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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 2023-2024

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR SAVVA ARGYROU



LIONS
AWARENESS
DAY

JANUARY 2024 EDITION



201Q1 Newsletter

JANUARY 2024

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DG Sawa Argyrou

JANUARY 2024

Dear Lions

I trust this message finds you well and full of enthusiasm for the impactful work we continue to do as Lions. It brings me immense joy to share some remarkable highlights from the recent Christmas period, where our collective efforts truly made a difference in the lives of those affected by disasters.

Throughout the holiday season, many of our Clubs engaged in exceptional service projects and conducted successful cake sales to raise funds for the disaster-affected areas. Your dedication and commitment to helping others during such a critical time exemplify the Lions spirit of service and compassion.

I want to emphasize the importance of ensuring that your Clubs are not only actively involved in service but are also being recognized in your local communities for the remarkable work you do. Publicity plays a crucial role in expanding our reach and fostering growth in membership. Let's make sure that the good deeds of Lions Clubs are visible and acknowledged by the communities we serve.

Looking ahead, we all know of an exciting event - Lions Awareness Day on March 2nd 2024. This is an excellent opportunity for all Clubs to showcase their activities, connect with the public, and potentially attract new members to join our noble cause.

I am pleased to announce that we have secured a special partnership with Bunnings for Lions Awareness Day. This collaboration presents a unique chance for our Clubs to be prominently featured and recognized by a wider audience. I encourage each Club to collaborate with one another, sharing ideas and resources to make this day a resounding success.

Now is the time to have a concrete plan of action in place to ensure that your Club stands out and is noticed in your local areas. The success of Lions Awareness Day will not only contribute to the growth of our District but will also strengthen the bond between Clubs and their communities.

Let us use this opportunity, engage with one another, and make our presence known. By doing so, we not only enhance our impact but also open the door for potential new members who share our passion for service.

As we embark on the next six months, I urge all Lions Clubs to place a strategic focus on membership growth for the continued vitality and sustainability of our organizations. This period marks a crucial juncture in our Lions term, and the success of our clubs' hinges on our ability to expand and diversify our membership base. By actively engaging in targeted recruitment efforts, fostering a welcoming environment, and showcasing the impact of our collective service, we can attract new members who share our passion for community service. Moreover, retention of existing members is equally paramount; let us strengthen the sense of camaraderie and appreciation within our clubs. As we work towards these goals, we not only secure the future of our individual clubs but contribute to the enduring strength of Lionism as a whole. Together, let us seize this opportunity to ensure a thriving and impactful Lions legacy for the years to come.

Thank you for your continued dedication, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact we can create together.

Yours in Lionism,
Q1 District Governor Sawa





**As you are aware
International President
Patti Hill has this year
instituted MISSION 1.5
which aims to reach 1.5
million members
worldwide by 2027.**

In Australia we started Big Audacious Mission (BAM). The BAM is Lions Australia’s plan to grow to 30,000 members by the year 2030 and 50,000 by 2050, so we can meet the growing needs of our communities and service a million people annually. When we do this, we will be doing our part for “Mission 1.5”

DG Savva Argyrou has been supplied with a number of mission 1.5 pins.

These stylish pins simply are available for every new member joining after 01 Jan 24 and their sponsor while stocks last. If you sponsor a new member, talk to your membership chair or secretary who will advise 201Q1 District Membership to arrange pick up/delivery of pins.



***Kerry Kilpatrick
GMT Global
Membership Team***





Lions Awareness Day

JANUARY 2024

lions australia Awareness Day

2-3 March 2024

If your club has plans to showcase what it means to be a Lion on 2 March 2024, check out our **free** public relations resources!
Includes a slideshow of our promotional videos.



Lions Awareness Day



Saturday 2ND MARCH 2024

Every club in District 201Q1 should have booked a sight at Bunnings or at another Venue. This is a NATIONAL event

Promote Your Club, Your Projects.

Remember 100% of all funds raised from public

MUST go back to the community



On **Saturday March 2**, thousands of Australia's most dedicated and hard-working volunteers are taking the opportunity to tell our story for **Lions Awareness Day 2024**.

After 75 years of helping others in Australia, we know our role as a service club organisation is becoming increasingly important.

We want the rest of Australia to know more about what we do and the causes we support.

And Bunnings want to help!

They have offered their support and their stores to host local Lions Awareness Day events around the country.

So if your Lions Club is interested in promoting the wonderful work that we do at a Bunnings near you, **contact your local store to book a space in their foyer on Saturday 2 March.**

Note:

- Lions volunteers can set up an awareness table, sell their merchandise, or run a BBQ at their local Bunnings store only if dates are available.
- Lions to provide Public Liability certificate.

BUNNINGS & LIONS; LIKE SAUCE ON A SAUSAGE .

Lions -Always there for the community.



Emergency & Disaster Relief | Childhood Cancer | Hunger | Vision | Hearing Dogs | Environment | Diabetes Prevention | Community Service Projects

**Lions Awareness Day
2024**

John Clark– Lions Awareness Day



Lions Awareness Day

JANUARY 2024



Thank you for helping to promote the Lions Awareness Day activity.

Lions Awareness Day is Saturday 2 March 2024.

If your club is busy on that day, they can conduct a Lions Awareness Day activity on another weekend.

What is Lions Awareness Day?

Lions Awareness Day is simply about reminding the community of the work of Lions, its impact and contribution. It's about getting the message out and hearing the views of your community about the club.

What do we do?

Bunnings have offered their stores to host Lions Awareness Day events and you are invited to contact your local store to book a space in their foyer. But it's your choice how you participate. Perhaps you have an activity going on and can have a promotional stand alongside. You may wish to have a stand at a shopping centre or at a popular BBQ. Make sure you put together a display that encourages people to come over to talk about the activities, projects and causes that are important to your club, zone or District.

Support materials

This PR pack of materials are intended for groups actively involved in Lions Awareness Day. Please don't split the packs up and distribute them to clubs for other purposes. The Multiple District Council is funding the materials for Lions Awareness Day. If you don't feel you can use them, consider sending them to a neighbouring District.

They include:

- **2 x copies of 'Pride of this Badge':** These should be used as a 'table copy' for browsing.
- **100 x Business Cards:** These are great for members of the public that express sincere interest in your club. There's space for your contact details on the back too.
- **1 x set of Photo Props:** Take photos for social media with these fun props. Simply pose and post - remember to tag @LionsAustralia so we can share them too!
- **5 x Buttons:** Pin one or more of these buttons on your shirt to help start up a conversation with members of your community about why you became a Lion.
- **100 x "Always" Brochures:** Details about our work using our 'Always' campaign – celebrating 75 years of Lions Australia.
- **1 x "Always" Trifold Display Card:** To be used as a focal point on your display table. Simply fold along each line, peel back the adhesive and stick the tabs down so that it will stand upright on a table.
- **1 x Disaster Relief Trifold:** Displaying some key facts about our recent disaster relief and recovery efforts.
- **100 x "What does it mean?" DL Brochures:** Quotes from our members about what it means to be a Lion.

You can also access free downloadable PR resources, event details and promotional videos from www.lions.org.au/event/lions-awareness-day

Have a great Lions Awareness Day!

Rob Oerlemans (Executive Officer) and Jemma Pascolini (PR Officer)





Lions Awareness Day

JANUARY 2024



These new images are available to download from PR Resources on Lions Australia Website to promote Lions Awareness Day.





Lions Awareness Day

JANUARY 2024

Available from Lions Australia Shop ready for Lions Awareness Day and all year long



Packet 5 Badges \$12.50



Individual Badges \$3 each



PR Photos Prop Set \$10



Trifold Brochure \$4



Have you joined the Global Lions Forum and 201Q1 Lions Forum on Facebook? These groups are for honest discussions of our challenges and opportunities with Lions. It is a place you can ask questions, seek advice and learn from others and it covers a wide range of topics.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- HAVE FUN
- GROW MY CLUB MEMBERSHIP
- SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION
- INTRODUCE A FRIEND TO LIONS
- PROMOTE LIONS MORE
- ENGAGE WITH NEW VOICES AND LEOS
- PROMOTE PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING
- CONNECT WITH COMMUNITIES
- INSPIRE OTHERS
- TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE GOOD WORK WE DO



District 201 Q1

Newsletter Editor **Christine Cufflin** 2023-24



New Voices

Everyone has a voice that deserves to be heard

Lions Membership Campaign
Where there's a need, there's a Lion



Lions International

Dear Lion Leader,

We are continuing to make progress toward the new Lion Portal and are grateful to the Lion testers playing such a critical role in this project. At the October board meeting, several additional factors were identified that necessitate additional development and testing time. As such, we have determined that our January 2024 launch is no longer a realistic target. We will update our digital products page to reflect this update.

Our priority remains creating a positive user experience for our Lions, and we appreciate your support and collaboration as we diligently work toward this enhanced digital experience — together.

Sincerely,

Sue Ben
 Chief of Technology
 Lions International



Question?
Why are you a Lion?
What is it about Lionism that keeps you coming back to do more and more service?



Q1 Baton - Lion Therese Bruning

JANUARY 2024

After collecting the Q1 Baton at the Goondiwindi District Convention, members from Brisbane New Civitas Lions Club Branch joined the Lions Club of Macleay Island for an inter-club visit and a lovely social afternoon at the Redland Bay Hotel

They were joined by members from Redland Bay/ Victoria Point Lions and our District Governor Savva and Lion Sophia. Starting its journey in July 2022, the Q1 Baton

is an initiative from DG Savva, designed for Clubs to interact with each other on a social basis and pass on the Baton from one Club to another in the process.

After New Civitas Club President Lucy presented the Baton to Macleay Island Club President Wally, the afternoon also provided the opportunity for Lions Wally and Linda from Macleay Island Lions and the New Civitas Club Liaison, PDG Ian from Brisbane Camp Hill Carindale Lions to be presented with their 20 years of service chevrons by DG Savva.



The Baton will continue its journey around the District until the end of June 2024. If it comes your way, take the opportunity and organise an inter-club visit, maybe with a Club you don't know very well. It's a great way to meet new people in our Lions family and have some fun in the process. You can follow the Baton's journey on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Q1DistrictClubBaton/>.

Lion Therese Bruning

Brisbane New Civitas Lions Club Branch

Zone 6 Meeting with a view.

“It has been a tradition for a number of years that one of the four Zone Meetings per year is held on Macleay Island” so keeping in with tradition Zone 6 Chair Natalie Reinke organised it and Club President Wally knew the perfect spot to have the meeting.



The club recently celebrated their 20th years , they are a very active club in the community and are busy all year round.

- Meat Raffle weekly at the Golf Club
- Meat Raffle weekly at the Bowls Club
- Organise Monthly Markets
- Hire out Jumping Castle, and equipment
- Daily Breakfast Club at School
- Provide Sandwiches to teachers to give to those without lunch
- Host Graduation Dinner for Year 6 Students at the Boat Club
- Help produce the 2023 Year Book and supplied each student with a Lions engraved with their name
- Bursaries to the school
- Santa’s letter at school and Day-Care
- Delivered food packages with gifts to families around the island who are doing it tough
- Donated Lions Mini Xmas Cakes to Meals on Wheels recipients and food hampers



- Supply ongoing transport to Service Providers from the mainland to be able to visit patients at home once or twice a week (including palliative care)
- Containers for Change collection from homes
- Collect used reading glasses
- Supply free BBQ community Halloween
- Supply free BBQ and Jumping Castle for the National Disability Day Celebration
- Collect used furniture for Garage Sale
- Along with the Progress Association provided a free Christmas Day Dinner at the hall so no one was home alone on Christmas Day
- In December just held the best ever Christmas Street Parade on the Island with 20 Vintage cars and 15 Floats, and donated over \$500 to category winners including children on bikes and scooter.





Capalaba & Robina

JANUARY 2024

The Lions Club of Capalaba set 3 Goals for 2023-2024, which were to increase membership, increase community awareness and attract new members.

The club purchased Lions Tablecloths and designed and purchased two banners.

The first banner lists what we do:

- Lions Local Community Projects
- Community Causes Supported
- Lions Global Causes Supported

The second banner is aimed at recruiting new members which asks "Are you looking for a way to"

- Contribute to your Community
- Devote time etc etc.

These are really helpful as a guide when we are out in the community promoting Lions, and will be used on Lions Awareness Day too.

We were proud to showcase them on social media, which caught the eye of Vicky from the Lions Club of Robina. Vicky contacted the club to find out where we purchased them from.

Lion Ally who joined Capalaba in May 2023 designed them and kindly offered to design the ones for Robina too. So the design on a USB was sent to Robina and Vicky arranged for the banners to be printed at Officeworks.



Lions Club of Capalaba promoting Lions during Lap the Map



Lions Club of Robina's new banners





Operation Friendship

JANUARY 2024

AUSTRALIEN
VS
DANMARK

Distrikt 106B Denmark



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP IN DENMARK 2024

District Governor Jens Jørgensen Hald and the Lions family of District 106B, Denmark, extend an invitation to the Lions of District 201Q1 Australia, to visit our District in 2024 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.

From the applications received, one Lion, with his or her spouse, 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 a number of Lions Clubs, and the District Convention which will be held from Saturday April 20th. 2024 to Sunday April 21th, in the city Holstebro. To enable this, the visit should be planned for the visitors to arrive on or about Saturday April 6th. 2024, and leave on or about Sunday May 5th.

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, these having different environments.

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

A recent photograph should be included with in the application.

Typed applications to participate in Operation Friendship should be submitted to the address below, and must be received by November 15th. 2023. The successful applicants will be advised by December 1th. 2023 which will allow adequate time for travel preparations.

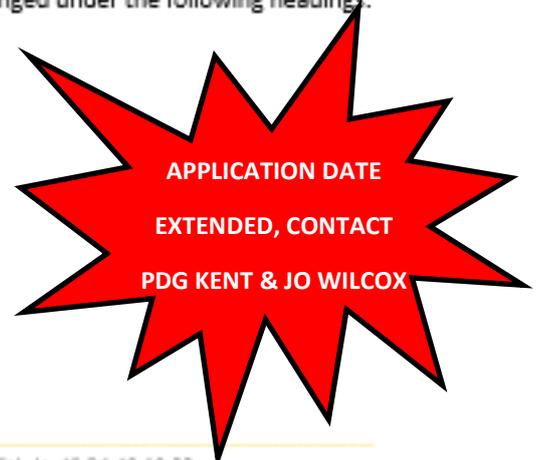
Information in the applications submitted should be arranged under the following headings:

1. Personal Details

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

2. Lions Club Details

Name of Lions Club, District, Membership details
Brief history of the Lions Club
Club achievements and projects





Operation Friendship

JANUARY 2024

**AUSTRALIEN
VS
DANMARK**

Distrikt 106B Denmark



3. Involvement in Lionism

Offices held at Club, District and Multiple District Levels.

Awards in Lionism

Any involvement in Operation Friendship

Applications should be forwarded to

Lion Kent and Josephine Wilcox
Operation Friendship chairman
District 201Q1
Mail: j.wilcox@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0428776948

and will then be passed on to

Lion Erik Thordal-Christensen or Lion Lasse Borgbjerg
Operation Friendship Chairmen,
District 106B.

Erik Thordal-Christensen
Rørgårdsvej 2
DK 7850 Stoholm
Denmark
Email: erik@rorgaard.dk
Mobile: +45 24 40 10 22

Lasse Borgbjerg
Vittenvej 54
DK 8382 Hinnerup
Denmark
Email: lasse@vittengrafisk.dk
Mobile: + 45 41 38 60 01



Best Regards
Erik Thordal and Lasse Borgbjerg.



Hi Lions

It is my pleasant duty to advise you that Alicia Choi from Varsity College, Gold Coast was successful in winning the Multiple District Peace Poster Contest.

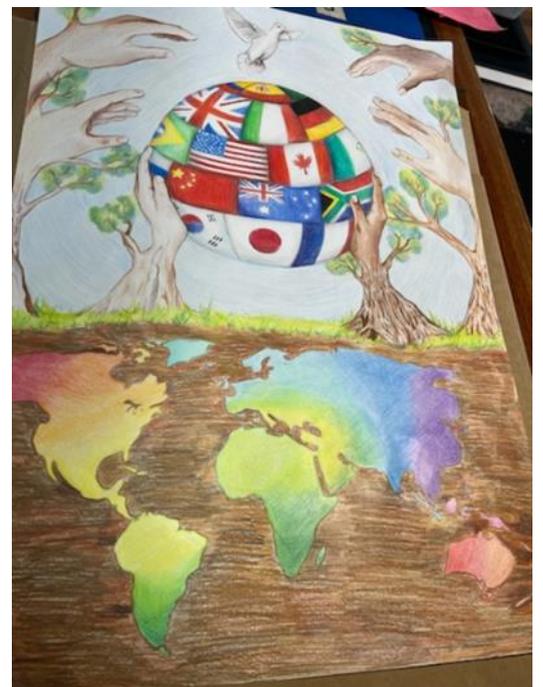
Apparently there were 4 very good posters for consideration. Two did not explain the reason for their artwork on the winner sticker. The last two both filled this out but Alicia's description for her poster is the reason she won the MD Contest.

I thought this might help if any Club decides to enter the Peace Poster Contest this year. The Peace Poster Contest is a very worthwhile project. I know it is difficult to get into the schools but if you try now you might have more luck. Ask the Art Departments to put it into their school curriculum now so in October they will be ready for judging.

I have the correct paper which you can use. A Peace Poster Contest Kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored from Lions Australia.

Alicia will receive an award at the Multiple District Convention in Darwin. Happy to help any Club who decides to take the challenge up this year.

Yours in Lionism
Vicky Clark,
Peace Poster Chairman
Tel: 0488 183 199
email robinalionsclub@hotmail.com





CHILDREN OF COURAGE

Vicky Clark

JANUARY 2024



CHILDREN OF COURAGE DISTRICT 201Q1

Hi Lions

What are Children of Courage Awards about?

First initiated in 1983, this Award recognises a very special group of young Australians. This Award is for the everyday challenges children with additional needs encounter. It is not a competition, every child who is nominated receives the award. Quite often these children are never recognised & it is hoped that by receiving the award it will

- *Act as an encouragement for their future
- *Help children believe in themselves
- *Help increase their self worth.

Categories

1. Additional needs – children with additional needs i.e sight, hearing, speech impaired, physical & intellectual impairment or long periods of hospitalisation or medical treatment.

2. Courageous act or deed – showing great concern for others, aid at an accident, instrumental in the preservation of life or property. This category may also include children who have undergone lifesaving operations, undergone daily medical treatments ie diabetes/cancer or care for parents with a disability.

Continued ...



CHILDREN OF COURAGE

Vicky Clark

JANUARY 2024



CHILDREN OF COURAGE DISTRICT 201Q1

3. Inspiring sporting achievement – children who have overcome great personal hardship/disadvantages to achieve a high degree of sporting prowess either as an individual or team member.

4. Sibling recognition – siblings who actively participate in the daily care for their brother/sister who have either a physical or intellectual disability.

You go to the schools, scout groups, churches, ask if they would be interested in participating. I have all the forms necessary. Once you have the signed forms back, organise a time/place for a ceremony, have a certificate ready, small medallion with child's name and maybe a small gift (but not necessary). Invite school teachers, parents, friends, maybe local councillor or MP to present awards, medallions. Have a small morning tea to enjoy.

It is a great “feel good” day. The children are so happy to be recognised and the parents/friends love it too.

I am happy to help in any way, give me a call 0488 183 199 or email robinalionsclub@hotmail.com for more information

Yours in lionism
Vicky Clark, Children of Courage Chairman.



LIONS MINTS

JANUARY 2024

LION MINTS NEWSLETTER

January Edition

Stock Update

GREAT NEWS ... We are now back on top of orders and have stock on hand of all products!!!



Peppermint Drops

These are no longer available and have been removed from the order sheet.



Display Items

Please note that the display items can only be purchased together with a Stock Order.



LIONS MINTS

JANUARY 2024

LION MINTS NEWSLETTER



Mint Order Fact Sheet

Please review the Mint Order Fact Sheet before placing your next order, as there have been changes made. All orders must be lodged on the current order form and sent via email.

New Orders on Hold

New Orders on hold if unpaid invoices exceed 90 days overdue.



Damaged or Lost in Transit Products

If a product is damaged during transit, contact Dollar Sweets. You will need to provide details of the extent and type of damage and the quantity and type of goods affected. Dollar Sweets will lodge a complaint with the freight company on behalf of the relevant Lions Club. Photographic evidence of damaged goods may be requested so it is advised to hold onto any damaged goods until you have spoken to Dollar Sweets.

Goods lost in transit will only be replaced once confirmation has been received from the courier that the order is unrecoverable. Once confirmation has been received, replacement goods will be sent on the next available dispatch day.

Dollar Sweets must be notified as soon as possible of any damaged or lost in transit goods. Credits claims may be rejected if too much time has lapsed.



Lions Club of Stanthorpe & LCIF

JANUARY 2024



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

A POP OF COLOUR

LET YOUR INNER COLOUR SHINE!

6:00PM | 17 FEB | 2024

**STANTHORPE INTERNATIONAL CLUB
CLUB RD, STANTHORPE**

Get ready to add a splash of vibrance to your evening!

Join us at the LCIF Fundraising Dinner: "A Pop of Colour"! Let's turn up the hue and support a fantastic cause together.

This event isn't just about raising funds; it's about celebrating in style!

So, dust off those bold, bright outfits and don your favourite pop of colour to light up the night! Whether it's a dazzling red, a vibrant blue, or a sunny yellow ... let's paint the town in every shade imaginable!

Prepare for an evening filled with fun and fellowship, great food, and the chance to make a brighter future for those in need

Tickets are \$45pp for Dinner, Raffles, Lucky Door and more. Cash bar available.

Any donation of goods, certificates or vouchers with a value greater than fifty dollars (\$50) would be greatly appreciated for our raffle. Kindly reach out to us at attendance@stanthorpeclub.com to make arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your time and generosity. We look forward to seeing you February 17th!

📌 Tickets are \$45pp for Dinner, Raffles, Lucky Door and more. Full Bar available.

Get your tickets => <https://events.humanitix.com/lcif-pop-of-colour-dinner>



Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese

JANUARY 2024

Invitation to Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese 2024 Year of Dragon Chinese New Year Dinner


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

The Year of the Dragon
2024
LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER

Sat, 17 Feb 2024

 **6:00pm for 6:30pm start** 
Lions dance | Entertainment | Raffles

Venue: Landmark Restaurant, Sunnybank
Dress code: National/formal
Price: \$88 per person; \$800 per table
Book now: www.trybooking.com/CNJXR
Before 11 Feb 2024
Enquiry: Chai Hoe - 0424 625 020;
rsvp@bclionsclub.org.au

Lion Chai Hoe
President 2023-24
Lions Club of Brisbane Chinese
MD 201-District Q1 | Club Number 57718
m | 0424 625 020
e | chai.hoe@bclionsclub.org.au
w | bclionsclub.org.au
PO Box 3031, Sunnybank South QLD 4109

"WE SERVE"

District 201Q1



Robina Lions Club-35 Years

JANUARY 2024

President John Clark &
Charter President Toula Singer OAM invite you to

Robina Lions Club
Celebrating 35 years of service

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024
6.30PM FOR 7PM START

MERMAID WATERS HOTEL
Cnr Markeri St & Sunshine Blvd,
Mermaid Waters

Tickets: \$47
incl drink on arrival, raffle & lucky door ticket

RSVP to Kay by 19/2/24
kayelson0@gmail.com or call 0409 274 094

Direct Deposit details:
BSB: 034-279 Acc: 164 525



LIONS RED DAY-BEAUDESERT

JANUARY 2024

BEAUDESERT BOWLS CLUB INC .
20-22 Hopkins Street Beaudesert 4285. Tel. 55411174.

LION'S RED DAY.

PRESENTS

THE BARRY PREO MEMORIAL BOWLS DAY.

SUNDAY 10th MARCH 2024 - STARTING - 9-30am.

THREE BOWLS TRIPLES > SELF SELECT ANY GENDER OR MIXED TEAMS.

NOT IN A TEAM - THE CLUB WILL ORGANISE A TEAM.

CLUB BOWLS AVAILABLE FOR THE DAY. No experience necessary. This is a Fun Day.

DRESS - NEAT CASUAL OR CLUB UNIFORM.

COST - \$ 25.00 per player.

TOP LUNCH SERVED.

THE FULLY STOCKED BAR WILL BE OPEN.

ENTRY SHEET IS AT THE BOWLS CLUB.

Register by contacting any of the people below.

CONTACT - GEOFF ROBERTS - 0438 140 897.

DOUG WARD - 0447 827 071.

DON HEWETT - 0411 429 168





Apple-MAQ Lions Club-20 Years

JANUARY 2024



Saturday 20 April 2024 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM Events on Oxlade, Newfarm QLD 4005

We are excited to celebrate 20 years of service to our local and international communities and distributing over 200 shipping containers. Your presence will add to this special occasion.

Our club was formed in 2003 as Lions Club of Apple Mac Users of QLD and in this time our Lions Aid & Relief Centre (LARC) have distributed over 200 shipping containers of aid. These containers has included health and education equipment. Our project provided assistance in Australia after natural disasters i.e 2011 QLD Floods with over 5.5mil of clothing, bedding and footwear.

For 20 years, our club has proudly served as a Work for Dole host, facilitating projects aimed at helping the unemployed to acquire skills for the workforce.

This event will be celebrating both major milestones and we would like to share our history and celebrate with you.



MD Convention 2024

24-27 May 2024

MD 201 Convention DARWIN

The Darwin Convention will be held from 24 May 2024 until 27 May 2024 & will be very different, very sociable and relaxed. In other words, it will be very Darwin. Read on to find out what is new!...



Isn't that a little late for a Multiple District Convention?

Most Conventions are held early in May, but we wanted to be very sure that we cleared the Cyclone season in the top end. You can expect warm, sunny, dry days. May is the Damibila* Season when the Barramundi are biting, and bush fruit are in abundance.

**The Damibila Season is one of the seven tropical seasons recognised by the traditional owners, the Larrakia people.*

What will be happening?

Plan to register at the Convention on Thursday 23 May 2024 at the Darwin Convention Centre. This state-of-the-art Centre will house all our activities including the Council meeting, Convention and Exhibits. Surrounded by restaurants, lagoon, ocean and a shady park, it's both beautiful and functional.

Friday 24 May

Be ready to start at 8:30 am. Shuttle buses will leave from key points in the city to get our Conventioneers to the Centre and home, but many hotels are within easy walking distance.

The Convention Opening and Flag Ceremony is on Friday with keynote speakers and the important notices of motion session where you can get involved in making important decisions about our organisation.

Over 40 Lions projects will be on display in the exhibition area, right beside the auditorium in air-conditioned comfort. Make sure you wander over during the breaks to find out everything you need to know about our Foundations, projects and activities.

After the Convention closes for the day, we are doing something new! Join us at the Darwin Casino Foreshore for our Opening Gala Dinner!

This year we wanted to have our big Gala dinner early in the Convention when we are all fresh. The outdoor event will be a chance to catch up with friends, plan for the Convention, sample amazing food and watch the unique Darwin Sunset over Mindil Beach.

The dinner will start at 6:00pm to give you a chance to get settled before that sunset! Shuttles will be available from key city locations but it's only a short Uber/Taxi drive if you want to get there early.

Saturday 25 May

Get to the Convention Centre by 8:30am to hear from our amazing Leos in the Leo of the Year competition. Saturday will also feature more notices of motion, keynote addresses and project presentations.

And something special is happening at 12:30pm...

We know that our Lions will be travelling a long way to come to this Convention, and you will be escaping the onset of winter by coming to Darwin.

We wanted to give you the chance to see more of Darwin as well as continuing our great discussions.

With that in mind we are planning workshops at various locations in Darwin.



MD Convention 2024

24-27 May 2024

Register to join an open-air workshop led by our Lions at the Botanical Gardens, Darwin Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Military Museum or Careflight.

Shuttle buses will leave from the Convention Centre to take you to your destination and back. Registration includes transportation and a boxed lunch.

Workshops will be held for about 1 hour and then you will have time to explore these beautiful venues before returning to your accommodation. Partners are welcome to participate in workshops or just have a nice social visit.

Saturday late afternoon/evening is a great time for Districts to arrange some gatherings and get together. The Convention Committee is happy to connect you up with many great Darwin venues that would welcome Lions.



Sunday 26 May

Sunday will be a full day with our important Remembrance Ceremony, project presentations, speakers and hearing from our international guests. There will be opportunities to visit the exhibits and displays.

Sunday will finish at 4:30pm to give Conventioneers the opportunity to freshen up before heading to our VIP area at the famous Mindil Beach Markets for our Farewell Reception. Join us in the VIP Lions area at the Markets to watch another beautiful sunset, enjoy some refreshments and browse these amazing markets with crafts and foods from all over the Territory.

Shuttles will transport you from key locations to the markets and return. Register now for the Farewell reception. The cost will include transport and 20 "Mindil dollars". "Mindil dollars" can be used at the myriad of food stalls at the markets to buy your meal or crafts. (1 Mindil dollar = 1 Australian dollar.)

Monday 27 May

The last day of the Convention will feature the very popular Youth of the Year Competition and we hope to encourage visits from local school children to inspire them to get involved.

The Convention will close at 12:30pm.

Consider staying on to see more of this beautiful part of Australia.



Childcare / Creche

At the Gold Coast Convention, attendees requested information about the possibility of childcare or a creche at this Convention. This will be dependent on demand and cost.

To assist with planning, please e-mail the Executive Officer by 30 December 2023, if you plan to attend the Convention and would like to discuss the possibility of childcare arrangements.

Please e-mail eo@lions.org.au and include "Convention Childcare" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Tell me more...

The Convention is well supported, and you can expect to see high quality entertainment, keynote speakers and special events.

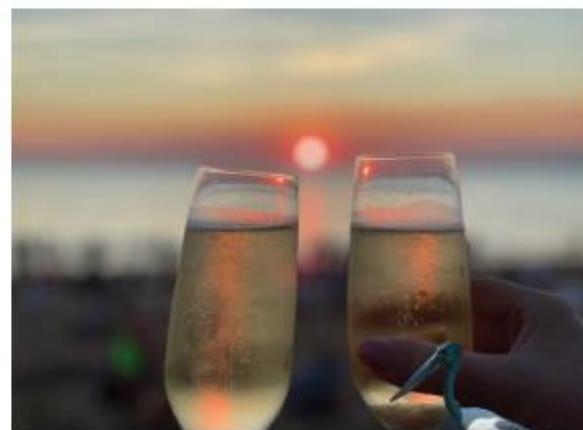
Register early!

Accommodation will sell out quickly, particularly in the more affordable brackets and air travel can be limited due to a scheduled airport upgrade. Please make your plans early to ensure that you can join us.

The registration form will be available online at the Darwin Convention website by mid-November.

Come join us and thaw out at the Top End; relax, eat, drink and have some fun in the sun.

We hope to see you there!



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21-25 June 2024



Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Register for convention

This is your chance to be part of the biggest Lion event of the year. Register now and start making plans to celebrate service with Lions from all over the world. Don't delay. Melbourne is waiting

The Lions International Convention is happening June 21-25, 2024. Celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos in one of the most unique and exciting travel destinations in the world — beautiful Melbourne, Australia!



District Convention, Casino

1-3 Nov 2024

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Welcome to Casino nestled in the beautiful Richmond Valley.

Casino is located on the Richmond River.

It has a large number of interesting historic buildings, particularly in Walker and Barker Streets, which range from Victorian times through to the Art Deco era of the 1930s.

Today Casino calls itself **'The Beef Capital'**.

With a population of around 12,000 it is a thriving rural center that relies heavily on the region's cattle industry combined with the local timber industry.

To appreciate the scale of the local cattle industry the Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange is the largest saleyard in northern New South Wales.

Casino is the gateway to the Australian bush, with access to the [national parks](#) of the northern tablelands Granite Belt, via the Great Dividing Range to the west, where you'll find many of the region's wilderness retreats.

This is the country beyond the coast, and some say, "the Real Australia".



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LIONS CLUB EDITION

JANUARY 2024

Monthly Wrap Up

Our resilience and dedication...

A message from our CEO...

Firstly, we would like to wish all our Lions Clubs and their members a Happy and prosperous 2024! We look forward to providing you some exciting new about our facility throughout this new year...

However, our hearts do weigh heavy with the recent tragedy that befell us on the 25th of December when a tornado struck, affecting parts of the Gold Coast, including Lions Haven.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to those who may have suffered personal losses or hardships.

In the face of this adversity, the resilience and strength exhibited by our team was truly heartening. Our team went above and beyond to support our residents during our outage that left our facility without power for 3 days. We rallied as a family does to ensure our residents were safe and comfortable throughout this period and the aftermath.

Together, we thrived and emerged stronger from this unfortunate incident. To our team, our residents and their loved ones, your strength and solidarity inspire us. This resilience and dedication are a testament to what we have built here at Lions Haven.

thank you



Exciting news from our cafe!

We're thrilled to announce that starting last month, we are extending our operating hours to include Saturdays, providing our residents and their loved ones with an additional day to enjoy our delightful offerings. But that's not all – we've expanded our services to make life even more convenient for our residents. Now, they can stock up on essentials right here at the cafe, as we've introduced a selection of basic items including cereal, biscuits, and mints for purchase. These additions aim to make life a little easier for those who may not have the opportunity to go out and about as much.



Who needs Santa for Christmas?

On Christmas day, our beloved pet therapy dog, Trixie, brought joy and comfort to our residents with her heartwarming presence. A massive shout-out to our dedicated volunteer, Kate, for orchestrating this

heartwarming visit and making the holiday season extra special for our community. Trixie's wagging tail and gentle demeanor created moments of happiness and connection, truly embodying the spirit of love and compassion that defines the festive season at our home.





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The new year brings new things to our MSU!

In an exciting endeavor to enhance the quality of life for our residents, the Memory Support Unit (C House) is undergoing a comprehensive revitalization in 2024. Following the presentation of inspiring design concepts by a team of skilled designers late last year, we are thrilled to embark on this transformative journey.

These changes will not only lead to a visually appealing space but also aim to create an environment that caters to the unique needs of our residents. The focus is on fostering interactivity and ensuring a vibrant atmosphere that promotes overall well-being.

To materialize this vision, we are currently in the process of applying for a grant to assist with the necessary renovations and improvements. With the necessary renovations and improvements.



One of our beautiful residents enjoying our MSU herb garden.

Securing the grant will enable us to implement the proposed design elements, turning the Memory Support Unit into a more engaging and comfortable space for our residents.

However, we understand that the journey to realizing this vision requires community support. Therefore, we extend an invitation to all those who share our commitment to enhancing the lives of our residents. If you would like to contribute to this meaningful project, we welcome monetary donations. Your generosity will play a crucial role in making this revitalization a reality. For those interested in supporting our cause, please reach out to our reception.

Come and Join Us!

We could always use to support of our Lions Club members. We are looking for volunteers to help with lifestyle activities, assistance with functions and help with our onsite cafe. If you are interested please contact us at enquiries@lionshaven.com.au or call us on 07 5530 8966

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to start your
journey with us!**



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