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202D Contact

June 2025



Be part of
the **new**
generation
of volunteers

Lions Clubs of New Zealand
and Islands of the South Pacific



Editorial Comment: *Now is the time to make an investment in your club growth.*

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” – John F. Kennedy

Strong leadership doesn't just happen—it's built. In Lions Clubs, training helps members grow the confidence, skills, and perspective needed to guide teams and serve our communities better. It's not about titles, but about stepping up with heart and clarity. When Lions invest their time in

leadership training, we all benefit from more inspired service and smoother teamwork. Let's keep learning—it's how we lead with purpose and make real impact.

There is still an opportunity to attend the 'Member Development' Day in Feilding on Saturday 7 June at Oroua Hall, Church St, Feilding. Zone Chairs and members of Cabinet are also available to help develop and support your club leadership.

Please remember to send me any photos or articles for inclusion in the District Bulletin.

Kind regards,

Megan England

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The Health Caravan on TV1

For those who didn't see the segment on TV regarding the Glob here is a link to it. Good promotion for Lions NZ.

<https://www.1news.co.nz/2025/05/04/good-sorts-the-retired-feilding-gp-running-a-mobile-medical-service/>

Dates for the Diary

Incoming Officer Training Days

7 June Feilding 10am -2pm

Other Important Dates

30 May - Applications open for Youth Camp

5 June - Arbor Day / World Environment Day

7 June - Volunteer Impact Day (Lions and others)

27 June - Helen Keller Day

1 July - New Lions year

27 July - Presidents' Luncheon (TBC)



District Governor Denis Hurcomb

Greetings fellow Lions

June is here, and this is my final DG report for the contact.

The year has gone by very quickly, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Our district is performing exceptionally well, with our goals and results right where they should be.

Membership is up by twelve (at the time of this report), but service reporting is still at 61%, which is slightly behind where it needs to be. All it needs is for each club to have entered one service project before the end of June. If you are unsure how, our District Administrator Mathew Wellington is only too willing to help you through it, or even do it for you.

The really good news is that on June 9th, I will induct two more members into the Hawera Branch, bringing the total to 21 members, allowing them to apply for their charter. Well done! I wish them every success as they continue their journey in Lionism as a fully chartered club.

The North Glob had its first outing last Saturday at the Inglewood Lions Club book fair. It was a great success, and I want to thank everyone involved in organizing and making it happen. During the month, I also attended New Plymouth Central Lions, where I inducted two

new members. I had the great pleasure of recognising a very emotional and surprised Charles Thurston with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Charles, we are all very proud of your achievements in Lions, and your outstanding chairmanship of the MD Convention truly capped it off.

I have attended the final zone meetings, all of which had excellent club and member attendance. The 202D clubs are doing brilliant projects in their communities. The total money raised, the number of projects, and the people served are enormous. Well done to you all—you have truly made your mark and moved mountains.

Thanks to every one of our 975 members. I know each of you shares the same focus in Lions: volunteering to serve our communities, especially those in need and our wonderful youth. Be proud of your achievements—you are leaders in our communities.

The young speechmakers event held at Te Pae Pae O Aotea, Hawera was very successful and well organized by Youth Chairs Stephanie and Robyn. The speeches by all contestants were once again outstanding. Thank you to the clubs that sponsored the students. Clubs looking for guest speakers should consider inviting one of these young speakers; any one of them is truly worth listening to.

Donations to the New Plymouth Hospital and the diabetic project in the south are progressing well. A few clubs in the north have yet to donate. If you want your club's name to be included with the others, in the publicity and permanently on display, please consider making a donation. Clubs in Zones 1, 2, and 3 that would like to contribute to adding diabetic machines in your area are encouraged to do so. I recently learned that New Zealand has one of the highest ratios of people with diabetes in the world, and it remains one of LCI's main global causes.

I have been proud to serve my year as your District Governor and along with Barbara, I wish Mike Powell and Christina all the best for a great year ahead leading our wonderful District. Mike, the year will surely move very fast, so enjoy it—it is very rewarding.

I am very proud to say that you have all made your mark and helped Lions
move mountains.

Denis Hurcomb

DG 202D

Lions Volunteer Day

VOLUNTEERS



The Heart of Our Community

Let's celebrate the impact that volunteers have on our lives every day! Lions have been helping build stronger communities in New Zealand for 70 years!

Event Details:

- **When:** 7th June 2025
- **Where:** Wherever you choose!

Ways to Celebrate:

- **Showcase Local Heroes:** Highlight individuals making a difference in your community.
- **Community Gala:** Organize fun activities where local volunteer groups can connect with the public.
- **Run a Community Event:** Host a clean-up drive or other volunteer-driven initiatives
- **Organize a Competition:** Create a friendly competition between volunteer groups in a public space.
- **Collaborate on Projects:** Team up with other volunteers to tackle community projects.
- **Social Media Campaigns:** Use social platforms to share stories and encourage participation



There are no rules for this day of volunteering. If you can't manage the 7th, make it another day in June. Talk to your local schools, church groups, Rotary Club, scouts, guides... work together to highlight the impact that volunteers have in our communities. Choose a project, a fun event, a thankyou afternoon tea... use your imagination!

Please share any photos with Contact Editor and / or GST coordinator.



From the Cabinet / District Secretary

As you may be aware, **our district—like all clubs—must re-register as an incorporated society by 5 April 2026** to remain compliant under the updated legislation.

To facilitate this, a **new Constitution for the Districts has been prepared**, and circulated to all clubs.

At the Cabinet meeting held on **17 May 2025**, the following motion was passed:

“That Cabinet recommends the adoption of the new constitution by 202D and that notice be circulated to all clubs.

Clubs wishing to object must submit their objections in writing to the Cabinet Secretary. If fewer than 25% (weighted) objections are received from clubs in good standing by 30 June 2025, Cabinet will proceed to adopt the new constitution at the July 2025 Cabinet Meeting.

Following adoption, Cabinet will re-register the incorporated society under the new constitution.”

What happens next?

Clubs that wish to object to District 202D adopting and re-registering under the new constitution **must submit their objection in writing via email to the 202D Cabinet Secretary by 30 June 2025.**

If no objection is received, or if fewer than 25% (weighted) of clubs in good standing object, Cabinet will move forward with adopting and registering the new constitution in July 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

LCIF

(Lions Clubs International Fund)

Please consider giving to LCIF as part of your club's annual donations.

For those people who would like to give a personal donation, the Presidential LCIF support pin share is available to purchase Gold \$300.00, Silver \$150.00, Bronze \$75.00 (NZ\$)



Our Lions Global Causes

Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust

Important Update

LMLCCT correspondence and awards

Some of you may be aware that Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust Treasurer PDG Keith Kenderdine passed away recently.

Please address any correspondence for the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust to LMLCCT.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz account and not to the personal account of late treasurer Keith Kenderdine (kenderkb@xtra.co.nz).

Any requests or correspondence that may have been sent to just Keith's account since 15th of March please resend to the above account so that we are sure that your requests can be fulfilled.

PDG Roger Robinson is looking after the finance side of things at the moment and will be using the lmccct.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz email account.

Please be patient as there is a bit of a backlog of emails to sort through.

What's Been Going on Around the District...



The Health Caravan (the one housed at Okato) was in Inglewood for their annual Book Sale. It was great to have WITT Nurse Trainees helping out.

If you would like to make a contribution to the ongoing upkeep of the Taranaki GLOB / Health Caravan donations can be made to the District Trust Account

Please note the pull-up banner... the District has purchased a number of these which will be kept with Zone Chairs when not in use. They are available for all clubs to use as and when they see fit.



Normanby Club President Othmar received a banner from Eltham Club President Huia when the two clubs came together for a visit at Eltham recently.



Opunake Club recently took on the upgrade of their TOPEC Hut, replacing the roof and giving the outside a bit of a spruce up.



Zone 2 Chair Hamish Price presenting Presidents in his Zone with Certificates of Appreciation and Thanks

Stratford Lions Club held another successful Pink Ribbon breakfast to raise funds for, and awareness of, breast cancer.



New Plymouth Central Lions Club have been busy sorting old coins and bank notes for Heads Up For Kids, another great Lions initiative (<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/.../lions-clubs.../heads-kids>). Since 2010 this has raised more than \$600,000 to provide a helping hand for young people.



Lions Move Mountains, lets see if they can Move trees.

Toko & District Lions are presently selling well grown trees as our major fundraiser.

Would you be interested in buying some?

Please see below the list of what is available at \$10 per well grown plant.

Email or text Mary and Albert Dettling; almafarms@yahoo.co.nz

Text Mary on 0276794763 or phone Albert on 0274582967



Fairy Blush Camellia has tight bright pink buds that open to miniature, single, apple-blossom pink blooms which are lightly fragrant. This would suit a small courtyard or patio area. Flowers for a long period. Happiest in semi-shade with acid soil. Evergreen. 1.5m x 1.5m



Margaret Davies A very showy Camellia with striking peony type blooms. The creamy white petals are all edged lightly in rose pink. Quite outstanding in full bloom from mid winter through to mid spring. Good strong grower. Happiest in part shade. 2.5m x 2m



Paradise Peel

Flowers in absolute profusion over a long period. The blooms are quite large, semi-double and open white from pink buds. Upright compact growth habit. A terrific hedge plant or garden specimen. Happiest in morning sun or semi-shade. Evergreen. 3m x 2m



Nuccio's Pink Lace Upright evergreen of medium growth. Flowers medium to large semi-double, anemone or peony form, blush pink. Central cluster of stamens mixed with petaloids sometimes becomes a full rosette. A slight scent can be detected by some people. Height 3m.



Gwenneth Morey Camellia of double white fading to a creamy yellow centre. Compact, bushy, upright, evergreen shrub, valued for luxuriant rich green foliage and anemone-form. Prefers sheltered site, sunny or shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. 3m x 2m



Early Pearly

Camellia that flowers from early autumn through to early winter. The blooms are double white, with just a hint of blush pink on the outer edges. Upright vigorous habit. Happiest in semi-shade/winter. 2m x 1.5m



Camellia Setsugekka is one of the most popular camellias for hedging or specimen planting, with an abundance of large white flowers appearing from early autumn to early winter. Establishes quickly. This camellia loves partial shade and well-drained, acidic soil, it is both hardy and relatively low maintenance. Grows 2.5m x 2m



Camellia Yuletide Camellia just smothers itself in bright red single flowers from winter through to spring. The flowers are offset with prominent gold stamens. Slow growing with a compact habit. Ideal for containers, hedging or brightening up a dull corner of the garden. 2m x 2.5m

Did you know... 9000 New Zealanders have a stroke per year; Strokes kill 2000 New Zealanders per year; 25% of stroke victims are under 65.

Life after a stroke can involve significant changes and challenges, both physically and emotionally. While full recovery is possible in some cases, many individuals experience ongoing disabilities that require adjustments to daily life, including modifications to their home, changes in their ability to work, and potential dependence on caregivers.

Mt View Lions, Hawera are supporting the Life After Stroke workshop, a very worthwhile initiative.

Life after Stroke

HAWERA

A workshop for anyone affected by stroke

Connect with others in your community affected by stroke to learn about life after stroke, including how to reduce the risk of secondary stroke and how to manage the impact stroke has on you and the ones you love.



Tuesday 10th June 2025, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Venue: Hawera Park Bowling Club

261 High Street, Hawera

To register:

Email: danielle.greer@stroke.org.nz or scan the QR code



Supported by:





Hawera (Club Branch) - about to Charter

New Plymouth Central - 5 years (July)

Colyton Bunnythorpe Club - 50 years (July)

Ruapehu - 60 years (Sept)



Lions 202D Young Speechmaker District Final

The District Young Speechmaker final was held on Sunday 25 May 2025 at TePaepae O Aotea, Hawera. We had seven young people entered from Hawera, New Plymouth and Stratford secondary schools.

The 'Prepared Speeches' covered a wide range of topics including, "The Power of Volunteering," "The Spotlight Effect", "Refugees", The Great Ocean of Diversity."

The 'Impromptu Speech' theme this year was "Is it possible for people to fix everything we have done to the world?" which evoked a number of interesting responses.

Our judges, PDG Louise Knapman, Toastmaster Cathy Ogden and English & Drama teacher Alison Wright had a difficult time deciding on an overall winner as the final points were very close.

Thank you to the clubs who were able to sponsor an entrant this year and to all who attended, including DG Denis, Susi Hipp, members of sponsoring Lions Clubs, friends and families.

The 3 place getters were:

1st Lukas Strohemeier

2nd Oliver Jull

3rd Chelsea Babalcon



National Youth Camp

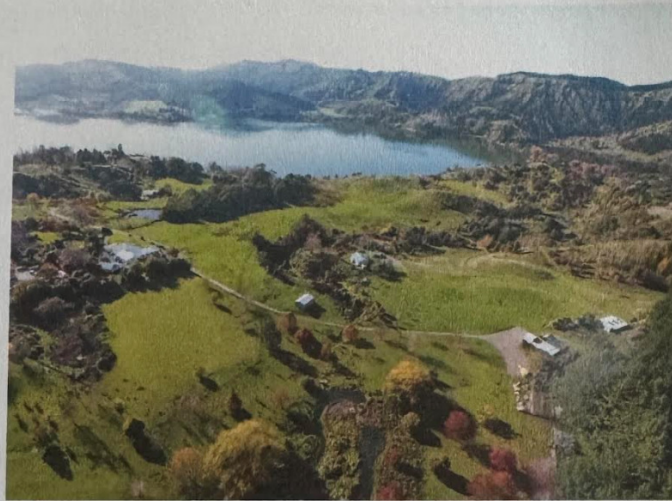
202 Lions National Youth Camp

Hosted by 202M

Camp Hawkes Bay

For youth 12 to 16 years old

**Sunday 21st September to
Saturday 27th September 2025 :**



Cost \$550.00

(Application to be endorsed by local Lions Clubs)
Limited to 40 Youth.

Youth aged 12 to 16 years as of 30 July 2025

Application open 1st May, closes 10 August 2025

Held at Guthrie Smith Arboretum & Education Centre
3561 State Highway 2
Tutira.

Stephanie Jordan

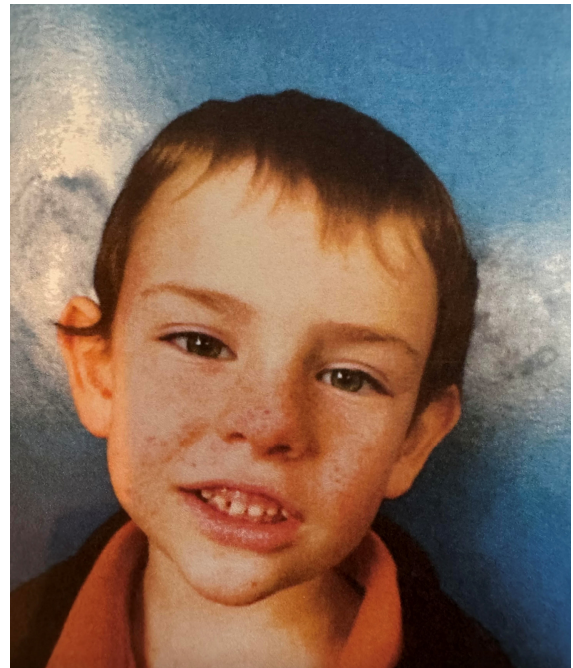
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**Sharing stories of our
'Children of Courage' recipients**

This young boy transitioned into Aurora School as a 6yr old in 2024. He has been diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis which is a condition where he has benign tumours that form inside and outside of his body. He currently has tumours on his brain, heart, lungs, and one forming on the outside of his face. Due to the tumour on his brain he has also been diagnosed with epilepsy and just recently, with autism. He is only able to attend school 4 days a week as he gets very tired.

He lives on a farm and loves tractors. At school he loves to play with Lego, farm equipment and water play.



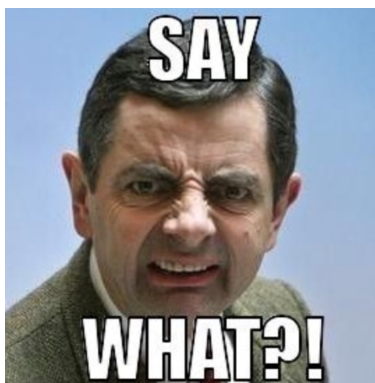
One of our participants on the day was a young 5 yr, 8 mth boy who attends Eltham Primary School. This young boy has Optic Nerve Glioma, a slow-growing brain tumour in and around the optic nerve, which connects the eye to the brain.

The only days off he has from school are to attend medical appointments including weekly chemotherapy with every sixth session in starship.

At school he is bubbly, cheerful, chatty and an amazing, caring friend. He shows empathy towards new students who are adjusting to school, especially if someone is hurt and/or does not want their caregivers to leave. You would never think that he had had over 500 sessions of chemotherapy.

Laughter...the best medicine

Lost in translation....



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