

LIONS DISTRICT 202E

FINANCE POLICY and BUDGET NOTES 2026-2027

OVERVIEW:

The 2025/2026 year continued the trend from the year previous, where cabinet finances have resulted in surpluses. These have not arisen due to reduced spending and a reduction in services provided to clubs and members. These surpluses have been set aside as reserves for specific purposes and in this year a "sustainability" reserve has been created to enhance future-proofing of the district as best we can.

A "training" reserve has been created of \$3750 which relates to the underspent budget from last year due to the May/June training program being cancelled. It is planned to conduct this training early in the 2026/2027 year and this reserve is available to cover the costs rather than this year's budget for training.

Budget allocations for VDG (both 1 and 2) training have been introduced to reflect the actual costs incurred in VDG training and will stand in addition to the allocations provided for cost reimbursement.

These extra budget allocations, which is hoped will assist the district's sustainability going forward, will be funded from the Sustainability Reserve created from 2025/2026 surpluses.

Allocation of funds towards the various activity centres as well as overheads in running cabinet, have been held in many cases, at previous year levels in dollar terms.

This 2026-2027 budget achieves a balanced budget.

NOTES:

- 1-District Dues: Budget \$36,720 (1080 @ \$34) No planned increase this year.
- 2- Cabinet meetings are planned to be held in Christchurch and Oxford.
- 3- Mileage allowance claims to attend cabinet meetings are available for cabinet members only and not for cabinet support. Limit: for travel more than 100 km one way.
- 4- Mileage reimbursement set at 75c/ km
- 5- Cabinet Travel: Mileage \$6800 and Accommodation \$4200- Total \$11,000. The mileage allowance increase reflects the recent decision to increase the allowance from 50c to 75c

per km. An accommodation allowance has been introduced to recognise travelling cabinet member costs in attending meetings and it may encourage Lions from outside Christchurch in participating on cabinet. The allowance is set at \$200 per qualifying member attending a cabinet meeting and \$100 for attending the cabinet meeting prior to convention. It is encouraged that travelling cabinet members do car pool and share accommodation where possible.

- 6- Cabinet Meeting Costs (catering and room hire): Budget \$3200 (4 @ \$800)
- 7- GAT and Zone Chair reimbursement: claims to be on the prescribed form and approved by DG
- 8- Training (GLT) and Membership (GMT): expenses for payment are to be approved by the respective co-ordinator prior to handing to the treasurer for payment. All planned activities for training and membership must have a business plan with expected costs, presented to cabinet for approval before proceeding.
- 9- Convention Funding: Funding for Convention 2027 will be as follows:
 - Budget allocation \$3240 (1080 at \$3 per member)
 - Advance from reserves \$2760

Therefore, total funding available will be \$6000 which is similar to most other years.
- 10- Youth Activities: being funded by transfer of funds held in the Charitable Trust.
- 11- LCI Grants: are to be “ringfenced” and used for the purpose the grant is made.
- 12- All figures in the Budget are GST exclusive.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRED:

- 1- Convention Levy increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per member.**
- 2- Budget approval**

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