



Lions Club

TOOWOOMBA WILSONTON INC.

*LCI Member Number 34881
Founded 1977*

The Willie Whisperer

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LOUD SHIRT DAY

Just a reminder from Lion Ian that we will be celebrating "Loud Shirt Day" at our dinner meeting on Wednesday 11th March.

So.....search through your wardrobes to find your brightest shirt to wear along on the night!

Remember all the fun we had last year for Loud Shirt Day?



Important Note... Dinner Policy

Apologies (for non-attendance of a dinner meeting) must be given to the Club Secretary by 9am via text or email on the Monday prior to the meeting for normal Dinner meeting. Secretary email... lionsclubofwilsontoninc@gmail.com



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Serving a World in Need

One act of kindness at a time

President's Report

Hi Folks, another month has gone and we have had another busy month. We started off with the Sandwiches for kids and we had a good turn up. We had to make over 800 sandwiches for our schools to deliver. Thanks to those who attended and helped and delivered the sandwiches to the schools.

We then had a membership meeting at the Brays residence and spoke to a prospective new member; Vanessa LANDER and we had a good chat with her and is interested in joining our Club.

As discussed at our Board meeting, our first meeting of the month will be a social meeting night with no business discussed accept if was an urgent matter. At this meeting, we had a Guest speaker, Jules DAVEY CEO of Hope for our Children organization, Toowoomba. She discussed the operation of her group and they assistance they give to needy children in the Community. Our usual donation was given to Jules for her organization. Also, I arranged a donation of 12 Lions Teddy bear toys to be sent to her and distributed to children who may need them.

Lion George COSSART discussed the yearly Peak to Park run on Sunday 1/3/26 and obtained names for the event and a sizable number of members names were obtained and a roster completed.

Lions Bernadette CRAIG advised that the Youth of the Year region final will be held at the Community rooms at the Library on Saturday 7/3/26. We have an entrant in the final and we are seeking members to support our entrant at the event.

We had our monthly Harvey Norm BBQ at was a good day for sales. We also had a BBQ at the Vera Lacaze childcare Centre.

Some of us attended Laurel Bank Park Hall and gave the Hall a bit of a cleanup, cleaning the Fan blades, windowsills, and anything else that may need attention. We also checked out the storeroom to take anything that the club may own. Thanks to Lion Ken and Janelle BRAY and Lion Ron MCGUIRE.

Lion Ian CHASE and I attended Blue card presentation at Dalby and was interesting presentation. Accept I had a little NOD during it and was later fined by Lion Janelle for my indiscretion at the last dinner meeting.

I visited PDG Bill LANE at St Vincent's Care Services Nursing home and Lion Ray KRAUSE with Lion Ken BRAY, Lion John WRENCH and Lion Ian CHASE and both seem to be in good spirits.

On the Dinner meeting on the 25/2/26. Lion Brad NEWTON it was brought up in discussion to forming a committee for the Clubs 50th Anniversary in December 2027. Members needed to form the Committee and start making plans. If interested, contact Lion Brad.

Lion Sue O'NEILL spoke on the proposed social Fun day of playing croquet at a local Club on the 16th May. Club will pay the fees for the day. Contact Sue, if interested in a good social day.

Lion Ken BRAY updated us on the progress of the air conditioning for our Hall and discussions have been made with the installer and TRC. Looking good, hopefully in the next few weeks work will proceed.

Anyway, enough from me, signing off. Stay safe.



COMING IN MARCH

LIONS ON SAFARI



COMING UP

“Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure”

This coming March, join Lions on Safari: A Service Adventure—a month-long campaign showcasing the incredible work Lions are doing across Australia.

We invite you to join the adventure! Organise or participate in events happening nationwide and help us raise awareness for the causes we champion. It's a fantastic way to highlight our impact and inspire new volunteers.

What is Lions on Safari?

Pack your sense of adventure! Lions on Safari will take you on a journey through community service, featuring environmental projects, acts of kindness, and exciting opportunities to get involved.

Celebrate key dates like Clean Up Australia Day, International Women's Day, Harmony Week, and the International Day of Happiness with Lions making a positive impact in your neighbourhood.

How to Get Involved

Looking for ideas to celebrate Lions on Safari and important dates in March 2026? Here are some suggestions to inspire your Lions Club events:

Bunnings Barbecue:

Partner with your local Bunnings for a barbecue or host a family-friendly event.

Clean Up Australia Day (March 1):

Organise rubbish clean-ups, recycling projects, or environmental awareness campaigns to engage the community in caring for the planet.

Hearing Awareness Week (March 1-7)/World Hearing Day (March 3):

Hearing loss has been at the heart of Lions Assistance Dogs since their founding program began in 1980. Hearing Assistance Dogs alert recipients to important sounds like doorbells, alarms and phones, improving safety and security. We encourage Lions to raise awareness in their communities.

International Women's Day (March 8):

Organise impactful events and fundraisers that empower and support women in their communities. Consider raising funds for vital projects such as women's community shelters, sanitation projects, or the PNG Birthing Mothers Projects, all of which contribute to the well-being of women.

National Leo Day (March 16):

Celebrate the amazing impact Leos are making in their communities! Connect with your local Leo Club and collaborate on an event to highlight their incredible work.

International Day of Happiness (March 20):

Organise events that spread joy and promote well-being, like games, celebrations, or activities that get people smiling. Promote happiness by highlighting human rights, environmental care, and social well-being.

Harmony Week (March 16 – 22):

Encourage everyone to wear orange in support of cultural diversity. Consider hosting a sausage sizzle with an international food twist or inviting a local cultural dance or singing group to perform.

The possibilities for Lions on Safari are endless!

HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Out & About



At our meeting on the 11th. We had Jules Davey from Hope for Our Children come and talk about what the Organisation does. We donated \$300 and a box of Lions Bears to be put in the Backpacks.

Established in 2013 by compassionate individuals who had been profoundly affected by their own experiences with at-risk children, Hope For Our Children (HFOC) was born out of a shared belief that more can be done for the most vulnerable in our community. Our founder, Nadine Wright, a guiding light in our mission, envisioned a brighter future for children who often find themselves facing unimaginable challenges.

Our journey began with a simple yet powerful initiative: providing backpacks for children on the brink of transition or removal from their homes. These backpacks, filled with essential items, replaced the garbage bags that children had been seen dragging from one uncertain place to the next. Our mission was clear – to reduce the turmoil caused by frequent placement changes in foster care, one backpack at a time.

Over the years, the dedication and unwavering support of our community allowed us to expand our programs, touching the lives of countless children and young people. Today, Hope For Our Children stands at the forefront of change, with a focus on empowering, nurturing, and uplifting those in need.

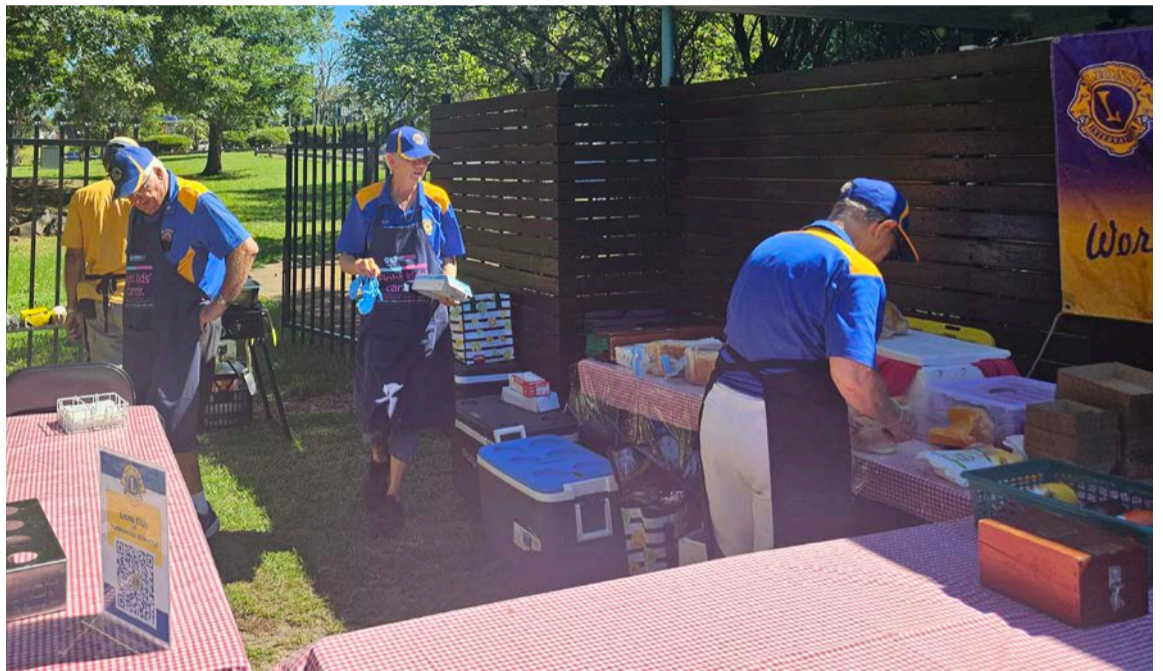
Check out all the good things they are doing at <https://www.hopeforourchildren.com.au/>



VERA LACAZE BBQ

We gladly did a BBQ at Vera Lacaze for their AGM. It is a good way to get out there and get our club's name out in the Community. We had a Wonderful Team of Janelle, Ken, Col, and Elizabeth. Col and Ken handled the BBQ, and Col made a Friend by dropping a Sausage and feeding it to a local Magpie. Elizabeth did a great job on the counter; Janelle and I did the serving. We had a constant crowd and music provided by a local group.

- Lion Brad



CANDID SHOTS

Candid shot of BBQ Supervisor, Lion Brad being very busy at a Harvey Norman BBQ. Love your work!



Lion Elizabeth and Michelle (Lion Brad's wife) represented our Club at the 60th Anniversary of Toowoomba City Lions Club. The cake was cut by the only Charter Member remaining and their newest member.

-Lion Elizabeth



OUT & ABOUT

PEAK TO PARK FUN



More News

Get together after the Peak to Park run event on Sunday 1st March.



Dan and Maria trying out a police bike.

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More to share

SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS
WHEN MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE,
CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD.



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- Ron - 12th
- Ken - 17th
- Kylie - 17th
- Dianne - 24th



WORLD DAY

The International Day of Happiness on March 20, 2026, focuses on the theme of "Caring and Sharing". This theme emphasizes the importance of kindness, generosity, and social connection to improve well-being and build stronger communities, encouraging individuals to foster supportive environments.



Key aspects of the 2026 theme include:

Caring and Sharing:

A focus on empathy, connection, and supporting others to foster community resilience.

Social Media & Wellbeing:

The International Day of Happiness highlights the, exploring how technology impacts mental health and happiness trends.

Action for Happiness:

The International Day of Happiness promotes initiatives that focus on personal and collective well-being, such as acts of kindness and community engagement.

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

MARCH 2026			
Wednesday	11 th	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall - Guest Speaker
Monday	16 th	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Newtown Hall
Wednesday	25 th	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall
Thursday	26 th		Bunnings North Family Market - Lions Info Stall
Friday	27 th	8:00am - 4:00pm	Bunnings North BBQ



COMING UP

Board Meetings
3rd Monday of the Month

Dinner Meetings
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
7:00pm for 7:30pm
Newtown Hall @ 49 Rome Street Newtown

APRIL 2026			
Saturday	4 th	8:00am	BBQ - Harvey Norman
Wednesday	8 th	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall - Election Night
Sunday	19 th		Hearing Dog Info Day @ Bunnings North
Monday	20 th	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Newtown Hall
Wednesday	25 nd	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall
Friday	27 th	8:00am	BBQ - Bunnings North
Saturday	25 th		ANZAC DAY
Monday	27 th	8:00am	School Sandwiches

Dates to Remember

CLUB WELFARE

From time to time, members of our club may face periods where their involvement is less than usual or responses are delayed. Often this is because they are dealing with illness themselves or caring for a loved one who is unwell. During these times, a little patience and understanding from fellow members can make a meaningful difference. Our club is built not only on shared goals and activities, but also on respect and support for one another as people. By showing compassion and allowing space for members to manage their health or family responsibilities, we help create a stronger, kinder community where everyone feels valued and supported, both in good times and when life presents challenges. Unfortunately a few of our members have had some challenges with their own health and family members with health issues of late.

At the Dinner meeting 25th February, Lion George Cossart advised members that Lion Pat Eagle is currently in hospital and would remain there until early next week, followed by rehabilitation. Apologies were given by Lion John and Lion Linda S for their less than usual involvement. Lion Kylie would also like to apologise for the delay with the Willie Whisperer due to more surgery and recovery.

One of the things that truly makes our Lions Club special is the genuine care and compassion shown among our members. Time and again we see people step up with kindness, patience, and understanding when a fellow Lion is going through a difficult time. Our members consistently demonstrate what it means to look after one another. This spirit of empathy and support is a wonderful reflection of the values our club stands for. It reminds us that beyond the projects and service we provide to the community, we are also a strong and caring network of people who look out for each other.

TO THINK ABOUT

Celebrating 50 years of a Lions Club marks a major milestone of community service, dedication, and local impact, often celebrated with special events, honoring charter members, and highlighting projects that have supported the community for five decades.



We will be celebrating our club's 50th Anniversary in December 2027.

I know it may seem a long way away, but it will be here before we know it. We need to get a Committee together to plan and organize the Celebration. If you are interested in being on the Committee, please let me know, so we can then arrange a get-together to plan what we want to do, or if you have photos, stories, or something you want to share, please feel free to let me know.

- Lion Brad



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DID YOU KNOW

Acronyms of the Month

ALF

– Australian Lions Foundation

DISTRICT (201Q3)

GLT

– Global Leadership Team

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