



What is a Lions Club Branch?

- A **Lions Club Branch** enables a small group of people to form a Lions Club.
- A **Club Branch** operates under the 'Lions Umbrella' through its Sponsoring Club, linking it to Lions Club International, Foundations, Lions Insurance and an authority to fund raise.

Why form a Club Branch?

- **Forming a Club Branch** creates an opportunity for Lions clubs to expand in communities where it is difficult to reach the 20 member minimum necessary to charter a new club.
- Often they are a **Special Interest Group** that already exists within your community. Eg Carers, a Cultural Group, Quilters, a Choir, or a Single Parent Support Group who want to make a difference collectively within their communities.
- A **Club Branch** means more members in the sponsoring club.
- A **Club Branch** opens more doors in your community where you can promote the Lions Organisation.

How does it work?

- A **Club Branch** requires a minimum of five members to charter and elects a **President, Secretary and Treasurer**. They follow the same procedures as the sponsoring club and open two accounts. Dues remain the responsibility of the sponsoring club and usually members pay the same dues.
- Branch members are part of an existing sponsoring club, BUT hold independent meetings and select their own projects and activities.
- The **sponsoring club** appoints a **Branch Liaison Officer**

to serve as the go-between for the sponsoring club and branch, providing monthly reports and support.

How do I set up a Branch Club?

1. Confirm with your Governor/GMT and with the Sponsoring Club that all members agree and are aware of their responsibilities.
2. Apply to Lions Clubs International for a Club Branch Kit.
3. Visit a board meeting and make a presentation of the concept to the club. A skilled and willing Secretary is an asset.
4. Issue an Invitation for membership at a Community Information event and induct new members into the sponsoring club.
5. Elect officers within the Branch.
6. Send application to Multiple District for lodgment with LCI. (Branch is officially ready to conduct service activities within the community once the application is received.)
7. When the club builds to 20 members or more, the branch may charter as a new Lions club.

Where do I go to for support?

- Your GMT Co-Ordinator, District Executive and Chairman
- MD website
- LCI – Membership Resources
- MD GMT Committee – (contact in MD Directory)

YOUR LOCAL CLUB CONTACT DETAILS:

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