

Dates to Remember

2024	
15 Dec	Last orders for Lions Australia Shop
20 Dec	Lions Australia National Office Christmas Closure
31 Dec	Project & Fundraising Notices of Motion 2025 Deadline
31 Dec	2028 MD 201 Convention Bid Deadline
2025	
6 Jan	Lions Australia National Office Reopens
31 Jan	Deadline for MD Convention 2025 Stage presentation Requests <i>All requests must be received in writing by the Executive Officer at info@lions.org.au</i>
1 Mar	Lions on Safari – A Service Adventure (formerly Lions Awareness Day)
3 Mar	General & Constitution Notice of Motion 2025 Deadline
31 Mar	Syd Packham PR Award 2025 Entries Close
2 May	MD 201 Convention 2025 Traralgon, Vic

Notices of Motion to Traralgon Convention

Clubs and Districts wishing to submit a Project Notice of Motion or a Fundraising Activity Motion to the Traralgon 2025 Multiple District Convention should note that such motions must have been received by the Executive Officer prior to the 1st day of 2025. Any other motion, other than a late notice of motion, must be received no later than Monday 3 March 2025. 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, CL61 to CL75.2.

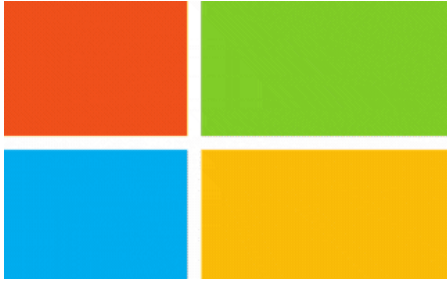
Caution should be exercised in relation to Notices of Motion to ensure they are correctly framed to be considered at Convention.

Bids for the MD201 Convention - 2028

Hosting a Multiple District Convention in your town, though challenging, provides considerable benefits.

Host committees serve their community by highlighting their hometown, demonstrating the quality and competence of their members, and providing an important economic benefit. Estimates by tourist associations place the economic benefit of hosting a Convention at \$2-4 million.

If your club or district wishes to host the 2028 Multiple District Convention, please contact the Executive Officer in the first instance by e-mail to info@lions.org.au . Bids close 31 December 2024.



Microsoft 365

Licensing changes to our Lions Australia accounts
@lions.org.au



Microsoft 365 – Licensing Changes for Lions Australia Accounts – @lions.org.au

What change has occurred with the Microsoft 365 licenses provided by Lions Australia?

In 2016 Lions Australia received a grant from Microsoft of Office 365 E2 licenses. These licenses were provided free of charge by Microsoft pursuant to their non-profits grant program. There was no indication provided that these licenses had a limited lifespan or that a charge would be levied for these licenses at some point in the future.

Microsoft recently announced that these Office 365 E2 licences were being discontinued and would expire on their next renewal date. The current Lions Australia licenses therefore expire in February 2024.

Lions Australia is now required by Microsoft to transition to other Microsoft 365 licenses, which are paid licenses with an annual subscription fee (although at a discounted NFP price). Lions Australia cannot absorb the cost for licenses used by Clubs, Districts or Foundations, so will unfortunately have to pass on the cost of these licenses.

What Microsoft 365 licences can Lions Australia still provide and at what cost?

Lions Australia can now provide clubs, districts, and foundations with Office 365 E1 licenses at a discounted not-for-profit price (which will include the cost of an additional enterprise grade spam filter). This charge will be passed on at cost, so will be revised if there are any changes in the underlying costs to Lions Australia.

The current price that will be charged by Lions Australia for these licenses is \$88.44 per year (including GST). This will be invoiced annually in advance, with no refunds available if a license is cancelled during that period.

To give clubs, districts, and foundations time to decide whether they wish to retain their lions.org.au email addresses and pay for Lions Australia Microsoft 365 licenses or change to an alternative email solution, the MD201 Council has approved for MD201 to meet the cost of existing licenses for 12 months until 31 January 2025. From 1 February 2025, all club, districts, and foundations who have confirmed they wish to continue with the Lions Australia licenses will commence being invoiced annually in advance, and all other accounts will be deactivated.

It is a decision for each club, district, and foundation whether they wish to use Lions Australia Microsoft 365 accounts and email addresses or use an alternative email solution. A Lions Australia Microsoft 365 account does provide many benefits, including: a professional email address with the “lions.org.au” domain; a Microsoft 365 account that is administered by the Lions Australia National Office, who can be contacted by phone or email for assistance with resetting passwords, changing the primary user of the account, and other access issues; a specialised anti-spam filter that will prevent most spam and malicious emails from reaching your inbox; strong cyber security

with every Lions Australia account being part of the Lions Australia Microsoft 365 MFA Authentication policy.

How to retain or apply for a Lions Australia Microsoft 365 account

If you would like to continue with your existing Lions Australia Microsoft 365 account and agree to pay the annual license fee from 1 February 2025, please email operations@lions.org.au with the email address to be continued.

If you would like a new Lions Australia Microsoft 365 account to be set up for your club or district, please email the request to operations@lions.org.au and include the following details: club name; district; primary user of the account and mobile phone number; and alternative email address of primary user (to receive login instructions). The annual license fee will apply from the date of creation of any new accounts.



Registration for the Traralgon Convention is now open

Visit <https://lionsclubs.org.au/members/73rd-md-201-convention-2025/>



Lions Awareness Day is now Lions on Safari – A Service Adventure!

For more information and resources, please visit - <https://lionsclubs.org.au/event/lions-on-safari-a-service-adventure/>

