



Australian Motorhoming Lions Club

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1. Welcome members to our very first meeting of the "Australian Motorhoming Lions Club" and thank you coming today.
2. Can I point out at this point in time that our meeting today is an informal meeting to try and achieve as much as we can in a short period of time and we will not be following the normal Lions Club meeting procedures.
3. During your travel and meeting experiences you will become very familiar with them.
4. Most importantly can I also take this opportunity to welcome all our new members to the largest service club in the world "Lions Club Internationals".
5. What happens now as far as our new members being inducted and the club being chartered?
 - a. To form a new Lions Club you must first get an existing Club to sponsor you, which is a big commitment for a Club to take on.
 - b. In our instance Gympie Lions Club in Queensland which is the Club that Lorraine and I also Joan and Clive belonged to were kind enough to sponsor us as a branch of the Gympie Lions Club.
 - c. To form our new Branch Club we needed to first have a minimum of five members which was not hard to get.
 - d. Due to the AMLC being a unique travelling Lions Club as opposed to the traditional localised Lions Clubs there was a little bit of toing and froing between the committee and LCI office until we all agreed on AMLC.
 - e. The challenge for us then was to get 20 plus members in total in our Branch before we could be chartered as an International Lions Club.
 - f. This is where all you wonderful members come into play as we now have in excess of our required twenty members and are able to apply to LCI to be chartered.
 - g. At this point we will now lodge all of our current member's names to be registered as charter members of the "Australian Motorhoming Lions Club" along with the \$30 one of fee.
 - h. To be chartered by LCI could take anything up to 45 days but in our instance I believe this will take a lot less time than that.
 - i. Once we are chartered it is customary to hold a function in the area where you were sponsored to mark this special achievement as it is a major milestone for both parties.
6. Where do we as members go and what do we do when we leave here and take our first experience as a Australian Motorhoming Lions Club members?
7. Lions Club Meetings
 - a. Where you go from here is up to you however, the club hopes that you will endeavor to visit as many Lions Clubs on your travels as possible.

- b. To meet and enjoy their fellowship and hopefully be able to assist them in in their endeavor to raise funds for their local community.
- c. Members will be given a Lions Clubs Directory when they are available to enable you to source the clubs that you may be interested in visiting.
- d. When you contact a club and are invited to attend a meeting your status for the night would be a "Visiting Lion".
- e. Once you have your AMLC name badge it is advisable to wear that to any Lions meetings you attend.
- f. When you visit different Lions Clubs on your travels you get to learn the LCI procedures for such meetings, even though it may vary from club to club they are meant to be adhered to.
- g. At the meeting you may be asked to introduce yourself and or your partner which just means a very brief over view of your social and working life and most likely about the AMLC that you belong to.
- h. Just remember this format that we have adopted is relatively new for Lions Clubs worldwide it has only been developed in the few years so it is of interest to some of the longer members to see where Lions Clubs are heading in the future.
- i. Please note also that whenever you are at any event as an AMLC member you are representing all of the AMLC members in our club.
- j. Always remember to upload as much info of your experience to our face book and web page you may even get photos as well to share with us.
- k. Some clubs may present you with one of their bannerettes for coming on the night or for assisting them in some form or another.
- l. You would then return the gesture by also presenting one of our own bannerettes and explain a bit about it.
- m. Our bannerettes will be done once we become more financial and we want all our members to have a say in what they should look like.
- n. It is not a problem if they give you one and you do not have one as this may happen to you once we have our own more times than it happens to them.
- o. They are great promotional things so let's hope we can get them done soon.
- p. The club will have a page on the web site for a picture of the bannerette you have received to be view by all but you keep the bannerette you were given it is yours.
- q. The bannerette is A4 size so it scans well for emailing in.
- r. Given time and experience you may find that you will be a source of info at times for a host clubs as you would have watched other clubs do things that they are talking about at the meeting.

B. Contacting Clubs

- a. When you contact a lions club just tell them that you are a travelling lion and a member of the AMLC and that you would be interested in attending a meeting whilst in the area.
- b. It is at these meetings you will be able to discover whether they are in need of help now or in the future if you are interested in helping them.
- c. It is at this point that you should note whether they have events that they may want placed on our web site for our members to consider if they are in their area around those dates.

- d. You should also ask whoever you contacted if the meeting is a dinner meeting and if partners are able to attend also as well as what is the dress code for the night.
- e. Some club meetings may be for members only and then only the person who is the member is able to attend but this does not happen very often most clubs are very welcoming.

9. Assisting Clubs

- e. First and foremost please always remember you are there to assist the club the club only and that all the responsibility and authority is that of the host club.
- b. By assisting only will not impact on your quality of life and your travels you just do the best for them than leave.
- c. Some of the events you may participate in may be very rewarding experiences some of which you may never forget.
- d. The fellowship with other Lions is a great experience and one to cherish also and you may make some lifelong friends.
- e. Whilst working with other Lions you learn a lot about the local area and some of that can be interesting for your travels.
- f. It is important not to promise anything as our ability to help is dependent up on the growth of our clubs membership and the location of our members at the time of the event.
- g. You need to record your service hours at all times and lodge with the secretary of the AMLC.
- h. Please take photos if possible to share all of your experiences with all our members.

10. Fund Raising

- i. It is important that AMLC strives to raise funds for the administration cost of the club and to put the club in a position to assist with membership costs.
- j. All of us must remember that it is not possible to raise funds directly for our club by means such as raffles and alike, all funds raised from the public for community service work must all be spent on exactly that only.
- k. Our main stream of income will be by:
 1. Donations
 2. Labour hire where a payment is made to our club for our service to help councils and or organisations with parking for example.
 3. Proceeds from the sale of craft items or donated items.
 4. Raffles within our membership only.
 5. Running events on behalf of other clubs or organizations in return for an agree sum.
- l. There are other ways but it is important that each member does something along those lines which goes towards ensuring that the AMLC is a success.
- m. All funds raised must go into the AMLC bank account as all funds must be transparent and will be audited annually by an independent auditor.
- n. Please remember that none of our fund raising is to conflict with a local Lions Club in that particular area.
- o. At no time can a member independently carry out an event under the banner of the AMLC without the direct approval of the AMLC committee.

- p. This can be as simple as emailing the President or phoning the President and explaining what you have in mind and getting approval.
 - q. Without approval you or anyone helping you would have no insurance and are expose yourself to litigation in the event of an accident or incident so please keep that in mind.
 - r. None of the above is to stop you doing things but mainly to ensure that AMLC and its members are not also exposed to any such actions.
 - s. We will all work together in various ways to ensure we are successful in this matter.
- II. Club Apparel / Decals
- t. Short sleeves shirts available for both men and women
 - u. Caps available
 - v. Car stickers in various forms available
 - w. We hope to have more in the future when it becomes available
 - x. Please contact Lion Lorraine Waddington about any of the above.

President's Comments:

As your current President I thank you for joining the newest Lions Club in Australia and we hope to make your experience of being a Lion a very rewarding and happy experience.

I hope that you will take being a Lion very serious as it is a privilege to be invited to be a member of the largest service club in the world Lions Club International with approximately 1.4 volunteers like yourselves.

It is our hope that you will enjoy the fellowship that you experience and encourage other new members to come and do the same.

Please remember to log all your service it is important not only for LCI but for the AMLC as we want to acknowledge those who are putting an effort in around the country side.

You will get a lot more out of Lions than it will ever cost you to be a Lions Club member it may not be in monetary terms but in kind.

You are now a Lion and an AMLC member so get out there and be loud and proud, you are also a member of one the most respected Service Clubs in this nation and you will see public acknowledgement of this all the time as you volunteer.

Members please be patient with your committee at the moment as we are working on the following for you:

- Ensuring we get the right program to use for our meetings on line.
- In the process of getting our own Lions web page up and ready.
- We are also in the process of now getting our Face book page up and active.
- Formalising the chartering of our club.

You all can help by going out there from this day on and doing the best you can however, if you have any problems or concerns please do hesitate to contact me on Mob. 04185962004.

Please record and share your experiences online for all to see and that way you will encourage other members to do the same.

Remember it is as equally important as getting new membership that we get as many events on our web site calendar page as possible.

Do not think we do not want to hear from you as soon as you leave here we do so keep in touch please we might be all over the country but with technology we are all neighbor's really.

We need as many members as we can get as far and wide as we can reach in all states and territories we can do it if we are all out there trying.

I will send each member an electronic copy of the membership form which has the criteria a person must meet to join our special interest Lions Club and if they meet that then they may apply for an invitation to join *Australian Motorhoming Lions Club* on your recommendation.

To all our new members thank you for choosing our Club as your first experience with Lions we hope that it turns out to be even better than you are expecting at the moment.

To all our ex Lions thank you also for choosing our Club to come back to Lions.

If you have any ideas or thoughts please put them forward to the committee and we will put them out there for our members for discussion.

I urge all of our members to go on line and look through all of the material on the Lions International Website it is a very informative site and should answer most queries you may have in regards to Lions Club International

Check out the work that Lions Clubs do around the world and in particular Australia.

Tomorrow Sunday 1st is the last day for any new member who wishes to sign up now and be a Charter Member of our club as all forms will be lodged first thing Monday morning.

After which anyone can still become a member but will not be known as a charter member.

Would any of our new members be anywhere near Gympie, Queensland in the middle of May?

The reason I ask is that we have a chance to be fully chartered by then and we need to have a formal event to acknowledge our great achievement it would be fantastic for all those that could make it.

Thank you all once again and safe travelling!

President

Lion Len Waddington

