

## Dates to Remember

<b>2023</b>	
<b>27 Feb</b>	General & Constitution Notice of Motion 2023 Deadline
<b>4-5 Mar</b>	Lions Awareness Day
<b>31 Mar</b>	Syd Packham PR Award 2023 Entries Close
<b>28 April</b>	MD 201 Convention 2023 – Gold Coast

## Notices of Motion to Gold Coast 2023 Convention

Clubs and Districts wishing to submit a Project Notice of Motion or a Fundraising Activity Motion to the Gold Coast 2023 Multiple District Convention should note that such motions must be received by the Executive Officer prior to the 1st day of 2023. Any other motion, other than a late notice of motion, must be received no later than Monday 27 February 2023. Project or Fundraising notice of motions must have been duly passed at a District Convention or the motion seeking its adoption submitted by the Council.

Full provisions regarding these motions can be found in the Multiple District Constitution and By-laws, CL59 to CL73.2.

Caution should be exercised in relation to Project Notices of Motion in particular, to ensure they are correctly framed to be considered at Convention.

# Committee Vacancies

The Council of Governors advises applications are invited from Lions in good standing to fill the following vacancies.

All Multiple District Committee positions are honorary, & every Lion is encouraged to apply.

1. Applications will only be considered if submitted on the current Nomination Form, & received at the Lions National Office by the closing date.

2. Intending applicants must obtain a Nomination Form, Position Statement & Person Profile in relation to the position from the Lions National Office or website.

Website:

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/resources/committee-vacancies/>

Email: [info@lions.org.au](mailto:info@lions.org.au)

Phone: (02) 4940 8033

3. All candidates for Multiple District positions shall submit:

- current standard Nomination Form

- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement covering the issues outlined in the Position Statement. - This supporting Statement with CV shall not exceed three single sided A4 pages.

4. **Nominations must be received by the National Office by email or post no later than 5.00 pm FRIDAY 31 March 2023**

Late nominations will not be considered. - Valid nominations will be considered at the Council Meeting held in **May 2023**.

All applicants will be advised via the following methods:

1. All successful applicants will be contacted by SMS.
2. All unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by text message as the preferred method, or by e-mail if no mobile phone number is offered.
3. Following the close of the Council meeting, the appointments will be confirmed by letter. A list of Appointments will be available on the website following the meeting.

Portfolio	Program	Position <i>Click for Position Descriptions</i>	Term Start	Term Exp.	Advertising Description
Long Range Development Committee		<a href="#">Member – (5 positions)</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	The Committee recommends policies and strategies for the future benefit, growth, advantage and advancement of the Multiple District and submit direction, initiative and planning in regard to the implementation of such policies and strategies.
	Legal	<a href="#">Deputy Legal Officer</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	Please refer to the Committees Vacancies and Appointments page in the members are of the Lions Australia website for position description.
Administration	MD Convention	<a href="#">2025 Chairperson</a>	1/07/2023	30/09/2025	Responsible to MD201 Council, through the Executive Officer for the achievement of the Council's Objectives as they relate to the organisation and operation of the MD Convention.
Fundraising & Partnerships	Project Support	<a href="#">Member (2 pos)</a>	1/02/2022	31/01/2025	The Project Support Taskforce provides guidance and direction to individual projects established by the Multiple District Convention as a Category B or C initiative, as well as assisting the proponents of intending projects.
Fundraising & Partnerships	Product Dev Committee	<a href="#">Member (2 pos)</a>	1/02/2023	31/01/2026	The Product Development Committee member is responsible to the Product Development Committee Chairperson, for identifying, developing, and recommending potential products that may be used for Club fundraising or for sale to Lions Clubs.
Fundraising & Partnerships	Hearing Dogs	<a href="#">QLD State Representative</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible to the Chairperson, Lions Hearing Dogs Inc. including promotion of the project within & outside the Lions organisation.
Fundraising & Partnerships	Hearing Dogs	<a href="#">VIC State Representative</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	
Fundraising & Partnerships	Hearing Dogs	<a href="#">Treasurer</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	To assist with the efficient management of the Hearing Dogs program.

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Fundraising & Partnerships	ALCCRF Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation	<a href="#">N District Trustee</a>	1/05/2023	31/01/2025	Responsible for promoting the activities of ALCCRF within the designated State/Area.
Finance	Child Safe	<a href="#">Child Safe Resource Officer (7 positions - 1 position for each state)</a>	1/02/2023	31/01/2026	Provides advice to the MD201 Child Safe Officer, District's, and Clubs on the requirements for Child Safety in their home State or Territory.
Global Leadership Team	GLT	<a href="#">Committee Member</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible for the coordination of Leadership programs for the Multiple District. Special conditions apply – see position statement.
Global Leadership Team	PNG	<a href="#">Chairperson</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	To guide the development of membership in Papua New Guinea to enable residents to take a full role in the work of Lions within that country
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Global Leadership Team	GLT	<a href="#">MD Trainer</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible for the training programs of DGEs and VDGEs
Global Leadership Team	GLT	<a href="#">MD Partner Trainer</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible for the training programs of DGE Partners.
Global Membership Team	GMT	<a href="#">Extension Committee Member</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	"This committee has special emphasis on the development of members, the establishment of new clubs, club membership growth and membership maintenance. <i>*Please note this committee is under review and position roles will be defined shortly.</i>
Global Membership Team	GMT	<a href="#">Membership Communications</a>	1/02/2022	31/01/2025	"This committee has special emphasis on the development of members, the establishment of new clubs, club membership growth and membership maintenance. <i>*Please note this committee is under review and position roles will be defined shortly.</i>
Youth & Community Projects	Youth Exchange	<a href="#">Program Coordinator</a>	1/02/2023	31/01/2026	Responsible for the organisation of an allocated portfolio within the YE Program.
Youth & Community Projects	Youth Exchange	<a href="#">Secretary Treasurer</a>	1/02/2023	31/07/2026	Responsible for maintaining the administration of the program.
Youth & Community Projects	Youth of the Year	<a href="#">V District Coordinator</a>	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible for promoting the Youth of the Year and Committee objectives within the designated State.



# OZ-CLUBHOUSE CLOSURE UPDATE



<https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/faq/#tab-id-4>

## Closure of Oz-Clubhouse

Lions Clubs using Oz-Clubhouse should consider alternative options.

## Background

The Oz-Clubhouse system has been provided free-of-charge to Lions Clubs and Districts in Multiple District 201 for a decade. It was put in place to provide a simple website for Lions Clubs, at a time when there were few low-cost alternatives.

Oz-Clubhouse was designed and built at no charge, by an Australian Lion.

In the intervening period it has been upgraded once and is currently being maintained by the Multiple District. As a custom-built system, it is costly and difficult to upgrade and it is now plagued by ongoing 'bugs' and has become impossible to maintain. The Lions Multiple District Council has resolved to retire the system in the coming months.

## What will happen to Oz-Clubhouse and when?

On the 1st of July 2021, the Multiple District will cease to actively maintain the system, but all the existing sites and data will remain, and the club and district sites will continue to operate. You will still be able to edit your site.

After 1 July 2021, we will no longer regularly update the 'password-protected' area and this means your new members won't be able to access this content. You should find an alternative platform and download any necessary information. Existing members will be able to access the content until 31 December 2021.

- After 1 January 2022, the password-protected area will no longer be accessible.
- After 30 June 2022, the site will no longer be supported. Any coding issues will not be fixed.
- On 30 June 2023, the Oz-Clubhouse system will be deleted.

## What are the alternatives?

### E-Clubhouse

E-clubhouse is a simple website for your club that can be provided by Lions Clubs International. You can find details on how to set up your e-clubhouse site here.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/create-e-clubhouse> .

### Facebook

For clubs that are seeking a free alternative for promotion and member communication, we are recommending the Facebook platform. To replace the function of Oz-Clubhouse, we recommend that Clubs maintain two Facebook sites.

Public site: – If your club wants to promote its activities in the community, you will need a public Facebook site. A public site needs to be carefully managed and maintained, just like your Oz-Clubhouse site. The Lion who manages the site needs to regularly update and manage it, remembering that no private or confidential information should be included. You should also be careful to consider if you will allow commenting on posts. If you do, you should hide or delete any inappropriate posts and comments if they appear. Club members should be reminded that the public site is not the place for private communication between members. It is the face of your club to the community.

Private group: – In addition to the public page, a private Facebook group can be used for private conversations between members. You can use this group to discuss your service activities with your members, notify about upcoming events and meetings, and share club photos. Facebook groups also allow you to save documents like meeting agendas and minutes for club members to view.

Each member must be approved to join the private group, and you should not give access to non-members. It is also important that you give access to all your club members to this group and not exclude anyone.

Note: Detailed information about Facebook groups and public pages will be listed in the FAQ section of the Lions Australia website in the coming months.

For more information about managing your Social Media, please review the Lions Australia Social Media Policy .

## Commercial websites

Since the establishment of Oz-Clubhouse there has emerged many simple and effective commercial offerings for your club website. With a little training they can provide a great public face for your club on the Internet.

Most of these have free offerings, although a fee is charged for higher level services. Some examples include:

- Wix – <https://www.wix.com/>
- WordPress – <https://wordpress.com/>
- Weebly – <https://www.weebly.com/au>

## How you can help

The Multiple District is currently paying a fee to store Oz-Clubhouse data on a public server. If your club decommissions its Oz-Clubhouse website, please advise the National Office so that the data can be deleted to reduce costs.

**On 30 June 2023, all data will be deleted.**