

Club Member News

Dates to Remember

2023	
7 July	2023 International Convention
11 August	Committee Vacancy Application Deadline
8-10 Sept	2023 ANZI Pacific Forum – Christchurch New Zealand



Procedural Motion - Endorsement of the Finance Report

That the Convention notes the adoption of the Multiple District 201 of Lions Clubs International Inc. audited Financial Statements and the Annual Management Reports for the year ended 31 December 2022 by the Council of Governors.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

Procedural Motion - Appointment of Auditors

“That PKF (NS) Audit and Assurance Limited Partnership be appointed as Auditors for MD201 of Lions Clubs International Inc. for the 2023 Financial Year.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

Procedural Motion - Adoption of Standing Orders

That the Rules of Debate, as circulated, be adopted by this Convention and the Program as tabled be endorsed.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

CNM1 – Amendments to Constitution required by South Australian Law

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the following amendments to the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:-

(a) The insertion of a new Clause 24 in the Constitution in the following terms:-

24. A Member of the Council who has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, or proposed contract with the Association must as soon as he or she becomes aware of his or her interest, disclose the nature and extent of his or

her interest to the Council and must disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest in the contract at the next Multiple District Convention.

(b) The insertion of a new Clause 2.00.13 in the By-Laws in the following terms:-

2.00.13 A Member of the committee who has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, or proposed contract, with the Association must not take part in any decision of the Committee with respect to that contract (but may, subject to complying with the provisions of this clause, take part in any deliberations with respect to that contract.

(c) The insertion of a new Clause 42 in the Constitution under the heading PUBLIC OFFICER in the following terms:-

PUBLIC OFFICER

42. The Association must have a Public Officer.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

CNM2 - Proposed Change of Name of the Multiple District Convention

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the substitution of the words “Multiple District Conference” for the words “Multiple District Convention” where appearing in the Constitution of Multiple District 201 of Lions Club International Inc.

OUTCOME: LOST

CNM3 - Proposed Amendment to the Women’s Dress Uniform

“That Clause 78 of Multiple District Constitution be amended to read as follows:

The women’s dress uniform shall be the same colour as the dress uniform for men viz. Skirts, Culottes Dress or Slacks. Blouse: Same material as men’s shirts. Scarfe: Green Blazer: Single breasted lightweight terylene and/or wool Australian green jacket, with an embroidered

Lions emblem (obtained through the National Office). Shoes: Brown. Handbag: Brown.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

CNM4 – Determination of Convention Notices of Motion by Digital “Online Voting”

“That this Multiple District Convention approves that Notices of Motion at future Multiple District Conventions (including the election of candidates for the Offices of International Third Vice President and International Director) be conducted by digital “Online Voting” and that the consequential amendments set out in the accompanying Explanation to the Multiple District Constitution be endorsed.”

OUTCOME: LOST

PNM5 – Youth of the Year Project

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Project entitled “The Youth of the Year Project” as a Category “A” Project for a further term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th June 2026.

MOVED: Lee-Ann Anselmo – LC Werribee

SECONDED: Vin Pang – LC Sydney Inner West

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM6 – Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Fundraising Activity entitled “Lions Christmas Cakes including Lions Christmas Puddings” until the 30th June 2029.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM7 - Lions Emergency Medical Information Book Project

“That this Multiple District Convention approves the continuation of the Project entitled “Lions

Emergency Medical Information Book Project” as a Category “B” Project for a further term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th June 2026.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM8 – Lions Club Project Need for Feed

“That this Multiple District Convention approves for the continuation of the Project “Lions Club Project Need for Feed” as a Category “B” Project for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th June 2026.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM9 - Lions Alzheimer’s Foundation

“That this Multiple District adopts the Lions Alzheimer’s Foundation as a Category “B” Project for the term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th June 2026.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM10 – Lions Disaster Relief Australia Project

“That this Multiple District Convention adopts the Lions Disaster Relief Australia Project as a Category “B” Project for a term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th June 2026.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM11 – CaringKids Charity Project

“That this Multiple District Convention adopts the Lions in Support of CaringKids Charity Project as a Category “B” Project for a term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th June 2026.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

PNM12 – Zero Waste Warrior Project

“That this Multiple District Convention adopts the Zero Waste Warrior Project as a Category “B” Project for the term of three (3) years expiring on the 30 June 2026.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

GNM15 – Club Building Service Initiative

“The Resolution adopted as Notice of Motion No.7 at the 70th Multiple District 201 Convention held in Melbourne in 2022 approving the adoption of the Club Building Service Initiative Program be rescinded.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

GNM16 – Family Dues Discount

“That this Multiple District Convention amends the resolution adopted as Notice of Motion No.8 at the 55th Multiple District 201 Convention held in Sydney in 2007 approving the implementation of the Family Dues Discount by the deletion of the words “provided however that at the commencement of each half yearly dues period, the membership within the Multiple District comprises not less than 27000 Lions.”

OUTCOME: LOST

GNM17 – Live Closed Captioning

“That this Multiple District Convention directs the provision of live closed captioning at forthcoming Multiple District Conventions.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

GNM18 – The Amalgamation of District 201W1 & District 201W2

“That MD201 submit a request to Lions Clubs International to the October International Board Meeting for the amalgamation of District 201W1

& District 201W2 into a single district to be known as District 201WA effective the rising of the International Convention in Melbourne 2024.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

GNM19 – Recognition of Leo Members

“That this Multiple District Convention recommends to the International Board of Lions Clubs International that the necessary steps be taken to permit:-

- (a) The recognition of Omega Leo Membership in the MyLCI as Members of Lions;
- (b) The granting of voting rights to Omega Leos as part of their entitlement, in the same formula as Members of Lions Clubs;
- (c) Automatic recognition of the years of service and positions held as a Leo and the Transfer of that record to MyLCI as part of any future Lions Membership.”

OUTCOME: CARRIED

GNM20 – Affordable Aged Care Policy

“That this Multiple District Convention adopts the tabled Policy Statement entitled “Access to Affordable Aged Care”.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Lions Australia confirms the right of all aged persons, regardless of gender, culture or creed, to

have access to affordable aged care when they can no longer care for themselves at home.

2. Aged care should be equally accessible to all persons whether they can self-fund services or whether they are in receipt of an aged pension.
3. Such care should be wherever possible in their own community surrounded by friends and family.
4. The residential environment should be clean, with services and amenities appropriate for aged citizens and the care offered should be supportive, relevant and responsive to needs and delivered in a truly caring manner.
5. The care provider should have access to medical services for the residents whether they be in person or on line, to cater to the needs of residents in all areas including physical and mental health.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

Additional Motion

That Notice of Motion Number 8 be rediscussed.

OUTCOME: CARRIED

Additional Motion – Recission of Notice of Motion Number 8

That this Convention rescinds the motion previously adopted as Notice of Motion number 8.

OUTCOME: LOST

2023/24 Directories - Pre Order now!

We are now accepting pre-orders for hardcopies of the MD 201 23-24 Directory.

Please note that each Club will be emailed a link to download the electronic version in July, but if

you would like to secure a hardcopy visit -

<https://www.lionsclubsshop.com.au/category/406-directories>

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

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 11 August 2023**

Late nominations will not be considered. - Valid nominations will be considered at the Council Meeting held in **September 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
Management Group	Fundraising & Partnerships	National Coordinator	1/07/2023	30/06/2026	To coordinate and report on Fundraising & Partnerships Programs as directed by the Multiple District Council.
Administration	MD Convention	2025 Chairperson	1/10/2023	31/08/2025	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	Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)	Chairperson	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	The occupant of this position will be responsible to the Council for managing ALCCRF.
		V District Trustee	1/02/2024	31/01/2025	Responsible for promoting the activities of ALCCRF within the designated State/Area.
		C District Trustee	1/02/2024	31/01/2025	
		N District Trustee	1/10/2023	31/01/2025	
		Q District Trustee	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
		T District Trustee	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
	W District Trustee	1/02/2024	31/01/2027		
	Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation	Treasurer	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	Responsible for coordinating all matters pertaining to the activities ALCMF within their designated area.
		C District Trustee	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
		Product Development Committee	Member	1/10/2023	31/01/2026
Finance	Insurance, Risk Management & Child Safe Committee	Child Safe Resource Officer - NSW	1/10/2023	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.
		Child Safe Resource Officer - NT	1/10/2023	31/01/2026	
		Child Safe Resource Officer - QLD	1/10/2023	31/01/2026	
		Child Safe Resource Officer - TAS	1/10/2023	31/01/2026	
		Child Safe Resource Officer - VIC	1/10/2023	31/01/2026	
		Child Safe Resource Officer - WA	1/10/2023	31/01/2026	
Finance	Insurance, Risk Management & Child Safe Committee	Insurance & Risk Committee Member	1/10/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible to the Chairperson for input and counsel in relation to insurance and safety matters pertaining to the Multiple District.
		Insurance & Risk Committee Member	1/10/2023	30/09/2026	
		Insurance & Risk Committee Member	1/10/2023	30/09/2026	
Global Leadership Team (GLT)	PNG	Committee Member	1/10/2023	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
		Committee Member	1/10/2023	30/06/2026	
Global Membership Team (GMT)	GMT	Extension Committee Member	1/10/2023	30/06/2026	This committee has special emphasis on the development of members, the establishment of new clubs, club membership growth and membership maintenance.
		Membership Communications	1/10/2023	30/06/2026	

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Global Service Team (GST)	GST	MD 201 Environment Coordinator	1/10/2023	30/09/2026	Responsible to Council, through the Global Service Team National Coordinator to achieve the Council's Objectives as they relate to the Environment as one of the major planks in Lions Clubs International "Five Pillars of Service"
Youth & Community Projects	Leo Committee	N District Coordinator	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	Reporting to the Leo Committee Chairperson and responsible for promoting Leos within their state.
		V District Coordinator	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
	Youth Exchange	Program Coordinator	1/10/2023	31/01/2026	Responsible for the organisation of an allocated portfolio within the YE Program.
		Program Coordinator	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
		Program Coordinator	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
		Program Coordinator	1/02/2024	31/01/2027	
	Youth of the Year	V District Coordinator	1/10/2023	30/06/2026	Responsible for promoting the Youth of the Year and Committee objectives within the designated State.



<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 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, Oz-Clubhouse websites will be deactivated. Redirection from Oz-Clubhouse websites to other websites will be retained. On the 30 September 2023, all data will be deleted.