

61st Multiple District 202 Convention



April 23rd - 25th 2021

Whangarei



Newsletter #4

Fellow Lions, Leos and Lionesses,

Wow! Only 4 weeks to go until we meet old friends and make new ones. All our planning is finally coming to fruition and the committee and members of the seven Lions Clubs in Whangarei are looking forward to welcoming you to the 'Roaring 20's' Convention.

Have you registered yet? Come on members, please don't leave it until the last minute.

A sheet for apologies will be available at the Registration Desk as no apologies will be called for from the floor during the Business Session.

Voting Delegates – please collect your voting stick from the designated desk.

If Covid rears its ugly head again,!

Look out for the committee members, they will be in a **blue** Polo shirt with '**Whangarei District 'Love it Here'**' on the back. They are there to help you if required.

I have been advised that **Convention Pins** will be available at \$5.00 each.

Donald Lamont will be there, taking photos which you will be able to purchase on Sunday. Donald works tirelessly through Saturday night to get these ready for you.

A reminder for Dress Code –

Friday: Men - Business Suit

Women – Smart Attire

Saturday: Club Shirts or Lions Attire

Sunday: Dress appropriate for ANZAC Service. If attending Dawn Service, it is suggested you wear Lions attire.

Friday 23rd

Opening Ceremony – everyone seated by 6.30pm, please. The Flag Ceremony will be held this evening, along with our Guest Speaker. Did you guess who it is?

A **finger-food** supper will be provided at the conclusion of the ceremony, but can I suggest you have something else to eat prior to attending.

Saturday 24th

Annual General Meeting

The meeting is open to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests at no cost. \$30 will get you morning tea and lunch as advised on the registration form.

Partners leave prior to morning tea.

Speakers during the morning include – **Professor Sir Richard Faull**, Neuroscientist, Auckland Hospital; **Professor Stephen Munn**, Liver Transplant; and **Douglas Alexander**, 1st Vice President Lions.

Partners Programme – Depart from Forum North at **10.00am** in vans supplied by Forget-Me-Not. Morning tea at the **award-winning Kiwi North**.

Saturday evening – ‘Roaring 20’s’ Dine and Dance - Enjoy the meal, watch a Charleston demonstration and give it a go. There will be a raffle, and an auction of several excellent items you can bid for.

Dress-up in the theme of **The Roaring 20’s**. We will be on the look-out for the person or persons who show they have really dressed in the theme. Plus there will be something for the person/s who perhaps mastered the Charleston the best.

Sunday 25th, Anzac Day. Join in the Dawn Parade. A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of Lions. I am still unable to state the time to assemble. Breakfast at your own cost, at Dickens’ Inn. When you fill in your Registration, please indicate whether you will be partaking of breakfast, as I need to advise Dickens’ Inn the number attending.

Remembrance and Rededication Address and **Closing Ceremony** will include the hand-over of flags to the Lions Club of Silverstream.

At the conclusion of the morning, Lunch will be served for those who paid when they registered.

Timings Reminders:

Registrations – Friday – 2pm-7pm
Saturday – 7am-9am

Friday Opening Ceremony – seated by 6.30pm

Saturday Business – seated by 8.15am
Saturday Evening – Bar opens – 6pm
Dinner – 7pm

Sunday – Dawn Parade timing **still to be confirmed**
Remembrance/Rededication Service – Seated by 9.30am

Be in the draw to win a Bunnings voucher by registering and paying before March 31st.

PDG Judy Allison
Convention Chairman

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Accommodation – I hope you have all found somewhere to lay your head down. It’s a long weekend, so Whangarei will be busy.

Motels available and offering a discount if you mention you're a Lion are:-

Distinction (HQ) 09 430 4080

Discovery – 09 438 2699

BK's Pohutukawa Lodge – 09 430 8634 \$145/night less 10%

Cheviot Park Motor Lodge – 09 438 2341 \$135 - \$155/night less 10%

Lodge Bordeaux – (corporate rate) \$165/night

Bella Vista – 09 438 6990 – offering special rates \$137 (Studio), \$142 (Executive) \$171 (1 B/rm 3 people)

Cyprus Court Motel – 09 437 6193 offering special rates \$110/night

Quest Whangarei – 09 972 7854 – Studio \$149. Plus \$15.00 underground secure carpark

Stonehaven Motel – 09 437 6898 may offer

There are 2 Holiday Parks as well –

Whangarei Central Holiday Park – 09 438 6600

Whangarei Top 10 Holiday Park – 09 437 6856