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202E District Bulletin April 2024







Lucas Trophy - Best Presented Club at Convention Social - New Brighton Lions Club. (What an amazing array of outfits - all fit for any Captain's Table. 202E Convention 2024)

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What a great convention in Blenheim so grateful for so many Lions attending.

Friday Started night with John Hobson, sure showed you all enjoying yourselves, a great opportunity to mingle and mix and tell some of those stories that seem to get bigger and bigger by the year.

Saturday Started with the flag ceremony lead by Lion Jim Thomas and the Leos from MCG and MCB, are we not grateful to have these young people coming through the system.

The presentation of awards from the DG, what an honour and privilege it was to present to those Lions, even though you keep on telling me you did not deserve them but yes you do a great service to Lions in our District.

Lance Burdett.

What a great speaker and how important it is to breathe effectively! I hope you all are doing this correctly after listening to Lance. Who has looked on his web site? Worth doing so. The message was very clear about clearing our minds and staying positive.

Elections.

Congratulation to DGE Pam and VDGE Bernie and wasn't it great to see a nomination from the floor with ZC Alastair Rankin being elected as 2VDG. The journey for you all has only just begun, you will all be challenged but please make the most of this opportunity.

Presentations by Christchurch Music Festival, Skin Cancer Screen and Lions Christmas Cakes - thank you to all who did these, and I am sure that you have 100% backing from the District.

Mission 1500 we just need to stay focussed on this. Out thanks to CC Stephen speaking to this.

Awards by IPDG.

Well, done for those that have been recognised, just keep up the good work and service to the Lions causes.

<u>Sunday</u> A great chance to remember those who have given great service to Lions and to our District. Rededication service by Council Chair Stephen Barr - boy if that did not ignite some passion about changing the world one day at a time, I do not know what would!

THANK YOU.

To all the committee that made this convention possible, especially Convention Chair Helen. Without the input from the clubs in the zone this would not have happened.

We are now getting into the last four months of the Lions year. Now is the time to get members stepping up to take on new positions in the club. Make them involved in what you are doing. JUST ASK. Please make sure you do all the reporting on MYLCI, vital for the correct records for you Club.

Club Forums coming up - please make sure that all Lions can attend these its not just for the officers. Remember, some of the newer members have some great ideas as well, please give them the opportunity. GLT Tini will have something ready to send to you shortly.

Mission 1500, still make this a priority for your clubs, remember PLUS SEVEN BY 2027 for all clubs.

Club Constitution these have all been sent out (details on page 9 of this bulletin.) A very simple process to complete, let all of the District be on the same

page for this. Any queries please get hold of me.

Please get hold of me should you wish to discuss anything. Email bildyjohn@gmail.com Phone 027 547 9136



We're on a mission to grow.

MISSION 1500 Goal to reach 1500 members in our District, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.



The Flag ceremony was lead by Lion Jim Thomas and the Leos from MCG and MCB.



Lions celebrating Years of SERVICE



'Selwyn Lions celebrating 35 Service years. Beth, Cris, Barbara W and Helen W.' 140 years from 4 members.



Motueka Lions - ZC Jillian presented Service year Chevrons to Bill Menzies 20, Graham Smeaton 30, William Mitchell 40 and Jim Fry 60. Well done guys with a total of 150 years service among the four members.



Richmond Lions - ZC Jillian presented service Chevrons. Eric Whyte - President. John Baty 45, Brian Holdaway 20, John Harwood 50, ZC Jillian, Barbara Zampeze 20, PDG Raeowna Rush 35. 170 years service from 5 members.







Malvern Lions - Service year Chevrons to Top - Lions Trevor Taege and Brian Redfern both 40, with 'President Graeme Marshall. Middle - Lion Stuart Lill 25 with President Graeme. above - Lions' Keith Taege and Brian Hunt both 20, - Service years total of 145 from 5 members.

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VDGE Bernie Walls

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As part of my training towards becoming It is a great privilege to be able to serve District Governor, I have recently been to you as your Vice District Governor for the St Charles, outside Chicago, with almost new Lions year, 2024-2025.

700 other DG trainees from around the world and it has reinforced for me the global nature of the difference that Lions together can make at that global level.

But just as importantly, as I talked with individuals from a huge variety of cultures, I realised that in our clubs, no matter what we look like, what we wear, or how we live, we are all working for the same goal – to make change,

to make a difference in our own communities, wherever in the world they are.

This is what we do in our clubs in 202e, isn't it, we work in our communities to make a difference, and it is the purpose of this District Cabinet, led by a District Governor, to enable that to happen in the best possible way. We can't do everything all at once, but as our International President, Dr Patti Hill, has told us, we can make a difference one person, one relationship, one community at a time.

Dr Patti has also challenged us to increase our membership as much as possible, through the Mission 1.5 million members, on the premise that the more members we have, the more difference we can make. Our incoming International President, Fabricio Olivera, is firmly focussed on carrying on this goal too.

I encourage you to continue making that difference, bringing more members in to do the work we do together in our clubs.

I continue to be inspired by what I read, through your Bulletin and Facebook pages, about how each club is doing this, and I look forward to the prospect, in the new Lions year, of working with you directly in your clubs, as We Serve Together to Make a Difference.

In the meantime, we have just shared a wonderful weekend of work and play at our District Convention in Blenheim! Thanks to everyone for that.

Have a great month



My warm congratulations goes to Pam Harvey and Alistair Rankin; District Governor Elect and Second Vice District Governor Elect, respectively. What a team!

As mentioned in my Convention speech, I am looking forward to continuing with the very good training we get at a higher level to the normal Club Officer, Zone Chair, etc., training.

I am also looking forward to meeting more members as I travel around the clubs representing the District Governor in the new Lions year.

Thank you all very much for supporting me along the journey. "We Serve".

Bernie Take Care





District 202E Convention - Blenheim - DC Awards

Special DG Award Yvonne Bilderbeck and Jillian Jary

Guiding Lion Peter Lawry and Rae Treloar

GAT Teams

Leadership Membership **Service**

Marketing

Maureen Wright Rolleston and Districts Linda DeVine

Brian Kwok

Youth **Becca Baynton** **Presidential Certificate of Appreciation**

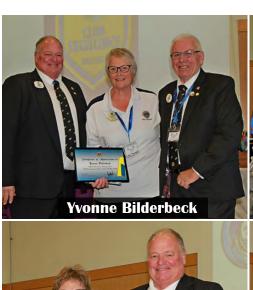
Shirley McNichol

Ian Lennie **Alastair Rankin**

Presidential Leadership Medal

. Jim Fry Wayne Paulin

Phil Bay Presidential Medal

























Global Service Team - GST - VDGE Bernie Walls

Row, Row, Row your Boat, gently out to Sea.....



By the time you read this, the Rowing for Life Aotearoa crew have make their way up the South Island (and crossed Cook Straight.) From Sumner Beach to Whites Bay, Rarangi, they have done a fantastic journey that has left all of us in oar! This event has not gone without some hitches; Mother Nature certainly has made her presence felt with the boat being "high and dry" around Banks Peninsula. Never the less, the crew, led by lan Hamilton, have made every moment count; visiting Sumner for afternoon tea, being guests at my own club's tea meeting, to name a few.

On Saturday, 9th March, they rowed up from Sumner and were welcomed onto the beach at Waikuku by a rousing Kapa Haka, performed by Te Matauru Primary School in Rangiora. It was also the first stop that Surf Lifesaving gave them a welcome using IABs from the Surf Club. There was a family fun day held in the domain for the rowers and the general public, which was very well attended. Waikuku Beach Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade held an evening function attended by the rowers, Fire Service and Lions. Everyone had a great time. As all reports need to be with the editor well before the end of the month, I cannot comment on what has happened north of Gore Bay. With Convention in the middle of this fantastic event, a better outcome could have been achieved.

Other news:- Service Reporting sits at 58% - reporting our service activities does get noticed. Large Global Companies donate money to Volunteer Organisations like Lions, so if they see what we are doing through our reporting, they will give us more.

Without Service we cannot attract new members. I believe that these two important issues go hand in hand. As I write this report, Membership stands at minus 19.

Coming up in April:-Leo Club Awareness month **Environmental Awareness month** Family and Friends month......Be nice and be Kind!!! 29th April is Lions Worldwide Induction Day

Bernie Have a great month

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Global Leadership Team - GLT - Tini Lawry

While you were busy nominating Lions for all the roles you'd like to have filled, I – with help from DG John and VDG Pam – have been busy booking venues and caterers for the club officers' workshops. It has been awesome to have fellow Lions make available or organise the venues and cater, or have a caterer organised for these valued meetings.

We used to think that the district offered training for the newly elected Presidents. Secretaries and Treasurers only. In recent years we now come together as all officers whatever role and however long we've had this role. We've seen the merits of bringing the newly elected ones up to speed by the experienced ones. And we all have our input in the subjects of Marcom, Membership and Projects, with information from the facilitators. And we won't forget the value of getting together to chat and have something to eat and drink. Although I've allocated the Zones to the meetings, please feel free to go wherever is most suitable. It is important that you go to one of them.

- We'll start with Friday 3 May in the Waipara Sports Pavilion, 238 Glenmark Drive, Waipara 7483 4:00pm – 8:00pm. A light meal will be served. This is for Zones 4 and 5.
- The next one is at the Ferrymead Den on Saturday 11 May. 10:00am 2:30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Zones 6, 7 and 8.
- Saturday 18 May Wesley Centre, Blenheim (3 Henry Str). 10:00am 2:30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided, Zone 3.
- And Sunday 19 May we're looking at the Bridge Club rooms in Motueka, (to be confirmed) 10:00am – 2:30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Zone 2.
- Last but not least, Greymouth on 8 June. Maybe the Bowling Club again? (To be confirmed). 10:00am – 2:30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Zone 1.

I'm so looking forward to these workshops. You and the team made it a lot of fun, while coming away with useful tools for the job at hand.

Cheers, Tini L.



'Captain's table' Sat. night. Best dressed couple Tini and Peter.

WELCOME to our New Lions

March 2024

	MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
1.	Rosemary Balantine	Blenheim	Marilyn Cowe
2.	Vaughn Smith	Blenheim	Haley Taylor
3.	Rick Johnson	Malvern	Keith Taege
4.	Elizabeth Rutherford	Rangiora	Jentina Lawry
5.	Delwyn Bassett	Chch. Ferrymead	Ann Newsom
6.	Lynette Smitheram	Renwick	Nevil Paterson
7.	Robin Gemmell	Kaikoura Seaward	Wendy Beaven

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of

Member Club Service Years
Harold Kiddey Havelock 16



to reach 1,500 members '+7 by 2027'

STRATEGIC PLAN



The Council of Governors have been working on the Strategic Plan to guide us over the next few years.

For the complete article

Click Here

It is aimed at the Multiple District, but can be used on a District or Club level also.

From Surviving to Thriving He rau ringa e oti ai. Many hands make light work. (Let's work together for the benefit of everyone)

Just some of the headings covered in this paper. Our Vision /Our Future, Our Mission/Our Purpose, Our Values, Strategic Priorities - Growing our Lions organisation, in New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific, into a leading force for good in our communities. Increase Our Impact, Expand Our Reach, Enhance the Experience, Embrace Change. The link for this is above - a great read.

By focusing on these priorities, we can achieve our strategic outcomes of:

- 1.Increasing our impact through meaningful service.
- 2.Increasing our membership to over 10,000 by July 2027. More hands = more service.
- 3. Our brand becoming more widely known and standing out from other volunteer groups.



Is Your Club Loosing Members?

Six steps to a strong Lions or Leo Club -

- 1. A major service activity
- 2. A major fund raising project (PDG Marion McWha)
- 3. Strong public relations
- 4. A good understanding of LCI
- 5. Well organised, enjoyable meetings, with a strong sense of fellowship.
- 6. A strong Membership Development and Retention programme. (and a 'well-rounded' on-going Mentor)

Marketing & Communications Calendars

April 12-14 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI)

22 World Earth Day

27 Worldwide Induction Day Month Leo Club Awareness Month Month Environmental Awareness Month

Month Family & Friends Month

May 12-14 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI)

25 Cabinet meeting - Christchurch Month Strengthen Membership Month

June 21-25 Lions Clubs International Convention Melbourne

21 FVDG/DGE Seminar (Day 4)

July 01 New Lions Year begins

Club Workshops

May 3 Waipara Sports Pavilion 4-8pm

11 Ferrymead/ Burnside 10-2:30pm

18 Blenheim 10-2:30pm

19 Motueka 10-2:30pm

June 8 Greymouth 10-2:30pm

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District 202E Awards 2022 - 2023 IPDG Hugh Gurry

- SightFirst Trophy. Awarded to the club that excels in promoting/alleviating sight issues in the previous year. Rangiora Lions Club
- Mt Cook Trophy Outstanding club in community service Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club Peter Tallott Trophy Outstanding Lion Neil Johnston
- District Bulletin Award Blenheim Lions Club
- Syme Shield Best Club Project Kaikoura Lions Club
 Halswell and Districts Club Trophy Membership Trophy Selwyn Lions Club
 Pollitt Cup InterClub Visitation Ellesmere Lions Club
- 8. Ian Drewett Memorial Trophy Excellence in Lionism Alan Gulleford
- 9. Lloyd Trophy Tail Twisting not awarded 10. McWha Award Outstanding Leadership Alan Gulleford

- 11. Clearwater Trophy Kan-tab and Aluminium Club of the Year Nelson Host Lions Club
 12. Lucas Trophy Best Presented Club at Convention Social New Brighton Lions Club
 13. Best Dressed Couple at Convention Social Tini and Peter Lawry Rangiora Lions Club
- 14. Stuart Barr Trophy District Youth Award Selwyn Lions Club

Awarded at Other Times

- 15. Kaikoura Lions Club Shield School Environment Project Kaikoura Suburban School
- 16. McBride Family Cup/ Syme Medal Young Speechmaker Millie Jane McIlraith
- 17. Emerging Speechmaker Contest

7. Ellesmere Lions Club

18. McWha Trophy - Leo of the Year - Laura Elliot-Whale, Marlborough Girls College Leos

Club Excellence Award Application Sent to LCI 2022-2023

Kaikoura Lions Club, Nelson Lioness Lions Club, Oxford and Districts Lions Club, Nelson Host Lions Club, Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club and New Brighton Lions Club.

(above as presented to me by PDG Hugh. - photos below are of those who received their awards at Convention.)



1. Nelson Host Lions Club

Selwyn Lions Club

CONSTITUTION outcome (further to email sent out by District Secretary 5 March 2024)

The registration of the test constitution has now been accepted by the Registrar of the Incorporated Societies and we are able to provide the template and instructions.

The main changes to clubs are:

- · How members agree to be members.
- The minimum and max number of board members.
- The board being the club's committee.
- The amending procedure.
- The secretary's duties regarding the membership records and being the contact person.
- Information at meetings.
- Annual meeting process.
- Voting procedures.
- Dispute resolution.
- Conflicts of interest.

Please refer to Rhonda's email here and the 2 attachments

- 1. MD Legal Counsel Alan Knowsley 5 March 2024
- 2. The International Association of Lions Clubs CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS both emailed out 5 March with Rhonda's covering email copied here.

Member/Resources

District Secretaries please forward this information on to your Club Presidents and Secretaries along with the following attachments.

- 1) Club Constitution template for registration of Clubs at Incorporated Societies
- 2) Instructions from MD Legal Counsel Alan Knowsley

The documents listed in the attachments will also be available on our website under Member/Resources/Legal.

Regards Rhonda Kaire MD202 Secretary Lions Clubs New Zealand & Islands of the South Pacific ph: 0800 546 672 mob: 021 712 235



Leos and Lions

A thought came to me at our Convention weekend whilst we were setting up the hall and having a well-deserved cuppa, we talked about mission 1500 on how we can attract youth into Lions.

I raised the question: Do youth, including Leos, regularly attend our tea meetings? How do they feel about mixing with our aged Club members? Good questions and we came up with a possible answer as you can only imagine how long this discussion could be at any Lions meeting.

Would it be practical for young people to be kept in their own Club alongside the established Club in whatever form it needs to be? We have been made aware that we do need to address the situation of Lions leaving the fold so why not canvass youth and the 36-50 year olds to make up their own Lions Club, running it their way, with guide lines from a good Guiding Lion who understands how? Why am I bringing this up? It's on every Lion to address the issue of falling numbers I'm just one of them.

On the reverse side, our Leo Club numbers are rising significantly not only in our District but nationally. How do we get them to stay in Leos? We are trying to encourage them to continue on their Leo journey and it looks really positive from the present District Leos with many conversations about the process. At our recent training in Christchurch and Marlborough several questions were asked of the Leos relating to their continuance. One answer was that Leos didn't know much about Lions and that was surprising given that most of our District Clubs have Leo Advisors attend their meetings (a pre-requisite of the Advisor) but a challenge is that all Secondary Schools only have 30 minutes for lunch so meetings must be to the point.

I have suggested that a way of education is to have an orientation morning on a given day on any weekend, followed by a reasonable social outing such as going to the movies, ten pin bowling etc. The Lions Club can assist and am sure this would be one way in which the Leos can mix with Lions in the Zone and Club. Would this be a way that Lions too can follow? All zone chairs have Leos reporting but if not, should. This gives Leos a voice and a presence in Lions. Wayne Paulin District E & MD Leos Coordinator

LIONS CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

We hope those of you who are Convention attenders learn something from the audiovisual presentation by the Festival Lions Liaison team. The main message we have is that we are once again "naming rights" sponsors for the 2024 festival, to be held on 22nd - 25th October, and to meet this obligation we need to raise \$10,000, as we have in previous years. Where will this come from? From the Clubs in the catchment area of schools involved - you know who you are, but we would also welcome donations from other Clubs outside that area.

Please don't hesitate to contact the team if you have any queries -

PDG Marion McWha ian.marion@xtra.co.nz DG-Elect Pam Harvey pamharvey@xtra.co.nz





Introducing: Alastair Rankin 2VDGE

I was born in Rugby, England 4th March 1950 and arrived in New Zealand on the RMS Captain Cook in February 1952.

We lived at Woodbourne Air Force Base (Blenheim) and later in town. I went to Renwick School, then Blenheim Borough School, Bohally Intermediate and Marlborough Boy's College.

In January 1967 I enlisted in the Army as a Regular Force Cadet for a career that lasted 21 years initially. During that time I served two years in Singapore 1976 – 1978 and six months as a Peace Keeper in Sinai 1998-1999.

In 1984 Lloyd Fox invited me to join the Ruapehu Lions Club and shortly after that I was posted to Addington Barracks in Christchurch. The chap I was replacing there was a member of the Lions Club of New Brighton, so we swapped clubs also.

I went through the chairs and eventually became President. I was also Zone 6 Chairman for DGs Dick Johns and Di Barrett.

In 2001 we moved to Wellington where I transferred the Newlands Lions Club and was immediately made President. At the following meeting DG Noel Sherp asked me to be Zone Chairman for Western Hills area.

The following year I moved again and transferred to Whitby Lions Club and once again took up immediate office as President.

In 2004 I was posted to Cambodia for a year clearing minefields. During that year both the Newlands Club and the Whitby Club folded so I didn't leave Lions, Lions left me. I was dropped in good standing without a leg to stand on.

When I was posted back to Christchurch in 2010 I rejoined the Lions Club of New Brighton where I am currently President for the fifth year and Zone 7 Chair for the second year.

I retired from the Army three times but they kept asking me to come back so after 53 years of service I retired for the fourth and final time. I refuse to be a failed retiree!

My fiancée Faith and I are looking forward to the journey of the next four years and meeting you all, and especially the challenges of getting everyone on the same technological page – unification through modernization.

ANZAC DAY 25 April 2024. We Will Remember Them

NZAC Day is the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli in 1915 during World War I.

The Australian and New Zealand soldiers were part of an Allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula. Close to 3000 New Zealand soldiers died during the 8 month Gallipoli campaign. ANZAC Day has been a public holiday since 1921 but observed as early as 1916. A civic delegation to Wellington persuaded the government to have April 25 as a halfday holiday and later the government introduced a bill to make ANZAC Day a national holiday. Anzac Day commemorates New Zealanders killed in war and honours returned and serving servicemen and women.



#Our clubs out there doing it!



Oxford & District Lions feeding the masses at this years Coast to Coast race and flying their 'Lions banners' to ensure everyone know that they are Lions.



Kaikoura Lions - 'President Kevin Smith and Chris Guthrie presented a \$10,000 donation to the Takahanga Sports Facility Chair Richard Cotter. The money was from the generous support of our local community and of course Kaikoura Lions Club.'



Kaikoura Seaward Lions catering team. Our Club catered for 110 line dancers from New Zealand and beyond and were somehow coerced into learning a dance ... of sorts. left - Phillippa Holstein, Alison Taylor, Lou Smith and Dot Halliday.



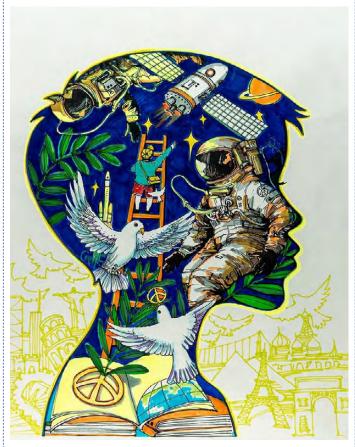
Catering Teams at Camp Quality 2024 above Malvern middle Christchurch Ferrymead and bottom Selwyn Lions.







Richmond Lions - Jan Moore presenting a "Cheque" for \$1,600 to Aaron Coe representing the Nelson Surf Living Club being funds raised at the Tahunanui Camp Raffle run 28 December 2023.



Lions International Peace Poster 2023-24 Winner "Dare to Dream"

Fanjin Si 11years old China Sponsored by Shaanxi Datang Lions Club China



202 Convention - Hamilton - 19 - 21 April 2024

At the District/Multiple District Annual General Meeting you will hear reports on the prior year's financial results, the different Lions focus areas and have an opportunity to consider and examine new proposals. Any Lions Member in good standing may attend and vote if they are a delegate of their club. Other Lions Members may attend the Annual General Meeting and even if they do not have a vote, they have speaking rights at the meeting. Lions Members are encouraged to attend all aspects of the convention.

Link to MD Convention





ANZI Pacific Forum - Bali

Preparations are well underway. Register your interest here and be updated as more details are revealed. It is our pleasure to invite you to the XII ANZI Pacific Forum from September 12 to 14 in 2024 and at the same time our 55th Anniversary Celebration of MD-307 Lions Clubs Indonesia. The forum's Session and Mission is to allow us to exchange ideas which will strengthen our resolve, energise and motivate our personal goals and those of lions Club International.

Link to ANZI Pacific Forum - Bali



LCIF District Co-ordinator. PDG Malcolm Williams



As mentioned earlier, our need to raise funds for our Lions Foundation is on ongoing, especially as disasters continue to regularly occur around the globe.

However our support is not limited to Disaster Relief, as there remains a NEED for our support in so many other area as identified by our 8 global causes. These include Vision, Child hood Cancer, diabetes, hunger.

We as members and as a club can support any of these causes by:

- Awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Purchasing a Presidential LCIF Supporters Pin. (cost \$75, \$150 or \$300 for a Gold Pin)
- Direct donations to any of our specific Global causes.

Lions and Leos make a difference everyday, everywhere we serve. And with the support of our International Association, and our global Foundation, we are changing lives and communities in the world we share.

Some interesting stats:

- 49,000 clubs around the globe
- Serving in 200 countries and regions
- US\$1.2B in grants allocated since Foundation was established in 1968
- 20,000 grants awarded since 1969 there have been several grants in our own District especially in the last 12 years.

REMEMBER

100% of funds donated to LCIF are passed on to the recipient/s. LCIF do not 'clip the ticket' from your donations.

LICF costs are deducted from investment income.

For the Clubs who have yet to donate this current year- your contributions would be gratefully received.

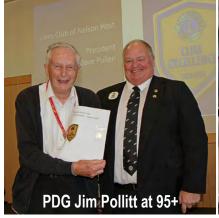
Malcolm Williams
District LCIF Co-ordinator.

Blenheim March 15 - 17 2024 - Memories













How will your Club celebrate EARTH DAY 2024?

We can Celebrate Earth Day with Service! <u>Earth Day is on April 22</u>, and now is the time to start planning a great project that will get your club and your community involved in protecting and preserving our planet. Check out the new Environment resources for inspiration for your project.

Be sure to watch President Hill's video, #LionsGoGreen to see how you can use creativity and fun to raise awareness about taking care of our planet. And don't miss the Winning videos for the Leo Video contest highlighting Leos' environmental projects.









Pea Straw and the Coast to Coast Race -

two of the big annual projects that Malvern Lions excel at.

Parking and marshalling at the 2024 Coast to Coast at the transition between the 70 km kayak and the 70 km bike ride home. Good North-westerly blowing before the Southerly came through and spoiled the party. The Oxford Lions also there cooking up a storm.

'For those not familiar with the race from one side of the South Island to the other. It is a 2.2 km run, then 55 km bike, 36 km mountain run, 17 km bike, 1 km run, 70 km Grade 2 kayak and finally a 70 km bike ride to finish.'

Yes, we are at it again. Pea straw delivered to you for \$7/bale or \$50/medium square (equivalent to about 10 bales). About 3,000 small bales in the shed so far. Message if you would like some.

(... and this is apart from their catering set-up an amazing huge complex.)











Dear Lions,

There is strength in numbers. Throughout my 34 years of service, I've always been grateful for the close teamwork and friendships that I've experienced volunteering alongside my fellow Lions.

Teamwork generates fresh perspectives and inspires others to join the good work we do-work that would not be possible without your dedication to service.

which is shared by Leos and Leo-Lions. When we bring

young people into our clubs, everyone benefits. We

can learn from one another, help even more people

Changing the World with International President At present the Worldwide Lions number is Dr. Patti Hill

1.377.094.

By June '27 our Goal is to reach 1,500,000 OR 122,906 New Lions.

Lions World Induction Day April 27



an amazing Lions journey, above - Blenheim Lions new members Vaughn Smith, sponsor Haley Taylor. Rosemary Balentine-Scott left with her sponsor Marilyn Cowe. Below Rolleston & District Lions welcomed Joe Cairns inducted by Mike Cousins with Marg Gerken his sponsor.



together and strengthen the future of our service. So collaborate with your Leos, or start a new Leo club. Encourage young people in your circle to become Leos and Lions, so we can grow our clubs and grow

Yours in service. Dr. Patti Hill **International President**

together through our service.



right - Malvern Lions new member Rick Johnson with President Graeme. Rick's sponsor is Keith Taege.









Child









Relief



Diabetes

Humanitarian **Efforts**

Hunger

Rowing For Life NZ



POSTPONED

ROWING UPDATE.

the rowing expedition has been postponed and did not proceed north of Kaikoura.

This is due to health of the organisers and the boat requiring maintenance.

The boat has now returned to Invercargill - by trailer.



New Zealand Motorhome Lions branch Club were also helping at Waikuku Beach. President PDG Tracey.

lan Hamilton and Kevin Duggan 2 members of the Rowing for life team, enjoyed a late lunch provided by Ferrymead Lions at Sumner beach. New Brighton Lions and PDGs Paul O' Connor and Hugh Curry also joined the welcome.

Raising funds for:



Amberley & District and Oxford & Districts Lions, Rangiora Lioness Lions, Rangiora and Woodend/Pegasus Lions all welcomed the crew to Waikuku Beach. They celebrated with a Family Picnic including games from 11am until 4pm.right



Kaikoura and Kaikoura Seaward Lions clubs welcomed the rowers with an 'Armada of floating vessels' and a celebration for families. A Rowing machine contest added to the Sea flavour as fundraising and the 5 Kaikoura schools held Mufti days.



Is Lions International Convention Melbourne 2024 your destination?



Adventure awaits you in Melbourne as the city hosts thousands of Lions and Leos from all over the globe who come together at the premier event of the year. At our Lions International Convention, you'll celebrate our commitment to serving our world with your fellow Lions and Leos, friends and make new ones.

Register

Have ock Lions Serve - just a taste of what they do!

Bingo fundraiser for local youth, with over 80 people.

Bingo, Supper, Spot prizes, Treats & Nibbles, Raffles and more - raised \$2428 towards the travel of these two amazingly talented Havelock youths, Alice and Amelia Kingi. They will take part in the Kiwi All-Stars performance troupe, representing New Zealand at the Junior Theatre Festival in the USA in January/February 2025.

Both Alice and Amelia danced during the evening and together with Dad Spencer, sang Close Every Door from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

We all wish them well with further fundraising and showcasing their talent in the USA.

What does a 3 day Book Sale achieve? A new Bus Shelter!

Havelock Lions Club held a three-day book sale, to raise funds to pay for a bus shelter in Havelock. After a successful sale, the use of a vacant shop enabled them to continue the book sale. \$5500 was offered to the Council and finally, in February, a shelter was erected. Club Secretary Ian Cameron (L), Dave Farrant the shelter initiator and President Debbie Healy celebrate the progress.



17 Leos from Marlborough Boys & Girls Colleges and Rai Area School plus 10 Leo Advisors and supporters attended. Lunch and Pavilion hire were sponsored by Havelock Lions Club. Above with Leos Coordinator Wayne Paulin.

Leos & Leo Advisors Training Day

in the Havelock Pavilion on 17th February. (left)









Ferrymead Lions - donated \$500 towards new helmets for the life boat crew. President Ann Newsome with 2 members of the Sumner coastquard wearing their new helmets.

Notes from our Cabinet meeting Saturday 9th March (via Zoom)

Youth expense fund \$100 - donation from all 202E clubs - to support awards e.g. Environment, Peace Poster, District Speechmaker. The account to pay this into is the <u>Trust 03-0703-0036114-00</u>. Please has your Club paid? <u>LCI Direct Debits</u> - Any club who wishes to change their dues payments to LCI to direct debits, needs to contact the MD office and get this set up well before the mid year dues. (please refer to District Treasurers email Monday 11th March with form) Straight forward and simplifies Treasurers job.

<u>Constitution</u> (details page 10) to be completed and adopted by all our clubs. This is from the work done by our MD Legal Alan Knowsley and has been accepted by the Registrar of the Incorporated Societies. If any help is required, contact our District Secretary who will be able to help or will refer you.

Convention delegates - discounted members are not included in the Club count for Convention delegates.

Forming a New Club - Procedures can be found here again help is available.

<u>Club Donations</u> - 2022 - 2023 year 29 clubs returned their donations to our District Treasurer of \$706,698. who will also work out amount per member. Great Lions publicity and would be more amazing with the addition of the other 13 clubs.
<u>Children of Courage</u> - <u>More information Here</u> - Zone Chairs will speak on this. Clubs to consider adopting this.

<u>Lions Christmas Cakes</u> - Wigram Lions was the biggest cake seller. Feeling is to have price uniformity as last year costs to the public ranged from \$20 - \$30 especially in the Christchurch area. Zone Chairs to speak to this for feedback.

<u>Westport disaster appeal</u> - looking at monies remaining be used for landscaping work Westport North School.

Monies also left in the Nelson disaster are being looked at to distribute.

<u>District Speech contest</u> - looking for a club or clubs to host in the Canterbury area, as soon as possible. District covers lunch catering cost for the contestants and support family and Lions attending pay for their lunch.

<u>Eye Glass recycling</u> - reminder - page 12, March District Bulletin - to President Dave Smith Wigram Lions Club.

<u>District Photos to be stored</u> - from now on using Google Drive and shared with District Historian and others when required.

<u>Multiple District</u> are also building a data base of NZ Lions exceptional photos - clubs to send their photos to MD depository.

<u>Grant Recipients Sticker to advertise Lions</u> - again looking into the production of an iron on or adhesive sticker that can be given out with grants to use on the recipients paraphernalia recognising that Lions were their supporters.

Clubs are asked to supply 2 or 3 photos that can be used on Club/ District Facebook pages to recognise Lions support. Kan Tabs /Aluminium Award and Tail Twister Award - will be reviewed after the District Convention.

<u>Ensure Your Club Is in Good Standing</u> for voting at Conventions - take some time to check that your club is in good standing at least 15 days prior. Please note that Lions International dues and local dues must be paid to obtain good standing. (*Feb. Between the Lions*.)

Remit to Multiple District convention -

Currently within the Multiple District Constitution, By Law 8, Voting Procedure:

Clause 12a states:

"Each voting delegate in person may cast one vote only on each issue to be voted on."

This clause should be amended to state

(a) Each delegate entitled to vote, attending in person or by approved electronic means, may cast one vote on each issue to be voted on.

Clause 12 b states:

"Voting shall be by a display of voting sticks and unless otherwise specified herein, all matters shall be decided by a majority of voting delegates."

This clause should be amended to state

(b) Voting shall be by electronic means for all voting delegates attending, whether in person or remote, and unless otherwise stated herein, all matters shall be decided by a majority of voting delegates.



202E Convention March 15 - 17 2024

Convention Chair PCC Helen Williams





Our 54th Annual General Meeting and District 202E convention was held over the weekend of 15th – 17th March in the fabulous Rangitane Cultural Centre aptly named Ukaipo – a special home.

The 125 registered conventioneers enjoyed a variety of interactive experiences over the weekend, planned by the combined Zone 3 clubs over the past 18 months. Beavertown Blenheim, Blenheim, Havelock, Picton, Renwick and Seddon Clubs were all involved in various aspects of the weekend events.

The convention began on Friday night with a very informal 'Getting to Know You' evening hosted by our accomplished MC John Hobson. John, from the Wigram Club, used his professional entertaining skills to lead our evening bringing much humour with his banter and a good old fashion sing a song. The highlight was an energetic rendition of the popular Neil Diamond song 'Sweet Caroline'. Check out the Blenheim Lions Club facebook page over the next week as the photos and videos are uploaded.

After a chilly start on the Saturday morning, following a good dusting of snow on the Richmond Ranges, our Deputy Mayor opened the proceedings and Blenheim's Jim Thomas led a colourful flag ceremony assisted by the Leos from Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges.

Our guest speaker Lance Burdett, from Warn International, was flown in from Auckland for his keynote address. Lance spoke about the challenges of modern living and the effect it has on our health. He shared some great tips for those of us who have trouble sleeping. Check out his website. https://www.warninternational.com/ You can get a copy of the sleep tips at no cost.

It was wonderful to have a Second Vice District Governor nominee come from the floor. Congratulations to DGE Pam Harvey (Amberley club), 1VDGE Bernie Walls (Rangiora club) and 2VDGE Alastair Rankin (New Brighton Club) and our District Charitable Trust Trustee John Hobson.

The partners enjoyed a fabulous adventure hosted by the Seddon Lions in the Awatere Valley visiting Ugbrooke Country House, Paripuma Garden, a wine tasting and lunch at the home of Jane and Martin Hall.

Then on Saturday evening out came those treasured outfits from the wardrobe as we dressed to 'Dine at the Captain's Table' and danced the night away to the 60's and 70's songs played by the Vintage Vibe band.

Carol Taylor, Beavertown Blenheim Club, led a very meaningful Remembrance and Rededication service on the Sunday. We thank Council Chair Stephen Barr for delivering his rededication address which was followed by brunch before our conventioneers returned home.

A more informal, friendly and fun convention well delivered by the Zone 3 clubs. Thank you all. Helen Williams
Convention Chair

(... and thank you to Helen and our fellow Lions from Zone 3 for one of the best 'informal, friendly and fun' Conventions. So well planned! - more photos in the May District Bulletin.)



Lions International 3rd VP Mark Lyon - C.C. Stephen Barr had this to say on the visit of Int. 3rd VP Mark Lyon and and his wife Lyn, to Districts D & M for their conventions. It's heartening to know that with people like Mark at the helm, our organization has a clear path to a thriving future. Just like IP Patti Hill last year, Mark embodies the true spirit of the Lions - driven by a genuine desire to help others, not by titles or accolades. Mark's down-to-earth nature shone through in our parting conversation, when he quipped, "The next time I come back to NZ, I'll pack more jeans and less suits!" - a testament to his approachable and genuine leadership style. Our thanks go to Mark and Lyn. Their visit has made a real impact on the Lions of NZ. We all look forward to meeting them again in Melbourne in June. 19

We will remember them - our dedicated Lions who died in Service. Our thoughts and condolences go out to our fellow Lions, family and friends, of Lions whose Remembrance and Rededication Valadictories were given at our Sunday 17 March 2024 service.

<u>Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	Service years
Paul Ditmer (2007 - 16/8/2023)	Lions Club of Amberley	16
Paul Stewart (2018 - 23/09/2023)	Lions Club of Christchurch Ferrymead	5
Anthony Ellis (2010 - 21/01/2023)	Lions Club of Glenmark	13
Brian Rollinson (1981 - 4/09/2023)	Lions Club of Halswell District	31
Colin Stott (1968 - 30/11/2023)	Lions Club of Malvern	55
Graham Taege (1981 - 5/7/2023)	Lions Club of Malvern	42
Michael McBride (1991 - 12/07/2023)	Lions Club of Nelson Host	32
James Gordon (1981 - 15/06/2023)	Lions Club of New Brighton	42
Geoffrey Rump (1976 - 8/01/2024)	Lions Club of New Brighton	48
Roger Alexander (1977 - 6/01/2024)	Lions Club of Rangiora	47
David Booker (1974 - 25/02/2023)	Lions Club of Renwick	49
Alexander Cockburn (1978 - 1/09/2023)	Lions Club of Rolleston & Districts	45
Denis Power (1968 - 10/02/2023)	Lions Club of Rolleston & Districts	55
Martin Pattie (2014 - 21/10/2023)	Lions Club of Seddon	9
Murray Prattley (1974 - 6/-6/2023)	Lions Club of Woodend Pegasus	49

There are also several former Lions who have passed away during the last year, who, for a variety of reasons, were no longer members of a club within the District at the time of passing.

We remember their Service.





left - Lions rededication to service.

right - Listening to valedictory.







left - Celebrant Carol Taylor Beavertown Blenheim Lion. middle CC Stephen and Mary light 3 candles right District Welfare collection.