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Happy New Year

SERVICE WITH A SMILE



**District Governor** 202F District

To my fellow Lions in District 202F

What a way to start the year.....another variant of the dreaded Covid-19 has reared its ugly head, and all indications are that this Omicron will be the one that will potentially stop us all in our tracks. At this time, it's crucial that we take care of ourselves and those around us. Follow the quidelines set down by the Ministry of Health, and if you have any concerns, check their website (which is updated regularly) at <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/">https://covid19.govt.nz/</a>.

We're living in unprecedented times; everything about this is new and if you're anything like me, you'll be worried about what this could mean for your life going forward. However I'm hopeful that like any other disease in the past, such as polio, measles, whooping cough, river blindness etc, with the advances regularly occurring within medical circles, we will overcome this. If you've chosen to have the free vaccinations on offer, and you're following the guidelines from the MOH, you are doing what you can to protect yourself. And this in turn is helping those around you.

Unfortunately due to the uncertainly of the spread of Omicron, we've had to put registrations for our 202F 2022 District Convention on hold until we get a chance to fully assess the situation and its potential impact on the event. Discussions are taking place right now, and as soon as a decision is made as to whether to go ahead in March as planned or not, you'll be notified. You can expect to hear this decision within a week.

There's no reason why your Club meetings can't go ahead as normal provided you take the necessary precautions and by now we all know what they are.....wearing a mask unless actually eating or drinking, social distancing ie maintaining a one metre separation from those around you, and sanitising. These are all things we've done before, and we can do them again.

And as for continuing with club projects, while many of your events will be impossible to carry out at the moment, there's no reason why you can't look out for those around you. After all, isn't our motto 'We

Serve', and what better way to do this than to look after each other, be it your fellow club members, your immediate family, your neighbours, or others in your community who need your help at this time. Remember that Kindness Matters, and one small act of kindness on your part could be the one thing that brightens the day of someone badly in need of it. Get your club's phone tree back up and running. Call each other to check all's well. Or pick up the phone and talk to someone else you know. If you haven't done so already, get a Whats App page going for your members as another way of keeping in touch.

Our District Global Service Coordinator, Sue Evans, has sent an email to all clubs via District Secretary Liz, with ideas for ways in which you can help those around you. Check it out to see if there's anything you could possibly do within your own area. Or better still, you may have some great ideas of your own. There's no reason why you can't continue to serve your community provided your safety and those of everyone else involved is a priority.

Don't wait until Omicron reaches your community, as it appears it probably will; start planning now. What can your club do to help others and to make a difference?

Remember, the sun will rise tomorrow. We'll get through this, and I'm sure we'll all come out stronger people for having done so. And we can continue doing what Lions have always done where there's a need, there's a Lion. As always I'd like to leave you with another smile quote: "A simple smile. That's the start of opening your heart and being compassionate to others" -Dalai Lama.

Take care everyone, stay safe, and until next time, I remain yours in Lions

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'Service With a Smile'



Message from Jeroen Shuurmans

#### **VDG I 202F District**

Hello Lions members, family and friends,

Hopefully everyone enjoyed some days off and some good R and R?

Here it comes again the "C" word Covid. It seems to keep on sticking its head up again. Hopefully we will not stay in this traffic light system for too long and can return to some less stressful time to be able to 'WE serve' again.

Myself I have had some more zoom meetings with group leader 25, with Lesley Lyons.

For the upcoming orientation, 28<sup>th</sup> of February is going to be a virtual session, because Saint Charles, USA has been cancelled for training days.

I also got to meet the GAT team, Global Service Team Wendy 'South', Global Membership team Alice and Global Leadership Linda and coordinator Wendy 'North'.

team, in Wellington on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of January.

My wife Henriet, has been to ELLI: Emerging Lion Leadership Instituted, in Christchurch. She told me how great it has been to meet fellow lions, wanting to make a difference in the community by learning more about leadership and how to implement this.

Please keep your club bulletins coming. So, I stay informed about what's happening in our district.

For those that already do, thank you very much for sending them to me.

In the meantime, take care and be safe.

Jeroen Schuurmans Vice District Governor Lions District 202F Message from Douglas X. Alexander

#### **International President**

Dear Lion,

The new year is a time of great personal reflection and hope for the future. It is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, build on your successes and find new ways to do even greater things in the months ahead. As Lions, let's use this opportunity to reflect, renew and ready ourselves for a new year of service.

That begins with each of us. So focus on strengthening your club and the incredible connection you share. And encourage each other to grow to your full potential as Lions and community leaders. Because when we ensure that every Lion has the opportunities to live out the service in their hearts, the become.

Yours in Service, Douglas X. Alexander International President

## **Lion Account**

One of the best ways to grow your service is by giving yourself more time to serve. And that's what your Lion Account is designed to help you do.

The tools you can access using your Lion Account give you fast access to a digital record of your service projects, club member information, access to learning development tools and more.

## **Global Membership Team Corner**



**Message from** 

# GMT Coordinator Juon Schoen

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

Dear fellow Lions,

One does wonder if Charles Dickens had an inkling about COVID so many years ago or indeed the way it is affecting us?

I had the great joy this week to be part of a Zoom meeting with the GMT's of the other six Lions Districts. The overriding discussion was obviously not only on what is behind us, but also on what we are yet to experience again. I am generally not one to run for the Prozac, however listening to my colleagues lament the state of the Lions nation, did affect the serotonin levels somewhat.

Two things are presently key issues, the decline of our membership and the overwhelming effect the last 18 odd months has had on the earning abilities of our Clubs.

We can indeed attribute part of our membership decline to COVID, due to the loss of non-vaccinated members as well as the decline in projects and social activities. Whilst running a Club and supporting our communities requires money, I don't think anyone will be surprised if funding applications are declined. It is really a matter of cutting the cloth.

Question is, does our inability to raise money with projects stop us from doing projects at all? Is raising money the only reason we do projects? GST Sue Evans has all sorts of wonderful ideas and is only an email away for information and support.

The coming weeks/ months perhaps, will see us need to focus on our members welfare. Some of them will have to isolate, some will have to stay indoors just to be safe. While we look after them, why not look after a few more as well? Jocelyn reminded us the other night of that wonderful project they did in Ohai, with the coloured cards in the windows to show all is well or help was needed. So very simple and so effective. What a great project to duplicate!

We are a Team of many. We are all members of a massive organisation called Lions International. We have support at Club, Zone, District

and many more levels, all the way to that office in the USA. We manage best when we communicate, when we discuss the issues and look

for assistance when needed.

COVID will be with us for a long time yet. Don't let it stop you from enjoying being a Lion and doing Lion's work. Whatever project you do, engage all members. Be inclusive and most of all remain enthusiastic. We are Lions. No matter the drama that befalls us, we don't cower but do what we do so well, We Serve.

Be safe, be smart, wear a mask.

Juon







#### PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	DAY
January	Month	Hunger Awareness Month
	11 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	LCIF Week
15	13 <sup>th</sup>	Melvin Jones' birthday
	21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Peace poster judging event
February	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	15 <sup>th</sup>	International Childhood Cancer Day
March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8 <sup>th</sup>	International Women's Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	World Sleep Day
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Day with the United Nations



MARCH 18,2022

QUALITY SLEEP | SOUND MIND | HAPPY WORLD

## **Notices from MD202**



#### **OFFICE MOVE**

We are now based at 20 Baxter Street in Warkworth. Please make a note of our new contact details which are:

PO Box 154, Warkworth, 0941 Ph 09 422 2021

Our freephone number 0800 546 672 remains the same as do our email addresses.

#### **NEW MEMBER REMINDER**

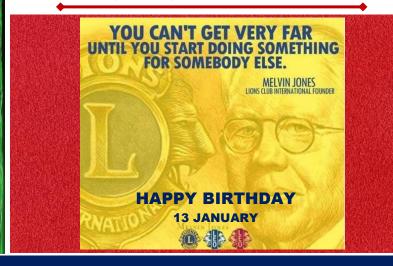
Due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic Lions Clubs International has extended the waiver of new members fees from July 1st through to 30 June 2022. Get new members recorded on MyLCI before that date to obtain the waiver.

#### **LCI DIRECT DEBIT**

We encourage clubs to continue to sign up for the next Direct Debit of international dues - next deduction is 20 February 2022. Final date we will accept these forms to be lodged for the February direct debit will be Friday 17 January.

What you need to do is:

- 1) download both pages of the direct debit form
- 2) complete it with your details and have it signed by your bank account signatories and
- 3) post it to us at MD202 Lions Clubs New Zealand, PO Box 691, Orewa, 0946.



# NEED FACE MASKS WHILE OUT AND ABOUT?

Lions Clubs of NZ branded face masks will be available from MD202 Club Supplies from early November at \$7.50 each including GST plus delivery.

Masks include 3 fabric layers, adjustable ear straps, a squeeze tight secure nose clip and a pocket for insertion of a filter.

Clubs could order for members to reduce shipping costs. Order from our club supplies shop online.

# CLUB SUPPLIES & MEMBERSHIP PACKS





Remember you can order club supplies, brochures and membership packs through our website at https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/shop. When you order through the website a purchase order is created and emailed through to Justine at our office who will get back to you on availability of the goods and the cost of freighting them.



MD FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

MD YOUTH EXCHANGE CHIEF COORDINATOR

**MD ALERT COORDINATOR** 



# MD HEADS UP 4 KIDS PROJECT MANAGER

All roles are for a three year term commencing 1 July 2022. For more information and to apply please go to our <u>website</u>.

#### **Global Services Team Corner**



**Message from** 

# GST Coordinator Sue Evans

Hi everyone

I do hope you had a lovely Christmas break. We certainly had some wonderful weather. There are just a few things I want to mention as we head into 2022.

#### **ROWING FOR LIFE POSTPONED**



Sadly, Omicron is beginning to hit our communities and unfortunately this means that the **Rowing for Life Event has been postponed for this year.** PDG Wendy Goodwin in her capacity of the Multiple Districts Team Leader for Lions New Zealand has been working tirelessly alongside Ian Hamilton and Colin McDonald with the organising of this Event over many months and I would like to acknowledge their work. I am also aware that many Clubs throughout our District had started to organise some fundraising Events.

The Charities • Surf Life Saving NZ • Child Cancer Foundation NZ • Starship • Lions Clubs Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Service • Chalky Carr Trust -Supporting people impacted by cancer who were going to benefit are also very disappointed in the decision to postpone but at the moment the health and well-being and the safety of all New Zealanders takes paramount. I have heard of some wonderful ideas from four wheel drives. BBQ's, Vintage Car Rally and Clubs making up picnic baskets as fund raisers, to having a lone musician starting to play a tune in Wachner Place and then another joining in on a different instrument near the new Hotel, the Langlands being built in Invercargill, with musicians joining the group with the finale being a Pipe Band and finishing at a venue as a way of promoting this Event. The foundation stone has been laid down with the Team looking at media releases etc. Please hold onto your ideas and hopefully next year we will be able to go ahead in style.

# LIONS LEADERSHIP COURSE TO BE HELD AT BORLAND LODGE

The Expressions of Interest needed to be back to Adventure Southland by the end of January. I don't know if this is going ahead or not but if you have students you are aware of that have sent in their paper work please keep in touch with them. Once we know what is happening there will be an Update.

## CHILD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

is happening in February.
More information about this
has been sent out to all Club
Presidents and Secretaries in
the last few days.



TOP CLUB SERVICE PROJECT. Just a reminder that I need any Projects by the beginning on March 2022 as this gives me time to judge Projects within our District 202F and then submit this to the judges at a District level. So far I have one Project but I know there has been some fantastic work done and would love to have more Projects. It is not too late so please speak to your Clubs and if you need a hand, get back to me.

DO WE NEED THE KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD AND THE TOP SERVICE AWARD?

Are they similar? What is your opinion about these Awards? Your feed-back would be appreciated.

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS. In September 2021 Wendy Goodwin asked all the GST Coordinators to speak with the Zone Chairs about Environment Projects that Clubs had done. There was some terrific work done in our own District and now that Wendy has collated all of the Environmental Projects throughout New Zealand I can now share this will all of you. This information has been emailed out to your Presidents and Secretaries a few days ago so make sure you get to see it.

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## **02f Lions Out and About**

## **Global Services Team** Corner

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#### **ZONE 5**

#### **Gore Pakeke**

Well done Gore Pakeke. The new temperature gauge is up in town and what a beautie. It gives the time as well! What a great start to the new Year.



#### Wyndham Pioneer

We have a busy time ahead of us with two trotting meetings:

### Forbury Trots Wednesday 26th January and Wyndham Trots Sunday 6th February

one week apart.

Lion Paula will be giving you a call to see if you can

Bake or Help on one or two of the days.

Everyone is needed to helf when they can.

Remember vaccine [asses are needed to enter the racecourse

so please say yes when she rings.

So everyone it is the start of a New Year. While I acknowledge it is difficult to plan too far ahead because of Covid, Delta and Omicron, the one thing I do know is that Lions are very resilient people and what we can do, is be there for each other along with others in our communities. When you are planning for yourself and your family, take a moment to reflect about your Lion family and how you can stay in touch and support each other when Omicron hits. It may be through a text, a telephone call, dropping off a casserole or picking up some groceries. Kindness matters and can go such a long way.

I look forward to hearing about your projects and the ideas you come up with to stay connected.

Kind regards Sue Evans

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Cell phone: 027 738 2962

Home: 03 213 0329

Dear Fellow Lions,

Wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!!!

Please continue to sent me your articles, photos, stories or anything which you find interesting to go to our Chronicles by 10th of February in order to be included in the next edition which will be published by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

Thanks again for all your efforts and contribution.

Yours in Lionism Sajitha Ferry 202F Bulletin Editor



# **202f Lions Out and About**





# 4WD TREK 26 Feb 2022





North Range, Stag Valley, White Hill Wind Farm Fundraiser for a Helipad in Lumsden,

servicing all of Northern Southland

**ADULTS \$50** 

\* Bring your own Lunch, water and warm clothing

<15YRS \$25

\* Please read the details below and bring this form on the day

<5YRS FREE

\* Numbers are strictly limited, so get in fast!

**BBQ INCLUDED** 

\* For further information & registration email -

AT CONCLUSION

cheryl.stuart95@gmail.com

Muster @ 483 Sutherland Road 9am (North Range Woolshed)

## Lions District 202F - 2022 Convention

## REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations close Sunday 13 March 2022.



If registered before Tuesday 1 February 2022, you will go into the draw to win your registration fee back (One draw).

Registration available - Friday 25 March 2022 - 5.30pm - 8.00pm Saturday 26 March 2022 - 7.30am - 9.30am

Registration is required from all Lions Members (Non-Lions pay no registration fee).

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Date	Event	Lion 1	Lion 2/ Non Lion
Friday 25 March	Meet & Greet Registration and Nibbles Owaka Community Centre, 3 Overden St Owaka 530pm-8.00pm		
Saturday 26 March	Morning Tea Owaka Community Centre, 3 Overden St Owaka		
	Lunch Owaka Community Centre, 3 Overden St Owaka		
	Partners Programme Owaka Community Centre, 3 Overden St Owaka (includes Lunch)		
	Meal and Band Owaka Community Centre, 3 Overden St Owaka 6pm		
Sunday 27 March	Early Risers Breakfast Owaka Golf Club, Pounawea Road, Owaka 7am - 9am		
	Remembrance and Rededication Service Owaka Community Centre 10am		
	Lunch Owaka Community Centre		

# Lions District 202F - 2022 Convention

# **REGISTRATION FORM**

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Lion 1 Name-	Club-
Lion 2 Name-	Club-
Non-Lion's Name-	
Address-	
Phone-	
Email-	
Date internet payment lodged-	
Any special dietary requirements, please detail-	

Event	Lion 1	Lion 2 or Partner	Total
Registration Fee	\$30	\$30/ Nil	
Meet and Greet Nibbles	\$15	\$15	1
Business Session	No Cost	No Cost	
Morning Tea	\$6	\$6	
Lunch	\$15	\$15	
Partners Programme/Lunch	\$25	\$25	
Saturday Evening Meal/Band	\$50	\$50	
Early Risers Breakfast	\$20	\$20	
Remembrance Service	No Cost	No Cost	Ĭ.
Sunday Lunch	\$20	\$20	
Convention Pin	\$10	\$10	
Convention Raffles - 3 for \$5	\$5	\$5	
Total to Pay			

Internet Banking Account Number- 03-1734-0005809-000

Particulars- Registration Code- Your Club Name Reference - Your Name

- COVID 19
- A vaccine passport is required to gain entry
- Registration fees will be refunded for any part of the convention that is cancelled. If you are unable to
  attend due to Government travel restrictions your registration fees will be refunded upon application in
  writing received prior to the start of the convention.













