



## **JOIN LIONS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**One more member gives us  
two more hands to  
do service in our community,  
at home and internationally.**

**Benefits of being a member include  
fellowship, good times,  
meeting people,  
building lasting friendships,  
service to the community,  
learning new skills, leadership and  
personal development.**

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**want to make  
a difference?**



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*“We strengthen community.”*

## who are we

We are a group of people who are dedicated to making our communities a better place to live, work and grow. We collaborate with like-minded people who are dedicated to providing real change and creating opportunities within our communities. At Lions we make things happen.

As a member of Lions Australia you will experience a number of personal benefits including leadership skills, a sense of self worth and purpose, business skills, networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.

## what we do

Lions Australia has a proud history of achievement in Disaster and Emergency Relief, Medical Research and Community Service. We were at the coalface for Cyclone Tracy, the Black Saturday bushfires and the Queensland floods.

We were involved with the development of the bionic ear and the cervical cancer vaccine, Gardasil. We also inspired a young Fred Hollows and continue to provide funding for a range of other research initiatives involving diabetes and autism.

We assist with local community fundraising for special causes and help with development and building of local parks, community venues and sporting centres.

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*If you answer yes to any of these questions, then you will be a welcome member to the Lions Australia family.”*

**do you want to...**

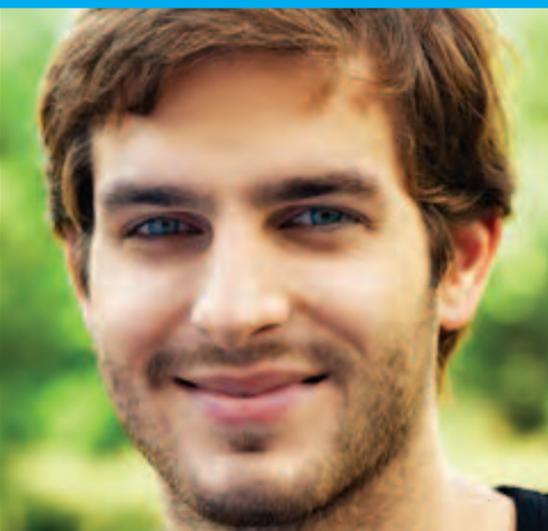
- feel a sense of **self-worth** and **purpose**?
- establish **business** and **personal networks**?
- develop lifelong **friendships**?

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## want to know more?

### 1. How much time is involved?

Lions believe in the motto 'we make things happen'. We also believe that family comes first, then work, then Lions.

As a member you will need to attend meetings and be involved in community service activities. However, Lions members are, first and foremost volunteers, so we appreciate any time that you can spare. We always try to be flexible, as we understand how busy our lives can be.

We volunteer because helping our local community and seeing the results first-hand is immensely satisfying.

### 2. Am I too young for Lions?

Lions need the energy, passion and new ideas from people of all ages to help with valuable humanitarian projects. You can join Lions if you're over the age of 18.

### 3. Paying to volunteer! What's that about?

We ask members pay a small amount in annual dues to help run the organisation and to provide training, support, insurance and other materials to our thousands of volunteers.

100% of funds donated by the public through fundraising is directed to the specific project for which it is intended.

Lions don't take a cent from this fundraising, which is a source of pride for the organisation and one of the reasons for our great reputation within the community.

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#### **4. What does the Club actually do?**

Lions Clubs set their programs independently, by creating and managing their own local projects or supporting larger projects operated at an international, national or district level. Lions Australia's national website has up to date information about the many projects happening on a range of levels throughout Australia.

A couple of important questions to ask your local club are "what projects do you do?" and "who do you help?". If you have a passion for a new project then you can ask your Lions Club to support it.

#### **5. Are meetings formal?**

Lions Clubs are democratic organisations; our meetings are neither political nor religious. Traditional Lions ceremonies continue to be enjoyed by existing members and are seen as a learning opportunity for new members. We follow the rules of the Association, which include some legal and procedural requirements but generally, our meetings have a relaxed atmosphere where participation is welcome.

#### **6. Can women become members of Lions?**

We most definitely value the contribution of women in the organisation and encourage anyone who is willing to participate to become members. Ability has no gender and Lions needs people with all types of skills, ideas, interests and energy.

#### **7. How can my kids get involved?**

Lions members involve their children in meetings, fundraisers and other activities because it's a great way to teach them about their community. You can discuss family involvement with the club when you are considering joining as many programs are set up for young people, including the Leo Program, Youth of the Year and Youth Exchange.

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### **8. What if I run a business and want to support Lions?**

Many businesses support Lions by allowing their staff to volunteer during times of special need or as part of a regular support program. We encourage business owners/managers to work with their local Lions Club in this way.

### **9. How do I join a club?**

If you've identified a local Lions Club you wish to join, go to a few meetings and meet the members. It's the best way to find out if it's the club for you. Membership of a Lions Club is by invitation.

If you don't know how to find a Lions Club you can look on the Lions website [www.lionsclubs.org.au](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au) or call **1800 655 201**.

With more than 1300 clubs in Australia, there's a club for you.

### **10. How do I find out more info?**

The best source of information will be your local Lions Club, but if you want to find out more, or discuss your thoughts with the Lions Club online community, here are some places to start:

- **Lions Australia website** [www.lions.org.au](http://www.lions.org.au)
- **Lions International website** [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
- **Lions Australia Facebook Page** [www.facebook.com/lionsaustralia](http://www.facebook.com/lionsaustralia)
- **Lions Australia Blog** [www.lionsaustralia.com](http://www.lionsaustralia.com)

**The Lions Club of Rosewood** <http://rosewood.qld.lions.org.au>

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