

BARRY J. PALMER
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Barry J. Palmer, of Berowra, NSW, Australia, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention, held in Hamburg, Germany, July 5 through 9, 2013.

Past President Palmer was a real estate company director.

A member of the Hornsby Lions Club since 1976, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and district governor. He has served on numerous committees and as the Host Committee Chairperson for the 2010 Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Palmer has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, nine International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Palmer is a recipient of the Australian Medal issued by the Australian Government, the Australian Childhood Cancer Research Award and the Spastic Centre of NSW Award. He was a Pioneer Volunteer at the Sydney Olympics and a member of the New South Wales Paralympic Committee.

Past President Palmer and his wife Anne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and eight grandchildren.