

# DISTRICT 201 Q2



**District Governor Tim**

**2024 – 2025**

**Success Requires Action**



## Lions Clubs International District 201 Q2 2024-25

### Welcome to our District Cabinet

Thank you for agreeing to be on the cabinet of our great District 201Q2. I believe that you will have an enjoyable and rewarding year. It is amazing what we can achieve working as a **Team** – if we work as a team, I am positive that this time next year we will be saying “what a great year”.

I congratulate DG Jo and her team for having a “great year”, it certainly was and the whole cabinet team and the clubs in the district can take a bow.

My theme for 2024-2025 is **Success Requires Action**. In all walks of life, including Lions, I am of the opinion that success will not come about without some form of action. The **Action** can be very minor or major and formal or informal. Below are a few examples applicable to Lions.

**Service projects.** Successful service projects do not occur without **Action** – whether that be planning the event, ordering supplies, a member suggesting the project, etc.

**Membership.** New members would not be inducted into your club without **Action** – asking someone, a membership recruitment drive, a formal action plan, etc.

**Leadership.** A successful club is normally one that regularly introduces new executive members to reduce the number of repeat terms. The best way to achieve this, in my opinion, is to establish a good succession **Action** plan.

I have chosen to adopt a blended badge for the 2024-2025 year. I liked the District badge that DG Jo used and I thought why not modify it slightly to reflect the DG and year.

The expectations for the District next year are to carry on with the membership growth we have achieved this year by concentrating on a **Plus 2 Net** goal for clubs in the District; that clubs carry out meaningful projects that their members happily participate in and service projects are reported in the Lions portal; attendance at training sessions (face-to-face and on-line) is high; clubs and district adopt strategies for succession planning for leaders; LCIF donations from clubs and individuals increase in both numbers and dollars; that the profile of Lions Clubs is raised throughout our District and further afield.

Have a happy year and enjoy your Lions journey.

Tim McBride

District Governor 2024 – 2025

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- GMT SUPPORT
- GMT SUPPORT/Retention Officer
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- 49 LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION DIRECTOR
- 50 PNG MD COMMITTEE 201Q2 Members:

**WEBSITE :[https:// lions201q2.org](https://lions201q2.org)**

## CABINET MEETINGS

Cabinet Meetings are as follows commencing at 1pm.

Executive Meetings commence at 11am and Zone Chairs, GAT Team at 11.30am with a break for lunch at 12.30pm.

Cabinet Meetings will be held at Seagull's Resort in Townsville and will be face to face.

### District 201 Q2 Cabinet Meetings Schedule 2024-25

Event	Date	Location	
Shadow Cabinet	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Seagulls Resort	
Cabinet Meeting 1	20-21 July	Seagulls Resort	
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District Convention	18-20th October	Magnetic Island	
Cabinet Meeting 2	23-24th November	Seagulls Resort	
Cabinet Meeting 3	Early- mid March tbc	Seagulls Resort	YOTY District final
Cabinet Meeting 4	7-8th June 2025	Seagulls Resort	Changeover- Townsville

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**



**WE SERVE**

**Vision Statement**

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service

**Mission Statement**

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

# **Lions Clubs International Purposes and Code of Ethics**

## **Purposes**

- To Organize, charter, and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavours.

## Code of Ethics

- To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for the quality of service.
- To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage is taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour, and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



## **Toast to Lions Clubs International (1)**

As we gather here tonight, I would like to reflect on a little history of Lions Clubs International.

Our founder, Melvin Jones, formed Lions Clubs International in Chicago on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917. At present there are over 1.4 million Lions in over 200 Countries in more than 46,000 Clubs Worldwide.

Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, in 1925 and challenged Lions to become “Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness “. Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

In 1945 Lions Clubs International was invited to be the first non-governmental organisations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the United Nations ever since.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was formed in 1968 and since then over US\$900 million has been awarded to support humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Because of the success of the pilot measles initiative in 2010 and the role Lions serve within communities around the world, the Gates Foundation awarded LCIF a US\$5million grant in October 2011. Lions and LCIF were asked to match this funding with US\$10 million, providing a total of US\$15 million for the fight against measles. Those funds directly supported the vaccination of 15 million children worldwide.

Lions and Leo Clubs and their families continue to assist our International and local communities and I now ask you to stand and toast Lions Clubs International.

## **Toast to Lions Clubs International (2)**

The International Association of Lions Clubs was formed in Chicago, Illinois, USA on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917.

The most important single incident came when a very special lady addressed the 1925 International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. This lady was Helen Keller.

Helen was visually and hearing impaired. She issued a challenge to the Lions around the world to become the “Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against Darkness “. From this time, Lions Clubs have been active in Sight and Hearing projects.

Today the Association has grown to 46,000 Lions Clubs in over200 Countries with a membership of 1.4 million members.

Lions have been recognised as the leading service organisation in combating Black River Blindness and the Lions Joint Measles Initiative, with the Bill Gates Foundation in preventing measles and improving health for 41 million children.

Mention local Lions Activities.....

Please stand and join with me in a toast to Lions Clubs International

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**Response:**

Thank you..... For those kind words about our Organisation, Lions Clubs International.

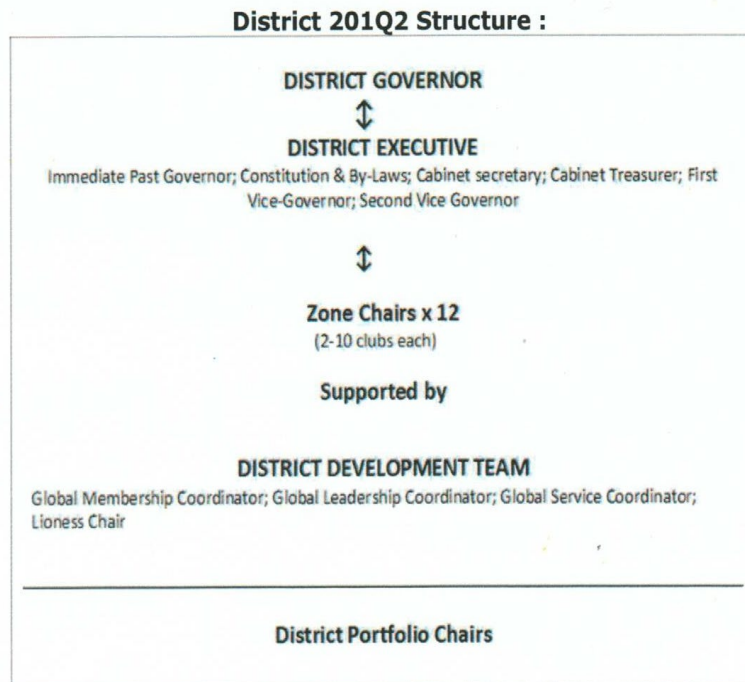
There are times in our lives when we need to be reminded of some of the things we do and the projects we are involved in.

It is also good to be reminded of our past achievements and realise that we will be needed to carry on this work in the future.

Thank you for coming tonight, thank you for your support, and I now ask the gathering to show their appreciation by acclamation.

Thank you.

## District 201 Q2 Structure



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** The District Governor serves as the chief administrative officer for the district. He or she is elected to serve a one-year term at the district convention. The new governor takes office at the close of the international convention. The district governor's responsibilities include representing the association in the district, supervising district officers, representing the district on the council of governors, supervising the Organisation of new Lions clubs and presiding over district meetings. The Governor or delegate will generally visit every club in the district at least once during his term of office.

**VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS:** The Vice District Governors deputize *for* the Governor in order of precedence, work with Cabinet and have specific responsibilities with reference to Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership. They also monitor the health of Clubs. Both Vice District Governors familiarise themselves with the role of District Governor in order to progress to the position of District Governor.

**CABINET SECRETARY:** The Cabinet Secretary is appointed by the governor and assists the governor with the day-to-day administration of the district. Tasks include keeping records of the membership status of clubs and collating information on each club's activities from their MMR's & MAR's (monthly membership and monthly activity reports). and handle all district correspondence, along with many other administrative and recording responsibilities.

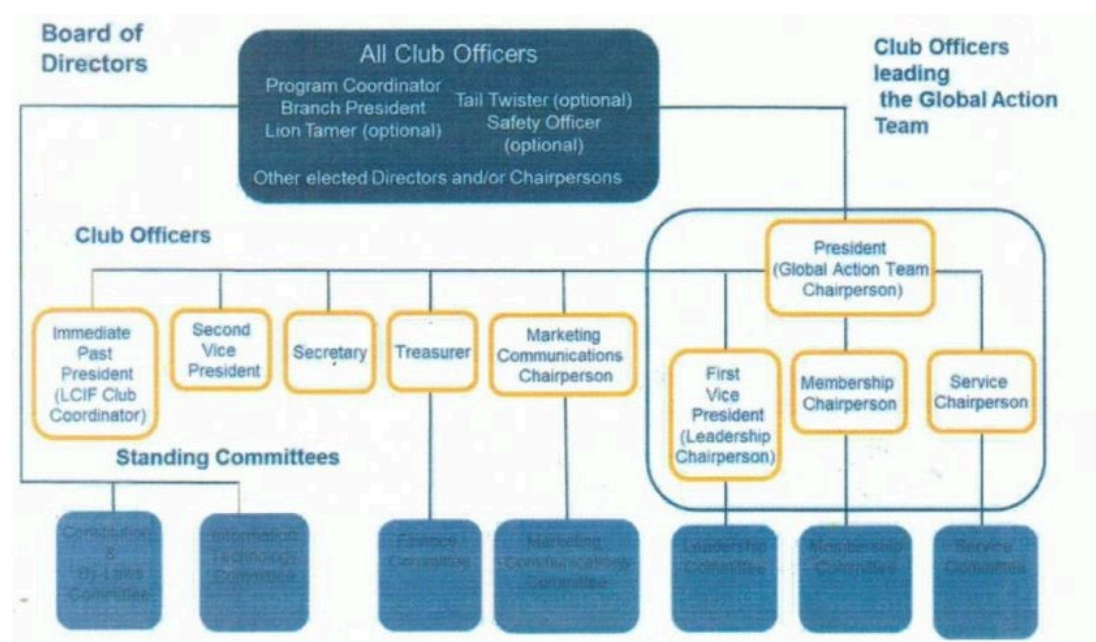
**CABINET TREASURER:** Prepares district budgets for administrative and project expenditures for the fiscal year. Manages all accounting and financial matters, Maintains the district account books and arranges annual audit to comply with the constitution.

**ZONE CHAIRS:** These officers are probably the most important link the members and their clubs have with the organisation. They are usually appointed from immediate past club presidents who have demonstrated good leadership during their term as president; and have the desire to become more involved outside the sphere of their own clubs' operations. They are required to visit the clubs in their zone and provide assistance to clubs in all matters. They are members of the district cabinet and are required to chair regular zone meetings as part of the District Governor's Advisory Committee.

**DISTRICT CHAIRS:** These officers comprise the balance of the district cabinet and are appointed by the district governor to supervise and maintain the multiple district, district, and club projects with the assistance of the region and zone chairs. The number of chairs depends on the various activities and projects carried out in the district and these officers can be called upon to be speakers at clubs and assist. clubs with these various activities. The district cabinet chart below shows how the various officers interact and complement the business of the district and its clubs.

**AT CLUB LEVEL:**

Club Officer Roles (Note: The following information is meant to be a guide only and the roles may vary from club to club)



Clubs create committees to suit their individual activities and club administrative requirements depending on club size.

## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL- DISTRICT 201 Q2**

### **District Officers**

You have been asked to accept a position on District Cabinet, no doubt you are aware that this will require some extra time and planning. This can be made easier and enjoyable if we follow a few simple points. I am sure that with co-operation, communication and common sense that the year ahead will be successful and rewarding. We all have a responsibility to show a good example to our fellow Lions in the District.

### **District Cabinet**

The Cabinet is comprised of the following officers; District Governor, two Vice District Governors, Immediate Past District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson, Leadership Coordinator (GLT), Membership Coordinator (GMT), Service Coordinator [GST] Zone Chairpersons, all District Chairpersons and associates. These officers are required to submit a report for each Cabinet meeting and a nil report will indicate an inactive District Officer. Reports should be in the hands of the Cabinet Secretary as detailed in a separate document 5 days prior to the Cabinet meeting date so that they can be collated prior to the meeting. If you are unable to meet these times for any reason, please notify Cabinet Secretary.

### **Cabinet Meetings**

Four Cabinet meetings are scheduled for the year as indicated in a separate document. All Cabinet meetings will be held in Townsville. You will have to arrange your own accommodation and a variety of rooms may be arranged with the venue where possible. The meetings start at 1.00pm Saturday and should conclude by 12.00pm Sunday. If you are unable to attend it is your responsibility to send in an apology to the Cabinet Secretary. All reports are to be uploaded to Dropbox the week prior to the meeting. They will be tabled and discussed at Cabinet Meetings with time also set aside for general business. During general business Cabinet Officers may raise any business but if the matter has not been discussed with the appropriate Officer prior to the meeting it will not be acted on at that meeting.

### **Zone Chairpersons**

Zone Chairpersons are the key to us maintaining healthy clubs, they will be required to organise and chair two Advisory Meetings in their term. You will be asked to check and help with arrangements for the District Governor's visits to clubs within your Zone and attend these meetings if possible.

### **Communications**

**It is expected that all District Officers will use their best endeavors to keep clubs, fellow Cabinet Officers and the District Governor fully informed. This is a geographically large District and good communications help to eliminate rumors and misinformation that can happen in a large organization. Please ensure that the extra names are added (cc/bee) when sending emails/letters and this will normally suffice. This applies to all District Officers.**

#### **District Governor's Bulletin - "The Northern Lion"**

**The bulletin is produced monthly to distribute relevant Lions information from International and District direct to Lions Clubs It gives District Officers and Clubs the opportunity to circulate information and promote their portfolio throughout the district. All Cabinet Officers are encouraged to submit articles regarding their portfolios for publication during their term.**

# NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY – AUSTRALIA 201

We are about to begin the ceremony which will welcome new members to the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_ and Lions International.

This is a most important occasion for the new members and the Club and I am honoured to have been asked here tonight.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_, could you bring forward the candidates and the sponsors please?

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_, has the board of Directors approved the applications of the candidates for induction as members of this club?

I express our pleasure that you have accepted the invitation to become members of this club.

## Lions International – a Quick History

Lions was started in Chicago Illinois in 1917 under the leadership of our founder Melvin Jones. It quickly expanded into Canada and Mexico and then other countries.

The first club in Australia was formed in Lismore in 1947 by Bill Tresise.

Today, we have over 1.3 million Lions in 200 different countries. In Australia we have approximately 1200 clubs and 23,000 Lions. In this District we have xx Clubs and xxxx members.

The Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_ has a proud history of service having chartered on \_\_/\_\_/\_\_. It is a very successful club within the local community and the wider community of Lions.

I am positive that these members will do their best to make you welcome.

Becoming a Lion signifies your acceptance that you will embody the purposes and ethics of Lions Clubs International,

and at this stage I would ask \_\_\_\_\_ to read the ethics.

Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club and Lions Clubs International, I will now administer the oath of membership and ask that you respond to my words with a simple "I will or I do".

In the presence of its members, do you hereby accept membership in the Lions Club

of \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that such membership obliges you to participate in the functions of the club?

*I DO*

You understand that Membership of the Multiple District shall be deemed to constitute an acknowledgement that each Lions Club and its members accept and shall observe the Code of Conduct from time to time in force, as adopted by the Council of Governors.

\_\_\_\_\_

I DO

To the best of your ability, you will abide by the Lions ethics, code of conduct, attend regular club meetings when you can, accept such assignments and tasks that are given to you, so you can contribute your share to the Club, the District, Multiple District and Lions Clubs International?

*I WILL*

Your sponsor \_\_\_\_\_, will now present you with the Lion's badge which signifies your membership.

AFFIX lapel badge

I would now like your sponsor \_\_\_\_\_, to respond to my words with a simple I WILL as I outline the many obligations of a sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_, it is your responsibility as a sponsor to:

- Make \_\_\_\_\_, feel welcome and ensure that he/she is introduced to all members.
- Provide \_\_\_\_\_, with information about the club, its board, service activities, leadership opportunities and membership engagement as well as its constitution and by-laws.
- Ensure that assignments are given quickly, enabling \_\_\_\_\_ to become an active Lion.
- Be ready to assist \_\_\_\_\_, in anyway ,regarding club matters and assist him/her to develop into an outstanding Lion.

\_\_\_\_\_, will you accept this responsibility?

*I WILL*

On behalf of the Club, I now present you with your official certificate of membership, your name badge and a new member's kit.

We are all proud and happy to welcome you as a new member of the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_, please wear your badge with pride.

All members are now encouraged to come forward and welcome \_\_\_\_\_



**HOW TO SELL THE GMA (Global Membership Approach) TO CLUBS TO  
INSTIGATE BAM (BIG AUDACIOUS MISSION) 30,000 members by 2030.**

50,000 members by 2050.

“If we continue as we are where will our clubs be in 5 years?”

“If you keep doing what you have always done, you will keep getting what you have always gotten “Henry Ford

**Let’s Change that outcome today with the GMA**

Questions to ask

**Where are we now?**

Number of lions?

Number of projects this year?

Reporting Service?

Attending Conventions?

Repeating Officers?

**What Is Our Vision for where we want to be in 5 years?**

**What do we do well? Strengths**

**What can we do better? Weaknesses**

**What Opportunities do we have ? Opportunities**

**What Are our Goals ? (What , Who, When )**



Our Purposes and Ethics are the elements that bring us together. Underpinning this is an Code of Conduct that states who we are and how we conduct ourselves in our work on behalf of Lions International and where we are recognised as a spokesperson or representative of our Lions Clubs. Our Code of Conduct represents the culture we strive for, and it provides a shared understanding and expectation of the way we behave as individuals, towards each other, our members, clients, donors, partners and other supporters.

**Lions Club members in Australia are united by our Purposes & Ethics**



## Every Lion Every Day

The Code supplements our legal obligations in areas such as Work Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity and Privacy. It applies to all Lions members staff and associate volunteers

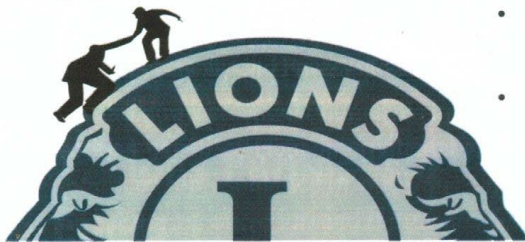
### 1. Lions Purposes & Ethics

We are bound by our Lions Purposes and Ethics that underpin this code.

The Purposes and Ethics distinguish us from other organisations. Specifically, the principles of humanitarianism, independence and apolitical service characterise the way we deliver our programs and promote our values. These Purposes and Ethics apply to our behaviour and interaction with each other.

#### I demonstrate this by...

- upholding the human dignity of every person at all times through protecting the life and health of others and by promoting mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation
- ensuring my actions are guided by the needs of vulnerable people and by not discriminating on the basis of nationality, race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, social background, disability, family status, marital status, age or political opinions
- not taking sides in hostilities or engaging publicly in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature
- acting at all times in accordance with the principles of the Lions and the laws of the country in which I work



## 2. Respect

We genuinely acknowledge and respect each other's individual's values, beliefs, efforts and ideas

### I demonstrate this by...

- valuing and acknowledging the opinions and contributions of Lions.
- treating others fairly, courteously and with respect
- contributing to dialogue and discussion in a constructive manner
- ensuring the way I work promotes trust
- using language which is respectful to clients, the community and others
- abstaining from all forms of unacceptable or unlawful behaviour.

## 3. Integrity

We maintain high standards of integrity and are conscientious in our approach to work.

### I demonstrate this by...

- conducting myself honestly, reliably and without favouritism
- not engaging in fraudulent or criminal behaviour, bribery or other unlawful conduct
- being transparent in my decision making
- providing constructive feedback to others in an honest and respectful way
- appropriately disclosing or mitigating a real or potential conflict of interest
- ensuring my actions and decisions are in the best interests of Lions.
- refraining from financially or sexually exploiting Lions clients including children and other vulnerable people and promptly acting on any reasonable suspicion that exploitation is occurring.



## 4. Empowerment

We collaborate with the aim of empowering each other to be the best that we can be.

### I demonstrate this by...

- working collaboratively with others and to the best of my ability
- sharing information and acting in good faith
- developing, maintaining and using my own skills and capabilities and those of others
- providing support to my team members to help achieve common goals
- generating and supporting innovative ideas to improve our work
- recognising the importance of fun and enjoyment in the workplace.

## 5. Accountability

We acknowledge and assume responsibility for our own actions and personal behaviour and we are entitled to expect the same from others.

### I demonstrate this by...

- acknowledging that I am responsible for behaving in accordance with the Lions Purposes and Ethics, relevant laws, Lions International policies and this Code
- only making commitments I know I can fulfil, and following through on them
- taking responsibility for my work and performance
- raising a perceived breach of the Code in good faith
- not victimising anyone for raising a breach in good faith
- ensuring my expectations of others are reasonable, clear and understood
- recognising good performance and addressing performance shortfalls quickly, directly, fairly and openly
- respecting and protecting the physical and intellectual property of Lions.
- ensuring appropriate use of resources with consideration for greatest need and reducing waste and duplication.

## 6. Representation

We represent Lions in a way that respects the Lions Purposes and Ethics and promotes confidence in the organisation. This includes representing Lions while at work, when publicly displaying a connection to Lions (for example wearing t-shirts, pins or writing on letterhead) and in situations where we are recognised as a spokesperson or representative of Lions.

### I demonstrate this by...

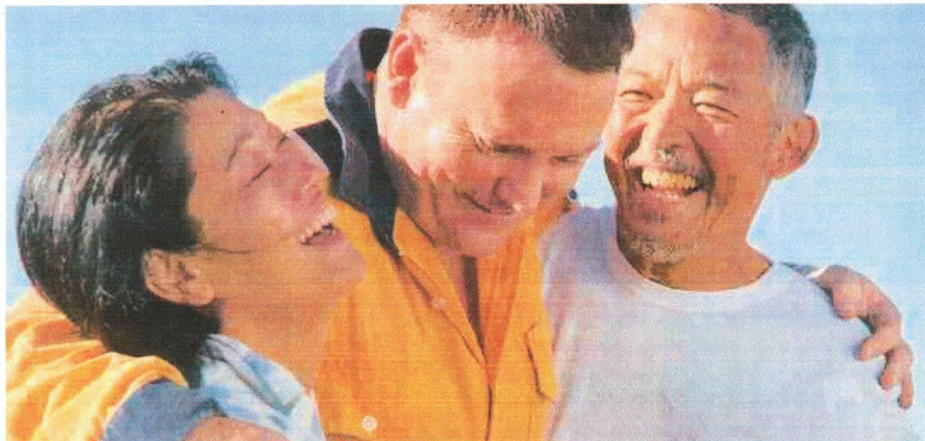
- being mindful at all times (including outside work activity) that my actions can impact the reputation of Lions and the people we assist
- refraining from party political actions while publicly representing Lions
- acting in a way that does not harm the reputation of Lions
- ensuring the correct use of the Lions emblem
- only making comments in the media on behalf of Lions when authorised
- accepting gifts only when I am confident they are of token value, are genuinely offered in the spirit of goodwill, and where the giver is not seeking favoured treatment
- dressing in an appropriate manner when conducting Lions business.

## 7. Champion

We champion and stand up for Lions policies and procedures and comply with the laws of the country in which we work.

### I demonstrate this by...

- Actively supporting the safety, health and well-being of all Lions members and others we interact with.
- Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of Lions as an organisation, its members, staff, clients, partners and other supporters.
- Actively supporting, encouraging and promoting diversity in the workplace.
- Understanding that many of our policies provide guidance on the way we treat each other, including the Equal Opportunity, Complaints and Grievance, Disciplinary Action, Occupational Health and Safety, Privacy, Protecting Children and Young People, Drugs and Alcohol, Diversity and Whistleblower Policies, or Acts in each State or Territory.



**CEREMONY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR LIONS CLUBS**

**Chairman**

Presidents, Distinguished Guests, Lions and Lioness Members and your Partners

We have tonight acknowledged Lions Clubs International, our association, and the Objects of Lionism.

The Executive and Board of Directors we will be Inducting tonight, will become an active part of Lions Clubs International. Their actions, positive or negative will become part of the expanding history of our association. In a changing world, there is still work to be done, vital and necessary work, and thankfully, there are still public spirited people willing to give up some of their spare time to enthusiastically tackle the problems.

It is with appreciation and a indeed a pleasure to install the Club Officers for coming year. I will ask them to come forward as called and will briefly outline their duties.

Lion Secretary ..... have the officers to be installed been properly elected to their respective portfolios?

Elected officers come forward.

**Lion Tamer:** To ensure guests and Lions made welcome and properly seated. Act as the Greeter, and welcome all guests. Take care of Club's paraphernalia and equipment. Display the Club's Charter, International flag set, and collection of bannerettes – the symbols of this Club being part of Lions International and united in bonds of friendship with many Lions Clubs around the world.  
Will you .....

**Tail Twister:** To maintain harmony. To ensure good fellowship through good humoured fines upon members. Involve everyone happily in the function, and to assist your President in his management of dinner meetings.  
Will you .....

**Bulletin Editor:** Is responsible for producing a monthly publication, to keep all members informed of relevant Lions Information and details of Club activities.  
Will you .....

**Membership Chairman:** Maintains an active and positive programme to allow prospective members the opportunity to gain knowledge and encouragement to join our Organisation.  
Will you .....

**Directors:** Play a Key role in formulating Club policy and decisions. Give unselfishly of time and effort in advancing your Club's Activities and prestige. A Club is the most vital link in the great chain of Lionism and as a Director you begin to broaden your horizons in Lionism. As has been the club's policy for some years, all active financial members are Club Directors.  
Will you .....

**Vice Presidents:** You are all responsible for the effective working and regular meetings of the committees appointed by your President. Be prepared to advance to a higher position in your Club and to this end attendance at Conventions is important in your development as Lions leaders. You are the advisers to the President. and you stand in for him or her in order of seniority as required.  
Will you .....

**Treasurer:** You are the Custodian of all Club funds. You are required to collect moneys and disburse all funds as required by the Board. You are required to give budgeting advice, and regular financial statements to the Board of Directors and the Club.

Will you .....

**Secretary:** You are the President's right hand man and the Board's scribe. You are your Club's link with District and International through monthly reports. You collate and record all correspondence You are also a member of D.G.'s Zone Advisory Committee. You keep all membership and club records, and many other vital, and time-consuming duties.

Will you .....

**President:** You are the Chief executive officer of the Club, you appoint all Committees to carry through projects and programs of the Club. You preside at all Club meetings. You, together with the secretary, are a member of DG's Zone Advisory Committee. It is important you exert Leadership wisely in guiding your Club's achievements.

Will you .....

**ALL LIONS PLEASE STAND**

Elected members of the Board of Directors, do you undertake to perform your duties as best you can at all times, sincerely bearing in mind our Ethics, our Purposes, and the Constitutions of Lions International?

It is my pleasure to declare you duly installed into the offices to which you have been elected.

**Past President.....**It is your duty to as Immediate Past President to assist the President and offer advice and guidance from your experience where necessary.  
Will you .....

**Installing Officer:**

It is now my great pleasure to declare these Lions duly installed into the respective offices to which they have been elected.

To you, Lion President ....., I hand this gavel, as a token of your Club's esteem, love and confidence in you, and as your symbol of authority. On behalf of the membership of your Club, I want to assure you of their readiness to follow your leadership during your term of office.

And now Lion ..... It is my extreme personal pleasure to congratulate you upon the honour your Club has conferred in electing you as its most successful year under your leadership."



## **Lions Burial Rituals**

The Ritual is a tribute to a Lion who has served his/her Club, the International Association and his/her community. The Ritual should not be used if the deceased has virtually cut his/her ties with the Association. Such a man/woman may not have wished such a Ritual.

The Catholic Church approves the form but only if Laymen officiate.

The Ritual was designed to be used only if the relatives want it performed. It is a format and should be treated accordingly.

At Graveside, Speaker goes behind the Minister, after Church Service, the Speaker taking the Minister's place, says (may be varied to suit the circumstances): -

*"We are assembled here today to pay a last tribute to our beloved fellow Lion..... Who has served his/her community well through his/her membership in the Lions Club of.....How well he/she served will be known to*



*many who stand around this grave today? How many he/she served can be known only to Almighty God who has recorded those smiles of the unfortunate who were helped by our brother's/sister's service".*

*(Personal details should now be given – limited to 2 minutes)*

*(Speaker then asks a preselected Lion to read the Code of Ethics).*

*"As we stand here having heard the Code of Ethics by which Lion..... lived, remembering his/her many qualities and the happy times we spent together, may we join in a silent pledge to extend the hand of Service to all in need, as he/she would have us do.*

*As brother/sister follows brother/sister into the great beyond, we who are left must continue to promote the ideals of unselfish Service to all those in need and to the highest Ideals of Citizenship.*

*I now ask you to conclude this tribute, joining with me reverently in a silent prayer for a true Lion".*



## Invocations

As we Lions gather here  
We pause to offer up this prayer,  
Bless now this food that we partake,  
And every effort we make,  
To build the towns in which we live,  
And put in the hearts to give,  
to worthy causes. Bless the blind  
and all we do to serve mankind  
be with us till we meet again  
and bless our land an our homes.

We bow our heads in grateful thanks,  
That we meet here today.  
We don't forget our absent friends  
On journeys far away

The food we eat, the wine we drink,  
Enjoyed amongst our brother  
Remind us in our daily lives.  
The needs and wants of others.

In spirit and in harmony,  
They join us in our prayers.  
That peace prevail upon the earth.  
Not only ours but theirs.

When I attend my Lions Club  
And break bread at the table,  
I give a million thanks to God  
To know that I am able  
To meet there with my fellow man,  
Relax and play and sing,  
To hear the speakers of the day,  
The fellowship that they bring.  
I realise that I have a part  
in caring for the Blind,  
also the underprivileged,  
let's keep them all in mind.  
Now as we do our daily tasks  
Pray God we do them greatly,  
Then Liberty and Intelligence  
Will be our Nation's Safety.

We pause in gratitude to say thanks God,  
For your blessings everyday,  
Thank you for sun, rain and food,  
Thank you for friends and all things good.  
For the Bounty of this generous land,  
For every gift of your good land,  
Thank you to-night for the food we eat  
And the fellowship of those we meet.  
AMEN

