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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

NEWSLETTER

July 2026

REGISTER TODAY

Welcome to the July ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter



It is my pleasure to introduce myself as part of the 2026 Forum team. I have been a proud member of the Lions family for 46 years after joining as a Lioness in June 1980.

I have been married to Graeme for almost 53 years and we enjoy living in Orewa on Auckland's beautiful Hibiscus Coast. We are fortunate to have two adult daughters and five grandchildren living nearby, making family time very special.

During my working life I worked in administration, accounting and supply roles. Those who know me know I am a little pedantic—especially when it comes to spelling and grammar! I am a people person and love the fellowship of Conventions and Forums, where lifelong friendships are strengthened and new ones are made.

Graeme and I enjoy travelling, particularly when it gives us the opportunity to explore new places while attending Lions events. One of my highlights was attending the 2019 Forum in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Throughout my Lions journey I have held a number of leadership roles, including District Governor (202K), MD202 GAT Area Leader, MD202 FVDG Trainer, LCIF Coordinator and Chief Youth Exchange Coordinator. These experiences have given me a wonderful appreciation of our organisation.

When I was invited to chair the ANZI Pacific Forum Committee, I was delighted to accept. It has been a privilege working with an outstanding team to create a Forum that will be inspiring, enjoyable and memorable.

If you haven't registered yet, now is the time! Forum sessions have limited capacity, so don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the learning, fellowship and friendships that make our ANZI Pacific Forum so special.

The committee looks forward to welcoming you to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland next month.

PDG Wendy Miller
ANZI Committee Chair

ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026 COMMITTEE

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Getting There



The Holiday Inn is located at 2 Ascot Road, Mangere approximately 4kms from the Auckland International Airport. Access is available from either Ascot Road or Richard Pearse Drive.

Note that the hotel is on two levels with access to the upper level via stairs so please contact Reservations if you require a ground floor room as there are no lifts. A concierge is available to assist with your luggage if required.

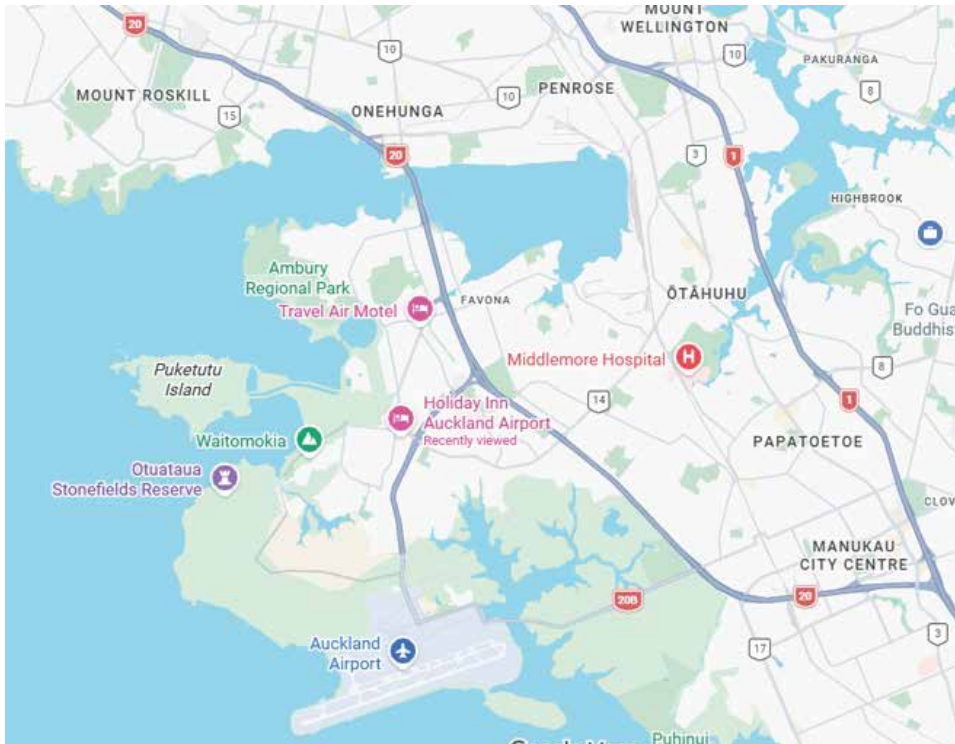
There is a 24 hour gymnasium on level 2 and self service laundries on both levels 1 & 2.

Parking

There are 250 free parking spaces available in two carpark. The one closest to Reception is best suited to those attending for the day while the other carpark is ideal for those staying in the hotel as there is access to the rooms via external doors leading to the different wings.

Getting There - Driving

From State Highway 20/20A - take the Kirkbride Road exit middle lane to turn right - turn left into Ascot Road and the Holiday Inn is on your left.





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Yellow Bus from the Airport

The Yellow Bus provides transfers from Auckland Airport (Domestic and International terminals) to hotels within a five mile radius. The services operates 24/7, approximately every 25 minutes.

Note that there are two bus routes so please check that it says Holiday Inn as one of the hotels shown before boarding the bus.

The fare is **\$8 each way** and tickets must be pre-purchased online or at the Ticket Kiosks at the airport terminals or in the hotels. Note these are Tap to Pay kiosks and NO CASH is accepted.



Auckland International Terminal – Transport Hub, Auckland Airport

The Yellow Bus pickup location at the International Terminal has moved to the new Transport Hub - follow signs for "Hotel Buses". Exit the terminal building out of Door 4, walk across pedestrian crossing and into the hub. First row - **Bus Stop "D"**. The Ticket Kiosks are located at the bus stop.

Auckland Domestic Terminal – Andrew McKee Avenue, Auckland Airport

The Yellow Bus picks up from Bus Stop D. Follow the "Buses" signs & exit out of Door 2, turn right and wait at **Bus Stop D**. The Ticket Kiosks are at Bus Stop D, against the wall of the building.

For more information and the Timetable go to: [www. https://www.yellowbus.co.nz/](http://www.yellowbus.co.nz/)



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Still Deciding?

The Countdown Is On!

The countdown has officially begun! In just over a month's time, Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific will come together in Auckland for the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum—and we can't wait to welcome you.

If you've been meaning to register, now is the time. Final preparations are well underway, our speakers are ready, the programme is taking shape, and excitement is building as delegates continue to register.

This year's Forum will be packed with inspiring keynote speakers, engaging workshops, innovative ideas and practical takeaways that you can bring back to your club. Just as importantly, it's an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new connections and celebrate the incredible impact Lions have across our ANZI region.

Whether this is your first Forum or one of many, you're guaranteed an unforgettable experience.

The countdown is on... don't watch it happen from afar—be part of it!

Join us in Auckland as we celebrate Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.

Register Now!
Click [HERE](https://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com) to Register

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From the Registration Team...



News Flash from the Registrations Desk!

Hold onto your hats—we are officially creeping up on 300 registrations, which means seats are disappearing fast! If you know anyone who is still sitting on the fence, give them a friendly nudge to lock in their spot today. We'd hate for them to miss out on the action!

Workshop Selection is officially LIVE!

The full, fantastic programme is now up on the website, and you are absolutely spoilt for choice! Ready to build your perfect schedule? Just follow the quick steps below to grab your spots.

Pro Tip: Changed your mind? No worries! You can easily log back in later and swap your sessions around.

But don't wait too long! Because of room sizes, some of the most popular sessions have strict capacity limits. Once they're full, they're full—so dive in and make your picks before someone else does!

Register Now!

Click [HERE](#) to Register



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Instructions for Selecting Workshops

Please follow these steps for selecting the workshops that you want to attend at ANZI.

1. Log on to the registration's website using the same login details that you used to register
2. Select "Review your Registration Details" on the front page
3. Select "Update Registrations and Workshops for Your Name"
4. Check that your details are correct on the next page, then press "Next"
5. Review the Optional Events that you have selected, then press "Next"
6. You should now be at the page which looks like this:



7. Select the workshop that you wish to attend for each session by clicking on the circle beside the workshop name. (Note that the descriptions of each session are under the name and are bold)
8. Scroll down and complete your selections for each session
9. When completed, press "Next" at the bottom of the page (this saves your selections)
10. Check the list headed "Workshops" to check that your selections are correct
11. If they are not correct, or you want to change anything, press "Back" to return to the selection menu. Then return to step 9.
12. Exit the programme by press X at the very top of your tab.



Do not press "Continue to Payments Page" unless you have not paid.



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What to Wear

Dress Code

DRESS TO CONNECT, INSPIRE & IMPACT!

At Forum, what we wear is part of the experience! Let's feel comfortable, show our Lions pride and have some fun along the way.



FORUM SESSIONS

Lions shirt or smart casual

Lions attire is encouraged – whether that's your club, district or Lions shirt. Smart casual is perfectly appropriate as we come together for learning, connection and inspiration.



Comfortable, practical & ready to learn!



FRIDAY EVENING

Opening Session

Join us as we officially kick off the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum together.

Smart casual – think neat, polished and presentable.

Let's start the Forum on the right note!

Casual yet stylish!



SATURDAY NIGHT

Theme Night

Our Forum theme is **INNOVATION - INCLUSION - IMPACT**

Use your imagination and get creative!



There are no strict rules – just plenty of imagination, laughter and fun!
We can't wait to see what you come up with.

DRESS UP IDEAS



A country beginning with 'I'
(Italy, India, Indonesia, Ireland...)



A profession starting with 'I'
(Inventor, Inspector, Ice Hockey Player...)



A movie, TV or book character beginning with 'I'



Or embrace our fun theme
"THE EYES HAVE IT"
with a creative eye-inspired costume!



**WEAR YOUR PRIDE.
SHARE THE EXPERIENCE.
MAKE AN IMPACT.**

*Let's make memories
TOGETHER IN AUCKLAND!*

**BE YOU.
BE CREATIVE.
BE PART OF
THE FUN!**



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Programme Teaser

What to expect...



Andy Rolston

Most teams don't have a performance problem. They have a trust problem.

Andy Rolston is a leadership keynote speaker and coach based in Auckland. His signature session, Closing the Trust Gap, draws on 20+ years in business and international rugby coaching across New Zealand, Canada and England to give leaders practical tools they can use before the week is out.

At the heart of the session is the SWARM framework. Just like a junior rugby team where every player chases the same ball, most leaders get caught in the daily noise rather than stepping back to direct the play. Andy shows leaders how to step outside the swarm, lead with intention, and build teams that people actually want to be part of.

He will be joining us at ANZI talking on the topic "Working with Young People" and we think you are going to get a lot out of it.



Elias Kanaris

Elias Kanaris delivers practical leadership keynotes that help organisations build trust, restore confidence, and perform under pressure.

Drawing on his real-life 9/11 experience and global leadership background, he equips leaders with actionable tools they can use immediately—so teams leave aligned, capable, and ready to take action.

He is presenting at ANZI on the topic "Building Effective Partnerships", his fresh approach to this topic you will find inspiring.



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Programme (Tentative)

ANZI Pacific Forum Programme



ANZI Pacific Forum Programme Preview

We are delighted to share the latest draft programme for the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum. Our committee has been working hard to create an engaging and inspiring event that reflects our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.

The following pages provide an overview of the sessions and activities currently planned. Please note that this programme is subject to change as we continue to confirm speakers and make final arrangements. While every effort will be made to deliver the programme as published, timings, topics and presenters may be updated to ensure the best possible experience for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland in August and sharing an outstanding Forum with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.



ANZI Pacific Forum – Auckland 21 to 23 August 2026

Programme as at 14/07/2026

Friday Opening - Main conference area

1.00 pm – 1.15 pm Welcome, Health & Safety	PDG Wendy Miller – ANZI Pacific Forum Chair
1.15 pm – 2.00 pm (Session 1)	Jarrold Kreft – AI for Clubs
Afternoon Tea 2.00 pm – 2.30 pm (30 Minutes)	

	Room 1 MEMBERSHIP	Room 2 SERVICE	Room 3 LEADERSHIP	Room 4 MARKETING	Room 5
A Session 2 2.40 pm – 3.40 pm (60 minutes)	Keeping the Pride: Strategies for Member Retention	Maximizing Impact: Making the Most of Lions Service Weeks	Nurturing Tomorrow: Growing Future Leaders Finding the Leader in all of us	Project Tomorrow – A new perspective	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon Meets with District Governors plus GAT CAL/ALs, District GAT, ID
B Session 3 3.50 pm – 4.50 pm (60 Minutes)	Growing the Pride: Your Guide to Recruiting Members in the 21 st Century	Lions Service Platforms: Guide & Inspiring Ideas	On the Path: Engaging Lions in Lifelong Learning	Engage, Connect, Grow: Using Social Media Effectively	Closed session International First Vice President Dr Manoj Shah meets with First Vice District Governors

Dinner – Attendees own arrangement & Cost

6.45 pm – Be seated in the main conference area 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Official opening and Flag Ceremony 9.00 pm ANZI Reception & Supper	MC PID Graeme Wilson Official welcome – PDG Wendy Miller Flag Ceremony – PCC Megan England
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Saturday sessions – Separate Meeting Rooms

C Session 4 8.30 am - 9.30 am (60 Minutes)	Leo to Lions	Building Bridges: Creating Effective Partnerships	Up to date Leadership in Action- Best Practices for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers	Marketing our Brand	Closed Session International Second Vice President Tony Benbow meets with Second Vice District Governors
D Session 5 9.40 am -10.40 am (60 minutes)	Mission 1.5 review and plans	From Ideas to Action: Planning Impactful Community Service	Clarifying Cabinet Responsibilities	Unlocking the Power of the Lions Portal	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon meets with Club Presidents
Morning Tea 10.40 am – 11.10 am (30 MINUTES)					

E Session 6 11.15 am – 12.15 pm (60 Minutes)	Creating clubs attractive to potential members “Securing Our Legacy: Lions Forward”	Engage to Change	LCIF – General Session	Coaching our Youth	
LUNCH 12.20pm to 1.50 pm (90 Minutes) Address from International President Mark Lyon					
F Session 7 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm (45 Minutes)	Meetings that people want to attend Ice Breakers Team Well Being Improving the Member Experience	Innovative Fundraising Strategies	The Art of Club Dialogue for Impact	Identification Theft	Closed Sessions x 2 Mission 1.5 Meeting GAT CAL/ALs, CCs, ID, MD GAT, MD GMA
G Session 8 2.55 pm – 3.40 pm (45 Minutes)	Securing our future with new clubs and club branches	LEOS... The Future of Leos	Guiding Lion workshop Features and Benefits... the Value of 😊	Promote Your Impact: Showcasing Your Projects	
Afternoon Tea 3.40 pm – 4.10 pm (30 Minutes)					
H Session 9 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm (45 Minutes)	Members Matter: Recognition and Celebration	Hands-On Brainstorming: Community Project Ideas	Past District Governors – Guiding the future and supporting the present through experience	Canva and other Marketing tools	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon, LCIF Chairperson, IVPs meet with PIPs, PIDs

6.30 pm Social for 7.00 pm – Gala Dinner

Sunday Sessions – Main Conference Area

8.30 am - 9.30am Group Session	LCIF Seminar including Recognition
9.30 am - 10.30 am Group Session	Mission 1.5 Seminar
Morning Tea 10.30 am to 11.00 am (30 Minutes)	
11.00 am – 12.00 pm Group Session	Lance Burdett - Mental Wellness
12.00 pm to 1.30 pm	Closing Session & Lunch



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Sponsor Appreciation



NZ Drinks Ltd in Pokeno have donated more than 300 x 600 ml bottles of their Pure NZ Spring Water to keep us hydrated during the Forum.



Trends from Dunedin have donated an assortment of items including tote bags, pens and notebooks, coffee cups, drink bottles plus a bottle buddy to keep your drinks cool in summer.



We once again have Lion Mints provided no charge for the Forum bags. A great pick me up when the energy levels are waning after lunch.



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What's in the Area

Supermarkets, Shopping and Restaurants



Airport Oaks Shopping Centre - six minutes walk (adjacent to Naumi Hotel)

149 Kirkbride Road, Mangere

Opening Hours 6am/7am – 5pm

Foodmarket, Liquor Centre, Café, Indian Restaurant, Laundromat, Pharmacy, Doctor

Auckland Airport Shopping Centre – six minutes drive

1 John Goulter Drive, Auckland Airport

Opening Hours 7am – 10pm depending on the store

Woolworths Supermarket, Chemist Warehouse, The Warehouse, Postie, and a number of other retail stores and food outlets

Manawa Bay Outlet Centre – six minutes drive

4 Jimmy Ward Cres, Auckland Airport

Opening Hours 10am – 7pm

100+ retail stores plus a number of dining options

Mangere Bridge Village – seven minutes drive

Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge

Supa Value Supermarket plus other shops and cafes

Post Office Public House Gastropub – two minutes drive, fifteen minutes walk

55 Montgomerie Road, Mangere

Monday to Friday 11am – 9pm, Saturday and Sunday 4.30pm - 9pm

Sierra Café - two minutes drive, fourteen minutes walk

64 Richard Pearce Drive, Mangere

Open 6.30am – 3.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

6.30am – 3pm Thursday, Sunday 9am – 2pm, Saturday Closed

Szimpla Gastro Bar – six minutes drive

2 Leonard Isitt Drive, Auckland Airport (under the IBIS Hotel)

Open all day from 7am – 9.30pm

Hotels with Restaurants nearby

Naumi Hotel – cnr Ascot and Kirkbride Roads (across from the Holiday Inn) - 4 minutes walk

Heartland Hotel – 14 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks - 3 minutes drive, 23 minutes walk

Sudima Hotel, 18 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks – 3 minutes drive, 23 minutes walk