November 2026. Clubs should select a volunteer whose reliability, contribution and community impact can be described with specific examples, then confirm the nominee's details before submitting the form.

More information: [Southside Volunteer Awards information and nomination](#)

Journey for Justice Takes Advocacy to Canberra

Several Q1 clubs have supported Simone Patterson OAM and The Sanctuary for Women, Children and Pets over many years. Established in 2016, The Sanctuary was privately funded and designed to accept women with older boys and pets, groups that can face additional barriers when seeking refuge. It provided short-term accommodation and support without government funding. After a serious assault forced the refuge to close, Simone continued to advocate against domestic and family violence. Her planned Journey for Justice will travel by jet ski from Surfers Paradise to Jervis Bay from 8 to 24 November, followed by a road journey to Canberra for advocacy at Parliament House on 25 November.

8 November: Surfers Paradise to Ballina

9 to 18 November: Yamba, Coffs Harbour, South West Rocks, Port Macquarie, Forster and Newcastle

18 to 24 November: Pittwater, Wollongong, Kiama and Jervis Bay

25 November: Canberra and Parliament House advocacy

The route is intended to create public conversations along the coast before bringing the message to the national capital. Like any open-water journey, it depends on weather, safety and operational conditions, so clubs should treat the itinerary as provisional and confirm details before organising a welcome or support activity.

Ballina assistance requested

The immediate Q1 request is help identifying secure overnight caravan parking in the Ballina area for the first night. For safety and privacy, do not publish a host address. Coordinate any offer through PDG Narelle Parkins on 0409 894 221 or kevnar@bigpond.com.



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Lions Club of Griffith University



Donations all made by the Lions Club of Griffith University's Krafters delivered to The Salvation Army and donations of Knitting by their home knitter to Redlands Hospital. The Lion at Heart Award presented to Lion Diana Brennan by District Governor Johnson Chen and GULC President Pauline Meizer



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Lions Club of Cabarita Beach Pottsville Beach Inc



Bill Brodie is a dedicated and inspiring leader, currently serving as President of the Lions Club of Cabarita Beach Pottsville Beach Inc. At the heart of his leadership is a powerful commitment to community-particularly the belief that small, thoughtful acts of service can create meaningful and lasting impact. Bill leads with both capability and care. He skilfully guides a close-knit team, always placing the wellbeing of members front and centre. His leadership style fosters connection, positivity, and shared purpose, ensuring that everyone feels valued and supported while working toward common goals. Beyond his role with Lions, Bill's contribution to the community spans many years and multiple organisations. His extensive volunteer involvement includes supporting Tweed Palliative Care, and active participation in both the Pottsville Fishing Club and Pottsville Golf Club. Notably, Bill served with distinction as President of the Board at Pottsville Sports Club for over 16 years-demonstrating sustained commitment, resilience, and outstanding leadership. Community is not just something Bill participates in-it is at the very core of who he is. His genuine care for people, combined with his tireless service, makes him a highly respected and valued member of the region. Adding to his leadership strengths is Bill's wicked sense of humour, which brings lightness and perspective-especially during busy or challenging times. This ability to balance responsibility with warmth makes him not only an effective leader but also a joy to work alongside.



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60 years of Lions Club of Ekibin !



The Lions Club of Ekibin celebrated its 60th birthday with a dinner on 24 October. Lion Jenny Maguire attended as a District Cabinet officer and reflected on her longstanding connection with the club, its members and its community activities. On behalf of District 201Q1, she congratulated Ekibin Lions for six decades of service to people in need.

A handmade award was presented to Lion John Allen for going over & beyond for all he does for their Club - Lion Heart Lager (as pictured above).

A 60-year anniversary represents thousands of individual decisions to keep turning up. Archived club material records fundraising through Christmas cakes and mints, meat-tray raffles and barbecues, alongside involvement in programs such as Youth of the Year. It also records an early contribution to helping more than 100 Lions clubs establish a web presence, an important form of service at a time when many clubs were taking their first steps online.

The projects may change as community needs and technology change, but the club's continuity is itself an achievement. Members have maintained relationships, adapted fundraising, welcomed new Lions and preserved a local organisation capable of responding when help is needed.

Congratulations to the current members, past members, partners and supporters who have contributed to Ekibin Lions across 60 years. The best tribute to that history is to use it as a foundation for the next chapter of service.



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Remembering Lion Hugh “Gordon” Boyd A Life of Service



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Hugh “Gordon” Boyd on Wednesday, 21 October 2026, and celebrate a life dedicated to service, community and helping others.

A retired schoolteacher, returned serviceman, former member of Apex and long-standing Lion, Gordon devoted over 35 years of service to his local communities in the Redlands and Maryborough. His commitment to others was recognised with Life Membership, a fitting tribute to his many years of dedication and contribution.

As a member of the Lions Club of Redland Bay Victoria Point, Gordon served as Club President and Zone Chairperson. In this role, he supported local Lions clubs, helping them coordinate their activities, share ideas and strengthen their service to their communities.

Gordon was a familiar and valued face at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre each Christmas, regularly volunteering on the morning shift at the gift-wrapping booth. He also supported the RSL by selling badges and poppies around ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, helping honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Through these acts of service, both large and small, Gordon demonstrated the true spirit of volunteering — giving his time, energy and care to make a difference in the lives of others.

His contribution to Lions, the veteran community and the wider communities of the Redlands and Maryborough will be remembered with gratitude and respect.

On behalf of the Lions family, we extend our sincere condolences to Gordon’s family, friends and fellow Lions at this sad time.

Thank you, Gordon, for over 35 years of service and for living the Lions motto, “We Serve.” Your legacy of community spirit and generosity will live on in the people and communities you touched.



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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 of 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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Lions Cakes & Mints - Current Stock Update and Supply Timelines

Current Stock Update and Supply Timelines

We would like to provide an update regarding the ongoing tablet press issues that have impacted the supply of Lions Mints. Unfortunately, the situation remains challenging, and as a result, many products are currently out of stock or nearing depletion.

Our maintenance team is actively exploring all available solutions while we continue to fast-track alternative supply arrangements. We have made significant progress and are working hard to restore normal supply levels as quickly as possible.

At this stage, we anticipate returning to full supply across all flavours during November. Once supply resumes, we expect to maintain consistent availability moving forward.

We are also pleased to advise that products manufactured from November onwards will feature improvements, including a transition to natural colours. Further details on these product enhancements will be shared in the coming weeks.

Due to the current supply constraints, we are unfortunately unable to provide sample stock for upcoming district meetings. However, we are working closely with Norm to develop alternative marketing support materials to assist clubs during this period.

We understand the frustration these supply issues may have caused and sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding. Please be assured that we have a comprehensive long-term strategy in place to ensure future supply continuity.



Christmas Office Closure



We would also like to advise our Christmas office closure dates for this year.

Office Closure:

11th December 2026
Last order to ensure delivery
before Christmas

Office Reopening:

11th January 2027

*Thank you once again for
your continued support,
loyalty, and patience during
this period.*



Availability of Bagged Mints and Christmas Mints

On a positive note, both of our bagged mint products remain available for purchase, including the Lions Peppermint Bag and our popular Christmas Mints.

We encourage clubs to place orders for these products, as stock is currently available for immediate supply.



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**LIONS TRADITIONAL
CAKES & PUDDINGS**

• • SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY • •

\$3
FRUIT CAKE

\$11
TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS
PUDDING
400g

\$17
TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS
PUDDING
900g

\$21
TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS
CAKE
1.5kg

\$17
TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS
CAKE
1kg

\$13
GLUTEN FREE
FRUIT CAKE
400g

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"Youth of the Year" - has your Club registered to participate yet?. Any Club that registers before or at Convention, will go in the draw for a wonderful Youth of the Year prize pack. Don't miss out for the chance to win this wonderful prize pack - register before or at Convention to be in the draw"

"We need YOU!" - we are still in need of Host Clubs to host the Regional Finals in each area for the Youth of the Year 2027. The Region Finals can't happen if wonderful Lions Club don't volunteer to Host and then the contestants can't proceed to the next level of the Program. Please save Jenny from doing the "ring a round" and please volunteer now to host a Region Final"



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LIONS DISTRICT 201Q1 ONLINE TRAINING SESSION

Planning a Service Project



Learn how to plan, organise and make a bigger impact in your community.



Thursday 12th November
at 7pm



Join online at
<https://lions201q1.org.au/zoom>

Hosted by:

Multiple District Global Service Chairperson: PDG Savva
and District Leadership Coordinator: Sophie



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It's Island Time

Come Celebrate

The Charter Dinner

Russell Island CANAIPA Lions Club

The Newest Lions Club in District 201

Venue: Bay Island Golf Club Macleay Island

Date: November 11th 2026

Time: 5:30pm for 6:00pm start

Dress: Smart Casual

Cost: \$25 per head

(Any Special Needs Catered For)



Contact Wally on 0411 639 812 (Macleay Island Lions)

Email: walin@bigpond.com

Pre Pay Macleay Island Lions BSB: 633 000

Account #: 153 458 253 (Pay Reference: Your Name)

Please ring to arrange transport



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SAVE THE DATE



Date: Sunday 18th April 2027
Location: The Redland Bay Golf Club
Address: 27-31 North Street,
Redland Bay, QLD 4165
Time: Lunch



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Lions International
Multiple District 201

RLLI

REGIONAL
LIONS
LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE

Invest in Leadership.

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.

One of the greatest investments we can make in Lions is investing in our future leaders.

Applications are now open for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), to be held in Perth from **26–28 February 2027**.



RLLI is an inspiring and interactive leadership program that equips Lions and Leos with the **confidence, skills and knowledge** to become stronger leaders in their clubs, districts and communities.



Participants also have the opportunity to build lasting **friendships and networks** with members from across Multiple District 201.



Places are limited to **40 participants**, so early applications are encouraged. If applications exceed the available places, a waiting list will be established.



Together, we can continue to **strengthen Lions** by developing capable, confident and passionate leaders who will shape the future of our organisation.

RLLI Perth 2027



26–28
FEBRUARY 2027



PERTH
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



PLACES LIMITED TO
40 PARTICIPANTS

*Early applications
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If you are interested in attending or have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact your District Leadership Coordinator.



APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2026

*Thank
you!*



STRONGER LEADERS. STRONGER CLUBS. STRONGER COMMUNITIES.
— Together, we make a difference. —





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**DISTRICT WEBMASTER**
Lion Kaylene Perrett
LIONS DISTRICT 201Q1

*Your district website
— always here for you!*

THE WEBSITE IS YOUR DIGITAL CLUBHOUSE

OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY – 365 DAYS A YEAR

Our district website is a central hub of information, resources, events and inspiration for **every Lion, every club** and **our community**.

**INFORMATION**
Find important district updates, policies and announcements.

**EVENTS**
See what's happening across the district.

**RESOURCES**
Access forms, guides, training, Zoom links, flyers & club contacts.

**NEWS & STORIES**
Read inspiring service stories from clubs like yours.

**MEMBERSHIP**
Find resources to grow and support your club.



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- ✓ By Lions
- ✓ Always Available
- ✓ Always Up to Date
- ✓ Always Here for You

YOUR CONNECTION.

YOUR RESOURCES.

YOUR DISTRICT.

*Stronger Clubs. Stronger District.
Stronger **Together**.*

**DISTRICT WEBMASTER**
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*Your district website
— always here for you!*

DON'T KEEP YOUR EVENT A SECRET!

ADD YOUR CLUB EVENTS TO THE DISTRICT CALENDAR

Let other Lions know what's happening in your community!
More attendance. More support.
Stronger connections across the district.

**INCREASE ATTENDANCE**
Promote your events to Lions across the district.

**AVOID CLASHES**
Check dates before you plan your event.

**WIDER PROMOTION**
Get your event seen by more people.

**VISIT OTHER CLUBS**
Encourage Lions to attend and support.

**STRONGER DISTRICT**
Working together makes a bigger impact.



IT'S EASY TO ADD YOUR EVENT!
Submit your event details via the district website and we'll do the rest.

VISIT YOUR DISTRICT WEBSITE TODAY!
www.lions201q1.org.au

YOUR EVENTS. YOUR CLUB. YOUR DISTRICT.
*Let's make it happen — **together!*** 

Submit Your Event → We Add It To The Calendar → We Promote It → Lions Join & Support → We Make A Difference

Together, we make a difference in our communities. 



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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.

