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District Governor Mohan Nanayakkara 2025-26

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DG Mohan's Message

New Year, Renewed Purpose – Celebrating Our Momentum

Dear Lions of District 201N5,

As we welcome 2026, I want to take a moment to reflect and recognise your outstanding achievements over the past six months. From July to December 2025, you served with heart, resilience, and innovation—responding to local needs, uplifting communities, and living our motto: *We Serve*.

Thanks to your dedication:

- Hundreds of volunteer hours were logged across our District.
- Clubs launched new service initiatives addressing food insecurity, youth engagement, fundraising for local causes, environmental stewardship, and more.
- Many of you stepped up in leadership roles, mentored new members, and supported vital community initiatives—partnering with LCIF and Lions Foundations while also raising essential funds.

You've created real momentum—and now, we have a powerful opportunity to build on it.

As we begin the second half of our Lions year, I encourage every club to focus on four key priorities:

1. **Service:** Keep projects relevant, impactful, and visible. How can we adapt to meet emerging community needs?
2. **Membership Growth:** Who in your neighbourhood is still waiting to be invited? Reconnect with former members, host an open house, or simply bring a friend to your next service event. Let's continue growing our Lions family to secure our legacy.
3. **Service Reporting:** Be sure to report all your service in **MyLion**. It tells our collective story, amplifies our impact, and helps us inspire others.
4. **Support LCIF and Lions Foundations:** Every contribution - large or small - helps fund life-changing projects, both globally and right here in District 201N5.

We've accomplished so much—and we're only halfway through the year. Let's enter 2026 with renewed energy, deeper unity, and the unstoppable Lion spirit that drives lasting change.

I am proud to serve alongside you, and I look forward to all we will achieve together in the months ahead.

With gratitude and pride,

Yours in service,

Lion Mohan Nanayakkara
District Governor, 201N5

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201N5 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE AND DIARY 2026

Note: If there's a problem with any of the information below, contact Cabinet Secretary Jen Touzel 0411 173 227

JANUARY 2026	
3 rd -Feb 15 th	Hunger Weeks of Service
7 th (Wed)	1VDG Visit (Sydney Follow Your Dream)
10 th (Sat)	Sydney Waratah Food Drive (DG)
10 th (Sat)	Toongabbie Seven Hills Food Drive (1VDG)
11 th (Sun)	DG Visit (Sydney Indian)
15 th -18 th	1VDG Training – Peter Touzel
16 th -18 th	Second MD201 Council Meeting - Sydney
20 th (Tue)	GMT Meeting (Online 7 pm)
22 nd (Thur)	District GAT & GMA Meeting
26 th (Mon)	<i>Australia Day - Holiday</i>
	<i>Australia Day Sydney Pacific Flag Raising ceremony</i>
26 th (Mon)	Sydney News Copy Deadline
FEBRUARY 2026	
4 th (Wed)	<i>Independence Day Sri Lanka</i>
7 th (Sat)	Celebrating Culture & Togetherness with Burwood & Strathfield Lions (DG)
15 th (Sat)	International Childhood Cancer Day
17 th (Tue)	<i>Chinese New Year (Horse)</i>
20 th -22 nd	State Leo Conference (Youthworks Blue Mountains Conference Centre Blue Gum Lodge 6 Fels Ave Springwood) Venue TBA
21 st (Sat)	State Leo of the Year Final (Youthworks Blue Mountains Conference Centre Blue Gum Lodge 6 Fels Ave Springwood) Venue TBA

FEBRUARY 2026	
22 nd (Sun)	Executive Team & GAT & GMA Meeting
26 th (Thur)	Sydney News Copy Deadline
27 th (Fri)	Nurses Scholarship F: Meeting
28 th (Sat)	Manly Lions 70th Anniversary
MARCH 2026	
1 st (Sun)	Clean Up Australia Day
1 st (Sun)	Complete Club Rounds YOTY by March 1
1 st (Sun)	Zone Chair Information Day
7 th (Sat)	Lions Safari Awareness Month
7 th (Sat)	Youth & Community Service Dinner – Blacktown Ponds Lions
8 th (Sun)	3rd Cabinet Meeting – (Wenty Leagues)
8 th (Sun)	<i>International Women's Day</i>
14 th (Sat)	Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2026
15 th (Sun)	Complete Area Finals YOTY
15 th -20 th	DG Visit – Norfolk Island & Arthurs Vale (DG, 1VDG & 2VDG)



Lions Club of Sydney Waratah Food Drive Saturday 10th January 2026

Buy an extra **non-perishable food item** and place it in the Lions trolley after checkout.

Suggested items include:

- canned fish
- pasta
- canned beans
- instant noodles
- pasta sauces
- cereal
- jam or Vegemite
- long life milk
- tea or coffee
- museli bars
- canned fruit

Help us feed the hungry!

All items will be donated to the charity **First Nations Response**, who provide urgent food relief to inner-city & inner-west Sydney mobs.

Thanks for your support!



Blacktown Ponds Lions Club Inc.

Youth and Community Service Dinner

We invite you to join us to celebrate the achievements of the amazing youth of Blacktown as we present this years

"Michael Vassili Outstanding Achievers Awards"

Saturday, 7th March 2026
The Ballroom
Blacktown Workers Club
55 Campbell St,
Blacktown
Doors open 6:00 PM dinner served 7:00PM
Tickets \$90 (beer & wine, tea & coffee)




Booking and payment online
www.blacktownpondslions.org/events

For further information please contact:
Rosa McInnes - 0414947135 email - rosa.mcinnnes@gmail.com





From the Desk of the Cabinet Secretary

Where Service Meets Celebration: Lions District Changeover

Lions from across the district will gather on Saturday, July 18 for one of the most significant events on the annual calendar—the Lions District Changeover, to be held at the Wenty Leagues Club. The Changeover marks the highlights of District Governor Mohan Nanayakkara's year and the formal transition of leadership for the new Lions year, with incoming District Governor Peter Touzel and his cabinet.

This year's program will feature District Governor Mohan Nanayakkara, who will present awards and formally acknowledge the outstanding service delivered by clubs and members throughout the district. His reflections on the year's accomplishments will highlight the dedication, innovation, and community impact demonstrated by Lions members across all regions.

Attendees will enjoy a formal program that includes the presentation of awards, acknowledgements of exceptional service, and the official induction of the new leadership team. The incoming District Governor Peter will outline the vision and priorities for the year ahead, setting the tone for continued growth, collaboration and community engagement across the district.

Wenty Leagues Club, known for its welcoming atmosphere and excellent facilities, provides an ideal setting for this important occasion. Members are encouraged to book early, as the Changeover traditionally attracts strong attendance from across the District.

As Lions prepare to embark on another year of service, the District Changeover stands as a reminder of the organisation's enduring values - leadership, fellowship, and shared commitment to making a difference.

In addition to the formal proceedings, the evening will offer Lions the chance to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate the collective achievements of the past year. The Changeover serves not only as a ceremonial milestone but also as a moment of strengthen friendship and renew the spirit of service that unites Lions across the district.

Vale



We express our sympathy and condolences to the families of the late

Lion John Sheather
Lions Club of Epping Eastwood

Lion Maurice Linker
Lions Club of Bondi

Welcome New Members

The strength of our organisation is in our members and in particular those new members who join us to inject vital new life, ideas and enthusiasm into our Association.

District Governor Mohan Nanayakkara and members of District 201N5 extend the hand of friendship and welcome the following new members into the fellowship of the family of Lions.

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Talia Amituana'i	Blacktown City	Jennifer Morgan
Chaitanya Ray Saxena	Blacktown City	Rachael Hanlon
Maposua Aupa'au	Blacktown City	Rebel Hanlon
Feroza Bachana	Kellyville	Erika Collis
Lisa Morales	Kellyville	Karen Williams
Tunde Fasheun	Richmond NSW	Roger Sherrington
Darren Tonkin	Richmond NSW	Sue Tonkin
Kerrie Evans	Sutherland Shire	Janet Cross
Flora Fu	Sydney Chinese	Duncan Lin
hy Huang	Sydney Chinese	Duncan Lin
Mabel Pang	Sydney Chinese	Jasmine Yang
Kevin Wong	Sydney Chinese	Jasmine Yang
Feifei Yang	Sydney Chinese	Dickson Wong
Icy Yau	Sydney Chinese	Gerry Li
Tat Cheng Ooi	Sydney Wings of Fire	Sarath Pamidiparthi Sriskandadevi
Ponniappillai	Sydney Wings of Fire	Lalitha Mahadevan
Peter D-Ermilio	Toongabbie Seven Hills	Sudhakar Ethirajulu

Stepping Forward:

Meet the Nominees for ID

The selection of MD201's sole candidate for International Director is scheduled for March/April 2026, with the final process and format to be confirmed in January. Five highly respected Lions leaders have been nominated, each offering significant experience and a strong record of service.

The nominees are: PDG Megan Butler (C1)
PDG Peter Ho AM (Q1)
PCC Phillip Johnson (V2)
PCC Vin Pang (N5)
PDG Ann Reed (N2)

The successful candidate will proceed to the Hong Kong International Convention for consideration in the election to the International Board. This represents an important opportunity for MD201 to contribute to the global leadership of Lions International.

In the lead-up to the selection process, members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with each nominee's background, achievements, and contributions to Lions. This period offers an opportunity for thoughtful engagement, ensuring that the final decision reflects the collective insight and aspirations of Lions across Australia.

Lions Club of Manly
70th
 Charter Anniversary
WE CARE

You're going to hear us Roar

Saturday, 28th February 2026
 The Manly Club
 6:30 PM for a 7:00 PM start
 2 course dinner and first drink included
 \$70 per person

Entertainment | Silent Auctions | Fellowship

Limited to 100 Guests - So Register Early

RSVP by 10th February 2026

Let's make this a night to remember as we celebrate 70 years of serving the community of Manly and the Northern Beaches



Scan Me

AWS Slams into Action!

Australian Wrestling Superstars (AWS) will take to the ring at The Polish Club, 182 Liverpool Road, Ashfield, on Saturday, January 17, at 7.30 pm. Proceeds from the raffle will fund vital mobility equipment for two children: Wesley, aged 13, who has dystonic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, and Anastasia, aged 3, who lives with congenital muscular dystrophy. Both require specialised walkers—costing \$9,712 and \$5,640 respectively—to improve their safety, independence and long-term health.



Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 10. Tickets to *Walking Tall: Live Pro Wrestling for Charity* are now on sale at The Polish Club website Walking Tall: Live Pro Wrestling for Charity - Polish Club Ashfield

If you wish to purchase raffle tickets please contact Lugarno Lions Club President Mike Warner president@lugarnolions.org.au or Lion Greg English grege@lugarnolions.org.au

....And a new contributor - Welcome PIP Barry



WARNING - There is More



December Update

Blacktown City – visit to member’s home to present 50-Year Service Medal to Kevin Smith.

Sydney Star Sun – visit on behalf of the District Governor.

Chinese Clubs Working Group – meeting with the team that is assisting the large number of new Chinese-based Clubs.

LCIF Meeting – discussion on alteration to budget imposed.

Sydney Chinese – Christmas Party representing the District Governor. Gate crashed upstairs on the Sydney Pacific Christmas gathering!

Maroubra – Christmas Party representing the District Governor.

Environment & Sustainability Forum – represented the District Governor at this District Forum.

Turrumurra – Christmas Party representing the District Governor.

Sydney Inner West – Christmas Party representing the District Governor and inducting a new member.

Richmond Markets – run by Richmond Lions.

Parramatta – assisted with the Kids Big Fun Day Out.



Blacktown Ponds – Christmas Party representing the District Governor, including inducting new Leos and installing the new Leo President of Blacktown Ponds Leo Club.

Nepean – Charter Night, inducting new members, installing initial board, presenting the Charter.

West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook – Christmas Party, including presenting 50-Year Service Medal to Keith Robinson.



December has been a month of celebration and growth across our district. As the year draws to a close, it has been a privilege to witness the dedication and festive spirit of our Lions family.

I was honoured to represent District Governor Mohan at the Lions Club of Sutherland Shire where I was invited to induct 2 new club members. It is inspiring to see this club’s journey; after facing the possibility of closure, the current members are working exceptionally well together. Their commitment to revitalising the club and supporting their local community is testament to the Lions' spirit.



A major focus this month was celebrating the festive season with our fabulous clubs. I had the pleasure of attending Christmas events hosted by the Lions Clubs of Inner West, Sydney Chinese, and Sydney Ceylon. Each event was a wonderful blend of holiday joy and a reflection on the significant achievements these clubs have reached throughout the year. The energy and passion within these clubs are what makes our district so vibrant.

A personal highlight for me this month was the official Chartering of my own club, the Lions Club of Nepean. It was a proud moment for all involved, and you can find a more detailed feature on this milestone elsewhere in this bulletin.

As we look toward the new year, I want to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Lions Clubs of Sydney and Norfolk Island, along with your families, a very happy festive season. I hope that 2026 brings you all good health, happiness, and a continued passion for serving our communities.

"Where there's a need, there's a Lion." Thank you for an incredible year of service.

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Embracing the Lions Spirit: Serving Communities Together

Building the Lions Legacy

One of the greatest benefits of being a Lion is the solid foundation already established for providing meaningful service. If you have a passion for supporting youth, your club can easily become involved in a variety of programs such as Youth of the Year, Lions Quest, Leos, or the Peace Poster Contest. These initiatives offer opportunities for clubs to make a real difference in young lives.

Global Impact Through Action

For those interested in helping people in other countries, the UNICEF School-in-a-Box program is an excellent avenue. This initiative allows clubs or districts to support the educational needs of children whose schooling has been disrupted due to war, disasters, or other emergencies. By making a designated donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions can provide a "School-in-a-Box" kit, which contains essential supplies for an instructor and up to 40 students.

Responding to Disasters

If you are moved by the plight of those affected by natural disasters, you can become involved in the ALERT program, which aims to minimize the impact of calamities. The Lions ALERT program gives clear guidance to the 46,000 Lions Clubs worldwide, helping them efficiently provide both short-term and long-term support to disaster victims.

Additionally, members can contribute to LCIF when large-scale disasters strike.

Prioritising Lions Programs

These Lions programs are worthy of your club's support. It is important not to lose dedicated members to the programs of other organizations. While partnerships are valuable and necessary, we should ensure that Lions Programs remain front and centre. By partnering with one another, Lions can take the lead role in improving their communities. The best partners for Lions are fellow Lions, and we should focus on connecting with members across our cities, country, and the world. [PDG ELVIO MUNZONE OAM](#)

Win Big for Just \$1

Following last month's announcement, [the Lions NSW-ACT Sight & Health Foundation](#) has been receiving excellent feedback, and numerous clubs are taking part in an incredible opportunity. With tickets priced at just \$1, the Foundation is giving the community a chance to win big while supporting a great cause. Each ticket offers the chance to walk away with fantastic prizes while directly supporting vital sight and health programs across NSW, Norfolk Island and ACT.

What You Could Win

- **1st Prize:** A brand-new Chery Tiggo 4, a stylish and compact SUV auto valued at \$24,500
- **2nd Prize:** An OPSM Gift Voucher worth \$1,000
- **3rd Prize:** A Jaycar Gift Voucher valued at \$500

The raffle will be drawn on **Sunday, 29th March, 2026** at Bankstown Sports Club at 11.30 am.

Why Your Ticket Matters: Every ticket purchased helps the Lions NSW-ACT Sight & Health Foundation continue its mission to improve sight and health initiatives across NSW, Norfolk Island and ACT. From supporting eye care programs to contributing to essential medical research and services, your \$1 does far more than give you a chance to win—it helps create a healthier future for countless individuals.

Get Your Tickets

Clubs wishing to participate can contact Director PCC Warren Latham directly on 0451 081 490 to secure their raffle books.

Club Happenings

Blacktown City assist Carevan



Out and about with Blacktown City Lions tonight, collaborating with the incredible team at Carevan Blacktown to make a real difference. Together, we're providing a community Christmas party for 400 people, complete with 400 Christmas hampers of food and 400 Christmas gifts. Blacktown City is proud to partner with Carevan, a shining example of community service that's making a tangible impact on people's lives. This is what community spirit is all about



Sri Lanka donate Food



Sydney Sri Lanka sponsored a Food Drive to support Flood Victims in Sri Lanka.

Sydney Host supporting Hong Kong Fire Appeal & Bondi Beach Appeal

Sydney Host has reached out to the Appeal for the Fire Victims of Hong Kong Wang Fuk Court . A cheque for \$20,000 was presented.



West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook



The Club sponsored a Multi Service Camp in Sri Lanka covering Medical and Distribution of Spectacles.



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Club Happenings

A Night of New Beginnings: Lions Club of Nepean Officially Chartered

On December 14th, members of the Lions Club of Nepean gathered to celebrate our formal Charter as the newest addition to District 201N5.

The evening was more than just a ceremony; it was an affirmation of our commitment to service and the official start of our journey together.

The Charter Celebration served as a formal establishment of our club which allowed us to officially welcome our new members, each bringing unique talents and a shared passion for humanitarian service. Our club's leadership team was formally installed into their respective positions, ready to guide us through our inaugural year. And with the presentation of our charter, we are now officially recognised within the global Lions International family.

The spirit of Lionism was on full display as we were joined by friends and fellow Lions from across the District. We were deeply honoured to host members from the Lions Clubs of Maroubra, Blacktown City, Richmond, Toongabbie Seven Hills, Inner West, Parramatta, Blacktown Ponds, Sydney All Bright, Sydney Follow Your Dream, Hornsby, Sydney Ceylon, Sydney North West, and Manly.

The official proceedings were conducted by District Governor Elect Peter Touzel. Furthermore, the event was highlighted by the presence of six Past District Governors, whose attendance underscored the significance of our new club's entry into the District.

As the event coincided with the holiday season, we took the opportunity to blend our formal proceedings with a festive celebration. It was a wonderful chance for our members to bond, share a meal, and toast to the future of the Lions Club of Nepean.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who attended and supported us in making this night a success. We are officially on the map, and we are ready to serve.



The Official Club Charter being presented to President Graham by 6 past District Governors and DGE Peter Touzel

Richmond Lions Celebrate a Year of Service, Fund Raising and Growth.



Some twenty-eight members gathered at the Macquarie Boat House for a celebratory lunch and to farewell IPP Mark who is moving to Tasmania. Lion Vicki is already there settling in and Mark choosing to retain his membership with Richmond Lions for the time being.

Mark guided us through Covid for a couple of years and had a better time 24-25

They will both be missed and we wish them all the best for their new adventure.

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Welcome to 2026! It is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Lions Assistance Dogs, and we cannot wait for you to join us on the journey.

At the end of 2025, we wrapped up our Lap the Map event, another successful November of raising much-needed funds for our Diabetic Alert Dogs. Although we did not quite reach our goal, we still raised over \$23,000 and walked more than 18,000kms through 127 individual participants and 46 teams and Lions Clubs across Australia. It was inspiring to see the combined efforts of Lions nationwide come together for a cause greater than us all.

With the achievements of 2025 behind us, we now enter 2026 with exciting developments ahead. Most notably, the redevelopment of the National Training Centre. Phase 1 of construction is set to begin in the first half of this year, bringing significant changes not only to our organisation but to the number of Assistance Dogs we will be able to train and deliver, a number expected to triple. It is truly a remarkable time to be part of the Lions Assistance Dogs community.

We would also like to highlight some important dates for your 2026 calendar:

- World Hearing Day and Hearing Awareness Week, around the 3rd of March.
- National Hearing Dog Day, 19th of April (initiated by Lions Assistance Dogs).
- National Diabetes Week, July 10-16th

These are key moments of recognition, celebration, and awareness that we hope you will mark in your calendar.

Thank you for your support in 2025, we are excited to continue this journey with you in 2026. As always, if you have any questions about Lions Assistance Dogs, please contact us at development@lionsassistedogs.com.au.



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More Club Happenings

THE SEASON FOR SHARING LIONS LEND A HELPING HAND

While Diwali is traditionally a time of celebration and light, the Sewa Diwali initiative has transformed it into a season of giving and gratitude with the Lions donating items to Bert Oldfield School.



The festive season is a time for generosity, connection and community spirit – and this year, the *Lions Club of Toongabbie Seven Hills* embraced that spirit wholeheartedly. As the year drew to a close, club members reflected with gratitude on the many people who have supported their work throughout the community. To each and every one of you, the Lions extend their heartfelt thanks and warm Season's Greetings. In December, the club had the pleasure of participating in the Richmond Lions Markets, where they helped bring joy to the local children by providing LEGO – small gifts that sparked big smiles. This wonderful initiative was made possible through the support of Good360 and LEGO, whose contribution ensured that children could experience a little extra magic during the festive season. The Club extends sincere appreciation to the Lions Club of Richmond for

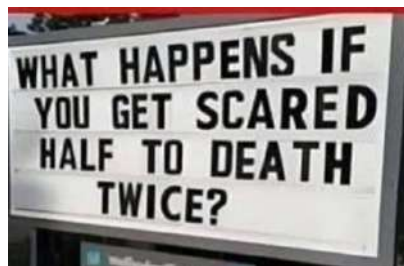
welcoming them to the December Markets. The camaraderie and shared purpose between the clubs made the event more meaningful. As the community looks ahead to the new year, the Lions eagerly anticipate returning to next year's event and continuing their mission of service, kindness and connection. The season for sharing may come once a year, but the spirit of giving lasts far beyond it.

The Most Rewarding Project Hosting the 90s Club Christmas BBQ



Richmond provides a Student and Parent lunchtime BBQ for the students who have achieved a minimum 90% attendance for that term. The number of students has grown from approx. 150 in 2015 to currently over 320. In the fourth term, recipients receive a Christmas Gift from Santa, if they have reached the 90% mark for all four terms, not just fourth term.

The Club also sponsors their 'monthly Lease payment for the School Bus' which will also pick up students who cannot get to school that particular day.



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We acknowledge PIP Barry Palmer AO
Thank you for your contribution. RtD

District Happenings

International Hunger Weeks of Service

January 3-11, 2026 **EXTENDED to FEBRUARY 15th**

Lions Club international has designated January 3-11, 2026 as our hunger week of service. Unfortunately, this is during a period where a lot of Australian Lions Clubs are on vacation. Lions International has recognised this and has extended the period until February 15. This means any Hunger project you report in the Lions Portal between January 3 and February 15 will count towards the Club Excellence Program.

Hunger is everywhere... but so are Lions and Leos! This **Hunger Weeks of Service**, we're calling on all clubs in District 201N5 to step up and address food insecurity in our communities.

Why Hunger Matters: Across our district and around the world, families struggle with food insecurity. As Lions, we have the power to create meaningful change through service. Whether it's collecting food, preparing meals, supporting agricultural initiatives, or advocating for nutrition awareness, every action counts.

How Your Club Can Get Involved: We offer multiple service areas to fit your club's passion and capacity:

- **Food Collection, Preparation & Distribution** – Organise food drives and distribution events
- **Community Feeding Events** – Host meals that bring neighbours together
- **Hunger Initiatives for Women & Children** – Empower vulnerable populations

Resources Available:

[Hunger Service Project Ideas](#)

[Service Project Planners](#)

Don't Forget to Report: After your service, report your impact in the [Lion Portal](#) so we can celebrate our collective difference and inspire others! A simple **How to Report Service** Document is available. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or issues reporting your service. Together, we can fight hunger and build stronger communities. Let's show the world what Lions do!

Yours In Service,

PDG Paul McInnes | GST Coordinator



The poster features the Sydney Chinese Lions logo at the top left, which includes the text 'The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.' and '悉尼華人獅會'. To the right of the logo is the text 'SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS' in large blue letters. Below this is 'INVITATION TO' in black, followed by 'CHARITY BALL 2026' in large orange letters. Underneath is 'PROUDLY SUPPORTING CAREFLIGHT' in black, with the CareFlight logo in blue and orange. The central image shows a male lion and four lion cubs sitting in front of a mountain range. At the bottom, it says 'Saturday, 14 March 2026' in orange. On the right side, there is an orange background with white text providing event details: Venue (Grand Ballroom, International Convention Center Sydney, Darling Harbour), Date (Saturday, 14 March 2026, 6:00pm pre dinner drinks, 6:45pm proceedings commence), Contact (President Duncan Lin, M: 0425 327 919, E: duncan.lin@dwl.com.au; Club Secretary Lion Emily Hung, M: 0401 052 599, E: emilyhung@winglong.com.au), Dress Code (Formal / National Costume), RSVP By (Friday, 27 February 2026), and Ticket Information (Dinner Tickets: \$300/\$3,000 for a table of 10; Corporate Tickets: \$400/\$4,000 for a table of 10). At the bottom right, it states 'This is an input taxed event.' At the bottom left, there is a small payment instruction: 'Payment: The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. BSB: 012 071 Account: 197614048 (Please specify your NAME in your transaction. Thanks!)

More Upcoming Events

Shivam School of Dance

Proudly Presents

SAMHITA

Celebrating Culture and Togetherness

In Collaboration with



We Serve

The Lions Club of Burwood Strathfield

Ticket \$60

Contact

Lalitha Mahadevan

0402 386 505

Saipriya Bala

0415 066 252

7 February 2026

at 7:00 pm

Bryan Brown Theatre
Cnr Rickard & Chapel Rds,
Bankstown NSW 2200



Please pay

Tarangini

BSB 062-194

Account No. 10566759

Proceeds will support the activities of the Lions Club of Burwood Strathfield Inc In Australia and Sri Lanka

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Have a Go – Make a Difference with Youth of the Year!

This is the last chance for the 2025-2026 year for your Club to make a real difference in the lives of young people in your community, with an opportunity to join in the Youth of the Year Program.

As mentioned last month, Lugarno Lions were the first in our District to conduct their club Youth of the Year event. They obviously recognise the worth of the program, as 50 years on, it is a part of their club's annual calendar each year.

Why Get Involved? The program is designed for students who actively contribute to their schools and communities and who want to challenge themselves by presenting their credentials and speaking in public – all in a friendly, supportive environment. And they and their parents could well be prospective members for your club in years to come!

Ready to Start? If your Club has never run Youth of the Year before — or if it's been a few years — you need to act now. There is still time to contact your local schools, and start planning for your Club event – set a date, and work towards it. Send an email to your local high schools, inviting them to participate, then make contact by phone when school term resumes at the end of January. You then have all of February to make it happen.

Support is available to make it easy — including templates for school contact, promotion ideas, and step-by-step guidance. You don't have to do it alone; help is just a phone call or email away.

Key Dates for 2025–2026

- Club Finals: **by Sunday 1 March 2026**
- Area Finals: **by Sunday 15 March 2026**
- District Final: **Sunday 29 March 2026**
- State Final: **Saturday 2 May 2026** (Host District N2)
- National Final: **Monday 25 May 2026** – MD Convention, Adelaide

Contact: Diane Sherrington
District Youth of the Year Coordinator

☎ 0412 790 642

✉ youthyear@lions.sydney

Our District winner for 2025 Cassie, sponsored by Kellyville Lions Club, pictured with her District trophy in the background, and holding her State Public Speaking winner award.



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Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation

Fitting of Walking Frame for Catherine



Catherine is a bright and delightful eight-year-old from Bexley North whose courage and determination shine through in everything she does. Although she does not yet have a single diagnosis to explain her impairments, Catherine faces daily challenges with muscle strength and fatigue. To help her stay active and included, she uses a walking frame for longer distances and to participate fully in school life - whether that's sports days, excursions, or simply keeping up with her friends. Having outgrown her previous frame, Catherine needed the next size of a Nurmi Neo Walking Frame, an essential piece of equipment to support her growing independence.

On 11 December, Catherine received her new walking frame at her home, thanks to the generous support of the Lions Clubs of Lugarno and Cronulla. The fitting was a special occasion, attended by her mum Wendy, her physiotherapist Cara, and Greg English, ALCMF District Chairman. The sense of care and community was evident, reflecting Lions' ongoing commitment to helping children achieve greater mobility and confidence.

From the moment Catherine entered the room, she lit it up with her smile and enthusiasm. Thrilled with her new walker - which she happily described as a wonderful Christmas present

- she worked incredibly hard during her physiotherapy session. This walking frame will make a profound difference to Catherine's life, helping to build her strength, encourage fun through movement, and open the door to greater participation and joy. Her parents were deeply grateful for the kindness and support shown by Lions, whose generosity is helping Catherine take confident steps toward a brighter future.

YOUR OLD STAMP COLLECTIONS - CAN ASSIST

EVERY STAMP COUNTS - STOP hoarding those stamp collections that were going to be for the Kids, Grandkids, who didn't really show an interest. Richmond Lions and the International Stamp Club DO. Richmond Lions Receive, Sort, Clip and pack every stamp received. They then go to Auction or Private Sale with all monies received going to ALCMF.

Last financial year raised \$35,000; this year so far \$35,000 NOW totalling over \$430,000 to purchase walking aids for disadvantaged kids.

Contact Roger - 0420 987 842

Email: richmondstampdepot@gmail.com

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