

# District Governor 2020-2021 Louise Knapman



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## A word from the editor

Dear Fellow Lions,

COVID 19 has done it again. Convention this year has now been reduced to a one day

Conference and AGM. So, in this issue there are convention reports to keep you up-to-date.

Kind regards, Llew



#### DG's Message



Fellow Lions, Membership continues to hold steady. We are currently at -2 for the year, the best we have been for some time. I am aware of more inductions planned, so well done everyone.

What a wonderful afternoon was had at the Zone 1, 2 and 3 mini golf challenge in Feilding. Stephanie Jordan, Daphne Holley and I thoroughly enjoyed the event and the bbq that followed. A big thank you to the organisers. It would be good to see this also happen in the north, perhaps at the Inglewood course when it is finished.

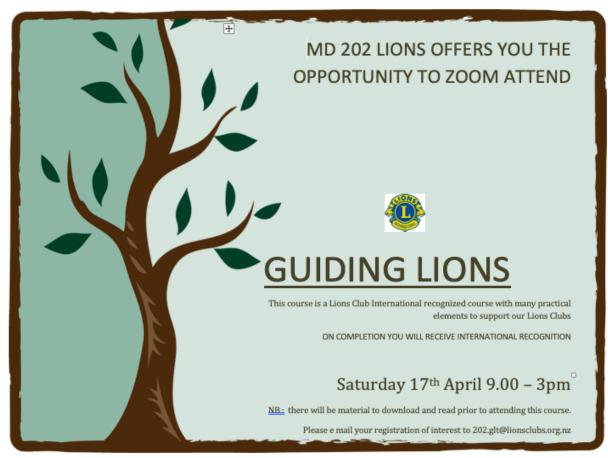
The Rongotea gala and auction was a very well-run event. David and I were amazed by the sheer scale of the operation and the amount of money raised. I believe there were people lining up at 7am waiting for it to open at 8:30! \$15,000 was given out on the day to worthy causes, it made me feel proud to be a Lion.

The visit to Camp Quality was another recent highlight. David and I travelled to Masterton and went to Rathkeale College which was where the camp was held. It was a beautiful venue with tons of space. We spent a wonderful morning visiting all of the activities and being taken between them sitting on haybales in a trailer towed behind a vintage tractor. Quite appropriate for the vintage Lions attending! I had a go at digging a hole with a digger, great fun. The baking that many clubs provided was very welcome and widely commented on. We had a lovely lunch with the campers and left feeling uplifted and again proud to be a Lion.

# Louise Knapman District Governor 202D



#### **Guiding Lions / Stand and Deliver**



# Stand and Deliver

How are your presenting skills?

Would you like to be part of your districts training team

Come join our zoom sessions and increase those skills!

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1-5pm and Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-5pm You will be required to attend both days. Via zoom

Send an e mail now to received your zoom invite to this wonderful opportunity.

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Leadership starts with learning

#### Camp Quality 2021 Summer camp.



#### 2021 Summer Camp at Rathkeale Collage Masterton

Following on from an international pandemic we were more than excited to be able to run yet another amazing camp (albeit a shorter version) in the glorious Wairarapa. Our camp was shortened due to COVID interfering with fundraising opportunities, so instead of six days we were reduced to five, but they were just as thrilling and fun filled as usual!

Day 1. Buses and mini vans from Taranaki, Palmerston North and Wellington had set off earlier that morning and arrived by 3.30pm at Rathkeale College. Greeted in the usual Camp Quality fashion by staff dressed up in camp theme "Out of this World" with Matt the Martian (our RM leading the arriving party). Camp orientation began shortly after bags had been taken to the dorms. Not any usual orientation either. The campers and companions were out on a bit of a cryptic clue hunt. This hunt ended by having everyone return to their dorms to complete their dorm decorating challenge! After refueling at dinner, we were lucky enough to have Aerospace Education come and launch some rockets for us onsite! Of course, this camp is all about the kids having fun, so then it was their turn to build their own rockets and then have them launched too! With a few Oooh's and Aaah's filling the evening the campers were able to launch their rockets, then themselves - into bed! **DAY 2.** Rising nearly as early as the sun, it was time to load up 2 buses and a few minivans with campers, companions and staff for an epic beach day, and that is exactly what it was! Beginning with a big dig, the campers had to locate popsicle sticks so they could exchange them for a prize, luckily there was enough sand that they could then continue with sandcastle building and companion burying, followed closely of course by camper burying and reshaping, there were a few mermen and sharks created from the campers buried bodies! Along with general beach swimming, the lagoon was clear enough to swim in for those who wanted a guieter experience, and those who were 11 and older and wanted a thrill, well they had the opportunity to learn to surf, thanks to Riversdale Surf Life Saving Club! It is tiring work with all the digging and swimming, luckily 'Paws for a Break' coffee cart was on hand volunteering and contributing coffee and slushies for us, careful as to whether it was the camper or companion that got the coffee!! We even catered for those who did not want to get wet, there were kites donated for the day (wind was almost perfect) and a variety of motorcycle clubs had come together to bring out more than 20 bikes to take the campers for a ride! The fun didn't stop back at Rathkeale, with a quick change into our "Out of this World" costumes and a parade it was time for Sport Wellington to host some games. A lot of energy burnt, time for more refueling and guieter activities. Our art night followed on from dinner and as it got dark the art moved into the sky, with a quick walk down to the river we saw new art in the form of fireworks! After the sky had become dark again it was time to retire to bed.

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#### Camp Quality 2021 Summer Camp...

<u>Day 3.</u> Waking up to more excellent weather (thank you Wairarapa!!) we had our group photo shoot, and of course, some snapshots of the companions with their campers. Then we were all ferried to Queen Elizabeth Park (Masterton) where fun was had by all, CQ had the use of paddle boats, maize to feed the Deer, plus strawberries for the campers & companions, rides on the park train, hunger ball games (hosted by Andu from Auckland!!) Mrs. Whippie, mini put and of course the use of the kids own playground. Then back to camp for some quiet time, then free time. In case the kids needed some more energy, John Bargh flew his crop duster plane and dropped a few kg's of lollies for all to scramble for. After dinner, campers and companions hopped into their pyjamas for a movie night, with popcorn of course! A nice quiet end to day 3 on Camp.

**Day 4.** True to tradition we held our "Electives Day' and this was also a day where we could invite guests so they too could have a snippet of camp experience. To get to & from these, it was a tractor & trailer ride. As usual, the choice of electives was vast. Our campers could operate a choice of 2 excavators, partake in Off-Road 4 Wheel Drives (with some accompanying mud), get transported by On-Road 4 Wheel Drives, decorate their own tile coasters, layer icing on their own mini doughnuts, have a ride around the paddock on a horse, shoot a target with a slug gun and for the super brave – Climb 20m up a tree and complete a flying fox! After refueling with lunch, there were 7000 water balloons to be used in the annual CQ water fight (and the annual CQ water balloon rubbish collection too), and if all the water balloons had triggered more hunger there was a Sundae bar available before free time! On the last night of camp, it is tradition to have our Senior's Dinner and Disco, so Hairdressers, Make-up Artist's & Nail Painters (totaling 22) were on hand to prepare the campers (both Male & Female) for these special events. From here everyone had another fulfilling meal and danced the night away with great music & lighting provided DJ Max from Wellington. **Day 5.** Day five saw the winding down of festivities but not before the emergency services had come

**Day 5.** Day five saw the winding down of festivities but not before the emergency services had come and provided rides, and entertainment for the campers (with some campers being handcuffed!). We were lucky enough to have them stay and enjoy lunch with us. With bags and buses packed, goodbyes were said and tears were shed as the buses hit the road at 1pm taking some tired campers and companions safely home.

Lions Support While on camp our many outings were only made possible due to the support of the Lions Clubs. Without these amazing people the experiences of camp just would not happen. So many wonderful clubs had input to make camp the success it was. These clubs provided a wide range of support from, lunches, supper, shade, organizing a main part of the days program, fireworks, letter drops & assisting with electives, dinner serving, plus more! Patea and Foxton Lions clubs provided the snack packs for the buses to camp from our area and a large number of Central and South Taranaki Lions clubs provided an enormous amount of homemade baking and packet biscuits including some for the special diet campers. Although the baking sounds like something little it was something that made camp quite special. Never has morning and afternoon tea been so popular on camp, excited eyes everywhere searching for their favorite treat. There were requests for certain items to be hidden so no one else ate the last one etc. It truly added another layer of laughter and smiling faces, thank you for the effort you all made! Your continued support is gratefully received whether it was working labour or monetary contributions.

From one volunteer organization to another - Thank you.

Michelle Hofmans Camp Quality Liaison 202D

#### **LCIF Report**



#### District 202D Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) report

It is my pleasure to present my LCIF report to the District 202D Convention (2021).

The 2019-20 Lions year really showed how we, as a District and country, could come together in times of adversity. The summer started early with the horrendous bush fires in Australia ad we all responded to the water tank appeal. As a District we raised \$US22,451 and nationally, \$US190,000 - a tremendous effort from every District.

This 2020-21 year's fundraising has been impacted heavily by Covid-19. We should consider ourselves lucky as Headquarters in Chicago is still effectively in lockdown with only a few people allowed in the building at any one time. Where possible everyone is working from home. To keep all the CA VII District Co-ordinators up to speed, our Area Specialist Jeff Arnett (Chicago) has been running zoom meetings approx. every 6 weeks.

The application for \$US100,000 to support our fundraising for the "Specialised therapy play area" in the new Wellington Children's hospital has just been approved by the LCIF Board. This is great news as we are now very close to the target of this fundraiser. Over the December and January period a total of \$US275,000 has been granted to Lions within our Constitutional Area (\$100K for NZ, \$175k - Australia and \$40k - Indonesia).

To date this Lions year, 5 Clubs have donated a total of \$US1,590. While I appreciate that clubs within our District tend to donate later in the year, please can you consider an earlier donation this year so it can be processed by International before the end of June. (As mentioned above, Chicago is effectively still in lockdown and all Headquarters processing is taking that bit longer than previously experienced.)

While you are at it, consider rewarding your senior club officers and deserving club members with an MJF. Most clubs have enough credit for at least one, so please give it some serious thought **now**. I can let any club know exactly how much MJF credit they have. Remember that turn-around from the US is that bit longer so for June and July presentations you will need to get applications in soon.

Anyone who believes that our Foundation is making a positive difference to the world might consider an individual donation. (If you don't think this is the case or have any concerns please speak to us at Convention.) "Share pins" will be available from either Leo Danz (our Multiple District Area LCIF Leader) or myself before, during and after Convention.

On behalf of our Foundation, THANK YOU ALL for your support.

Phil Theobald
District 202D LCIF Coordinator

#### **Combined Youth Report**



#### **COMBINED YOUTH REPORT 20-21:**

Wow, where has these last 6 months gone. Hope everyone had a great Xmas and New Year.

Phil & I continue to attend Zone Meetings every quarter where we can and enjoy communication face to face with everyone. We also continue to enjoy hearing about what Clubs/Zones are doing in their communities.

Junior Speechmakers in November was a great success again with 37 entries participating. Speeches once again were outstanding and very enjoyable. We could not run this event without the continued support from Kaponga, Fred Kerston and Normanby & Districts, Hawera Mt View Lions Clubs and Naumai Toastmasters. We have received some great feedback from attendees about the event also. This year we introduced Trophies and new Certificate for the winner in each room.

Peace Poster. This year's theme was Peace through Service. We received 59 entries and the students participating had great and varying interpretation of the Theme. Lauren Kalin from Auroa School and Sponsored by Kaponga was our District Winner and her poster was sent on to National Final.

The past 6 months has seen us working hard in getting the New Zealand Internal Youth Exchange up and running between 202D and 202M. Unfortunately, we have had to move the Exchange back and will be confirming to Clubs in early February.

Phil, Gerald and I have also been implementing a new Environmental Video Challenge which you should all know about by the time of reading this report. We have already contacted Schools and hope to have a great response for this.

Robyn Pederson (Leo's Co Ordinator) is organising a Leo's Information event in South Taranaki set for March. We have 2 Schools interested in starting a club up. We will invite teachers, students, parents and any Club members that would like to know more along to this event.

Finally, Phil and I would like to thank you all for your continued support you give us in our role as Youth Chairs for the District.

Stephanie Jordan Youth North Chair Phil Lightbourne Youth South Chair

#### **Young Speechmaker Contest**



#### **LIONS DISTRICT 202D**

# YOUNG SPEECHMAKER CONTEST

FOR STUDENTS AGED 17-21 (as at 30/06/21)

We are looking for up to 3 of the best young speechmakers in our District.

They have the opportunity to represent Lions District 202D at the Multiple District Final.

#### **202D District Final**

Date Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Venue** Whanganui Intermediate School

**Time** 9.20am for a 10am start

**Cost** \$100 (sponsorship by your local Lions Club.)

Speeches- a prepared speech on your chosen topic
6-8 minutes, as well as an impromptu speech 1- 2 minutes.
Prizes to be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Morning tea & lunch provided free for entrants- \$10pp for public.
Entries close Friday 15th May.

#### The NATIONAL MULTI DISTRICT FINAL

will be held in Wellington on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 with the winner to receive \$2500, runner-up \$1000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$500.

For further information, the rules, entry form and judging criteria please contact:

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#### 202D Lions Environmental Video Challenge.

Primary (year 5 & 6) students are invited to create a 3-5 minute mini documentary/short film on the theme of.....
"Establishing biodiversity in our natural environment."



All primary urban and rural schools in Lions District 202D have been invited to enter this contest, which closes on May 7<sup>th</sup>. 202D Lions are encouraged to approach their local primary school to invite them to create a video. Information about this contest has been sent to all clubs and zones in 202D. For more information or questions, please contact the 202D Youth team, Stephanie or Phil.

#### Rongotea & District Lions Club 2021 Waitangi Day Gala

This huge event for our Lions Club is over for another year, and once again, it was very successful. A large crowd of local people as well as visitors to Rongotea, spent their money purchasing all sorts of odds and ends at the auction and make an offer, and on clothing, linen and books, all donated by people in Rongotea and the surrounding district. For this, we are very grateful to everyone who

supported the Gala with either donating goods or spending money on the day. We are appreciative of the help provided by Rongotea Fire and Emergency personnel & Marton Young Farmers. Thanks too, to Manchester Lions who supplied and ran their barrel train for the Gala day.

Congratulations to the **Kairanga School** team for winning Top School. **Thanks to Farm Supplies Ltd** and Himatangi Transport for their sponsorship of Top School.

The Rongotea Lions are especially thankful to their wives and partners for all the help they provided to Lions in the run up to the Gala as well as on the day, we couldn't run the gala without their help.

Thanks Ladies. Money raised from the Gala has



Kairanga School Winning Top School Team with sponsors.

been donated to the **new Wellington Children's Hospital Playscape project, Breast Cancer & Prostate** Cancer Foundations and the Manawatu branch of the Cancer Society.

DG Louise is sampling a very tasty scone from the Lions Café.



DG Louise receiving a cheque for the Playscape Project from President Wayne Vallender.



#### **Environment Report**



The Youth Chair Phil Lightbourne has done an excellent job of developing the rules and requirements around the Environment Youth Video Challenge competition for Year 5 and 6 school children. Stephanie Jordan and Phil have been promoting this to clubs via their Youth Chairs and at Zone meetings.

Entries need to be in by the 7<sup>th</sup> May with the winner being announced on World Environment Day 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Thanks Phil and Stephanie for a job well done.

Most clubs have been undertaking environmental projects and are enjoying their involvement in these types of projects. Some excellent ones will be put forward for the Environment Award at the Convention.

On a personal note, back in December I was appointed to the New Zealand Fish & Game National Council, this has kept me busy on environmental issues.

Gerard Karalus
Environment Coordinator
Lions 202D

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#### **LEO Coordinator Report 2021**



### Young people serving their community

All three Leo clubs are due to restart early March. This is to enable schools to "Settle in" for the start of the year.

Leo clubs have been informed of Foxton Lions 'Beach Run' fundraiser on Sunday 21 March.

<u>Leo Information Event.</u> As mentioned by Stephanie, there will be an info get together to be held in Hawera on Friday 26 March. Stephanie has a couple of schools interested in starting a Leo club. This is open to teachers, students and Lion's members who are interested and want to know more.

**Zoom Meeting.** Held on Sunday 14 February. Run by 202GLT leader Lynda Halverson. District Leo Coordinators plus some key national people. The aim was to discuss how we can better support Leo's, in New Zealand.

#### Outcomes:

- To create a supportive community of value to those wanting to advance Leo's.
- Networking of resources.
- Learn more about Leo's and improve "handovers" of Leo roles.
- Sharing ideas (ie. What are other clubs doing).
- An avenue to hear what Leo's want.
- Upskilling and keeping up to date on issues.

This is a starting point. It is envisaged that Zoom meetings will be held bi-monthly and that others will be invited to join in.

Robyn Pedersen Leo Coordinator 202D



Encouraging young minds to attain their potential



#### **Global Leadership Report**

As a Lion there are so many opportunities to learn and grow; all so we can serve our communities in the best way possible.

A brief summary of the year's training opportunities:

Due to COVID restrictions Club Officer training was via Zoom with a good turn out of incoming officers tuned in to the presenters. (92% of all clubs represented). Despite the technological challenges faced by some, feedback was very positive. Quite a few spoken to preferred this mode of delivery!

The Presidents luncheon was held at Hawera and well attended by Club Presidents and their partners. DG Louise was able to share her considerable story telling skills by retelling 'Who Moved My Cheese', a parable which can be applied to our own lives and definitely pertinent to DG Louise's theme for the year, 'What if...', outlining how 'people' (mice) adapt to change. The message, "stop fearing what lies ahead and instead, thrive in an environment of change and uncertainty".

We have certainly had our fair share of 'change and uncertainty' and I am sure there is more to come!

As a GAT (Global Action Team) we held a very worthwhile 'Refresh' Day in Patea on the Saturday of Labour Weekend. Although the timing was not ideal for everyone it was great to see the enthusiasm and desire to 'think outside the box' within the room from those who did attend. Everyone left with a plan to move forward with their clubs. There is a plan to repeat the day in March / April 2021 in the southern half of the district.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) went ahead in early November in Wellington with 7 lions from our District attending. Congratulations to Hugh Cameron & Brian Kirk (Normanby), Paul Folster (PN Middle Districts), Wendy Otene (Inglewood), Edgar Caballero (Rongotea & Districts), Mike Powell (Bell Block & Districts) and Scott Harvey (PN Fitzherbert) for their attendance and completion of ELLI.

Two applicants have been forwarded for inclusion at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in Nelson in April with Lions from NZ – Sue Huckstep, and Stephanie Jordan.

As we head towards the last quarter of the current Lions year, take the time to have some fun, reflect on what you have done and join with incoming club officers to set some realistic goals for the new Lions year.

As leaders of your clubs you have the mandate to make a difference - in your clubs, in your communities. You have the chance to develop your own leadership skills as well as help build further successful and skilled leaders, you have the chance to review and improve the way your club functions, you have the chance to be the driver for meeting the needs within your community, you have the chance to make a difference.

You are not alone. We have a world wide organisation run out of one of the most efficient countries in the world. We have a district of 37 clubs, each with Presidents – some old, some new. We have a multitude of past presidents, past district governors. We have our current cabinet team. None of us profess to have all the answers but we will probably be able to find someone who knows what you need to know!

The Lions website has many learning opportunities available and is an excellent resource any Lions information. As we all prepare for the next Lions year, I ask that you take the time to have a look at what is on offer, whether you are an incoming president, secretary, treasurer or club member. There is so much available with most online workshops no more than 10 or 15 minutes.

I wish all current Club Leaders all the best and that the goals you set out to achieve have been rewarding and fun. May all the good work continue.

Megan England, Global Leadership Team Coordinator

#### **Global Membership Team Report**

At the time of writing district membership is 1,085. This is exactly the same as the same time last year and the same as at the start of the year. There have been 32 new members with 32 dropped or deceased. 2 members have passed on (though we understand a couple more have not been recorded) and we thank them for their service and offer our condolences to their families and clubs. It is worth noting that over the same period last year, membership declined by 18, with 24 new members and 33 dropped and 9 deceased.

Our district is also bucking the national trend. While most other districts have continued to decline in numbers, ours are stabilizing. New Plymouth Central Club chartered in June 2020 and currently has 25 members. Clearview Park Club in Palmerston North has formed as a branch club of Middle Districts and currently has 17 members. The Rahotu – Pungarehu club closed prior to Christmas and we thank them for many years of great service to their community. Most members have transferred to other clubs. 10 clubs are not regularly reporting membership on the MyLion website. Inability to access the website continues to be a significant problem.

DG Louise's membership goal was to achieve a positive membership growth for the year. It would appear that we are on track to achieve this goal, especially as many clubs are reporting that they have several new members to induct. When visiting clubs, it has been notable that most clubs have had several visitors all considering becoming Lions. Many of these people say they are looking at Lions since the Covid lockdown as they now recognize the need to get more involved in their communities.

Our challenge as Lions is to harness this desire for community service to build stronger clubs.

Steve Barr, Global Membership Team

#### **Global Service Team Report**

The Global Services Team (GST) for 202D 2020/21, have had a very productive year so far, each member has enthusiasm and drive to do their job and do it well. There have been plenty of innovative ideas that came forth and have been put into action.

Environment has a new video competition for children.

Child Mobility helped co-ordinate a change of venue, transport, accommodation for a New Zealand wide Hart Walker Specialist to visit and work with the children and their families.

Camp Quality had another very successful camp this year.

Lloyd Morgan supported projects and our Alert Leaders were alert all the time.

Our Almoner kept up with sending cards and collecting information for member activities.

Collections continued for Kan Tabs, Kidney Kid and Glasses to help fund health needs for New Zealand and Island children.

A Diabetes training day was held in Hawera for members to learn about and understand Diabetes and Diabetes management. This is so they can be resource people in their clubs and communities. This training is to be repeated in the south of 202D as is the very successful Refresh Day run by the GAT team.

Clubs responded to requests for a list of the projects they do, the number of hours each project takes and the number of people needed to run it as well as the best club to contact for more information. This was collated The monthly Multi District zoom meetings have been very beneficial for information, knowledge sharing and getting to know the GST leaders throughout each district. It is great to hear from other districts what they are doing, how their reporting and membership is, ideas on Lions proposals, projects and problems, their thoughts and responses to various Lions concerns. Feed back about the proposed skin cancer screening vehicle initiative, Kan Tabs and aluminium prices, membership, retention of members, Health and Safety, it is all shared and discussed, it is really good for learning.

Our 202D clubs continue to serve their communities with old and new projects and a lot of funding has been generated to be given back for community needs. The GST team continues to inform and support clubs as well as encouraging them to report their activities and enter projects into the awards to promote Lions and awareness of what Lions do.

It has been a great year so far despite the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic and we are on track to make sure 202D achieves the goals set before us by Louise. I wish her all the best for the rest of her District Governor year.

Daphne Holley, Global Service Team Leader

#### Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust



During the year so far, our district has benefited by receiving \$31,140.00 from the Lloyd Morgan Trust by way of Grants to assist four clubs with their projects — New Plymouth Pakeke, Toko, Eltham and Palmerston North Middle Districts. One other application had to be turned down as it did not fit the criteria. At the time of writing, we have just under \$90,000.00 still available for distribution throughout New Zealand in this Lions year.

We have recently donated \$40,000 to the Wellington Hospital Playscape appeal and have a current application under consideration from a Lions Club in Fiji to assist with the purchase of school supplies for children affected by the recent devastating cyclones in their area.

Thank you to the Clubs that have supported the Trust with donations so far in this Lions year and it is hoped that the remaining clubs will soon make donations, no matter how small. Your donations can be used to surprise a club member with Recognitions like Friend of the Trust and Honoured or Life Membership, but only in the year that the donation is made.

The drop in interest rates has had some effect on our funds, but our Finance Team has carefully reviewed our investments to help offset this.

It has been a pleasure to have served as District Trustee for the last 6 years and I thank all Lions Clubs and District Cabinet teams for their support. I also hope my successor gets your vote at Convention and can take over this rewarding position.

Joyce McWilliam, PCC LMLCCT District Trustee 202D

#### **Zone Reports (Abridged)**

#### **Zone 1 Report**

Clubs: Ashhurst Pohangina, Colyton Bunnythorpe, Feilding Manchester, Feilding Host, Kowhai, Rongotea.

Zone one is in good heart and continues to grow in numbers and fellowship. Kowhai will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Some clubs have awarded Life memberships and Lloyd Morgan awards. However, some are still struggling with the Charitable Trust concept and its complexities.

Warren Nicholls, Zone One Chair.

#### **Zone 2 Report**

Membership: 3 members inducted, one transfer, one resignation.

Clubs have been busy during the Summer holiday period, both in fundraising and service projects.

An approach regarding funding of glucose monitors was discussed at zone meeting. It was agreed the clubs in the zone work together to respond in a coordinated and impactful way to support the use of monitoring devices for diabetic patients.

David Pacheco, Zone 2 Chairman

#### Zone 3 report

We launched 'Friends of Lions' before Christmas and got 15 interested people on our email contact list. If we are going to be successful to grow this number and convert some of them to joining our Lions Club will know a bit more by the end of the year. For those clubs who are interested:

- 'Friends of Lions' get regular information regarding club activities
- They do not pay any subs
- They are invited to business meetings, working bees and social activities.
- If they attend a business meeting, they have speaking rights but no voting rights
- They also receive minutes of the business meetings

I recommend we engage a professional marketing person who has experience in promoting NGOs and what we have to change to make things more attractive. The same thing that all businesses do to stay in business (Look at ourselves from outside the box). Rene Haeberli, Zone 3 Chair

#### **Zone Reports (Abridged)**

#### Zone 4 - No Report

Tobi Hipp, Zone 4 Chair

#### **Zone 5 Report**

Clubs; Eltham, Kaponga, Opunake, Opunake Lakeside, Stratford, Toko.

Membership: 203. 5 members lost and 10 new members - an increase of 5 with some Clubs still to induct new members.

Our February meeting was postponed until March so I will do an up-to-date report then. We are still planning a fun iterative night.

Covid still continues to interfere with plans being made. Extremely frustrating for those trying to organise events. Fingers crossed there is some success with the vaccine.

Sue Huckstep, Zone 5 Chair

#### **Zone 6 Report**

Several clubs are reporting new members or potential new members.

All of the clubs have reported ongoing activities. Urenui & District had annual Golf Tournament which raised \$3000 for Hospice. Special mention to Inglewood club for their work on the Mini Putt course which will be a great asset for the club and the town.

All clubs were interested in the idea of hiring Eftpos machines. Several have used them before and reported how easy they were to use and inexpensive.

#### Alan Cudmore, Zone 6 Chairman

Zone Meeting Dates...

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
Zone 2	David Pacheco	Monday 3 May 2021	
Zone 5	Sue Huckstep	Wednesday, 17 March 2021	Opunake Lakeside

Having a working bee or other event coming up?

For a copy of Lions Clubs Health & Safety Policy & Procedures and Safety Action Plan Email: 202D.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz

Online Links / Cabinet Members List

# Online Links

202D Webpage: www.lionsclubs.org.nz/about/districts/taranaki-region-manawatu

202D e-Clubhouse: http://e-district.org/sites/202d

Covid-19: https://lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus

District Calendar available at:

www.lionsclubs.org.nz/about/districts/taranaki-region-manawatu

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