

# ASPLEY LIONS CLUB



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# **GATEWAY TO THE NORTH**

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OF ASPLEY

DISTRICT 201K - AUSTRALIA



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## E D I T O R I A L

Well here is your first Bulletin of the Aspley Lions Club. It is not very newsy and interesting as yet, but this will come in time as soon as everything is functioning properly and with your help it will become a fine publication we can all be proud of.

The Bulletin will be published on the 1st of every month after this issue. The editor's job can be a pleasant one, providing that he gets all the assistance he needs.

It is most essential that all committee chairmen will report their individual committee meetings to the Editor as early as possible.

The Bulletin will also commence to make space available for letters to the editor and it would be appreciated if members help by sending in short or long items which are of interest to other members.

Copy deadline for any article will be 7 days prior to publication, copy received after this will be held for the following publication.

Send your articles to Lion Tom Lagerway (Editor), 74 Walkersway, Toombul, or phone 25488 during day time.

Well, stout hearted Lions of Aspley, let us get busy and help me in my job as your editor, by supplying me with as much as you can come up with.

Tom Lagerway,  
EDITOR.

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### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

Our International President, David Evans, has issued a challenge to Lions throughout the World. He has asked us in this year to build our membership to ONE MILLION MEMBERS.

1,000,000 is certainly an impressive figure, but let's see just what it means to each Club. To reach ONE MILLION we need 129,172 new Lions, and as there are at present 22,291 Clubs throughout the World, this means an average increase of 5.32 members per Club.

As .32 of a Lion would not be of much use to any Club, I suggest that we be a little generous in our thinking and try for 6!! District-wise this means a net gain of 294 members in our 49 Clubs of 1400 members or approximately 20%. Extension will take care of at least 120, based on 6 new Clubs with a minimum of 20 each.

All of this goes to show that to play our part in the plan of our International President - every existing Club in District 201 K needs a nett gain (by June 30th next) of 4 members. District Governor Jim asks every Lion in District 201 K to THINK AND TALK MEMBERSHIP.

Bill Jones,  
DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

My hearty congratulations to the Lion's Club of Aspley as the newly chartered Lion's Club and on behalf of all Lions, I welcome you into Lions International. You are the 51st Club in District 201K in our 51st year of Lionism throughout the world.

You are starting on a wonderful journey of service to people less fortunate than yourselves, and I am sure as you travel through Lionism, you will be rewarded by the friends you meet and the good fellowship you will enjoy with your fellow Lions. You will wear your Lions' Badge proudly at all times, as the Lions' Emblem has come to be respected throughout the world.

I must congratulate your President, Bill Page on his enthusiasm, and also the Lion's Club of Chermside under the capable leadership of Brian Dougall.

I would like to offer special thanks to our Extension Chairman, Howard Waterman who has worked so tirelessly to make this the great success it is.

I feel quite confident that the Lion's Club of Aspley will attain great heights in our wonderful organisation and I look forward to hearing of your activities and the great friendships you form among your members.

I wish you all the very best in Lionism.

Jim Casey,  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

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**THIS IS MY DUTY.**

To use what gifts I have as best I may;  
To help some weaker brother where I can,  
To be as blameless at the close of day  
As where the duties of the day began;  
To do without complaint what must be done;  
To grant my rival all that may be just;  
To win through kindness all that may be won;  
To fight with knightly valour when I must.

(S.E. Kiser)

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**EXTENSION CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Being associated with the Lion's Club of Aspley in the dual role of Chermside's Extension Chairman and District Extension Chairman, has without a doubt been one of my most rewarding experience in Lionism.

The enthusiasm and drive of President Bill Page and the desire of his members to get on with the job should be an inspiration to many older Lions.

A completed Community Service Project and a Fund Raising effort between Formation and Charter indicates the true spirit of Lionism.

My congratulations go to Aspley on being in a position to Charter with the highest number of members in the history of District 201K.

I must take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to P.D.G. Bill Jones, D.D.G. John Hodges, President Brian and the members of Chermside for their assistance in getting the Lion's Club of Aspley launched.

My best wishes to you President Bill and your members for a long, happy and successful association with the International Family of Lions Clubs.

In conclusion I do look forward to the continuance of a close personal association with the Lion's Club of Aspley.

Howard Waterman,  
Extension Chairman,  
Regions 1 and 2,  
DISTRICT 201K.

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**A POINT TO PONDER**

Nowadays we think of a philanthropist as someone who donates big sums of money, yet the word is derived from two Greek words, philos (loving) and anthropos (man): loving man. All of us are capable of being philanthropists. We can give of ourselves.

(Edward Lindsey)

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our club, as it now approaches the dawn of its official birth, can undoubtedly feel justly proud of itself.

From its inception only a short two months ago it has emerged through a most critical time period, most successful in all the goals it had set itself - our membership is an impending charter record, the successful execution of our first community service and social fund raising night, the acquisition of our club equipment - banners, bannerettes, etc., including the composition of our club song - all achievements of which we, as members to a man, can be justly proud.

These together with our enthusiasm and devotion to the "Lion cause" have contributed to make our club one ready to enter the International Family of Lions' Clubs with an undoubted future which, with the development of our potential, will assure us of being a Club which we, and Lions as a whole will be proud to refer to as, "The Lions Club of Brisbane - Aspley."

However this is just the beginning and naturally the club will experience a settling in period inherent with a slackening of the pace and excitement associated with this basic organisation.

It is essential that we maintain the enthusiasm and drive which has been displayed to this hour which will ensure us of not only becoming a well organised and mature club but also one with an unlimited future.

All of you will now be called upon to be more involved and more closely associated with the workings of the club in many different capacities, the success of which will not only consolidate our club but also contribute to your personal fulfilment and enjoyment through participation.

My most earnest wish is that our accomplishments will be such that in "1969 and evermore it will always be - 'Aspley to the Fore'".

Bill Page,  
PRESIDENT.

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**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

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**"FATHER OF OUR CLUB"**

We the President and the members of Aspley Lions express our sincere thanks to the President and members of the Lions Club of Chermshire, and the executive officers of District 201K.

A very warm THANK YOU goes to Howard Waterman District Extension Chairman, who has earned the affectionate title of "Father of our Club" for the time he gave to our club and his spirit that is now with all members that have joined the Lions Club of Aspley.

Through Howard we are realising what true Lionism is about, and we are sure that we will be proud in time to come of the efforts and undertakings that are being planned by his latest child club.

Bill Page,  
PRESIDENT.

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Within the next few weeks our Ladies Auxiliary will be formed within the formation of our Club.

Lions Ladies how about joining forces! We would appreciate you getting in touch with Ann Page by phoning her at 63.3229.

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**WHAT IS TIME?**

Time is the one thing with which everybody is equally endowed throughout their life-span, twenty-four hours of it each day. Some people make good use of it, others waste it regardless, while some even try to kill it - but it still marches on.

It has been known to be taken by the forelock, but once it has passed, no one has managed to catch it by its heels. We hear of people being carried on its wings, whilst others have left their footprints on its sands.

For some it goes too quickly, for others it drags, and yet it waits for no man. Many say they cannot find it. They are evidently unaware that it can never be found - it must be made. It appears to be possessed of some magic power, as it is the greatest healer ever known.

Should you ever want someone to do anything for you, it is advisable to ask a busy person, as they seem to be the only kind of people with time to spare.

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**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION**

I have been asked to write a few words on the subject of Membership Development & Retention as affecting a new Club, and would like to start by congratulating the Officers and Members of the Brisbane-Aspley Club on the manner in which they have shouldered their responsibilities, guided by President and Officers of the Brisbane-Chermside Club and Extension Chairman Howard Waterman.

I am sure that we have here a Club of which the District Governor can be justly proud.

I am particularly grateful for this opportunity as the more Lions who are interested in Membership Development, the more new members we are likely to obtain. Members of the Lions Club of Brisbane-Aspley seem to have already learned the secret of how to obtain members, as the results to date aptly demonstrate.

Some of our older Clubs with Membership Figures under 20 or in the early 20's could well benefit by having a good look at what has been accomplished by this Club in such a short space of time.

To Charter with a Membership of 36 must surely be a record in both District 201K and 201A. It is certainly not very far off what I consider to be the ideal minimum number for a Lions Club - 40 Members!

Having made such a wonderful start in Lionism, the next step for the Brisbane-Aspley Club is to see that every Lion in the Club has a job to do and that he does it. Every Officer and every Lion in every Club has an important part to play in its progress.

It is by the happy co-operation of Members working together that a Club develops into a powerful force, for the betterment of the community and the enrichment of the lives of the individual Lions.

In this year, International President David Evans is endeavouring to raise the membership level of our Association to 1,000,000 (That's right! One Million!) We, in District 201K are playing our part in this drive, and if all Clubs throughout the World are as active at the Lions Club of Brisbane-Aspley in securing new members, there can be no doubt that -

**WE'LL MAKE IT A MILLION!**

Bill Jones, P.D.G.  
MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION  
CHAIRMAN, 201K.

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Life is like a grindstone - whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up, depends entirely on the materials he's made from.

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**NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

How proud all Aspley members must be of their Club, when they look back at the accomplishments that have been achieved in such a short period.

Recalling your memory back to the festive season and our first Community Service Project, where Aspley members opened their doors to the orphans of Brisbane, all the homes were contacted and Aspley Lions did the rest and what a terrific feeling of satisfaction members drew from this benevolent project.

Members will also remember our "Social Night" which was held to enable members and their wives to get together and thereby get to know one another, this night was definitely a great success for the club and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our thanks go to all members who worked so hard to make this night a success. The Fund Raising Committee is looking ahead to future fund raising nights, two have been suggested and one Gala Night and two Boat Trips, these will be discussed at our committee meeting, and it is hoped that all members will give plenty of thought to those and other fund raising ventures.

We now have to look towards some Community Service Projects and be able to present funds to the projects selected, I have suggested Pulmonary Respiratory Research at the Chermside Hospital and Renal Research at the Princess Alexandra Hospital which is a District Lions' Project. I mentioned those because I feel that we must have a goal, something worthwhile to strive for in our fund raising.

I know that all members are looking forward to our Charter Night and some action in the month of February.

John A. Steensen,  
CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Saturday, February 1st will be a day never to be forgotten for our fellow Lion Graham Buchanan.

Graham will enter the bond of matrimony this day at 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church at Redcliffe, his lovely wife Clare is the youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr Kelly of Redcliffe.

Graham and Clare will attend the Charter Night Dinner after their wedding.

The President and all Lions of Aspley wish you both the very best for the future.

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FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

In the space of a few short weeks and including the lead-in period, the club has emerged from obscurity, to elect office-bearers, arrange social functions, complete the planning of a presentation of Charter Dinner, and more importantly, proclaimed this fact to Queensland and Lionism generally, that our Club is an active body.

Having passed on to all and sundry the fact that we exist, phase two is the promotion of our image of the reason for our existence and we should bear in mind that a small local project well executed will do much to aid our cause whilst a large project abortively handled can do our club irreparable harm.

The success of our Public Relations thus far is due to the indefatigable work of our members and the co-operation of our Brisbane press.

To members and press alike I would pass on my gratitude and let us adopt the motto, 'SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE DONE.'

Jim Murphy.  
P.R.O.

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All competent men should have some ambition, for ambition is like the temper in steel. If there's too much the product is brittle, if there's too little the steel is soft; and without a certain amount of harness a man cannot achieve what he sets out to do.

(Dwight D. Eisenhower)

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