

# ***Lorraine's Letter***



## **We are the World**

Whenever a Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - with unmatched integrity and energy. Our 46,000 Clubs and 1.35 million members make us the world's largest service Club organization.

**District 201 Q1 Newsletter**

**November 2011 – Issue 5**

## ***Lorraine's Letter***

Well what a Month. The District Convention is now but a memory, and for me it holds many wonderful memories. 64 Clubs were in attendance, with 301 attendees. I hope that you all enjoyed the weekend and like me you recharged your lions knowledge, had fun and fellowship, enjoyed the food and entertainment. To my Club, Rochedale Springwood, I say thank you and congratulations on a fantastic Convention.

The election of the officers for Year 2012/2013 is District Governor Merv Ferguson, 1st Vice District Governor Ross Gibbins and 2nd Vice District Governor Kent Wilcox. The District Convention for 2013 is Brisbane Chinese and Sunnybank Clubs. Congratulations to you all. To date PCC David and I have visited 44 Lions Clubs, 2 Lioness Clubs and 3 Leo Clubs, and I am in awe of all the work you do in your communities. Never let it be said that Lions is not alive in our District.

PCC David and I have also attended the Q3 and Q4 Conventions, which we found very interesting and great fun.

It is with regret that PDG Peter Dean has had to resign from the GLT Team due to returning to the workforce. We wish Peter well in the future, and know that we will see you at Lions Functions from time to time.

The approval has been given for Lion Graham Jackson from Lions Club of Tweed Coast South to take on the GLT Co-ordinator for the remainder of the three year term. Graham's details will be sent out by Cab Secretary Ray soon.

The Lions Club of Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach has now been formed with LCI and will charter on Sunday, 4 December. Please see the details for the Charters of Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach and Thornlands Pt Halloran. Congratulations to all Lions who have been involved in getting these Clubs up and running.

Our Youth Projects are moving along very well, with all Youth Chairman doing an outstanding job. The Peace Poster Competition has 190 Participants this year, a great effort. Many Clubs are getting behind the Children of Courage, and the first awards ceremony will be at Moreton Bay on 6 November. The Outward Bound, with the 2 for 1 deal, is showing great interest. We wish the Outward Youth Exchange fantastic times ahead as they leave early December. More contestants are joining the Medical Research Personality Quest, and the Leos are going ahead in 'leaps and bounds' as we welcome a new Leo Club on board in November.

Congratulations to District Leo Chairperson John Wearne and IPDG Lesley Lyons on receiving a Leo Club Extension Certificate which was sent to them from LCI for forming three new Leo

Clubs in 2010/2011. LCI have also awarded to District Leo Chairman John Wearne the TOP TEN LEO CLUB EXTENSION AWARD Lapel Pin in recognition of his work to become one of the ten Districts with the highest net growth of new Leo Clubs during 2010/2011. A FANTASTIC EFFORT JOHN.

It was wonderful to be at the Robina State High School when Leo Mark Marjonovic was awarded The Leo Award of Honour from Chairman John Wearne. This Leo award recognizes a Leo who has achieved outstanding accomplishments during the year and is nominated by their fellow Leos. CONGRATULATIONS MARK you truly deserve it.

The DG Excellence in Service Awards for this Month have been awarded to Stewart Proud - Helensvale, Annie Lecompte - Calamvale, Jeanine Buchanan - Greater Springfield, Jean McNeill - Runaway Bay, Sue Johnson - Brisbane Holland Park, Di McCrae - Rosewood, Maree Hotmeier - Tamborine Mountain, Leon Baldwin - Sunnybank, Colin and Pam LeLay - Brisbane Ekibin, Denise Goddard - Byron Bay. Congratulations you're all True Treasures for your Clubs and Communities.

*GO FORWARD BY NOT LOOKING BACK*  
See you soon

**Lorraine McKenzie**

*District Governor 2011-2012*

### From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary Ray Hall.....

Convention has come and gone and we fast approach Christmas and for a lot of Clubs it is a very busy time with raffles and Lions Christmas Cakes etc.



Every month we have a number of Clubs who do not submit a WMMR for the month and every month I make mention of that, I live in hope that one month this District will have all Clubs submit a return.

**As at the 28th October 2011, 36 Clubs have not submitted a WMMR for the Month of October.**

**We are having a number of Lions Magazines returned** because the address on record of the Lion is incorrect, would all Club Secretaries ensure that changes to members detail contained in the Clubs data base be checked and updated. The easy way to do this is to download a Club Roster from the WMMR program and circulate it around the members at a dinner meeting and then carry out adjustments if necessary.

**The next Cabinet Meeting** will be in Helensvale a one day Cabinet Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and the host Club will be the Lions Club of Helensvale. A reminder to all Cabinet Members that reports must reach me **by** the 11<sup>th</sup> November to be included in the mail out. **The membership for our District** as at the 27<sup>th</sup> October was 2051 with 91 Clubs. A total of 101 new members added and 86 members dropped so far in this Lions year 2011-2012. The number of Lions worldwide 1,374,872.

A new Club has been Chartered, Lions Club of Gold Coast Mermaid Broadbeach, bringing the number of Clubs to 92 but the above membership figures do not include the members of the new Club.

A reminder that the Multiple District Convention is being held in Perth on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and if you are planning to attend you should book your accommodation early.

### **Where will District Governor Lorraine McKenzie be?**

#### **Month of November 2011**

- 1<sup>st</sup> LC Brisbane Macgregor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LC Brisbane Hellenic
- 7<sup>th</sup> LC's Fassifern-Harrisville-Boonah
- 8<sup>th</sup> LC Algester Parkinson
- 9<sup>th</sup> LC Terranora Lakes
- 14<sup>th</sup> LC Brisbane Chinese
- 15<sup>th</sup> LC Burleigh Heads
- 16<sup>th</sup> LC Logan South East
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting Helensvale
- 21<sup>st</sup> LC Ballina East & Lennox Heads
- 22<sup>nd</sup> LC Ballina
- 23<sup>rd</sup> LC Casino
- 28<sup>th</sup> LC Coomera
- 29<sup>th</sup> LC Capalaba

#### **Month of December 2011**

- 1<sup>st</sup> LC Alstonville
- 5<sup>th</sup> LC Ormeau
- 6<sup>th</sup> LC Woodridge Kingston
- 7<sup>th</sup> LC Carrara
- 13<sup>th</sup> LC Canungra
- 14<sup>th</sup> LC Logan Ladies Business

**District Governor Lorraine and PCC David McKenzie would like to welcome the following new members to our organisation in the month of October.**

- LC Ballina East- Lion Shirley Green
- LC Brisbane Chinese Lions Rick Chiang, Frank Li & Ronnie Yap
- LC Brisbane Pinelands Lion Johanna Cooper
- LC Cabarita Beach & Pottsville Beach Lions James Fury & Kerrie Hankinson
- LC Calamvale Lion Joanne Rose
- LC Capalaba Lion Robert Dickinson
- LC Gold Cast Tallebudgera Lion Julianne Fogarty
- LC Helensvale Lion Susan Mitchell
- LC Kingscliff Lion Allan Lillyman
- LC Macleay Island Gaynor Mc Comb
- LC Murwillumbah Lion Melanie Hendriks
- LC Ormeau Lion Colleen Organ
- LC Redland Bay Victoria Point Lion Sheena Hewlett & Don Reed
- LC Stanthorpe Lion Trevor Wilmot
- LC Tamborine Mountain Lion David Mathews

*Ray Hall*

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**201Q1 DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> October 2011**  
**“TONS OF FUN IN 20 ONE ONE”**

**201Q1 District Lions Convention**

The Staff & Students plus the P & C of the Springwood High School must be congratulated on all their efforts to make this a successful & fun Convention for some 300 people.

We used the Catering, Audio/Lighting, Art department. The school made a DVD earlier for us to secure and promote this Convention. The School, local Businesses & the Logan City Council, all staff from the Principal down plus the students embraced this challenge .

The weather was kind to us at the right times and we had a successful Convention. What with the Southern Cross Choir, Shaun Dorney & the Logan Youth Music Exchange ,funny slides, good company, informative speakers & food cooked & served by the Youth of Springwood State High School we had "Tons of Fun in Twenty One One".

The three (3) paintings you saw at the school were the winners of the Wildlife Art Competition we ran at the school. These were painted by year 10 & 11 Students.

The entertainment at the entrance of Logan Entertainment Centre was the string section of the LYME orchestra and the Art was by the artist Greg Hawke who donated the painting of the Lion and was won by Russel White of the Mudgeeraba Lions Club and the Jewellery by Beryl Phippard was won by Peter Ho.

Anyone wanting to purchase Convention Pins - there are still a limited number left at a cost \$5 each. Please contact Chairman Ron Walton by email ([ronwalton@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:ronwalton@virginbroadband.com.au))

**If you want to view photos of the Convention** please go to the Rochedale Springwood Club web site and you can see the link to these photos.

Ron Walton  
Convention Chairman

**SPIKEY**

What happens when a drink is spiked? When a drink is spiked it means that alcohol or drugs (illicit or prescription) have been added to the drink without the persons knowledge or approval. Drink spiking is often done with sexual abuse in mind. The substance can be added to any drink including soft drinks, juice, water or alcohol. The practice is illegal and potentially deadly to the person whose drink is spiked. Warning... drink spiking can be fatal!

Spikey® - helps prevent drinks from being spiked in pubs, bars and at parties.

A brightly coloured plastic “use once only” stopper that glows in UV light so everyone can see that the drink has been protected.

Once inserted into the neck of a bottle Spikey® cannot be easily removed, creating a seal that helps stop pills and illicit substances (Rohypnol, GHB, more alcohol etc) being slipped into the drink. A hole in the top of the device is just big enough for a straw to pass through. Again the straw cannot be easily tampered with.

For more information follow this link <http://www.spikeyau.com/index.htm>



**We are the World**



“Sometimes all you need is a friend.”

Consoling during the Remembrance Ceremony at the District Convention.”

## LOCAL LIONS GET WHEELIE “ACTIVE AND HEALTHY”

Nerang Highland Park Lions are not only *really* active in their own Nerang community, we are also not frightened about getting *wheelie* involved in the projects that we support. Our Club sponsors a Lions team in the weekly social competition run by the Rollerblaze (awesome wheelchair basketball players), at Nerang PCYC. To gain a better understanding of how to get around in a wheelchair, Nerang-Highland Park Lions had previously played a game of wheelchair basketball against the Rollerblaze. But our Club is so impressed with the Rollerblaze that we wanted to get the word out about these amazing people.

To that end, Lions Nerang-Highland Park President, Kay Farmer, recently challenged the president of Ashmore Lions, Andrew Cramp, to a game of wheelchair basketball and the Ashmore Club took up the challenge – The President’s Cup Challenge Tournament was played at Nerang PCYC, Cayuga Street on Saturday October 8th.



**Lion Lynn chasing down the ball**

After a hard fought game, Nerang-Highland Park came out the winners with the only goal of the game scored by Samantha (YAY Sam!)

The President’s Cup Challenge was a fun day with a unique perpetual trophy presented to the winning Lions Club by Councillor Bob LaCastra. Olympic Gold Medal winner Adrian King presented the “Stack of the Day” trophy to the player who had the most spectacular “stack” – Gary from Ashmore.

The two Lions Clubs had the benefit of “imported players” drawn from local and Brisbane based players. It is hoped that the President’s Challenge will become an annual event with other Gold Coast Lions Clubs taking up the challenge to become “wheelie” involved.



**Adrian presenting Gary with ‘Stack of the Day’ trophy**

“Wheelchair basketball is a great sport which can be played by everyone – you don’t have to be a wheelchair user to have a go” said Rollerblaze coordinator, Lisa Stewart. We have a Thursday night social competition and also training/come and try sessions held every Saturday morning”, Lisa said. Rollerblaze started in 2008 as a community partnership between Gold Coast Recreation and Sport Inc, Gold Coast City Council, Gold Coast Blaze and Nerang PCYC. The program has grown steadily and six teams now compete every Thursday night. More information is available on the Rollerblaze website [www.rollerblaze.com](http://www.rollerblaze.com).

More information available: Kay Farmer 0414 541 069.



### PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY

*Bring a mask and help*



**CELEBRATE OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY with LOGAN CITY MARSDEN LIONS CLUB**

*Be entertained with special guest singer ANDREW*

**KERR**

*A digital radio will be given away on the night, so why not swap your regular meeting night for us; we’d love to see you*

**Tuesday 31st January 2012 rsvp 21/1/2012**



### DEFINITIONS

**FANCY RESTAURANT:** One that serves cold soup on purpose.

**FEEDBACK:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn’t appreciate the strained carrots.

**FLABBERGASTED:** Appalled over how much weight you have gained.

**FULL NAME:** What you call your child when you’re mad at him/her.



## AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDREN'S MOBILITY FOUNDATION

I would like to thank all those Clubs who continually support the Mobility Foundation it is greatly appreciated.

There are a couple of children who need some sponsorship help to obtain their walkers. Nathaniel lives in Greenbank area and requires a Kidwalk for a once only cost of \$6,299. Thank you to Beaudesert and Greater Springfield who have generously helped but we are still \$3500 short so if any Club can help it would be appreciated. The other child who requires sponsorship is from Cornubia, Nate requires a Crocodile Walker for a once only cost of \$1224, so again if you can help with any donations for his it would be great.



These are photos of children in their Kidwalks and Crocodile Walker. They now enjoy a more independent lifestyle. Your Club can help Nathaniel and Nate to be like this with any donation you can manage.

Please remember to save all those used stamps and send them to the Australian Lions Stamp as per the details in the MD Directory, all funds raised go to the Mobility Foundation.

If any Club or Zone Chairman would like me to come as a Guest Speaker please contact me on 07 5464 1921 or 0409 341567 or email [c.m.forrest@bigpond.com](mailto:c.m.forrest@bigpond.com)

Lion Christine Forrest  
District Chairman  
Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation  
2011-2012



## CHILDREN OF COURAGE

The Lions Children of Courage has certainly created a lot of interest lately and I would like to thank Clubs who have shown interest and hope that you will

try to hold an awards function.

The Lions Club of Moreton Bay will be holding the first one in the District on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November please contact Lion Margaret Wearne for details.

The Lions Club of Ballina East will also be holding an awards ceremony in November.

To both these Clubs thank you and I hope each function is successful and I look forward to attending them.

The Children of Courage Awards is **not** a competition but simply a way of encouraging children who have faced great courage and bravery in their everyday lives because of the special needs that some of them have.

Remember these children just want to be accepted for who they are regardless of their special needs.

There are four categories of the Awards:-

Special needs, Courageous act or deed, Inspiring sporting achievement, sibling recognition.

If you require any more information on this activity and would like to hold an awards day please contact me on 07 5464 1921 or 0409 341567 or email [c.m.forrest@bigpond.com](mailto:c.m.forrest@bigpond.com)

Let's make this work for these children and give them something to remember for the rest of their lives.

Christine Forrest  
District Chairman  
A.L.C.M.F./Children of Courage  
Phone: 07 5464 1921  
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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Standard Grants 2011

At the October 2011 Hong Kong board meeting, the LCIF Trustees approved 55 Grants totalling US\$4,089,014 Included were the following two grants from Australian Lions:

- Q3 received US\$75,000 to renovate Rubie House at Lions Camp Duckadang in order to accommodate disabled campers.

- W2 received US\$75,000 to build new mobile skin cancer screening vehicle to screen remote communities. The Lions Cancer Institute has screened more than 15,000 people in Western Australia since 1990.

Any Club wishing to consider applying for a Standard Grant (max up to US\$75,000, dollar for dollar), please contact me.

**Lion Measles Initiatives**

Last year LCIF joined the Measles Initiative, a collaborative effort of several leading organizations to eliminate measles. In less than 10 years, this August, the 1 billionth child was vaccinated through this initiative. While measles has been reduced by 78 percent since 2001, the World Health Organization estimates that decreasing support could result in 500,000 more deaths each year if the present progress rolls back to pre-2000 levels.

Our pilot year was a great success! Lions and our partners vaccinated 41 million children in four countries. Now we must expand these efforts to reach even more children in more countries. In a survey of Lions members, 90 percent expressed the desire to continue this program.

This is now possible thanks to a commitment by our partner, the Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation is awarding LCIF US\$5 million for the program this year, the largest single donation in our history. The Gates Foundation will do this by matching every US\$2 that we raise with US\$1. LCIF has set a combined goal of providing US\$15 million toward this initiative.

IPP Sid L Scruggs asks that all Clubs and District to get involved. Please help LCIF to meet the goal of providing US\$15 million for the Lions' Measles program this year. Everyone can support this program at [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate) or learn more online. All donation to this program is MJF eligible.

**MJF & PMJF**

I have the latest Club MJF/PMJF installments as of 30 September 2011. Any Club wishing to know how much they have in the kitty for MJF/PMJF awards, please let me know and I email you the information for your Club.

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



**FLOOD RECOVERY GARDENERS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The flood recovery gardeners are an offshoot from Yeronga State School P & C who

work closely with our Lions District in relation assisting flood victims in the area south of the Brisbane River in the cities of Ipswich and Brisbane.

The gardeners work mainly in the suburbs of Fairfield, Yeronga, Rocklea, Oxley and West End. They weed, dig, plant, mulch and restore flood affected gardens. In addition they prune trees and shrubs, poison woody weeds and generally tidy up flood affected gardens of the elderly and infirm.

They generally work on Wednesday and Thursday mornings but are flexible with some work on other days and weekends.

They are in need of more volunteers to help lighten the load.

If you would like to join the group and help out contact the supervisor Helen Hynd on 3848 1268 or mobile 0411 207 212.

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**OUTWARD BOUND**  
PDG Tony Cornell

Outward Bound

Australia have made this District a **very special, one off offer** of half price for sponsoring a youth to the next Navigator Camp at Uki (near Murwillumbah)

**Usual cost is \$1875.00**

To encourage us to fill the camp quota (14 youth, boys or girls 15 to 18 years of age) it will only cost \$937.00

This offer is only for this one camp, so the Clubs who are considering sponsoring a youth or two, you must act quickly. Applications must be in hand by 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011, that's only 6 weeks away.

Remember, the cost of a youth to camp is not necessarily all covered by the Lions Club, the parents will often contribute, and the candidate will often fund raise within their school a circle of friends and public. Don't let the cost be a negative to sponsorship.

Contact me if you'd like me to visit your Club or for any questions. Tony

**“OUTWARD BOUND IS HEADING YOUR WAY”**

Embrace it!

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# Lions Youth of the Year Quest

## 2011 - 2012

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Discount for Entry Fee - The discount period the Club Entry Fee is about to end soon - it ends on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 - after this date you will have to pay the full entry fee - unfortunately there will be no exceptions to this discount period. So if your Club is planning on participating in this year's Quest - hurry now to take advantage of the discount Entry Fee.

Finals - Urgent - there are still vacancies for Host Clubs for the following Zone & Region Finals:

- Region 1 - Zone "A" Final
- Region 1 - Zone "B" Final
  
- Region 2 - Zone "A" Final
- Region 2 - Zone "B" Final
- Region 2 - Region Final
  
- Region 5 - Region Final

Please Help - If your Club can help out by hosting one of these Finals, it would be great - It's easier than hosting your Club Final as you don't have to find the Contestants - they come to you!! - Please call me and we can chat about these Finals.

Winner Advisory Forms - I just wanted to confirm that it is very important that ALL Winner Advisory Forms are completed and forwarded onto the next level of the Quest - you should not be keeping any of them - they are all to be forwarded on and should end up with me at the end of the Quest. These forms are required for statistical information.

Calling for YOTY photos... - I would like to put the call out for Youth of the Year photos - I'm looking for interesting & clear photos from YOTY events from this year's Quest (or last year's Quest year if you think they fit the qualifications).

The photos need to be clear and the subject in the photo is not to be covered or hidden by lecterns, signs or other similar objects.

The photos are going to be used for a promotional publication, and are required before Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - so if you have some photos from last year, email them to me now or if you take any from this year's Quest year, email them to me by this date.

They can be emailed to: [jenny.yoty@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.yoty@gmail.com)  
Your help with these photos is very much appreciated.

**Jenny Maguire**

District Youth of the Year Chairman

Ph: 0412 358 205



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**Invitation:**

**Working Bee at Lions Camp Duckadang,  
18-20 November 2011**

Dear Members of the Lions Family

Thanks to all who helped at the recent working bee 05-07 August 2011.

It was very well attended.

The working bee 18-20 November will attend to:

- (a) Completion of the area behind the new retaining walls.
- (b) Weeding and pruning.
- (c) Some painting and cleaning.
- (d) Other tasks which emerge.

You'll also see progress on projects such as the low ropes course.

**What to bring?**

You may arrive late Friday afternoon.

It is a self-catering arrangement.

Please bring whatever you plan to eat or drink.

You need your own pillows, sheets, blankets.

Bring suitable footwear, hat, and work gloves if you wish.

You'll have access to the kitchen and barbecue in the rotunda.

There will be opportunities for interaction and socialising.

There is usually a 'happy hour' at 4.30pm Saturday.

Please bring nibbles etc.

Come to see and use the Camp's facilities.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Yours in Lionism

**Peter J Boge**

Secretary to the Board, Lions Camp Duckadang

(E): [pboge@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pboge@bigpond.net.au)



## ENVIRONMENT .....

### LIONS TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

As at 17 October the tree plantings around the world are – 2,731,263

The top countries are –

**INDIA – 2,095,857**

**BRAZIL – 140,944**

**AUSTRALIA – 115,192**

**PHILIPPINES – 114,976**

**NEW ZEALAND – 61,149**

**NEPAL – 46,033**

**DISTRICT 201Q1 – ???? - To give you this number I need you to tell me how many trees your club has planted.**

Trees numbers around the world are continuing to be planted at an incredible rate.

The numbers above taken from the LCI website show that at the rate Lions are planting trees the total at the end of June 2012 will be a credit to Lions around the world in getting involved in International President Tam's campaign.

At our District Convention I spoke to a number of Clubs who advised they have planted trees or will be planting trees in the near future. Please remember to enter the numbers onto the LCI website to make sure they are counted and please, please email the number of trees planted by your Club to me so we can keep a tally for our district.

Our district still needs to plant 2,225 trees, which equates to 25 trees per Club, as this is the amount promised by DG Lorraine when asked in Seattle how many trees our district could plant. At our District Convention Lion Julie Holden visited the Environment Stand and put an entry into the box to win a tree. Lion Julie's entry was the lucky one drawn by District Governor Lorraine so now Lion Julie can plant this tree and it can be the beginning of her Club's tree planting campaign. Congratulations to Lion Julie.

Thank you to all the other Lions who entered the competition. I am sure even though you did not win the tree you will participate in the Tree Planting Campaign and help make our world greener.



### LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

To all the wonderful photographers in our Lions Clubs I remind you that our Lions Environmental Photo Contest needs your entries to be sent in now.

Photos (8x10) being entered by your Club must be received by me (PO Box 4142, Eight Mile Plains 4113) prior to the Cabinet Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> or you can ask a Cabinet Member attending the meeting to bring the photo to the Cabinet Meeting.

The entries received will be judged at the Cabinet Meeting by the attending Cabinet members and the winning photo will be forwarded on to Multiple District for the next round of judging.

**Lion Beverley Drysdale**  
**District 201Q1 Environment Chairperson**



**APOLOGY: The District Newsletter Editor has not been well lately and totally neglected to include the Environment and Youth Exchange articles in the November Newsletter. But it's all fixed now.**

**Let's hope he gets his act together in the future and doesn't let this happen again.**

# LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

September 2011

## Malaysian Youth arriving Mid December

We have been advised that the following youth will be requiring Host families for 2 or 4 weeks from approx. Mid December

- 4 Young Men – 2 x 16 yr old, 1 x 17 yr old and 1 x 20yr old.

(The 17 yr old loves dogs)

- 2 Young Ladies – 1 x 16yr old and 1 x 20yr old.

(The 16yr old is President of her Leo Club, and the 20yr old plays piano, guitar and loves singing)

We expect we will have more youth coming from Malaysia during this period, but do not have details as yet.

If you can assist by hosting one of these youth, please complete the Host Application Form from the Lions Y.E. Web site and email, or post to me as soon as possible.

We have 5 youth going overseas on Exchange in December, 3 are going to Europe, 1 to Japan and 1 to NZ.



**Ashley Burns**  
District Q1 Y.E. Chairman

## **Our Executive Officer responds to a comment by Tim Mathieson**

Prime Minister Julia Gillard's partner, Tim Mathieson, is quoted on the Sydney Morning Herald website and WA Today as commenting:

"It used to be rotaries, it used to be Lions clubs, sheds is the way to go now and it is certainly growing at a rapid rate."

Lions applaud the work being done in Men's sheds to mentor young people around Australia – some of our 1400 Clubs have "Men's sheds" as part of their broad community portfolio. It is a bit of a stretch, however, to suggest that the sheds will replace service Clubs within Australia.

Lions works with 2500 young people each year through our Youth of the Year program, we have over 1000 youth members in our Leo Program and are building the ranks of young people within our Clubs.

For all the great work that 'Men's sheds' do, they will not replace our Clubs' efforts in disaster recovery during Black Saturday, the Toodyay Bushfires, Cyclone Yasi or the Queensland floods to name a few.

Men's sheds won't be investing in critical medical research programs to solve children's cancer, create Gardasil and the Bionic Ear, or to resolve Spinal Cord injury.

And Men's Sheds won't carry out the thousands of weekly community service projects that help the most disadvantaged in our community.

Lions Clubs have been working in Australia since 1947, and will soon celebrate our 100th anniversary of international community work.

We wish the very best to the many community volunteers working in Men's Sheds, community sporting groups, school tuck shops, beaches, our fellow service clubs and throughout our lucky nation!

**Rob Oerlemans**  
Executive Officer

**Your invitation to the  
Charter Presentation  
Lunch  
For  
The Lions Club of Gold  
Coast Mermaid  
Broadbeach  
12 Noon for 12.30pm  
Sunday 4 December  
Burleigh Bears Leagues  
Club  
80 Pacific Highway  
Miami  
(adjacent to Pizzey Park)  
Dress: Smart Casual  
Cost: \$36  
RSVP : Thursday 1  
December  
Charter Secretary Sonya  
Kaplan  
5538 3663 0412 568 621  
besse@tpg.com.au**



*The President and Members of  
Thornlands Pt Halloran Lions  
Club*

*Invite you to a Special Event  
Lions Club Charter Night*

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Sheldon Convention & Entertainment Centre  
Sheldon College, Gate 1, Taylor Rd, Sheldon  
6.00 for 6.30pm start  
\$45 per person – 2 course dinner - Entertainment  
Dress: Cocktail RSVP: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
Wendy Holtom :Special Event Chair: 3206 7466  
Leena Brooks: Secretary: 3207 6631  
email: [waholtom@optusnet.com.au](mailto:waholtom@optusnet.com.au)

[leenara@bigpond.com](mailto:leenara@bigpond.com)

Lions Club of Thornlands Pt Halloran  
RSVP Charter Night 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Your payment on booking is appreciated.  
Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 Per  
Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements      Yes      No  
Requirement \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to 1 Trafalgar Drive Victoria Point  
4165 with payment or Direct Deposit to: Lions Club  
of Thornlands Pt Halloran - ANZ BSB: 014226  
Account: 453671026 using Name and number of  
Guests as a Reference.

## CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR AFGHANISTAN

**THE BURLEIGH HEADS LIONS** will be again busy packing their Christmas Parcels for Service Troops in Afghanistan to make their Christmas happier and to ensure that they are not forgotten.

150 parcels that will weigh a maximum of 2kg will be dispatched to serving units in this War Zone.

They normally pack items such as mixed sweets, candy cane, shape biscuits, chocolate bars, 2m of tinsel, Chupa Chups, Christmas Cards, biscuits, preserved jellied fruit, stubby holder and balloons.

The working bee for packing will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

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### LEO CLUB REPORT

With the formation of the Livingstone Christian College Leo Club, and it's Charter on the 24<sup>th</sup> November the District will have 26 Leo Clubs.

The presentations at the District Convention went well with **Jake Buckingham**, our Leo of the Year from Merrimac State High School Leo Club receiving his perpetual trophy and presenting the speech that he gave at that competition, to the Convention. Jake certainly is an impressive young man and his speech was well received.

**Raviwan Vongma** and **Patty Guerrero** received the Project of the Year trophy for Robina State High School Leo Club, whilst President **Brendon Pearce** received the Leo Club of the Year Trophy for Kadina High School Leo Club.

On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> October I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of Robina State High School Leo Club and presenting a Leo Award of Honor to the Club Secretary **Mark Majdandzic**. Mark is a driving force behind the Club and an encouragement to his fellow Leos. His award was well deserved.

The Queensland Youth Alliance Awards were held this year in the Speakers Room at the Parliamentary Annex on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The only Leo to win an award this year was **Harrison Hall** from Moreton Bay Boys College Leo Club in the category of Community Service.

It was very disappointing to receive so few applications for these awards from our Queensland Leo Clubs. This is a most prestigious Award, the recipients receiving a plaque and a certificate. I ask all Leo Advisors to encourage their Leos to submit their name for one of these awards when they are open again in March 2012.

There are three categories-

- Community Service,
- Inspiration and
- Leadership.

A number of our Leos would certainly qualify in these areas. If Girl Guides, Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Emergency Service Cadets, and PCYC can have a winner in each category so can Leos.

At the Convention I stated that I had a target of 30 Clubs by the 30<sup>th</sup> June. I have challenged Lions Clubs to form a Leo Club (or another if you have one), I hope we are successful.

**John Wearne**  
**District Leo Club Coordinator**

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### Directories

**Q.** How does MD201 decide how many directories my Club gets?

**A.** Club Secretaries are asked to indicate how many hard copy or CD directories you need. If they don't indicate what you need, you are sent directories according to the formula in the Constitution.

**Q.** How are we charged for directories?

**A.** Your Club only pays for the number of directories it receives.

**Q.** I didn't get enough directories; what can I do about it?

**A.** Contact the National office and they can send out additional copies. Note: The rate for additional copies is higher due to increased handling charges.

**Q.** The information in the directory is wrong; what can I do about it?

**A.** We can't make changes once the directory has been received. Make sure that your Club and cabinet secretary have the correct details so that next year's directory will be correct.

*Ladies & Gentlemen:*  
**A knock-out evening with**  
**Joe Bugner**



**The only white man to go the distance with Mohammed Ali twice!**

**Saturday 10th December @ 7pm**  
 Heritage Wines, 52 Bartle Road, Mt. Tamborine  
 Tickets \$90 PP for Tamborine Mountain Lions Club Children's Projects. Three course dinner, including a pre-dinner glass of 5 star wine. Bookings essential call Heritage Wines at Ph 5545 3144 or book on-line at:  
[functions@theheritage.net.au](mailto:functions@theheritage.net.au)



Come and meet Joe and Marlene & find out what Joe was thinking when he faced Mohammed Ali

**Lions Club**  
 of Mount Tamborine Inc.



**A letter from Lion John Young**

I am President of the Lions Club of Mount Tamborine. On 10 December we are having as a fundraiser "An Evening with Aussie Joe Bugner" at Heritage Wines on the Mountain.

We are having printed 30 A3 posters and 100 flyers. Our posters we will have in shop windows around the mountain, and we are going to try to get gymnasiums and boxing training places on the Gold Coast to display them. The flyers will accompany the posters in the main. One of our number thinks that FM 94.1 might be worth a try, so we will try to sell the story to them.

Basically, the evening will consist of drinks and canapés on arrival, during which time Joe's bouts with Ali and Frazier will run silently on a screen. After a three course dinner, Joe will take his place in a three sided prop resembling a boxing ring, and be "interviewed" about his career. Joe has done lots of interesting things during his life, and is a good talker.

But the big thing for me will be putting the question to Joe of what was going through his head when, as a 22 year old former refugee, he stepped into the ring with the man many commentators describe as the greatest athlete of all time.

We are looking to sell 100-120 tickets at \$90pp.

**Ross Gibbins our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for 2012-2013.**

At our recent Convention, Delegates voted Lion Ross Gibbins our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for 2012-2013.

Many of us do not know Lion Ross – who is he? Ross has been a Lion for 25 years. His working life has seen his home address as Queensland, Western Australia, Indonesia and the United States of America. In all locations he has maintained the Lion's Motto "We Serve" to the local and broader communities.

Ross has been Club President four times and has been the Club Treasurer, Secretary Membership Director and Chairman of many Club Projects.

At District level, Ross has served as Zone Chairman, LCIF Chairman, Retention Chairman, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. He has been a Guiding Lion.

At a National level, Ross was the Multiple District Marketing Manager 2004-2007.

MD Christmas Cake Chairman 2008-10

Some of the notable achievements of this dedicated Lion:

Established a Leo Club in a Jakarta Orphanage  
 Rebuilt the Jakarta Metropolitan Lions Club from Status Quo to an extremely valuable Club  
 He, and Lion Olly, have hosted nine overseas youth in our Youth Exchange Program

Instigated the change process for the official supplier of Lions Mints

Renegotiated the Christmas Cake supply agreement in 2004/5

In his professional life, Ross is a chartered professional engineer and recently completed his MBA in technology management.

He has developed an expertise in cost engineering and management in the International arena having worked in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, North America and most recently in southern Africa. Ross is the Business Development Executive for Discovery Metals, now developing a Copper-Silver Mine on the edge of the Kalahari Desert in southern Africa.

Next month we will publish a brief profile of our District Governor, elect, for 2012-13.

**EDITOR**



# Lions Environmental

## PHOTO CONTEST

Lions, from Clubs in good standing, can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or colour 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions Club in the following 2011-12 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

Lions can submit photographs of their environment in one of the following five categories:

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon
- **Special theme:** Protecting our Future with Trees
  - Photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities.

The impartial judging of photos will focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

**LIONS CLUBS** - select and submit one winning photo to the District Environment Chairperson by the deadline of November 11, 2011 together with an official entry form (available on the Lions website).

**LIONS DISTRICTS** - select and submit one winning photo to the Multiple District by the deadline of January 15, 2012.

**LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS** - select and submit one winning photo to the international contest by the deadline of March 1, 2012 together with the official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favourite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

**Photos below show three of the winning photos from 2010-11**



Grand Prize Winner



Winner – Animal Life  
Phenomenon



Winner – Weather

**SEND YOUR PHOTO AND ENTRY FORM TO – Lion Beverley Drysdale, Environment Chairperson, PO Box 4142, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113 (to be received by deadline of 11 November 2011). Photos will be judged by attendees at the Cabinet Meeting in November.**