

*Lions Clubs International is so widespread that I can visit clubs in Australia and overseas and feel at home."*



## as a member

Joining a new organisation can be daunting but don't worry, with Lions you can participate at a level that your work, family and other commitments allow.

Our members are men and women of all ages, occupations and interests. We are non-sectarian and non-political.

Once a member you can choose the activities and committees that you want to be involved with and have every opportunity to develop your leadership and organisational abilities. If you choose, you may take on offices that lead you right through to presidency of your club – and beyond to district and international levels of involvement.

With Lions the opportunities are endless.

## join us today

Membership of a Lions Club is by invitation, open to men and women over the age of 18 years and of good moral character and reputation.

If you know a Lion, then ask him or her to invite you along to a meeting. If you do not know a member of Lions, just contact the telephone number below for an invitation.

**We looking forward to seeing you soon!**

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we serve



we make things happen



**Join the Club.**



## people like you

Join a Lions Club near you and make a difference to your life and the lives of countless others.

Just some of the good things about being a member of Lions:

- Service to the community
- Learning new skills
- Leadership
- Personal development

*Through Lions I get to meet people from a range of backgrounds with a wide variety of interests."*



## about lions

Lions Clubs began in the United States of America in 1917 when a group of independent clubs responded to a call from a young Chicago insurance agent, Melvin Jones. Jones wished to launch a club that had community service as its primary aim and so Lions was born.

Worldwide, the International Association of Lions Clubs has a membership of over 1.3 million in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, making it the world's largest and most active service organisation.

The first Australian Lions Club was formed in 1947 in the northern NSW town of Lismore. From there over 1,400 clubs have grown all around the country. Today we have over 30,000 active members and there is a club near you!

## what we do

At Lions the emphasis is on community service. Our programs support anybody who needs our help.

Programs are conducted on a local, national and international level. Some of our initiatives include:

- Sight conservation work with the blind
- Community help
- Hearing and speech action
- Programs with the deaf
- Drug education
- Environmental preservation and regeneration
- Recreational activities and services

Lions have established eyesight institutes and other health foundations in all Australian states. They carry out world-ranking research into the causes and treatment of blindness and many other diseases. Most of Australia's eye banks were also established by Lions and so too was the country's only training facility for hearing dogs for the deaf.

Lions also contribute to the development and care of Australia's youth. Our youth initiatives include:

- Living skills programs
- International Youth Exchange program
- National Youth of the Year Quest
- Leo Clubs

So come along and find out how you can make a difference!

*We enjoy each other's company while working on projects to help our communities and make them better places in which to live."*



*I am able to give something back to the community – and enjoy myself at the same time."*



## our clubs

Most Lions Clubs meet twice a month, usually over dinner. However, some meet for lunch and even for breakfast! With Lions you will be able to find a club that fits your lifestyle. Our meetings often feature interesting guest speakers and are a great way to meet new people.

We love feedback and Clubs are always on the lookout for different and entertaining activities for our meetings – so if you have a great idea, don't keep it to yourself!

Lions is ready for change too. Lions are busy people and they know that when you are starting your career, have a young family and managing a busy day, it can be hard to fit things in. Be part of the change and help your club be part of a great future for Lions and Australia.

*I have a desk job and I like being involved in the many active projects our Lions Club does. I've learnt so many new skills too."*

