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Legacy Link



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Turning First-Quarter Activity into Impact

Fellow Lions,

September has been another active and encouraging month for District 201Q1. Since our last newsletter, Amy and I have continued visiting clubs, listening to members and learning more about the projects, challenges and ambitions within our District.

Thank you to every club that has welcomed us so warmly. Club visits are not simply ceremonial occasions. They allow us to recognise members, celebrate service and understand what practical support clubs need from the District. I have been particularly encouraged by the pride members take in their local projects and by their willingness to speak openly about where additional assistance may be needed.

A Productive Cabinet Weekend in Casino

This weekend, our District Cabinet met in Casino for two days of discussion, planning, fellowship and accountability. My sincere thanks go to the Lions Club of Casino for hosting us and making everyone feel so welcome.

The Saturday session brought together our membership, extension, service, leadership and Zone support teams. Instead of working as separate portfolios, the teams examined how their responsibilities connect and how they can work together more effectively.

Membership growth cannot be separated from meaningful service. Strong service requires capable leadership. Clubs experiencing difficulties need coordinated assistance from Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and the District leadership team. These areas must work together if we are serious about building stronger and more sustainable clubs.

The Sunday Cabinet meeting allowed us to review progress, receive reports and identify the areas requiring further attention. There is a great deal of positive activity across the District. However, we must also ensure that good intentions are converted into measurable outcomes.



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Our First Quarterly Project Updates

I have asked all District Project Chairs to provide a quarterly update covering July to September. These reports should explain:

- What they have learned during the first quarter.
- What activities or operations have been undertaken.
- What achievements or measurable progress have been made.
- What challenges are affecting their work.
- What support is required from Cabinet, Zones or clubs.
- What they intend to achieve during the next quarter.

This is not intended to create unnecessary paperwork. It is about accountability, shared learning and communication.

Our Project Chairs possess a great deal of knowledge, but that knowledge has limited value if it remains within one portfolio. By sharing lessons, achievements and challenges, we can help clubs understand what resources are available, avoid repeating mistakes and identify opportunities to become involved.

The quarterly reports will also help us distinguish between activities that are merely planned and outcomes that have actually been delivered. Good reporting should be brief, factual and useful. Wherever possible, it should include at least one measure of progress, one next action and one clear due date.

Membership and Club Support

Our District currently has 1,362 members. During the first part of the Lions year, we welcomed 33 new members while 29 members left, resulting in a small net increase of four.

The 33 new members are worth celebrating, but the overall result also reminds us that recruitment without retention will not produce sustainable growth. We must continue inviting people to join while ensuring that existing members feel welcomed, involved and appreciated.

Our membership team is developing a comprehensive welcome resource for new members, together with a shorter version for people who enquire about Lions. This will help explain our organisation, projects, structure, history and opportunities for service.



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The District is also strengthening its network of Guiding Lions and club support personnel. When a club is experiencing difficulties, the aim is to provide coordinated assistance early, before the situation becomes critical.

I am also pleased to recognise the establishment of the Canaipa Russell Island Lions Club. Its Charter Night is planned for 11 November 2026. This is an exciting achievement and an important example of our commitment to extending Lions into more communities.

Service Must Be Seen and Reported

Across District 201Q1, clubs are delivering valuable service every week. However, the Cabinet reports confirm that a significant amount of this work is still not being recorded in the Lions Portal.

Our Global Service Team has completed an initial reporting audit to identify clubs that may need assistance. A practical guide has also been developed to explain the difference between service, fundraising and donations, as these categories can sometimes cause confusion.

If we do not report our service, it cannot be properly counted, recognised or shared. Reporting helps us demonstrate our impact, thank our volunteers, strengthen grant applications and show potential members what Lions achieve.

Every club should consider appointing an active Club Service Chair who can help coordinate projects and work with the Club Secretary to ensure service is reported accurately and promptly.

Please also continue submitting strong service stories for the Community Service Impact Award. Applications close on 31 October 2026. <https://www.lions201q1.org.au/service-projects/406-district-community-service-impact-award.html>

Leadership Through Practical Learning

Leadership development continues to move forward. Two New Member Orientation sessions have already been delivered, one in person and one online. Training has also been provided on service reporting through the Lions Portal.

Upcoming sessions are expected to cover practical topics requested by members, including basic artificial intelligence tools and planning an effective service project. Applications for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute have also been released.

Training should not be limited to members seeking senior office. It should help every Lion become more confident, capable and effective in service. I encourage clubs to identify members who would benefit from these opportunities and personally invite them to participate.



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Youth Cabinet Begins Its Work

I am delighted that our Youth Cabinet has now commenced meeting and planning its first activities.

The team is developing a mental health and wellbeing initiative aimed at engaging younger people, including a proposed awareness activity at Griffith University as students prepare for their examination period. The project is intended to begin conversations about mental health, promote available wellbeing resources and introduce more young people to the work of Lions.

The Youth Cabinet is also identifying awareness days and community events that may provide opportunities for future projects. New Lions vests have been ordered to give the team a visible and consistent identity when representing Lions in the community. The Youth Cabinet is not a symbolic committee. It is intended to give younger Lions an authentic opportunity to design projects, develop leadership experience and influence the future direction of our District.

Encouraging Growth in Our Leo Program

Our Leo program is also showing encouraging progress. Seven Leo clubs are fully operational, Ormeau Woods State High School is being re-established, and additional opportunities are being explored at Helensvale State High School and Varsity Lakes State High School.

Leo membership registration is being improved, with the next priority being the reporting of Leo service activities.

We have also received confirmation that insurance coverage now extends from 12 to 95 years of age, subject to the relevant policy terms, exclusions and risk-management requirements. This is particularly welcome news for Leos aged between 12 and 15.

However, clubs should note that specific insurance coverage for Cubs has not been confirmed. Clubs must not assume that supervision automatically creates insurance coverage or removes their duty of care.

Expanding Opportunities for Young People

Nine clubs have confirmed participation in the Peace Poster and Peace Essay competitions. Holland Park Lions is also exploring Peace Essay participation through Vision Australia.



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Tamborine Mountain Lions Club and Tamborine Mountain State School have successfully conducted a Junior Public Speaking competition, the first time this program has been delivered within District 201Q1. This is an encouraging beginning, and I hope other clubs will consider bringing this opportunity to their local schools.

Work is also progressing to rebuild participation in Youth of the Year. District Q1 will host the Queensland State Final on 16 and 17 April 2027. We are still seeking clubs and venues to assist with the various levels of the program, including the District and State Finals. Interested clubs should contact Youth of the Year Chair Lion Jenny Maguire.

Risk Management and Community Resilience

Work continues on our District-specific Risk Management and Mitigation Plan. The purpose is to develop a practical document that recognises both District-wide risks and the different risks faced by individual Zones.

These may include severe weather, disaster response, event management, volunteer safety, insurance, financial controls, youth protection, travel and continuity of club operations.

District Risk Management Chair Lion Colin Obee has also been nominated to participate in the Brisbane Local Human and Social Recovery and Resilience Group. This will strengthen our connection with Brisbane City Council and other community organisations involved in disaster preparation, recovery and resilience.

Risk management should not be viewed as a barrier to service. When it is done properly, it allows us to serve more safely, confidently and sustainably.

Foundations Supporting Communities

Our Foundations continue to demonstrate the wider reach of Lions service.

I am pleased to report that an Australian Lions Foundation Compassionate Grant of \$15,000 has been approved for a project submitted by the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain.

Cabinet also received information about LCIF humanitarian appeals supporting disaster relief in Nepal and the continuing need for portable generators in Ukraine. Clubs interested in contributing should follow the donation instructions provided by our LCIF District Coordinator, PDG Jorge Salles.

These initiatives remind us that Lions can respond locally, nationally and internationally. A local club may begin the action, but our combined network allows that service to reach much further.



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Convention Momentum Is Building

Our 2026 District Convention is rapidly approaching. It will be held from 6 to 8 November, with Friday's Chinese banquet at Landmark Restaurant in Sunnybank and the main Saturday and Sunday program at the Logan Entertainment Centre.

The Cabinet papers recorded more than 100 registrations by the end of August, but our goal is approximately 300 attendees. Six sponsors had also been secured, with further sponsorship opportunities still available.

The program is taking shape with business sessions, workshops, keynote speakers, voting, cultural performances, Operation Friendship, displays and the Saturday evening "One Night in Shanghai" Gatsby Style Gala Dinner.

We will also welcome 2nd Vice District Governor Tage Pedersen and Lion Lady Jytte from District 106B in Denmark through Operation Friendship. They will be visiting our District from 23 October to 22 November and will speak at the Convention's Friday evening dinner.

If you are planning to attend the Convention, please register now. <https://events.humanitix.com/district201q1-convention-2026>

Delaying registration makes catering, seating, programming and financial planning considerably more difficult for the organising team. I sincerely thank the Convention Planning Team, sponsors, presenters, performers and volunteers who are working behind the scenes to create an exciting and memorable weekend.

Preserving 35 Years of District History

Our 35-Year Commemorative Magazine is still in a work in progress stage. The magazine will preserve the stories of our Past District Governors, clubs, District projects, Leo clubs and the people who have helped shape District 201Q1.

Thank you to everyone who has supplied stories, photographs and corrections. The final submission and verification deadline is set at 28 September 2026. However, there are still many Clubs and Projects that are still outstanding. Any club or contributor with outstanding information must act immediately.

Once an entry goes to final production, it may no longer be possible to include late corrections. This publication is intended to become a lasting historical record, so accuracy and participation remain essential. Pending the number of entries collected, there may be a need to delay the publication of the magazine slightly to allow for as many willing entries as possible.



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Communication Is Reaching More Members

Our District website and newsletter are becoming increasingly important sources of information. From January to August, the website recorded more than 281,000 page views. July and August alone accounted for approximately 42 per cent of all pages viewed during that period. The July and August newsletters each achieved an open rate of 37.4 per cent.

These results are encouraging, but communication remains a shared responsibility. Clubs and Project Chairs are encouraged to provide service stories, photographs, event details, forms, resources, achievements and meeting information. Please also use the District Calendar, Zoom Links page and Monthly Club Checklist. These resources are designed to make information easier to find and reduce the number of urgent, last-minute requests.

Members should remain alert to fraudulent emails impersonating District officers. Always verify unexpected requests involving money, gift cards, personal information or urgent action through a trusted contact method.

Let Us Finish the First Quarter Strongly

As we approach the end of our first quarter, we have much to celebrate. New members have joined, a new club has been established, the Youth Cabinet has commenced, our Leo program is growing, training is underway, service reporting support is improving, our Convention is taking shape and our District's history is being preserved.

At the same time, we must remain honest about the work still ahead. Our priorities are to retain members, improve service reporting, support clubs experiencing difficulty, complete the risk and disaster-preparedness work, finalise the commemorative magazine and increase Convention registrations.

Our next online Cabinet and DG Open Mic session will be held on Sunday, 27 September, from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm Brisbane time. Every Lion is welcome to ask a question, raise an issue, share an achievement, offer an idea or simply join us for some online fellowship.

Thank you for the energy, goodwill and service you continue to bring to District 201Q1. Our theme of Legacy Rejuvenated is not only about remembering what came before us. It is about taking the best of that legacy and giving it renewed purpose through the work we undertake today.

Together, let us honour the past, strengthen the present and shape the future.

Yours in Service,

Lion Johnson Chen

District Governor Lions District 201Q1



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From the Newsletter Editor...

Welcome everyone to the **third edition of Legacy Link for 2026/2027!**

It is hard to believe we are already three editions into the Lions year — and once again, our clubs across **District 201Q1** have certainly given us plenty to celebrate!

Every month, Legacy Link provides just a small snapshot of the incredible work being undertaken by Lions throughout our District. Behind every fundraiser, service project, community event, donation, awareness campaign and helping hand are Lions who continue to generously give their time and energy to making a difference.

And that is exactly what Legacy Link is all about — **sharing those stories and celebrating the impact we are making together.**

As you read through this September edition, I hope you enjoy seeing what fellow Lions Clubs have been up to across 201Q1. It is always wonderful to see the variety of ways our clubs serve their communities, as well as the fellowship and friendships that make being a Lion so special.

But remember — **Legacy Link belongs to ALL clubs across District 201Q1**, and we can only share what you send us! Has your club held a fundraiser or service activity? Supported a local organisation? Welcomed a guest speaker or new member? Celebrated a milestone? Do you have an upcoming event you would like Lions across the District to know about? **WE want to HEAR from YOU!**

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.

Enjoy the September edition of Legacy Link!

Sam Hutchinson





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From the Cabinet Treasurer - Christine Cufflin

LCIF Nepal Appeal – A Tremendous District Effort

A huge thank you to all the clubs across our District who have donated to the LCIF Nepal Appeal. To date, clubs in District 201Q1 have donated an incredible \$40,711.

If your club would still like to contribute, donations can be made to:

Lions International District Administration Account

BSB: 014-202

Account: 900195229

Reference: Please include your Club Number/Name and “Nepal”



Every contribution makes a difference. Thank you again to everyone who has supported this appeal.

Important Update – Tyro Card Surcharges

From 1 October 2026, clubs will no longer be permitted to add a surcharge to eftpos, Mastercard and Visa card payments.

This means clubs using Tyro will no longer be able to charge customers a card surcharge. The change applies to card payments covered by the relevant card scheme rules and merchant agreements.

Please ensure your club is aware of this change and updates any signage, pricing or payment procedures where necessary.

District and Multiple District Accounts – Thank You Clubs

In July this year, we changed the district accounting system to Xero. As part of this change, clubs were issued with two separate invoices – one for Community and one for Administration. A big thank you to all clubs who paid their invoices by the August due date. We now have only two clubs with outstanding payments, so thank you to everyone for helping make the transition to the new system run smoothly.



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International Dues – A Reminder

International dues are downloaded directly from the Lions Portal. Clubs will receive an email when their statement is available, please check the Lions Portal each month so you can keep up to date with your club's account. If you are unsure about your statement, have a question about an invoice, or need help navigating the Portal, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to assist.

Insurance Renewal – 30 September 2026

A reminder that Lions Clubs with additional insurance policies are due for renewal on 30 September 2026. AB Phillips has advised that the Lions service team has received the renewal terms from the insurers and is currently preparing the renewal documentation and invoices. These will be emailed to clubs in the coming weeks.

The good news is that your policy will automatically renew, ensuring there is no interruption to your insurance cover. Please keep an eye out for your renewal documentation and invoice when it arrives. If you have any questions regarding your club's insurance, please contact the Lions Insurance Team on 1300 242 136 or email lionsinsurance@aei.com.au

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Quarterly Chair Updates

Quarterly Update Report - Cakes & Mints Chair

This quarter I am pleased to report that there are no outstanding payments due for either cakes or mints in District 201Q1. Even after Christmas 2025, the few clubs I sent reminders to in January ensured that their Traditional Foods accounts were all paid by the due date.

Following my request earlier this month for clubs to complete a short survey about whether they ordered cakes or mints and who their cake chair was this year, to date 35 clubs have responded. This is very helpful since it allows me to refer any members of the public who contact me requesting cakes or mints to a Lions club near where they live.

Unfortunately the news from Dollar Sweets is still not positive in that their equipment continues to break down and they are unlikely to be able to fulfill orders until at least November. They are currently working with a third party manufacturer with the finished product to be packed on Dollar Sweets production line. Their office then closes from 11 December until 11 January. Long delays in being able to receive supplies certainly puts pressure on Clubs with their outlets.

My goal has always been to support clubs across the district in relation to cakes and mints with a view to expanding our sales each year. I think I am on track with this.

Di Henderson





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Quarterly Chair Updates

Quarterly Update Report - GET

1.New Clubs

Canaipa Russell Island Lions Club charter night will be held at MacLeay Island on 11 November 2026

One of our Club member's Pakistan friends is showing interest in forming a Club. I will follow up with this lead.

Another potential ethnic Club is from Somali. Again I have approached some of the friends from Somali pending reply.

2.Club Branch

A potential new Club Branch is aiming at the bayside area.IPDG Stuart will assist in finding some leads.

3.Extension Workshop

MD is providing some funding to host extension workshop. Will aim to have one organised after the Convention.

PD& Peter Ho AM





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Quarterly Chair Updates

Quarterly Update Report - GMT

Goals:

Create a New Members Welcome Book. Originally planned as a 28-page book, it expanded to 52 pages. This content will support three versions: a promotional booklet for prospective members, a 52-page welcome book distributed by email, and a condensed 28–32-page printed edition.

Only the club section needs revisions based on feedback from the cabinet meeting. I expect to finalise everything within a month.

Contacting every club for a polite wellbeing check is taking longer than expected. After initially allowing for three Guiding Lions in discussions with Michael, his suggestion I am now considering one for each zone and awaiting his recommendations on whom to approach.

Following the process has clarified the way forward. I expect it to be running smoothly within a couple of months.

I have now learned how to use the portal to extract the information I need and MD has provided valuable ideas and support.

Mark McCosker





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Quarterly Chair Updates



Quarterly Update Report - Peace Poster / Essay & Junior Public Speaking

What is working

Schools and clubs that have participated in Peace Poster previously continue to be involved. So the competition must be working by providing teachers with a good education tool and students with an exciting challenge.

Junior Public Speaking is slowly being recognized by clubs in Q1 as a legitimate project.

How can we improve.

Communication. Clubs and zone chairs must be continually reminded to acknowledge emails and if they cannot respond immediately at least acknowledge receipt.

Develop a procedure for best practice in approaching schools to participate in youth projects.

Where are we at with goals?

One Lions club and a school have now participated in Junior Public Speaking and there is growing awareness of the project amongst clubs but still not growing as fast as I had planned. Hopefully clubs will attend the District Convention workshop put on by the MD JPS chair and get motivated to take up the project.

The goal was to increase the number of Lions Clubs and schools involved in the Peace Poster competition by 20%. Currently we only have about the same number of clubs and schools as last year involved.

Last year the two entrants in Peace Essay were disqualified as not complying with the contest rules. The Lions club sponsoring the Peace Essay now has a better understanding of the requirements and hopefully we will have few compliant essays this year.

Peter Matthews



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One Lions Identity: Is your Club using the correct emblem?

The Lions emblem is recognised around the world as a symbol of service, kindness and community. However, because many of our clubs have long and proud histories, some are still using older versions of the emblem, including the traditional design featuring the red tongue.

These older emblems remain part of our history, but using different versions across club websites, letterheads, social media, uniforms and promotional materials can create an inconsistent public image. A strong and recognisable brand helps our communities immediately identify who we are and connects every local club with the wider Lions family.

Clubs are therefore warmly encouraged to review their current materials and begin using the current, brand-approved Lions emblem wherever practical. This should include:

- Club letterheads and email signatures
- Websites and social media pages
- Membership and recruitment materials
- Posters, brochures and event promotions
- Banners, signs, road signs and display materials
- Club shirts, vests, jackets and other clothing

There is no need to immediately discard usable clothing, banners or other items displaying an older emblem. Instead, clubs can make the transition progressively whenever materials are reprinted, websites are updated or clothing and signage are next replaced.

Official Lions emblems and logos can be downloaded directly from Lions International at:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/logos-and-emblems>

The current Lions Brand Guidelines are available at:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines>



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For most digital and general printing purposes, the PNG format is useful because it can be placed on different backgrounds. For professionally printed signage, banners, uniforms and embroidered clothing, clubs should provide their supplier with the official EPS vector file wherever possible. This allows the emblem to be enlarged without losing quality.

Please avoid copying the emblem from another website, scanning it from an older document or using a blurred, stretched or low-resolution image. Downloading the approved artwork ensures that the correct design, colours and proportions are maintained.

Each club has its own history, personality and connection with its community. At the same time, we are all part of one international organisation. By presenting the Lions emblem consistently, we strengthen public recognition, protect the credibility of our brand and show that wherever Lions serve, we serve together.





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Retention Strategy Action Plan

Purpose: Provide a simple, practical roadmap any Lions Club can follow to strengthen membership, engagement, service impact, and visibility over the next 6–12 months.

Strengthen Club Culture

Goal: Build a welcoming, positive, and energising environment where Lions feel valued and connected.

Actions:

- Greet every member personally at meetings and events
- Celebrate service milestones, birthdays, and achievements regularly
- Keep meetings purposeful, inclusive, and enjoyable
- Encourage open discussion and invite all voices into decision-making
- Promote a culture of gratitude — thank members often and publicly

Who: Club President, Membership Chair, All Members

Timeline: Immediate and ongoing

Success Measure: Higher meeting attendance, stronger sense of belonging, positive member feedback

Final Thought

Strong Lions Clubs don't happen by accident—they grow through intention, communication, service, and leadership development. Small, consistent actions create lasting impact.





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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.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

6-8 NOVEMBER 2026

Logan Entertainment Centre

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

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District Global Service Team : Serving Our Communities Together

Natalie Reinke - Lions Club of Redland Bay - Victoria Point



Mark your Calendar!

November service/awareness opportunities

1–30 NOV

Movember – Men's Health Awareness Month

Support conversations and fundraising for men's health.

9–15 NOV

National Recycling Week

Lead or support local environmental initiatives.

13 NOV

World Kindness Day

Celebrate simple acts of kindness through community service.

14 NOV

World Diabetes Day

Promote awareness, education and healthy living.

December service/awareness opportunities

5 DEC

International Volunteers Day

Together, We Serve: Every project—large or small—creates lasting change. Let's continue building healthier, stronger and more connected communities across District 201Q1.



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Junior Public Speaking Kicks off in QLD!



The Junior Public Speaking program has been running successfully in District 201V6 since 2007 and became a Multiple District project in 2016. District 201Q1 has now joined the other districts running and enjoying this important program.

A very big thank you to Lion Linda Galbraith and the Lion's Club of Tamborine Mountain for responding to the call to participate in the Junior Public Speaking program for primary school students. A team of Tamborine Mountain Lions, committed to developing public speaking skills in young people, worked hard to bring the competition to fruition.

The three local primary schools were in initially in favour of running the program but when a date was finally set only one school was ready. The Club is very grateful to Tamborine Mountain State School Principal Mr Jason Smith for his support and especially for hosting the event at his school.

The Club is also very grateful for the support and instruction provided by Toastmasters District Director, Trish Scott and two other Toastmasters who filled roles of Sergeant at Arms, timekeeper and training up club members in managing Junior Public Speaking – Shauna and Julia.

Linda noted that the standard of speeches, both prepared and impromptu was excellent. There were 7 speakers and it was a tough decision for the judges. Winners were presented with framed certificates and a voucher for the local bookstore, Under the Greenwood Tree. All participants were presented with a laminated participation certificate and everyone enjoyed the delicious afternoon tea provided by club members.

The one downside is the Club and Principal Smith were disappointed that there was no progression to an interclub or district level. So the challenge is on for other clubs to join the program and provide some competition for Tamborine Mountain Lions Club and State School.

Linda stated that public speaking is an important skill and the competition is worth developing and promoting for more clubs to take up the challenge to organise it. For a budget of about \$100.00 the competition provides primary school students with a platform to hone their public speaking skills.

To find out more go to <https://lions201v6.org.au/district-201v6-junior-public-speaking-program-2/>.

All the resources you will need to run the program can be found in the “JNR PUBLIC SPEAKING” link in the header.



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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 • •

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

\$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

TRADITIONAL RECIPES RICH IN FLAVOUR

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EVERY PURCHASE SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY

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Youth of the year

LEAD • SERVE • INSPIRE

REGISTER NOW
to give the Youth a wonderful opportunity!

Youth of the Year encourages, recognises and rewards young people for their leadership, public speaking and community involvement.

- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- PERSONAL GROWTH

Inspiring Young People to Be Their Best!

CONFIDENCE
IDEAS
OPPORTUNITY
BRIGHTER FUTURES

For more information or to register, please contact
Jenny : lionjenny.01@bigpond.com

"Today's Youth ... Tomorrow's Leaders"

REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ON OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE - [HERE](#)



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**Lions Club
of Sunnybank**

*Together
we make a
difference* -♡-

Breast Cancer Morning Tea

Join us for a cuppa, some delicious treats
and a great cause. Let's come together to
support those affected by breast cancer.

 Saturday, 17.10.26

 9.30am – 11.30am

 Lions Sunnybank Hall,
95 Lister St

 Cost:
\$25

 **RSVP**
12th Oct

 **Pre-Payment**
required

 **Great**
Raffles

 **Be sure to**
wear Pink

 **Payment: Lions Club Of Sunnybank**
BSB: 084-402 Account: 50855 6341

 **Contact Secretary Di McCrae**
0499 604 516

All welcome! ♡
Enjoy good food,
catch up with friends
and help make a difference. ♡

Support ♡ Remember ♡ Hope





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LIONS CLUB OF CAPALABA

OPEN DAY

& 55th Anniversary

Saturday 3rd October, 11am - 2pm

CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sausage Sizzle, Balloon Animals, Lions Service Projects and Scavenger Hunt! There is something for everyone.



Come and celebrate 55 years of the Lions Club of Capalaba being in the community and making a difference.

Join us at our Open Day, meet our members and discover what Lions is all about. Plus, find out how you can be part of the next 55 years!

Saturday 3rd October 2026

11am - 2pm

The Underhill Centre, 55-57 Degen Rd, Capalaba

capalaba.qld@lions.org.au



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It's Island Time
Come Celebrate
The Charter Dinner

CANAIPA Russell Island Lions Club

The Newest Lions Club in District 201 Q1

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 RSVP 31st October

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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“Your Support has truly changed my life”

Charlotte, a young woman who lives locally to the Lions Club of Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield, was presented with a motorised wheelchair with funds the Lions Club of Grater Mount Gravatt Mansfield organised through Australian Lions Foundation. The result has been lifechanging for Charlotte, enabling her to enjoy life in her community safely.

Charlotte has a debilitating illness which means she had to stop working. She suffers from symptoms that cause her to fall and other issues and has had multiple visits to hospital as a result. Social isolation was becoming a real problem as she was unable go out unaccompanied and using a walker is not suitable.

She reached out to the Lions Club of Grater Mount Gravatt Mansfield via e-mail. They considered her request for a motorised wheelchair, arranged a visit to her home and recommended an assessment by an occupational therapist so that the most appropriate chair was obtained.

The thorough assessment by the OT noted Charlotte's difficulties in mobilising and the best motorised chair for Charlotte. The club agreed to apply for funding from Australian Lions Foundation, ALF.

The application to ALF was attended and submitted in May.

It was a great day when they had it in writing that Charlotte had been approved for a Compassionate Grant from ALF. The money was transferred to the club and the invoice paid for the motorised chair, prescribed cushion and delivery.

The club had a celebratory afternoon tea with Charlotte, her husband David, Australian Lions Foundation Chair, PDG Lesley Lyons and Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield Lions; PCC Kim Forrest, PDG Ross Forrest, Karen Matthews and Lynn Evans.





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Griffth University Lions Club (GULC) Krafters Group

The GULC Krafters Group have been busy making and delivering items to those in need in the community!!!





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One man's Alvey collection so big he hopes it will reel in Parkinson's awareness

Stephen Duffield, a proud member of Cabarita Beach Pottsville Beach Lions Club, has battled with Parkinson's disease since 2015. Since the diagnosis Stephen would find it increasingly hard to follow his passion for fishing. Spinning reels became too difficult to work with and seized up from the beach sand and salt water. Stephen visited a local Bait & Tackle shop and was shown the benefits of an Alvey Reel when fishing at the beach. Stephen joined the Lions and helped to manage the Greenback Fishing Comp. Here he met with the Alvey team, visited the factory, and discovered the reels dated back to 1920.

With a renewed sense of passion for his love of fishing, Stephen went all in on Alvey Reels, which would be the burgeoning of his now great collection. The growth of his hobbyist turned museum-esque collection really hit home when Covid stopped Stephen from doing many things. So with not much to do he set about completing his collection, fast forward 6 years and now the collection is so huge there is almost no room to get around it all.

Stephen's passion for all things Alvey led him to publishing a historical book and product value guide that goes through the story of one of Australia's most iconic fishing brands. With the profits to be both put back into growing the collection and then onto Shake It Up Australia Foundation. Stephen's ultimate goal being to open his collection to the public for a small fee and have the funds raised divided between Lions and Shake It Up Australia Foundation.

History of Alvey

Copies of the book can be bought from <https://alveyden.com>





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Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain - July Dinner Meeting

Games Held:

- Trivia
- What Am I?
- Pass the Parcel
- Heads & Tails
- Globe Ball
- Speed Date
- Note: no person was injured while playing!!!



Helen and Sheryl



Sharmaine and Gail



Three Davids



Jenny and Sarah

David Kirkpatrick received Life Membership of the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain Inc from immediate past president Maree Hofmeier and secretary John Hammond





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TRAINING SESSION

Basic AI

and how it can help you

A simple introduction to AI and practical ways it can make your life easier.



Thursday
8 October 2026



7:00pm



<https://www.lions201q1.org.au/zoom>



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DISTRICT WEBMASTER
Lion Kaylene Perrett
LIONS DISTRICT 201Q1

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Lion Kaylene Perrett
LIONS DISTRICT 201Q1

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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.

Share Your Event!

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- ✓ More Impact
- ✓ More Togetherness



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



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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.

