

We Volunteer  
We Serve  
We Make A Difference  
**TOGETHER**



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We Serve



Harwarden-Waikari Lions - we transported members of the community to the lookout with a more favourable weather forecast being available for running the event after previously cancelled. While low cloud was around initially, it cleared to give those present the magnificent views that are the reward of getting up to the lookout.

### Contents Preview





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It is not long until the end of the current Lions year. Each of our District Governor team have had an increasable year, and we wish the incoming District Governor Elect team all the best for 2026/2027 year.

The Multiple District Convention went very well. It was well attended and we were all treated to some amazing guest speakers. Donna-Marie Leaver held our attention well on Friday evening and the "Rescue Warriors" on Saturday were inspiring.

Now, due to the withdrawal of VDG Jimmy Susanto from FVDG, I wish to emphasise the urgent need to ask you all to actively encourage a suitable Lion in your club to take up either FVDG or SVDG, as we don't have either represented.

This is your District. Who do you want to lead us in the years 2027/2028 and beyond to sustain the viability of 202E! The alternatives may not be what you want. International President A.P. Singh's words ring true..." Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead". Are you the Leader our district needs? Please give this a lot of thought; you could be the one to continue this great district.

District Training is coming up.

- Christchurch – Ferrymead Den Saturday May 9th; - 9.30 morning tea with 10 am start
- Blenheim - Alzheimer's Rooms Saturday June 6th -9.30 morning tea with 10 am start
- Nelson - Appleby School Hall Sunday 7th June - 9.30 morning tea with 10 am start
- Greymouth - TBC
- Cheviot - TBC

Membership now stands at plus 11. As of 30th April, and as I write this article, the plus number has held steady, with the numbers added keeping pace with the numbers dropped. We all play a part in this; please, please keep the momentum going as the positive vibes are encouraging. Let's buck the downward trend and return the mighty E with a plus number for the current Lions year.

Kind Regards,  
*Bernie*



New Brighton Lion Bruce Campbell was presented with his 30 year chevron by DG Elect Alastair Rankin and Christchurch City Councillor Celeste Donovan.



# A Big 202E Welcome to all our New Lions



	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1	Glenys Byrne	Hokitika	Reilly Burden
2	Raman Kaur	Kaikoura Seaward	Naemi Ueda
3	William Parker	Malvern	Grant McIlroy
4	Anthony Edwards	Rangiora	Andrew Cook
5	Gillian Bell	Selwyn	Alison Benefield
6	Adam Evans	Kaikoura	Will Parsons
7	Steve Mansfield	Kaikoura	Chris Guthrie
8	Paulette Lawrence	Blenheim	Ann Saunders
9	Andrew Horn	Glenmark	Hugh Turnbull
10	Dave Cave	Nelson Host	Yvonne Bilderbeck



Kaikoura Lions welcomed left Adam Evans (Sponsor Will Parsons *right*) and welcomed back right Steve Mansfield (Sponsor Chris Guthrie *right*) - inducted by Lion Bob Johnston.

**A Suggestion:** Take 20 minutes at your next meeting to formulate a list of prospective members - names of people you know personally/work with/people you do business with/ relations and neighbours. Follow them up with an invitation to an informal supper meeting. Invite a speaker and have someone talk about what your club does in your community. Follow up with an invitation to your dinner meeting. Make them welcome and they will join.



# Celebrating Service



Christchurch Pegasus Lions -  
What an achievement. Last night 4 of our members received their service pins, totaling 100 years' service between them. Now that's Lion pride!

L-R Di 30 years, Gladys 40 years, Cece 20 years, Marg 10 years, not shown Mary, 25 years. A small club, with BIG hearts and fun in what they do... Well done, Ladies!!!



Christchurch Chinese Lions celebrated some long serving members: Audrey 25 years, Lisa 20 years, Ma Yin 20 years Jason 15 years, Harry 10 years - with Zone Chair Brian Kwok. Thank you all for your dedication to the club.

# MEET THE LIONS! OF 202E



**Have You Read Their Stories On Facebook?  
Why They Became Lions?  
This is just snippets of their journey -  
you can find the full stories on  
202E Facebook.**

“Following an early retirement, the Blenheim Lions Club became my new form of social contact. .... I enjoy working with like-minded people making a positive difference in our community through our acts of kindness.  
Helen - Blenheim Lions Club -  
Come join us.”



“To serve my community both locally and globally, and make a real difference where it matters most. Through our Lions Global Causes, .... I’m proud to be part of something that truly changes lives.  
(Kevin - Kaikoura Lions Club) Why not join me - you too will make a difference!”



“This is a question I ask myself regularly. .... Lions has enriched my life, made me a whole group of new friends, and kept me ‘young at heart’.  
Lions ... will change yours if you join us.”  
Alison - Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club

**Read real stories from real Lions.  
Discover why others chose to serve - every Sunday at 6pm on the 202E Facebook page (while I’m Facebook Editor.)**

**Inspiring. Insightful.  
Worth the read.  
Who Will Be Our Next Star?**

“I’m a proud Lions member ...I love being a part of an organization that gets out into the community, makes a difference and brings people together. Our projects reach all ages ...having fun along the way ... Come join us, and help make someone smile as well as yourself.”  
(Yvonne - Nelson Host Lions Club)



“On retiring I moved with my wife to Cheviot ... to be closer to family ... I joined Lions ... so I could meet people and more quickly become part of the community. I enjoy the fellowship ... and positive influence - ... helping in our community, especially our youth. It takes the varied skills of different people working together to make a well functioning club ....  
(Giles - Cheviot Lions Club.) *Come Join Us!*



“... At first, it was simple. I wanted to make new friends ... Then I was encouraged to stand for office - and everything changed. The team placed their trust in me. ... - just a group of people who respect one another, united by a shared purpose. ... each doing our bit for the community. ...”  
(Mike - A Motueka Lion)

Mike left

# “Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead” International President Message

A. P. Singh



## Lions

One of the greatest strengths of Lions is our global reach and support. As a Lion, you are part of an international network united by a shared commitment to service, with so many resources to support your service journey and help you make an even greater impact.

Being a Lion also opens up a world of opportunities to connect and serve with Lions around the globe in meaningful ways — by attending international events like convention and Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN), exploring service travel opportunities, taking part in global initiatives such as our Weeks of Service and more.

We are here to help you lead, serve and thrive in your Lions journey — and when we work together, there is no limit to what Lions can achieve.

Every day is a great day to invite new members, and they bring so much to our clubs. New members not only strengthen your club; they expand your capacity to serve.

Together in service, **A.P. Singh** International President

## Our International ‘Leaders’

“Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead”



A. P. Singh  
India  
International President



Mark Lyon  
U.S.A.  
1st Vice President



Dr. Manoj Shah  
Kenya  
2nd Vice President



Tony Benbow  
Australia  
3rd Vice President

## Our 202E ‘Leaders’



Ian Cameron  
Secretary



Alastair Rankin  
DGE



Bernie Walls  
District Governor



VACANT  
VDG



VACANT  
2VDG



Ian Lennie  
Treasurer

Causes



Childhood  
Cancer



Diabetes



Vision



Humanitarian  
Efforts



Environment



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Youth



# Kaikoura Seaward Lions promote 'Environmental Awareness' throughout the year!



We started the rubbish pick up in October as a way giving back to our community by doing something small that has an impact on the environment. Our normal route is from the Amphitheatre bridge to the Whale Watch building as this is where new rubbish is generated throughout the week.

Occasionally we will go to a different area, Seal Colony or The Esplanade, but the rubbish here is mostly old. As we wear our Lions vests we get stopped often by locals and visitors alike, we have had photos taken that have gone to America and Thailand, and are congratulated for our efforts. (This is genuine publicity) ITM Kaikoura gave us these amazing 20L buckets which means more rubbish is collected.

Our regular team consists of Brenda K, Sandra S, Sue, Robin G and myself Rhonda.

We enjoy making a difference, the camaraderie and the coffee afterwards. (Rhonda Russell.)



**District Governor Elect**  
**Alastair Rankin**  
 Member of New Brighton Lions Club  
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**(Data from 1/7/25 - 31/3/26 World wide)**



**Members Added: 194,924**

**New Clubs Formed: 2,250**

**Can WE Keep Up The Momentum?**

Tēnā koutou,

Multiple District Convention was much as expected and you will all get a review of that from another source. Suffice to say I was immensely proud to be introduced as the District Governor Elect for our District 202E (E for Exceptional, Excellent and Energetic).

Now, I'm sorry, but I really have to get serious. First Vice District Elect Jimmie Susanto has resigned his position so District 202E now does not have a nomination for First and Second Vice District Governor. We cannot keep going along with this and saying it's someone else's problem – it isn't. It's our district's problem and if we don't get someone for both those positions very soon we could be looking at re-districting. It's up to you.

The District Bulletin Editor and Facebook Administrator roles are also vacant. A district without a bulletin is just *unthinkable*. These roles could be done by a non-Lion or even shared by a small group, so please ask your partners and/or friends of the club. Make it a challenge to be as good as Lou – a very hard act to follow but still achievable by the right person or team.

It's like an ODI with 4 overs to play and we need 60 runs – we'd better start hitting 6's immediately or we're stonkered.

On a lighter note, I am very pleased to report that all Zone Chair appointments have been filled. Thank you to all of you for your service and your Lions spirit..

I'm currently working on my visits program starting in August and running through to early December. Without a First and Second District Governor I will have to take on a much bigger bite than I'd hoped for and here's where you can help. Clubs that are co-located can join to together for a combined meeting - and it doesn't have to be on a meeting night. It would be great to visit a combined project on a weekend. I'm pretty flexible about when and where. I need to know soon so "book now to avoid disappointment"

My.DG Liaison Officer is PDG Malcolm Williams so could you please let him know so he can make arrangements at [m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz)

I'll see you out there. *Ka kite anō au i a koe Alastair*

**+++ Could You Take Up the Mantle of VDG? - Our District Needs You!**  
**+++ Our District Needs a 2VDG - over 2 years to wait - This Is You?**  
**+++ Would You Be Our District Bulletin Editor? Of Course You Can!**  
**+++ What About Our 202E Facebook Editor! C'Mon you Love Facebook!**  
**xxx Now Our Negative Side - If Our District Can't Fill the First 2 points**  
**Do You Want Us to Loose our 202E Status and Join with Another District?**

On a personal note, if I was younger and didn't have another calling, I would be standing for a future DG - one mantle is 2027 - 28 the other 2028 - 29 - please consider this, for the sake of our District AND Lions - We Need You!

**District  
 Vacancies**  
**1VDG, 2VDG  
 EDITORS**

**NEEDED  
 Urgently**

# Retention starts the day a member joins!



## Recommended Club Practices Summary

Challenge	Solution
Boring meetings	Add energy: speakers, videos, member spotlights
Lack of caring	Create a Member Care Chair/Committee
Cliques	Mix up seating, pair mentors/mentees
Lack of leadership	Train early, rotate officers - change Chairs
No fun	Add socials, humour, and celebrations
Dues-related drops	Personal outreach + flexible payments
Lost mission	Reconnect to LCI causes & community impact
Naysayers	Focus on positive contributions, redirect negativity
Stagnation	Start one new project per quarter - listen to ideas
Lack of diversity	Recruit across generations and communities

**Is New and Not So New Member 'Mentoring' important for Retention?**

Mentoring provides new and not so new members with a foundational understanding of our Lions Clubs International purpose, functions, and structure, helping them feel comfortable, engaged, and motivated to participate actively in club activities and remain a member long-term.

## Youth - One Of Our Lions Global Causes.

Young people are a dynamic force for good. We're more than a century into service, and committed as ever to sustaining our impact over the next 100 years. That's why we devote ourselves to serving youth as beneficiaries, youth as partners, and empowering youth as service leaders. 🙏



## Global Service Team

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Thank you to the clubs who completed applications for the Top Club Service Project Award. This Award recognises an innovative and inspiring club project completed by an individual Lions or Leos Club in this current Lions year or is an ongoing project.

A committee was formed to decide the winning project. I am pleased to announce that Selwyn Club's cuddle hearts project is the district winner. Cuddle hearts help babies and their parents have scent connection when they are apart. About 1000 families in the last 2 years have received cuddle hearts from Selwyn Club. This project was submitted to Multiple District as our district entry.

At the Multiple District convention, it was announced that cuddle hearts is the runner up project for New Zealand. Congratulations to Selwyn Club. The national winner is Winton club for their emergency service helipad project.

National Volunteer Week will be held during 14 to 20 June. This is a time to celebrate and promote volunteering throughout New Zealand. The theme this year is "your year to volunteer." We can take advantage of the media articles about Volunteer Week by inviting non-Lions to volunteer for a club project. I suggest deciding upon a project that would be suitable for additional people to join your club members. World Environment Day is on 5 June so you could organise an environment project. Your project can be advertised via social media, local newspapers, community notice boards etc to invite people to join in.

A recent Volunteering New Zealand survey said 25% of people do not volunteer because they had not been asked or because they did not know how to get involved. Asking people to assist with a project means more can be achieved, increases the Lions profile and could result in new members for your club. A free BBQ at the end of a project is a great way to thank volunteers, tell them about Lions and invite them to upcoming projects or a club meeting.

*Neil Johnston*

# SELWYN LIONS TOP CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

Humanitarian



Lisa Paget - Founder of Cuddle Hearts for NICU, Christchurch was a guest speaker at a Selwyn Lions Social Meeting.



Approx. 1000 babies each year go through the Christchurch Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Smell is one of the first senses to develop. Approx. 3,500-4,000 Cuddle Hearts are required annually to meet the need in Christchurch alone.

Cuddle Hearts are lovingly hand-made to share the smell between a parent and their pepi/baby. They help whanau feel close to each other when apart. They can provide a calming influence on the pepi, just like a hug from their whanau.



The Selwyn Lions members were so taken with this talk that they decided to help and almost two years later they are still helping with this project on the first Tuesday of every month. (a Slide snippet)

# Why I Became a Lion



After 28 years serving my country - and finishing my Army career as the sixth Sergeant Major of the Army - I thought I knew what service meant. But on the day I hung up my uniform, a retired Colonel pulled me aside and said, "You should consider joining Lions." I had no idea what Lions did, but I trusted the man, so I went along to the Johnsonville Lions Club with him.

That single decision opened the door to a new chapter of service - this time, not to the nation, but to the community.

When my family and I moved back to Christchurch, I found the Halswell Lions and threw myself into what Lions do best: helping others. One of my first major projects was establishing the Halswell ANZAC Day Commemoration at the beautiful Halswell Memorial.

That project became my introduction to leading Lions initiatives, and it remains one of the things I'm most proud of.

## PDG Paul O'Connor

a member of Halswell Lions.  
This will be on our 202E  
Facebook page Sunday 3rd May  
and Paul's info. is too good  
not to be shared by all.

Thirty - three years later, I'm still here - still serving, still leading, still believing in the power of community. I've served alongside fourteen District Governors, including my own term in 2020 – 2021, and I've lived by the motto that has guided me through both military and Lions life: **Lead by example.**

In 2019, at the New Zealand Multiple District Convention in Blenheim, the Australian Lions presented an idea they'd been running successfully in Western Australia for two decades: a **Mobile Free Skin Cancer Screening Service**. The challenged someone in New Zealand to pick it up and make it happen.

I stepped forward - not because it was easy, but because it mattered.

My military leadership and Lions experience had prepared me to build a team, navigate the sceptics, and push through the long haul of fundraising and planning. After six years of effort, the **Lions Clubs Cancer Trust** was born. Our first mobile screening vehicle launched in March 2025, and the second is already on its way for the North Island.

The results speak for themselves. In just 12 months, **996** people were screened. **275** were referred to their GP - a staggering 27% . Lions Clubs NZ are saving lives. If anyone ever asks why I'm a Lion, that's a pretty good answer.

But beyond the national projects and the big milestones, what keeps me grounded is my own community. Leading the Halswell ANZAC Day committee - working with the Residents Association, community leaders, and volunteers - reminds me every year why service matters. It's a privilege to stand with my community, honour our history, and help shape our future.

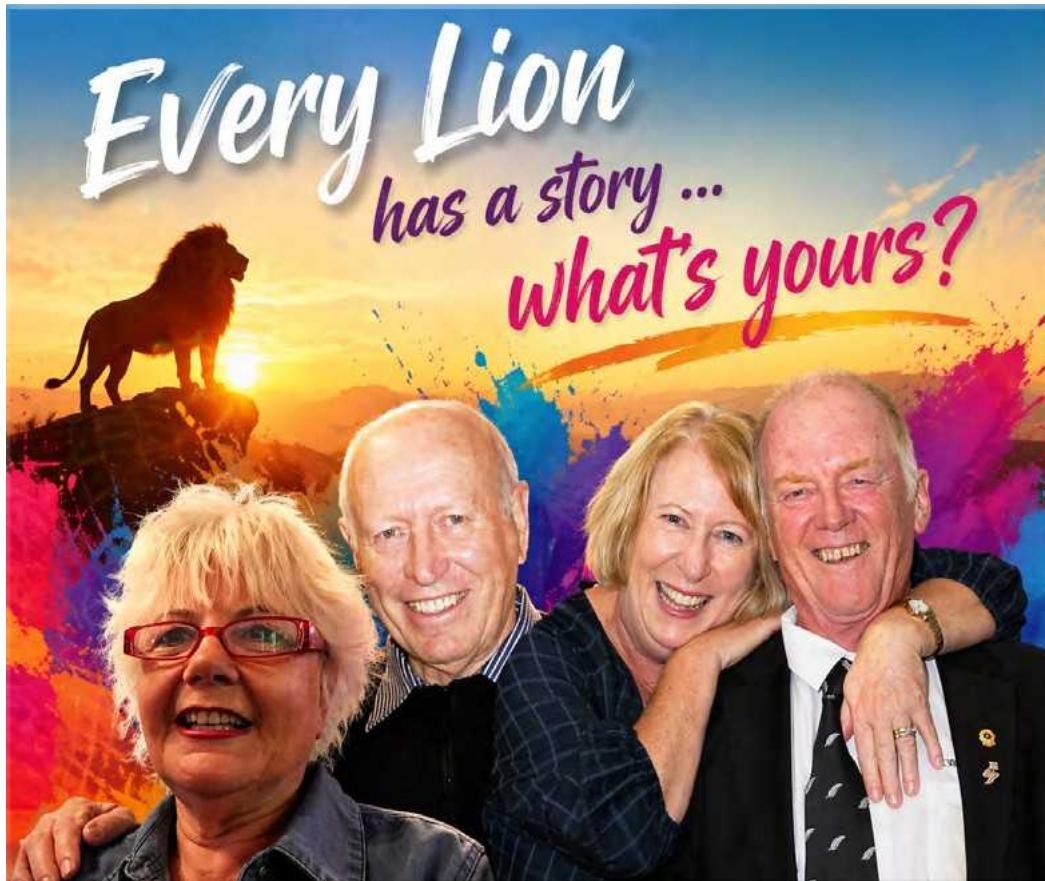
**That's why I became a Lion.  
And that's why I'm still one.**



# “Every Lion Has a Story... What’s Yours?”

You may have noticed our recent Facebook posts, “Why I Am a Lion”, “Why I Became A Lion” and “What Do Lions Do?” and snippets from these are in this bulletin - and so have plenty of others. The growing interest and engagement show that people are not only watching what we do, but they’re curious about why we do it. That’s a powerful opportunity! Potential members!

So here’s where you come in.



When I tap you on the shoulder and ask, “Why are you a Lion?” - please don’t hesitate. There’s no right or wrong answer (and yes, “someone twisted my arm” might just make the cut).

A short email with just a few lines is perfect - simple, genuine, and to the point. After all, in a busy world, it’s the quick reads that make the biggest impact.

Please, include a great photo - something colourful and eye-catching from a Club project you’re proud of.

Your story could be exactly what inspires someone else to step forward and join us in service.

Because the truth is, our District doesn’t just run on meetings and minutes - it runs on people. People who are willing to step up, speak up, and sometimes even show up early to put the kettle on.

Getting more involved doesn’t have to be complicated. Sharing your story is one simple way to make a real impact. It helps others see who we are, what we stand for, and why being a Lion still matters.

Let’s keep that momentum going - and let’s give the world something worth reading about. And believe me, followers are popping up from all parts of New Zealand and beyond - could these be new or potential Lions?

**Post EVERY act of Service, EVERY fun time - in fact EVERY THING we do!  
After all, if we don’t tell our story ... who will?**

# 1,000+ Bales of Pea Straw AND 630 Bags of Compost Sold in 1 Day!

## New Brighton Lions Must Take The Prize!



New Brighton pea straw and compost at our recent sales day. There were 55 volunteers working on this project.

We sold over 1000 bales of pea straw and 630 bags of compost. Most of these were delivered to homes in eastern Christchurch.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions welcomed new member Raman *right* into their Lions Club. Naemi *left* was her sponsor. Lion Rita Calvert inducted Raman. ('We love welcoming new volunteers')

# Did You Read These Posts On 202E Facebook?

## WHAT DO LIONS DO?

Lions Serve Their Communities - It's What We Do.

- \* When something needs doing... Lions step up.
- \* From supporting local families
- \* to running community events
- \* to lending a hand where it matters most

Service isn't just something we do... it's who we are.

#LionsServe #WeServe #communityfirst



## WHAT DO LIONS DO? – District 202E

▣ Kaikōura Lions Club – Memorial Seats.

We see a need... and we meet it - all 90+ to date.

Kaikōura Lions Club are proud to provide memorial seating - creating places for people to pause, reflect, and take in the stunning beauty of Kaikōura, while remembering who the seat commemorates.

▣ A simple seat ... making a lasting difference for our community.

▣ Be part of something that lasts - message us to get involved.

It's about combining our skills, time and care to make a real difference - together.

#Lions202E #KaikouraLionsClub #WeServe #CommunityLegacy

## WEAR THE BRAND!

Visibility starts with YOU

When Lions & Leos wear their logo with pride, people notice.

Be seen. Be known. Be Lions. Be Leos.

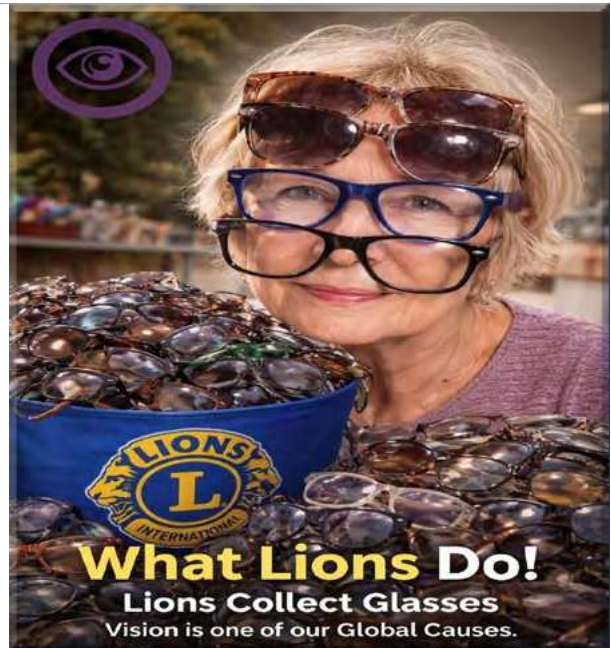
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#MarlboroughGirlsCollegeLeos

#MarlboroughBoysCollegeLeos

#RaiValleyLeos #omegaleos #WeServe

#LoudAndProudLeo #AllLionsClubs



## WHAT LIONS DO!

**VISION** - Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired.

A century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered.

All Lions Clubs In District 202E collect Glasses.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/contact/find-club>

**Entries Close 6th June  
URGENT**



Lions Clubs New Zealand  
*Kia Manaaki | We Serve*

**13TH June 2026**

**IF YOU WIN THE DISTRICT  
202E COMPETITION, YOU  
QUALIFY FOR THE  
NATIONAL COMPETITION  
WORTH \$2500!**

**HAVE YOU GOT THE GIFT OF THE GAB?  
THEN COME AND GIVE IT A GO! CONTACT**

**LIONS ON**

**PRESIDENT.HALSWELL@LIONSCLUBS.ORG.NZ**

**AND SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE  
DETAILS.**

**ENTRIES CLOSE 6TH OF JUNE**

**LIONS SPEEDY COMP**



**DISTRICT 202E SPEECH  
COMPETITION FOR 16-21  
YEAR OLDS.**

**CASH PRIZES!!**

**× 1ST = \$500**

**× 2ND = \$300**

**× 3RD = \$200**

# 202E Lions NEWS!



**Malvern Lions Malvern Show**  
What a busy day. Well done to the show committee and the Lions Catering Committee, ably led by Lion Les and Wife Vicki who were still getting over jet lag. Final dollar count not in yet but it should be a good addition to our funds so that we can continue to support the community.



*(great signage Lions aren't missed here!)*



**Motueka Lions** - Well its kindling time again - the troops have been busy getting the bags ready. We will be at the Motueka Sunday Market selling the bags - come and have a chat about what we've been up to.

*(well we can certainly see what you have been up to folk - huge satisfying effort will keep many households warm this winter!)*



**Selwyn Lions** - Our previous posts about our Club supporting the Selwyn District Councils' Summer in Selwyn series paid off. At the Arbor Green public Open Day, our ladies cooked almost 750 sausages.



# Our Lions Calendar



**May** 15 International Day of the Family  
 Month **HUNGER MONTH**



**August** 12 International Youth Day  
 19 World Humanitarian Day  
 28 Cancer Society Daffodil Day



**June** Month **DISASTER Relief month**  
 01 Helen Keller Day  
 05 **World ENVIRONMENT Day**  
 07 **Lions International Birthday**



**September** Month **Childhood cancer awareness**



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is a time to shine a light on the thousands of children and their families across the world who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

**July** 01 **New Lions Year**



To all family and friends,  
 we extend our heartfelt sympathy  
 at the passing of:

*Nigel Harrison Akaroa & Bays Lions Club*

Years of Service

6



## This Month we Honour our Lions Clubs Charters

- 1 Amberley District (May 1978)  
48 years Service.
- 2 Christchurch Pegasus (May 1992)  
34 years Service.
- 3 Halswell District (May 1978)  
48 years Service.
- 4 Woodend Pegasus (May 1985)  
41 years Service.



# Are Lions Conventions Still Important?



In a world of instant messages, Zoom calls, and meetings you can attend in your slippers, it's a fair question: Are Lions Conventions still important?

After all, for many years District Conventions have been a cornerstone of Lionism - part meeting, part reunion, part "I haven't seen you since last year but you haven't changed a bit!"

Yet, as we wrap up another convention, some may have noticed... the queues are a little shorter. The crowd a little lighter. The supper table perhaps slightly less competitive.

So - what's changed?

## The Purpose (Still Going Strong)

At their heart, Conventions remain one of the few times Lions from across the district come together in one place - not just to meet, but to reconnect.

They're where friendships are strengthened, ideas are shared, and clubs realise they're part of something much bigger than their own patch.

Yes, there's business to be done - AGMs, discussions, decisions - the nuts and bolts that keep Lions moving forward. But there's also laughter, storytelling, and the occasional "remember when..." that goes slightly longer than scheduled.

A Convention programme still ticks all the boxes:

Flags raised, reports delivered, speakers speaking, partners entertained, and an evening function where the real networking happens (often near the dessert table).

## The World Has Moved On

Let's be honest - life is busier. Travel costs more. Weekends fill up faster than a raffle book at Christmas.

And technology means we can meet, vote, and share ideas without leaving home - or even changing out of trackpants or pyjamas.

So yes, attendance may look different.

But the value? That hasn't changed.

## The Real Question ...

Maybe the question isn't "Are Conventions still important?"

Because Conventions are more than agendas and minutes. They're a chance to recharge the batteries, swap ideas, celebrate wins, and remind ourselves why we joined in the first place.

They're where Lionism comes to life - not on a screen, but in handshakes, conversations, and shared purpose.

## The Bottom Line:

At the end of the day, Conventions remind us of something simple but powerful.

We may serve in our own communities...

But we belong to something much bigger.

And that's still worth turning up for.

See You All at Convention 2027  
New Brighton Lions!



Have a great month, while I contemplate this District Bulletin and 202E Facebook on this gloriously hot beach, far from the madding crowd. cheers as always Lou :)

# As Your Club Prepares For Leadership Succession...

**Preparing for Club Leadership Succession:** As your club prepares for future leadership, encourage members to explore the online courses available in the Lions Learning Centre (LLC) located under Learn in the Lion Portal. These resources support developing strong leadership skills and ensuring continuity as your club moves forward.

Key initiatives include utilizing the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), implementing succession planning, and leveraging online training through the **Lions Learning Center (LLC)**.

## **Key Preparation Strategies and Resources**

**Identify Future Leaders:** Look for members, including new or younger Lions, who show potential and initiative. Involve them in committees or smaller roles (e.g., Lion Tamer) to build confidence and investment.

**Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI):** This 3-day institute prepares Lions who have not yet served as club president for future leadership roles. ELLI focuses on change management, mentoring, and strengthening club operations.

**Succession Planning:** Start early to identify and prepare new leaders.

A successful transition involves mentoring by the previous leader for at least 6 months to ensure continuity.

**Lions Learning Center (LLC):** Access online interactive courses for leadership development, including goal setting, conflict resolution, and meeting management.

**Global Membership Approach (GMA):** Utilize the 4-step process (Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan, Build Success) to create a strategic, sustainable club structure.

**Club Officer Training:** Incoming officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer) should **complete the blended** learning training—online modules followed by in-person instructor-led sessions.

**Mentoring Program:** Pair new leaders with experienced past presidents or active members to provide guidance, knowledge transfer, and encouragement.

Have You Visited the Lions Portal? Ask Your President, Secretary or ... How to Access?



## Upcoming Convention Dates:

### INTERNATIONAL

Hong Kong 3–7 July 2026

Washington, DC, USA 2–6 July 2027

Singapore, 23–27 June 2028





**Rolleston & District Lions Club**

# LIONS VOLUNTEERING

## Report – Past Two Saturdays

Over the past two Saturdays, Lions members have once again demonstrated their outstanding commitment to service, community, and teamwork.

### STACKING, CHOPPING & DELIVERING

A great team consisting of Martin, Brian, John N, Paul, Heather, Robin, Dave, Stu and Natalie have been busy stacking firewood, chopping, and delivering to those in need. The work has been steady, rewarding, and appreciated by many.

So far, our efforts have raised approximately **\$2,500**, with more to come in as we continue with wood chopping and deliveries over the coming weeks.

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the Lions volunteers and community members who turn up week after week, come rain, shine, or cold! Your time, energy, and willingness to get the job done make all the difference.

We also extend our sincere thanks to **Shirley, Robin and Jimmi** for morning tea. Your support keeps everyone fuelled, connected, and appreciated. Those morning teas are more than just a break – they are a vital part of our togetherness and spirit.

### LOOKING AHEAD

There is still plenty of work to do, and with continued support, we will keep the logs moving and the community benefiting.

**Well done, everyone – together we serve, together we achieve!**

*Thank you, Lions!  
We Serve.*



*Proud to be Lions. Proud to Serve.*

# Oxford & District Lions Help Keep Satisfy Food Rescues Larders Full.

Potato digging time ready to donate to Satisfy Food Rescue.

Lots of amazing work digging up all these potatoes to give to people in need.

Many hands make light work. *(Each year, this club produces tonnes of fresh vegetables - powering Satisfy Food Rescue to keep food on the tables of those who need it most.)*



## This Is Fun & Fellowship On A Grandscale and Halswell Lions Know How To Do It Well!

Halswell Lions recently took a break from projects and fundraisers to enjoy a club picnic. This included egg and spoon races, corn hole and sack throw.



# Leos Serving a World in Need (Lou)

## Who They Are and What they do?

### Why Do Leos Have An Advisory Panel?

The LCI Leo Club Advisory Panel acts as the official liaison between Leo/Lion members and Lions Clubs International (LCI), focusing on enhancing the Leo Program through feedback, communication, and strategic planning.

The panel represents constitutional areas to improve Leo initiatives, advocate for growth, and mentor young leaders, with members hosting webinars and advising on international initiatives.

'The Leo Advisory Panellists (2) are selected from each Constitutional area annually, a year in advance. One Leo (either Alpha or Omega), and one Lion or Leo Lion' - Wayne Paulin.

Leo Clubs are youth organizations sponsored by Lions Clubs International for young people aged 12 to 30, focusing on Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity (LEO). Members, known as Leos, engage in community service, develop leadership skills, and gain professional experience, with Alpha clubs (ages 12-18) and Omega clubs (ages 18-30). Worldwide there are 7,700+ Leo Clubs - On a Mission to Serve.

### What Leo Clubs Do:

**Community Service:** Actively serve their local communities through projects in health, education, and social issues.

**Leadership Development:** Develop skills through workshops, seminars, and running their own club activities.

**Fundraising:** Organize fundraising projects to support their initiatives.

**Networking and Growth:** Connect with other young people, gain professional experience, and build lifelong friendships.

Leos are considered "young Lions" and often work in partnership with their local, sponsoring Lions Club OR other clubs.

Wayne Paulin (Oxford Lions) is our MD Leos Chairman.

## DISTRICT 202E LEOS

### MARLBOROUGH BOYS COLLEGE LEOS (99586)

Sponsor Club: Blenheim Lions Club

C/- Malcolm Williams

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### MARLBOROUGH GIRLS COLLEGE LEOS (82488)

Sponsor Club: Beavertown Blenheim Lions Club

C/- Christine Hoggart E: [a.c-hoggart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.c-hoggart@xtra.co.nz)

### RAI VALLEY AREA LEOS (123600)

Sponsor Club: Havelock Lions Club

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### RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL LEOS (127496)

Sponsor Club: Rangiora Lions Club

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### THE CANTERBURY OMEGA VIRTUAL CLUB (139811)

Sponsor Club: Halswell District

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T: 027 370 3686 Info: Tini Lawry. [202e.Leos@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.Leos@lionsclubs.org.nz)



# Seddon Lions - Yet Another Very Successful 4WD!

A big thank you to landowners and participants in our 4x4 trek recently. The weather was perfect, enabling unrestricted views of the Marlborough countryside - with super photos from Will's camera.



## 2025 - 2026 LCIF Presidential Supporters



Gold \$300



Silver \$150



Bronze \$75

**District 202E Facebook Pages** - if your Club is not listed, Please reach out - We are nearly there with our clubs on Facebook - This is our latest update! [Click on Clubs Link](#) to see what they are doing.

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Amberley District <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064391364385>  
Amuri <https://www.facebook.com/amurilionsclub>  
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**.. And Our Lions Clubs of New Zealand -  
District 202E**

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**You Just May See Your Club Post - when you post,  
AND so will many many others - Potential Members!  
Don't forget to promote our Logo on your posts.**



# Malvern Lions Raise \$25,000 for the Sheffield Community Pool from their Annual Golf Tournament.

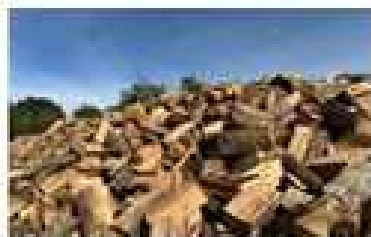
Another fantastic day run by the Lions, with super organisers Hamish and Lynda Milner. The Sheffield Community Pool were this year's recipients and they were very pleased with the \$25,000 we raised for them, along with their own input of raffle prizes etc. Perfect weather, not too many players, great tucker at two holes (along with a tippie or 2) and superb morning and afternoon tea put on by the Pool Committee. A big thanks to the Greendale Golf Club for heavily discounting green fees and presenting the course so well. A huge shout out to our sponsors who will be acknowledged in the Malvern News; there were 150 names read out for prizes, and still some left over for the free-for-all at the end. Andrew is the taller one! (top)



Malvern Lions new member Willy Parker who was sponsored by Grant McIlroy and inducted by VDG Alastair. And below right, a good Guest Speaker idea Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Mateparae, the Commanding Officer at Burnham.



# **Cheviot Lions Know Exactly What's On In Their Club -** **Because of an Amazing Diary From Their Club Bulletin - Editor Giles Pinfold**



## **Firewood**

There is a small amount of firewood for sale. We have more to split at James P's and in the specimen reserve. The kiln dried pine cones have now all been sold. Thanks to Peter H for getting the them and Doug F for delivery.



## **Cheviot walking tracks**

This is an ongoing project requiring regular maintenance. A new sign showing walking tracks on one side and cycling tracks on the other side has gone to the signwriter and will be ready to install soon.



## **Lone Star Car rally**

We are providing marshals for the stages in the Cheviot district on the 31 May 2026. Between 6 and 8 people will be needed. Details are on the next page.



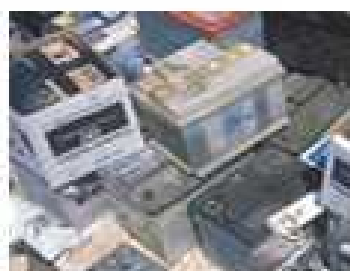
## **Can Tabs**

Remember you can still drop of the steel tabs from aluminium cans into the container at the Cheviot Library. Recently about 7 ice cream containers of tabs were delivered to the collection location in CHCH



## **Wine bottle Screw caps**

Spread the word around that we are collecting metal wine bottle caps and they can be put in the blue/grey drum at North Canterbury Vets, Cheviot.



## **Batteries.**

Used car, truck and machinery batteries can be dropped off at Bruce Gardner's. No Lithium batteries please. Ken Caldwell is our coordinator for this project



Lions Club of  
Seaward Kaikoura  
"BLING THE BRA"

IS BACK.

17 May 2026

High Tea 3:30pm

Here is your chance  
to get artistic!

Decorate a bra, bring to  
The Caves at 3pm  
for display and stay for  
High Tea.

Voting by gold coin  
Proceeds to Kaikoura  
Cancer Support Group  
Limited tickets @\$25

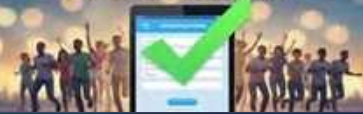


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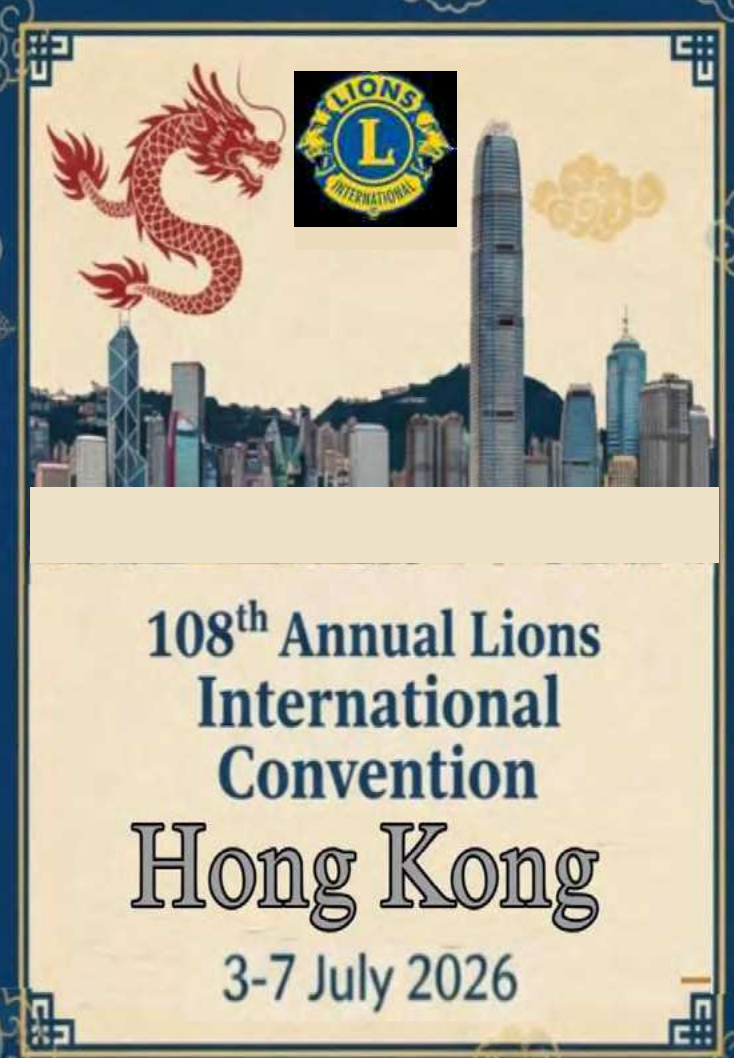


Until We Meet in Auckland...



Lock in the Date – 21-23 August 2026

<https://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com/>



# Marlborough Boys College Leo Luke Tucker - Winner of the MD Inaugural NZ / MD LEO OF THE YEAR AWARD (2025)

The pride of MBC Leos at our National level has been further enhanced with Leo Luke Tucker being recognised with the inaugural 'NZ Leo of the Year Award' (2025).

During 2025 Luke was our Leo Club President and was a strong supporter of the environmental projects undertaken in conjunction with either the Forest & Bird group or the MDC. Luke led by example resulting in these projects being well supported by Leo members. Our most recent environmental outing was to Kaipupu Reserve Sanctuary (Picton) where the boys undertook maintenance and upgrading of the track.

Luke's skills extend to his College involvement where in 2025 he was awarded the top YR10 student with several 1st placings in class subjects.

For his Leo Award, Luke received a unique trophy and a \$500 prezzy card.

Meanwhile- other activities currently underway for the Club include -

- Continuance of chopping and bagging kindling for Alzheimers.
- Along with MGC Leos assisted at the 2 day Dog Agility trials
- And in June, to assist with planting of 1000 trees at the Thomson's Ford Reserve. (Blenheim Lions are providing a BBQ at that event).

*Malcolm Williams* - MBC Leo Advisor

*Luke, moments like this make us all so proud. Seeing a young leader step up, serve with purpose, and be recognised at a national level is something special. Congratulations on your outstanding achievement - your community is better because of you, Lionism is better because of Leos like you. We're watching with pride as your journey unfolds - and there's no doubt it's leading you somewhere truly amazing.*

*Malcolm our special thanks for your dedication over many years, as Marlborough Boys College Leo Advisor.*



## District Training Dates for all In-Coming Officers

Christchurch - Ferrymead Den - Saturday 9th May 9:30am morning tea with 10am start.

Blenheim - Alzheimers Rooms Saturday 6th June 9:30am morning tea with 10am start.

Nelson - Appleby School Hall - Sunday 7th June 9:30 for 10am. Greymouth and Cheviot TBC.

