

Between the Lions August 2025



Welcome to this month's Between the Lions!

And welcome to Spring – I think!!

We've had some seriously rough weather over the past month but, in between times, the early-blossoming trees have burst forth, and Spring bulbs have sent up equally colourful flowers. Like daffodils, which we have just seen in profusion on Daffodil Day, with proceeds going to cancer research, prevention, and patient support services. Well done to all you Lions who volunteered to help with sales on the day, or who at least donated by buying daffodils or other merchandise. And coming up on September 10th is Wig Wednesday – let's see a profusion of colourful wigs out in force, raising funds for Child Cancer, one of our Lions Global Causes.

I had the privilege recently of being taken on a tour around the Tasman/Nelson area to see up close the devastating effects of the flooding events in July, and to also see the wonderful work that the Clubs in Zone 2 have been doing to help with the disaster relief. So many families and relief helpers have benefitted from this work, made possible by the generous donations from Lions clubs throughout our Multiple Districts, and from a substantial Lloyd Morgan grant. This work is now moving into the recovery phase, with a wider emphasis on community needs. Watch this space for updates!

But back to Spring. This is a time when there is a whole new energy in our clubs. Through club bulletins and a wide range of social media, we can see an incredible range of club activities that are planned for the month ahead. The new District Governors have launched enthusiastically into their rounds of club visits – a really important time for them to see all the amazing ways that clubs are meeting needs in their communities. The DG's have also met as a Council of Governors, alongside the longer-term Council members. What an

awesome group of Lions we have as leaders in our Multiple Districts!! We met to make decisions for the benefit and support of clubs throughout our districts, which is, after all, our total purpose.

And our membership is on the move upwards!! At the time of writing, our MD total stands at 7417, showing a net growth of +37 this Lions Year so far. A great start, but let's keep the trend going onwards and upwards, by doing the basics: getting new members and new clubs, at the same time valuing and appreciating the members we already have. There are exciting new initiatives coming on-stream, spearheaded by our Area GAT Leader (Steve Barr), that will help us invigorate our clubs in a new way. Again, watch this space and be ready to Spring into action (sorry!).

Remember – WE SERVE TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, and the more we have helping to serve, the more difference we can make.

HAVE A GREAT MONTH!

A copy of the Executive Summary of our last Council Meeting in August can be read [HERE](#)



What are our NZ Clubs up to?

NEW CLUBS!!

We have had TWO new Clubs chartered in the last 2 months,
Congratulations to both Mangawhai Club and Hawera Club!





Orewa Lions - Working Bee Community Project



The Team: L-R: Grant, Jack,
Photographer: Cherie

Peter E, Martin,

Shelley, and Daryl

Orewa Lions Give a Helping Paw

Diane Williams, who uses a wheelchair after several strokes, has been raising funds for a service dog through Pawsible Service Dogs. Her Golden Retriever Alfie, is being trained with 90 commands – from picking up a credit card to handling the laundry!

Pawsible Service Dog said a safe outdoor space was needed before Alfie could come home. So to prepare, Saturday 12 October, Orewa Lions rolled up their sleeves for a retro working bee. Cherie, Grant, Jack, Martin, Pete, Daryl, and Shelley tackled three big jobs: a new ramp gate, a deck gate, and extending the fence to the neighbour's boundary.

The day included teamwork, a few problem-solving moments, and a delicious morning tea from Diane. By 2pm the job was done – complete with a mower-friendly gate!

You can watch the transformation here: [YouTube video](#).

New Mini Golf Course in Waikanae



The ground has been broken on a brand new Mini Golf Course in Mazengarb Park in Paraparaumu! A combined effort of Kapiti, Kapiti Pakeke, Waikanae and Kapakapanui Lions Clubs PLUS Kapiti Rotary!

It is scheduled to open on November 29th, just in time for the summer holidays.

Child Cancer Foundation



Get Wiggy

For a wonderful cause



Get a head-start on your planning for 2026 by registering your Club's interest to join
in Wig Wednesday!

Use [THIS LINK](#) to register your Club, and you will receive information and details
straight from Child Cancer Foundation head office!

Show them you're there

Child Cancer Foundation is the only charity in Aotearoa New Zealand that offers
personalised, one-to-one support to every child with cancer and their family, every
step of the way.

Many of these brave tamariki lose their hair during treatment and brave the world
with no hair. This Wig Wednesday is your chance to throw a fun fundraiser and show
them you're there!

The big day is Wednesday 10 September. But since September is Childhood
Cancer Awareness Month, you can choose any day in the month that works for you or
fundraise all month long.

Hearing Dogs NZ



Wet & Wild in Taranaki

We hope you're all staying warm and dry through the Winter season. We have had some rain like no other here and have even had to close the Training Centre one day due to excessive rain.

We're pleased to share the latest Hearing Dogs happenings with you - thanks for following our journey!

We have two new recipients to welcome to the Hearing Dogs family as well as some new doggies - see overleaf.



AnnaMieke & Cherish
Connected April 2025



Soraya & Fable
Connected June 2025



Meet Puppy Boni

Corrine & Barry Boniface have been long time supporters of Hearing Dogs NZ, giving a generous yearly donation for the past 6 years. As a very small way to thank them we have named our new puppy **Boni**.

Boni means 'good fate' or 'fortune', '**one who brings joy**'. We have no doubt that once Boni has progressed through the Hearing Dogs NZ training programme she will go on to bring lots of joy to her lucky recipient.

When we asked Corrine & Barry if it would be ok to name our next puppy after them and said, we were thinking Boni (from Boniface), Corrine came back to say yes! and that her grandchildren lovingly call her Boni - how perfect!



Boni
Born 3.4.25 | Shih Tzu | Female

Hearing Dogs NZ - Making Connections since 1998



Helen is Hear to Help

We are excited to share that Hearing Dog recipient Helen Ware has been awarded the role of Hearing Coordinator for Lions NZ. Helen has had a strong connection with Lions throughout her life with her Grandad serving for 35+ years, she has been a very active member of the Katikati club for 5 years. We believe Helen's role as Hearing Coordinator will be paramount in strengthening the partnership between Lions and Hearing Dogs - ka pai te mahi!

Eruff woof, 'hello' in doggie speak, I am Meg a Hearing Dog for the Deaf. I love my role in Mum's life – she is so happy to have me and tells everyone all about me. Mum, well humans call her Helen, is the new Lions Hearing Coordinator.

We, or rather Mum, welcome enquiries, or comments from anyone interested in contacting us. Remember text or email are better as Mum is deaf. You can reach me, I mean Mum, on **021 264 1753** (text only) or hearingpreservation@lionsclubs.org.nz



Helen Ware & Hearing Dog Meg
Lions MD202 Hearing Coordinator



Lions Clubs New Zealand
Kia Manako! / We Serve

HEARING DOG PUPPIES



Alice

Born 18.12.24 | Cavoodle | Female



Miki

Born 22.02.25 | Cavoodle | Female



Sundae

Born 23.01.25 | KCS | Female



Boni

Born 3.4.25 | Shih Tzu | Female



Daphne

Born 15.05.25 | Cavoodle | Female



Jasmine

Born 10.05.25 | Snoodle | Female



Diabetes NZ – Partnership Opportunities

Introducing PDG Rodger Millar, our Diabetes Liason

PDG Rodger has been a Lion for nearly 40 years and has served in many capacities during that time. He was District Governor in 2004–05 and went on to dedicate 11 years to the Child Mobility Foundation. Currently, he is serving as 2nd Vice President of the Waihopai City Lions Club in District 202F.

Outside of Lions, he enjoys gardening, trout fishing, small carpentry projects, and indoor bowls. He has lived with asthma for over 75 years and has managed type 2 diabetes for the past eight years.

Family is an important part of his life—he has two grown sons, three grandchildren, and is eagerly looking forward to becoming a great-grandfather in November.

From PDG Rodger's newsletter to all Clubs:

I had a very informative Teams meeting with Cara and Heather from **Diabetes NZ** and business manager Tanja from the **Lions NZ head office**. We discussed a number of opportunities where Lions can work alongside Diabetes NZ to make a real impact.

Did you know that Diabetes NZ runs **campus for children with diabetes** and would welcome sponsorship from Lions? Brochures and further information are available directly from their website: <https://www.diabetes.org.nz/camps>

I encourage all NZ Lions Clubs to **plan an event or project this November** in support of diabetes awareness and action.

One option is **Lap the Map**, a sponsored walk that's fun for the whole family. If your club takes part, I ask District GST Coordinators to collect their district's total kilometres walked and send them to me so we can share a combined NZ total.

In the Auckland area, Diabetes NZ also has a **mobile testing van** that can attend events to provide blood sugar screenings. Please note: **blood testing is a specialist role** and not something Lions should undertake directly.

A reminder that **diabetes is a core Lions project activity**. Be sure to record your service hours on the Lions website.

Keep up the good work and kind regards,

PDG Rodger Millar

MD Lions NZ Diabetes Liaison Coordinator

diabetes@lionsclubs.org.nz

Lions Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle



Lions Clubs Cancer Trust 03-0674-0280918

Introducing the new Cancer Screening Vehicle Administrator

Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust have pleasure in introducing our new Administrator, Janet Walmsley, operating out of Hanmer Springs. Janet will be the first port of call for all things to do with booking the vehicle and can be reached via email: admin@lionscancertrust.nz

Janet has boarded the bus!

It's felt like a long wait between "Congratulations, we'd like to offer you the position" and meeting with Megan and Paul this week, but I'm finally on board and ready for action! For those of you who I've not had a chance to meet yet, I am a Northern (UK) Lass who has just celebrated 20 years in New Zealand with husband, Paul and daughter, Alice (11 when we moved here and now 31, married and living in Otago...time flies!)

If my slightly zig-zag career path ever had a destination, it might well be right here to this role. I spent my first 12 years in the Water Industry (starting as an office junior, finishing as a Business Analyst and the last 9 years as a Medical Receptionist in a Rural Practice. I'm lucky enough to call Hanmer Springs my home and I love serving my community. In between, I completed a degree in Performing Arts Management, worked in arts administration, ran my own

drama business, worked in youth education and as an Admissions Administrator in Ara, I even spent a couple of nomadic years temping.

What has all that given/taught me?

- An undying love of spreadsheets (thank you, Water Industry)
- The belief that I can do more than I sometimes think I can (I was a terrible student at school but came out top of my class at Uni)
- A realisation that my biggest motivation is my belief in the end goal of a job, whether that's getting students who have fallen through the cracks through their NCEA Credits or ensuring that our patients have the best care and outcomes possible
- I'm ok jumping in the deep end and figuring it out as I go (temping gives you many, MANY, first days in a job, it can teach you a lot about being useful quickly!)

I can't promise that I will have it all figured out overnight, but I promise, I am committed to doing the best job I can and look forward to getting to know you

all.

Janet

Have a read of an interview with PDG Wendy Goodwin about the Screening Vehicle [HERE](#)



2025 ANZI Pacific Forum



Read the latest newsletter [HERE](#)

FOR OUR CLUB TREASURERS



CLUB BANKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LCI AND MD202

To pay for

**International Dues – LCIF Donations – Lions Share Pins –
MJF or Life Membership Applications – Supplies bought from America**

Please Use

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions 03-0502-0081103-00

Please use the below codes & references to identify your payments

International Dues:

PARTICULARS: Club Name
CODE: Club Number
REFERENCE: Dues

Payment for Club Supplies from America:

PARTICULARS: Club Name
CODE: Club Number
REFERENCE: Invoice Number

LCIF Donation from CLUB:

PARTICULARS: Club Name
CODE: Club Number
REFERENCE: LCIF DR (Disaster Relief)
or
LCIF DR (Specific Event i.e. Ukraine) **or**
LCIF ES (Empowering Service)

Payment for Lions Share Pin:

PARTICULARS: Member Name
CODE: Recipient Member Number
REFERENCE: LShare
(This is a personal donation to LCIF,
for which you will receive a pin)
There are three levels of donation; bronze,
silver and gold, each with a different pin.

LCIF Donation from INDIVIDUAL:

PARTICULARS: Member Name
CODE: Member Number
REFERENCE: LCIF DR (Disaster Relief)
or
LCIF DR (Specific Event i.e. Ukraine) **or**
LCIF ES (Empowering Service)

Payment for MJF or

Life Membership Application:

PARTICULARS: Club Name
CODE: Recipient Member Number
REFERENCE: MJF **or** LIFE MBR

To pay for

Club Supplies bought from Head Office in NZ

Please Use

Westpac, New Zealand Lions MD202 | 03-0558-0252696-00

PARTICULARS: Club Name
CODE: Club Number
REFERENCE: Invoice Number

“Help! Who sent this payment?!”

If you've ever pictured a lion tearing his mane out over paperwork... that's us at the
National Office when payments arrive
without any reference!

To help us reconcile your payments quickly and accurately, please always include:

- ✓ **Your Club name & number**
- ✓ **What the payment is for** (dues, donation LCIF DR or ES)

Without these, it's a bit of a guessing game — and we'd rather not play detective
every day!

Thanks for helping us keep the books tidy and the mane intact!

FROM THE OFFICE

Please make sure Lions Head Office is aware of your Club's Facebook page, so
they follow you, like and share your posts and even let the whole country
know of all the wonderful things your Club has been up to!

We are also asking all **zone chairs** to please email head office at

office@lionsclubs.org.nz

to let us know if the Clubs in their zones collect Kantabs, Old Coins for Hu4K,
Glasses for our recycling program and any additional 'handy to know' details
such as firewood sales, book sales, whether a Club rents out their bbq,
mobility scooters, marquees etc etc.

Christmas is just 118 days away!!!

Order your Club's cakes via the link sent to every Club Secretary, and start advertising online or with the flyers available from the website: <https://lionschristmascakes.org.nz/pages/lions-clubs-members-page>



Lions Christmas Cakes



Support your local Lions Club by purchasing our famous traditional Christmas Fruit Cake.

Back in 1971, the Lions Christmas Cake story began. Lions Christmas cake recipe ensures that cakes are moist, fruity, and do not crumble. Lions Christmas Cakes have a shelf life of no less than two years and, most importantly, taste delicious.

Now, more than 50 years on, little has changed other than the refreshed packaging. The Lions Christmas cakes, proudly baked by Couplands Bakeries of Christchurch, are available only from this website OR Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs' members throughout New Zealand.

- Very fruity and full of flavour. Not crumbly.
- Largish 1 kg cake – 15 x 15 x 5 cms - plenty to share with family & friends.
- 2-year shelf life.
- Great Value! - Premium quality for a competitive price - \$25 per cake.
- Profits used by Lions for a wide range of community projects.



Business / Corporate Orders

Lions Christmas Cakes are a popular Christmas give-away for businesses, not-for-profits and others: they are ideal for Christmas gifts to **employees, clients, family & friends**. Income earned from the purchase will go to a nominated Lions Club.

Purchase online: *(all prices are GST Inclusive)*

- **Single cakes \$25 each plus \$9 freight;** or
- **1 carton of 12 individual cakes for \$300 (\$25 per cake) freight free.**
- We deliver to anywhere in New Zealand – freight free for 12-packs, freight charge \$9 for single cakes.



Order online at www.lionschristmascakes.org.nz

Nominate: _____ Lions Club

Volunteers helping in the community.

We are community volunteers who roll up our sleeves to help young people, the elderly, the ailing, the needy and our environment. In terms of our time on projects and money raised, it is estimated that **Lions Clubs contribute more than \$100 million each year for charitable organisations** here and in the Pacific Islands.

We are proud that all the net earnings from the public goes to Lions Club's charitable causes. We do not take a percentage of the money for our own purposes



New Zealand Lions International Youth Camp

December 27th 2025 – 5th January 2026
Hosted by Lions District 202L

NGAMUWAHINE OUTDOOR EDUCATION LODGE TAURANGA – NEW ZEALAND

CAMP PURPOSE

To further the first object of Lionism
“TO CREATE AND FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD”

The Youth camp applications open **1st July 2025**

For information please contact - Camp Co-ordinator Dinah Foster or
Camp Director Tina Taylor

International Camp Director Tina Taylor
welcomes all applications, to view the camp site go to
Youtube Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Centre | Aerial Flyover

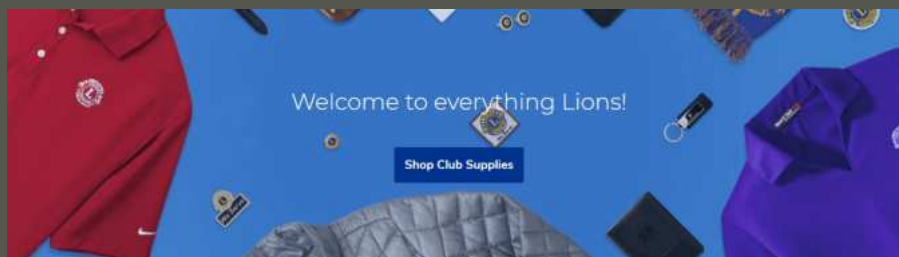
Camp Director - Tina Taylor
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Please send applications to
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Email - 202l.intyouthcamp@lionsclubs.org.nz



Club Supplies

Orders from NZ or USA



Please place your Club supply or personal orders via our

New Zealand website; www.lionsclubs.org.nz

or email office@lionsclubs.org.nz if you'd like some help.

Please note, some items may need to be ordered from America and may take extra time to arrive.

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