

悉尼华人狮子会

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is a member of Lions Clubs International, an international not for profit community service organization, upholding a common motto "WE SERVE". Today, there are Lions Clubs in more than 210 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 70 Clubs with over 1,600 members. Amongst these, there are around 15 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese, chartered in April 1995, is the first Chinese-based Lions Club set up in New South Wales, Australia.

On the Lions' Emblem, there is a lion on each of the two sides, facing opposite directions one looks back to the past with pride, and the other looks to the future with vision and hope. This Emblem aptly describes the community work that is being done at the Club. Ever since their charter, the Club has been well supported by the community including corporate entities and small businesses, as well as private individuals. Over the past 28 years, under the leadership of President Dr Anthony Cheung OAM, Hon. President Mei Cheng and other Past Presidents, in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, and on top of all these, the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the Club has raised and donated close to \$1 million to a good number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships since 2003.

All these achievements have come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support of political leaders, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate the Club's 28th Anniversary in 2023, they will feature a signature event - their Charity Ball 2023 - to be held on Saturday, 11 March 2023 at the Parkside Ballroom, International Convention Centre Sydney, Darling Harbour. The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event is the Australian Red Cross (NSW). Money raised will help Red Cross improve the lives of vulnerable people in disadvantaged local communities around Australia and Asia Pacific. The function will have all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. Some 500-600 guests are expected to attend. Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball are \$250 per person or \$2,500 for a table of ten. This includes dinner, beverages, dancing and entertainment.

To help make the function a great success, sponsors and donors are being sought. For enquiries about tickets and sponsorship details, please email President Dr Anthony Cheung OAM at <u>sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au</u> or ring him on 0414 330 887. Further details of the Club are also available at <u>www.sydneychineselions.org.au</u>.