

MD Convention 2020



Whangarei May 1st—3rd 2020

60th Anniversary  Convention



Dear Lions, Leos and Lionesses

Welcome to the New Year 2020. It is time to start planning now for convention season.

I warmly invite all members to attend the 60th Annual General Meeting and MD 202 Convention to be held on 1st – 3rd May 2020 at Whangarei. Add this important event to your calendar now.

The 60th Convention will be a great opportunity for you to catch up with old friends and make new connections within the Lions family. We will review what has been accomplished in our Multiple District over the past year, welcome in our new leaders and set the direction for the future. Most importantly we will celebrate our achievements and recognize key contributors as well as provide speakers and time for information sharing.

I am looking forward to the street parade, social events and entertainment the Convention committee has organized to ensure a memorable weekend is enjoyed by us all.

Come join us.

Council Chair Helen

Hi as Host President—Lions Club of Hikurangi Mountain

May I endorse what Council Chairman Helen has said above. The club has embraced the opportunity to host fellow Lions from around the Multiple District.

Our mountain is not very large BUT I can assure you we have a very active committee working under the leadership of Convention Chairman Peter Lightbody. A great programme has been lined up with innovations to make this convention worth the travel north.

While you are up here for the convention I invite you to stay on a little longer. There is so much to do in the north and the season will be the right time if you wish to avoid the maddening crowds, stay awhile and enjoy the north.

Colin Twyman

The MD 202 convention registration form for Whangarei 2020 can be downloaded to your computer by following these steps:

From the NZ Lions Website www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/conventions

Open the “Registration Form” on the web site, right click on the form and select “Save As”. Or “Save Page As”

You will then be prompted as to where you wish to save this file, suggest save to desktop.

Important Note

The Account Number for Internet Banking

Westpac 03 -0497- 0024955 -01 (Reference = Name)

There was an error on the original form but if you have used that number do not despair it will be captured and be registered.



Something Different

As CC Helen mentions in her invitation for a first time in this convention will commence on Saturday morning with a parade through the Whangarei Mall and streets to the convention centre at Forum North.

Long a feature at International Conventions and Forums this is planned as part of the programme for this 60th Anniversary Convention.

Also on the Saturday morning plan is an early breakfast provided by a local prominent eatery (*Dickens Inn*) who are putting together a special menu for those participating (*at own cost*). More details closer to the time but favourable cost is planned.

We will certainly be urging everyone to partake certainly in the parade. There we will be of course the opportunity for those unable to walk the approximately 800 meters of the parade route to assemble at the venue.

We would also recommend Dickens Inn as an eatery and refreshment destination throughout the weekend; especially prior to or post Friday evening session of the convention for a meal or beverages.

Dickens Inn is one of our sponsors for the convention



Partners Programme

A fabulous programme has been lined up for Lions partners with a visit to Kiwi North. There will be the opportunity to see Whangarei Museum, visit the Kiwi House and the Tuatara enclosure. You will also be able to ride the trains both big and small along with a morning tea.

The programme will then bring you back to town to the Whangarei Town Basin for lunch (at own cost plus take in the sights of the many shops and activities available. The Basin also has famous Clock Museum, Reyburn House Art gallery and the array of vessels moored in the basin many with foreign ports of origin.

THE ROARING TWENTIES Cabaret

Your Saturday evenings programme will be one to remember

- ◆ Demonstrations of the Roaring Twenties hit dance the Charleston and from top local ballroom dancers.
- ◆ Raffles will be drawn.
- ◆ There will also be an auction for a local Charity and there are some top item up for this auction.
- ◆ Whangarei's top caterers will be providing a wonderful meal.
- ◆ Black and Red are Hukurangi colours so will be the theme of the evening



Recommended Accommodation providers

Book your accommodation now before it is too late

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| Distinction Hotel | Headquarters Hotel | 09 430 4080 |
| Special Rates for Lions | | |
| Discovery Hotel | | 09 438 2699 |
| Special Rates for Lions | | |
| Quest Whangarei | | 09 972-7854 |
| Bella Vista Motel | | 09 438 6990 |
| Pembroke Motor Lodge | | 09 437 6426 |
| BK's Pohutukawa Motel | | 09 430 8634 |
| Avenue Heights Motel | | 09 438-2737 |
| Cheviot Park Motor Lodge | | 0508-243-846 |