

The Darwin Convention will be held from 24 -27 May 2024. It will be very different, very sociable & relaxed.

In other words, it will be very Darwin.

Read on to find out what is new!...

12th MD 201 Convention  
**DARWIN**

24-27 May 2024 | Tropical Bliss

## *Isn't that a little late for a Multiple District Convention?*

Most Conventions are held early in May, but we wanted to be very sure that we cleared the Cyclone season in the top end. You can expect warm, sunny, dry days. May is the Damibila\* Season when the Barramundi are biting, and bush fruit are in abundance.

*\*The Damibila Season is one of the seven tropical seasons recognised by the traditional owners, the Larrakia people.*

## *What will be happening?*

Plan to register at the Convention on Thursday 23 May 2023 at the Darwin Convention Centre. This state-of-the-art Centre will house all our activities including the Council meeting, Convention and Exhibits. Surrounded by restaurants, lagoon, ocean and a shady park, it's both beautiful and functional.

## *Friday 24 May*

Be ready to start at 8:30 am. Shuttle buses will leave from key points in the city to get our Conventioneers to the Centre and home, but many hotels are within easy walking distance.

The Convention Opening and Flag Ceremony is on Friday with keynote speakers and the important notices of motion session where you can get involved in making important decisions about our organisation.

Over 40 Lions projects will be on display in the exhibition area, right beside the auditorium in air-conditioned comfort. Make sure you wander over during the breaks to find out everything you need to know about our Foundations, projects and activities.

After the Convention closes for the day, we are doing something new! Join us at the Darwin Casino Foreshore for our Opening Gala Dinner!

This year we wanted to have our big Gala dinner early in the Convention when we are all fresh. The outdoor event will be a chance to catch up with friends, plan for the Convention, sample amazing food and watch the unique Darwin Sunset over Mindil Beach.

The dinner will start at 6:00pm to give you a chance to get settled before that sunset! Shuttles will be available from key city locations but it's only a short Uber/Taxi drive if you want to get there early.

## *Saturday 25 May*

Get to the Convention Centre by 8:30am to hear from our amazing Leos in the Leo of the Year competition. Saturday will also feature more notices of motion, keynote addresses and project presentations.

And something special is happening at 12:30pm...

We know that our Lions will be travelling a long way to come to this Convention, and you will be escaping the onset of winter by coming to Darwin.

We wanted to give you the chance to see more of Darwin as well as continuing our great discussions.

With that in mind we are planning workshops at various locations in Darwin.

Register to join an open-air workshop listed on the registration form.

Shuttle buses will leave from the Convention Centre to take you to your destination and return. Registration includes transportation and a boxed lunch.

Workshops will be held for about 1 hour and then you will have time to explore these beautiful venues before returning to your accommodation. Partners are welcome to participate in workshops or just have a nice social visit.

Saturday late afternoon/evening is a great time for Districts to arrange some gatherings and get together. The Convention Committee is happy to connect you up with many great Darwin venues that would welcome Lions.



## Sunday 26 May

Sunday will be a full day with our important Remembrance Ceremony, project presentations, speakers and hearing from our international guests. There will be opportunities to visit the exhibits and displays.

Sunday will finish by 4:30pm to give Conventioneers the opportunity to freshen up before heading to our VIP area at the famous Mindil Beach Markets for our Farewell Reception. Join us in the VIP Lions area at the Markets to watch another beautiful sunset, enjoy some refreshments and browse these amazing markets with crafts and foods from all over the Territory.

Shuttles will transport you to the markets and return. Register now for the Farewell reception. The cost will include transport and 20 "Mindil dollars". "Mindil dollars" can be used at the myriad of food stalls at the markets to buy your meal or crafts. (1 Mindil dollar = 1 Australian dollar.)

## Monday 27 May

The last day of the Convention will feature the very popular Youth of the Year Competition and we hope to encourage visits from local school children to inspire them to get involved.

The Convention will close at 12:30pm.

*Consider staying on to see more of this beautiful part of Australia.*

## Childcare / Creche

At the Gold Coast Convention, attendees requested information about the possibility of childcare or a creche at this Convention. This will be dependent on demand and cost.

To assist with planning, please e-mail the Executive Officer by 30 December 2023, if you plan to attend the Convention and would like to discuss the possibility of childcare arrangements.

Please e-mail [eo@lions.org.au](mailto:eo@lions.org.au) and include "Convention Childcare" in the subject line of your e-mail.

## Tell us more...

The Convention is well supported, and you can expect to see high quality entertainment, keynote speakers and special events.

## Register early!

Accommodation will sell out quickly, particularly in the more affordable brackets and air travel can be limited due to a scheduled airport upgrade. Please make your plans early to ensure that you can join us.

The registration form will be available online at the Darwin Convention website by mid-November.

Come join us and thaw out at the Top End; relax, eat, drink and have some fun in the sun.

## We hope to see you there!



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**REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN**

[www.mdsun201.com](http://www.mdsun201.com)



# REGISTRATION FORM

 DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

Club Name		District		Club No.	
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## Registration Details

	Title	Given Name	Surname	First Convention	
				Yes	No
Registrant				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Title Designations: Lion, Leo, ID, CC, PCC, DG, PDG, PIP, PID, Lions Partner, Non-Lion)

## Contact Details

Street / PO Box					
Suburb		State		Postcode	
Email		Phone			
Emergency Contact		Phone			

## Accommodation

Attendees are responsible for organising their own travel & accommodation.

I will be staying at			
Arrival Date		Departure Date	

Please indicate any dietary or other needs:

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Please see over for hospitality events.

Further details on these events & the convention are available from the convention website –

[www.mdconv201.com](http://www.mdconv201.com)

## Hospitality - Registrations are required.

### Please note:

- Some activities have limited numbers & will be on a "first come first served" basis.
- Conventioneers can arrange their own transport in Darwin. The Convention Centre is a short taxi or ride-share trip from many hotel as is the Gala Dinner & Farewell Reception at Mindil Markets.
- Shuttles will be arranged according to demand. A fee is indicated to partially cover the cost that is subsidised by the Multiple District. Shuttles will only be provided according to demand. Shuttles will depart from 1 or 2 locations in the city, to be determined.
- Shuttle transport & a light lunch is included in the cost of the workshops. Numbers are limited.
- There is a charge for continuous tea & brewed coffee. This must be purchased, in advance as part of your registration. Barista coffee will be available for purchase at the Convention Centre Kiosk but you should note that there are likely to be queues.
- Lunches are available from nearby restaurants & the Convention Centre Kiosk.

Date	Hospitality Description	Cost	No.	Total \$
24-27 May	Shuttle service to & from City to Convention Centre			
	Continuous Tea & Coffee			
Fri 24	Gala Dinner - Mindil Beach Casino Resort – 6pm			
	Return shuttle service for Gala Dinner			
Sat 25 May	Workshop/Tour Options - Convention will adjourn early on Saturday to allow for the following Tours & Workshops to depart the Convention Centre from 1pm. Price includes return transfer from venue & light lunch.			
	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Workshop Topic</b>		
	Botanic Gardens	"GAT Great Ideas"		
	Museum & Art Gallery of NT	"Lions Role in Disaster Relief"		
	Careflight	"Lions Health Programs"		
	Darwin Military Museum	(Social Tour)		
	PDG Dinner (by invitation)			
	PIP, PID, PCC Lunch (by invitation)			
	Cabinet Secretaries & Treasurers Lunch			
Sun 26 May	Farewell Reception @ the famous Mindil Beach Sunset Markets – 6pm			
	Return shuttle service for Farewell Reception			
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

### PAYMENT OPTIONS – Please tick your preferred option.

- DIRECT DEPOSIT**  
Send your Convention Registration to:  
[mdcon24.reg@gmail.com](mailto:mdcon24.reg@gmail.com)  
Bank transfer funds (quoting your name) to:  
**NAB – BSB 082-748 Acc.No. 881717158**
- CREDIT CARD**  
Send your Convention Registration to:  
[mdcon24.reg@gmail.com](mailto:mdcon24.reg@gmail.com) & the Convention Registrar, Chris Ramsey, will contact you by phone to arrange payment.

- CHEQUE:**  
Made out to **MD201 Lions Clubs International**  
& Post to: **Chris Ramsey PO Box 127 VICTOR HARBOR SA 5211**