



## ANZI Pacific Forum 2021

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

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After a year we would all like to forget, at last we have something to look forward to. The ANZI Pacific Forum will be hosted in Cairns Australia in September 2021. So get out your calendars and SAVE THE DATES!

Normally the hosts have two years to prepare, but with COVID-19 throwing a spanner in the works, we have less than one year to do the job and the steering committee is hard at work organising the finer details of venue and program content. Future newsletters will keep you up to date on developments as they happen.

The Forum is aimed at everyone in the Lions family and for new Lions, or those who may not have been to forums or conventions before, this is a particularly good opportunity to meet and chat with Lions at all levels of

the organisation and find out how Lions work in countries other than your own.

Our Program Coordinator PDG John Muller is busy putting together a selection of forum subjects and there is bound to be plenty of interest for everyone.

In each issue we will also be giving you some information on what to do while you're in Cairns, so why not mark off a week or two to visit us and see why we call this part of the world paradise.

There's an old saying in Queensland: *'beautiful one day, perfect the next'* and it is nowhere more relevant than here in Far North Queensland, particularly in September, one of the best months to visit us.

### Introducing ANZI Pacific Forum Chair 2021 PDG Patrick Lynch

Pat has had many roles over the years, from station master in the railways to small business and managing a disability service and social enterprise.

Pat was elected and served as a Hinchinbrook Shire councillor from 1997 to 2000, then again in 2008 to 2014 and from 2014 to 2018 as deputy mayor. He has also chaired various community not-for-profit organisations and has a passion for community development.

PDG Pat has been a member of the Ingham Lions Club for 28 years and is a life member. He attended the Lions Senior Leadership Institute in Perth.

Pat has been married to Lion Rita for 36 years and has two daughters, Jo and Kathleen and enjoys spending time with family and friends. He loves

house renovations, woodworking and cars, while Rita loves cooking and entertaining.

PDG Pat has received various awards through his career in Lions and has served as president, secretary and now treasurer of the Ingham Lions Club.

He has also served on District in the MERLE and GAT teams, as well as many other committees, including Multiple District and is very proud of the contribution made to the Papua New Guinea development committee.

PDG Pat is enjoying the challenges in chairing the 2021 ANZI Pacific Forum in Cairns and is grateful in having a dynamic committee behind him. He encourages all Lions and Leos to come, play and stay—and enjoy *'Tropical Kindness'* in Far North Queensland.



## ANZI Pacific 2021 Program Coordinator PDG John Muller OAM



A long-time resident of North Queensland, PDG John has been a Lion for 31 years and was District Governor of Lions District 201Q2 in 2009-2010.

An experienced Lion, he has served in many Club and Cabinet Portfolios. He served as an LCI accredited New Club Consultant for six years and has conducted numerous New Club Workshops across Australia resulting in the Charter of 15 new clubs.

He served as GMT Area Leader MD201 for four years from July 2012, Global Membership Team Constitutional Area 7 Leader in 2016-2017, Global Service Team Area Leader MD201 2017-2019, and is currently the MD201 Global Action Team – Service National Coordinator.

John was recognised for service to his local community as Citizen of The Year, has received numerous Lions Awards including 100% District Governor's Award, five International Presidents Medals and three International Leadership Medals, is a Key Member having personally sponsored 92 new Lions, and is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He was also awarded the Medal Of The Order Of Australia (OAM) for his services to the military.

John has attended and presented at eight ANZI PACIFIC Forums, and is looking forward to his role as Program and Forum Coordinator for the Cairns Forum 3-5 September 2021.

*Get in Early for the Chance  
to Win a Great Prize!*

Registration forms will be available in mid- December and the committee will be offering early birders the chance to win a great prize.

So, keep your eyes on the Lions ANZI Pacific Forum website as the registration form will be uploaded to it as soon as it is available.



Future newsletters will be issued as things are finalised and more information comes to hand.

## ANZI Pacific Forum 2021 Committee Members

Chair	PDG Pat Lynch Ingham Lions Club
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## ANZI Pacific Forum 2021 Venue Pullman Cairns International Hotel Abbott Street Cairns

Situated in the heart of the city and walking distance from the Casino and the Cairns Esplanade, the 5 star Pullman Cairns International Hotel has 16 floors of hotel rooms, as well as 2,700 square metres of meeting, conference and events facilities. Your committee is currently working with the hotel to offer Lions a special package for forum attendance and accommodation.



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

Combining part of International President Dr Jung-Yul Choi's theme 'United in Kindness and Diversity' with the unique features of our city and wider region, we have chosen as our theme for 2021's Forum: 'Tropical Kindness— Reef Rainforest Outback.'

Over the coming newsletters, we will feature different places and ideas of what Forum attendees can see and do while they are here in Far North Queensland. In this issue, we give you some ideas in the city of Cairns itself.



## The Cairns Lagoon

Just a short walk from the Pullman Cairns International Hotel, the Cairns Lagoon is a favourite place for both locals and tourists. Placed within the Esplanade precinct, the 4,800 square metre lagoon offers a safe salt water swimming facility and is available free of charge all year round. There are lifeguards on duty and handicap access is available.



## Cairns Aquarium

Situated just a few blocks from the Pullman Cairns International Hotel, the Cairns Aquarium is home to more than 16,000 specimens and 10 ecosystems. It is the largest aquarium in Queensland and includes a 360 degree underwater oceanarium. The aquarium has three levels and takes you from the mangroves to the rainforests and on to the sea. If you are brave, you can even dive with the sharks! Guided tours are available and well worthwhile. Learn more about our fragile reef and rainforest environment and how we can preserve it for the future.

## Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome

Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome sits atop the Reef Hotel Casino, just across the road from the Pullman Cairns International Hotel. This is one very unique wildlife park. For the adventurous, there are zip lines running directly over Goliath, a 4-metre crocodile or why not try rope climbing. For those not quite so brave, there are also regular interactive shows with crocodiles, snakes and the chance to cuddle one of Australia's iconic animals—the koala. A visit well worth making, particularly if you haven't visited Australia before.

