



ANZI Pacific Forum 2021

Lions Constitutional Area 7 : Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, New Caledonia and the Pacific Region

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Why come to ANZI Pacific Forum Cairns 2021?

You may well be asking yourself 'Why should I attend?' Let me see if I can persuade you ...

My name is Jo Lynes and I am the Global Leadership Coordinator for our district 201Q2 and it just so happens my home club is Cairns Barrier Reef Lions. We are lucky enough to live in this beautiful area where the reef meets the rainforest and we want to share it with you.

As the current leadership coordinator for 201Q2 this forum is a leadership dream. To be able to have the ability to attend forums in one place on so many different topics including membership, new clubs, women's issues, men's issues, diabetes and environment, to name a few ... and so the list goes on.

To have the ability to learn, to talk to facilitators in a relaxed environment. To ask questions of people that you usually wouldn't have access to. Have I convinced you yet? No? Well, let me see ...

We hope COVID restrictions have eased so that we can meet Lions from all over this amazing country of ours and hopefully from our Kiwi cousins, along with the New Caledonians and maybe even some from Indonesia. Lions: it's time to have fun, enjoy the fellowship, to share our ideas, to build new friendships and to reconnect with friends that you may not have been able to visit over the past year.

Lions and Leo's, this my friends is an opportunity too good to be missed, come join us here in Cairns, our committee looks forward to welcoming you.

See you in September.

Jo Lynes

Sponsorship Coordinator

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Memories of the 1st ANZI Pacific Forum

Congratulations to the Lions of North Queensland for volunteering to organize and run the 11th ANZI-Pacific Forum (and they said it wouldn't last). I know you will do an outstanding job.

When I was elected as an International Director in 2008, one of my aims was to hold an area forum for the lions of our constitutional area to give us the opportunity to cement the bonds of friendship of our three multiple districts. Every other constitutional area in the world had conducted area forums for many years and I wanted our lions to be able to avail themselves of the multiple benefits of a forum, exchanging ideas, learning new skills, having fun, understanding the cultures of our diverse area, making new friends, and meeting and having the opportunity to discuss various issues with the International President and Vice Presidents on a regular basis.

On making enquiries as to why we had never had a forum, I found out that the reason was mainly economic. The forum was required to pay for the accommodation costs of the President and Executive officers and this made it virtually impossible to charge a reasonable registration fee to attract attendance. Fortunately, the Board decided to change this policy and to include these costs in the Executive Officers' budgets, thus relieving the Forums of the financial burden which had discouraged us in the past.

I then advised the Board that I would like to organize and run an area forum and they were fully supportive. I put a motion to the Board to reserve dates for our forum, to fit in with all the other forums who already had their dates fixed. The earliest we could fit in was 2011. It became a joint 201Q1 and 201Q3 project and lions from both districts were recruited. I retained the Chairmanship of the Planning Committee and PDG Ken Mulcahy (a brilliant organizer with great imagination) was appointed the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

Starting from scratch, with little knowledge of other forums, we determined that each Multiple District would conduct a forum in turn, and each forum would reflect the unique culture and diversity of their lions. We christened it "The ANZI-Pacific Forum". We wrote a



Policy Manual to reflect what we wanted to achieve, and a Procedures Manual to give guidance as to how to organize the forum. These were then passed on to subsequent forums to assist them with their organization. We also decided that the workshops and activities would, as much as possible, be different to the normal, everyday topics which we usually saw. As much fun as possible with a message!

A couple of sessions really stand out, "The Doctors Travelling Revival Show" with PDG John Muller, and "What's a woman to do" with PID Lucy Armstrong and then PCC Sheryl Jensen (now PID Sheryl). They were a lot of fun and the theme song of "I am Woman" echoed throughout the venue for the whole forum.

Outstanding lunch time entertainment was also provided at sit down lunches to keep everyone enthused and the International President Dr Wing Kun Tam from Hong Kong was a huge, popular hit with everyone. The Vice Presidents Sid L Scruggs 111 and Judy, and Wayne Madden and Linda, were also there to join in the fun.

With one month to go before the forum opened, we only had 300 registrations, and we knew we had to have 500 attendees to break even. Fortunately, the registrations poured in and we ended up with 758 lions from 17 countries, a record number for any first forum. Once we exceeded 500, we then put the extra funds into improving the quality of food at the lunches, night-time functions etc. In the end we made a small profit which was passed on to the next Australian forum in Adelaide.

It's wonderful to see that the ANZI-Pacific Forum is now a permanent part of our lion's calendar and the fun and fellowship that the lions of our constitutional area enjoy when they get together. There is no doubt that it has achieved one of the main aims of having a forum, and that is, a closer relationship and better understanding of each other.

Warm regards and best wishes

PID Ken Bird (Chair)

Inaugural ANZI Pacific Forum 2011



Are you a golfer?



If you enjoy a game of golf—no matter your level of expertise—a Golf Day is planned for ...

Thursday 2 September 2021

Cairns Golf Club

If you are interested in joining in, please tick the relevant box on the registration form to book your place. This event will only go ahead if sufficient expressions of interest are received.

Accommodation choices

Pullman Cairns International Hotel is offering delegates a specially discounted room rate of AU\$169 per night. Breakfast is extra at AU\$22. Accor card holders can add to their points and receive a 2 for 1 breakfast offer.

There are many choices of accommodation apart from the Pullman, ranging from five star right through to motel and backpacker. Check availability and choice on the Booking.com website:

<https://www.booking.com/accommodation/city/au/cairns>

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

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ANZI Pacific Forum 2021 Theme: 'Tropical Kindness – Reef Rainforest Outback'

Daintree—the oldest rainforest in the world

Less than two hours north of Cairns is the oldest rainforest in the world. The Daintree National Park is lush, green and quiet. Easily accessible by ordinary vehicle, visitors begin the journey on the historic Daintree ferry which crosses the Daintree river several times a day. While it may look tranquil however, the river is home to large crocodiles and definitely not a good place to swim!

The Daintree Discovery Centre, just a short distance from the ferry, is an interpretive facility that allows visitors easy access to every level of the rainforest, from the forest floor to the uppermost reaches of the canopy, the latter via the 23 metre high canopy tower. The Centre's café serves refreshments.



(above) boarding the Daintree Ferry; and a view to the north from Mount Alexandra Lookout in the Daintree



*Cape Tribulation, just north of the Daintree is spectacular. (above) Thompson's Beach, one of the many beaches on the coast, where the rainforest reaches right down to the reef; and one of the cool creeks in the rainforest.
(below) a Red-legged Pademelon Wallaby; a Striped Possum; and colourful fungus on a fallen log.*



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Atherton Tablelands—waterfalls, crater lakes and so much more!

Just over an hour's drive from Cairns up the Kuranda or Gillies Range roads, the temperature drops a good couple of degrees and the humidity is markedly lower. The Atherton Tableland topography ranges from rich agricultural farmland to lush rainforest, with an abundance of lakes, waterfalls and wildlife.

A balloon flight over Mareeba at dawn is a wonderful start to the day, or perhaps a refreshing swim in the

cool waters of Lake Eacham. Enjoy a quiet cruise on Lake Barrine, where you may spot a scrub python or some of Australia's spectacular birds, before visiting Lake Barrine Teahouse for refreshments.

The waterfall circuit is worth checking out, as is a visit to Mungalli and Gallo's dairies where you can sample a large range of local cheeses. There are also several wineries on the Tablelands worth visiting.



(above) Millaa Millaa Falls on the Waterfall Circuit; Dinner Falls at Mt Hypipamee; and Millstream Falls near Ravenshoe.



(clockwise from above left): ancient crater lakes Lake Eacham and Lake Barrine; a delicious cheese platter from Gallo's Dairyland; a male Cassowary at Mt Hypipamee; a male Victoria's Riflebird displaying to his lady love; a female tree kangaroo with her joey; and hot air ballooning over the Mareeba farmlands.



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