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to Make a Difference



We Serve
Kia Manaaki



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202E District Bulletin

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Club: Amberley District



'Best Dressed Club at Convention Social' - Lions Club of Selwyn.

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DG
Pam Harvey



Looking back and Looking Forward:

Looking at last month's Bulletin, and at our District Facebook pages, February and March have seen us come full steam ahead into this second half of the Lions year. We are now into the season of outdoor events, including a Teddy Bears' Picnic, running Mini-Golf, supporting Coast to Coast, Fishing and Golf Competitions, 4WD days, Car Shows, Electric Avenue Music Festival, as well as many others. And, of course, the more serious longer-term development projects, like potato-growing for foodbanks, Harts Creek boardwalk and bird hide, a Sensory Garden being built at Burwood Hospital, to mention just a few.

Who Benefits?

All of these projects and initiatives are either to directly benefit people in our communities, or to raise money that we can use to support people who have a need we can help to meet. One of the best examples of this is the skin cancer screening bus which is finally coming to fruition after years of work that has gone into this potentially life-saving community service. This will be launched in association with our District Convention in Hanmer Springs on March 29th. All credit to Paul O'Connor who has led the development team over the months and years it has taken to get to this stage. Significant amounts of money have been raised within our District and beyond for this project and it is an excellent example of how groups of people can work together for a greater good, which is exactly what we do as Lions.

Our Members and Marketing

The good works that we do are reliant on having enough members to do the work. This is why we need to continue to value and care for the members we already have, and to keep working on drawing in new members, preferably younger ones to supplement older members who have been carrying the responsibility for so long. The way to do this is to be highly visible in our communities as we are carrying out our project works – high-vis vests, flags and banners, face-to-face conversations, pamphlets to hand out to people who show an interest and, above all, visually display what we are doing. Spread the word, sell our secret, sow a seed, nurture it and watch it grow. This is what our February/March Forums have been all about. Although the response was disappointing in some areas, those who attended gained a great amount from their experiences on the Forums, particularly from the discussions. All of this is obviously having some effect, because our numbers are reflecting further positive growth, at time of writing showing a year-to-date net growth of 25, amongst the highest we have achieved in this current Lions year, and currently the highest of the Districts in the 202 area. Keep up the good work – success builds on success. Remember, the more members we have, the more good we can do! And the more we contribute to our District goal of 1500 members by June 30, 2027 (currently 1116). Let's see what we can by for **Worldwide Induction Day on April 26**.

Coming Up:

Focus on Youth: This coming month (April) is **Leo Awareness Month**, so clubs are encouraged to support a Leo project, or invite Leos to join in with a club project, or both.

This will also be a good time to promote and work towards our **Lions Speechmaker Contest** which runs through late May to mid-June. Also the information is out for this year's **Peace Poster Competition**.

Clubs are encouraged to contact schools within their club area to publicise these opportunities.

Contact our Youth Chair, Becca Baynton, who is keen to support your efforts.

Club Leaders: March has been the time to start selecting our club leaders for the coming Lions year, and April is when we formalise these positions. Elsewhere in this Bulletin are the dates for the Club Officer workshops, for those carrying on and those new to the roles. Find one near you.

Let us continue the great work we are doing as Lions, and hope to see you at Convention!

Pam

"TOGETHER WE SERVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

THIS MONTH FUN, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE - HAWARDEN-WAIKARI LIONS CLUB.



We Serve



DG Pam



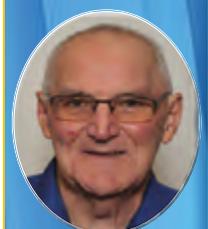
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Secretary Ian



Treasurer Ian



'Lions Club members are local people prepared to volunteer a little time helping others and having a bit of fun into the bargain! They serve their local communities and run events that raise money to help those less fortunate than themselves. They meet regularly, usually over a pint of beer, a glass of wine or whatever your tippie happens to be – to plan their fund raising and social events and to agree which causes to support from the funds they have available.

- Recent Donations**
 Hawarden Bowling Club \$1500
 Westpac Rescue Helicopter \$5000
 Hurunui College \$2500
 Waikari School \$1000
 Ronald McDonald House \$500
 Suicide Prevention \$500
 William Munsey \$1500'



Project site gathering



Supporting our Youth in National Competition Involvement



Rescue Helicopter Donation



Firewood Working Bee



The Hurunui Xmas Carfest



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The importance



of an Elevator Speech

Have you ever been in a situation when someone has asked you “What is Lions and what do you do”, when you have limited time?

Usually this would be in an elevator, and you have 30 seconds before you reach the top floor to answer the above question. What are you going to say?

We should all be prepared for this, as it is not only in an elevator that this question is asked, but it could be anywhere in the street, shopping mall, etc when we are wearing our club tee-shirts.

So what is an Elevator Speech?

An elevator speech is a brief and persuasive pitch that outlines an idea or product typically delivered in the short span of an elevator ride. It aims to capture the listener's interest quickly.

An example of an elevator speech might go like this.....
 “We are the world’s biggest serve organisation that raises money through community service projects and then channelling those funds to the areas that need it the most.”

How is your elevator speech looking?

Don’t forget to “Just Ask” *Bernie*



John Hobson presenting the trophy for the most Christmas Cakes sold by an individual Lion. 'It is Gay Walker from Woodend Pegasus Lions Club.'



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The Renew, Revitalize and Retain forums have had mixed successes, which is a shame because it is a really good product and the 'new look' is vibrant and exciting for once.

I have a correction to make to my statistics – 64% of clubs have an active facebook page, 18% have not posted anything this year, or in some cases for a couple of years, and 18% I simply couldn't find. It needs to be current to be useful. Having said that we are the only District actually doing anything with the information from the Homegrown presentation.

With the new Lions Year looming I have been thinking more about becoming the first District to be a data community. It shouldn't be too difficult with the technology that's around these days. I realise some clubs are still having difficulty with the Portal but I also think with a little one-on-one education that will disappear. Be not afraid – embrace it.

1st VDG Bernie and I are both going to be encouraging more inter-zone and intra-zone cooperation this year. With some of our smaller clubs really struggling it is vital that we look out for each other. We can't afford to be losing clubs when we are supposed to be growing.

That's it from me - take care and keep safe.

Alastair



Blenheim Lions Norm and John 'selling' the Lions story at the Seniors Expo in Blenheim.



202E CONVENTION - D.G. PAM HARVEY - AWARDS 2024 - 2025



**International President Medal (Leadership):
Brian Kwok and Mike Brown.**

**International President Certificates:
Paul O'Connor, Ada Frew, John Whyte, Brian Cameron, Katie Townsend.**



Lion Brian Kwok



Lion Michael Brown



PDG Paul O'Connor



Lion Ada Frew



PDG John Whyte



Lion Brian Cameron



Leo-Lion Katie Townsend

202E CONVENTION IPDG JOHN BILDERBECK - AWARDS 2023 - 2024



- Sight First Trophy** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that excels in the area of promoting / alleviating sight issues in the previous Lion's year. 2023 - 2024 Lions Club of Greymouth.
- Mt Cook Trophy** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that performs outstandingly in community service. Trophy donated by: PID Alex Grieve, PDG Ian McIntosh, PDG Doug Scott, PDG Denis Langley. 2023-2024 Lions Club of Rangiora.
- Peter Tallott Trophy** - This trophy is awarded to an outstanding Lion within District 202E. 2023-2024 Trevor Sennitt (Lions Club of Wigram)
- District Bulletin Award** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that produced the best Club Bulletin in the previous Lion's year. 2023-2024 Lou Smith (Lions Club of Kaikoura Seaward)
- Best Club Project** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that undertakes the best club project in the previous Lion's year. The purpose of this award is to encourage Club participation in Community Service Projects. Donated by - PDG Melville Syme and PDG Julie Syme. 2023-2024 Lions Club of Nelson Host.
- Membership Trophy** - This trophy is to be competed for by all financial clubs in District 202E on a points allocation based on their clubs membership growth, extension through the establishment of a new club(s) or club branch and through the retention of members during the previous Lion's year. Donated by The Lions Club of Halswell and District. 2023-2024 Lions Club of Rolleston & Districts.
- Interclub Visitation Cup** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that achieves the most inter Club visitations in a Lion's year. Donated by PDG Jim Pollitt and Lion Sheila Pollitt. 2023-2024 Lions Club of Beavertown Blenheim.
- Iain Drewett Memorial Trophy** - This trophy is awarded for "Excellence in Lionism" arising from any activity of Lions or Leos in District 202E. Donated by the Lions Club of Christchurch South in 2004. 2023-2024 Malcolm Williams (Lions Club of Blenheim)
- Clubs Marketing and Communication Award** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that is judged to deliver the best public relations and communications strategy for the previous Lion's year. Donated by PDG Leanne Lloyd and David (originally the Tailtwisting Trophy). 2023-2024 Lions Club of Selwyn.
- McWha Award for Outstanding Club Leadership** - This trophy is awarded to Club Presidents, and follows the criteria for the Club Excellence Award. 2023-2024 Dave Smith (Lions Club of Wigram)
- Kan-Tab and Aluminium Club of the Year Award** - This trophy is awarded to the Club which has collected the most weight in Kan tabs and aluminium in the year preceding the District Convention. This award also recognizes the Club the Club who has shown the greatest enthusiasm in supporting this project and money raised. 2023-2024 Lions Club of Blenheim.
- Best Presented Club at the District Convention Social** - This Cup is awarded to the Club that is judged to be the best presented Club at the District Convention Social. Donated by PDG Terry and Dawn Lucas in 1994. Awarded at Convention. Lions Club of Selwyn
- This trophy is awarded to the couple who are judged to be the best presented couple at the District Convention Social. Donated by the Convention Committee in 1998. Awarded at Convention. (Not awarded) Individual: name to come
- Stuart Barr Trophy** - This trophy is awarded to the Club that undertakes the best club youth activities. The purpose is to encourage clubs participation in youth activities. Donated by PDG Stuart Barr. 2023-2024 Lions Club of Blenheim.
- Young Speechmaker Cup** - Both the cup and the medal are awarded to the Winner of the District Young Speechmaker Contest. The winner returns the cup after 10 - 12 months but retains the medal. Cup donated by the McBride Family in 2005/2006 - Medal donated by PDG Julie Syme. Not Awarded.
- Emerging Speechmaker Contest** - This award is presented to the Winner of the District Emerging Speechmaker Contest. - no trophy, monetary prizes are determined by the number of entries. Not Awarded

New Award



Club Excellence Awards - applications sent to LCI for 2023 - 2024 year:

Lions Club of Blenheim
Lions Club of Kaikoura
Lions Club of Kaikoura Seaward
Lions Club of Richmond

Lions Club of Rolleston & Districts
Lions Club of Seddon
Lions Club of Selwyn
Leo Club of Marlborough Boys' College



Certificate of Appreciation

Ada Frew
Zone 1 Chair

Lou Smith
District Bulletin Editor

District Awards Committee 2025





1. Lions Club of Greymouth



2. Lions Club of Rangiora



3. Trevor Sennitt - (Lions Club of Wigram)



Lou Smith - (Lions Club of Kaikoura Seaward)



5. - Lions Club of Nelson Host



6. - Lions Club of Rolleston & Districts



7. - Lions Club of Beavertown Blenheim



8. Malcolm Williams - (Lions Club of Blenheim)



9. - Lions Club of Selwyn



10. Dave Smith - Lions Club of Wigram



11. -Lions Club of Blenheim



14. -Lions Club of Blenheim



18. Lisa Bennett - Rangiora Leo Club

'We will remember them !'- our dedicated Lions who died in Service.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to our fellow Lions, family and friends of these Lions.

This time allows us to honour those Lions who have passed away since the last convention and remember their very valuable contribution.



Eric Lemon	Lions Club of Amberley District	- 2024
Mark Schwass	Lions Club of Amuri	- 2024
Ross Ayson	Lions Club of Blenheim	- 2024
Maurice Cresswell	Lions Club of Blenheim	- 2024
Colin Harrison	Lions Club of Cheviot	- 2024
Geoff Sherwood	Lions Club of Cheviot	- 2024
Bruce Scott	Lions Club of Christchurch Ferrymead	- 2024
Thomas Scandrett	Lions Club of Christchurch South	- 2024
Geoff Warren	Lions Club of Ellesmere	- 2024
John Brown	Lions Club of Glenmark	- 2024
Arnold Bartlett	Lions Club of Golden Bay	- 2025
Challis Maugham	Lions Club of Greymouth	- 2024
Keith Philpott	Lions Club of Hawarden Waikari	- 2024
Harold Kidney	Lions Club of Havelock	- 2024
William Menzies	Lions Club of Motueka	- 2025
David Free	Lions Club of Oxford & Districts	- 2024
PDG John Patchett	Lions Club of Picton	- 2024
Brian Kennedy	Lions Club of Rangiora	- 2024
Gary Arnold	Lions Club of Wigram	- 2024
Tom Boyles	Lions Club of Wigram	- 2024
Mervyn Morris	Lions Club of Wigram	- 2024
Jack Tait	Lions Club of Wigram	- 2024
William Smith	Lions Club of Wigram	- 2024
Francis Meyer	Lions Club of Wigram	- 2025



We also remember those Lions who have passed during the last year, and who for a variety of reasons, were no longer Lions of our District. We Remember their Service.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club - the organisers of the Sunday Service.



LIONS CLUBS SKIN CANCER SCREENING BUS - Unveiled

The Lions Clubs Cancer Trust launched the 1st Free Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle - 202E Convention Hanmer Springs. A huge thank you to our sponsors and those who have donated to help make it possible to deliver this service.



In 1990 the Lions Clubs of Western Australia set up a Free Skin Cancer Screening Service which has been operating successfully for 30 years. In 2019 Gary Irvine of the Institute attended the New Zealand Lions Convention in Blenheim and gave a presentation on the establishment of the Australian Lions Cancer Institute. He encouraged New Zealand Lions to follow their example and save lives from Skin Cancer particularly Melanoma. In New Zealand 504 people a year die of Melanoma. Early detection of skin cancer saves lives.

For DONATIONS to the 'Lions Clubs Cancer Trust Board' Pay directly to bank account 03-0674-0280918-00

Through any disaster, our strength is unity

Give today and see what we can do.
lionsclubs.org/Donate

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Dear Lions and Leos,

I am continually impressed by the innovative ways that Lions and Leos worldwide create positive change in your local communities and across the globe. LCIF is proud to offer grants and programs that enable us to serve more people and respond to the world's changing needs.

This month's newsletter highlights how Lions in Japan used an LCIF grant to meet the needs of people impacted by a devastating earthquake. We also feature a video that shows how the LCIF Lions Quest program is making a big difference for school children in El Salvador. I encourage you to make a donation to LCIF if you are inspired by these examples of Lions and Leos changing lives. Your gifts are what make LCIF's support possible.

**Yours in service,
 Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson**



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Thank you to the Lions that attended the Revive Revitalize Forums in Christchurch and Blenheim. The forums were well received, lots of notes taken and great participation in the discussions.

All material discussed was emailed to the participants, so these could be passed on the clubs they represented.

Sadly, the Forums in Cheviot, Greymouth and Nelsen had to be cancelled due to the low number of registrations, which made it not viable.

The Officers Workshops this year are as follows:

Saturday 24 May 10am – 3pm, Blenheim Venue TBA

Sunday 25 May 10am – 3 pm, Richmond Venue TBA

Friday 6 June 4 – 8.30pm, Cheviot Hotel.

Saturday 7 June 10am – 3pm, Ferrymead Lions Den, Christchurch

Saturday 14 June 10am – 3pm, Greymouth, Bowling Club



These are to be confirmed, so keep an eye out for an email from Cabinet to your presidents and secretaries.

We will again equip each other for the tasks ahead. As Membership and Marketing Chairs are part of your Board, we'll be looking at Building a Team of enthusiastic members with a vision for Reviving and Revitalising, for each club. Especially the clubs that have missed out on the Forums.

Zone Chairs training will be on Sunday the day after Cabinet meeting in Redwood, Christchurch. This is a great workshop for anyone new to Cabinet as well.

Tini

District Forum

It was a disappointment for the facilitators that more members and clubs did not take up the opportunity to attend the recent forums. For those who did attend the opportunity to share ideas, strategies and information was useful. The relaxed, informative delivery meant that networking opportunities were maximized. It will be of benefit to clubs to attend the next forums to be delivered over the weekend of 24th / 25th May. (and 6/7/14 June)

Whilst focussing on incoming officers all members interested in matters pertaining to Lions are welcome to attend. Helen (PCC Helen Williams - Source Blenheim Club Bulletin.)

Want to Keep Younger Members? Give Them a Role!

One of the best ways to keep younger (and new members) engaged in your club is to give them a job - no matter how small. When they feel included and valued, they'll be more likely to stay and grow within Lions.

It could be as simple as making them the Lion Tamer to keep meetings organized.

If they show interest in leadership, let them work alongside a committee director.

Giving them responsibility shows trust and keeps them invested in the club's future.

People stay where they feel useful and valued. Start small, build confidence, and watch them become the future leaders of Lions!

#LionsInternational #KeepThemEngaged #Future Leaders #EveryoneHasARole #GrowYourClub



(Source: Facebook - Global Lions Forum
Lion Hamish NZ post.)

(Read Hamish's Last Word in our
May District Bulletin.)



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP - GMT

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The GAT team have now completed delivering the Revive and Revitalise forum in our District, those who attended reported learning good ways to retain the membership of their clubs and also ideas to bring new members along to Lions. Both of the meetings I attended were well supported with attendees participating and sharing some good stories. The common theme to gain new members is the tried and trusted way of Just asking!! A lot of the materials handed out at the meetings are available on the website – going through the “Just Ask” booklet is a good resource.

We are on a Mission to Grow

LCI	1,500,000
202	10,000
202E	1,500

District membership continues to increase gradually with a current total of 1116 members. Of the 40 clubs in 202E, 15 have had an increase in their membership this year, 13 have remained at the same number and 12 have recorded a drop often by only one member. For the remainder of the year lets see if we can up to the number of clubs increasing their membership.

Convention in Hanmer is fast approaching and I am looking forward to sharing a weekend of fun and laughter with others from around the District.

Regards Helen

Welcome to our New Lions

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
1. Wendy Bradley	Akaroa & Bays	Stuart Ford
2. Anita Hopkins	Akaroa & Bays	Stuart Ford
3. John Petrie	Akaroa & Bays	Tony Mason
4. Hamish Templeton	Akaroa & Bays	Tony Mason
5. Charles De Lambert	Akaroa & Bays	Mark Errington
6. Micheal Le Lievre	Akaroa & Bays	Alex Aitken
7. Ben Rogal	Akaroa & Bays	Kevin Templeton
8. Ronald Harland	Amuri	Paul Butler
9. Mark McKee	Seddon	David Hammond
10. Sue Murray	Selwyn	Barbara Williams
11. Donna Misselbrook	Woodend Pegasus	Gay Walker
12. Paul Misselbrook	Woodend Pegasus	Gay Walker
13. David Chambers	Ellesmere	Geoff McLennan
14. Tracey Buunk	Wigram	Mark Duff

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

MEMBER	CLUB	SERVICE YEARS
Ronald Fensom	Halswell & District	47
David Burke	Christchurch South	44

**Ask 1
Keep 1** to reach **1,500** members by **1 July 2027'**

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July 13-17, 2025



A Magical City



Convention Calendar



Program of Events



Starts in 155 days - will you be there?

[MORE INFO. HERE](#)

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Where there's a need, there's a Leo - April is Leo Awareness Month

In Lions Clubs International, April is designated as Leo Club Awareness Month, a time to celebrate the powerful partnership between Leos and Lions. Leos focuses on community service, fundraising, and social events, with their motto being “**L**eadership, **E**xperience, **O**pportunity”.

They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Lions and Leos — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades.



Marlborough Girls College and Marlborough Boys College Leos participating in Relay For Life.



Rai Valley Area Leos



Rangiora High School Leos

How will Lions respond? - Myanmar & Thailand Earthquake

Responding After an Earthquake - When a devastating earthquake strikes Myanmar & Thailand, Lions will be using LCIF grant funding to provide relief to victims and help the community begin to recover. A devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake caused widespread destruction in Myanmar and Thailand, with over 1700 dead to date in Myanmar, hundreds feared trapped under rubble and countless families displaced. Lives have been lost, and communities are devastated by this catastrophic event. Your compassionate donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund helps bring hope and relief to those facing overwhelming challenges. When natural disasters strike, Lions are among the first to offer help.

Please consider donating to LCIF today. Thank you for your compassion and support. #LCIFLions

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“Lions clubs were really good at the initial response and it made us all realize the real power that we have as Lions, the power that we sometimes forget.”

Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival

November 4th - 7th 2025

2025 Theme -

Whanau - Friends & Family.



Clubs that were represented at our District Convention will have my report, and all Clubs should be hearing from their Zone Chairs about the need for us to raise the \$10,000 needed for Lions to retain naming rights sponsorship for the 2025 Festival.

I am suggesting that Clubs might like to put the proceeds of a special project to this cause - great publicity for Lions if you advertise your next BBQ as a fundraiser for the Festival.

When you send your donation to District Treasurer Ian, remember to include MUSIC FESTIVAL in your notes, and please advise me of when you pay, and the amount, on ian.marion@xtra.co.nz

Please don't use the Music Festival email address in the directory.

PDG Marion McWha - Music Festival Lions Liaison

Kaikoura Seaward Lions ASKED FOR HELP and they came! THE POWER of SOCIAL MEDIA



Kaikoura Seaward Lions and Volunteers ready for a Beach Clean Up - Citizen Scientists.

Our Lions Calendar



Election of Officers



Environment



Worldwide Induction Day



Mothers Day

April

Month	Leo Awareness month
Month	ELECTIONS for Club Officers
Month	Environmental Awareness month
Month	Global Child Nutrition month
13	Vehicle Tour - Hawarden Waikari Lions
25	ANZAC Day
25 - 27	MD Convention New Plymouth
26	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	
3	'Bras & Undies' Selwyn Lions
11	Mothers Day (A day of leisure.)
15	REPORT Officers to LCI
16	Pink Shirt Day
16 - 18	Cabinet Meeting - Christchurch
Month	Strengthen Membership month
24	Officers Workshop, Blenheim
25	Officers Workshop, Richmond

June

6	Officers Workshop, Cheviot
7	Officers Workshop, Ferrymead
13 & 14	KK. Seaward Trash Fashion
14	Officers Workshop, Greymouth
14	Lions Speech Contest
14	World Blood Donor Day
20	Matariki
26	Internat. Day against Drug Abuse
27	Helen Keller Day (100 years)

To remember to Elect and Report to LCI
 To know more about a District arranged event contact your Zone Chair.
 To know more about a Club event - contact the Club Secretary.
 To have your project in our Calendar contact me L.k592@xtra.co.nz

**LIONS & LEOS
'OUT THERE DOING IT'**



Halswell & District Lions - a busy time - above left helping out at Electric Avenue and - above and right Carols in the Quarry.



Christchurch South Lion Robert, who with others collected on behalf of the National Heart Foundation.

New Brighton Lion Mick McBride, filling water cups for thirsty runners at City to Surf. (What an ingenious inventor this Club has - Number plate surrounds, Sausage BBQ holder and now this ...)



LEO
29 Marlborough Leos on a mission to raise funds for the local Cancer Society Relay for Life. Over \$6,000 raised so far.



Hanmer Springs Lions - Great day at the Hanmer Motorfest. Huge shout out and thanks to our supporters for your amazing help. To our team, Bryan, Rik, Penny, it was a massive job, and to everyone who bought our famous Angus sausage sizzles.



Greymouth Lions - (history) 'In 2012 the Shelter was erected by the Club and it had steps at the side, but people wanted to access the stage from the front, it was quite a big step up, so with the permission of the council a step was put in, last year and back filled with gravel. The problem was that children played in the stones making the gardeners job hard when children threw stones on the grass. All tiled now and serving it's purpose.' right



(Secretary Ada Frew.)

Marlborough Girls' College Leos at MGC Expo Day 2025.



Nelson Host Lions - Another day painting yesterday (train). Left Geoff. Above President Paul and John.



Right - NZ Motorhoming - Lion Tracy and Selwyn Lion Val. - What a great day we had at the Childrens Day event in Tinwald assisting the Ashburton County & Pakeke Lions. (NZMLC is a branch club of Blenheim Lions Club Great photo!)



Blenheim Lions - Yet another Service project by Blenheim Lions & Leos - setting up/ dismantling for the Quilters Expo. Gifts delivered to the local Hospital Children's Ward.



Marlborough Girls College Leos - Past Leo Vice President Maia and Leo President Alice collecting donations at Pak 'n Save for Relay for Life.



Christchurch Host Lion Graeme 'Out there doing it' collecting 'used' glasses. These will be initially be repaired and then sent to the Islands for redistribution.



Fabrício Oliveira

International President
Paraíba, Brazil



“Make Your Mark” is the inspiring theme of Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira this year! It’s a powerful reminder that every act of kindness, every hour of service, and every connection we make leaves a lasting impact on our communities and the world.

Our Causes



Youth

Dear Lion,

To ensure a thriving organization, we must continue to innovate and involve even more people in our service. One of the best ways to achieve both is by increasing the number of young Lions and Leos. This will help us reach our MISSION 1.5 goal and set us up for a bright future.



Child Cancer

So collaborate with your club to ensure it’s a welcoming, inclusive and energizing place that will attract young people - and all people who want to serve. The next generation of Lions starts now.



Environment

At your service,
Fabrício Oliveira International President



Hunger

LIONS SUPPLIES (NZ)

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LIONS MEMBERSHIP PACKS

[Click here](#)

OUR LEADERS

(2024 - 2025)

LIONS INTERNATIONAL



Fabrício Oliveira
Brazil
International President



Disaster Relief

DIRECTORY CHANGE:

New Secretary - Judith Prosser Christchurch Pegasus Club
- 309 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch 8013.



Vision

DISTRICT BULLETIN -

If you have great photos, an amazing story to tell of your Club’s achievements please let us know so that everyone will see and hopefully use these ideas.

Watch out next month for more Convention photos in the May Newsletter.

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Humanitarian Efforts

UPCOMING CONVENTION DATES

International

Orlando, Florida, USA 13 - 17 July 2025
Hong Kong 3 - 7 July 2026
Washington, DC, USA 2 - 6 July 2027
Singapore 23 -27 June 2028



A. P. Singh
India
1st V. President



Mark Lyon
U.S.A.
2nd V. President



Dr. Manoj Shah
Kenya
3rd V. President



Diabetes

Key Points - Cabinet meeting

Saturday 22nd March 2025 (via Zoom)

1. PDG Jim Pollitt has an inventory of PDG's which the District has purchased for reference.
2. Leo Tear drop flag additional one purchased. One held in Blenheim and one in Christchurch.
3. Investment of Cabinet and District Trust monies done (mix of on call and term deposit)
4. Clubs to make contact with schools asap re youth programmes (speech competition, peace poster and environment competition) as per distributions within the zones (2VDG Alastair liaison with Zone 2 clubs). Talk to your zone chair to see what schools you should be contacting.
5. Reregistration of clubs with the new constitution as supplied by MD legal, Alan Knowsley, due before April 2026. Contact District legal, Richard Norris, if require support.
6. Zone chairs being asked to check which clubs have completed reregistration with Incorporated Societies. Support is available to clubs if required.
7. Timing of AGM's need to be by November as filing with Inc. Soc. due by 31 December – (no extension of time available under the new system). Clubs must give members 14 day notice period for an AGM which can be held on an ordinary club night. There will be more information in the District Bulletin. AGM agenda: minutes approved from last AGM, confirm club officers previously appointed at the changeover night, approval of annual accounts to be filed, other AGM business.
8. Donations for 2023-2024 year from 32 clubs (out of 40 clubs) to their communities totalled \$697,557. This is an amazing amount and is worth publicity to the public via your club facebook pages.
9. Generic emails beginning with a number are likely to end up in the spam system at the intended receiver / outside companies end. It is suggested that a naming format be adopted for positions at the district and multiple district level with this suggestion being taken to Council by DG Pam. e.g. DG.202e@lionsclubs.org.nz
10. Issues with the portal – send your problems to District secretary Ian as he now has a direct contact at LCI
11. 123 new members inducted, 98 dropped with an increase of +25. District membership standing at 1124 as at 22.03.25. This is very pleasing but we need to keep this momentum going. We need to build up to 1250 members and retain at least 35 clubs to keep our District autonomous.
12. Incoming officer training in May and June planned. Dates to be advised to clubs asap.
13. Lions Cancer Trust chair, PDG Paul O'Connor, encourages all Lions to make a day trip to Hanmer to witness the launching of the NZ Lions Cancer Screening Vehicle – Dr Hamish Campbell a cancer scientist will be there. Launch to be 10.30am on Saturday 29th March outside the Hanmer Hotel.
14. Lions staying at the Hotel or using the Hotel car park during convention need to register their car number plate at reception so that they do not receive a parking ticket – can register multiple days. (number plate recognition in use)
15. Date for the next District Cabinet meeting changed to 17th – 18th May.
Zone chair training on Sunday 18th May. To be held at Redwood Hotel, Styx, Christchurch.

Compiled by PCC Helen Williams



Selwyn Lions welcomed Sue Murray into their Club, with Sponsor Barbara Williams and President Helen Whittington.



Interesting Club Bulletin Snippets.

Service & Youth Activity snippets - from Ellesmere Lions Bulletin - PEA STRAW – 13000 small bales, 550 medium squares baled this season in total. Still to bale 12ha of linseed into squares. Orders are being delivered regularly.

(makes me tired when I think of my days helping with harvesting on the farm - way back when.)

Youth activities will be our next focus. If you have links or contacts with youth groups or clubs needing a hand, please advise Geoff or John, who are collating a list of options for consideration.

(It's great that the Club is being involved in gathering ideas and support for youth activities.)

NEW PRESIDENT RAI VALLEY LEO CLUB

Cooper Knight has been elected as the President of the Rai Valley Leo Club for this year. Cooper joined the Club while he was a Year 7 student at Rai because he wanted to "do something for the community". He has been a Director of the Club. Among other roles he has had responsibility for maintaining the Rai Kai Pantry (a Rai Leo initiative for collection and providing food to the community.) Cooper initiated the plantings at the Rai War memorial and cemetery.



His aims are to increase the number of projects the Leos do this year and to increase Club membership by promoting the Club in newsletters and school activities and to work through friends to bring new members in.

(Congratulations Cooper we are all very proud of all that you have achieved and look forward to supporting your next Leo journey.)

Lions Worldwide Induction Day 26 April

HOW is your Club Celebrating?

Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) is an exciting global membership celebration held annually on the last Saturday in April to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.

Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day

Get ready to celebrate Worldwide Induction Day on April 26, 2025! This exciting event is an opportunity for clubs around the globe to celebrate their incredible new members.

Want to make your event even better? Then visit the Worldwide Induction Day webpage for planning guides, social media kits and more. And be sure to watch a special video from President Fabricio.

Challenge Accepted!



We are on a #MissionToGrow
We asked!

**Paul & Tracey
said YES**

Youth Update

with Becca Baynton

Dear Youth coordinators and club members,

The Peace poster info is out for 2024/25.

THE 2025 - 2026 CONTEST THEME

Together As One - When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unite around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!

You can access all of the entry requirements and information from our New Zealand website or click the link to go straight there.

School application forms

Rules of entry

Deadline dates for entries - OCTOBER 15th is when I need to have your club's posters.

Please download or print the required info for your club in order to approach your local schools. We have had excellent entries in the last few years, so please positively engage! You are also welcome to order a Peace poster kit from office@lionsclubs.org.nz.



SPEECH - This year's speech competition info has been out for a while, but a friendly reminder that is on the **14th JUNE 2025** - all required info is on the poster including a QR code that will take you to the website with more info. Please print out the attachment for your club to distribute. These dates are coming up soon - so get involved! FYI - Don't forget about the Peace Essay for those students who are blind or of low vision. Info here.

ENVIRONMENT COMPETITION - info to be released to clubs in the next while, so not to bombard you too much at the moment. These close **October 31st**.

Please email me or contact me on 021 0242 4179 if you need help, assistance or more info. Thank you to all the fabulous Lions involved with our youth - you're amazing!

Becca Baynton - Youth 202e

(Please note details of our Peace Poster Contest can also be found in our March District Bulletin. You can also refer to Becca's email, forwarded out to all clubs Sunday 16 March.)

The 2025-2026 Contest
Together As One

International Peace Essay Contest

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Please contact Becca to see if District applicable etc.



The 2024-2025 Essay Winner

“Peace Without Limits”

Robert Hunt
11 years old
New Zealand

Sponsored by the Lower Hutt Host Lions Club

[Read Robert's Essay & find more out about the Contest](#)

Who Does Fun & Fellowship Well?



Christchurch Host Lions Out & About doing what they do so well ... How important is Fun and Fellowship for Club members? The answer is above! (Photographer well done Graeme Smart.)



Nelson Lioness Lions Table for 10. Our Social outing for February saw 10 of us enjoying a Thursday lunch at The Villa Café in Wakefield. We all had delicious luncheon dishes and some had wonderful sweet cakes and desserts to finish. A lovely venue that we all enjoyed. Thank you, Jan, for organising this outing.



Motueka Lions above, were gifted a screening of the film Tina by cinema owner Lion Mark Wentworth, with all proceeds donated to the Riding For The Disabled. Mark spoke about how Covid and online streaming has effected his business and is grateful for Lions and the communities support. Right - BBQ to thank all volunteers who again made the annual Kaiteriteri mini golf a success. Alan Brown models his delightful prize matching Pink Accessories.



Through the instigation and generosity of Bill Paterson and family of MacDonald Downs Station, the Hawarden-Waikari Lions Club is proud to organise a tour on 13th April where all proceeds will go to support the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust. The charge per vehicle is \$100. Starting from MacDonald Downs Station woolshed at 9:00 AM with a talk by owner Bill, the vehicles travel over MacDonald Downs to Lees Valley stopping at Lees Valley Station for lunch and given a history of the area. From there the tour continues to the Birch Hill Station cemetery for a talk on the history and establishment of the cemetery. For more information and a link to registration for the event: <https://hawarden-waikari-lions.org.nz/macdonald-downs-tour>



GARDEN PARTY FOR 75

That's what Ellesmere Lions has just achieved AND here's how they did it.

Recently Ellesmere Lions club held its annual Garden Party, hosting around 75 of our community's widow and widowers.

An event that is highly anticipated by our guests, a chance to catch up with lifelong friends, and make new ones. The weather was perfect helping to show case the beautifully designed and cared for, large country garden of our hosts. This is a great event that involves all members and partners.

Every member is expected to supply two plates of food regardless of whether or not they can attend on the day.

We have a dedicated team that phones all our guests to see who is available to come and then they organise members to collect and take many of those who can't drive themselves to the venue. Everyone is already looking forward to next year's catch up.



WE HAVE TELEVISION STARS IN OUR MIDST!

Lions of Oxford & District Club supply fresh vegetables to Satisfy Food Rescue.

This Club also manage to fit in some other amazing fundraisers - below



Satisfy Food Rescue - 'As our collaboration with the Oxford & Districts Lions Club enters its fifth year and the remarkable feat of over 60 tonnes of potatoes harvested to date, we were delighted to join them on their first harvest of the 2025 season a couple of weeks ago to watch Good Sorts film this feature. This produce is an invaluable staple for our food banks and community organisations supporting people with food. So proud of the this team of dedicated and generous Oxford & Districts Lions Club volunteers! Ka pai.'
(Best sharpen your pencils, autograph seekers are coming.)

***"Great night out to support Cust School PTA."
And a well supported annual fundraiser.***



202E Lions Convention – A True Testimony to Teamwork and Leadership.

What an amazing 202E Lions Convention! So well organised and so extra special having been orchestrated by seven Lions clubs - while I sat on the sideline watching the endless meetings unfold - with everyone working together like clockwork. Our thanks to all the Lions members who contributed their time, energy, and expertise to make this Convention possible, from behind the scenes organizing, or actively participating in the convention events, your efforts made a huge difference. Your teamwork, passion, and commitment were truly inspiring, and together, we proved once again why Lions are “The Voice and Action of Service.”

Now back to OUR District Bulletin - As we continue to share the incredible work of our Lions Clubs, we want YOU to be a part of the next edition! If you'd like to contribute content (especially colourful, eye catching, action packed photos, please share your club's story. Don't hesitate to email it to me at L.k592@xtra.co.nz - We need your input! Just let me know it's coming by 12th April and in my email by the 18th please :) I thrive on being overpowered by your news! Already some are sitting in our May edition. Watch May also, for more Convention photos. Have a super month Lou 🌸

Host a Pink Ribbon Breakfast 22 May 2025

Tuck in with your friends, whānau and workmates. And help beat breast cancer, together.

[Sign up Now](#)



The Ode of Remembrance

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

The Ode of Remembrance is the third and fourth stanza of 'For the fallen'. While the opening stanza of the poem specifies England's dead, the later stanzas have been adopted across the world as a general poem of remembrance.

**ANZAC
DAY**

25 April 2025