



## **100 day countdown till Lions roar in Sydney**

**FOR MARCH 20 2010** – With just 100 days to go, until an expected 20,000 Lions delegates from more than 100 countries head to Sydney for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions Clubs International Convention, preparations for the huge event are in the final stages.

Planning for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Convention has been underway since 2003 with the Convention to provide a significant contribution to the NSW economy.

“As one of the world’s most successful service organisations, Lions is a diverse group of individuals and, on top of a record home delegation, we’ve got Lions coming from places as far flung as Slovenia, Chile and Nepal,” Organising Chairman Barry Palmer said.

“There’s particularly strong early interest from the United States, Japan, India, France, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Korea.”

The Annual Convention is a tradition dating back to 1917, enabling Lions from around the world to share their successes and experiences. One of the highlight’s of the Convention is the four-hour plus Grand Parade of Nations on Tuesday June 29 involving 12,000 delegates in national dress.

“The past 12 months have been an incredibly busy and rewarding time for us with Lions Clubs across Australia reporting record levels of interest in volunteering so it appears helping others is back in vogue,” Lions Australia CEO Rob Oerlemans said.

“We are working extremely closely with the NSW Government and authorities to ensure the Convention runs smoothly.”

The International Convention has only been held in Australia once before – in Brisbane in 1991.

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### **About Lions Australia**

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organisation with 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in 205 countries. Lions Australia is one of Australia's largest service organisations with almost 28,000 members and 1,400 clubs across Australia. Lions Australia raises over \$20 million per annum to assist in community and health projects, and funding for Lions foundations and programs