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202E District Bulletin

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Hawarden Waikari Lions recent 4WD Trek - more info. inside.

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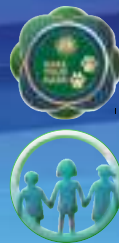
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DG
Pam Harvey



New Start:

It has been great to see so many clubs launching into a full programme of activities from the start of the new calendar year. Looking at the individual club Bulletins, and through Facebook, I am amazed at the diversity of projects that clubs are taking on. As has been said before, it is so good to read ahead of time about the events that are coming up, not just reading reports about them later. Because social media sites, such as Facebook, can be accessed by people other than Lions, this is an ideal way to put ourselves, and what we do, out there to a much wider audience. And we know that this generates interest amongst the general public, some of which turns into potential new members. So let's get all the material we can (write-ups and photos) to Sarah at lions202e.facebook@gmail.com

District Convention:

This is coming up very soon! As has been said before, this is the opportunity for clubs to have their say in matters concerning the district as a whole, e.g. the election of our new leaders and district representatives on national Trusts, etc. Make sure your club has identified and chosen the number of delegates it is entitled to (1 delegate for every 10 club members), and make sure they have registered for Convention, along with any others from your clubs who are intending to go but have not yet registered. See the Convention info in another part of this Bulletin. Look forward to seeing you there!

New Leaders:

Speaking of choosing District leaders, it is also now time to be lining up our club leaders for 2025-2026. Whether new leaders are coming into some positions, or your existing leaders are carrying on, we need to be nominating these, presenting them to the club, and completing voting throughout March so that the elected members are registered with Lions International during April. Note that the role of a Marketing and Communications Leader is now an official position on your Club Board of Directors and many clubs are also including a Membership Chair on their Board as well. It is strongly recommended that each club elects someone to each of these roles for this coming Lions year, so that new members can be attracted through club publicity and put forward for membership with support from the team.

Learning Opportunities:

As we know, new leaders do not necessarily come "ready-made" – they each develop in their role as time goes by, and with the help and support of others with leadership experience. This is why we run our very popular Club Leaders' Workshops, where there is sharing of experience and new ideas to give confidence to club leaders at all stages of their leadership pathway. By the time this Bulletin goes to print, many club members will have benefited from the series of "Revive, Revitalise!" forums around the district during March. While these have been mainly focussed on Marketing, Membership and the link between the two, they have provided those attending with a variety of new ideas and activities to take back to their clubs. It may be possible to incorporate some of these ideas into the Club Officers' Workshops as well. See elsewhere in the Bulletin for some preliminary information about these Club Officers' workshops.

Events:

I have been privileged to take part in a number of events around the District over the past month, and further afield to other Districts' Conventions. All of these events reinforce for me the amazing things being done by Lions all around our country, and beyond.

One of the most recent was a Fundraiser Banquet and Auction, hosted by the Christchurch Chinese Club, to raise funds for the Lions Skin Cancer Screening bus which is being launched at our District Convention in Hanmer (see elsewhere in this Bulletin).

Delicious food and a very well-supported auction, altogether made a total of \$22K, thanks to the amazing generosity of the ChCh Chinese club and all their invited guests.



Pam

"TOGETHER WE SERVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Pam at Camp Quality.

THIS MONTH WE FEATURE THE SERVICE OF KAIKOURA LIONS CLUB.



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DG Pam



VDG Bernie



2VDG Alastair



Secretary Ian



Treasurer Ian



For 52 years we have had our 'Over 70's, Living Alone Christmas dinner with open bar, 4 courses and a catchup with old and new friends. An amazing day for all. (dinner photos Susie Milne Kaikoura Star.) right - Linda Davis and her kitchen team.)



Other Service projects/ funding to: Free Firewood, Family Fishing day, Helicopter pad, Penguin safety enclosure, Environment, Scrap metal, Picnic structures, High School/KK. Lions Marathon, supporting our sister club, Lions seats, Cemetery clean up, Community Sports complex, Grocery vouchers for those in need, Walkways, Christmas cakes as gifts, Meals on Wheels, Youth - just to mention just a few.





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Well, what a month February has been.

The build up to the First Vice District Governors (FVDGs) 4 day training seminar, before the International Convention in Orlando, has resulted in the 3 day seminar in Chicago. The seven of our FVDG group travelled to Chicago via Los Angeles on the 9th of February giving us a day spare to rest up.

We had the opportunity to walk 5 miles to the nearest Shopping Centre with George from California, who took us on a guided trek through a suburb of St Charles. Some nice houses in quiet streets, with crushed salt crystals on the ground to stop the ground freezing!

The course itself was very good and well presented. There were 31 groups with almost all 750 FVDG/DGE in attendance. My group was number 26, which included 4 from New Zealand with the rest made up from India, Australia, Thailand and the United States. The group dynamics was fantastic.

Also great to learn about their different cultures.

The first day was spent mainly with a visit to International Headquarters at Oak Brook with a tour of the building, and back to St Charles for our individual photograph with A P Singh, the incoming International President. Days 2 & 3 were quite intense with a lot of course work and a few presentations.

We were back in New Zealand on Sunday 16th and some sleep to catch up on. Jetlag!!!

Bernie



Our MD 2025 - 2026 DG Team

Wow, wasn't that a great start to the new year. I have had so many good reports from clubs in their bulletins about the projects they have been doing and the doings they've been up to. The number of multi-club projects and intra-zone and inter-zone efforts is increasing and that pleases me no end.

Of special note was the marshalling for Electric Avenue involving 11 clubs from 3 zones, which was brilliant for a first attempt, Camp Quality as usual and the Coast to Coast which involved 4 clubs from 3 zones as well.

We are eagerly awaiting the roll-out of the new Renew/Revitalize and Retain forums, but returns have been glacially slow. For all you nay-sayers out there – this is not “just another one of the same”, it's all new, all singing and all dancing, with new vocabulary and everything!! I am really looking forward to a fresh way of thinking and an approach that requires some vim and vigour on behalf of those clubs that really, really, really want to be a part of our future.

Convention 2027: we are now forced to hold our AGM in November, but I intend to still hold the convention in the following March as is our usual practice. So, a plea to any club who would care to host my convention as DG in late March 2027.

I would prefer it to be in Canterbury but not necessarily and the theme is negotiable.

Please make Expressions of Interest to me at your earliest convenience.

That's it from me - take care and keep safe.

Alastair



Alastair presenting the cheque to Burwood Hospital. See the look of pure joy on Tracey's face. (Article page 22 of this Newsletter.) 4



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I'm sure you are the same as the Lions I know. February is the month we all get stuck in again. All meetings start up again and several events are taking place. For the Leo Clubs (the school based that is), this is the start of the Leo year as well as the school year. The time to promote Leos to the year 9s to boost our numbers. At Rangiora High School Leos we had President Ruby taking up the reigns. She attended ELLI in January and boy could we tell what she had learned there. She had the agenda set out to establish plans for the year. Fundraising, volunteering, recipients etc. She'd contacted key players in the community re environmental partnerships. She'd taken care of membership changes in Lion Portal. And ran the meeting! See what happens when you apply your training!

You'll find in this bulletin the dates and places for the five forums from 21 February to 15 March. I urge you to consider attending one of these. If you belong to a club, that has no problems attracting new members, has plenty of volunteers for projects and events and is well known in the community, we would love to see you at the forums to share your knowledge and experience with us all. Bring a few of your enthusiastic members with you. In each of the areas we have a club or two that could do with some advice on how to turn the corner.

You know the format by now of our forums and workshops: informal, good food, free discussions and sharing of ideas, picking up useful and meaningful stuff you can take to your club and start working with.

The dates are set for the next four weeks only, so don't delay. Anyone who would like to see their club grow and flourish should be attending.

See you at the forums:

Tini L.

Rangiora High School Leos - Today 7 of our Leo's helped out at the Teddy Bear Picnic organised by the Rangiora Lionesses. This was to raise money for Plunket! It was great to see so many smiling faces & happy Teddys!



Thank you to all the clubs in zones 5-8 who assisted with Electric Avenue in Hagley Park, Christchurch on 21 and 22 February. It was fantastic to have a team of over 50 Lions at such a high profile event. There were 12 clubs who had members at the festival.

April is Leos Awareness month. This is a great time to organise a joint Leos and Lion project. As April is also Environmental Awareness month you might want to choose a project such as beach/river clean up or tree planting. Remember to share your stories on social media.

Successful service projects are dependent on good planning and having enough club members who are able to assist.

Most clubs need more members, especially younger people capable of helping with the more physical projects. The membership and marketing forums being run over the next couple of weeks will discuss ways to obtain new members.

I encourage all clubs to ensure they have several members at these forums. These forums are for everyone who can attend.

Mission 1.5 is the goal to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by 1 July 2027. Our district goal is to reach 1500 members by 1 July 2027. More members mean we will meet the growing needs of our communities, serve more people than ever before and make our clubs stronger. We all need to focus on how we can encourage more people to join a Lions Club.

cheers Neil



Lions working at the Electric Avenue, Hagley Park.





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*Renew, Revitalise
& Retain.*

By the time you read this report the Revise and Revitalise Forums being held in different locations around our District will be underway. Please make the effort to attend this forum, as amongst other things it will consider options for your club to retain members. So far this year we have dropped 89 members, this number does include Lions who have passed away. Make all your members feel welcome and be sure to include them in activities to make them feel part of the club.

I look forward to meeting club members at the Forums and also at our Convention later in March.

Helen

CC Tobi - (edited) Speaking of goals, let's talk about our Mission 10K. It's like a fun run, but with less sweating and more roaring! All it takes is telling someone why you're a Lion and letting your enthusiasm shine. After all, why keep all the fun to yourself? I challenge each of you to invite just one person. And when they come to a meeting or project, roll out the red carpet! Engage with them, make them feel at home, and discover their passions. You never know, you might just inspire the next project superstar.

Now, let's address the elephant in the room—or should I say, the Lion leaving the pride. Our organization is shedding members faster than a cat sheds fur. This is our collective challenge. Let's be mindful, respectful, and open to different opinions. After all, agreeing to disagree can be as refreshing as a cool breeze on a hot day. Let's enrich our lives by seeing things through others' eyes...

WE ARE ON A MISSION TO GROW

LCI	1,500,000
202	10,000
202E	1,500

WELCOME to our NEW LIONS



MEMBER

CLUB

SPONSOR

1. Brian Clement	Rolleston & District
2. Cherie Pilcher	Rolleston & District
3. Daniel Gisberts-Charleston	Wigram
4. Hardina Riani	Wigram
5. Kelvin Leach	Greymouth
6. Christine Eaton	Halswell & District
7. Perry Bray	Oxford & District
8. Nicola Crosbie	Selwyn
9. Ken Caldwell	Cheviot
10. Raelene Houghton	Rangiora Lioness Lions
11. Janet Tan	Kaikoura Seaward
12. Erika Pauer	Kaikoura Seaward

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William Brooks
Mandy Hauwai
Bruce Gardner
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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

MEMBER	CLUB	SERVICE YEARS
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[MORE INFO. HERE](#)



Starts in 188 days - will you be there?

[MORE INFO. HERE](#)

LIONS CLUBS SKIN CANCER SCREENING BUS.

For DONATIONS to the 'Lions Clubs Cancer Trust Board' Pay directly to bank account 03-0674-0280918-00



**WILL YOU BE THE FIRST
TO SEE THIS BUS AT
202E CONVENTION 2025?**

*Will it look like this
OR slightly different?*

The Lions Cancer Trust is looking for people with a medical background, skills and enthusiasm to help with this New Zealand wide project.

Do you have the time to help us?

- Retired doctors and nurses
- Media/Marketing expertise
- Drivers for when we are in your area
- Volunteers on the day to assist with reception

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please give them our contact details.

Email: cancertrustsecretary@lionsclubs.org.nz

This is the Vehicle as it looks at the moment without the logos on. It is currently being sign written with our advertising. You can see what appears to be a window between the doors. It is in fact a 55 inch TV which we can play educational videos and sponsors logos and messages on. It has two inspection rooms which will operate with a Doctor and two Nurses on the day.

We will be looking for those who have not been scanned for skin cancer to send their name into our coordinator on the day at 202E.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz so we can fit you into our register of appointments with a time. Anyone reading this newsletter needs to beat the launch even if you can't make the whole convention. That's why its at 10.30 on Saturday morning to give you time to drive there. So make the effort.

I know of one club organising a minibus so do the same. It never to late to Donate use our QR Code

Paul B. O'Connor Chair Lions Cancer Trust Board, 202E.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz



CHRISTCHURCH CITY BREAKFAST LIONS SERVICE.- CHOCOLATE WHEELS & LIONS INFORMATION TABLE (TWO IDEAS FOR US.)

'Christchurch City Breakfast runs a chocolate wheel at Spencer Park Gala day on New Year Day and the following Day and also has a table with information on Lions.'



Earth Day Is April 22, So can we Start Planning

To celebrate Earth Day, explore our environment service ideas, set a date for your service project and invite people in your community to join you in celebrating Earth Day and protecting our planet.

ENVIRONMENT - one of our Causes - Lions and Leos are working to protect the environment and create healthier communities and a more sustainable world. Some ideas for projects - River and Beach clean ups, Recycling, Clean Water

About the Environment

The Environment is our home.

The earth sustains human life. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.

*UNEP

**World Bank

12M

Hectares of forest destroyed each year *

1/3

Amount of generated waste not safely managed **

6-7M

Number of premature deaths annually caused by air pollution *

17M

Metric tons of plastic entered the ocean in 2021. Projected to double or triple

DID YOU JOIN OUR 4WD TREK? - HAWARDEN WAIKARI LIONS HAD AN AMAZING DAY!



Perfect conditions for our 4WD trip through Eskhead and Lake Taylor Stations, dry tracks limited dust and low river levels. 100 vehicles drove the route crossing the North Esk River to a superb lunch spot overlooking Lake Mason. After a relaxed time having lunch and exploring the area, the convoy then meandered to finally descend with great views of Lake Taylor to its edge, and the drives end.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the owners of both stations for their permission to travel through their properties and spend time taking in the awesome environment that is their domain and under their careful custody. This would have been a revelation for many of our drivers and passengers. We also greatly thank those registered for our event as their contribution will provide much support for local groups and individuals. [More Information and Photos](#)

SELWYN LIONS COULD GIVE US ALL A LESSON IN FUN, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE



We took some well earned time out from a busy November catering for numerous events. Christmas dinner - the steal a present game is always so much fun!
(especially the present above :)



Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) 2025 - one 202E Lion's Feedback.

The ELLI course was held from 17 th – 19 th January at the Redwood Hotel Christchurch. This fast-paced programme meant I had to do some preparation before I attended. It was a very robust and interesting course, which was well attended, with people coming from as far away as Kaitaia and Timaru.

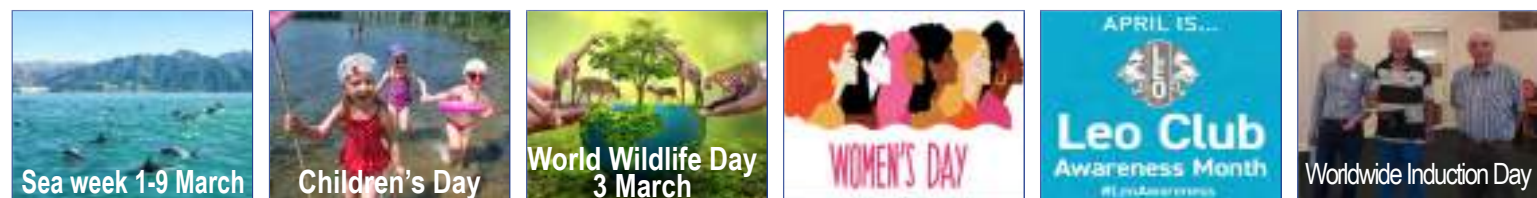
We learnt about the fundamentals of Lionism. We did a unit on “Change Management” and how to bring about change in Lions clubs and of course this is to help increase membership. Engagement was through lots of fun activities used by the facilitators. They helped us to learn important ideas about Team Leadership and Mentoring at the club level. We had to design a presentation to show our understanding of the role of LCIF in Lions. My group did Disaster Relief. I did the Kaikoura earthquake while someone else did Cyclone Gabrielle and another group member did the Christchurch earthquake. It was a very touching presentation, and we all learned heaps about the different grants that are available.

Another highlight was the unit on Communication and Listening skills. Being a good listener is key to developing good people relationships at the club level. I've been up-skilled by using new and effective strategies for meeting management.

Finally, not only did I meet and enjoy the company of like-minded Lions, who like me, thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the course, but the tutors were motivating and made the course fun and interesting. So later this year when the opportunity arises, I'd like to see some of you put your name forward for the ELLI Course next year.

Irene Anderson 1st Vice President (Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club - Group Photo in February '25 edition.)

Our Lions Calendar



March

Month **NOMINATIONS** for Incoming Officers
 1 Renew R.R. Forum - Nelson area
 2 National Children's Day
 2 R.Revitalise R. Forum - Blenheim area
 8 International Women's Day
 8 R.R. Retain - Christchurch area
 15 St Patricks Day
 15 R.R.R. Forum - Greymouth area
 22 District Cabinet via Zoom
 28 - 30 District Convention
Month **ELECTIONS** Club

May

11 Mothers Day (*Breakfast in bed.*)
 15 **REPORT** Officers to LCI
 16 Pink Shirt Day
 17 Veterans: Armed Forces Day
 24-25 Cabinet Meeting - Christchurch
Month Strengthen Membership

April

Month Leo Awareness month
Month Environmental Awareness
 22 World Earth Day
 25 ANZAC Day
 25 - 27 MD Convention New Plymouth
 26 Lions Worldwide Induction Day

June

14 Lions Speech Contest
 20 Matariki
 27 Helen Keller Day (100 years)

LIONS CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL - November 4th - 7th 2025



The Music Festival costs about \$212,000 to stage each year - only \$125,000 is covered by ticket sales and school registration fees so where does the rest come from? The remainder comes from sponsorship and donations, including the annual payment of \$10,000 the Lions of 202E make, so that we can have sponsorship naming rights which the Festival Association has advised us that we have been granted again for the 2025 festival. So let's get fundraising - perhaps your Club can set aside the proceeds of an upcoming project as your donation? When you make your payment to 202E Treasurer, don't forget to advise that it is for the MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Also advise PDG Marion of the amount, your Club name and the date paid - and please use my personal email - ian.marion@xtra.co.nz - not the music festival one listed in the Directory.

PDG Marion McWha and DG Pam Harvey - the Lions Music Festival Liaison team

Youth Update PEACE POSTER - The 2025-2026 Contest - 'Together As One'.



When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at LCI.

October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at LCI.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at Intern. Headquarters.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at Intern. Headquarters.

February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.

DIGITAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST KIT

[Order Here](#)

Digital kit contains:

- * Downloadable Official Club Contest Guide and Rules.
- * Downloadable Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules.
- * Downloadable participant flyer to print and give to participating students to take home.
- * Digital certificates to print for contest winner and school or youth group.

202E CONVENTION '25

Every year each District, Multiple District, Regional Area and Lions Clubs International hold a convention. Our 202E Convention will take place from Friday, March 28 to Sunday, March 30 at the Hanmer Springs Hotel, Hanmer Springs and will include:

Flag Ceremony: recognises the roots of Lionism and the historical associations built up since the beginning in 1917.

It allows us to acknowledge the Lions from Countries other than our own who have a common goal with us as Lions.

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.

Saturday evening function: Lions believe that they cannot get so bogged down with work that they miss the social aspect of Lionism. People who play together stay together. The Theme: "After The Climb".

Rededication Service: This time allows us to honour those Lions who have passed away since the last convention and remember their very valuable contribution. Most of us have very special memories of the person or persons and to take a moment to recognise them for what they have meant to us as individuals or as club members is a very special and moving time. It also serves the purpose of rethinking why we are Lions and in what direction we would like to see the District progress in the coming year. Will you be there?

AMBERLEY & DISTRICT LIONS "BIG DIG"

BIG DIG - Once again the team were on site early setting up, and were happy to see the arrival of Pam's Coffee Cart quite early. When it came time to sound the hooter for the start of the Big Dig there was a good turnout, with lots of eager young and not so young children. The numbered disks they search for are only a few centimetres beneath the pebbles on the beach, but some holes looked like they wanted to bury a body.

(this is a very successful annual event - have you been?)





LCIF District Co-ordinator.

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Lions Clubs International

FOUNDATION

LCIF continue to provide financial support to the regular occurrence of the Global disasters. The latest donations being USD100k- for the Hurricane Helene victims (12/24), and a further USD100k towards the LA Fire disaster in January.

Following the earlier Japanese earthquake LCIF's support so far has totalled USD200k- as at Aug 2024.

Congratulations to the following Lions who have been awarded MJF's since 1 July 2024. (apologises for any omissions as names of recipients taken from LCIF records)

Sandra Kirk)
Wynnis Phillips) Beavertown
Bernice Spowart)

Ann Newson)
Peter Payne) Chch Ferryhead
Stan Tarrant)

NEW PRESIDENTIAL LCIF SUPPORTER PINS



Gold \$300



Silver \$150



Bronze \$75

CLUBS: recognition of your LCIF donations can be receipted by nominating a Club member, or a member of the community for a MJF. These are available for donations in excess of USD1000

DONATIONS: funds lodged to LCIF from the District for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 Jan. 2025 show USD 10,725 which equates to 35.1% of our target.

also only 40 of our Clubs have donated –

REQUEST: With only 4 months until end of our Lions Financial year- your consideration towards the District achieving its goals would be greatly appreciated.

Malcolm District LCIF Co-ordinator.



Marketing and Communication - Club Social Media and Marketing Support

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Congratulations club Marcoms. I am seeing some amazing event advertising posters on line.

Remember to share them with our District facebook administrator Sarah Flint: lions202e.facebook@gmail.com

Have you sent your facebook reference to the MD office yet? And don't forget to like and follow each lions clubs page and the MD page so that we expand our reach of the Lions brand.

Join us at the upcoming forums and receive templates for compiling your annual marketing plan, planning a single event and building a marketing team. Also hear about the MD plan leading up to a National 'Big Day Out' during NZ Volunteer Week 15 – 21 June 2025.

Helen Williams District MARCOM



Blenheim Lions - thanks to '141' for the donation of 55t of logs. Lots of mahi ahead for the Lions volunteers especially those handy with a chainsaw and splitter. And warm homes for our community members.



What a fantastic opportunity it was to attend LCIP training (Lions Certified Instructor Programme) in early January held in Christchurch. Not only was the training first class, but it was such a great opportunity to meet Lions from NZ and Australia, but also to connect with old friends. The Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) training serves as the path where Lions can apply to become certified instructors. It is a 4-day residential programme and I found it so worthwhile and would recommend it to anyone who is interested in training Lions. Our instructors were PID Eric Carter (NZ) and PID Tim Irvine (Australia) and their guidance and leadership was inspiring. Whilst the training is intense it is worth it as you come away feeling that you got something out of it and that you are ready to give more to Lions. Not to mention the new friends that you have made along the way. (PDG Tracy Henderson)



The '25 - '26 DG Team bonded well in Chicago.



Motueka Lions - President Mike with our Christmas hamper winner Sarah Thompson from RDA.



Christchurch South Lions - Hoon Hay Foodbank Christmas Delivery. Barry and Bernie K collected and delivered the order to the Hoon Hay foodbank in time to respond to the Christmas demand. They were busier than ever, putting out over 260 food packs during that week.



NZMLC Lion Ann purchased a Christmas cake whilst in Australia, originally for the family she was staying with – only to find out they don't like fruit cake. Ann brought the cake home and presented it to Robin Smith, Life Member of the Lions Club of Rangiora.



Be Safe Be Seen raffle - Ivan Wilson (with the winner) who is from the A.A. who runs a program in schools that teach children safe bike use and supply lights for the children's bikes, this money buys the lights.

CHRISTCHURCH FERRYMEAD LIONS

WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH.



far left - Christchurch Ferrymead Lions Club Peace Poster provisional contest winners. The pupils were from Opawa School, with President Ann Newsom. Although the posters were of a high standard, they did not win the District final.

left - Mt. Pleasant school 3rd prize winners in the 202E Environment Contest.

Bottom left - South New Brighton school, 1st Prize winners of the 202E Environment Contest and below working on plantings to help restore the sand dunes.



NELSON LIONESS LIONS - JUST A TOUCH OF THEIR BLOOMING GOOD FUN, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE.



Top far left Lap the Map walk - PDG Jim Pollitt and Amanda Dean, Co-ordinator Diabetes NZ Nelson Youth.
middle - Erea Field, Sheilah Pollitt, Val Whyte, Richmond Lions President Eric Whyte, and Jim Pollitt.
above and far left - another day out - lunch Robyn Walsh and Lil McFadgen.
middle and right - Nelson Cancer Sty Christmas lunch at Founders thanking our ladies & Diane Ivory for volunteering.

(I'm joining this Club what fun times!) 13



Fabrício Oliveira

International President



We Serve



Our Causes

Dear Lion,

One of the wonderful aspects of our organization is that our members come to us with diverse talents and abilities. The knowledge, drive and expertise of our members helps not only your clubs and communities, but it is also vital in helping our organization thrive.

By finding ways to put your unique talents and passion to work for your community, you can make a real difference and inspire others to join our mission. And when we encourage our fellow members to share their skills, we can bring out the best in our clubs, our service and each other.

At your service,
Fabrício Oliveira
International President



Youth



Child Cancer



Environment



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Vision



Humanitarian Efforts



Diabetes



Lions Club of Richmond doing what Lions Do - Raising funds for worthy causes.

Congratulations to the hard working team at NELSON MARLBOROUGH RESCUE HELICOPTER. They are the proud recipients of \$2,000 that will buy an Electronic Flight Book to consolidate all their documents into an electronic format - documents that they are legally required to carry for every mission.

Congratulations
NELSON MARLBOROUGH
RESCUE HELICOPTER TRUST

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AT CAMP QUALITY

Here's a Photo story of our Lions Crew - (mostly taken by a volunteer Camp Quality photographer with clubs unidentified.)



Amberley & District Lions - Pat, Elaine and Lindsay M.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions - Rhonda, Alison, Paula and Erika.



Selwyn Lions - Alison, Barbara & Helen





Between the 12th and 17th January, 36 campers attended Living Springs Camp this year. Ranging from 7-13 years of age and this included 4 siblings.

37 companions/volunteers and 13 staff also attended to facilitate the camp.

A mention should be made here about the kitchen staff of 2. Head chef had a great sense of humour, and his off-sider the was the quiet achiever.

We had 20 clubs attend Camp to serve meals in 2025 and we are super grateful especially to the Malvern Club who supplied, cooked and served a BBQ meal for us.

The theme for Camp 2025 was "We like to Move it, move it" and all the activities were themed around anything movement ... a dance class, your own go-kart. Helicopters, rock climbing (clip & climb), truck rides, swimming, water slides, pedal boats and kayaking. WHEW!

DG Pam Harvey was invited to Camp on Wednesday 15th. Dress up and Disco night. We are all looking forward to seeing the photos of Pam dressed as You guessed it a LION. Loads of fun for everyone.

Lions as of today have donated \$17,691 toward camp for the current financial year (April 2024- March 2025)

Total cost of Camp for Christchurch in 2025 is approx. \$78,000.00. This means that currently the Lions have contributed 22% of our costs, this is down from 30% last financial year.

Facts and Figures and interesting bits supplied by The Regional Manager.

I would like to thank all those who helped with this years camp.

Shirley Camp Quality Co-ordinator.

Hart Walker - Due to the lack of children with Hart Walkers fitted, there have been no clinics held in the District over the past 12 months.

We are in desperate need of finding suitable recipients for a Hart Walker. Please let me know if you are aware of any child who would benefit from a Walker.

I will update the District as things progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support of CMF.

John CMF District Chair

Christmas Cake Project - Well the numbers are in.

Congratulations to all clubs who supported this amazing project. If you are selling cakes you will know how easy it is and how profitable it is for your club. Well done to the Wigram Lion's Club for again taking out the top spot for sales in our District. 2nd place went to Motueka and 3rd Nelson Host.

A special thank you to Lion Gay Walker of the Woodend Pegasus Club who sold in excess of 200 cakes herself and took out 4th place. A great achievement Gay, well done.

Only 27 of our 50 clubs in our District sell Xmas cakes. WHY?

This year we sold 4612 cakes in the District, giving a profit of \$33760 based on a recommended selling price of \$25.

This is a National project. Total sales in NZ 27252 cakes, Approximate Profit \$200-000. As you can see this project has enormous potential to earn good money for your local communities and raise our profile.

Please get your clubs to consider being a part of this wonderful Lions project in 2025. If you need help with marketing ideas etc please contact me johnfhobson@xtra.co.nz

I look forward to hearing from you!!!

Kind regards

John District 202e Xmas Cake Coordinator

ONE OF OUR CAUSES - CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT - LOOK AT THE ON-GOING WORK BLENHEIM LIONS ARE DOING.

Predator trapping is going well, possibly too well. Last year our figures were higher. While it is exciting catching predators in bigger numbers, realistically it would be better to catch none. Everything we catch is making a difference though.

Just to keep you in the picture the catch figures for the past 2 years are as follows....

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Weasels 12	Weasels 19
Hedgehogs 3	Hedgehogs 16
Rats 10	Rats 20
Mice 13	Mice 39
Stoats 1	Stoats 0
<u>Total 39</u>	<u>Total 94</u>

Since 31/12/24 catches have increased markedly, we have caught the following....

Weasels 9, Hedgehogs 9, Rats 5, Mice 7, Total 30

Nearly the same as the entire 2023 year

John Brownlie (edited - superb work, totally means that our birds etc have a chance to be here in 100+++ years with your Team's dedication and hard work.)





MISSION I500 → 202E is on a MISSION to GROW!



Cheviot Lions - New member Ken Caldwell, along with his sponsor Bruce Gardner and President Giles Pinfold at Ken's induction.



Greymouth Lions newest member (left) Kelvin Leach, inducted by ZC Ada Frew with his sponsor John Rothery.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions welcomed two new members, Erika Pauer and Janet Tan - sponsors Sandra Scott and Julie Syme inducted by Irene Anderson.



Selwyn Lions welcomed new member Nicola Crosbie with sponsor Mandy Hauwai and President Helen Whittington.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions celebrating their 34th Birthday.

BOOK SALE

AMBERLEY & DISTRICT LIONS

**The Lions
Giant Book Sale
is back**

**2nd March
9am - 3pm
Domain Tin Shed**

**1st Prize
Weekend
in
Kaikoura
Whale
Watching
Dolphin
swimming
1 night
Sudima**

**202E
CONVENTION
RAFFLE
any unsold
Tickets
available at
Convention
* \$10 each
* Drawn
29 March**

**2nd Prize
Hurunui
Region
Weekend
Getaway
2 Nights
accomm.
Dinner for 2
Jet boat ride
4 WD drive
trip**

**3rd Prize
Pizza Oven**

**4th Prize
Best of Cheviot
2 nights Accom.
Breakfast Hamper
Jet boat ride
Farm tour**

**5th Prize
BBQ**

**The draw will be on
29th March**

Acknowledgement to Clubs providing:
1st Prize - Kaikoura Lions/ Kaikoura Seaward Lions
2nd Prize - Hawarden-Waikari Lions
4th Prize - Cheviot Lions. (3rd & 5th anonymous)

TRASH FASHION

Friday 15th & Saturday 16th June
Entry forms available August 2024 at the Club and Hawarden-Waikari Lions

2025 Categories

- 1. Kids (Ages 10-12) - 1st Prize \$100, 2nd Prize \$50, 3rd Prize \$25
- 2. Teens (Ages 13-17) - 1st Prize \$150, 2nd Prize \$75, 3rd Prize \$40
- 3. Adults (Ages 18+) - 1st Prize \$200, 2nd Prize \$100, 3rd Prize \$50
- 4. Group (Ages 10-17) - 1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$125, 3rd Prize \$60
- 5. Best of Show - 1st Prize \$300, 2nd Prize \$150, 3rd Prize \$75

Details here

LIONS SPEED COMP

14TH JUNE, 2025

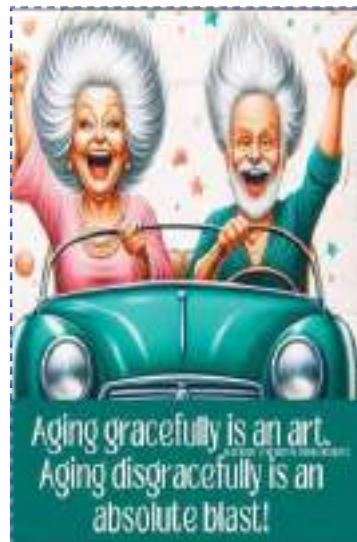
DISTRICT 202E SPEED COMPETITION FOR 18-21 YEAR OLDS

CASH PRIZES!!

- 1ST - \$500
- 2ND - \$300
- 3RD - \$200

RICHMOND LIONS

cooked up a sizzle on Anniversary Day - Yummy sausages and new seasons sweet onions! AND Don't forget to bring your furry friends - They looove our sausages too!
Yet again fundraising for another worthy local charity.



This is what Kaikoura Seaward Lions posted on Facebook.

**We don't just Volunteer,
We have Fun too!**



Lions Club of Seddon 4x4 Trek

A unique Opportunity to Explore the Stunning Country Around Kekerengu and Clarence - Travelling Through 9 Different Properties.

Good Ground Clearance Required.

Sunday 16th March 2025 (postponement date 30th March)
Meeting at the Benmore Station Stockyards (RAPID No 5445)
approx 30 minutes South of Seddon / approx 5 Minutes North of Kekerengu SH1

\$6.00 was Registration.

COST \$60.00 FOR VEHICLE & DRIVER - PLUS \$15.00 FOR EACH ADULT PASSENGER & UNDER 18YRS (FREE)

SEATING AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.
Bring NO DOGS or OTHER PETS
BRING FACED LUNCH & CAMERA

Proceeds will be donated to several local community groups, cancer & Lions Club Charities.

Enquiries - Ph. 0276 097386

Lions Clubs International Seaward Kaikoura Lions

"Eyes Forward"

30 June, 2025 marks the hundredth anniversary of Helen Keller challenging Lions Clubs International to become Knights of the Blind!

Seaward Lions have accepted the challenge and will be making our mark throughout this year of service.

Challenge 20

5 BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

1. To have fun.
2. To be a part of something big, yet unique.
3. To have opportunities for personal growth
4. To be a part of a global and international organization
5. Because doing good feels good

Blenheim Lions Club

someone's world!
JOIN A LIONS CLUB TODAY!
www.lionsclubs.org

My goal is to be that old person that everyone is afraid to take out in public

LIONS SKIN CANCER TRUST NEW BRIGHTON LIONS FUNDRAISER

The Number Plate Surround is designed to fit the standard NZ license plate (360 x 125mm) and sold at a price of \$15 for 1 or \$25 for 2 plus postage with generous discounts for bulk orders. To order please contact Sharon newbrighton@lionsclubs.org.nz

Lions Clubs NZ supporting skin cancer screening

4 BUS

The Lions Cancer Trust

**VISION STATEMENT - TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.**

Club Editor Marg Gerken used our Vision Statement as an introduction (... a great reminder of what this Club is achieving.)

I thought I would take this wet day to make you aware of the of the history and current state of the Rolleston Lions Club that have been doing sterling work for your community behind the scenes for many years, so bear with me.

The Rolleston and Districts Lions Club was formed in 1978 with 32 members, when Rolleston was a village of less than 500 people, one pub, 2 garages a Volunteer Fire Brigade, Plunket room and a Church. What a different place it is now as we are approaching 33 thousand people, well on the way to City status in our own right with a membership of only 42 members now I would like to let you know of some of the projects we undertake. Camp Quality for children with cancer, support of the Cancer Society, Carols in the Park, Christmas Cake sales, Collections for 5 other groups, our now annual Santa Parade, our own Lions Change over night, Zone, National and International Conventions, Diabetes assistance, Local Emergency plans, National Equestrian event, young writers Essay contest with valuable scholarship awards, Live Christmas trees, Firewood, Fireworks, National Field days at Kirwee, Heads Up for Kids, Kantabs recycling. Lions Mints about the town, Lions Family Fun days, International Peace Poster, Rock meat Raffle's, Support Selwyn council events, Telephone book delivery's, Toot for Tucker in Lincoln and Rolleston, Tree Grove and Lilly bulb sales, Walk for Life, Young Speechmakers and young Ambassadors. Our new planned Projects are a Charity Golf Match, a Food truck for our world-famous chips n hotdogs, a Rolleston Leos clubs for school Kids, new officer training for those who wish to step up in the club and continual succession training to keep much needed new people coming in with exciting fresh ideas.

So, if you have read through all this you see we are a very active, committed and social group of good citizens working to make YOUR town a place worth living in. Please Join us, WE NEED YOU.



DID YOU KNOW? NZ MOTORHOMING LIONS CLUB IS BASED IN 202E - WELCOMES MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER NEW ZEALAND.

You don't need a Motorhome /caravan to belong ... want to know more? nzmlc@lionsclubs.org.nz

NZMLC does not only run its own projects but assists other Clubs in making theirs successful. So if you have a project that you think we might be able to assist with please don't hesitate to contact secretary.nzmlc@lionsclubs.org.nz or nzmlc@lionsclubs.org.nz

We now have 9 members based from Auckland to Mid-Canterbury and have been involved in a number of projects including:

- Can collection
- Children's Day (assisting Ashburton County Lions)
- Toot for Tucker (assisting various Clubs)
- Teddy Bears Picnic (assisting Rangiora Lioness Lions)
- Volunteer Expo Days (Rangiora/Kaipoi)
- Cancer Society – service



Members of the NZ Motorhoming Lions Club cooking up a storm at the inaugural Teddy Bears Picnic in Rangiora this morning~ hosted by the Rangiora Lioness Lions Club.



202E District Convention

28th March – 30th March 2025

Hosted by Zone 4 Lions Clubs

Venue: Hanmer Springs Hotel

1 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs



REGISTRATION FORM

Note: An online version of this form is available [HERE](#)

- Scan/print this page from the District Bulletin
- Fill in your attendance details on the scanned copy

Then scan the completed form and send to:
dongiles26@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: Each PERSON must complete a separate registration form (please print clearly)

Surname		First Name	
Club		District	
Lion	Leo	Office Held	
Partner's Surname		First Name	
Postal Address		Post Code	
Email		Phone	
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS		COST(\$)	LION
Convention Registration: Lion (Compulsory/non-refundable)		25.00	N/A
Convention Registration: Non-Lion Partner (Compulsory/non-refundable)		25.00	N/A
Friday Night Opening Ceremony + supper		30.00	
Saturday Morning tea and lunch		30.00	
Partners Morning tea		12.00	
Saturday Evening meal, entertainment and live music		50.00	
Sunday Rededication/Remembrance Service with light lunch		25.00	
Late registration fee after 28 th February		20.00	
TOTAL TO PAY \$			
Dietary Requirements			
Gluten Free	Vegetarian	Dairy Free	Other ?

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th February 2025

One registration will win the early bird registration

Payment is by way of Internet Banking please.

Account Name: 2025 Convention

Account Number: 02 0876 0122934 008

Particulars: Member's Name; Code: Club Name; Reference: Registration

Date Internet Banking Completed: ___/___/___ (D/M/Y)

(Registrations will be confirmed once the internet banking is received)

EMAIL: Attach your scanned form and send to: dongiles26@gmail.com

POST: Registrations, Lions 202E Convention, C/- Don Giles, 21 Alpine Ave Hanmer Springs

The Lions Clubs of Zone 4 cordially invite all Lions, partners and Leos to attend the Annual District 202E Convention March 28th – 30th 2025 in Hanmer Springs.

202E The Hills are Alive...
28th March – 30th March 2025
Newsletter # 8

DON'T MISS OUT ON GREAT THINGS AT CONVENTION
REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2025 HANMER SPRINGS CONVENTION
Registrations close 28th February 2025

VEHICLE LAUNCH
See separate attachment

Etpos available BUT NO CASH OUT

Saturday night Theme "After the Climb..."
Saturday night dinner with amazing entertainment by "Enthuse"
Not to be missed entertainment
Create a costume for "After the climb..." theme. There will be a prize or two

VENUE: Hanmer Springs Hotel
Friday Registrations: 4.30pm – 7pm.
Friday night Opening ceremony:
Saturday business session:
Saturday night: 8pm drinks, Dinner 8.30pm
Sunday Remembrance & Rededication:

Saturday Registrations: 7.30am – 8am
Call to order 6.45pm – 7pm start
Call to order 8am, seated 8.15am
Theme "After the Climb..." Music 7.30pm
Call to Order 10.25am, Service 10.30am

Calling all Lions to "The Hills are Alive" Convention
REGISTER NOW AND APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES TO
Vote for the 2025-2026 DG, 1st VDG & 2nd VDG & LMLCCT TRUSTEE
YOUR VOTE COUNTS
Registrations close 28th February 2025

Hurry you have 36 days to register

Invite Family members to attend the Remembrance Service. Their lunch must be ordered and paid for now, they will receive a guest badge.

If you require further information, please contact
PDG Julie Syme Convention Chairman 202E: 021 032 3436 202e.convention@lionsclubs.org.nz
or Convention Secretary: Mandy Burrows 027 455 8868 mandyburrows@outlook.com

NZ LIONS MAGAZINE - if you have great photos and an amazing story to tell of your Club's achievements please email editor@lionsclubs.org.nz so that everyone will know and hopefully use your ideas.

LIONS MEMBERSHIP KITS - Kit is designed for presentation to new members which includes the Welcome Booklet, Membership Certificate, Sponsorship Certificate, Sponsor Pin, Decal, Coupon, Pen and Lapel emblem. Kits are available at no charge in all languages. Postage charges are not applied to New Member Kits.

[Order here](#)

LIFE FLIGHT SUPPORT - A request from PDG Simon Williams 202M (edited)

I am pleased to advise that we have received some very generous donations, including \$50,000.00 from LMLCCT.

A brief summary from Life Flight recently reads:

- Last year, Life Flight provided life-saving emergency air services to 1,641 patients across New Zealand, marking a 28% increase in demand in 18 months.
- That's an average of one life saved every 5 hours, 24/7 throughout the year.
- The emergencies responded to include heart attacks, strokes, neurosurgery, cancer, burns, spinal injuries, premature births, and the care of critically ill children.
- The Life Flight team is preparing to face a further 25% growth in demand in the year ahead.
- To meet this growing community need, it's essential that Life Flight grows its Air Ambulance fleet.
- Life Flight has purchased two additional second-hand King Air B200C Planes to help meet this growing demand. Securing funding to complete the fit-out of these aircraft, enabling them to take to the skies and save lives, is now the organisation's top priority.
- Lions are playing an essential part in this very special project.

An application for a matching grant has been furnished with LCIF. They have advised that they are happy with the application and noted that the more we can raise, the more they can donate!

We are now reaching out to ask if you would encourage the clubs in your District to make their donations by 31st March 2025. This will give time for the Committee to formalise everything and send to LCIF in a timely manner for their May 2025 meeting.

Donations can be paid into the District 202M bank a/c. 03-0531-0856203-000. Please reference LIFE FLIGHT, club name and club number. On behalf of the Committee, thank you for "Coming On Board to Help Save Lives"

PDG Simon Williams GST Coordinator 202M

MARCH is NOMINATIONS month for the incoming Club Officers.

APRIL is ELECTION month to decide who your New Officers will be for the 2025 - 2026 Lions year.

MAY 15 - by this date, we need to have reported to LCI, New Officers for the coming year.



DIRECTORY CHANGE:

- (1) **Blenheim Lions Club - Secretary:** Helen Williams, T: 021 1458 572, delivery address 3 Farnham Drive, Springlands, Blenheim 7201
blenheim.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz
- (2) **Christchurch Host Lions Club** - new meeting venue is Richmond Club, 75 London Street, Christchurch 8013.



Lions Clubs New Zealand

We Serve - Kia Manaaki



[More Info.](#)

RECYCLE USED GLASSES

These are recalibrated and sent to the Pacific Islands. Please drop off to your Zone Chair.



NEW BRIGHTON LIONS CELEBRATED THEIR 60th WITH A GENEROUS DONATION TO BURWOOD HOSPITAL WITH SUPPORT FROM LMLCCT



President Alastair Rankin from the Lions Club of New Brighton passed over a "cheque" for \$18, 038.20 this week to the Burwood Hospital garden project team. The club raised the money through various projects & the support of the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust & are sponsoring the Sensory Garden build as their 60th anniversary memorial.

An afternoon tea was arranged, complete with a cake representing the finished garden.



... AND THE FINALIST IS: LION NEISHA KINDLEY NELSON HOST LIONS CLUB

Our Club is very proud to have one of our members Lion Neisha Kindley been announced as a finalist in the Sir Murray Halberg Legacy Awards.

Facebook - Sports Tasman - Its our honour at Sport Tasman to celebrate and congratulate Neisha Kindley for her nomination for the Halberg Foundation Foundation Sir Murray Halberg Legacy Award. Sport Tasman thank Neisha for her tremendous work in the community and wish her the very best tonight at the Halberg Awards. CEO Ed Shuttleworth comments: "Thank you Neisha for your leadership and dedication. This nomination is thoroughly deserved. You are making real change for young disabled people in our community. Good luck tonight at the Awards!"



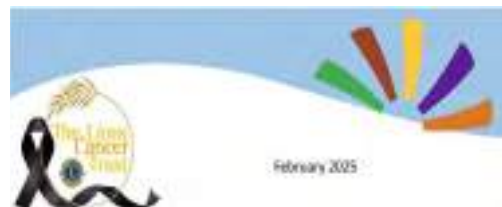
Halberg Foundation - Neisha is breaking down barriers for young disabled people in the Tasman region ... Her dedication has made sport more accessible and inspired greater participation ...



The Sir Murray Halberg Award celebrates individuals whose remarkable contributions have left a lasting impact on disability sport communities in Aotearoa. Named in honour of the Ikate Sir Murray Halberg, whose vision continues to inspire inclusion and opportunity for all., this award reflects his enduring legacy.

LIONS CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH CHINESE

GALA DINNER WHAT AN AMAZING NIGHT AND SO VERY SUCCESSFUL FOR THE LIONS CANCER TRUST.



Gala Dinner and Auction at the Lions Club of Christchurch Chinese. Saturday the 22 February will go down as a milestone in the donations made to the Lions Clubs Cancer Trust. After the successful night it was declared that the total amount to date donated by the Club will have reached \$47,000. Well done Christchurch Chinese, this also included a personal donation of \$11,000 from the Club President Jason Soon. The Auction was most successful with members showing their generosity with large bids on items sometimes reaching \$2500. It might also be said that at times the Auctioneer got somewhat excited and was calling down "Sold" when there were still bids in the room, but as an amateur Auctioneer Paul O, help make it an interesting night. The Club was privileged to have present the Patron of the Chinese Friendly Society the Rt Hon Sir David Carter, who also spoke and praised Lions for the Skin Cancer Screening initiative. Paul B. O'Connor Chair Lions Clubs Cancer Trust Board.



BLENHEIM LIONS HAVE NAILED AN AMAZING PROJECT FOR OUR TAMARIKI TO GROW. A CHILDREN'S SKATE SCHOOL - A MAHI IN PROGRESS.

... We have also been in discussions with Sport Tasman regarding funding to launch a 'Skate School.' Initially, this program will focus on supporting rangatahi from communities facing economic barriers. While there are still details to work through, our goal is to provide a creative and physical outlet for young people who may have fewer opportunities, giving them a space to build confidence, skills, and connection.

This is something we aim to provide long-term, with plans to expand the program to include additional courses during school holidays. We also intend to have equipment available for skate jams and community events, ensuring accessibility for those who may not yet have their own... Aimee



Aroha, Tommy, Alex and Ollie checking out the new obstacles.

OUR LEADERS

(2024 - 2025)

◆ LIONS INTERNATIONAL ◆



Fabrício Oliveira
Brazil
International President



A. P. Singh
India
1st Vice President



Mark Lyon
U.S.A.
2nd Vice President



Dr. Manoj Shah
Kenya
3rd Vice President



EDITORIAL - YOUNGER MEMBERS - HOW IMPORTANT ARE THEY TO OUR CLUBS?

Reading the upcoming Forum Poster, especially the Renew, Revitalise and Retain, sent me down this path. By writing these Editorials, I hope to generate members discussion to ensure our clubs survive, to still be here in 200 years ... now that's thought provoking - 200 years! - another sleepless night - 'What will our Clubs look like in 200 years?'

What can Younger Members bring to our table?

- Fresh Perspectives, new ideas and approaches to traditional activities, which can help clubs stay relevant and innovative.
- Longevity, it's essential to cultivate a younger generation of members who can continue the club's legacy and mission.
- Dynamic Energy, they often bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm, which can rejuvenate the club and inspire more seasoned members - (I admit age and energy has slowed down my Lions time.)
- Technology Skills, they are typically more tech-savvy and can help the club leverage digital tools for communication, fundraising and organizing events.

How to reach our younger generation:

- Use social media, university clubs, and local events to reach potential younger members.
- Highlight the club's benefits and opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- Let our Facebook posts shine through FUN, Fellowship and Service.

Now we have them: (all these points also matter to ALL NEW MEMBERS.)

- Encourage a two-way mentorship where both mentors and mentees learn from each other.
- Encourage respectful dialogue and collaboration between members of different generations.
- Include younger members in committees and decision-making processes to ensure their voices are heard.
- Assign meaningful roles and responsibilities to younger members to keep them engaged and invested.
- Give them specific roles and responsibilities that match their skills and interests.
- Foster a club culture that values diversity and is open to new ideas and perspectives.
- Maybe schedule meetings and events at times that are convenient for younger members, considering their work or school commitments.
- Encourage them to participate and share their ideas.
- Act on their feedback to show that their opinions matter and contribute to the club's growth.
- Keep new members informed about club activities, meetings, and opportunities through newsletters, social media, or group chats.

These are just some of the ways and benefits of Younger Members integrating into our clubs.

By implementing these strategies, your club can create an inclusive and dynamic environment that benefits from the energy and innovation of younger members while preserving the wisdom and traditions of experienced ones.


By creating an inviting and supportive environment, your club can successfully integrate younger members and benefit from their unique perspectives and energy.

How do these strategies sound to you?

Embracing these changes with an open heart and mind, can lead to a thriving club that is well-prepared for the future with potential members knocking on the door to join!

I can't wait to experience that future, as a member of a Club already starting the osmosis of young members, new ideas, new energy, new enthusiasm and most of all, one which values us as mentors, ready to listen to our experiences but for us not to stifle theirs. This will lead to some really meaningful changes in how our Club evolves.

With Clubs enveloping the importance of Younger Members (remembering that we were all young ... once) we will guarantee our existence well into the future. Lou

Please keep your articles coming, we all love to see what other clubs are achieving. Sadly, I have not been able to include all your amazing news but please look out for the next edition - cheers Lou 

... and finally thank you to Cheviot Lions Editor (and Club President) Giles for our closing thought - 'You come from dust and you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust, it could be someone I know.' (too true!)