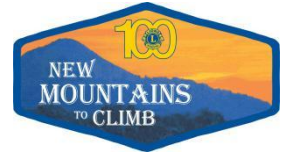


## October 2016 Newsletter



### District Governor Jan Barsby

*Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat. St Teresa of Calcutta*

Fellow Lions, Lioness, Leos and partners,

The District Governor Team has been visiting clubs or will be visiting clubs in the very near future. The experience and opportunities I have received from these visits has been amazing. To be able to visit a community centre where the homeless can gather and see the new mobile shower donated by Mooloolaba Club; the Orange Sky Laundry van happened to be there and in operation; and at the same time many were being fed in the hall. It is a credit to those volunteers looking after the welfare of the homeless and hungry. Those using the shower will be given a clean set of clothes of which the underclothes and socks have to be new. Bevin and I also had the opportunity to visit with the Mooloolaba Lioness and Lions the Life Flight facility at the Maroochy Airport. We rely so heavily on the service. For country folk it is our life saver. Whilst at Bundaberg we attended a luncheon for the Visually Impaired hosted by the Bargara Lioness. Again plenty of fun and friendship with those less fortunate.

Our ***District Convention*** is almost upon us ***28-30 October*** - have you registered to attend? Even if you are only able to attend for a short period of time you need to register and this also applies to the Remembrance Ceremony. Cabinet Secretary Tim Hannay requires the names of your Delegates and Alternates and should your club have any deceased Lions, Lioness, Leos or partners a 6" x 4" photo and a short story so that they are remembered on Sunday at 8.30am at the Remembrance Ceremony.

October is **Vision month** when clubs hold a dinner for the visual impaired or maybe a sight project. It could be as simple as collecting used eye glasses. Should you club

have boxes of them waiting for postage, why not bring them to our Convention. Used stamps can be bought along as well. These stamps are sold at auction and the proceeds support the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.

Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation - The Q District Trustee, Lyn Pysden, term finishes on 31 January 2017 and for various reasons is unable to contemplate re-applying for the position. Lyn is asking for a suitable Lion to make application. Ideally, that Lion will have had experience as a District Chair is preferred, but an exception to the rule may be possible and every assistance will be given to the selected candidate. Should any Lion be interested in the position please contact me for further information.

I am disturbed to received complaints of inappropriate behavior at some club meetings. We are all volunteers, trying to do our best and I am sure that if we really take note of our Code of Ethics these issues need not occur. My theme this year is "Support, Encourage, Learn, Love". Please support and encourage our fellow Lions so that they can learn and love being a Lion. Before we say or do anything to another that has the potential to bite, hurt or damage - STOP!!

Remember - *To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise!* By doing this I believe that we will prevent many resignations and instead have happy Lions.

Has your club or zone invited a lady over the age of 18 years, single or married to participate in the Lions Medical Research Personality Quest? What about your grand daughter or a Leo or maybe a Lion in your club? Why not give someone an opportunity not only to raise funds for the wonderful work carried out by our scientists, but to learn and grow their personality at the same time. District Chairman Lorraine Trigg would love to hear from every zone. Please support the Quest and the Lions Medical Research Foundation.

What about giving our youth an opportunity? We have programs such as the Youth of the Year, Peace Poster and Youth Exchange and of course Leos. This could be your Centennial Legacy Project - form a new Leo Club. It is amazing the activities, challenges and networking that these young people get up to. I attended the Youth Forum at Q3 Convention last weekend and listening to these young people speak about the Leo Youth Camp and the Youth Exchange Camp and what fun they have not to mention the opportunities, is amazing. Queensland has two youth camps - Camp Krokadile on the Sunshine Coast and Camp Kanga near Proserpine as well as

two others in southern Australia. So come on Lions give our youth a wonderful opportunity for their personal growth; to learn new skills and meet new friends.

Lions Christmas Cakes should be ordered for distribution to your various selling outlets. Don't forget to approach Corporate Bodies - they may wish to support Lions by giving a Lions Cake to their staff or colleagues.

There has been a suggestion with regard to the Payway Card (the card used for payment of cakes) - please guard it carefully because of the cost to replace it - photocopy both sides of the card or take a clear photo of the card or a good photo on your phone but make sure you can read the numbers. That way it can still make your payment.

### **October - Sharing the Vision - Lions Membership & Leo Membership Growth**

7/9 Q1 Convention

10/16 Worldwide week of Service for Sight

11 DG visit Peregian

13 *World Sight Day*

15 *White Cane Safety Day*

15 Have you reported your membership in MyLCI??

### **28/30 Q4 Convention Pacific Paradise State School**

### **November - Membership Focus Family - Lions Diabetes Awareness**

1 Melbourne Cup -

7 DG visit Eidsvold, Monto, Mundubbera & Gayndah

11/13 Q2 Convention

14 Worldwide Diabetes Day

15 Peace Poster Deadline to District; Membership report MyLCI

16 DG visit Fitzroy River, The Caves & Marlborough

18/20 Camp Duckadang working bee

22 DG visit Tiaro, Granville & Maryborough Mary River

23 Dg visit Maryborough Lions & Lioness

26/27 District Cabinet at Moore Park

**December - Membership Family - Relieving the Hunger**

2/4 Youth Insearch Camp

5 International Leo Day

15 Membership report MyLCI - please check your member record - *Club secretary you are responsible that this record up to date with correct postal addresses. It is embarrassing the number of Lion Magazines returned through incorrect postal address.*

25 Wishing one and all a very Happy & Holy Christmas

31 *It is too late after today to alter your membership in MyLCI and your half yearly billing will be charged by this current number - please check!!*

**January- Membership Focus Special Interest Clubs - Relieving the Hunger**

1 Happy New Year

9/15 Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger & Poverty - LCIF Week

13 Melvin Jones Birthday

13/15 Council of Governors - Sydney

15 Membership report MyLCI - Lions are not on holidays!!!

25 Australia Day

**February - Membership Focus Women**

14 Maroochy North Shore

15 Membership report MyLCI

18/19 Cabinet Meeting - Bundaberg Lions Club host

25 Cut Off Club Finals Youth of the Year

**March - Membership Focus Women - Eye Donor Awareness Month**

1 Deadline Contribution The Lion

- 3/5 Youth Insearch Camp
- 4 Cut off Zone Finals Youth of the Year
- 4 Lions Awareness Day
- 11 Cut off Region Finals Youth of the Year
- 15 Membership report MyLCI
- 25 Cut off District Finals Youth of the Year

**April - Family & Friends Month - Leo Club Awareness - Protecting our Environment**

- 1/2 Yeppoon 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 7/8 State Final Youth of the Year; Tewantin Noosa 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 14/16 Happy Easter
- 15 Membership report MyLCI
- 17/23 Worldwide week of Service to Protect our Planet
- 22 Earth Day
- 24/30 World Immunisation Week
- 28 Lions Worldwide Induction Day

**May - Strengthen Membership Month - Recycle for Sight Month**

- 2/4 Council of Governors & DGE/1stDGE Training
- 5/8 MD Convention Hobart - Mothers Day
- 15 Membership report MyLCI
- 20/21 District Cabinet Meeting & Changeover - Bundaberg Hinkler Lions host club

**June**

- 1 Helen Keller Day
- 2/4 Youth Insearch Camp
- 5 World Environment Day
- 15 Membership report MyLCI - *Club Secretary you are responsible to make sure that your members records are correct*

30- July 4 International Convention Chicago

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I look forward to meeting you all, our Lions family at our District Convention. It is not too late to register but give the Convention Committee and the caterers a fair go.

Yours in Lions Service,

Jan Barsby

District Governor

Peace begins with a smile - *St Teresa of Calcutta*