LIONS DISTRICT 201Q4 CONVENTION

Hosted by Lions Club of Rockhampton Fitzroy River
at Gracemere Community Centre

District Governor
Murray Wegner



Lions Clubs International 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 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 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 to 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, labor 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.

Lions Clubs International Purposes

TO ORGANISE charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

TO COORDINATE the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO FUND and otherwise serve the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO ASSIST financially, culturally, socially, and morally the disabled, disadvantaged and infirm of the community both directly and also indirectly.

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.

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Acknowledgement of Country

It is with great respect that Lions District Q4, together with Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions Club, acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of Australia's lands, waters and skies, and in particular the Darumbal people, on whose land we now meet in Gracemere. In the Darumbal language, the geographical area of Gracemere is known as "badyul".

In 1855, the Archer brothers left their Eidsvold station to establish the Gracemere Run next to the present-day Gracemere Lagoon. The name Gracemere comes from "Grace", the name of Thomas Archer's wife, and "mere", a Scottish term for lake.

The local Aboriginal people, led by "King Harold", wished to establish peaceful relations with the Archer brothers, and both groups were able to live in harmony with one another. The Darumbal people's ongoing connection to the region was formally recognised under Australian law in 2016, when the Federal Court granted the Darumbal people **Native Title rights** over their traditional lands. Today, we acknowledge their continuing connection to and care of land, waters and community.

We also acknowledge the communities in which Lions District Q4 works and serves, and pay our respects to Elders past and present, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders from other communities who may be in attendance.

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we serve



LIONS DISTRICT 201Q4 CONVENTION

DISTRICT GOVERNOR – LION MURRAY WEGNER

DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Convention Chairperson	Lion Jenny Hooper
Convention Secretary	Lion Kathryn Barrett
Treasurer	Lion Greg Jackson
Assistant Treasurer	Lion Wayne Couper
Committee Members	Lion Frank Douglas Lion Kathy McCosker Lion Melissa Webber Lion Tony Wills

The Lions Club of Rockhampton Fitzroy River is proud to host the Lions District 201Q4 Convention. Our dedicated Convention Committee has worked together to plan and coordinate this special event, with the aim of creating a welcoming, enjoyable and memorable convention for all Lions members, delegates and guests.

Leo Pledge

I pledge of my hands extended and open, to help those in need.

I pledge of my heart, reach for it, and it will be touched. pledge of my ears, to hear another's outcry.

My eyes to see, the plight of others.

My knowledge to bring a man closer to his dreams.

I pledge of myself for the commitment of my community and my country.

WELCOME – CONVENTION CHAIR



Welcome everyone to the "BEEF CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA".

Rockhampton is a major regional city in Central Queensland located on the Fitzroy River just north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Rockhampton has 6 large bull statues dotted around the city to represent the region's main cattle. I hope you all enjoy your visit to Rockhampton/Gracemere.

Our journey began 2 years ago when Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions Club was approached to host the 2026 Convention.

The Committee along with the now DG Murray, has put together an informative and exciting weekend.

We welcome Lions, Leo's and partners as far North as Marlborough, South to Sunshine Coast out West to Longreach.

Meeting clubs from other areas will give us new ideas for Service that will inspire us to engage in new projects, along with the static displays show casing our Service Causes to gain fresh ideas and knowledge.

As Lions, it's important to reflect on how being part of this great volunteer organization has shaped our lives. What would communities do if there were no Lions Clubs?

Every Lion has an important part to play, the convention is not only about having great speakers, gaining knowledge finding new ideas but to also have FUN enjoy being a Lion as "WE SERVE".

MEET and GREET Friday night (Denim and Lace) chance to catch up with fellow Lions and first conventioneers to meet other Lions from different zones.

Saturday night let your hair down and "SHIMMER AND SHINE" (in your after 5) at the DG Gala dinner.

It's my pleasure to officially "WELCOME" everyone to the 201Q4 Lions District Convention Rockhampton 2026. Thank you all for attending have a great weekend and have a Safe Journey Home

Lion Jenny Hooper

201Q4 Convention Chair 2026

"INSPIRING OTHERS TO SERVE"



Green Canopy

Lions Australia

Tree Planting Project

Welcome – District Governor



Murray Wegner

District Governor 201Q4

It is my absolute privilege and pleasure to welcome you all to the MD201 District Q4 Convention in the warm and welcoming community of Gracemere, Central Queensland.

Whether you have travelled from across our vast district or are joining us from further afield, we are thrilled to have you with us. A special welcome to our guest speakers - thank you for giving your time, sharing your knowledge, and helping us bring to life my theme for this year - **"Inspiring Others to Serve."** Conventions are a cornerstone of our Lions year. They offer us a priceless opportunity to reconnect with old friends, welcome first-time attendees, forge new friendships, celebrate our collective achievements, and recharge our passion for service. Set against the rich backdrop of the Rockhampton region, Gracemere provides the ideal setting for us to come together, reflect on our global impact—from local community support to international relief—and reaffirm our course for the year ahead.

Over the next three days, I encourage each of you to engage in our sessions, share your experiences, and enjoy the true fellowship that defines our Lions family. Take time to celebrate our shared achievements and **draw inspiration from one another**.

Thank you for your dedication to service and for making District Q4 a vibrant, compassionate force for good. Enjoy the convention, enjoy Gracemere, "Beef it up" in Rockhampton and let's make this weekend an "excite-a-bull" experience!

Finally, Maxine and I extend our heartfelt thanks to Convention Chair Jenny and her Committee and to those Lions, Volunteers and Sponsors whose dedication, commitment and generosity have made this Convention possible.

In Lions Service

Murray Wegner



Welcome – Mayor of Rockhampton

Tony Williams



ON BEHALF OF ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE LIONS DISTRICT CONVENTION HOSTED BY THE ROCKHAMPTON-FITZROY RIVER LIONS CLUB.

Rockhampton Regional Council is proud to sponsor this event and I thank the Convention organisers, Convention Chair Lion Jenny Hooper and the many volunteers whose efforts have brought this gathering to our region.

I extend a warm welcome to delegates travelling from across Central Queensland, from Buderim and Blackbutt in the south, to Marlborough in the north and Longreach in the west. Your commitment to service and support for local communities is greatly appreciated and continues to make a positive difference in the lives of many people.

I encourage you to take some time during your stay to experience all that our region has to offer. Rockhampton is a vibrant regional city sitting astride the mighty Fitzroy (Tunuba) River and proudly known as the Beef Capital of Australia.

Take in the spectacular views from Mount Archer (Nurim) National Park, visit our beautiful Botanic Gardens and Zoo, enjoy our excellent local dining and hospitality, or explore some of the many attractions throughout the wider region.

'Rocky' people are well known for their country hospitality, and I am certain you will receive a warm welcome wherever you go.

On behalf of Rockhampton Regional Council and our residents, I wish you a successful convention, safe travels and an enjoyable stay in the Rockhampton Region.

TONY WILLIAMS
Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council

Explore ROCKHAMPTON

Welcome – Lions Clubs International President



Mark S. Lyon

International President, Lions Clubs International

22 September 2026

Dear Lions,

Congratulations on your convention and welcome! Your dedication and commitment make you outstanding examples of what it means to be Lions — to your families, your friends, your communities and Lions around the world.

Your accomplishments honour our association's motto, "We Serve," and reflect the strong foundation we share as an organisation that is rooted in service. Your contributions make a meaningful difference throughout your district and communities. Through your kindness and compassion, you change lives and inspire others to serve.

By remaining rooted in service, you are helping ensure that many more lives will be positively impacted in the years to come. As we look to the future, I am confident you will continue working together to deliver the life-changing service for which Lions and Leos are known.

Thank you for reminding Lions everywhere of the power of service grounded in commitment, compassion and community.

In friendship and service,

Mark S. Lyon
International President
Lions Clubs International

Our Impact

Lions donate 2 Million hours of community support each year

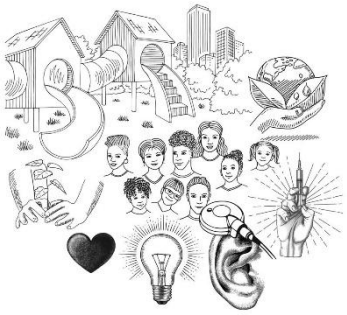
Lions make our communities more liveable

Lions invest millions of dollars into environmental projects

Lions funded the development of a Cervical Cancer Vaccine

Lions helped fund the Bionic Ear

Lions invest 5 Million per year developing young leaders



Welcome – International Director

Constitutional Area 7

Phillip Johnson OAM



Welcome to the MD201 Q4 Convention

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of Lions International and Constitutional Area 7, to extend a warm welcome to all Lions, Leos, guests and friends attending the District MD201 Q4 Convention.

I congratulate District Governor Murray Wegner and his team on their leadership throughout the year and acknowledge the dedication and commitment of Convention Committee Chairperson Lion Jenny Hooper and the entire organising committee in bringing this important event together and the host club, Rockhampton-Fitzroy River Lions Club

As you gather at the Gracemere Community Centre, let us celebrate the achievements of our Lions, recognise the service and contributions of our members, and strengthen the friendships and fellowship that make Lions Clubs such a special organisation.

Conventions provide us with an opportunity not only to reflect on what we have accomplished, but also to look ahead with renewed enthusiasm and determination. Together, you can continue to make a meaningful difference in your communities and around the world through service.

I wish District MD201 Q4 a successful and memorable Convention, filled with fellowship, inspiration and the spirit of Lions.

Enjoy your Convention, celebrate your successes, and continue to serve with pride.

Yours in Service,

Phillip Johnson OAM
International Director — Constitutional Area 7

Lions Clubs International

Welcome – Council Chairperson

Susan Eyton



It is my great pleasure, on behalf of Multiple District 201, to extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending the Q4 Convention in Gracemere. A District Convention is a special opportunity to step away from our usual responsibilities, reconnect with friends, welcome those attending for the first time and celebrate the remarkable difference Lions make in communities every day. It is also a time to exchange ideas, learn from one another and return to our clubs renewed in purpose.

I congratulate District Governor Murray, Convention Chairperson Jenny and every member of the convention committee. An event such as this requires many months of planning, cooperation and quiet work behind the scenes, and I thank each person who has contributed, which is undoubtedly over and above other Lions involvement.

Across Australia, Lions are responding to changing community needs with compassion, innovation and determination. Our organisation in Australia recorded positive membership growth last year for the first time in 16 years. That achievement gives us genuine optimism, but it is only the beginning. By providing a welcoming and meaningful experience for our members, encouraging new ideas and developing future leaders, we can strengthen our clubs and extend our service even further.

Every district has its own character, traditions and strengths, yet we are united by the simple promise contained in our motto: **We Serve**. When we listen to one another, work collaboratively and remain focused on the people who need us, there is very little we cannot accomplish..I wish District Q4 a memorable and successful convention. May it bring lively discussion, fresh inspiration, renewed friendships and, above all, plenty of Lions fellowship and enjoyment.

Susan Eyton - Council Chairperson 2026–2027, Australia – Multiple District 201

Welcome – Member for Rockhampton



Donna Kirkland MP is the Member for Rockhampton and Assistant Minister for Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Families and Seniors, and Central Queensland. Donna is passionate about building stronger, connected communities and supporting the people who call the region home. Donna is delighted to welcome Q4 Lions Convention delegates to the Beef Capital of Queensland and host city for the 2032 Olympic & Paralympic Rowing and Canoe Sprint events. Donna encourages visitors to explore the many attractions the region has to offer, from the breathtaking views of Mount Archer and the rich history of Mount Morgan to the iconic Quay Street precinct, the majestic Fitzroy River, and the vibrant dining experiences throughout the CBD. She hopes delegates enjoy Rockhampton's warm hospitality while discovering the unique character, beauty, and spirit that make Rockhampton and Central Queensland such special places to visit and enjoy..



Welcome to Central Queensland

My fellow Lions,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Central Queensland for the Lions District Convention, proudly hosted by the Rockhampton-Fitzroy River Lions Club.
To our Lions travelling from Buderim and Blackbutt in the south, Marlborough and Longreach in the north, and communities right across our District, welcome. I hope you enjoy not only a wonderful Convention, but the friendship and hospitality for which Central Queensland is known.

There is something special about this part of Queensland.
Central Queensland is where the coast meets the country. It is where the Fitzroy River winds through Rockhampton before reaching the waters of Keppel Bay, where our beaches look out towards the islands of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, and where some of Queensland's most productive agricultural, resources and regional communities have been built through generations of hard work.

We are communities that look out for one another, pitch in when someone needs a hand and understand that strong communities do not simply happen. They are built by people who choose to serve.

Across our District, Lions give countless hours to their communities. Whether it is supporting a family doing it tough, raising funds for medical research, backing local schools, helping after a natural disaster or simply putting on the barbecue at a community event, Lions are there.

Our Convention gives us an opportunity to celebrate that service, renew old friendships, make new ones and share ideas that we can take home to strengthen our Clubs and communities.

I particularly acknowledge District Governor Murray Wegner, Convention Chair Lion Jenny Hooper and the members of the Rockhampton-Fitzroy River Lions Club for the enormous effort that goes into bringing a District Convention together.

As both the Member for Keppel and a proud fellow Lion, I am delighted to welcome you to our region.

Enjoy the Convention, enjoy the fellowship and, while you are here, I encourage you to experience a little of what makes Central Queensland such a remarkable place to call home.

Yours in Lions service,

Nigel Hutton MP
Member for Keppel



Welcome – Member for Mirani

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Welcome to the Lions District 201Q4 Convention

It is my great pleasure, as the State Member for Mirani, to welcome Lions members, partners and guests to Central Queensland for the Lions District 201Q4 Convention.

With conventioneers travelling from across our great state, this Convention is a wonderful opportunity to bring together Lions members from communities right across Queensland.

I particularly acknowledge and thank the Rockhampton-Fitzroy River Lions Club for hosting this year's Convention and for the work that has gone into welcoming everyone to our region.

To every Lions member attending, thank you for what you do in your home communities. Whether it is supporting local families, raising funds, helping during times of need or simply lending a hand to make your town a better place, Lions clubs continue to make an enormous contribution across regional Queensland.

The Mirani electorate is a large and diverse part of Queensland, stretching from the Eungella Range and Pioneer Valley in the north, through Sarina and our coastal and rural communities, and south through the Rockhampton region. I am particularly pleased to welcome you all to Central Queensland.

While you are here, I encourage you to take some time to explore what our region has to offer. Head down Razorback Road to the historic gold-mining town of Mount Morgan, explore its fascinating gold-rush heritage, visit the Mount Morgan Railway Museum and discover some of the historic bridges and landmarks that tell the story of the town.

For something a little different, stop at Mount Hay Gemstone Tourist Park off the Capricom Highway, where you can try your hand at fossicking for the region's famous thundereggs.

Most importantly, enjoy the fellowship, friendship and community spirit that make Lions conventions such special occasions.

Thank you to everyone who has travelled to be here. I hope you enjoy the Convention, enjoy your time in our region and have a safe journey home.

Welcome – Member for Capricornia



It is my great pleasure to welcome Lions members, partners and guests to the greater Rockhampton region for this year's Lions Convention.

Our region is delighted to welcome Conventioneers travelling from across Queensland, from Buderim and Blackbutt in the south to Marlborough and Longreach in the north. Lions Clubs hold a special place in communities across our region.

Through volunteering, fundraising and simply being there when people need a helping hand, Lions members demonstrate the very best of community spirit. Your commitment to service makes a genuine difference to the lives of countless Queenslanders.

I congratulate the Rockhampton-Fitzroy River Lions Club on hosting this year's Convention and acknowledge Convention Chair, Lion Jenny Hooper, together with the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring this wonderful gathering together. Conventions such as this are an important opportunity to renew friendships, exchange ideas, celebrate achievements and look ahead to the ways Lions can continue strengthening our communities.

While you are here, I hope you can enjoy some of the wonderful hospitality, attractions and experiences Rockhampton and the wider Capricorn region have to offer.Thank you for everything you do in service to others. I wish all Conventioneers an enjoyable, productive and memorable Convention and trust you leave Rockhampton with new ideas, renewed friendships and many happy memories.

PEACE
LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

4 YOUTH INSEARCH

Convention Program | Day 1 — Friday, 23 October

Time	Session	Location / Presenter
12.30–2.30 pm	**Set up static displays**	Gracemere Community Centre 12 Barry Street, Gracemere
2.30–4.30 pm	**Registration / Accreditation**	Cabinet Secretary / Convention Registrar Gracemere Community Centre 12 Barry Street, Gracemere
5.00–5.30 pm	**Bus pick-up from accommodation to Gracemere**	
6.00 pm	**Meet & Greet**	Gracemere Community Centre 12 Barry Street, Gracemere
	Bar beverages and music	Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions; Lachlan Farr
6.30 pm	Call to order	Convention Chairperson Jenny Hooper
	Lions Invocation	PDG Kathy McCosker
	Welcome & introductions	Convention Chairperson Jenny Hooper
	Spotlight on Wellbeing	ALWF Co-coordinator Lion Pam McHardy
6.55 pm	Dinner	
7.40 pm	Bush Poet	Bob Pacey
8.00–9.00 pm	Fun – Fellowship – Music	Lachlan Farr
9.00–9.30 pm	**Bus returns - Gracemere to accommodation**	
9.30 pm	Close	

Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October

Time	Session	Location / Presenter
	SECOND SESSION	
7.00 to 8.15	Breakfast catered by of Gracemere Lions Static Displays open	Gracemere Community Centre 12 Barry Street Gracemere
8.00	Registration / Accreditation	Cabinet Secretary Convention Registrar
	Music	Capricorn Silver Band
8.30	Call to Order & Announce Entry of Official Party and Invited Guests Introduce Sergeant At Arms Set Introduction protocol	Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek Convention Chair Jenny Hooper Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
	Lions Ethics	Q1 District Governor Johnson Chen
	Lions Purposes	Q2 District Governor Ed Morris
	Leo Pledge	Avinash Mohta

8.40	Welcome and Introductions	Convention Chair Jenny Hooper
8.45	Ceremony of the Flags National Anthem	Q4 Lions Capricorn Silver Band
9.00	Opening of Convention	Rockhampton Mayor Tony Williams
9.05	District Governor's Address	District Governor Murray Wegner
9.15	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Convention Secretary Kathy Barrett
9.17	Claire McTaggart	Beef producer and Writer
9.45	Vote of Thanks	District Governor Murray Wegner
9.47	Introduction of Guest Speaker	District GST leader Jenny Hooper
9.49	PDG Savva Argyrou	Global Service Team National Coordinator
10.18	Vote of Thanks	District Governor Murray Wegner
10.20	Introduction of Guest Speaker	1st Vice District Governor John Campbell
10.22	Megan Anderson	Fitzroy Hospice Clinical Services Manager
10.44	Vote of Thanks	Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
10.45	**Morning Tea**	Judging of Peace Poster
11.15	**BUSINESS SESSION**	District Governor & Exec
	Call to Order / Announcements	Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
11.15 - 12.05	**Leos (and interested Lions) WORKSHOP**	
	Improve your Public Speaking Skills	Avinash Mohta – Leo of the Year
	Accreditation Report	Cabinet Secretary Judith Letchford
	Adoption of Rules of Procedure	Constitutional & By-Law Officer - PDG Will Bauer
11.20	Notices of Motion & District AGM	District Governor Murray Wegner Chair
	Elections	
12.05	Introduction of District Governor Candidate	PDG Will Bauer
12.10	DISTRICT GOVERNOR Candidate	1st Vice District Governor John Campbell
12.16	Introduction of 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Candidate	District GST Jenny Hooper
12.20	1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Candidate	2nd Vice District Governor Danielle Grieves
12.26	Introduction of 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Candidate	Lion Jill Mossman Bargara Lions
12.30	2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Candidate	Lion Steve Wieczorek
12.35	Procedure for voting	Constitutional & By-Law Officer - PDG Will Bauer
12.45	**LUNCH**	**Vote on way to Lunch**
Time	Session	Location / Presenter
	THIRD SESSION	

13.25	Call to Order & Announcements	Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
13.28	Introduction of LMRF Guest Speaker -	Past District Governor Kathy McCosker
13.30	Dr Dominic Guanzon	Genomics Leader, Translational Extracellular Vesicles in Obstetrics and Gynae-Oncology Group,Lions Medical Research Fellow
13.58	Vote of Thanks	DG Murray Wegner
14.00	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Lion Alan Williams
14.02	Joe Horvat Ahmarni Delpeche	Two Hearts Qld Founder and CEO Youth in Search Leader
14.27	Vote of thanks	DG Murray Wegner
14.28	Election Results announcement 2027/28 District Governor & VDGs	Constitutional & By-Law Officer Past District Governor Will Bauer
14.30	Acceptance Speeches	
14.40	Motion to destroy ballot papers	PDG Will Bauer
14.45	**AFTERNOON TEA**	
15.13	Call to Order & Announcements	Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
15.15	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Lion Judy Campbell
15.17	PDG Gary Kenny	Q2 Project Chair The PNG Birthing project
15.45	Vote of Thanks	Global Service Team leader Jenny Hooper
15.46	Spotlight on Q4 Service projects	District GST leader Jenny Hooper
15.50	Lion Steve Wieczorek	District coordinator Environment/Green Canopy
15.55	Lion Sarah Le Lagadec	District coordinator Diabetes
16.00	Lion Debra Seymour	District coordinator LCIF
16.05	Lion Brenda Ryan	District coordinator Marketing
16.15	1st VDG John Campbell	District coordinator Free Trade Day
16.30	Vote of Thanks	National GST PDG Savva Argyrou
16.35	**CLOSE SESSION**	Sergeant At Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
	FOURTH SESSION	
18.00 to 18.30	**Bus pick up from Accom to Frenchville Club**	
18.30 for 19.00	District Governor's Gala Banquet Shimmer and Shine in your After5/ Rhinestones	The Frenchville Sports Club 105 Clifton Street, Berserker
19.00	Call to Order and WPHS	MC
	Introduction of Special Guests	MC
19.05	Invocation	Q3 District Governor Stuart Matthews
19.10	Toast to Lions International & Loyal Toast	Mayor – Tony Williams

18.12	**Response to Toast to Lions International**	DG Murray Wegner
19.15	**Meal**	
	Entertainment / Dancing	Music by Hi-Way
20.45	Cake Auction / Raffle Draw	Convention Team
21.15	Fun – Fellowship - Dancing	
21.45	**Bus returns from Frenchville to Accom**	
22.00	CLOSE	

Day 3 — Sunday, 25 October

Time	Session	Location / Presenter
	Fifth Session	**Gracemere Community Centre**
7– 8.15 am	Continental breakfast	Static displays open
8.30 am	Remembrance Ceremony	Lion Don McCall ;VDG John Campbell; VDG Danielle Grieves
9.15 am	Call to order	Sergeant-at-Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
9.17 am	Introduction of guest speaker	Lion Stewart Scholfield
	Avinash Mohta	MD201 Leo of the Year
9.45 am	Vote of thanks	Lion Steve Wieczorek
9.47 am	Introduction of guest speaker	ALWF Co-coordinator Lion Pam McHardy
9.50 am	Michelle Brook	Headspace Centre Manager
	Vote of thanks	ALWF Co-coordinator Lion Jenny Hooper
10.15 am	**Morning tea**	
10.45 am	Call to order	Sergeant-at-Arms Lion Steve Wieczorek
10.47 am	Introduction of guest speakers	District GMT Lion Lynne Hateley-James
10.50 am	PDG John Seymour	GMT National Coordinator
11.20 am	PDG Kerrie McMahon	Global Extension Team National Co-Ord
11.50 am	Vote of thanks	DG Murray Wegner
11.55 am	Presentation by 2027 Convention Announcing 2028 Convention	2027 Convention Team 2028 Convention Team
12.15 pm	Convention flag handover	Chairperson Jenny Hooper&A/Chairperson Kathy McCosker
12.30 pm	Final announcements / Convention close	DG Murray Wegner
12.45 pm	**Safe travels home**	

Keynote Speakers

Speaker

Claire McTaggart
Writer and beef producer



Claire McTaggart is a writer and beef producer raising her four daughters with her husband on a cattle property along the Mackenzie River. With a background in agribusiness and business management, Claire has long combined her passion for agriculture with storytelling. Her writing has featured in leading publications including *Country Style*, *Good Weekend*, *Graziher* and *Home Beautiful*, with more than two decades contributing to *Country Style*, including as Queensland contributing editor. Alongside her work on the land and through writing, Claire is deeply involved in her community, serving as a director of Beef Australia and contributing to organisations that support rural families and education, including the Isolated Children's Parents' Association.

Speaker

Megan Anderson



RN, BScN, CHPCN(C
Clinical Services Manager, Fitzroy Community Hospice

Megan Anderson, RN, BScN, CHPCN(C), is the Clinical Services Manager at Fitzroy Community Hospice. With over 10 years' experience in acute care and hospice palliative care in both Canada and Australia, Megan is passionate about advancing quality palliative care through collaboration with primary care providers, enhancing awareness of hospice services, and supporting patients and families to optimise quality of life throughout their palliative and end-of-life journey. Megan is committed to delivering compassionate, person-centred care.

Lions Assistance Dogs

Speaker

PDG Savva Argyrou



National Service Coordinator, Lions Australia

Born in Brisbane on 5 June 1971, Savva was raised in a proud Greek-Australian family shaped by the enduring values of *philotimo* and *sevasmos*—honour, respect, generosity and service—passed down by his Greek immigrant parents. Growing up in the vibrant and diverse community of South Brisbane, he learned from an early age the importance of community, mutual support and looking after others.

Savva's professional journey began in graphic arts before his passion for creativity led him into fashion. He established his own clothing brand, received multiple awards for his work and built a successful career while continuing to mentor and support emerging talent.

In 1999, Savva married Lion Sophia, and together they have a daughter, Vasiliki. Family, travel and service are important parts of their lives. They particularly enjoy connecting with Lions Clubs around the world, especially in Greece, where they continue to build friendships and meaningful relationships within the Lions family.

Savva is a member of the Lions Club of Capalaba, where he discovered the power of service to bring people together and create positive change. Since joining Lions, he has held a range of leadership positions. As National Service Coordinator for Lions Australia, he combines grassroots experience with national leadership, strategic thinking and a strong commitment to the future of Lions.

In his national service role, Savva works with Lions across Australia to strengthen service, encourage collaboration between clubs and districts, advance the Global Causes and support alignment with Lions International's strategic priorities. He believes that **service is our greatest strength and our most powerful magnet for attracting and retaining members**.

His leadership philosophy is simple: **listen, connect, collaborate and serve**. By empowering Lions to deliver meaningful service in their communities, Savva believes clubs can be strengthened, membership can grow and the impact of Lions can continue for generations to come.

Awards & Recognition

- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship
- ALF Ian M. Stockdale Awar
- ALF William R. Tresise Award
- ALDAF James McLardie Award
- LMRF Community Service Award
- District Governor Q1 Star Awards
- 2025 Queensland Day Community Service Award
- LCIF District Goal Medals — 2024–25 and 2025–26
- International President A. P. Singh Leadership Medal — 2025

Speaker

Dr Dominic Guanzon



Research Fellow, Frazer Institute, The University of Queensland
Lions Medical Research Foundation Fellow

Dr Dominic Guanzon is a Research Fellow at the Frazer Institute, The University of Queensland, and a Lions Medical Research Foundation Fellow. He is a member of Professor Carlos Salomon's laboratory, an internationally recognised research group focused on extracellular vesicles, liquid biopsy and women's health. Within the laboratory, Dominic leads and contributes to research aimed at improving the early detection and treatment of ovarian cancer.

His work focuses on developing blood-based tests that could provide important information about a patient's cancer in a less invasive way. By combining laboratory research, advanced DNA and molecular technologies, and data analysis, Dominic investigates cancer-related changes in the blood that may help detect ovarian cancer earlier and predict how patients are likely to respond to treatment. His long-term goal is to help develop more personalised approaches to cancer care and improve outcomes for patients.

Support from the Lions Medical Research Foundation has played an important role in Dominic's development as an early-career researcher. Through his Fellowship, he has been able to build and expand his own areas of research within Professor Salomon's laboratory, develop new collaborations, supervise research students, and explore emerging technologies that could improve how ovarian cancer is diagnosed and monitored.

Dominic is very grateful for the ongoing support of the Lions Medical Research Foundation and the wider Lions community. He values the opportunity to share his research with Lions members and supporters and to demonstrate how their generosity helps researchers pursue new ideas, train the next generation of scientists, and work towards discoveries that may ultimately make a meaningful difference for patients and their families.

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Speaker

Joe Horvat



Co-Founder and Owner, TwoHearts Queensland

Joe Horvat is a husband, father of three and business owner who is passionate about mental health, community and the power of volunteering.

For the past five years, Joe has been the owner and Co-Founder of TwoHearts Queensland, an organisation supporting people experiencing mental health crisis, with a strong focus on early intervention and helping people remain safely in the community wherever possible rather than reaching the point of hospital admission.

Joe has also spent many years volunteering with a number of not-for-profit organisations and was involved with Youth Insearch for almost 10 years, including as a youth leader.

This event is particularly special for Joe, as current District Governor Murray Wegner was his high school principal and one of his biggest supporters throughout his high school years, despite Joe admittedly not always being the best-behaved student.

Joe is honoured to be speaking about the power of volunteering, drawing on his own personal journey of overcoming adversity and the role volunteering has played in shaping

both his life and his professional career. He will share how giving back can create opportunities, build stronger communities and have a lasting impact on both the people being supported and the volunteers themselves.

Speaker

Avinash Mohta



2026 Lions Australia Leo of the Year

Avinash Mohta is the 2026 Lions Australia Leo of the Year and a passionate advocate for youth leadership, service and community connection.

A former President of one of Australia's largest Leo clubs, the Parramatta High School Leo Club, Avi has been involved in the Leo movement through a range of service, leadership and community initiatives. His approach to service focuses on empowering young people to take initiative, think creatively and create meaningful impact within their communities.

In 2026, Avi was named the Australian Leo of the Year, taking out both the overall award and the public speaking award at the Leo of the Year National Finals in Adelaide.

Outside of Lions and Leos, Avi is a first-year Applied Finance student at Macquarie University, musician and guitar teacher, and communication coach working with young people in public speaking, debating and creative expression.

Speaker

PDG Gary Kenny



Past District Governor 201Q2 • Lions PNG Development;

Project Coordinator; Chair, Lions Camp Kanga

Background

Born in Brisbane in 1951, Gary has been married to PDG Audrey for 36 years and has lived in Mackay for 35 years. They have a son and daughter living in Brisbane and two young grandsons.

Gary pursued a 32-year career in government hospital management, serving as Hospital Manager at several country hospitals and Assistant Manager at Brisbane tertiary hospitals. He retired in 2007 as Director of Corporate Services for the Mackay Health District.

Lions Service

Gary joined Lions in Tully in 1977 at 25 years of age and has been a member of five clubs across three districts. He has served as Club President six times across three clubs, with those clubs named District Club of the Year on three occasions during his presidency. He has held every club-level position multiple times and is currently a member of Mackay Host Lions Club.

He served as District Governor of 201Q2 in 2013–14 under the theme *"Lions, Bringing Dreams to Life"*, receiving International President Barry Palmer's Dream Achiever Award with four stars. His district roles have included District Membership Coordinator, Leadership, Orientation and Training Chair, Youth Exchange Coordinator, Lions Medical Research Foundation Director and Zone Chair.

A Guiding Lion and graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Gary has formed two clubs, rebuilt several others, chartered two additional clubs and two branch clubs during his year as District Governor, and sponsored approximately 25 new members.

Community, National and International Service

Gary has served on six District Convention committees, including one as Chair, and has been Registrar for an MD Convention, two District Conventions and an ANZI Forum. As a zone project, he established a six-bedroom Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre at Mackay Base Hospital. Since 2022, he has chaired the Management Committee of Lions Camp Kanga at Lake Proserpine.

Since 2014, Gary has served as Lions National Project Coordinator on the Multiple District PNG Development Committee. He has facilitated three vision projects in Papua New Guinea supported by approximately $1.8 million in LCIF grants, with a fourth grant approved in August 2026. He also coordinates Australian Lions clubs' funding of simple, low-cost projects proven to reduce deaths among birthing mothers and babies in Papua New Guinea.

District Governor Murray Wegner invited Gary to present at this Convention about these Papua New Guinea projects..

Awards and Recognition

Two International President's Medals; International President's Leadership Medal; Six International President's Appreciation Certificates; 100% District Governor Award; Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame; Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship; Helen Keller Fellowship; Ian M. Stockdale Award; James D. Richardson Award; Ray Phippard Award; Jim Bowman Award; Four 100% President Awards

Speaker

Michelle Brook

Centre Manager, headspace Rockhampton



Michelle Brook has 16 years of experience in community services, working across youth homelessness, vocational services and youth mental health. Her roles have included youth work, case management, coordination and management.

Michelle has been part of the headspace Rockhampton consortium for the past five years and commenced as Centre Manager of headspace Rockhampton in October 2025.

Speaker

PDG John Seymour

Past District Governor • Bundaberg Hinkler Lions Club • Global Membership Team National Coordinator



It is my pleasure to present Past District Governor Lion John Seymour of the Bundaberg Hinkler Lions Club. A true love story began in Year 11 for John and his wife, Debra, leading to a marriage that has flourished for 46 years.

John's professional journey spanned more than two decades with Australia Post as an operations manager, followed by a career in pest management before he embraced retirement. As empty nesters, John and Debra relocated to Moore Park Beach after spending 27 years in Caboolture. In a humorous twist of fate, their attempt to "escape" from their daughter was foiled when she moved just a few streets away.

Eager to forge connections in their new community, John seized the opportunity to join the Moore Park Beach Lions Club, discovering a profound sense of fulfilment and satisfaction in serving as a Lion.

Their journey eventually brought John and Debra to Bundaberg, where John became a member of the Bundaberg Hinkler Lions Club. Debra, initially a member of the Bargara Lionesses, later joined John at the Hinkler Club after the Lionesses disbanded.

Throughout his time with both clubs and within District Q4, John has held numerous roles, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to and passion for the Lions mission. His story is a testament to the spirit of community and service that defines Lions Clubs International.

Speaker



PDG Kerrie McMahon

Global Extension Team National Coordinator

Lion Kerrie McMahon is the MD201 Global Extension Coordinator and a passionate advocate for growing Lions, developing new clubs and creating opportunities for more people to serve their communities.

Born and raised in Mudgee, New South Wales, Kerrie is a Registered Nurse, Midwife and Immuniser and continues to work occasionally in the health profession. Her career has given her extensive experience in leadership, education, communication and working with people from all walks of life.

Kerrie joined the Lions Club of Cranbourne in 2008 and, during her years of service, has held most positions at club level as well as numerous district and multiple district leadership roles. These have included District Global Membership Coordinator, service on the Global Leadership Team and membership of the Multiple District training team. She also served for eight years as a Trustee of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Kerrie has extensive hands-on experience in membership growth and new club development. She has been actively involved in establishing numerous new Lions clubs and club branches and is particularly passionate about helping districts identify new opportunities, develop strong extension teams and turn ideas for new clubs into reality.

For Kerrie, new club development is about much more than increasing membership numbers. It is about securing the legacy of Lions. For generations, Lions have built an extraordinary tradition of service in communities across Australia. Kerrie believes we honour those who built that legacy by ensuring Lions remains strong, relevant and ready to serve the next generation. Developing new clubs, reaching into new communities and welcoming people with new ideas are essential parts of ensuring that our legacy of service continues well into the future.

A graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Faculty Development Institute and Lions Certified Instructor Program, Kerrie is also a qualified Lions Eye Health Program instructor and facilitator. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Progressive Barry Palmer Fellow and has received International President's recognition for her service.

Kerrie believes the future of Lions depends on our willingness to embrace new ideas, reach new communities and, most importantly, ask people to join us in service.

Together with her husband Andrew, Kerrie is "living the dream", travelling Australia in their fifth wheeler. Their travels provide Kerrie with a unique opportunity to visit Lions clubs and districts across the country, share ideas and support membership and new club development wherever she goes,

As Kerrie likes to say, "Home is where you park it.

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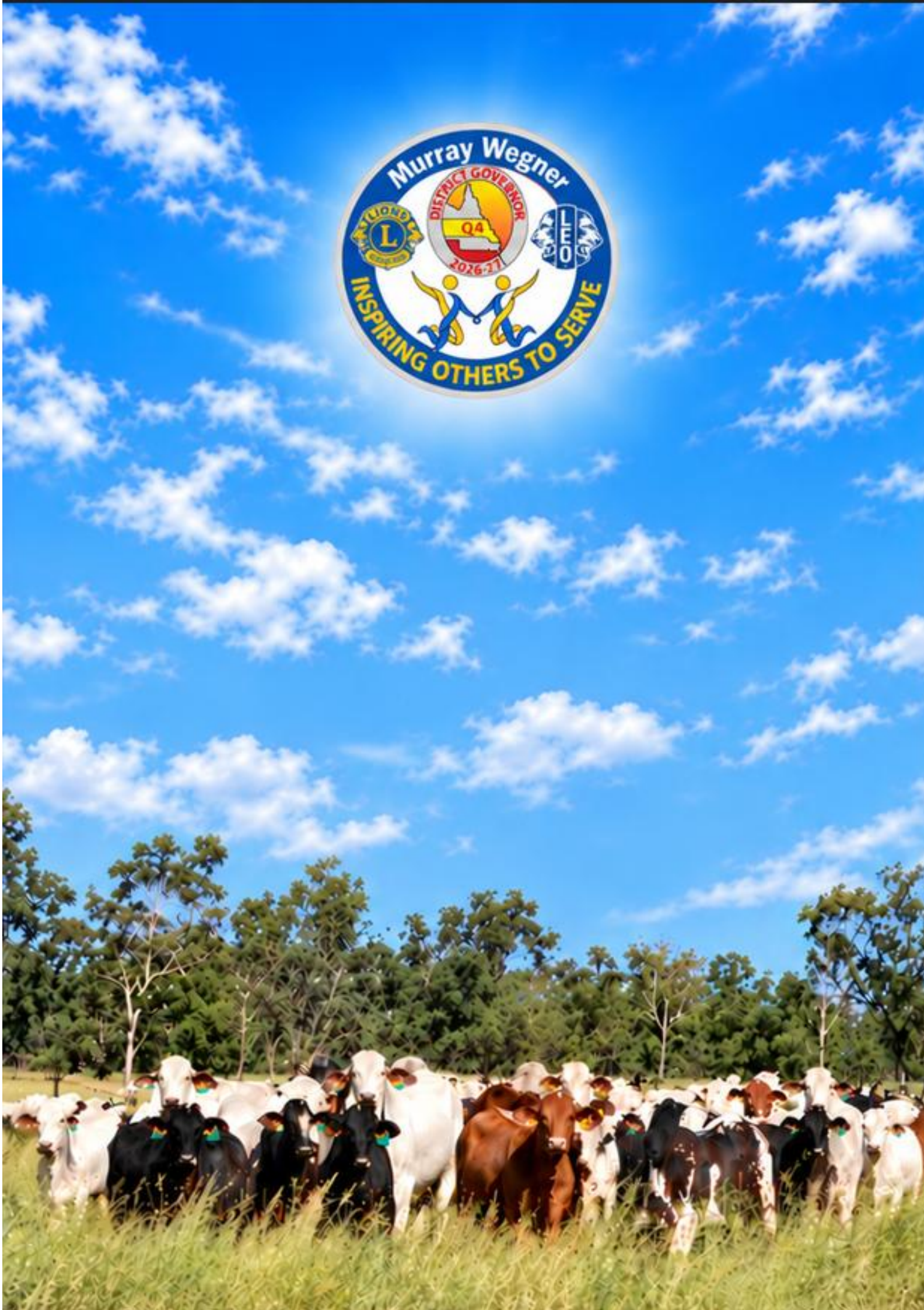
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