

KATERINA IVERSON-BLEKIC LEO-LION BOARD LIAISON

Katerina Iverson-Blekic from Mildura, Australia was appointed by International President Brian E. Sheehan to serve as a Leo-Lion Board Liaison of Lions Clubs International from 2022 through 2023.

Katerina was first introduced to the Leo program as a 2013 Lions Youth of the Year finalist. Her passion for inspiring service among youth led her to charter the Sunraysia Leo Club—a unique club sponsored by five Lions Clubs. Since its charter in 2014, the Sunraysia Leo Club has helped many Leos grow in confidence, kindness and leadership.

Encouraged by her positive experiences as a Leo, Katerina became a Leo-Lion in 2016 after joining the Merbein Lions Club. She is currently serving as a member of the Mildura Lions Club. She is incredibly proud that so many of the Sunraysia Leos have also gone on to continue their service as Lions.

As part of the Leo program, Katerina has served in a number of leadership roles including club president and Leo Club program advisory panelist for CA VII. She has also held a number of offices within the association including district Leo club chairperson. Katerina has also facilitated workshops and presented at two ANZI Pacific forums.

As a Leo-Lion Board Liaison, Katerina will focus on strengthening the sense of community shared by all Leos around the world. She will continue to build up the local, national and international networks of friendship that help Leos stay connected and support one another wherever they serve.

Katerina holds a bachelor's degree in community development and sustainable development and a masters of business administration in leadership and innovation. She has more than 10 years of experience in government, agribusiness, farming and as an entrepreneur and is currently working for the inspector general of water compliance for the federal government.

In her free time, Katerina enjoys exploring the great outdoors and traveling with her husband James, who is also a Lion. She has taken a keen interest in photography, interior design, home renovation and sustainable housing. She also runs a successful side business, The Sultana Sisters, with her sister Ivana. The pair have received wide recognition for their entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to growing, harvesting, and selling the highest quality dried fruit.