

202E District Bulletin

From the Upper South

Island, West Coast, Marlborough and Canterbury. WE are District 202E





District Governor: Paul O'Connor and Lynda



Rangiora Lions Club - Leos Advisor training in Christchurch today - Leos are our future!







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LCI Officers 2020-2021



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi LCI President



Gudrun Yngvadottir I.P.P. President LCIF Chair



Douglas X. Alexander 1st Vice President

District 202E Officers 2020 - 2021



DG Paul



VDG Tracy









Secretary Ian

Treasurer Ian

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.





We are nearly a quarter of the way through the year and at the end of Summer, I am on my slide to the end of my term in June but as your representative I have commenced supporting the other District Governors at their Conventions.

I also have been given the opportunity to present my concept for a Lions National Skin Cancer Screening Initative. This Project the "Lions Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Service" will be set up with a Large (or two or three) mobile homes configured, to allow free full body screening for Melanoma cancers by professionals.

At the recent South Waikato Bay of Plenty District L Convention, I had overwhelming support for the Proposal, and my next step will be to speak where invited at other Conventions coming up like District M and D. The next step is to take the motion to endorse the project as a New Zealand wide initiative, to the Multiple Districts Convention in April for the final approval as it has been already approved by the Council of Governors.

After that it will become a National Project which with the support of all clubs throughout NZ it will raise the profile of Lions NZ and will attract members and sponsors. Each vehicle will be a mobile signboard for Lions, I have been encouraged by the support from Lions Members who said it could only do Lions NZ good. We have our Convention on the 19th of March so it is never too late to register, the Registration form is on the NZ Lions Website under members and Conventions not too hard to find. It has also been sent to Clubs again on 22 February. Your Club should be sponsoring at least your President to be there at the Annual General Meeting of the District and the fun on the Saturday Night. The Sunday service is the only opportunity for you or your representative, to remember those from your club, and other clubs, in our District who have passed in the last year. Not a big ask.

My final point is that every member in the District is responsible to ensure that their dues are paid that support the Administration of the District and assist with the expenses of Training, District Governor representation, Cabinet Meeting expenses etc.

It is no use moaning if you don't put your representatives forward from your clubs to serve on Cabinet. Your District Dues have to cover the Budget set each year by Cabinet in May. District Dues are set based on the expected cost for the Administration of the District.

Please support your elected team and be present at the Convention.

Please "Lead by Example"





District 202e Convention - last day to register on-line 1st March.







<u>1250</u>	Members @ 30 June 2021
	31 May 21
	30 Apr '21
	31 Mar '21
1178	24 Feb '21
1181	21 Jan <i>`</i> 21
1180	20 Dec '21
1188	30 Nov'21
1184	30 Oct '20
1193	31 Aug '20
1194	1 July '20

District 202E

February 2021



MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Angela Swinney	Wigram	Rae Treloar
Tony Gibling	Halswell District	Chris Owen
Jamie Lawson	Chch. City Breakfast	Graham Henson



It is with great sadness, that we record the loss of the following member. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.

MEMBER

David McGiffert

CLUB

Cheviot



LCIF Disaster Relief,



LCIF Humanitarian Efforts,



LCIF Youth,





Greetings fellow members of the world's largest service organisation!!

I do hope that you have all registered to attend DG Paul's convention on the weekend of March 19-21st at Leeston it's a great opportunity to see and hear what is happening in YOUR District. Remember that the DG and the Cabinet are YOUR representatives and are working for YOU. These are not paid positions. They are just like you – volunteers. So come and support the team that is supporting you.

A big thank you to the Lions Club of Ashburton who hosted the South Island Motorhome and Camping Show over Valentines weekend. I was fortunate enough to be able to have a stand there to promote not only the NZ Motorhoming Lions Club but Lions in general.

It was also great to see the Lions Club of New Brighton tent at the All Ford Day at Wigram this past weekend. We need to be visible so remember to fly your flags, wear your shirts AND let our Bulletin Editor know what you have been up to. "The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others".

See you at Convention!!

Almoner Report

Please remember to let the VDG know if there are cards to be sent to members on behalf of the District – most of the time we don't know, unless you tell us. 202e.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz



	We would love to see what you have planned - email me.	
<u>March</u>		
1st	- Convention - last day to Register online	March
7th	- FunRun/Cycle (South.Cochlear Implant Prg.) Rangiora Lions	What chi
7th	- Children's Day (New Brighton Lions and Halswell Lions.)	
8th	- International Women's Day - Theme 'Choose to Challenge'.	
20th	- Lions Day with the United Nations.	April
-	- District 202E Convention - Ellesmere	
19th	-Cabinet Meeting - Leeston	
	- S.I. Field Days - Malvern Lions	May
26th	- Charity Golf - Oxford & Districts Lions.	Wiay
27th	- Malvern A & P Show - Malvern Lions	
30th	- Quiz night - Rangiora Leos.	
APRIL		June
3rd	- Paddys Market - Akaroa & Bays Lions	
10th	- Relay for Life	
Month	- Leo Club Awareness.	
Month	- Environmental Awareness.	July
18th	- 4-wheel Safari - Hanmer Springs Lions.	
	- MD Convention - Whangarei	
24th	- Lions Worldwide Induction Day.	August
<u>MAY</u>		and and a second
7th - 9th	-Cabinet Meeting - <u>CHEVIOT</u>	
22nd	- Pink Ribbon Breakfast - Lioness Club of Nelson	
Month	- Strengthen Membership.	September
<u>JUNE</u>		
1st	- Helen Keller Day.	
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
3rd - 5th	- ANZI Pacific Forum - Cairns	

Important Dates for our District

To know about a Cabinet/ Lions arranged event - contact your Zone Chair. To know more about a Club event - please contact the Club Secretary direct. To have your project on this page email me (L) I.k592@xtra.co.nz

Oxford & District - Coast to Coast on 13th Feb saw a good turn out of members in what is one of our major food caravan events of the year. A very early start for a hardy few in getting things in place before the competitors support people arrived in numbers. Overall it was an excellent day for the caravan.







Dear Lion,

Where your service goes, kindness grows. Because you do more than make a difference in people's lives — you inspire them to do the same for others. And the more your community knows about how much your club has accomplished the greater impact you'll be able to make.

Sharing your club's stories is the best way to promote your club and service activities. We are now already more connected than ever before through virtual meetings, social media and even traditional media. So share your success, inspire your community, and let people know how they can be a part of your service.

Regards, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President



Dear Lion,

We have a world in need and Lions are there to serve. As always, LCIF is there to magnify their impact. In this newsletter, you will find the story of children LCIF and Lions are helping protect in Brazil, gain access to stories of progress created worldwide through LCIF's new annual report, and ways to further connect with LCIF. Making the world a better place lies in the heart of every Lion.

I love reading about the good Lions do and know you will too.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation



Whenever Lions club members get together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. Because we help where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - with unmatched integrity and energy.













Candidate for District Governor 2021-2022; Tracy Henderson Member of the NZ Motorhoming Lions Club a Club Branch of Blenheim.



Whilst I haven't been a LION for very long, my association with Lions goes back more than 50 years.

My father was invited to join the then Middlemore Lions Club in Auckland in the early 1970's, and it was from there that my younger brother joined the Middlemore Leos.

As many of you may be aware, I then became a Lioness with Ellerslie, Papakura and Nelson – the latter two I was President.

In 2014 it was "suggested" that I become a Lion. I had been to a MD Convention in Christchurch prior and was keen to take on some of the positions on offer, but I was very quickly told that these were only open to Lions, not Lioness. So the transformation began – and I have to admit that I haven't looked back.

I was inducted into the Lions Club of Nelson Host and in 2017 I moved South and transferred to the Lions Club of Cheviot. Today I am currently with the NZ Motorhoming Lions Club which is a Club Branch of Blenheim.

Since becoming a Lion I have served on Cabinet as Women & Family Coordinator (202E); a member of the District Leadership and Membership Teams; Zone 4 Chair for 2 years; a member of the District Earthquake Committee EQ2; 2VDG and currently 1VDG.

In my "previous life" I was heavily involved in staff training from the business level through to Industry Training level and have successfully attained my Diploma in Adult Education and Training.

My promise to you that I am prepared to put in the hard yards to ensure the continued success of this District and I ask for your support of my nomination as **your** District Governor for the Lions year 2021 - 2022.

Determination today leads to success tomorrow.





Candidate for 1st Vice District Governor 2021-2022 Hugh Curry Member of the Lions Club of Ferrymead Lions Club.

I was sponsored into the Richmond Lions Club 38 years ago and served as Secretary. I then transferred to the Kerikeri Lions Club where I was Bulletin Editor and Treasurer.



From there I then transferred to the Kamo Lions Club where I was Secretary, Treasurer, President and Zone Chairman. Transferring on from there to the Picton Lions Club I was President and Secretary and then to the Christchurch Ferrymead Lions Club, where I am now, and have been Secretary, Treasurer, President and Zone Chairman and am now Second Vice District Governor.

I enjoy being a Lion, not only for the satisfaction of complying with our motto of "We Serve", whether it be at projects or fund raisers, but also socially at Club, Zone and Cabinet meetings and Conventions.

My management style is as a coordinator and as a Vice District Governor, and then as District Governor, I aim to be a team leader, developing the ideas of other Cabinet members, rather than having original ideas myself. It is the input and enthusiasm of all Lions in the District that will grow the District, both in numbers and in serving the community, and I aim to foster that.



Lions Pegasus Town members Brian & Anne Attenborough participating with the sausage sizzle BBQ at the Tuhaitara Coastal Park Annual Open Day held on 31st January. It was a fun day for the whole family to enjoy including live music, guided walks, community mural painting, kids activities, bouncy castle & local vendors.

THE LLOYD MORGAN CHARITABLE TRUST



Grants and Loans - The process of applying for a grant or loan is that the District Trustee needs to provide an application form to the Club who, having completed the form, returns it to the District Trustee. The District Trustee will review the application and may well ask for further information before indicating their agreement to the application. Once agreed to it is then forwarded to the Grants and Loans Committee for consideration and acceptance or otherwise. Last year

(2020) we made grants of \$167,000 and a loan for \$30,000. Loans are appropriate where the activity to be financed is a fundraising activity which will generate income to repay the loan.

to know more ...

https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/foundations/lloyd-morgan-charitable-trust

Out & About with our Clubs

Blenheim Lions members were privileged to attend the Mayfield School's weekly assembly. Class awards were presented and in addition the Club presented its donation towards the Duffey Books in Schools programme and witnessed the children choosing their books to take home. A neat experience for those who attended.



Ferrymead Lions - (left) - Geoff Rountree handing a Certificate of Life Membership to our most recent member, Joe Casiello, who then presented it to Bruce Scott, a Charter member from 1977.

(right) - we donated \$500 to the Flying Geckos some months ago. They have sent this photo of their members sporting the helmets that our donation enabled them to purchase. Looks like they appreciate them. Good to have positive feedback.





Havelock Lions - over 70 people came to the Canvastown Hall to support our Club findraiser. The Club raised \$1503. from sale of tickets, monster raffle and afternoon teas. It was very satisfying seeing our pledge of \$2,100 posted off to the Wellington Children's Hospital Playscape. left above The reception team: Ian Cameron, Dave Farrant (Raffles) and Brian Cameron (ticketing).

left - Part of the clean-up team: L to R Dave Farrant, Billy Skinner, Liz Colyer, VP Siobhan Skinner, visiting Amberley President Pam Harvey, Nicola Skinner.







LCIF Coordinator District 202E PDG John Benefield.

1 IN 11 ADULTS GLOBALLY HAS DIABETES

IMPROVING AWARENESS AND OUTCOMES

There's a compelling reason global awareness days and months exist.

In the case of diabetes, that reason is twofold: stemming a worldwide epidemic and saving lives. According to the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), 50 percent of people with type 2 diabetes are unaware they have the disease.

Drawing on a century of serving our world in need, and on expertise garnered through delivering hope and help to one child, one family, and then one community at a time, Lions have adopted diabetes as a signature cause area.

With new Diabetes grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have unprecedented opportunity to take diabetes education and awareness to our neighbours. Barry Palmer, past international president and CA VII chairperson of Campaign 100 encourages Lions here and worldwide to take advantage of LCIF grants to tackle health and socioeconomic challenges wrought by this debilitating disease. With LCIF's support and our own vigour and determination, Lions can initiate meaningful progress and improve quality of life for so many. PIP Barry encourages Lions to take advantage of LCIF grants to tackle challenges wrought by diabetes.

STATISTICS OF A DISEASE OF EPIC PROPORTION.

According to the IDF, 162.6 million people in the Western Pacific area have diabetes. But that's just the beginning. Consider these sobering insights into the disease the World Health Organization says is the eighth leading cause of death worldwide:

- 1 In 10 Adults in NZ has Diabetes
- Western Pacific ranked highest in diabetes-related deaths of 20-79-year-olds.

THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, DIABETES LOOKED LIKE THIS IN 2019:

- 374 million people were at increased risk of type 2 diabetes ~
- 463 million 20-79-year-olds had diabetes -

Cases expected by 2045: 700 million

- 10% of all health expenditure on adults was due to diabetes
- 50% of diabetes cases were undiagnosed
- 4.2 million deaths were caused by diabetes

Type 1 diabetes has no known cause nor cure; combatting type 2 diabetes — often caused by poor diet and lack of exercise — requires education and behaviour modification programs. Left untreated, diabetes can lead to blindness, nerve damage, kidney failure, stroke, heart attack, and more.

Lions have knowledge and funding to assist **YOU** to "Make A Difference."

DIABETES



"There's big money in Scrap Metal" -Kaikoura Lions Club







Monthly Message from Council Chair David Peart.

There are two major catalysts for societal change. One is brought about by dreamers who manage to inspire others to help carry out their dreams. We remember the words of Martin Luther King whose great speech used the phrase



"I have a dream..." as he set his goals for racial equality. George Bernard Shaw's famous quote has been used by others. "Some look at things that are and ask why, I dream of things and ask why not?" And Walt Disney's "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them". The success of dreamers is their ability to inspire others to work together to achieve them.

The beginning of a new calendar year is a time when most people reflect on the year that has passed and set goals for the future. When we began 2020 "pandemic" was a rarely used word, and "zoom" usually described the rapid movement of a person or vehicle. How that has changed! We had plans on what we would be doing over the next 12 months. In mid-March all those plans went out the window as we entered lockdown. We learned how important it is to rely on community teamwork. Neighbours helped neighbours; people generally obeyed the need for social distancing as they walked, worked or queued in the supermarkets. As I write this it all seems an almost distant memory, but it could all return if we become too complacent. We only have to watch the news and see what is happening elsewhere in the world to be reminded how much more pain there is out there.

So what is in store for 2021? We have the hope of successful vaccinations to control Covid and a possible return to normality, but that will take time. The effects of the pandemic and its economic costs have fallen quite unevenly on individuals and we still don't have the full picture. We have greater need being displayed by the increasing requirements for social housing as homelessness continues to rise. Food banks were well stacked at Christmas, but the need is daily, not just for that day or week. There will continue to be natural disasters. Over the past year I have been inspired by the amazing support clubs have provided in particular to foodbanks and in Australian bushfire relief. I am in awe of members who volunteer daily for other support groups such as Hospice and Riding for the Disabled. My dream is that our numbers will increase so that we can better serve the world. If we don't do it, who will?

Best wishes to you all, enjoy what we have, and share with your community and the world. "We Serve With Kindness Bringing Help and Hope" *David Peart*

Relay For Life North Canterbury

Te Ara Toiora a North Canterbury Saturday 10th April 10am - 10pm. Dudley Park, RANGIORA.

Small steps can make a remarkable difference for people affected by cancer in our community. Relay For Life helps people in your community through the Cancer Society's support services, health promotion programmes and cancer research ... Cancer doesn't stop, and neither does your team baton as dedicated team members take turns walking (or running) around the track for the full 12 hours. Everyone and anyone can get involved, so gather your friends, whānau and workmates and join your community because no one fights cancer alone. \$15 per person.

Want to know more about Relay? Read about the Relay For Life experience on the homepage. Whakanui. Maumaharatia. Tū Atu! Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back!

Beavertown Blenheim Club - Advising that there has been a temporary change of Secretary - now Barbara Taylor will be the Secretary for several months. barbtaylor3083@gmail.com phone 0273805896

Out & About with our Clubs - bringing New Members into our Lions Family.

Congratulations! You're now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organization. This means that you've joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact. We couldn't be happier to have you as a Lion!







Ferrymead Lions -

Welcomed new member Joe Casiello into their Club at their supper meeting. Sponsor William Newsom and inducted by 2VDG Hugh Curry.



Renwick Lions - we stepped in to run the BBQ at the village green opening. We benefited from a donation from MDC for performing this service.

Rangiora Lions - Bellyful Waimakariri celebrated their third anniversary today. We are delighted to support this charity with pasta drives and sponsorship - helping parents, babies and young children by providing nutritious meals.

Marlborough Boys College Leos - The Leos had a profitable day at the market and even had customers queuing at times for their sausages and BLT's (or just for a drink!)

There were two shifts and both groups of boys were kept busy.

Thank you to all the Lions who supported their fundraiser. And an especially big thank you to Brian Williams who stepped in and took over at the barbeque when the going got especially busy. After expenses the boys raised \$849.

which was a slight increase on last years figure.. (Photograph thanks to Stuff.)

Good Lions Stories -Nelson Host Lions Club

With many thanks to President Pam Gardiner and her merry team from the Golden Bay Lions Club for allowing us to join them to ... pickle onions, we started off our fund-raising efforts again.

At the beginning of August, we ventured over the Takaka Hill to start the task of pickling 400kgs of onions, kindly donated annually by a gentleman from Rakaia. The weather was glorious and we sat, happily chatting, on the deck at the Pohara Boat Club peeling bucket after bucket of the 'dear little things', before brining and pickling them in Pam's secret, very delicious, recipe. Two days of sometimes tedious, but overall satisfying, work, which resulted in a good profit. It can't have been too onerous as we have asked if we can join them again this year!











As a result of COVID, all our local schools except one, decided not to hold their annual school fund-raising galas but the one that did resulted in an extremely successful event for our candy floss sales, with a queue of about 50 very happy smiling faces (not only children) at all times!





Christmas Cake sales went well for us for another year together with slots at Mega Mitre 10 to run a couple of sausage sizzles on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Amazing how many people have a sausage wrapped in a slice of bread for their breakfast.

Our work on our Centennial Project 'Woodland Park' continues with a working bee to take care of the ever over-taking grass. More fencing of the area is to be completed in March on which the wording will be -

"People who plant trees believe in tomorrow"

A further planting of trees will be undertaken next autumn as long as we can ensure that we will not have a problem again with a group of marauding wild pigs! We are extremely appreciative to Appletons Tree Nursery, who have generously donated all the trees to us.



At left, Zone Chairman, John Bilderbeck, presenting one of our three very special and valued nonagenarians, Dave Little, with his 35 year Membership Chevron, and at right, a 50 year Chevron was presented to Don Kelly. Many thanks, Dave & Don, for all your years of service to our Club and the people of Nelson.







From your Hosttalk editor – Digby Prosser.

Recently in a Lions News letter a senior and experienced Lion Ron Rowe published an article based on his observation that if Lions was to survive then the movement had to evolve and change.

His reference, like much of what we do in Lions made reference to the writings of a prominent economist and social scientist Maynard Keynes.

While it is comforting to see the wisdom of Keynes still being cited my view is that in referring to such an old source for our wisdom we run the danger to continuing to live in the past. This is not I imagine what Ron intended. One thing obvious to many of us in Lions is that the organization while laudable in almost every respect – focus and service and its ability to manpower change we are invariably locked into past procedures and aspirations. This is clearly the result of the aging of our organization and the inability to recruit passionate young members in the numbers to revisit the heights of membership growth experienced in present members lifetimes.

In my working life as a secondary school Principal I came to learn that experience, while a valuable trait in a teacher did not always sit well with the students Rather passion and enthusiasm often brought out more initiatives from the students. And consequently students learned but in a different way. And that was in line with their contemporary world. And if Covid has done anything it has reinforced that.

As a Lion for forty years I am wondering if I, and others like me, still have the passion and connectivity with our communities to be a Lion for another decade or two. Nothing else in my life has sustained a membership for forty years aside from family activity. My working life did but there were many changes of role and activity as well as demands of employers. And in employment we had to acknowledge change otherwise our productivity and relevance was in jeopardy.

So Ron makes some valid points but we need perhaps to scan the new world of social science for metaphors of organisational growth. More than ever we need to look at ways of changing to meet the needs of the younger members caught up in the demands of employment and family life .It is those in networks of their own that need to be challenged. Community is great but we need its active participants to join Lions.

Thanks Ron for initiating the debate

Digby Prosser Lions Club of Christchurch Host

Children's Care Packs - in Hotel Quarantine.

Could this be an idea for our Christchurch Hotels and something your Club could entertain?

Imagine your children locked in a hotel room for two weeks! The items in the care packs need not be lavish, we could source simple board games, puzzles, colouring in books, anything that will keep the kids occupied and entertained.



Out & About with our Clubs

Good Lions Stories



Glenmark Lions (*from Camp Quality Facebook page*) - have done it again, except this time bigger and better than ever, with record numbers attending their Charity Golf Tournament in aid of Camp Quality. On a very sunny Waitangi Weekend at The Scargill Golf Club, the Glenmark Lions Club's hard work and passion to the cause made for a fantastic day out. Some of the Camp Quality Committee headed out to support them and take some photos of the day and had a wonderful time cruising the greens and being part of the vibe. They had a very successful day on the course and an even more amazing finish in the

They had a very successful day on the course and an even more amazing finish in the club rooms at the end with raffles, auctions and prize giving. Huge thanks must be extended to the amazing Glenmark Lions, all the sponsors who made the prizes and raffles a huge success and all of the players who came along to support their tournament.

Your hard work, enthusiasm and dedication means a lot to us at Camp Quality Christchurch, and we really look forward to ensuring we are there again next year with a team in tow! (more photos on Camp Quality Facebook.)



Wigram Lions - On Tuesday 9th February 8 Members of Wigram Lions Club prepared and served dinner to approximately 40 people at Ronald McDonald House guests. The menu included beef, potatoes, pumpkin, carrots, peas and gravy. Dessert was jelly for the children and Apple and Boysenberry Crumble complete with whipped cream.

Recently, **Wigram Lions Club** celebrated their 48th Charter Anniversary with the cutting of a cake by the 2 remaining Charter Members, Jack Tait and Neil Wech. They were accompanied by the first 2 female members

to join the Club, Mary Froggatt and Sue Turner. There were numerous Service Awards presented to Members.





District Governors Clarification on Cabinet Decisions and Administrative Instructions



Dear Team

On Tuesday the 2nd of February I chaired a meeting of the DG's, Treasurer and The Membership team made up of the GMT Coordinator, Geoff Rountree the Assistant GMT Wayne Paulin, David Halls and PDG John Benefield and representing Riccarton Waimari John Hobson.

At that meeting it became obvious that the messages are not being passed on in the manner that they should be. To that end I agreed to write a letter of Clarification on various points below.

The Membership Fighting fund.

My message on this point is building on the Facts distributed by the treasurer in late January circulated by the Cabinet Secretary which some clubs choose to ignore. This District has been in transition effectively from last April 2020 when our total membership dropped below the magic figure of 1250. LCI give us two years to get our numbers up. We are currently 70 members short of that total. The District Clubs need to assist financially with the establishment of a fund we can use for the support of the Membership team. Our District needs this to survive. WE as individual Clubs are donating monies to all such worthy organisations except investing in our own survival.

I am asking that as a result of your representatives on Cabinet moving the following motion "That to show support for the Management Team and New Club development. Cabinet will be accepting donations to be held in the Charitable Trust a/c" Discussions prior to the motion indicated that \$100 would be an acceptable amount but any contribution will ease the burden, and secure our future.

WE need to survive in our current form as a District without being absorbed into the northern Wellington District for the top of the South and the rest into District J below the Rakaia River.

It is the intention of the Cabinet to set up a New Club in the Belfast / Northwood area and we all need to pitch in with donations and manpower.to make this a success. We need senior Lions to be Guiding Lions and its difficult when no one puts their hand up.to do anything. Your contribution can be lodged in the District's Charitable Trust account 03-0703-0036114-00. Please act with urgency now.

Your Cabinet are your club representative and we are working in the best interests of all the clubs in the District. WE are one team totally reliant on each other. Please help.

Record of Club Donations to Organisations

In December the Treasurer also sent out a request for a list of Donations made in the last Financial year. This information should have been included in your Clubs return to Charity Services with your Performance statement. So to produce the information to enable the Cabinet and Lions New Zealand to gauge just how much money is being raised in our communities, and to whom, the recipients of the donation where, should not have been difficult to produce. This is very good information that we can use in marketing. It will assist when trying to sell membership of this organisation. The District membership is critical to our District's survival and we all should be working as one, not 46 individual Clubs. It was another tool to help us grow. Unfortunately, only 14 Clubs out of 46 bothered to reply. The staggering stat that came out however, was that collectively those 14 Clubs had poured back into their community and national organisations \$225,000. So please start thinking about your Cabinet leaders who are trying to work in the best interest of all. Please file your return on donations to the District Treasurer as soon as possible if you haven't already. (continued)



District Governors Clarification on Cabinet Decisions and Administrative Instructions

continued



Zone Meetings

In the Constitution it states that these are to be conducted within fourteen days of the District Cabinet Meetings and as stated in the Zone Chairs e-book, is designed to facilitate communication of time sensitive information.

To bring us all into line Zone meetings are to be conducted after Cabinet not before. Information from Clubs is obtained by making contact with them and completing your Cabinet Report and compilation of your consolidated Zone report. Club concerns are brought to the Zone Chairs forum prior to Cabinet.

It was obvious that the message on the Membership fighting fund discussed at Cabinet was not passed on by some Zone Chairs. Please adjust your meeting if you are conducting them prior to Cabinet.

Cabinet Appointments

Each year the new District Governor is required to assemble the Cabinet. These are your representative, so it is the responsibility of each club to advise the incoming DG that they have suitable candidates as their representatives. It is part of democracy that clubs have the ability to put forward their representative. This would mean better representation and a set of new blood on Cabinet each year. This would lead to better Governance. Please give us some suggestions and help the incoming Governor. Now is the time when considering your April elections. Put a name forward.

Club Officer Forums

One of the problems that has evolved in clubs is the aging Club membership. But like all organisations if you do nothing to change, nothing will change' I ask that all clubs get out and grow their membership. It can be done. From the beginning of November to the end of December we recruited 21 new Members into clubs throughout the District. Just ask someone, you might be surprised. New ideas can be shared at this year's training sessions which have changed. The approach is now more inclusive and interactive. The Northern region training / forum dates are out including the West Coast. The Southern area dates will be out soon.

I would encourage you all to consider your attendance, We are never too old to learn about Lions.

MD Training of Zone Chairs and Cabinet Officers 9 May 2021

The Last Cabinet meeting of my year is on the weekend of 8-9 May in Blenheim. On Sunday we are bringing down the MD GLT Trainer from Auckland. All Cabinet Members and Zone Chairs need to ensure that they will need to be present at this Forum which will help determine success for the coming year. Please make arrangements to stay for the Sunday. We will finish about 3pm so those of us who have the furthest to travel should be home nine o'clock on Sunday night. This is an important session and you will need to advise us by April 15th as to why you cannot make it. There is an expectation that it is your duty to be there if you are to represent your clubs in the manner that will come out in the session.

On my Club visits I talked about team work that the Clubs are dependent on the use of the Lions Brand which has huge power when it comes to the public donations and your link to Lions Clubs International is through your District Cabinet. We need each other and now is the time for us to work as one to improve our Membership to insure our Survival as a District. Please support your Zone Chairs and your Cabinet Officers,

Regards Paul District Governor.



Ellesmere Lions - Pea straw season again - back into carting these golden bales. Thanks to the generous farmers who have donated the straw to us. Also to the Lions members who rake and bale the straw for us - all voluntary hours. We are nearing the end of the pea straw carting. There will be approximately 15 to 16000 small bales and in excess of 500 med sqbales.



Christchurch Pegasus Lions Gladys Harris receives her Melvin Jones Award from PDG Mary Griffiths. (and flowers and a gorgeous cake.)

Oxford & District Lions We have had the planting, the mounding, the watering and monitoring by Nev and a visit from representatives of Satisfy Food Rescue. Coming under the Lions core value of Hunger we have had our first pick up of produce. Nev's idea was to be able to give new potatoes for Christmas day. This will well and truly be achieved with the next lot being lifted on December 21st. To all those that have been able to assist with the project so far, in whatever capacity, a huge thankyou. This is just the beginning with the major work beginning mid to late January - the main crop of potatoes, corn, courgettes and pumpkins.



- remember the potato planting story in an earlier District Bulletin. Well here is the outcome in ... 5 weeks.

Learning Opportunities via Zoom.

We as Lions in 202 have this wonderful chance to be able to register for a variety of World Class learning opportunities, Especially in this day and age of zoom, this can be done for very little cost, we are able to offer these wonderful courses to you all for the costs of your time and energy!

1. Stand and Deliver: via Zoom

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 1st 1-5pm and Sunday May 2nd 1-5pm You will be required to attend both days.



Send an e mail now to received your zoom invite to this wonderful opportunity. email 202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz

2. Certified Guiding Lions via Zoom

Our clubs more than ever in this changing world need all the support we can give them. One of the ways that Lions Internationally do this is by training Lions members as Guiding Lions. While all Lions are welcome to take the course, it is recommended as a foundation to anyone who will work with new or existing clubs or serve (or plan to serve) in a leadership position. Upon completion of the course, you will become a Certified Guiding Lion! While the course may be valuable to any Lion, having the experience of a club president will enhance your success in guiding a new or existing club.

This course is suitable for new Guiding Lions and those needing to renew their certification, it is an Internationally recognized course.

To register your interest email 202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz

Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival – 2021



PDG Marion McWha and Lion Pam Harvey, Lions Schools Music Festival Liaison Team

After the cancellation of the 2020 Festival, plans are now well advanced for the 2021 Festival -"Tomorrow's World". The Lions Liaison team attended the Festival Association AGM in February, and instead of us then having to apply for naming rights, in competition with other sponsors, we were told on the spot that we have it for this year. In August we contacted all Clubs in the areas that the schools come from, which includes Zone 1, part of Zone 4, and Zones 5, 6, 7 and 8, asking for donations towards our sponsorship of \$15,000, and suggesting that if each Club paid \$600 we would be covered. It sounds a lot, but remember that you weren't asked for anything last year. \$15,000 is actually just a drop in the bucket of the actual Festival costs, which are in the vicinity of \$200,000, or they were in 2019, this year the Town Hall may be charging more. Yes, some of that comes from the sale of tickets, but that only covers about half of the costs, leaving approximately \$100,000 to be found. Thank you to the Clubs that have already made a donation, and we now have about \$4,000 on hand – still a lot more to find. We will be in attendance at the 202E Convention, and would be happy to talk to anyone there who has questions, or perhaps arrange to visit your Club, and we have also been given an opportunity to promote the Festival as part of the Convention Business Session.

District Bulletins RoundUp

Rolleston Lions - ... the Club survey results have been collated and distributed. There are three points from the survey I would like to mention. Firstly, it appears we are doing a lot of things well so that is good to know. Secondly, there was an underlying theme that newer members are not being encouraged or allowed to participate in projects, organising social events etc. It is disappointing that some members feel this way and I personally feel that this isn't the case but I guess it tells us that we need to communicate and present these opportunities better so that all members have the chance to grab them and participate more. Lastly, plans are well in hand to provide orientation training for members wanting to learn more about how a Lions Club functions and the many different roles in the Club.

Christchurch Cancer Shuttle update

Motueka Lions have completed another successful project, raising funds for the Christchurch Cancer Shuttle bus. This year was a new record, with a total of \$12,822 from 23 separate clubs across districts 202E and 202J, including an amazing \$472.70 donated by people attending John Cramond's funeral earlier in 2020. As in previous years, Janice Porter-Hoare, Fundraising Manager for the Canterbury Cancer Society is organising a photo opportunity in Christchurch with the two District Governors - 202E and 202J (or representatives) - present to symbolically hand over the donation to the Society.



Janice will also be creating a new poster, listing all clubs who donated, to be installed in the Shuttle bus. This is done each year, to honour the current Lions clubs supporting the Shuttle.

South Westland Lions Acting President Lindsay - One of the challenges the club has faced is our dwindling membership with people moving away or their circumstances changing. That means that responsibility of keeping the Club viable is spread over a few of us and the only way it will work is if all of us step up. I am particularly proud of the way two new member have responded. Abyee has taken over the organisation of the Salmon Fishing competition which this year has presented a whole lot of new challenges. Please give her all the support you can. Linda has been press ganged into



taking over the Secretary's role too. This is probably on of the most important roles in the Club and for Linda to take it on with her and Phil only joined a few months ago is really appreciated by the Club.

Geoff Rountree - District Membership has made himself or one of his Team "Just Ask" available as Guest Speaker at our meetings "Just Ask"

Ferrymead Lions - February Bulletin - Our Tea Meeting on 9th February promises to be somewhat different to the usual. The guest speaker, Geoff Rountree, aims to inspire us by suggesting different ways of recruiting new members. We hope to have a few non-members present to share their perceptions of Lions – good, bad or indifferent and to come up with their own suggestions for recruiting. Hopefully it will spark some interesting and productive discussion.

Greeter: Everyone! We are all in this together.

If you see a new face looking a little lost or puzzled, please greet the owner! (thanks Ferrymead.)



2021 202E District Convention 19th - 21st March 2021 Hosted by Ellesmere Lions Venue: Leeston Schedule of Events and Venues



The Flag Ceremony - Friday 19th March (for our Convention.)

This recognises the roots of Lionism and the historical associations built up since the beginning in 1917. It allows us to acknowledge the Lions from Countries other than our own who have a common goal with us as Lions.

Annual General Meeting - Saturday 20th March

You will hear reports on the prior year's financial results, the different Lions focus areas and have an opportunity to consider and examine new proposals.

Any Lions Member in good standing may attend and vote if they are a delegate of their club. Other Lions Members may attend the Annual General Meeting and even if they do not have a vote, they have speaking rights at the meeting. Lions Members are encouraged to attend all aspects of the convention.

The Saturday Night Function - 20th March

Lions believe that they cannot get so bogged down with work that they miss the social aspect of Lionism. People who play together stay together.

The Rededication Service - Sunday 21st March

This time allows us to honour those Lions who have passed away since the last convention and remember their very valuable contribution. Most of us have very special memories of the person or persons and to take a moment to recognise them for what they have meant to us as individuals or as club members is a very special and moving time.

It also serves the purpose of rethinking why we are Lions and in what direction we would like to see the District progress in the coming year.

Macular Disease > Macular Degeneration > Detection > Early Signs

What is macular degeneration or MD? The macula is the central part of the retina at the back of the eye. The retina processes all vision. The macula allows you to read, recognise faces, drive; just about everything. 1 in 7 people over 50 will get this disease.

Macular degeneration causes progressive macular damage. It is possible to have the very early signs of macular degeneration without even knowing. This is why it is vital to have regular vision tests by an eye care professional, particularly if you are at risk of macular degeneration due to age, lifestyle factors or family history. An eye care professional can look at the back of the eye and identify early symptoms, such as the presence of drusen.

Noticeable symptoms

Early detection is critical to save sight

Difficulty in reading or any other activity which requires fine vision

Distortion where straight lines appear wavy or bent

Difficulty distinguishing faces

Dark patches may appear in the centre of your vision

Additionally, the need for increased illumination, sensitivity to glare, decreased night vision and poor colour sensitivity may also indicate something is wrong.

Never ignore any changes to your vision or attribute changes to just a part of getting older. A rapid referral should be arranged from the optometrist or GP to an ophthalmologist if any sudden changes in vision or any symptoms of macular degeneration are noticed.

Bulletins & Articles received by District Bulletin Editor 1/7/20 - 30/6/21

Zone 1:

Ahaura Grey Valley **ABBBBBBB** Greymouth **ABB** Hokitika **AABAA** S. Westland **BBBBBBAABB**

Zone 2:

Golden Bay BBBAB Motueka **ABBAB** Motueka & D. Lioness Murchison Nelson H. Lioness BB Nelson Host BBBBBBBBB Nelson Lioness B BBBBAABB Nelson North **BBABBBB** Richmond AA Zone 3: Beavertown Blenheim Blenheim **AABBBBBB** Blenheim Pakeke 🔺 Havelock **ABBBBBAABB** Marlb. Boys College Leos Marlb. Girls College Leos Picton **BBBABABBAB Rai Valley Area Leos Renwick BBBBBBB** Seddon BABABBBAABBB **Zone 4**: Amuri 🔺 Cheviot **BBBBBBABA** Glenmark BABB ABBBAB Hanmer Springs 🗛 Hawarden Waikari Kaikoura ввввалалева Kaikoura Seaward BABBBBBBAA

A = Article received **B** = Bulletin received

Zone 5:

Amberlev BBBBABABABAB Oxford & Districts BABBBAABBB Pegasus Town **BBBBAAABB AB** Rangiora & Dist. Lioness Rangiora High School Leos Canterbury Leos Omega Club AAAAA Woodend AAAA Zone 6: Ch. City Breakfast **BAABB AABBB** Ch.Host Ricc. Waimari **BBBBBAAB** Wigram Skies **BABBBBBAA** Ch. Chinese Zone 7: Ch. Ferrymead ABBBABAB BAB Ch. Pegasus **BB A A BB ABABB Ch.South** Ch. Seaview New Brighton **BA BB AABAB BB Zone 8:** Akaroa & Bays BB BB BAABBA Ellesmere Halswell & Districts **BABBBABAAA** Malvern **B ABBBBBB**A Rolleston & Districts AB ABBBBBBA Selwyn AAB ABBBBBBAA

Wigram **AB ABBBBBB**A

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Children's Day Sunday 7th Mar 9:00am - 2:00pm

New Brighton, Christchurch



Children's Day is a special day set aside to celebrate children.

In New Zealand, Children's Day is always on the first Sunday of March each year. On this day, New Zealand comes alive with activities and events designed to bring families together and show how important children are in our community.

https://rangioralions.club/whats-on/

Editor's Last Word - my Soapbox

Does your Club have a Good Lions Story, A Club member you would like to celebrate or your Club's story from chartering to 2021? You have an opinion on how Lions could be improved for you ... (I'll tell you if I'll print it Iol.) We would love to read all about it - just need to hear about it. Email me with your details please to: (L) I.k592@xtra.co.nz



I am very happy in my single gender Club and my husband in his. I think that we compliment each other as Lions and bring into our membership strong points from each club.

I once visited a Club in Norway - a very upmarket one at that! I was wined and dined and as part of the social entertainment; we were shown through the hydroelectric power plant in Telemark where we are based. So interesting, coupled with it's war and heavy water history - (A surprise visit with my stiletto heels!) To cut a long story short, the Club was all men - so I couldn't resist asking where the women members were? "We have enough nagging at home without bringing them here." was their justification.

Receiving the club bulletins, I see single gender clubs opening their doors to the opposite sex - Akaroa and Bays, Glenmark and Selwyn to name a few. I for one will wait with positive anticipation of their growth.

I know that these clubs will bring another dynamic to their projects, to their social events, to their membership numbers and to their clubs in general.

Often, I am in company where a question is asked and answered and I hear "I didn't know that!" and it's been thoroughly covered; washed and laundered in the previous District Bulletin. Now that brings me to the point that I can ask a question.

"Do you read your bulletins; be they Club or District?" - many hours of work goes into these - I know! because I spend hours just on a Club Bulletin, to keep the Club informed on what is happening in the Club, District, Nationally and Internationally. Colour is also my key - photos and good humour.

The same goes for the District Bulletin - in here you find messages from our District Governor, Vice District Governor's, Council Chair, International President and LCIF Chairperson.

If someone asks me a question, I source the answer from the best 'expert' I can find. I use here the District Transition article in the February D.B. and thank PDG/PCC Helen Williams for informing us so effectively on such a critical subject.

Club nominations are coming up and the nominations committee will be knocking at your door for support. It's so easy to hold on to positions because you have been there for ever and forget about the new / newer members who would just love to be asked and appreciate your ongoing support and knowledge.

(I was Club Secretary after being a Lion for 4 months and I'm sure I didn't make too many mistakes and learnt about Lions faster than if I had been on the sideline.)

Thanks Malvern Lions Bulletin - fits me to a T at times!

Finally, have you been keeping your Facebook up to date - it's a great advertiser for our Lions brand. Surprising how many off the street comment come through from your POSTS!

No matter how diligent I think I am being in not missing any Club Bulletin news or dates - age does sometimes fail me! If it's important email me!!! It's <u>YOUR</u> Bulletin.

yours in Lionism Lou



If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate ... Think of this guy!





61ST MULTIPLE DISTRICT 202 CONVENTION

WHANGAREI 23RD - 25TH APRIL 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

First Name:		District:				
Delegate		Yes	No	Lion	Lioness	Leo
		Non-Lion Partners First Name:				
				Post code	c	
	Mobile Number:					
Email Address:						
	Delegate	Delegate	Delegate Yes	Delegate Yes No Non-Lion Partner	Delegate Yes No Lion Non-Lion Partners First Nan Post code	Delegate Yes No Lion Lioness Non-Lion Partners First Name: Post code:

IMPORTANT: EACH LION MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION &	FUNC	TIONS	Cost Each	Number Attending	Total Cost	
Convention Registration: Lie	on (Non-re	efundable)	\$20			
Convention Registration: No	n-Lion (N	lon-refundable)	\$10			
Friday Night Opening Ceren	nony		\$20			
Saturday Business - AGM			N/C			
Saturday Morning Tea & Lui	nch (Lion	s only)	\$30			
Partner's Programme (Lunci	h own cos	it)	\$25			
Saturday Evening Dinner &		\$55				
Saturday night transport - L	ocal Mote	els only	\$10			
Sunday Breakfast Dickens Ir (Estimated \$11-\$20 own cos	rs for booking only.					
Sunday Lunch		\$15				
Total Cost						
R	egistratio	ons for Catering Close	a: 15 th April 2	2021		
Refunds of function costs are only available in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the MD Convention Committee.						
Registration Secretary	:	Jan Green				
Email	:	md202conventionregister2021@gmail.com				
Phone	:	(09) 435 0989				
Post Registration form to : Registrations, MD202 2021 Convention, Lions Club of Whangarei Hatea C/18 Timara Avenue Kama Whangarei 0112						
Internet Banking/Eftpos Kiwibank 38 - 9016- 0091155 - 01 only: Lions Club of Whangarei Hatea (use reference details below)						
Particulars: First Name Code: Surname Reference: Your club name						

If registering by email it is suggested you save this registration form, complete it digitally then attach it to your registration email. Please confirm if you have paid by direct credit.



Newsletter #2

Dear Fellow Lions, Leos and Lionesses, Here is the latest update for the MD Convention.

All weekend functions will be held at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei.

Registration will be available at Forum North between 2.00pm to 7.00pm on Friday 23rd April and at the same venue between 7.00am to 9.00am on Saturday 24th April. The registration form is available online. If you are having difficulty accessing this, please let us know, either Ken Green (greensacres@xtra.co.nz) or myself at jaallison@xtra.co.nz

Voting Delegates

There will be a separate desk for delegates to collect their voting sticks. Please ensure your club has paid all dues to International, Multiple District and District.

Friday 23rd

Opening Ceremony – everyone seated by 6.30pm. The Flag Ceremony will be held this evening, along with a Guest Speaker will entertain you.

Saturday 24th

Annual General Meeting – Everyone to be seated in Forum North by 8.15am.

The meeting is open to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests at no cost.

Registration for this function only includes the cost of morning tea and lunch. Partners will leave prior to morning tea. **Partners Programme** – Complimentary vans will depart from Forum North at 10.00am. Morning tea will be provided at Kiwi North. Tuatara encounter and hopefully see kiwis being fed. The Museum will be open along with a train ride.

Travel to the Town Basin where you can shop, visit Reyburn House Art Gallery, Clock Museum or walk the Loop (approx 1hr.) Lunch at your own cost.

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.

Sunday 25th, Anzac Day. Join in the Dawn Parade. A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of Lions. I haven't received the time to assemble as yet. 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

Lunch will be served for those who have indicated and paid for on the registration form.

Silverstream.

61st Multiple District 202 Convention



April 23rd - 25th 2021 Whangarei



Accommodation

Motels available and offering a discount to Lions are:-Distinction (HQ) 09 430 4080 Discovery – 09 438 2699 (placing a 'landing page 'on their website for Lions) 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

Good afternoon fellow Lions,

I am sending the Registration form and Newsletter #2 as I have heard that there are some who cannot access the forms from the internet. Please bring these to the attention of the members in your club.

If you have a Lioness club still in action, could you please pass this onto them, as I don't know if they are still active.

We hope to see you in Whangarei, the sunny North at Anzac Weekend 23 -25th April. Come for a longer stay as there is so much to see.

Kind regards,

Judy IPDG Judy Allison MD202 Convention Chairman 2021

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