

Policy 1008 Youth Funding Initiative

The Reason Why;

Cabinet Meeting Jul 21 *Wording to be reviewed, letter sent out to clubs has been inserted below.*

1. The reason this initiative was put in place was that Clubs who supported youth activities were being unfairly disadvantaged.
2. For example if they put students forward for the Speechmakers competition at \$75 per student, then those that put 3 entrants forward were paying more, in support of a District Wide initiative, and then a MD levy if they were chosen to go forward to the National Finals.
3. It was agreed at a Cabinet meeting some three years ago, to have a trial for 3 years with Clubs prepared to support our Lions District Youth with a voluntary donation of \$100 to the Youth Fund held in the District Trust account. This trial has finished and some funds are currently held. This fund is now designed to support our youth programs which are;

- a. Peace Poster
- b. Young Speechmakers
- c. School environmental projects
- d. Youth Exchange Programme
- e. Possibly a Video production of an environmental project.
- f.

Policy is:

That all Clubs in the District are expected to donate \$100 per year to the District Youth Fund, held in the District Trust Account

Cabinet Meeting Jul 21 2023 insert - **Letter sent out to clubs in 2016; is below.**

.Dear Club President,

In 2016 Cabinet offered Clubs the option of committing to making a payment of \$100 a year for three years to cover the Youth programmes that our District offers. The programmes are:

- Youth Exchange * Peace Poster Competition
- Emerging Speechmaker * Environmental Competition
- Young Speechmaker [Kaikoura Shield]

The option was taken up by a number of Clubs and so proved to be successful and Cabinet has decided to extend the offer to take up the option for the three years commencing 1 July 2020. The result will be that if a club has donated \$100 and had one or many candidates no extra fee would be required. Clubs who have no entrants would be supporting clubs who had many. Clubs are being invited to make ONE payment of \$100 a year to cover entries in any or all of the youth programmes.

This proposal will only work if we have a buy-in from most of the clubs in our district.

At this point we are trying to gauge support.

As before, only if most of the Clubs agree, will a donation be sought.

Please advise your Club's decision ;

Does your Club agree to donate \$100 per annum?

to support 202E Youth Programmes? Yes / No

Does it commit to this proposal for three years? Yes / No

Please let me know if you have any questions about the proposal.

Please send your response to me at the above address before 25th July 2020.

PDG Peter Gamble has prepared the table (attached), which your Club may find useful.

Yours in Lionism,

Ian Cameron

Youth programmes

Before 2016	Since 2016
Speechmaker \$75 per entrant required from clubs, so 1 entrant = \$75; 2 entrants = \$150; 3 entrants = \$225 etc. - Clubs with no entrants paid \$0 - This penalised clubs that were successful enough to secure more than one entrant. - Clubs with no entrants were often supportive of the scheme but could find no entrants so paid no money Other youth programmes struggled financially	- Clubs were asked to donate \$100 each to support all District youth programmes, even if they had no entrants [they were “doing their bit” for youth at a District level] - The \$100 was a flat fee for as many entrants a club put in. - Eg in the speechmaker competition a club paid \$100 ONCE and could enter 1, 2, 3 or more entrants - If all clubs paid the District would receive nearly \$5,000 [today's numbers], so it was decided the fund would also cover the Environment Programme, Peace Poster etc - The scheme [\$100 per club] was trialled for three years to see if it was successful or a burden to the District – it turned out to be successful

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Prizes for competitions as at December 2025:

- SPEECH MAKER:**
\$500/ \$300/ \$200
- PEACE POSTER:**
\$300/ \$200/ \$100
- ENVIRO:**
\$500/ \$300/ \$200

Pay prizes to contestant's Bank accounts.

Date	Amendment made	Admin Cmte Actioned	Remarks
29 Nov 25	Treasurer updated the agreed prizes from Cabinet decision last year.	Included in the youth	