

## MD19 LCIcon (Melbourne) Committee

Report by: George Sim, Chairperson

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The 106<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention will take place in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 to 25. Registration is open via the LCI website. Register, and then you can book a hotel. There is no MD19 designated hotel this year...The registration website will give you options to choose from so that you can pick a hotel that best suits you! I suggest getting one close to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center (MCEC). Or get an apartment through Airbnb, Booking.com or VRBO. If you get a few people together it will be cheaper than a hotel.

Once you have registered please advise the MD19 office and/or George Sim so that we know who will be attending. LCI will not share this information with us due to their privacy policy.

We will be posting information on our Facebook page.... **MD 19 Down Under** ...so if you are on Facebook, please like our page so you can keep up to date with our information.

We have created a **WhatsApp** group to share information prior to and while in Melbourne so please include your cell phone number when you advise us of your registration. And if you are not already using this app you will need to download the **WhatsApp** app on your phone. Once you have done that we will add you to the group chat.

When preparing for Melbourne, keep in mind it will be winter in Australia. The average temperature in Melbourne in June is 49 to 58 degrees F (9-14 degrees C). Wear an extra layer for the parade...you can always remove it if it warms up. We do stand around at the staging area for some time waiting for the parade to start. Also, there is no need for you to register for the parade...we have already registered as a group. The parade uniform will be our MD19 green shirt with tan pants or skirts. We have added a Royal Blue jacket this year which is available from the MD19 office. It will also be at the MD19 Annual Convention in Ferndale.

We will announce an MD19 hospitality get together once a venue has been confirmed. It will most likely be on Sunday, June 23 from 4-6 but stay tuned....

Regards,

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## Melbourne Convention Check List....

- **Register**... go to the LCI website and click on “convention”, then click on “register now” ....
- **Book Hotel** ...there is no designated MD hotel this year so book something close to the Convention Center.
- **Ensure Passport** is current.
- **Book a flight** ...There are direct flights from Vancouver to Sydney or Brisbane...enjoy Sydney or Brisbane for a few days then fly or train to Melbourne. Seattle has flights via LA and San Francisco.
- **Get your Australian ETA.** You must have an Australian ETA before boarding the flight. You can download it on your phone. Go to your app store and get “Australian ETA” and fill out the “tourist” ETA...it will cost \$20 Aussie \$\$\$\$. If you are going to New Zealand, they also require an ETA. Go to NZeTA on the app store.. These ETAs will download to your passport.
- **Advise MD19** office and/or Convention Chair George Sim that you are attending. Please include cell number.
- **Voting Credentials** ....have your club secretary print off your “Voting Credentials” so that you can vote at the convention.
- **Bring warmer clothes** ...it will be cooler than most previous conventions because it will be winter in Australia....
- **Download WhatsApp** on your phone to get Convention info and parade instructions. We are already registered for the parade.
- **Like our Facebook page.** [MD 19 Down Under](#) to get tips on Melbourne.
- **ENJOY**...have fun in Australia.