

# John's Jottings



## LIONS: A Positive Force for Good

District 201 Q1 Newsletter

May 2010 – Issue 11

### District Governor John's Column.....

**Hello again!** Lion Julie and I are looking forward to participating in the Multiple District Meetings prior to the Multiple District Convention just a few short days from now, and after having been involved in the Youth of the Year Finals in Townsville, just two week ago, and visiting some more Clubs in between, we haven't seen much of home. But that's OK, it's all been good!

With just two months to go to the end of my tenure as District Governor for 201 Q1, it still gives me time to be able to complete my visits with our Lions and Leo Clubs. Our visits to the 79 Lions Clubs around our District has been very rewarding, finding that most Clubs have their own way of running things, some more formal than others, but nonetheless all very successful in their own way.

Membership keeps continuing to grow, and it has been a great pleasure to be able to induct as many as six new Lions in the past week or so and eight new Leos at Robina!

The big news is that we'll be chartering two new clubs very soon, due to the hard working District Governor Elect Lesley Lyons and her MERL team along with the Guiding Lions and sponsoring Clubs. To all of you, thank you and congratulations. The applications for the charters have been received by International. Further details for the Charter Nights will be announced soon.

Another highlight of my year is the formation of another Leo Club. More information to come about it, later.

### Youth Of The Year:

Representing 201Q1 and sponsored by the Lions Club of Southport Inc, Pamela Fredric from A. B. Patterson College, Gold Coast was successful in winning the Youth of the Year Quest for the Queensland Districts. Pamela will now go to Mildura to represent Queensland and our own Q1 District in the Multiple District Final of the Youth of the Year. See the report submitted by the YOTY Chairman Jenny Maguire, in this Newsletter.

At the dinner for the YOTY contestants, we were honoured to be able to sit with Mr. and Mrs. Fredric and their family, who were so impressed by the well organized and competitive nature of the other contestants.

Mr. Fredric asked me about "Lions" and I couldn't resist the temptation to explain about the start of Lions in 1917 up to the present.

He never realized it was such a professional organization, and at this time I took the opportunity to invite him to come along and join with us sometime. The Fredric Family has now postponed a planned holiday, to attend convention with their daughter.

On the Friday Night the Castle Hill Lions Club hosted a BBQ get-together, with the YOTY contestants and their parents – a very enjoyable evening and a big thank you to all those hardworking Lions who made the whole weekend memorable, especially our hosts Q2 DG John and Lion Shirley Muller.



*Townsville YOTY visitors include DG from 201 Q2, John Muller; Q3 DGE Beverley Bates; Q4's Helen Schellbach and Lion Trevor; Q1 DG John Lynch and Lion Julie; Q3 DG Heather Short – at the Castle Hill lookout.*

My message, from the International President Eberhard Wirfs, when I attend the Clubs, is – "Lions of the world, let's learn to play the same tune and work together in harmony, To Move and To Grow". Hoping that we can all learn from his message, and get along and get on with the work to be done, every Lion is two extra hands.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in Mildura and at the International Convention in Sydney....

*See you soon...*

*Lion John Lynch*

District Governor 2009-2010

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## **Where Will District Governor John Be?**

26 – 29 April	Multiple District Council Meeting – Mildura
30 April – 3 May	Multiple District Convention – Mildura
11 May	Club Visit – Nerang Highland Park
25 May	Club Visit – Rochedale Springwood
4 June	Charter Night – Coomera Lions
5 June	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Beaudesert
8 June	Club Visit – Capalaba also Changeover Dinner
28 June – 2 July	International Convention – Sydney



## ***The Secretary's Sentiments***

District Governor John Lynch and Lion Julie warmly welcome to our District, the thirty (37) New Lions who joined their respective Clubs in March 2010. John and Julie particularly welcome the 20 New Lions from the newly chartered Lions Club of Coomera.

### **Apple Mac Users of Qld**

Jason Shepherd

### **Bonalbo Upper Clarence**

Douglas Marks

### **Cabarita Beach and Pottsville Beach**

Perry Pappas

### **Coolangatta & Tweed Heads**

Barry Hawkes – Lee Kennedy – Rob Kennedy –

Sally Overton – Barbara Weston – Ronald Yock

### **Coomera (New Club)**

Colin Bridge – Anne Brummage – John Bucknall –

David Cane – Julie Chatwood – Michael Chatwood –

Lara Colley – Shabeen Copson – Virginia George –

Karen Gitsham – Tony Gordon – Raelene Hardy –

Sean Hardy – Lauren Howells – Harman Jolly –

Samriti Jolly – Greg Kirk – Lisa Mills –

Christine Paxinos – Romecca Sawers

### **Greater Mount Gravatt Mansfield**

Andrew Neighbour – Peter Rose – Venita Specis

### **Lismore**

Robyn Cullen

### **Mid-Richmond River**

John Sykes

### **Nerang Highland Park**

Ann Farmer

### **Palm Beach Currumbin**

David Coutts

### **Stanthorpe**

Mark Carter – Malcolm Howard – Ewan Young

The District Membership at 25 April 2010 is 1,905, an increase of 23 members since the start of the year.

## **Lions Club of Coomera:**

A new Lions Club has been formed in the Coomera area of Gold Coast City. The Club will be known as the Lions Club of Coomera.

The Office Bearers are:

President: David Cane – 0438 852 789

Secretary: Karen Gitsham – 0402 595 691

Treasurer: Julie Chatwood – 0438 792 378

Postal Address: PO Box 897, Oxenford, Qld, 4210

Email: secretary@coomerallions.org

The Charter Dinner for the Lions Club of Coomera is being held on Friday, 4 June 2010 at The Links Hope Island Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. \$35 each.

An Invitation will be emailed to all Clubs in the near future.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Lions Club of Beaudesert:**

The Lions Club of Beaudesert will celebrate 50 years of Lionism at a function at the Beaudesert Golf Club on Saturday, 5 June 2010. This evening will also be the Club's Annual Changeover of Office Bearers. The cost is \$30 per person.

An invitation has been emailed to all Clubs in District 201 Q1.

This is a night not to be missed. Numbers are limited so please register early.

## **Multiple District Conventions**

The 2010 Multiple District Convention is being held in Mildura, Victoria from, Friday, 30 April to Monday, 3 May 2010.

Forty (40) Lions and Lions Partners from 21 Clubs have registered to attend. This is half the District representation in Melbourne in 2009 and is the poorest representation at a Multiple District Convention from this District for a very long time.

## **Incoming Club Officer Training Schools:**

The dates for the Incoming Club Officer Training Schools are as follows:

**Region 6** – Sunday, 23 May 2010

Macintyre Centre, Inglewood

**Regions 3, 4 and 5** – Saturday, 5 June 2010

Glenford Centre, Johnson Road, Browns Plains

**Regions 1 and 2** – Sunday, 6 June 2010

Coolangatta State School, Stapylton Street, Kirra

The Incoming Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman are required to attend. Even if you are in a position that you have occupied before, you should still attend. Processes and procedures do change and you need to keep up-to-date.

'till next month.



*Lion Bevan Faulkner*

Cabinet Secretary

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The following are the details for the **Incoming Club Officer Training Seminars for the 2010-2011 Lions Year.**

It is most important for the efficient administration of your Club that the **Incoming Club Officers** for the 2010-2011 Lions Year (**President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Membership and/or Club Retention Chairmen**) should all attend.

In addition, **Vice Presidents** and **Leo Club Advisors** are most welcome to attend. Indeed, they are encouraged to do so, as are any other members of your Club.

**All the Training Seminars will commence at 8.15am for an 8.45am start** and should conclude about 12.30pm.

The **Region** which your Club is in is listed in the **Multiple District Directory** under **District 201 Q1.**

**REGION 6**

**SUNDAY, 23 MAY 2010** – Advise **Cab Sec Des** by **7<sup>th</sup> May** numbers attending.

*Host Club: Inglewood*

*Venue: Macintyre Centre, Inglewood*

*Cost: \$12.00 per person (includes Lunch)*

**REGIONS 3, 4 & 5**

**SATURDAY, 5-JUNE 2010** – Advise **Cab Sec Des** by **21 May** numbers attending.

*Host Club: Logan West*

*Venue: Glenford Centre, 40-44 Johnson Road, Browns Plains*

*Cost: \$5.00 per person*

**REGIONS 1 & 2**

**SUNDAY, 6 JUNE 2010** – Advise **Cab Sec Des** by **21 May** numbers attending.

*Host Club: Coolangatta and Tweed Heads*

*Venue: Coolangatta State School, Stapylton Street, Kirra*

*Cost: \$5.00 per person*

There will be **no “partner’s functions” arranged** for any of the Incoming Club Officer’s Training Seminars.

For the **Training Seminars in Regions 1 and 2 and Regions 3, 4 and 5**, the Host Club will be providing early tea/coffee and morning tea. This will incur **a charge of \$5.00 per person** attending which is payable on the day.

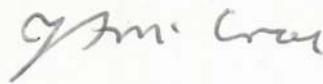
For the **Training Seminars in Region 6**, the Host Club will be providing early tea/coffee, morning tea and lunch. This will incur **a charge of \$12.00 per person** attending, which is payable on the day.

To assist the Host Clubs with the catering arrangements, would all Club Presidents **please advise CABINET SECRETARY DESIGNATE JOHN MCCRAE** by the date specified above, the **Training Seminar your Club Officers** will be attending, along with the **names of those members who will be attending from your Club.**

If you or any other incoming officers of your Club are unable to attend the Training Seminar listed for your **Club’s Region**, please make every endeavour to attend one of the other listed Training Seminars.

**Accommodation requirements are the responsibility of the individual attendees.**

Yours in Lionism



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**District 201Q1**

A number of Clubs have been raising funds for the Haiti earthquake victims. Southern Cross K-12 School raised \$1,383 from several BBQ projects which they donated to the Lions Haiti and Chile Earthquake Relief.

Monthly Reports are slowing down again and it is unfortunate that Assistant District Leo Advisor Olivia has to chase Clubs for these. The reports need to be in her or my hands by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month you are reporting on. In the case of June’s report I ask Advisors to ensure their Leos have these in by the second week in July so that the Leo Club of the Year may be judged.

The State Leo Conference, cancelled in March because of the cyclone is now to go ahead from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July. The Conference will be at Kamp Kanga Proserpine as originally planned. All Leo Clubs should receive advices direct from the State Leo Council shortly.

By the time this article comes to print we will know if our District and State Leo of the Year Melanie Loomes has been successful in the National Competition to be held at the MD Convention in Mildura. We wish her every success.

All Queensland Advisors are asked to consider nominating a Leo in this Year’s Queensland Youth Alliance Awards. As stated previously this is a most prestigious award, presented by the State Governor at Government House. I have had very few requests for entry forms from the Clubs and my comments in last month’s article seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

This year the incoming Cabinet Secretary had to chase few Clubs for the submission of PU101 forms. I thank the Advisors for following through on these and ensuring that the forms were returned to PDG John by the required date.

Advices have now gone out to all Advisors about the District Leo of the Year Competition to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The information has gone out early to ensure that Leos have enough time to complete their entry forms as well as prepare for the competition. Early advices will also ensure that Advisors have time to continually encourage their Leo's to enter.

Regrettably I announce the Closure of Lourdes Hill College Leo Club after 18 years. I remember setting up this Club in 1992 with the late Lion Mary-Ann Hanley as the Leo Advisor. This has been a wonderful Club over the years with its members winning a number of District Leo of the Year Competitions and Queensland Youth Alliance Awards. Unfortunately a change in Principal and a new Deputy Principal with new ideas and an unwillingness to engage us in conversation has seen the closure of the Club at their request.

On the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May, the Charter presentation for the new Leo Club at St. Augustine's College, Springfield will take place. I am looking forward to this occasion and will report fully on it in my next report.

John Wearne  
District Leo Club Coordinator.



"Ah, nostalgia ain't what it used to be..."

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB TWINNING.**

It would be appreciated if all Lions Clubs participating in Twinning relationships with overseas countries take note and consider the following;

1. Any Lions Club who is planning a Twinning relationship advise me of their intentions so that I can offer any help necessary, and keep my records up to date.
2. Any Lions Club which has had a Twinning relationship with a Club overseas which is no longer operating please advise me for record purposes.
3. I once again draw attention establishing a Twinning relationship with Lions Clubs in Multiple District 201. There are many interesting places for such a relationship particularly in Districts 201C1 and 201C2, 201W1 and 201W2 and 201 T1. Contact numbers are available in the Multiple District Directory.

*Ian Manwaring, District Chairman*

## ***Spreading Peace and International Understanding***



### **"VISION OF PEACE**

" is the theme of the **2010-11** Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organised youth groups. Students ages 11 -13 on November 15<sup>th</sup> are eligible to participate. Through the contest students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

A kit must be purchased for each contest and must be sponsored by a Lions Club. **Lions Clubs may purchase a contest kit from Club Supplies at Newcastle Office NOW.**

### ***Judging***

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Posters advance through several judging levels; local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

### ***Awards***

One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring Club president and two family members to Lions with United Nations day in New York City where the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US\$2,500. Each of the merit award winners receives a certificate of achievement and US\$500.



### ***FROM THE ENVIRONMENT CORNER***

On **5 June** we celebrate World Environment Day – WED2010 – this year's theme being "*many species ONE PLANET one future*". This year, you, your family and friends and workmates, your Lions Club collectively can join the worldwide celebration of positive action for the environment.

We can all do our part to protect the planet by **USING LESS** and **ACTING MORE**. Going green is not as difficult as you might think and it is the little things that we can all do each day that will combine to make a real difference.

**PLANT A TREE!!** Find needy homes or charitable organizations for things that you no longer need or want rather than throwing it away.

On a daily basis simple ways like not letting the tap run while shaving, washing your face, or brushing your teeth. Using an electric razor or hand razor with replaceable blades instead of disposable razors goes a

long way to cutting back on waste. And plant a tree! Don't go anywhere without your cloth bag so you can just say no to plastic whenever you shop. And plant a tree !!

Leave a cup and reusable bottle for water at work to eliminate buying drinks, which get served in plastic cups, or bottled water. 80% of plastic bottles are recyclable but only 20% are actually recycled. When you need a pad for lists and messages, turn over an old document and write on the back of that instead.

When you wash, use only eco-friendly products in your home. It's best for you and the environment! And did I mention *plant a tree!*

And speaking of planting trees, in 2010 National Tree Day will be held on **Sunday, 1 August** with **Schools Tree Day on Friday, 30 July**. Why don't you get your Club to put those dates in your diary/calendar now, approach your local council for some plants/trees and then contact a local school and get involved with them for **Schools Tree Day**. at home – it would seem to go without saying, but many of us forget that we can save water in

Happy planting .. till next month

*Julie Holden*

District Environment Chairperson.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



SUPPORTING THE CANCER  
COUNCIL QLD.  
HOSTED BY THE  
**LIONS CLUB OF BRISBANE**  
CAMP HILL-CARINDALE  
Morning Tea

*Fashion Parade by "Fashions On Mayfield"*

190 Beaudesert Rd. Moorooka

Raffles, Lucky Door Prize

GUEST SPEAKER

PROFESSOR IAN FRAZER

**COST:** \$20.00 PER PERSON (Prepayment Essential)

**WHERE:** BELMONT SERVICES BOWLS CLUB,  
Narracott St., Carina.

**WHEN:** 10 AM - THURSDAY 20th MAY 2010

**RSVP** by 13/05/2010:

Mary Phillips: 3398 8927, 0417 744 163

Marianne Gayton: 0414 994 576

## A DATE CLAIMER (a big one)

### Lions Club of Beaudesert

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
and Annual Changeover Dinner

To be held at *Beaudesert Golf Club*

**Saturday, 5th June, 2010**

6:15 pm for 7:00 pm

Cost: \$30/head

Payment by 21st May to:

Lions Club of Beaudesert

PO Box 86, BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

Please get in early as numbers are limited

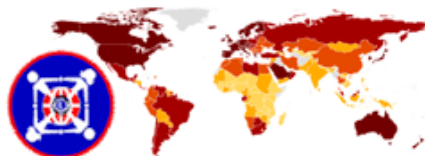
### Enquiries:

Eddie Atherton 5543 1226

Henry Pellinkhof 5541 4130

or 0409 464 258

## LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE



## WE NEED HOST FAMILIES

### IS YOUR CLUB GOING TO HOST A STUDENT THIS YEAR?

We are looking for host families for youth arriving in Australia at the beginning of July 2010.

Hosting periods vary from one to three weeks in July/August.

Please talk to your Club Youth Exchange Chairman, Lion Andrew McDougall, and complete a **HOST FAMILY APPLICATION FORM** soon.

**OUTGOING?** Application Deadline is 30 June 2010



Denmark Finland Norway Sweden

- Choose from **DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY** or **SWEDEN**
- **OR Enjoy THREE WEEKS** in **TWO COUNTRIES**
- Experience a **White Christmas**
- See **Reindeer** and experience a famous **Sauna** in Finland

**Scandinavia is surely the world's best kept secret – you have to see it to really appreciate this unique experience.**

Your Scandinavian adventure begins when you travel to your Australian International Departure city where you will meet your chaperone(s) and the other Lions Youth Exchange participants going to the UK and Scandinavia. You will receive your last minute travel documents, and some last minute information at a pre-departure seminar. Then it's free time to allow you to

begin bonding with your travelling companions to prepare for the long flight to London.

Your chaperone(s) will assist you to check your baggage and receive seat allocation (if necessary) and then off for some last minute duty free shopping before you board your international flight to your first port of call, London.

On arrival you say goodbye to your travelling companions and your chaperones and either meet your host family for your stay in the U.K, or board your aircraft for your first country of exchange, Denmark, Finland, Norway or Sweden, where your first host family or a Lions Club representative will meet you.

The exchange is for approximately 6 weeks during the Australian School Holidays departing end November and returning mid January. Six weeks of exciting new experiences in a new country, living with host families sharing their everyday lives and learning a new culture. You can expect to have at least two host families spanning three weeks each, or in some cases more host families for a shorter time with each.

All host families undergo rigorous security checks and you can be assured you will be in safe hands. Most Host families are also Lions Club members.

While with the first host family experience the excitement and magic of a different Christmas - most probably a "White Christmas". Christmas in Scandinavia is really special – traditional food, a real Christmas tree, lots of snow, everything you expected a "White Christmas" would be.

Changeovers of host countries usually occur just after Christmas and enjoy the New Year celebrations in a new country. In between, experience the different lifestyles of your chosen country. Lions Youth Exchange is a **CULTURAL EXCHANGE** not a TOURIST trip and you will not attend school on a regular basis.

At the end of your visit you will make your way back to London where you will meet up with the other Exchangees with whom you flew from Australia and your return chaperones. The chaperones will take you to your London hotel where you will settle in for a stopover taking in many of London's famous historical sites including maybe Windsor Castle, Madame Tussaud's Waxworks, and the Tower of London with plenty of free time for shopping and maybe a West London famous stage show.

You need to nominate through your local Lions Club to apply for the Lions Youth Exchange Program. If you are unable to make contact with the local Lions Club you will need to contact the Lions Youth Exchange Program Chairman to establish a contact. Applications for Youth Exchange must be made through your local Lions Club and be received by the 30th June with a \$500 **non-refundable** deposit. An earlier application will ensure that your choice of country will gain preference. The Program Cost includes almost everything including Pre-departure accommodation in Sydney and associated seminars, return International Air Fares, Airport Taxes, Visa if required.

Travel/Medical Insurance, All internal travel within the host country, Administration costs, stopover in London on return trip including hotels, transfers, fun parks, sightseeing, Lions Backpack, name badge, and Lions Youth Exchange Trading Pins. All Lions Youth Exchangees are required to wear the Youth Exchange uniform which includes a navy and green Lions Youth Exchange Polo Shirt and a Youth Exchange Polar Fleece top, smart jeans or Navy slacks, Black shoes. Excellent and thorough supply of information is available through Lions Youth Exchange Program Chairmen, Lions Youth Exchange District Chairman and the local Lions Club. All applicants attend a daylong District seminar and a pre-departure seminar. Departs early December. Returns mid January. Approximate cost \$5,300.

For further information contact MD 201 Lions Youth Exchange Program Chairman.



Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.



### AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDREN'S MOBILITY FOUNDATION



I would like to thank all the Clubs in District Q1 for their help over the last few years as I will not be the District Chairman next year but will continue to be the Queensland Trustee. I hope you will all continue to support the Mobility Foundation in its endeavours to help Children to obtain their independence and walk to the best of their ability with whatever walker they need. Sponsorship of children in need will never stop because there will always be someone who needs help to walk unaided and that is what the Foundation is there for.

The Mission of the Foundation is " To fund mobility devices for children with disabilities, giving these children a chance to walk".

Here are a few statistics for you over the last twelve months. In this District alone, there have been two Hart Walkers funded, two Pacer Gait Trainers, one Pony Walker, one Crocodile Walker. At present I am trying to find funds for two Pacer Gait Trainers for children in the Tanah Merah and Marsden areas. **If your club can help please contact me for further information.**

Over the past five to seven years since I took over as Trustee, in this District alone there has been numerous Walkers funded, eight Hart Walkers, one Meywalker, one Gator Walker, one Easy Walker, two Yogi Walkers, twelve Kaye Walkers, two Mulholland Walkers, two Pony Walkers, three Pacer Gait Trainers, one Mini Walker, one Crocodile Walker, one Nimbo Walker, one Flux Walker.

There have been nearly one hundred Hart Walkers funded in Queensland since the Foundation started in

1999, after it became a Multiple District Project at the Brisbane MD Convention. As you can see by the list above we do not only fund Hart Walkers but there are many other types of walkers to be found, too many to list.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MOBILITY FOUNDATION AS ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO WALK ALONE.

“May every child walk with Pride because it is their right”.

I am still available to visit clubs as a Guest Speaker should you wish to hear further about the Foundation. Please continue to save up your used stamps and send them to the Lions Stamp Club, details in the MD Directory. The Foundation also has awards that may be presented to Members or others who have helped Clubs, these range from \$500 to \$10,000 please contact me for further details

Once again thank you for your assistance over the last five years as District Chairman and I look forward to catching up with you sometime in the future.

Yours in Lionism

Christine Forrest  
District Chairman Q1 Queensland Trustee  
Australian Lions Children’s Mobility Foundation

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## **OPERATION FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMME 2010**

District 201Q1 will again host two international visiting Lions couples as guests of the District during October / November 2010. Both couples are from District 106B, Denmark and will spend four weeks in this District during which time they will attend and address the District Convention at Goondiwindi. Both couples will arrive at Coolangatta Airport on Saturday 9 October.

Lion Hanne and husband Neils Hansen are from the town of Dronninglund, in the northern province of Denmark where Hanne is a Charter Member of the Lions club of Dronninglund-Ingeborg-Speel, a ladies Club. Both have now retired having conducted a business in the town. This couple will be hosted by Lions families at Palm Beach-Currumbin, Casino, Robina, Warwick, and Rochedale-Springwood.

Lion Kis Flindt and partner Hendrik Baasch are from the city of Aalborg, the third largest city in Denmark with a population of 160,000. Kis is a member of the Lions Club of Gug in Aalborg. They own a computer software company. This couple will be hosted by Lions families at Coolangatta-Tweed Heads, Brunswick-Mullumbimby, Beaudesert, Stanthorpe, and Brisbane Macgregor.

Lion Heather Veltmeyer from the Lions Club of Robina and husband John, and Lion Colin Griffiths and Lions Lady Peggy from the Lions Club of Kyogle are presently in Denmark, representing our District and will attend and address the District 106B, Convention. Both couples flew to Copenhagen and then to Aalborg

to meet their host families. We look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return.

**Ian Manwaring, District Chairman**

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## **Lions Information**

by PDG Bill Hendy  
District Historian

### **A UNIQUE EVENT**

Nineteen years ago, the 74<sup>th</sup> Lions Club International Convention was held in Brisbane over four days in mid-June, 1991. It was the first time an International Convention had been held in the Lions Southern Pacific geographical area and at this time it is still the only one.

The winning bid to host the Convention was awarded to the Brisbane City Council in March 1986. The Lions Host Committee was formed four years before the event with PID Stan Dawson as Chairman and PDG Brian McGrath as Deputy Chairman. The Host Committee included PDG Ken Scells. This was just one of 30 committees which comprised the organizational structure of the forthcoming event.

The official business of the convention, plenary sessions and voting was held at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre at Boondall. Registrants at the opening session were greeted by the Queensland Premier Wayne Goss and the recently elected Lord Mayor Jim Soorley. The former Lord Mayor, Sallyanne Atkinson, who had played a prominent part in the organization of the Convention, was a special guest at Host Committee functions.

The Convention Parade on the Tuesday attracted a crowd of 100,000 spectators to central Brisbane and halted the city for four hours. The costumes of many nations were a colourful feature of the parade. On the Wednesday, the Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke, addressed the Convention and his speech targeted International Relations and the promotion of global goodwill.

The International President for 1990 – 91 was William L “Bill” Biggs and at Friday’s closing session the 1991 – 92 President Donald E Banker from California was inducted. The International Director for our area at that time was Durban L Ardjo from Indonesia, another first.

The days were mild and sunny and more than 30,000 Lions and their families flocked to Brisbane. It was an outstanding success.

(The majority of the information for this article has been taken from “Fifty Years of Lions in Australia”.)

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## **A Successful Membership Project**

The **Lions Club of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads** recently completed a successful Membership Project which resulted in six (6) new Lions being inducted into

the Club. This was preceded by a survey of local people and two information nights conducted by Past District Governor Tony Cornell.

The Lions Club was formed in 1952, being the seventh Lions Club formed in Australia. The Club has a proud record of service to the local community over 58 years. This included involvement in the building of the Coolangatta Senior Citizens Centre, the Home and Community Centre at South Tweed Heads, initiating the Captain Cook Memorial Lighthouse at Point Danger and the establishment of the Tweed Heads Maritime Museum.




We welcome our Club's newest Lions: Barry Hawkes, Casy Ramsay, Lee Kennedy, Rob Kennedy, Barbara Weston and Ron Yock.



## Youth of the Year

### NEWS

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### YOTY "QLD" State Final.

Approx 123 Lions, Family & Friends from all over Queensland were in attendance for the witnessing of this years Youth of the Year State Final, held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Mecure Inn in Townsville.

The host Club of Townsville Ross Valley arranged a great evening that went off very smoothly to see four extremely talented contestants from each of the four "Q" Districts compete in an absolutely fantastic close Final. All four contestants did a great job on the evening and definitely showed why they were the "best of the best" and had made it through to the State Final.

It is with great pleasure that we can advise that **Pamela Fredric** from **A.B. Patterson College** (representing Lions Club Southport) did our District very well, and was announced as the QLD State Winner. Pamela will now proceed to the MD Convention to participate in the National Youth of the Year Final, to be held in early May (probably as you are reading this article). All our best wishes Pamela, we know you will do well but either way you have done us proud!!



Q1 District Representative - Pamela Fredric from A.B.Patterson College - representing Lions Club Southport - after being announced as the Q State Winner.



DG John Lynch, Dist Chair Jenny Maguire, Q1 District Entrant /Q State Winner Pamela Fredric, Lion Julie Lynch

### Finally ...

Believe it or not, now is the time to start thinking about next year's Youth of the Year Quest.

Yes, now is the time to start "planting the seed of Youth of the Year" with the schools and to try to get as many of them involved as possible, so that more students can gain the knowledge & skills from participating in the Quest.

Club Registration forms will soon be sent out to all Clubs – watch out for these forms in your Club's mail.

*Lions : Please do not phone me for these form early, as they will be sent out to all Clubs once they are ready.*

Many thanks

**Jenny Maguire**  
District YOTY Chairman

## LCIF Contribution from the Chinese Community

*The Chinese community in Brisbane has been active in fund raising for natural disasters in the past years – tsunami in 2005, Innisfail flood in 2006, Sichuan earthquake in 2008, and Victorian Bush Fires & North Queensland Flood in 2009. All of the funds raised were donated to Red Cross, World Vision and Queensland Premier Disaster fund etc. This year the community was once again gathered together to raise fund for the Haiti Earthquake victim. An opportunity arose that I suggested and was accepted by the organizing committee that part of the fund raised be directed to LCIF specific for Haiti use. The draw card was that 100% fund raised would be direct to Haiti need. Some 300 guest attended a fund raising dinner function on 12 February and a total of \$24k was collected - \$10k each was donated to LCIF and Red Cross and \$4k to the Queensland Premier Disaster fund. A presentation to the Premier was made on 1 April at the Queensland Government Executive Building and our DGE Lesley Lyons represented LCIF to collect the donation cheque.*



DGE Lesley received \$10 000 donation to LCIF for Haiti Earthquake Appeal from the Chinese Community together with the Premier Anna Bligh and the organizing committee on 1 April 2010

**China Earthquake**

Another 6.9 earthquake struck China Qinghai Province on 14 April killing at least 1,700 and injuring thousands. LCIF had already awarded US\$50k in emergency grants to assist Lions in the relief efforts. Any Clubs wishing to assist this disaster please send cheques made payable to "LCI/LCIF China Earthquakes 2010 Relief Fund" to Cabinet Treasurer. Once again be mindful that any specific LCIF donation cannot be used toward MJF/PMJF awards, unless the donation is directed to general fund.

**PDG Peter Ho**  
LCIF Chair 2009-2011

**THE LIONS CLUB of PALM BEACH-CURRUMBIN**

has continued to attract quality guest speakers to its regular dinner meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Palm Beach sports club on Salk Oval in Throwers Drive.

**President Don McHenry** said, "Our club, unlike many service clubs, who struggle to survive, is booming with 5 new members inducted in recent weeks and there are more awaiting their induction ceremonies.

It is not only because we are one of the oldest Lions clubs in the District and are now approaching our 54th year of community service, but we acknowledge that our choice of quality, interesting guest speakers at all our meetings encourages constant attendance by members and their guests.

At a recent packed dinner meeting Guests and Members sat enthralled when **Mr Earl Morris** arrived to explain his back ground in Body Guard work and USA army service career including Special Services, which has given him a very interesting life experience in the complex life protection business.

Having worked as a bodyguard to notables such as Kevin Costner, Clint Eastwood and advising large companies such as Nike, Tiffany & Co, Cisco Systems Inc., on security and threat assessments, he married a Irish Lass, Julie and moved to Australia 8 years ago

and is raising their 2 children "In the best and safest Country" according to Earl.

Earl is finishing a powerful book on how to read the behaviour of those who prey on children and is the Managing Director of **Life-Force One International**, a threat consulting management Company that advises public figures, corporations, government agencies, Police, Universities and at risk Individuals.

His second Company is **Protecting My child**, a non profit organisation which educates and empowers parents/guardians and their children in the prevention of child victimization.

**A Lions Fundraising Project**

**Barefoot Bowls**

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**When:** 12.30pm for 1pm Start 16 May 2010

**Where:** Wellington Point Bowls Club (Redlands Sporting Club) Anson Rd Wellington Point

**RSVP:** 10 May 2010

**lionsrsvp@me.com (07) 3391 3159**

**Barefoot Bowls**

**Apple-MAQ Lions Club** is holding a fundraising event for local and overseas aid.

**Lions Club of Moreton Bay Inc.**

**Antique and Collectables Fair**

**Opening night**

**Friday, 4th of June 2010** 6.00pm – 9.00pm

**Admission:** \$10.00 per person, includes Light refreshments

All items on the Floor are for Sale

**Saturday, 5th of June 2010** 8.00am – 4.00pm

**Sunday, 6th of June 2010** 9.30am – 2.30pm

**Admission:** Adults \$5.00

Aged Pensioners and Children over 12 – \$3.00

Children under 12 – Free (if accompanied by an Adult)

Quality China, Furniture, Chandeliers, Vintage Clothes, Militaria, Toys, Music & Film Memorabilia, Clocks, Lamps  
Wondall Heights State School Hall, Wondall Road, Wynnum West, Qld

**Coomera Lions - Charter Night**

**Date:** Friday, 4th June 2010

**Time:** 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start

**Venue:** The Links Hope Island Golf Course Hope Island Road, Hope Island

**Cost:** \$35 @ head [secretary@coomerallions.org](mailto:secretary@coomerallions.org)

**RSVP:** Payment in full (Bank or Money Order) prior to Friday, 28th May 2010 Coomera Lions Club, PO BOX 897, Oxenford Q 4210

**Dress Code:** Business suit / After Five  
Karen Gitsham (Secretary) Coomera Lions Club  
P O BOX 897, OXFENFORD QLD 4210

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