Between the Lions
September 2025

Welcome to Between the Lions in September

Biggest event in the past month would have to be the Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia **(ANZI) Pacific Forum**, held this year on Australia's Gold Coast. A very enthusiastic crowd, from many more than just the ANZI countries, came together in Surfers' Paradise (the name says it all!) to learn, to discuss ideas, and just to talk to each other, all of which happened in abundance.

Some excellent learning sessions were available, standouts for me being "Revitalising Community Organisations", "Growing Future Leaders", "Leos: Frontier of Lions" (led by Wayne Paulin of 202e) and, above all, Jarrod Kreft's two sessions on "AI Tools for Everyone" and "AI for Your Club", showing the way forward for Lions with AI. There will be further opportunity to experience learning sessions with Jarrod at Conventions in the not-too-distant-future – watch this space!

Also a fun opportunity to take part in a couple of Aussie projects. One was a tree-planting project, as part of a mission to plant 1 million trees by the end of the 2027 year, for the good of ourselves and our environment. Another highlight was a Walk for Diabetes along the Surfers' Paradise beachfront. Fabulous! Except for the 7am start, oh, and the drizzly rain.

ANZI Forum will be held in Auckland next year (21-23 August 2027) – a great opportunity, as this year, to learn, debate and mingle, right on our doorstep!!
Start planning for this event now, and also for International Convention in Hong Kong in early July 2027. These events are superb opportunities to mix with so many people from different cultures and contexts, all doing the same as we in our clubs are doing: serving in our communities.

So what's up ahead this coming month?
LCI Vision Awareness Month, with LCI World Sight Day on October 9th;
Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Month – anyone doing a PR Breakfast or PR Lunch?;
Focus Week (Oct 4-12) on Mental Health and Wellbeing, a new one for LC;
LCI Membership Growth Month – Keep it rising, build on the good work!
And, of course, the Mobile Skin Cancer Screening bus may be coming to a town near you!! Get ready for it, and help where you can.

Have a great October! And remember: the more we have serving, the more needs we can meet.

What are our NZ Clubs up to?

NEW CLUBS!!

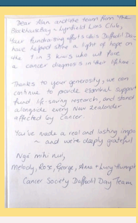
Above are some phots from a recent trip to the Fijian Clubs by 202K DG Lynda Halverson & Pacific Islands Regional Chair Christine Ford.

202K District Governor Lynda Halverson writes:

Fiji Lions Clubs are building a strong future, expanding their presence and impact across the country.
With the new Tavua Vatukoula club launched in March, ten new members inducted in September, and more to come, their community certainly know they are there.
Plans are also underway for a club in Sigatoka, with 15 businessmen meeting with us recently as they see the possibility of a new Lions club in their area making a real difference.
Ongoing support from New Zealand Lions clubs, including funding for youth projects, has helped fuel this momentum, thank you!

Fiji Lions are on a mission to serve, and continued backing will ensure their growth and success.

Daffodil Appreciation


Dear Alan and the team from the Blockhouse Bay ~ Lynfield Lions Club,
Your fundraising efforts this Daffodil Day have helped shine a light of hope on the 1 in 3 kiwis who will face a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime.
Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to provide essential support, fund life-saving research, and stand alongside every New Zealander affected by cancer.
You've made a real and lasting impact ~ and we're deeply grateful.
Ngā mihi nui,
Melody, Rose, George, Anna + Lucy Humph[illegible]
Cancer Society Daffodil Day Team

What a lovely gesture, a handwritten card showing appreciation for our Blockhouse Bay Lions.
It's what makes our Lions' worlds go 'round, knowing we're helping, making a difference.
Every sausage sizzled, every cent collected, every kind word & friendly smile, it all helps.

Geraldine Lioness Lions Garden Expo

Two years ago, six of our members came together with a fresh idea – to create something different for our Club and our community. The result was the very first Garden Expo, held on Matariki weekend, a time that marks the start of the new growing season in Māori tradition and is now a special celebration across New Zealand.
Geraldine Primary School proved to be the perfect venue. After months of planning, the big day arrived with sunshine, smiles, and over **40 stalls** filled with garden-themed products, workshops, and demonstrations.
Visitors enjoyed browsing and buying, knowing that proceeds would support **Child Cancer Foundation** and **Kidney Kids NZ**.
Our Club served delicious Devonshire Teas, which were popular throughout the day, while the children had a ball. From face painting to fairy and dinosaur gardens (thanks to Liz Glasier from Mitre 10), and decorating pots to plant, the kids went home proudly carrying their creations.
The workshops and demonstrations were a real highlight:

- **Microgreenz** growing sessions where people took trays home to continue the fun.
- **Floral Art Group** arrangements that drew big audiences.
- **Garden pruning demo** by Tommy from Geraldine Garden Centre.
- **Biodynamic Gardening** and **Garden Q&A sessions** that sparked lots of interest.
- **Thermomix demonstration** and **Christmas wreath-making with Flowers Inc.**
- And even a live **chainsaw carving demo** from Daniel Holland, which was a crowd-pleaser!

The day was a true community effort, with wonderful support from local businesses and volunteers. We are proud of how the Expo has grown and grateful to everyone who contributed to making it such a success.
Bev Gregan
Publicity

MD Vacancy

MULTIPLE DISTRICT VACANCY

Global Membership Team Coordinator

The Council of Governors invites applications from Lions, in good standing, for the position of Multiple District Global Membership Team Coordinator.

We are seeking a passionate **Global Membership Team Coordinator** to lead membership growth and retention initiatives across our Multiple District.

This role is pivotal in driving engagement, supporting clubs, aligning with Lions Clubs International's global Mission 1.5 membership goals, and achieving our MD202 Mission 10K goals.

Applications (marked confidential) are to be emailed to
the Multiple District Secretary Jo Cameron
council.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz
by 5pm on Friday 31st October 2025.

For more information please click
THIS LINK

2025 ANZI Pacific Forum

To kick off the start to ANZI, the City of Gold Coast Deputy Mayor Cr Mark Hammel joined our International President AP Singh and ANZI attendees for a tree planting ceremony at the Gold Coast Regional Botanical Gardens. The tree was planted as part of Lions Australia Green Canopy Environment project, an Australia-wide initiative to plant one million new trees by June 30, 2027

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 I 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

Only 18 000 Cakes Left!

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.

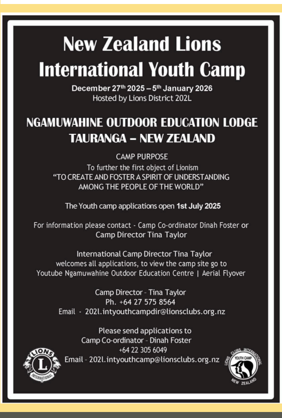
Business / Corporate Orders
Lions Christmas Cakes are a popular Christmas give-away for businesses, not-for-profits and others: they are ideal for Christmas gifts to **employees, clients, family & friends.** Income earned from the purchase will go to a nominated Lions Club.
Purchase online: *(all prices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



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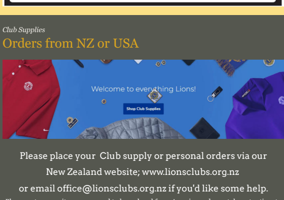

Please place your Club supply or personal orders via our New Zealand website; www.lionsclubs.org.nz
or email office@lionsclubs.org.nz if you'd like some help.
Please note, some items may need to be ordered from America and may take extra time to arrive.

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