

F's Word

17 February 2013

Lions Clubs International

District 202F

D G Des' Deliberations

WELCOME FELLOW LIONS, LEOS AND PARTNERS



Club visiting is again under way and we have attended a very lively meeting of the Queenstown Club at the Goldridge Hotel, a venue with exceptional views out across Frankton Arm.

President Jim Gibson ran a good meeting and the occasional rap on the bell kept Lions in line. Zone Chairman Merv led the National Anthem and the singing

was very good, a rousing chorus, however Merv then threw in the Maori version and, although pretty good, I think he needs to have more practice for all those non Maori Lions.

I presented my D G Encouragement pin to two Lions who joined on the same night last year, Lion Allan Davis and Lion Reece Gibson and in future I am sure we will see these two Lions coming up through the ranks. Reece is the son of President Jim so another of my "Offspring" campaign gets recognised. President Jim also received awards for increasing membership over the past year of 8 new members. A great effort!

This Club had a wide range of projects underway so much organising took place.

A warning to Clubs on Highway 1, you may be contracted by the "Neonatal Trust" whose fundraising includes 4 men cycling from Cape Reinga to Bluff and are expected in our area 14th-15th March. Lions throughout New Zealand have got behind this appeal and if your Club is



contacted for support (bucket rattling most likely) please try and help.

Our next Club visit was away over to Ranfurly to attend the Maniototo Lions meeting at the Bowling Club. Again a Club of good singers for our national anthem. Club President James Whyte had a very busy night with a mountain of projects coming up to be covered including the Rail Trail, Duathlon and Ranfurly Art Deco to mention a couple.

I presented Lion Nick Clark with my D G Encouragement Pin and later, after inducting new Lions Robert Gardyne and Ken Weir, they also received the Encouragement Pin.

So... we have 5 new Lions from Queenstown and Maniototo to watch out for in future years. We all do well with the occasional 'pat on the back'.

President James received the International Presidents Pin for new members along with Past President Pat Dowling who also received his Key Award for 2 members. Then 12 service chevrons were presented to this club, I came bearing gifts.

Loreen and I thoroughly enjoyed our evenings in Central Otago.

Another reminder to 202F Lions Clubs, get your Convention team together, bring new members along and we look forward to seeing you at Riversdale. Remember... your Club Project entry to be with our Cabinet Secretary Glenys by the 28th February.

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

D G Des



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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 and she will reply that she has received your entry. I have received two from Gore Pakeke and one from the Lawrence club.
- 3) Also the New Zealand Neonatal Trust fundraising Cycle Tour through New Zealand expected in our District 14-15 March. Clubs on State Highway 1 may be contacted by this organisation for assistance "bucket rattling". Lions throughout New Zealand are supporting this appeal so if your Club is asked for some help please try and oblige.
- 4) Also remember our District's "Club Project" competition. Entries to be with our District Secretary Glenys by 28th February. Send 2 - 3 photos and a written explanation of your "Project" and how it's benefitting your community.
- 5) Clubs please register now for our District's Riversdale Convention. The Riversdale and Riversdale Waimea Lions have organised a terrific weekend for us all so please show your support and get a big team together and have a great weekend. Remember to bring first time conventioners.
- 6) **March is Nomination Month:** International President Wayne Madden would like to see clubs train more members to be Secretaries and Treasurers rather than leave people in these positions forever. A 2-3 year rotation he considers long enough. Some Clubs Immediate Past President's take one of these positions each year, alternating, and this works pretty well. Something for clubs to consider.

Worry is like a rocking chair. It keeps you busy but gets you nowhere.

Katie Dale

District Governor Des' Visitations for February 2013



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| Tues | 19 th | Tuatapere |
| Fri/Sun | 26 th /28 th | District 202L Convention |
| Wens | 27 th | Winton |

Around the Clubs



Alexandra: Had a big day boating on Waitangi Day and are extremely busy at the moment with their involvement with the garage sale/auction for the C T Suite at Dunstan Hospital. Had a very busy Christmas holiday period with various projects, and have the Duathlon and Cavalcade coming up in the near future followed by the

annual Bunny Shoot over Easter amongst many other projects too numerous to mention.

Cromwell Lake Dunstan: Pre Christmas visited the graves of former Lion members and spouses and placed flowers on them. Helped out with the Ford Day and are very busy with their involvement in the large Garage Sale/Auction for the C T Scanner suite at Dunstan Hospital. Will be having a 'larder and garden' sale at their February meeting plus will be taking along a piece of clothing with a story attached to it.

Gore Hokonui: Will be holding their February meeting at the Gore Vintage Car Club Rooms and then visiting the museum. They will be having a barbeque tea and wearing their favourite T-Shirt with a saying on it (*that could be interesting – The Ed ☺*). Had a mystery bus trip in January where they went to Winton where they shopped and viewed handmade dolls and had a picnic lunch. They also had a catering job and supplied coffee and cake at the Gore A & P Show. **Parting thought:** *The best*

of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

Gore River Valley: Have several projects coming up and had 3 new members inducted into their Club in December (WELL DONE!!!)

Invercargill Central: Will be wearing 'a splash of red' to their February meeting to celebrate Valentine's Day and will be having a sales table. Had a very enjoyable Christmas function at The Cabbage Tree where they were entertained with music played by a member's husband. Are the current holders of Zone 7's Hot Potato. ☺



Invercargill Host: Will have a St Johns Training Officer present at their February meeting to update them on CPR and Defibrillators and how to use them. Are actively seeking new members and have given away a whopping \$24,744.30 in donations since the beginning of July 2012. Are also busy coordinating the

funding for the Ears4Maddie Appeal.

Owaka: Still busy with their Dialysis Caravan which is in Cromwell at the moment. Are donating the profit from the Canter to the Diabetic Research project and are putting the \$7,000.00 from the 2012 Slink Skin collection towards putting hot water in the toilets at the hall as a 40th Anniversary project.

Queenstown: Will be hosting D G Des at their February meeting. Have many projects coming up in the near future with the Mototapu car parking on the 9th March and a Casino evening in April. They banked \$1,700.00 from the airport collection box prior to Christmas and are still sorting coins for Heads up for Kids.

Riversdale Waimea: Held a Lions Family Fun Day on Waitangi Day where approximately 140-150 children attended and Lions dressed up as clowns and other costumes (see item later – The Ed ☺). Have wedding catering coming up.

Riverton: 1,547 lambs were shorn at Woodlands and have 77 lambs being fattened for their competition. Were extremely busy in early January with the Venture South Jamboree at the Riverton Racecourse, and once again had a very successful Christmas Parade through the streets of Riverton. For their February meeting will be visiting SIT and

then having a meal at the Whitehouse Hotel at Lorneville.

Te Anau Kepler: Have had a busy start to the year with helping out at the Harness Racing, a wedding, stocktaking at H & J Smiths and also catering for the Golden Oldies. Looking forward to their February tea meeting.



Waikiwi: Were extremely busy in December with barbeques for Special Olympics, BusyBodies, Salford/Gladstone preschool and South Pacific Meats. They also did some door keeping for the Muso's Club and catered for a wedding with 150 people in attendance.

Wanaka: Although they are yet to have their first formal meeting for the year have been extremely busy. They have had 4 catering jobs already and are very busy with the upcoming Garage Sale/Auction for the Dunstan Hospital C T Scanner suite. Late in February will be catering for the Cavalcade and in March at the A & P Show. Have also been splitting firewood. (Gosh... reading the menu for the Cavalcade, who wouldn't want to participate in it... the food alone would be worth it – The Ed ☺)

West Otago: Were very busy in December with the Christmas Parade where they helped out with the barbeque, chocolate wheel, merry go round and had the winning float (see photo below) and won \$150.00 (WELL DONE!... great idea – The Ed ☺). Have a very busy February and March with cone picking for the West Otago Health Trust and Cavalcade, are sponsoring Hanna h Perkins to Outward Bound,



100% Country Convention – 22-24 March 2013



**22nd-24th March 2013
Have you registered?**

Registrations to be in by 1st March or you pay a 10% penalty!

All events are at the Riversdale Community Centre in the Main Street.

Friday afternoon:

- **3.00pm:** Registrations will commence. Light refreshments available. Could you please inform if you will require the bus from Gore on Saturday night

Friday Night:

- **5.00pm:** PID Cliff Heywood will meet with Club Presidents
- **6.00pm:** Pot Luck Tea with cabinet and local Lions
- **7.00pm: Opening & Flag ceremony** - All to be seated at 6.55pm. Guest speaker is Paul Ferris, ex principal of Kavanagh College. The evening concludes with supper and the bar will be open at own cost.
- Dress code-Lions jackets or semi-formal.

Saturday:

- **7.00am:** Registrations open
- **8.00am:** Business session opens
- The **morning partner's programme** will commence after the results of the elections are given - after the morning tea.
- This morning tour of the town includes an art display of local artists, an antique and doll collection, 2 gardens to view, a classic car collection and the vintage machinery rooms will be open.
- Partners will come back to the hall for lunch.

- Business will be finished by lunch time and all those who wish can go on the **mystery bus trip** for the afternoon. Buses will return you to Riversdale before 5.00pm

Saturday night:

- **Green Ball and Banquet**
- **6.15pm:** Buses will run from pick up points in Gore and they will run again at the conclusion of the evening - times to be advised on the night.
- **7.30pm:** Banquet and Ball commences
- There is a new award for the club item - only the 1st three registered will be judged because of time restraints.
- During the evening there will be judging of the best dressed club, also the bid from Waikiwi & Cromwell clubs for future conventions.

Sunday:

- **8.30am:** Breakfast
- **10.30am:** Remembrance and Rededication Service and Regression of flags
- **12.30pm:** Lunch and viewing photos

Accommodation:

- Along with the list which was originally circulated, there are spaces for camper vans.
- Contact Colleen and John Butler phone 03 202 5600 or for the Domain Ground phone John Miller on 03 208 5775

The registration form for Convention is an attachment to this copy of F's Word if you have lost your copy – The Ed 😊

Voting Delegates – 100% Country Convention

- **Clubs** must be financial to vote - all dues must be paid in full before the start of Convention.
- Clubs will receive one vote per 10 members or better part thereof based on the number of members who have been with the club for a minimum of a year and a day or longer, i.e. a club of 16 members will receive two votes as will a club of 24 members.



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(Any members joining after February 29th 2012 are not counted towards the club's eligible voting numbers.)

- Voting delegates must be accredited by the close off time on the morning of the Business Session (23rd March 2013).

IMPORTANT NOTICE to Club Presidents and Secretaries



March is Nomination Month for your Club Officers for the 2014-2015 Lions year and **April is Election month.** PU101's must be filed in the LCI website **NO LATER** than the middle of May.

So... it is more than time to start getting your new officers in place ☺

Riversdale and Riversdale Waimea Lions Family Fun Day



A real family fun day was held at the Riversdale School on Waitangi Day, on Wednesday, 6 February - organised by Lion Elaine on behalf of the Riversdale-Waimea Lions Club and the Riversdale Lions Club - a combined project for the year, for both clubs - from 11.00am to 4.00pm. There was an entry fee was \$5.00 for the day.

Over 60 assorted bikes, scooters and altered recycled bikes, including a Penny Farthing bike, a Unicycle, ladies bike, which belonged to a lady 100 years ago, plus many other unique designs, presented by John Potts and Colin McKenzie, which suited all ages from 2 to 72 years. There were different levels of difficulty and co-ordination and balance!

Other entertainment included - a big bouncy double slide, a Noddy Train, a bungee trampoline, a sausage sizzle and a shop for drinks and lollies.

Quite a few Lions members were dressed as clowns to give this day an opportunity not to be missed.

Bereavement – Lion Keith Mitchell



It was a great pleasure to have met 'Mr Lion', Past Lions Clubs International Representative, Keith Mitchell QSM died on Sunday, 3rd February

For those more recent to Lions I advise that it was Keith Mitchell (a former Jaycee) who, along with others, worked tirelessly throughout the 1960's and 1970's on the expansion of Lionism throughout

New Zealand. During 1962-63 Keith, almost single handed, chartered some 25 new clubs and, the following year, a further 21! Keith was our first Executive Officer although, in those early days, the term used was 'Lions Clubs International Representative'.

Keith arranged the first official visits to MD202 by an International President - Finnis Davis (1960 - 61) and Per Stahl (1961 - 62). It was the extensive publicity surrounding these Presidents that assisted the early club extension.

Regards
David
David Dawick
Executive Officer
Lions Clubs New Zealand



Message read at the funeral from International Director Sheryl Jensen:

"People who have been a strength and supported and helped others and have devoted their time to useful and constructive community work – in a cheerful way – and have derived fulfillment and satisfaction from such work – these are the people who create value and meaning in life and

the true meaning of service. And Keith was such a person.

Keith, whom the Lions of New Zealand loved and respected and who is no longer where he used to be – will always be remembered as we continue to live up to our Lions motto.

Keith, rest now at the end of your days. Your Lions work is done, and on behalf of Lions Clubs International, we thank you."

Between the Lions – February 2012



Multiple District Appointment:

The Council of Governors is pleased to advise of the appointment of Lion Tanya Horsford (Pukekohe Lions Club) as the Multiple District Social Media Advisor. Tanya takes over from Olivia Lacey (Morrison

McDougall) who initiated our Facebook & Twitter pages and who has managed our sites for the past year. Lion Tanya is available to assist Clubs with their own input to our Social Media pages and can be contacted on tanya@horsford.co.za.

Loss of our "Mr Lion" Keith Robert Mitchell QSM: Of Paraparaumu, on 3 February 2013, aged 97 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Merle. Loved brother of the late Ian. Loved uncle of David, Graham, and Alison (Australia), and Lois Wood (Whitby), and extended families. A lifetime of community service with Lions Clubs International.

The above is how Lion Keith's death notice appeared in the media – what it doesn't say is the decades of work Keith put into initially establishing Lionism here in New Zealand but also the massive growth of clubs he contributed to, sometimes in excess of 20 clubs a year. Along with others, Keith travelled the country 'selling' Lionism far & wide. His funeral was attended by a gathering of Lions collectively making up our Multiple District history and much good humour & reminiscing was evident.

Child Mobility Foundation Annual General Meeting:

Notice is hereby given that the Foundation's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Great Hall #1, Chateau on the Park Hotel, Christchurch on Friday 12 April 2013 at 2.00pm. All Lions are welcome to attend.

ANZI-Pacific Forum: This year's Forum is to be held in Bali, Indonesia, 6 – 8 September 2013. The Forum Seminars & workshops will be held at the Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel which is handily placed to Ngurah Rai International Airport. Following on from the successful Queenstown Forum last September there will be many Kiwi Lions wanting to further their Lions knowledge whilst enjoying all the attractions that Bali offers. Full details and registration form are on <http://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com/>.

The Forum 'District Teams Golf Trophy', donated by Past International President Kajit Habanananda, is for District Teams (of four) and can be men, women or mixed teams. Players from Districts who haven't been able to get a team together will team up with other entrants from their own District.

Radio New Zealand: Radio New Zealand is looking for Kiwis who are interested in sharing one or more interesting tales of travel, inspiration and adventure - be it in the recent past, or even in the more distant past, be it for love, for work, for Lions, for family or health, for sport, for art or for a cause, or more purely for the joy of wandering the world.

So that's to chat on the radio with NIGHTS host Bryan Crump - on Radio New Zealand National - for our long-running series **Our Own Odysseys** on Tuesdays after the seven o'clock news - far flung places as explored by our fine selves. And they need for these interesting conversations is a name, current location, phone number or Skype name and of course, a brief summary of where, how and why an overseas expedition is one of the best things that was ever did. Come on all you interesting Lions – give it a go. Contact nights@radionz.co.nz to share a story.

M D Convention, Christchurch - 12-14 April:

Chateau on the Park Hotel is the venue for our national Convention to be held in Christchurch. Accommodation is still available at the Chateau (just 5 rooms left now) and at motels close to the convention venue. A list of motels is available on our website www.lionsclubs.org.nz & click on MD Convention.

Please get your registrations in now as our seating capacity in 'The Great Hall' at the Hotel is limited and those registering late may not be able to attend the Friday night extravaganza put together by our hosts, the Wigram Lions Club. You are assured of a great weekend of information and friendship. Further details contact Sue Turner, MD

Convention Secretary on 03 364
0994 or lionsmd2013@gmail.com.

MD Directory – 2013-2014: A message to all Club Secretaries – the next MD Directory will include the partner's names of Club Presidents and Secretaries. Please go online and ensure that your Club membership records with LCI are current as it is from here (not your PU101 form) that this information is extracted.

Something for you to Do



CAMERON PETLEY

Masterchef contestant 2012

Brought to you by
Alexandra Dunstan Lions
Community Fundraiser



Alexandra Memorial Theatre
30th March 2013
Doors open at 7pm
Cooking demonstration
- Rabbit & Venison dishes -
Ticket price: \$25.00

Tickets available at



(Central Betta, Alexandra)

& **paperplus**

(Cromwell & Alexandra)

For further information, please
contact Denise 021 1815 717



Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King Jr



Autism New Zealand Inc.
Including Asperger Syndrome and Related Disorders

173 McIvor Road
RD6, Myross Bush
Invercargill

Sunday
24 February 2013
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Autism New Zealand Southland Branch

Invites you to our

Garden Party at Hawthorne Gardens

\$10 per person, \$20 per family

There will be a 15-20 minute talk at 2pm.

Donations will go towards resources to support families in Southland.

Bring your own food, have a picnic, look at the gardens and have a small talk.

There is a marquee if wet.

Please contact:
Wendy Jenkins
Information/Support Coordinator
southland@autismnz.org.nz
(03) 218 2420



Finally... The Ed Sez

I haven't written to you all for quite some time but there are a couple of things that I am just bursting to tell you so here goes.

Yesterday saw the 3rd Cabinet Meeting for 2012-2013 being held at the Lowburn Hall, just outside of Cromwell. A good meeting was held and enough lunch was provided by the Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions to feed the preverbal army. Delicious it was too thank you very much and digestion was helped immensely by the lovely friendly faces.

After the meeting some of us had tea with the Cromwell and Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions at the aftermath of the Auction/Garage Sale held at the Cromwell Racecourse to raise funds for the C T Scanner Suite at the Dunstan Hospital.

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For those of you who don't know, there were three auctions/garage sales being run simultaneously in Alexandra, Wanaka and Cromwell and this was a combined Rotary/Lions initiative. Of course, I can only speak from seeing the aftermath of the Cromwell auction but I know it will be ditto for those Lions/Rotarians in Alexandra and Wanaka.

The Cromwell and Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions (and Rotary) had been collecting goods for this sale for weeks and have really been putting in long hours over the last couple of days. Many Lions there yesterday had been there since 6.00am and were still there after 6.00pm without a break. To say that I could see exhaustion on some faces would be an understatement.

But... what a resounding success is so many ways. Both Cromwell President PDG Wayne Collie and the Rotary President (sorry, I don't remember his name) both commented on how great it was that Lions and Rotary worked in unison on this project and how much they enjoyed the experience.

The money raised at Cromwell is not finalised of course but it came to many thousands and I am sure the same can be said for both the Alexandra and Wanaka auctions.

WELL DONE to all the **Central Otago Lions** for going for this project. What a difference you are making for the people of Central Otago.

Some more about Cromwell Lions. As many of you know, they are famous for the amount of barbeques they cook for various organisations in the area. In fact I think the barbeque hardly gets a chance to go cold.

They had been cooking most of the day at the auction/garage sale and of course they provided us with burgers for tea. Immediate Past President Greg was telling me that these burgers are world famous (not sure if it is Cromwell, New Zealand, or the World). Well... after sampling one I would say the World. They are really good and if you get a chance to sample one I would advise you to go for it.

But... watching these Lions cook multiple burgers is like poetry in motion, they have it down to such a fine art and (at the end of a long day) still had smiles on their faces and were obviously enjoying themselves. They were telling me that they recently supplied 700 burgers at a function and put them out in 1 am not sure whether it was 1 or 2 hours. Now

that is a mammoth effort and a sign of great organisation.

Their barbeque caravan really caught my attention. What a beauty. Both sides and the end went up which made it a fabulous working area. I would advise any Club looking at building a barbeque caravan to look at the Cromwell Lions one before going ahead.

On a very sad note, my own Lions Club (Invercargill South) this Lions year has lost 2 Lions. These were both long serving Lions with 27 years and 34 years of service and, in my opinion, this service needs to be acknowledged publicly.

Several years ago there was a push in the District for Lions Clubs to put a notice in the paper when they lost a valued member (with the permission of family of course). Sadly, I have seen very little evidence (in the Southland Times anyway) that this has happened.

To put our last notice in it took me 5 seconds to get permission from the family, 10 minutes to write the notice (very difficult), a quick trip to the Southland Times office and \$45.26 to get nine lines and the Lions logo in the newspaper. A small price to pay I would think.

I would seriously like Clubs to think about acknowledging deceased Lions in this way as a mark of respect for their valued service. Up to you but it isn't a difficult task.

Convention is only just over a month away and time to get your registrations in. I first became a Lioness back in 1987 and attended my first convention in Owaka that same year and have attended every 202F convention since that time. Why do I keep going back? Because they are so much fun and it is the time to catch up with so many of the Lion friends I have made over the years at one time and also to keep informed about what is going on in our Friendly District. Go on... go and fill in that registration form now and I will see you there ☺

Sorry, I didn't start off to write a novel... it just happened. ☺ Catch you at Riversdale.

Diane – The Ed ☺

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