



Lions Club

TOOWOOMBA WILSONTON INC.

*LCI Member Number 34881
Founded 1977*

The Willie Whisperer

EDITION ~ JUNE 26

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Plastic Free July™ is a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution. That way, we can enjoy cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you join Plastic Free July™ by choosing to refuse single-use plastics?

What makes it powerful is how it starts. Not with big changes or perfect solutions, but with one small step. Last year, 174 million people across more than 190 countries took part, helping to avoid an estimated 290 million kilograms of plastic waste. These numbers are made up of individual choices, people trying something new, finding what works for them, and building habits that last well beyond July.

Starting small can lead to big change.

**Small steps,
big difference.**



PLASTIC FREE JULY
By Plastic Free Foundation

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 All,

This is my final President's Report after serving two years as President of our Club.

At the beginning of the month, our members worked at Farmfest over the three-day event. Once again, it was a very successful three days, and I thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort.

At our dinner meeting, I had the pleasure of congratulating Col and Sandra SCHULZ on their 60th wedding anniversary. What a wonderful milestone—well done! As I joked on the night, "You don't get that long for murder!"

I also presented Lion Norm SMITH with his 29-Year Service Tab. Congratulations, Norm, and thank you for your outstanding service to Lions.

As usual, we conducted our Harvey Norman and Bunnings BBQs, which were both great successes and excellent fundraisers for the Club.

On Saturday, 20 June, we held our Changeover Luncheon at the Irish Club. It was pleasing to see such a good attendance. Our new Board members were installed by PDG Robbie CRAIG, and I had the privilege of presenting awards to members in recognition of their community service and dedication throughout the year.

Congratulations to Lion Linda SCHEFE, who was presented with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. A well-deserved honour. Congratulations also to all our award recipients for their valuable contributions.

I also received a surprise when Lion Ken BRAY presented me with the Prof. Ian FRAZER Humanitarian Progressive Award. I sincerely thank the Club for this unexpected honour. It is greatly appreciated. The luncheon was a wonderful event, and I believe everyone enjoyed the fellowship and excellent meal.

Our scheduled dinner meeting on 24 June was cancelled due to the Changeover Luncheon. Lion Brad and I attended the Toowoomba West Lions Club Changeover Luncheon at Picnic Point, which was very well attended. Congratulations to Lion Natalie BUGDEN on her appointment as President for the 2026–2027 Lions year. We wish her every success.

The air-conditioning project continues to progress slowly while we await further work by Ergon. At this stage, it is expected that the project will not be completed until October 2026. We'll get there eventually! Lion Ken has been keeping a close eye on the project and ensuring things continue to move forward.

We are also investigating the purchase of a projector for use at Club meetings and by our guest speakers. Lion Ken and I are currently working on this project.

In closing, it has been a busy and rewarding two years for both myself and the Board. Together, we have achieved a great deal, and I thank every member who has supported the Club during my term as President.

I wish the incoming Board every success for the 2026–2027 Lions year. Please give our new President, Lion Brad, and his Board your full support, become involved in Club activities, and encourage some new faces to join us at future events.

Thank you all for your friendship, support and dedication over the past two years.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy and successful 2026–2027 Lions year.

C. N. DALGLEISH
Immediate Past President



PITTSWORTH LIONS CLUB

61ST ANNUAL CHANGEOVER

A couple of photos from the Pittsworth Lions Club 61st Annual Changeover, Saturday 27th June. Incoming President John Murphy aka Murph, Outgoing President David Olischlager, and Board of Directors. Lion Stuart Matthews was the Installing Officer, and this was his last duty before being installed as District Governor in the first week in July in Hong Kong.

-Lion Bernie



Senior Sergeant Nicole Jackson and Sergeant Jo O'Neil came to a meeting and spoke about the Domestic Violence Unit and what it does in the Community

- Lion Brad

Members being presented with years of service



Lion Ken run off his feet at Farmfest



Lion George Cossart 52 years



Lion Ian Chase 49 years



Lion Peter McAuliffe 27 years

Out & About

Our Club Changeover



More Changeover Pics



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY ONE DONATION AT A TIME

At the Lions Club of Toowoomba Wilsonton, we believe that every dollar raised by our members and volunteers should make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Thanks to the incredible support of our community through fundraising events, raffles, catering, and donations, we have once again been able to support a wide range of organisations that provide vital services to people both locally and across Australia.

From July 2025 through to June 2026, our club proudly donated to organisations that support families in crisis, people experiencing homelessness, medical research, emergency services, disability support, children's wellbeing, and the many outstanding projects operated by Lions.

Every donation represents something much greater than money. It represents hope, compassion, and a community working together to help those who need it most.

SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

BASE Services

BASE Services provides practical assistance and support to vulnerable members of our community, helping people access essential services, meals, accommodation support, and pathways toward a better future. We are proud to support the important work they do every day.

Rosies – Friends on the Street

Rosies provides friendship, conversation, and practical assistance to people experiencing homelessness or social isolation. Their volunteers offer dignity, compassion, and connection to those who often need it most.

LifeFlight

LifeFlight's emergency rescue helicopters and medical teams save lives across regional Queensland every day. Our donation helps support the vital work of delivering rapid emergency medical care when every minute counts.

Toowoomba Hospice

Toowoomba Hospice provides compassionate palliative care for people living with terminal illness and offers invaluable support to their families. Their commitment to dignity, comfort, and quality of life makes a lasting difference during life's most challenging moments.

Hope For Our Children

Hope For Our Children works tirelessly to support vulnerable children and families, helping to create brighter futures through practical assistance and community programs that strengthen family wellbeing.

Tony's Kitchen

Tony's Kitchen provides nourishing meals and a welcoming environment for people doing it tough. Beyond providing food, they offer friendship, respect, and hope to members of our community experiencing hardship.

Toowoomba Parkinson's Support Group

Living with Parkinson's disease presents many daily challenges. Our support helps this organisation continue providing education, resources, social connection, and assistance for individuals and families affected by Parkinson's.

Motor Neurone Disease (September Walk)

Our club proudly supports awareness and fundraising efforts for Motor Neurone Disease. Donations assist research, advocacy, and practical support for Australians living with this devastating illness.

Protea Place

Protea Place provides a safe and welcoming centre for women experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or significant hardship. Their services empower women through practical assistance, advocacy, health support, and genuine care.

Unity Care – Farmer to Farmer

Farmer to Farmer assists farming families facing hardship caused by drought and other difficult circumstances. Through practical support and community generosity, the program helps rural families during challenging times.

Food Assist Toowoomba

Food Assist provides affordable groceries and food relief to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. Their work helps ensure that people in our community have access to nutritious food when they need it most.

MORE DONATIONS MADE

The Winter Shelter

The Winter Shelter offers emergency overnight accommodation during the colder months for people experiencing homelessness. Their volunteers provide warmth, safety, meals, and compassion during the most difficult times of the year.

Toowoomba Homeless Outreach

This dedicated organisation works directly with people experiencing homelessness by providing practical support, advocacy, essential supplies, and pathways toward stable housing and improved wellbeing.

Supporting Lions Projects

One of the unique strengths of Lions Clubs is the opportunity to support life-changing projects that extend well beyond our local community.

Camp Duckadang

Camp Duckadang provides unforgettable camp experiences for young people living with disability or special needs. These camps build confidence, independence, friendships, and lifelong memories for participants and their families.

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

Every child deserves the chance to grow up healthy. Our donation helps fund world-class childhood cancer research aimed at improving treatments and ultimately finding cures for childhood cancers.

Lions Assistance Dogs

Lions Assistance Dogs transforms lives by training highly skilled assistance dogs for Australians living with physical disabilities, medical conditions, and veterans requiring support. These incredible partnerships provide greater independence, confidence, and quality of life.

Lions Eye Health Program

The Lions Eye Health Program helps raise awareness of preventable vision loss and promotes regular eye health checks. Through education and community outreach, the program works to reduce avoidable blindness and improve eye health across Australia.

Thank You to Our Community

None of these donations would be possible without the generous support of our local community, sponsors, volunteers, and members who contribute countless hours throughout the year.

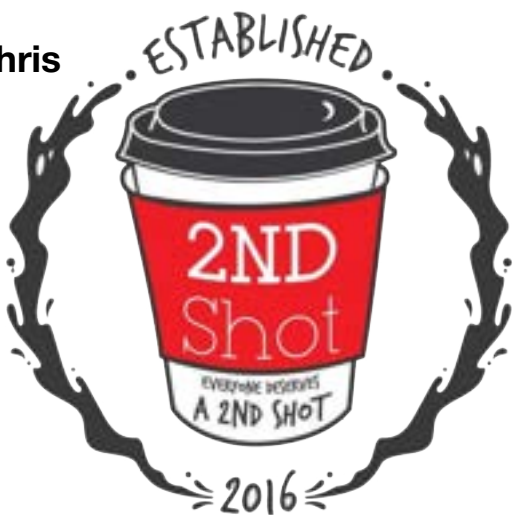
Whether you've attended one of our fundraising events, purchased raffle tickets, volunteered your time, or simply supported our club in any way, you have helped make these donations possible.

Together, we are making a real difference.

HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT CAMPAIGN

Lion Ian and Lion Chris attended the launch of the Homeless for the night Campaign at the 2nd Shot Cafe. Looking for donations for Base Services.

- Lion Chris



More Donations

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO COMP



2026-2027 DISTRICT 201Q3 LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO COMPETITION



Name of Entrant:.....
201Q3 Lion/Leo

Club name:.....

Email address of Entrant:.....
(Photographer)

Title of Photograph:.....

- Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- More than one member from the Club may submit an entry.
- Photos to be submitted electronically to liongarry0@gmail.com preferably in .jpg format.
- Photographs only to be labelled with the name of the photo. No other information in the photo please.
- Entrants are asked not to let anyone know which photographs they have entered this year. That way all entries are anonymous.
- Winner will be decided by a District Cabinet Executive vote and will be announced at the Bribie Island Convention on Saturday 03 October 2026.
- A Certificate of Appreciation and a small award will be presented after the Convention to the winning photographer.

Entries must be received by **Monday 07 September 2026**. Late entries will not be considered.

Contact: Lion Garry J. Bates JP(Qual.) Phone: 0488 723 572 Email: liongarry0@gmail.com

2026-2027 THEME: “Australian Mammals under threat of extinction”

Entries should reflect the theme.

RULES:

1. Photos must be original. Taken by the Photographer and unaltered.
2. Photos entered become the property of District 201Q3 for printing rights.
3. Photos must be of indigenous animals of Australia.
4. People can be in the photo provided the Club and Photographer are not identified.
5. The winning entry will be the photo that receives the highest number of Cabinet Executive members votes.
6. All entries will be forwarded to District Cabinet Executive members electronically and their votes calculated.
7. There will be no fee required to enter the competition; it is free for all to enter.

MEET OUR BOARD 2026 - 2027



PRESIDENT
Lion Brad Newton



SECRETARY
Lion Bernadette Craig



SECRETARY MINUTES
Lion Linda Scheffe



TREASURER
Lion Janelle Bray



1st VICE PRESIDENT
Lion Barry Apps



2nd VICE PRESIDENT
Lion Sue O'Neill



CBL CHAIR
Lion Ron Maguire



GST CHAIR
Lion Ian Chase



1st YEAR DIRECTOR
Lion Elizabeth Chappell



2nd YEAR DIRECTOR
Lion John Wrench



HALL CHAIRMAN
Michele Newton



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Lion Elizabeth Chappell



TAIL TWISTER
Lion John Wrench



LION TAMER
Lion Dan Mahon

TEAMWORK

Coming together is the
beginning
Keeping together is
progress
Working together is
success

"NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED."

-AESOP-





**TOOWOOMBA
REGION**

FREE WORKSHOP

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

Volunteer Safety Capacity Building Workshop



**Duty of Care,
Risk Management,
Volunteer Insurance
and more..**

**28 July 2026 from
12:30 to 3:30pm
for all sessions**

TOOWOOMBA
Community Rooms
Level 3, City Library Building,
155 Herries Street, Toowoomba.

MILLMERRAN
Uniting Church
41 Florence Street, Millmerran.

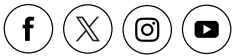
OAKEY
Digital Hub Room
Oakey Library,
62 Campbell Street, Oakey.

PITTSWORTH
Conference Room 1
Pittsworth Function Centre,
Hume Street, Pittsworth.



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**RSVP's are essential
via TRC Customer
Service Centre on 131
872 by no later than
Thursday 23 July.**

Light refreshments and
snacks available.

Limited spaces available
at each location.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

Judy - 4th
Merv - 15th
Lari - 26th
Maria - 28th



DID YOU KNOW

Acronyms of the Month

LEI

– Lions Eye Institue

DISTRICT (201Q3)

GMT

– Glaboal Membership Team



Remember

to check out our website
www.toowoombawilsontonlions.com.au
and facebook
Lions Club of Toowoomba Wilsonton
for more news & events

MEETINGS THIS MONTH

JULY 2026			
Wednesday	8 th	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall
Monday	20 th	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Newtown Hall
Wednesday	22 th	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall - TBC



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

MEETINGS NEXT MONTH

AUGUST 2026			
Wednesday	12 th	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting
Monday	17 th	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Newtown Hall
Wednesday	26 nd	6:30pm	Dinner Meeting - Newtown Hall

Dates to Remember