



# The Lions Club of Kaikoura Seaward Bulletin

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**May Meetings and Happenings**

Dinner Meeting: Thursday 8 May, Takahanga Bowling Club – Dinner 6.00 pm, Meeting 7.00 pm

Greeters: Robin Gemmell and Diane Jackson

Raffle: Susan Carpenter and Lou Smith

Please let Sandra Scott know by Monday 5 May if you are coming to dinner.

**Pay \$25.00 into Admin a/c 03-1586-0016070-000**

Board Meeting: Thursday 22 May, venue to be confirmed 7.00 pm (all welcome)

Social Hour: Each Wednesday, King Tide, 4.30 pm (all welcome)

**REMINDERS:** Dot and Linda have the keys to the lockup. If you need to borrow something from the lock up for an event, please make sure it goes back to its place there. If you can't get the stuff up to the lockup, please take it to either Linda or Dot, who will make sure it is returned.

- Selwyn Lions Up Top -Down Under show, Saturday 3 May, 2-5 pm. Let's support our fellow Lions.
- Officer Training – Blenheim 24 May or Cheviot 6 June (further information to come)



## Dear Lions,

As Lions, the service we bring to others begins at home, right in our own communities. Whether it's running a local food drive or providing clean water, Lions see a need and we meet it.

No one knows your community like you do, so what else does your community need? Can you bring in new Lions to help you do even more?

Remember, your service will not only improve your local communities, it can also inspire others to join you. Be sure to keep inviting new members, initiating new projects and finding new ways to make your mark.

It was inspiring to recently visit Slovenia and spend time with the dedicated Lions and Leos making a real impact in their communities.



The visit began with a tour of the Donated Food Project in Celje, where I saw the compassion and coordination behind efforts to fight food insecurity.



We also joined an ecological campaign in Kočevje, planting a tree as a symbol of our shared commitment to the environment.



Finally, I was proud to speak during Lionism Day, where Lions and Leos from across Slovenia came together to celebrate service and community. Thank you to the Lions of Slovenia for your warm welcome and unwavering dedication!



## Fabricio Oliveira

International President



*Lions Clubs International Foundation is everywhere.*

*Here are some of the activities LCIF has been involved in during the past few months.*

## Disaster Relief

After the recent cyclone in Mayotte, LCIF helped by supplying emergency shelters.

Bring Quality to Life (BQTL) thanks everyone for their help to Mayotte through efforts from Lions Sweden, LCIF, MSB, Security Civil, Lions Mayotte and others. Together we make a difference.



## LCIF Grants

LCIF chairperson Dr Patti Hill was recently in Great Britain and visited The Doncaster Royal Infirmary which has recently benefitted from an LCIF grant.



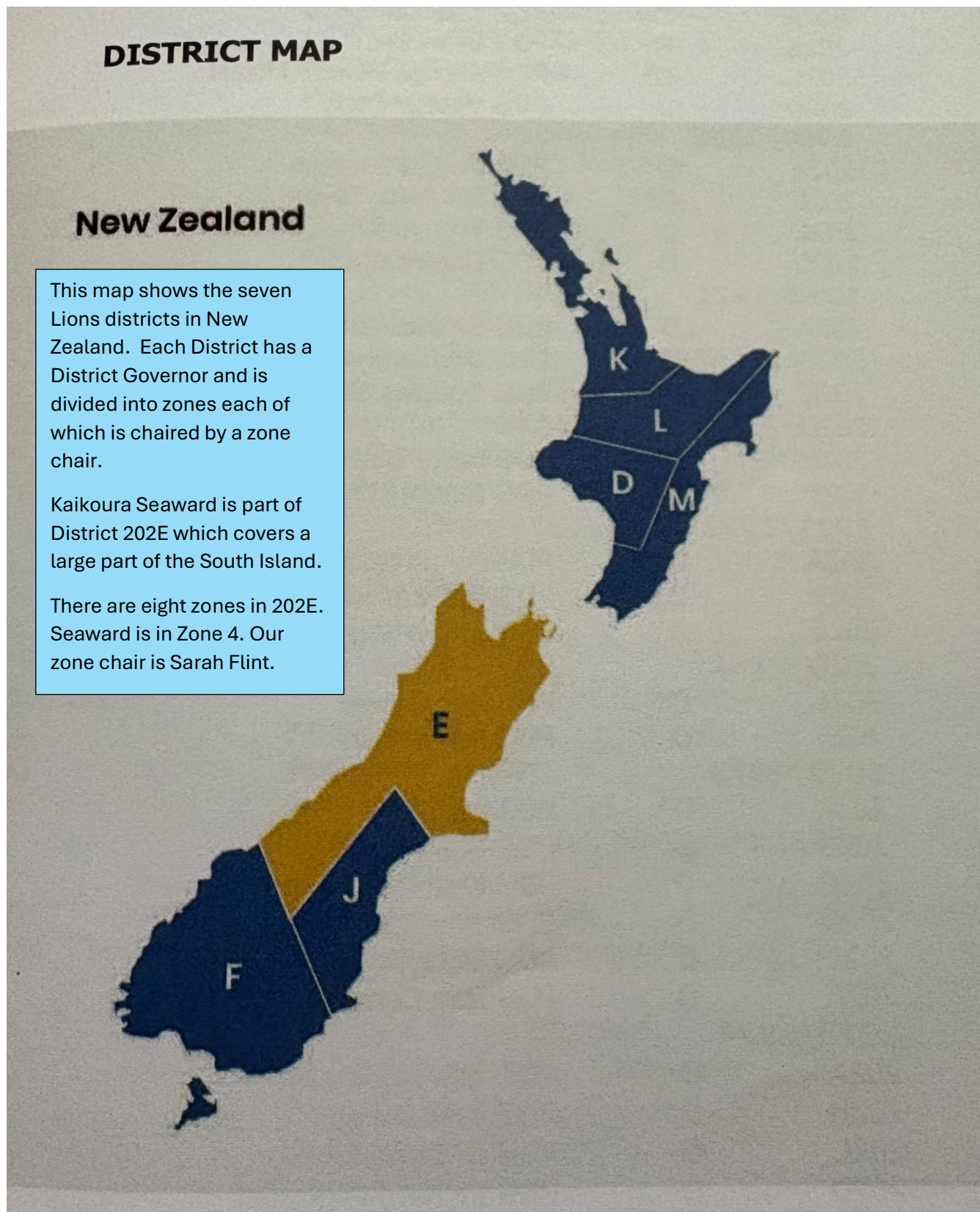
## Youth

The Edmonton Hosts Lion's Club has once again stepped up for young families in their community! They recently delivered 30 Newborn Baby Bags to support teen parents as they begin their parenting journey.

Each bag is filled with essential baby items, including diapers, wipes, clothing, and blankets. The Club assembled the bags with a combination of items purchased by the Lions Club's generous donations, as well as contributions from the broader community.

## *District Map*

After the recent convention a member of our club asked about all the District Governors who were present and where they came from. Here is a map of MD 202 with all seven districts outlined.



## President's Report



What a wonderful Weekend we had in Hanmer at the 202E convention at the end of March.

There were about 14 or 15 of Kaikoura Seaward Lions who were there of the 170 who attended.

Julie Syme had volunteered to be the Convenor of the Convention and did a wonderful job of ensuring everything ran smoothly. The various Clubs in District 202E took charge of different segments. The launch of the Lions Cancer bus for FREE skin screening was a highlight. The Saturday evening dress up function was fun. We did a great job under Dot's direction – thank you, running the Sunday Rededication and Remembrance service, where Alison T and I read out 23 Valedictories (as was mentioned that is the equivalent of one whole club out of the district who had passed). Some of us did manage to get to the Hot Pools and we had fun staying and playing together.

Trash Fashion is Kaikoura Seaward Lions fun and successful fund raiser and is on the weekend of 13 and 14 June this year!!! The committee is doing a great job of organising and all is coming along well.

The smoke alarm/ grab bag project is underway and we hope to have safe over 70s living alone this winter.

From 22 April for about a month I will be out of Kaikoura as I am going on a cruise with my daughter around the Tahitian islands: a long-held dream of mine.

*Linda*

This reminds me of something the Keynote Speaker at the convention in Hanmer spoke about.

*Any road followed precisely to its end leads precisely nowhere. Climb the mountain just a little bit to test it's a mountain. From the top of the mountain, you cannot see the mountain.*

Frank Herbert  
Writer

# April Activities



The club was recently gifted four very large bags of knitting yarn, which needed to be sorted into acrylic and wool. Julie and Judith Stevens spent some considerable time sorting it into usable bundles. The natty knitters in our community will have plenty of wool to make into garments for the newborns at our hospital.



Each year we present all the new entrants at the primary schools in our town with stationery packs to celebrate the start of their new adventure.

This term it was particularly special for two of our members who presented the packs to their great grandchildren.

It is interesting to note that most of the new entrants this year were boys. Must have been something in the water five years ago!



Three of our members, accompanied by Mary-Claire Hampton went to Puhi Peaks to help Nicky McArthur cater for a visiting group.

The weather was fantastic and the group enjoyed the delicious food.

Thank you to Dot's husband, Kevin, who was our chauffeur on the day. The drive up to the farm is not easy and it was great to be chauffeur driven.



# Happy Birthday

Sandra Wyatt 4 May

Sarah Flint 8 May

Valmai MeQueen 21 May

## Getting to Know Us

Just so the newer members of our club learn a little bit about our more long-serving members.

I know how difficult it can be to get to know everyone in the club, so maybe these few notes might help. There will be more next month.



### *Brenda Begbie*

Brenda Begbie joined Lions in 1993, transferred to Kaikoura Seaward in 1998. Brenda has been a club director and was President in 2002-2003.

Brenda is passionate about our environment and is always keen to assist in any club environmental project.

She is a keen gardener and has a beautiful garden at her home. Brenda also loves being in the outdoors and enjoys taking her dog walking every day.

### *Judith Stevens – Charter Member*

Judith Stevens has been a member of our club since it began in 1991.

She was Club treasurer for the 2005 – 2006 Lions year, and at present is the member in charge of our Birthday list. She also keeps a detailed list of every position our members have filled each year and can be relied upon to keep our Honour Roll and our archives up to date.



### *Phillippa Holstein*

Phillippa Holstein has been a member of our club since 2007.

She was Club President in the 2013-2014 Lions year, and Secretary for two Lions years following that. She has also been Club treasurer for two years and is currently the administrator and service chairperson and assistant secretary. She keeps detailed notes of all the events she has been involved over the years.

She is also an active member of the Kaikoura Garden Club and the Takahanga Bowling Club and plays bridge at the Kaikoura Bridge Club.



### *Sandra Scott*

Sandra Scott joined our club in 2003, and served as Club Treasurer for eight years, a marathon effort.

She is currently the Tail Twister and keeps us entertained and our purses empty as fines us for any misdemeanour, real or invented.

Away from Lions, Sandra is a very involved with her grandchildren, having reinvented herself from a 'working person' to a 'retired person' at the end of last year.



## *From the Editor's Mess*

After I have finished this bulletin, I leave for Nelson and from 23 April I'll be relaxing in the sun on Rarotonga. It will be time spent with my family and switching off from all things Lions!

At our last meeting we elected our new president for 2025-2026 and the board members who will support her for the year. It is good to see that members are prepared to take up leadership positions and I am sure they will grow as members during their time on the board. Remember, if you step up to take on an role, you aren't doing it on your own. We are a team, and there is always someone who will help you.

It is important that members who have been elected to these positions attend the Club Officers Training to be held in Blenheim, on 24 May 2025 or in Cheviot on 6 June 2025. These training sessions are not only valuable for those new to the positions, but provide valuable updates for those who have been doing the jobs for years. There will be more information coming shortly about these meetings.

We have just received information that our club is one step closer to achieving another Club Excellence Award. Our club was awarded one at the recent convention and we need to continue to work towards the achieving this award again this year.

If you read last month's bulletin you will have seen the outline of the Mentorship program. The first section deals with the Responsibility of Being a Lion. It requires the mentee to learn all about our club locally, at district level, and internationally.

I thought it would be fun to ask everyone the first six questions in the Lions IQ section to see how well we know our club and our district.

### **HERE THEY ARE:**

What year was our club founded?

What is the name of our incoming club president?

When and where does our club meet?

List three service programmes that our club participates in:

What district is our club located in?

What is the name of our incoming District Governor?

The answers are all in either this bulletin or in the District Bulletin, so shouldn't be too difficult to find.

Have fun trying.

Have a great month.

Cheers

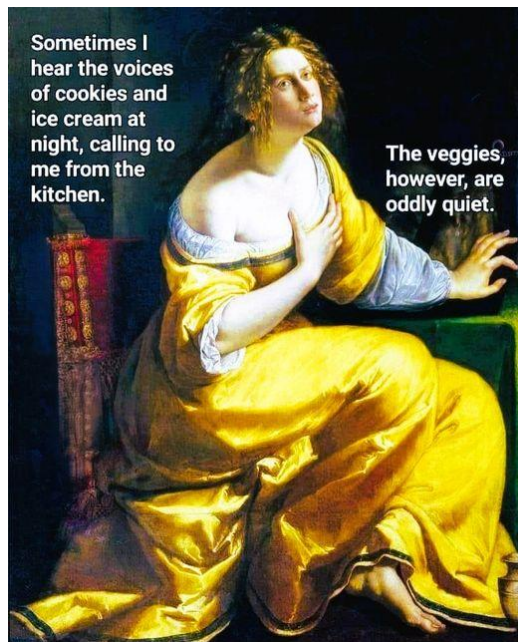
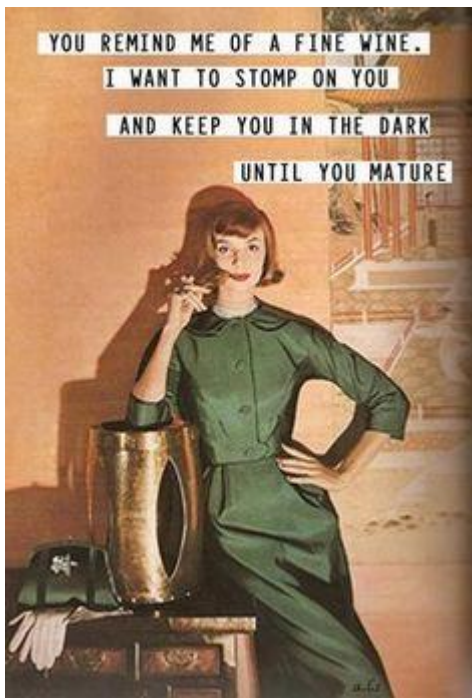
*Alison*



### ***Suburban School Reading Programme***

Rachel Hills is looking for some reading helpers to help support the Piwakawaka learners. If you have an hour to spare on a Thursday from 11:15am to 12 noon, Rachel would love to have your help. Please email her at [\[rachel@ks.school.nz\]](mailto:rachel@ks.school.nz) (mailto:[rachel@ks.school.nz](mailto:rachel@ks.school.nz)) This would start next term. At present she is on holiday, but please ring her at the school (03319 5064) after 28 April. A wonderful service project, which takes very little effort, gives much joy and is a big help to the teacher.

## *To Finish with a Laugh (or at least a Giggle)*



*Happiness is waking up in the  
morning  
and looking forward to the day.*