

# General Information for Applicants

## Introduction

Congratulations for deciding to apply for a Multiple District Position. One of the great things about Lions is that it provides the opportunity for our members to use skills they have learned in education, work or volunteering to run programs. It also gives members the opportunity to learn new skills and test themselves in ways they haven't imagined.

It is also a great way to expand your Lions network and make new friends.

## What will it be like?

You will be:

- Busy
- Challenged
- Supported
- Trained

What do I need to give

- Time
- Commitment
- Energy
- Ideas

Although Lions is about learning and growing, positions have responsibilities attached to them. So you need to consider that you have the time and the skills to do the job, (or the capacity to quickly learn them). You will be supported by your leaders, and as a member of a Multiple District Committee, be entitled to claim reimbursement of some of your costs, according to our policies.

## What are the prerequisites?

As with any jobs, you will be asked to complete an application, outlining your interest, your skills and your experience.

You don't have to have been a Zone Chairperson, District Governor, or held any particular position to do these jobs, but you do need to demonstrate your capacity to do the job.

## Who makes the decision?

Your application must be signed by the District Governor. This is a courtesy so the Governor knows who is applying. Your application is confidential.

The National Council has a Nominations Committee that considers all applications, on the basis of merit, and makes a recommendation to the full Council. Once they have decided, you will be advised in writing of the outcome.

The Council has a policy of encouraging applications from all Lions, men, women, younger Lions, older Lions, newer Lions – everyone will be considered.

## What if I need more information?

There are many Lions who have information about these positions, this includes National Coordinators, the Chairpersons of the Committees, the District Governor and even other Lions who have done the job before. If you would like to speak to someone about the role, just contact the National Office at [info@lions.org.au](mailto:info@lions.org.au) or 02 4940 8033 and we can put you in touch with someone who can give you more information.

## A word about the structure of Lions in Australia

Many Lions may wonder how the organisation works, and what these Committees are anyway! Here is a very abbreviated version.

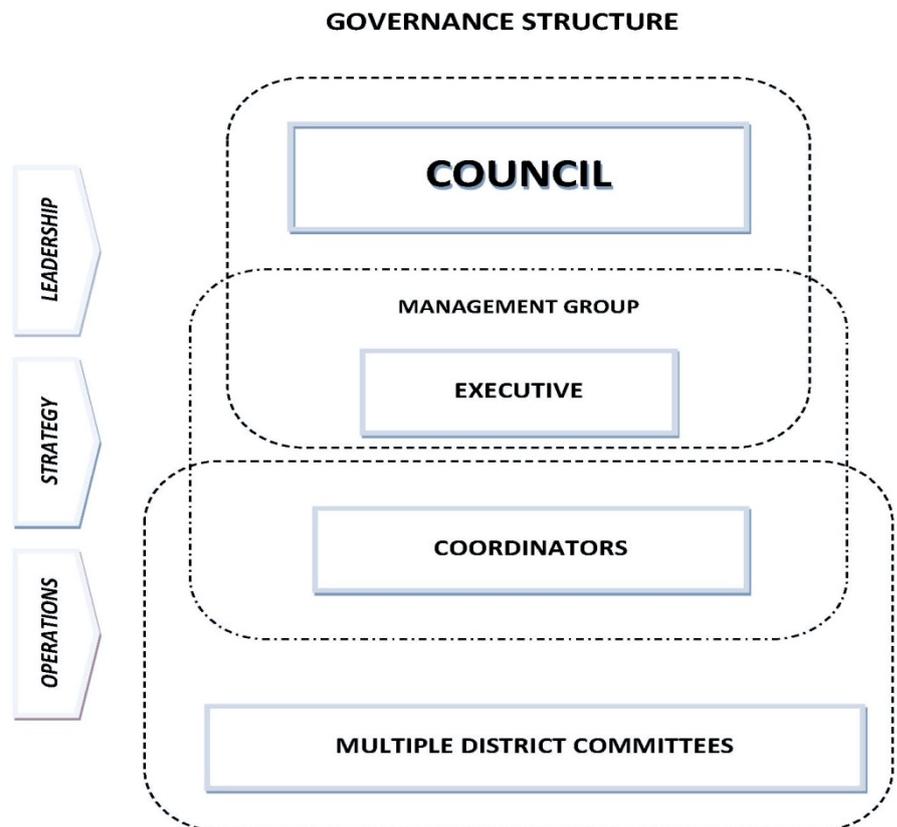
1. Every Lions program is run by **Lions members** – our extraordinary group of volunteers.
2. **National programs** like Youth of the Year, Leo's and Membership, are run by a Committee of Lions like you.
3. These Committees report to a **National Coordinator**, who helps connect the working Committee with the **Council** – the Board of Directors.
4. The **National Council** is the Board of Directors, and it is made up of the 19 **District Governors** of Lions. So, if you are a Lion in District Q3, your **District Governor** is one of 19 who makes up the Council, that guides our Multiple District. For us, that's Australia and Papua New Guinea.

In simple terms, it's just a way of organising our large and diverse organisation, but, at the end of the day, every success and achievement of Lions comes down to the action of an individual Lion, somewhere in Australia or PNG.

The chart on this page describes the structure, the other way round.

- The **Council** (A Governor from each District coming together as a Board)
- The **Management Group** – A group of appointed **National Coordinators** who help the Council deliver the work.
- **Committees** that report to **National Coordinators**, who do the work

**YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A POSITION ON ONE OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT COMMITTEES**



## Taking the next step

If you want to apply:

1. Download the position description and consider if you are right for the job. You will find it on our website at <http://lionsclubs.org.au/members/positions-vacancies/>
2. Ask others about the position if you need to.
3. Complete the application form and have it signed by the District Governor. Attach your application as directed. (No more than 3 pages, please)

Good luck

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