

# F's Word

20 January 2013

Lions Clubs International

District 202F

## D G Des' Deliberations

### WELCOME FELLOW LIONS, LEOS AND PARTNERS



Loreen and I hope you all had a marvelous Christmas and time together with family. We had all our family here for the first time in two years which was great and the weather behaved well for Christmas too.

Prior to Christmas Loreen and I went with Riverton Lion Patrick away through to Clydevale (first time for all of us) and met the Clutha Valley Lions. They were having their Christmas social and BBQ. Also with several of their children there, Santa had been organised and he arrived in the fire engine with gifts and sweets. Later in the evening one wee girl pointed out to a chap that Santa had shoes on just like his. They are pretty sharp children over there. President David Wardell kept the club business to a minimum and I did the same with my address. On trying to find out their newest Lion for my DG Encouragement pin, it had to go to President David. Promotion in Clutha Valley is quite fast it seems. One of our newer clubs (20 years), they have a strong younger membership of 30 and run some excellent rural projects. Their Dairy Expo raised \$20,000 for the Christchurch earthquakes and rescue helicopter. We enjoyed our time with Clutha Valley and the BBQ was very good as well.



On Christmas Eve we helped our own club organising and running the huge Christmas Santa Parade through Riverton. Over 50 floats and displays kept a very big crowd,

from all corners of Southland, entertained. The Waimatuku Pipe Band again led the street march, and then later entertained about the town.

Loreen and I attended this year's Camp Quality Camp, again in Kelvin Heights. A mighty effort each year goes into running these camps, all the logistics of such a camp and the training of the large number of 'Companions' takes up a good deal of the year. Many Lions are involved although it isn't a Lion's project as such. This year 29 young people attended the week long camp of well organised fun events, culminating in the Special Dinner and Concert, which we attended. Compare PID Tony Hanning asked the children if they wanted Lions to keep on funding Camp Quality, to which they overwhelmingly agreed yes, and applauded our help so far. It's great that as an organisation we can produce such happiness. Please keep donating to Camp Quality, and I thank the clubs in the past who go that extra mile in providing food and services to this great organisation.

Our District Convention is fast approaching, 22nd - 24th March, so please hurry your club members along and bring a good team with you, especially the clubs supporting candidates, or promoting future conventions. I have enjoyed huge support from my club, other candidates deserve this too.

Sadly at the end of December, we saw the closing of the Lions Club of Ascot. Twenty years of great service to their community and we thank them for that. Hopefully over the next six months some of these members will transfer to other clubs.



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Until next time, take care of yourselves and one another and remember **our great ideas WILL work, if we do.**

**D G Des**

**Messages from the District Governor to be acted upon**

- 1) Keep DG informed of the passing of any Lion member so that we can acknowledge their family.
- 2) Club Secretary/Presidents, **PLEASE**, we urgently need the **Eulogies** and **photographs** of any of your members who have died since last December. We need these now so that the PowerPoint presentation to be used for our Convention Remembrance Day includes **ALL** our valued passed Lions. Send to District Secretary Glenys at [glenys@email.com](mailto:glenys@email.com) and she will reply that she has received your entry. I have received two from Gore Pakeke.
- 3) "Offspring of Lions". We are including with this F's Word, another copy of the Invitation to Offspring of Lions. This needs urgent attention if it is going to work for your club.
- 4) By now all district trophies received at Owaka should be in the hands of Zone Chairmen or Bulletin Editor Diane at 428 North Road, Invercargill.

**District Governor Des' Visitations for February 2013**



Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cromwell Golden Age Branch
Wens	13 <sup>th</sup>	Queenstown
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	Maniototo
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	Cabinet Meeting - Cromwell
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuatapere
Fri/Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup>	District 202L Convention
Wens	27 <sup>th</sup>	Winton

**A Very Warm Welcome to the following New Members in December**



<b>Stuart Gray</b>	Cromwell
<b>Janette Landrebe</b>	Cromwell
<b>Avis Hall</b>	Gore Hokonui
<b>Robyn Hellier</b>	Gore Hokonui
<b>Jennifer Robertson</b>	Gore Hokonui
<b>Paul Corcoran</b>	Gore Pakeke
<b>Douglas Smith</b>	Gore Pakeke
<b>Eleanor Groves</b>	Gore Pakeke
<b>Margaret Box</b>	Gore River Valley
<b>Sandra Nilsen</b>	Queenstown Wakatipu

*Well done Gore – 7 out of the 10 new members this month - The Ed ☺*

**Sadly...**



We said goodbye to the Lions Club of Invercargill Ascot. We wish all the members well and hope that many of you decide to rejoin at a later date.

On behalf of Lions Clubs International we thank you sincerely for all the time and energy you have given in the name of our great organisation over many years.

***Common-sense appears to be only another name for the thoughtlessness of the unthinking. It is made of the prejudices of childhood, the idiosyncrasies of individual character and the opinion of the newspapers.***

*William Somerset Maugham*

## James Whyte – Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor 2014-2014



After much thought over the last year I have decided to offer myself for nomination for 2nd Vice District Governor this next year.

I joined Lions in August 1992 at Mossburn where I served on the Board, was Bulletin Editor and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

When Kate and I left in 1998 to farm at Lake Onslow I joined the Roxburgh Lions Club where I was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and then President.

In 2005 we brought a farm in the Maniototo and joined the Maniototo Lions Club. I have served on the Board for six years and been 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and am currently President.

This is my fourth term on Cabinet being Zone 2 Chairman for two years and two years as Youth Exchange Chairman where I have helped one female to travel to Italy and found hosts for four Italian and two Japanese Exchangees.

I wish to thank the Maniototo Club for sponsoring my nomination and the Alexandra and Cromwell Clubs for seconding my nomination.

**James Whyte**

**Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear**

*Ambrose Redmoon*

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## Between the Lions – January 2013

**Multiple District Appointment:** The Council of Governors is pleased to advise of the appointment of PDG Alice McDonald as Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator. This follows the resignation of PCC Terry Hemmingsen from the role late last year. PCC Terry intends concentrating on his club's renewed Kan Tabs project. PDG Alice can be contacted on [alice\\_m@clear.net.nz](mailto:alice_m@clear.net.nz)

### **New Year Honours:**

The following Lions members were recognised recently in the New Year Honours list:

- **PDG Peter Cummings** (Lawrence Lions Club) received the QSM for services to agriculture and the community.
- **Margaret Hickey** (Opunake Lakeside Lions Club) received a QSM for services to the community as a District Councillor, High School Board Trustee and work for Scouts, Opunake community and her Lions Club.
- **John Wilce** (Mana Lions Club) received a QSM for services to Golf and the community.

**Congratulations** to all the above, especially our own PDG Peter – well know how very well deserved this is  
*The Ed ☺*

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### Club Excellence Process (CEP):

If your club has not yet taken up the opportunity to participate in this LCI funded 'Club Rejuvenation' course you are urged to contact your District GLT Coordinator for a time slot over the next month or two. Those many clubs that have now completed the CEP course are already showing positive results in both increased community activities and membership growth.

### Multiple District Vacancy:

The Executive Management Committee (EMC) will have a vacancy occurring upon Chairman Dennis O'Rourke concluding his second 3-year term on 30 June 2013 and the Council of Governors invites applications from Lions to fill that vacancy for a term of three years to 30 June 2016.

Applicants are invited to provide their reasons for seeking the position along with a concise CV (no more than 3 – 4 pages) outlining the attributes that they would bring to the Committee. Greater detail of this vacancy appears in the imminent Lion Magazine which issues to clubs later this month. Applications (either electronic or post), marked confidential, close with the Executive Officer at 9 am Monday 11 March 2013.

### For The Record:

As at 31 December 2012 Lions membership in New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific had a net gain of 3 members (for the first half year), bringing the total membership to 10,720 in 392 Clubs. This slight membership gain is a first for many years and just shows the growing effects of several membership growth programmes of late (including CEP).

There are now 1,361,802 Lions in the world in 46,055 clubs.

### **Please Note....**



### **Change of Venue and Day for Invercargill Host Lions Club:**

Will now meet at the **Invercargill Workingmen's Club**, Esk Street Invercargill

on the **Third Tuesday** at 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

### **Around the Clubs**

*Not a large roundup this month as I have only received 4 bulletins – I hope that this means that many of you are still having a wonderful holiday - The Ed ☺*



**Clinton:** Had a great Mystery Bus Trip where they visited the punt, wind turbines, peonies and ended up having meal at Waiholo. Spent 720 hours tailing this year and have made some

really good money from this. Santa and his Elves delivered ice blocks and sweets to the local school and Playcentre before Christmas. Have a busy time ahead with their Golf Tournament on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and their annual Brassica competition. Still cutting and splitting wood and will be erecting an information kiosk at the local cemetery in the future. Hosted D G Des in November and are interviewing applicants for their scholarships.

**Cromwell:** Assisted at the races on the 6<sup>th</sup> January and the Ford Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. Will have their get together on the 27<sup>th</sup> January at the new Highland Motor Park followed by a look around the racetrack and a meal at The Nose and are gearing up for the combined Auction and Garage Sale for the Scanner appeal on the 16<sup>th</sup> February. Seconded the nomination of James Whyte for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the 2013-2014 year and are doing some maintenance on their den.



**Cromwell Golden Age:** Will have their NIWA trip in February, still transporting elderly citizens to appointments at the medical Centre, have tied up a local lady's garden and will have a barbeque in January.

**Invercargill Host:** Are changing their meeting venue and day to the Invercargill Workingmen's Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. They are actively looking for new members and also undertaking a large project of helping to supply a second Cochlear Ear Implant (only the first is funded by the government) at the cost of \$34,000.00 as two implants achieve a much better outcome for the child. **See attachment with this edition of F's Word – The Ed.** Had Dil Belworthy of Glowing Skies Ltd, Invercargill as guest speaker at their December meeting.



**Maniototo:** We extremely busy before Christmas with their successful Steptoe Auction, catered for the International Curling Tournament held in Naseby, painted the Museum, poured concrete at the Naseby swimming dam, cleaned up alongside the Centennial Milk bar and Railway station and have finished the floor in the goods shed. Have nominated Lion James Whyte for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for 202F for the 2014-2015 year, provided Christmas cakes for each of the widows of past Lions of their Club and have provided \$2,000.00 towards transporting a traction engine to the Naseby 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.



*Some of the team completing the work on the refurbishment of the park between the Centennial Milk Bar and the Ranfurly Railway Station – three Saturday morning sessions (1/Dec, 8 Dec & 15 Dec) and one Tuesday evening (11 Dec) – 12 Lions in total participated, ably led by Lion Denis Stumbles and some support was also provided by one or two (non-Lion) local business people – estimated total hours input from Lions = 75 hours. The people in the photo are (L to R): Denis Stumbles, Alan East (a local businessman), Martin Grundy, John Levido, Mr Sartorial Elegance! (AKA Mike O'Malley) and John Stent. Other participants in the project included Dickson Andrews, Jeff Cleugh, Wilson Wahrlich, Bill Murray, and George Paterson. I hope I got everyone.*

***It's how we spend our time here and now, that really matters. If you are fed up with the way you have come to interact with time, change it.***

*Marcia Wieder*

***When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.***

*Helen Keller*

## 100% Country Convention – 22-24 March 2013



**22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Have you registered?**

## Heads of For Kids



Greetings Lions

Happy New Year to you all.

As the year begins, we continue with the planning for the Heads Up for Kids Awareness Week, 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

The purpose of the Awareness Week is to raise awareness and more funds so we can fund more young New Zealanders, like Laura. Following is a letter from Hamilton youth, Laura Dawson. Laura's letter demonstrates the positive experiences the old money project can deliver. A big thank you to all Lions involved in making this possible, and I hope her letter will inspire everyone to get behind the Heads Up for Kids Awareness Week!

*Dear Heads up for Kids*

*Two years ago, I won a competition offered by your organisation. I was given the choice of attending either a ten day voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand or a trip to the Sir Edmond Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre. This last week and a half I attended voyage 631 upon the Mighty Spirit of New Zealand.*

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*I want to thank you profusely for making this life changing experience possible for me. Before boarding people told me that this would change my life. I have to admit I didn't believe them. How could ten days on a boat change anything? They couldn't have been more right. Over the last 10 days I have been made to rethink exactly what it is that I am doing with my life. I thought that I knew where I'd be in five years – nursing somewhere in New Zealand. I've discovered not only a love for the sea but I've been what such an inspirational crew can do for young people like myself and so I've realized that I would quite like to do the same.*

*I urge you, please, keep doing what it is that you're doing. The Spirit has changed my life for the better and I really want others to have the same opportunity.*

*Once again, thank you, you've inexplicably change my life forever.*

*Kind regards and many thanks*  
**Laura Dawson**

If you would like to be involved in Heads Up for Kids Awareness Week and help provide positive opportunities for young New Zealanders like Laura, please get in touch.

Kind regards,  
**Olivia**

## How Lions Help



People who live in the community know their community's needs and because Lions Clubs are autonomous, decisions about community projects are made at the community's grass roots. Lions' projects tend to be very hands

on and they actively work alongside organisations that they support.

They are also significant fund raisers and are very proud that every dollar they raise from the public goes to the cause. They cover the hard costs of items needed for their project, where these are not donated but have to be bought and paid for. But they do not take a percentage of the money for their own purposes.

This makes them distinctly different from professional charity fundraisers.

## What Do We as Lions Do?

Lions respond to their community's needs and collectively are involved in a massively diverse range of projects and activities. They have strength in numbers when collectively called on to help with a national or international situation.

The catastrophic Canterbury earthquake is an example of Lions mobilising at a local level, on a national scale and campaigning internationally. Lions bought and distributed drinking water and set-up food stations within hours. They sourced and distributed chemical toilets within days. As an international partner with Red Cross, Lions made house calls to survey people's needs.

A global fund-raising campaign headed by Lions International has so far provided nearly \$1 million in cash for Canterbury families in need.

## Who Are Lions?

Lions are ordinary men, women and young people from all walks of life who bridge religious, political, economic and social boundaries. They are united in their desire to make a difference by contributing their personal time and talents to help other people. Their motto is "We Serve".

In New Zealand 11,200 members belong to 410 clubs in seven Districts. They are part of a worldwide network of 1.3 million Lions in over 200 countries or regions.

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

The prestigious Financial Times in Britain voted Lions the world's best "Non-Government Organisation" to work with. Lions have worked in partnership with the United Nations on various humanitarian projects since it was formed after the Second World War.

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