



BIOGRAPHY - Narelle Parkins

Narelle Parkins is an active member of Lions Clubs International; having joined as a Charter member of the Lioness Club of Redlands in 1990.

During the time with Lions she has held all club Board of Director positions in office except Treasurer. Those positions held include President four times, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President, Secretary seven times, Director, Bulletin Editor, Public Relations and Membership.

At District level, Narelle is First Vice District Governor for 201 Q1 but has held the positions of Zone Chairman four times, Liaison for Lions Medical Research Foundation and Personality Quest Chair for approximately seven years and Youth Exchange two years including Multiple District.

She was a director for five years with the Lions Medical Research Foundation and is currently Company Secretary after accepting the position in 2013 on a voluntary basis and is also employed part time as Administration/Office Manager for the same foundation.

Narelle has also been instrumental in assisting with the formation of two new clubs. One in Q1 and one in Q3.

While serving with the Lions Club Redland Bay/Victoria Point many projects were instigated by her, such as Adopt a Nursing Home, Adopt a Grandparent, Swimming Lessons for Underprivileged Children, and an annual Baby Show. While serving as President of Redland Bay/Victoria Point she worked with the Police Citizens Youth Club and raised enough money to purchase a Mobile Activity Centre (MAC). This was a fully equipped van complete with mobile phones and electronic devices and manned by the police. At night it was relocated to areas where street kids hang out. Narelle's theory was that if just one kid was encouraged enough to ring home to let Mum and Dad know they are okay, then she and her club members have achieved what they set out to do.

In her private life Narelle has a close family relationship and enjoys reading, writing, travelling and trying to learn Italian.

In 2013 she fulfilled an ambition by trekking through Europe solo and lived in a remote village in the north of Italy for four months and has written a book.

She has four daughters, three son in laws (soon to be four), five grandsons, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter and also never a dull moment.