



**June 2025**  
**202E District Bulletin**

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"Getting ready for our fun 'S' evening. Our D.G. (and C.C.E) with her left and right hand men." MD Convention.

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### **My Final DG Bulletin:**

This Lions year has gone so fast – here I am writing my final article for the District Bulletin! This has been a year of incredible experiences and it is hard to single out individual ones. Overall, however, the biggest highlight would be the contact I have had with clubs and finding out about all that they are doing, in the most amazing ways. This, to me, is the most important aspect of Lions life, and is the heart and soul of Serving Together to Make a Difference.

### **Membership Growth:**

What clubs are able to do is directly related to how many members they have to do the work. It has been great to see our membership throughout the district growing slowly but steadily over the past few months. We reached the giddy heights of a net increase of +20, the highest it has been for some time, and the highest in Multiple District figures. There has been the inevitable dip in this figure through May, as clubs go through a reassessment process and members face the time for paying International and District fees and dues, but it is expected that the graph will swing upwards again in July/August.

However, we cannot be complacent about this, and we need to raise our efforts to welcome new members into our clubs. This growth can also be seen in our Leo Clubs throughout the District, which is very exciting. On a recent Leo Advisors Zoom, it was great to see our Leo clubs in such good heart. Three of our Cabinet members will be attending a Mission 1.5 Summit in Sydney in late May, where representatives from all clubs in our Multiple Districts of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, Australia, Indonesia and the Pacific Islands to share ideas for retaining existing members in clubs, as well as recruiting new members and forming new clubs or club branches.

### **A New Year of Service:**

Hopefully by now, clubs will have elected and registered their Club Officers for the new Lions year, starting in July. In preparation for this, all clubs leaders are urged to attend one of the Club Officer Workshops being held around the District (see elsewhere in this Bulletin for dates and locations of these). No leaders come ready-made, they learn on the job, and there is training and support available for this learning at all levels of Lions life, even for me in my new role as MD Council Chair. I feel privileged and honoured to have been elected to this position and I thank so many of you who have been offering your kind wishes and support to me in this new way of serving. And, in turn, I give my best wishes to all leaders as they start in on the new Lions year, especially Bernie as District Governor. We will travel to Orlando, Florida for the International Convention, where all District Governors and International Presidents are installed. This will happen on the final day (or “rising”) of the Convention.

### **Thanks!**

At our recent District Cabinet meeting, I took the opportunity to personally thank each of this year’s Cabinet members for the work they have done over the year. I have appreciated the way everyone in their roles in Cabinet, and indeed in clubs, for the way they have just kept on doing the work to complete the tasks and projects they have been involved in. I think we can proudly say we have SERVED TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**Best Wishes for the 2025-2026 Lions year!!**

*Pam*

**“TOGETHER WE SERVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”**



# DG Pam - Reminiscences from Then to Now.





# Showcasing Havelock Lions Club



This Club is involved in the following projects: Supporting: CanTeen, Kantabs for Kidney kids, Young People on 21-day classic Outward Bound course, Sale of sheep manure (funds to local projects), Havelock's annual Mussel Festival, annual Whitehaven GrapeRide, Annual Food bank collection, Pet Day at Havelock School, "Sid Mead memorial cup" to top Cactus graduate, Sponsoring students to Curious Cove holiday camps ( 6 students sponsored in 2019), Arranging the Havelock Lions Market Day outside the Havelock i-Site building on the last Saturday of the month - proceeds to local projects, sponsoring children to attend Kiwi Ranch camps, local Leos and Cubs programme ..... (Facebook)



Melvin Jones for Ian



Havelock Lions Easter Egg Hunt



Havelock Lions Club high tea



Havelock Lions Summerfest! Batman & his Batmobile





## DGE Bernie Walls

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I have finished my list of the required actions that needed to be completed prior to 1st July. Most Past District Governors will appreciate what that list contained, and it does take time to organise in a timely manner.

My Global Extension, Global Membership Team Coordinators and I went to Sydney for the Membership Summit the weekend of the 23rd -25 th May. It was a weekend of rewarding work in planning the year ahead. I want to thank them for giving their "all" to make it a challenging but successful experience. The year ahead will be very exciting and rewarding.

The Club Officer Workshops have started around the district. Please come and enjoy some worthwhile information about your incoming roles or just come along and be part of a great experience. I look forward to catching up with you.

Julie and I leave New Zealand on the 2nd July for a bit of a holiday. We travel to San Francisco for a few days with a day tour of Alcatraz (promise I'll escape), then over to Washington DC where my sister lives just 40mins south, and finally to Orlando for the Convention. It all seems surreal (as my fellow DGEs agree) that the journey I started two years ago has continued at a great pace.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and together we can make a difference.

*Take Care Bernie*



Handing over the gong and gavel from the outgoing DG to the in-coming DG. - Pam & Bernie.



## VDGE Alastair Rankin

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Tēnā koutou, since my last report we have had a couple of GAT meetings but not much else, having been busy with the MD convention and some of the backwash from that.

I have been very busy with Club projects too, peastraw/compost deliveries, sausage sizzles to name but a few. I really love doing club projects, you get to meet some interesting folk and work with a very dedicated team.

I have also been busy with Zone 2 as their Zone Chair has not been identified at this stage. Once I can get the zoom thing sorted out I will be on a quick and steep learning curve to get some face time with them. That will set me up nicely for spending time nurturing my plans for a more electronic version of meetings and discussion. I'm anticipating that with a little fear and trepidation, but it will be worth it.

DGE Bernie and I and our District Treasurer have spent some time getting the budget into line for the next Lions Year which has given me an insight into the workings of the district. Everything I do from now on will be shaping me for the coming role of District Governor. It hasn't been too frightening so far, but it is about to pick up speed. The first thing we will have to do when Bernie gets back from the International Convention in Orlando will be to sort out the visits programme. It will be interesting and I'm very much looking forward to meeting some more great Lions.

Ka kite anō au i a koe *Alastair*



Friend of the Club lends a hand



# Key Points CABINET Meeting - 17 May, 2025

1. Clubs who have not yet reregistered with Incorporated Societies are urged to do so as soon as possible. First step is to adopt the new standard form club constitution as advised by MD Legal Alan Knowsley. Then submit the newly adopted constitution, a copy of the minutes approving the constitution and fill in the online form. Contact John Whyte if you need further guidance. [jwwhyte@gmail.com](mailto:jwwhyte@gmail.com) phone 021 137 0153. This is a NZ Legal requirement under the updated Incorporated Societies Act 2022. A copy of this constitution with guidance notes will be distributed again in the coming week.
2. Kantabs now have a generic email [kantabs.202e@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:kantabs.202e@lionsclubs.org.nz) Please use plastic bags or grain type bags that are weather proof. Leave some weatherproof club ID labels on your contributions also. Absolutely no beer bottle tops or steel, or pull tags with metal rings – check with a magnet. Aluminium cans must be crushed down to the base (not just squeezed). Keep Kan-tabs in separate containers from wine bottle tops and crushed cans.
3. Email address updated for Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust is now: [LMLCCT.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:LMLCCT.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz)
4. Music Festival still \$3,500 short of our commitment of \$10,000 for sponsor naming rights this year. Further donations from zones 4 to 8 clubs gratefully accepted. Send to District Charitable Trust account.
5. Wondering what historical documents to keep? A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is being drafted for distribution in the new Lions year.
6. Treasurer's checklist, prepared by the District Treasurer Ian Lennie, will be distributed again soon.
7. LCIF donations at the end of March stand at only 43% of clubs have donated. There is still time to donate this year to our Foundation. It is a requirement if you wish to earn the Club Excellence Award. Something worthwhile to aim for.
8. Officer workshops over the next month. A chance to network, share ideas and discuss strategies and solutions. Attendance strongly encouraged. If officers unavailable you are welcome to send other representatives.
9. Written instructions for major projects are suggested as a way to attract and support new coordinators.
10. 24 clubs (out of 40) have an active Facebook page. A further 8 clubs have an inactive facebook page (have not posted this year). This is our window to the public. Let's improve our public image. Contact Helen Williams: [williams.helen54@gmail.com](mailto:williams.helen54@gmail.com) for support. Put up your public events as the public are looking for these. Also send event posters to District facebook administrator Sarah Flint: [lions202e.facebook@gmail.com](mailto:lions202e.facebook@gmail.com). Post your event poster on other community group pages to increase your reach.
11. Appoint a club marketing chair for the 2025-2026 year. This is essential as in the constitution they are an officer of the club. No experience required – just enthusiasm.
12. Volunteer Week – June 15 th to 21 st. Celebrate your members and their service to the community. Our district GST Neil Johnston challenges us to complete for example, an environment project inviting the public to join in and publicise your event.
13. Clubs are required to keep on file the new member application form on which a member has given written consent to becoming a club member.
14. Club recognition awards from Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust will be delayed due to the unfortunate passing of administration officer PCC Keith Kenderdine.
15. Neuro diverse resources (a power point and booklet) are available by contacting: Katie Townsend: [202e.leos@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.leos@lionsclubs.org.nz) or 027 292 6014
16. District Speechmaker contest is being held 16 th June, 10am at Shirley Boys' High School (parking available across the road at Avonside Girls. Contestants aged 16 – 21 years. Contact John Whyte: [jwwhyte@gmail.com](mailto:jwwhyte@gmail.com) or phone 021 137 0153
17. Peace poster enquiries and entries also to be sent to John Whyte.
18. John Whyte will be manning the District Youth email from now on.
19. Christchurch Ferrymead and Christchurch South clubs are merging as the Lions Club of Christchurch South Ferrymead. The Lions club rooms at Ferrymead will still be available for hire by the public and for the use of Lions.
20. Nelson Lioness Lions are to close as from June 30 2025. We thank these women for their 42 years of dedicated service to their community.
21. The Lisa McClaren Appeal is being coordinated through FVDGE Alastair Rankin at New Brighton Club. Contact Alistair on [202e.2vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.2vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz) or 021 071 7889
22. Ensure your incoming club officers' names and details are uploaded onto the Lions portal as soon as possible. Check your club meeting times and venues are accurate. The NZ directory is formulated from this information.
23. Check your club roster on the portal is accurate by the middle of June. Your club international dues will be based on this roster as at June 30.





## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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I'm just realising that this is a strange season in the Lion's calendar. Last weekend was the last cabinet meeting for our roles, while still fulfilling 60% of my responsibilities as GLT in these six weeks to come.

When you read this, the Zone Chair training, and two of the Officers' workshops (Blenheim and Appleby/Richmond) have been done.

I will still promote the remainder of the workshops, see the flyer. It is so important for the wellbeing of your club that representatives are meeting other club's reps. Part of the workshop will be of course equipping officers for the coming year. The second part of the workshop will be conducted as per the needs and requests of the attendees and clubs represented. There will be plenty of subjects/issues we could together find solutions to.

Please make sure you and your club members are attending one of the workshops. I'll see you there!

I hope I have been of help and have served you well in my role as leadership team coordinator.

### Club Officers' Workshops



### Where and When?

Cheviot Friday June 6th – Cheviot Trust Hotel, (4.00pm – 8.30pm) 43 Hall Street, Cheviot 7310.

Christchurch - Ferrymead Saturday June 7th – Ferrymead Lions Den, (10.00am – 2.30pm) Heritage Park, Trustcotts Road, Ferrymead, Christchurch 8022

Greymouth Saturday June 14th – Karoro Bowling Club, (10.00am – 2.30pm) 4 Shelley Street, Greymouth 7802.

Each workshop includes a light top-up meal part-way through



Who's coming from your club?

Please RSVP ASAP to [wallsfour00@gmail.com](mailto:wallsfour00@gmail.com) and

[tinilawry@icloud.com](mailto:tinilawry@icloud.com)

*Have a great month Tini*



## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

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National Volunteer Week 15 to 21 June is a great opportunity to have a district wide membership drive. As previously suggested, clubs could organise an environment project in June. This links in with World Environment.

Day on 5 June. Hopefully many clubs have already started planning an environment project. It could be a clean up of a beach, river, reserve, town centre or anything else that suits your club.

The important part is to have an effective marketing plan to entice the public to assist your club. You could advertise your project via social media, radio, local newspaper and through community groups. If you ask volunteers to RSVP it will give you an indication of how many people are likely to assist. Requesting RSVP's will result in a data base of volunteers which could be contacted if your club needs help with other projects or these volunteers may become Lions.

There are several benefits of running an environment project including:

- 1) Potentially finding new members for your club.
- 2) Creating a database of people that could help with future club projects.
- 3) Networking with volunteers and local community groups.
- 4) Being visible in the community.
- 5) It supports one of our global causes.
- 6) Improves the profile of Lions.

I suggest having a training session at a club meeting before the event to discuss techniques that will encourage volunteers to become Lions. This could include elevator speeches and what to say to potentially gain new members.

If your club needs more time to plan an environment project, you could market the project in June and run it late June or early July. This would still link in with National Volunteer Week.

Your club may have decided to not undertake an environment project. If so, what other type of membership drive can you run during National Volunteer Week? All the best with whatever you decide to do.

*Take care Neil*





## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP - GMT

Helen Whittington

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*Renew, Revitalise  
& Retain*

**We are on a Mission to Grow**

LCI	1,500,000
202	10,000
202E	1,500

In my first report as the GMT co ordinator for the district magazine, I talked about what motivated me to join Lions and the importance of 'Just ask' to get new members. These messages are still key to increasing club membership and for retaining members in our clubs. This may sound a bit like a broken record but our District membership is still slowly increasing so we must be doing something right!

Club officer training days are coming to your area soon. These are a great forum to find out about your new role and also for experienced members to share their knowledge. Feedback is also crucial so that everyone involved gains the most out of the time spent preparing, presenting and participating in these days. While the training is directed at the main board members any club member is welcome to attend.

With the Lions year coming to an end lets finish with a final push to build our clubs and membership. My best wishes to incoming club officers, enjoy your change overs nights and the coming Lions year.

Regards

Helen Whittington

## Welcome to our New Lions

### MEMBER

### CLUB

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- |                     |                    |                      |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Duncan McKeeking | Ellesmere          | Donald Lemon         |
| 2. Grant Hunt       | Ellesmere          | Glenn Smith          |
| 3. Robert Johnston  | Kaikoura           | Barry Dunnett        |
| 4. Linda McCarthy   | Oxford & Districts | Kirstyn Barnett      |
| 5. Hamish Paterson  | Woodend Pegasus    | Jeff Taylor-Hayhurst |

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

### MEMBER

### CLUB

### SERVICE

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## PRIDE OF HORNBY



**INTERESTED IN IMPROVING  
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**We meet 7pm on the  
1st & 3rd Monday of each month  
at the Hornby Club in the Library Room**

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**Lions International Convention | Orlando, Florida, USA | July 13-17, 2025**



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# WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR 2024 - 2025 LIONS YEAR.

and Congratulations and a huge thank you to our dedicated Sponsors.

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
1. Wendy Bradley	Akaroa & Bays	Stuart Ford
2. Anita Hopkins	Akaroa & Bays	Stuart Ford
3. John Petrie	Akaroa & Bays	Tony Mason
4. Hamish Templeton	Akaroa & Bays	Tony Mason
5. Charles De Lambert	Akaroa & Bays	Mark Errington
6. Micheal Le Lievre	Akaroa & Bays	Alex Aitken
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10. Jonah Langford	Blenheim	Helen Williams
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14. Jeremy Riley	Blenheim	Hilary Lundon
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31. Duncan McKeeking	Ellesmere	Donald Lemon
32. Grant Hunt	Ellesmere	Glenn Smith
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34. Tom Spooner	Glenmark	Trevor Helm
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36. Andrew Gray	Golden Bay	Wendy Brooks
37. Kelvin Leach	Greymouth	John Rothery
38. Christine Eaton	Halswell & Distr.	Genevieve Craddock
39. Paul Hendrieus	Halswell & Distr.	Graeme Halliwell
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45. John Ankorn	Kaikoura	Melville Syme
46. Wayne Findley	Kaikoura	Will Parsons
47. Chris Rochford	Kaikoura	Russell Arthur
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52. Janet Tan	KK. Seaward	Sandra Scott
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57. Gary Fitzgerald	Motueka	Michael Jackson
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59. John Bensemman	Motueka	Michael Brown
60. Sarah Thompson	Motueka	Chris Clark
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64. Darryn Watson	Oxford & Districts	John King
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82. Nicola Crosbie	Selwyn	Mandy Hauwai
83. Marg Hooper	Selwyn	Sharon Stockman
84. Pam Grenside	Selwyn	Lois Thomas
85. Sue Murray	Selwyn	Barbara Williams
86. Barry Grose	Wigram	Rae Treloar
87. Riani Hardina	Wigram	Rae Treloar
88. Hardina Riani	Wigram	Rae Treloar (as read)
89. Mark Duff	Wigram	Rae Treloar
90. Cheryl Gianelly	Wigram	Rae Treloar
91. Ann Lachica	Wigram	Rae Treloar
92. Nicholas McPhail	Wigram	Rae Treloar
93. Dion Leen	Wigram	Rae Treloar
94. Julie Webster	Wigram	Rae Treloar
95. Glenda Hanning	Wigram	John Hobson
96. Neil Hanning	Wigram	John Hobson
97. Robert Ross	Wigram	John Hobson
98. Daniel Gisberts-Charleston	Wigram	Barry Grose
99. Tracey Buunk	Wigram	Muff Duff
100. Donna Misselbrook	Woodend Pegasus	Gay Walker
101. Paul Misselbrook	Woodend Pegasus	Gay Walker
102. Alan McCorkindale	Woodend Pegasus	Gay Walker
103. Adrienne Hill	Woodend Pegasus	Jeff Taylor-Hayhurst
104. Howard Hill	Woodend Pegasus	Jeff Taylor-Hayhurst
105. Simranjeet Singh	Woodend Pegasus	Jeff Taylor-Hayhurst
106. Hamish Paterson	Woodend Pegasus	Jeff Taylor-Hayhurst

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members by  
'1 July 2027'**

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# JUST SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our 202E Lions Pride







## LCIF District Co-ordinator PDG Malcolm Williams



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

At this time, there doesn't appear to have been any new and major natural disasters around the globe in the past few months. That's a pleasant comment for a change.

Nevertheless, the need to continue fund our capital base for ongoing grants and donations continues.

Our District failed to register a 50% pass during the year to date, with less than half of our clubs contributing to LCIF, and also less than half of our goal being achieved. Still there is the month of May and June, where perhaps we can pass the half way mark in either of the 2 categories. However we do acknowledge that the US Dollar is not in our favour here.

It is pleasing to advise that following our MD National LCIF Co-ordinator, Leo Danz, retiring from this role after 9 years, our new MD Co-ordinator is PDG Simon Williams of Waikanae Lions Club.

The 7 District LCIF Co-ordinators under the direction of CA LCIF Leader Tim Irvine ( of Western Australia) are to be issued with new requirements and challenges, along with our Australian counterparts, to improve upon the 2024/5 results.

I will advise you all of this new strategy following our meeting in June.



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## Marketing and Communication **MARCOM**

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How important is Facebook for your interaction in your community and beyond?  
24 clubs (out of 40) have an active Facebook page. A further 8 clubs have an inactive facebook page (have not posted this year). This is our window to the public. Let's improve our public image.

Contact me - Helen Williams: [williams.helen54@gmail.com](mailto:williams.helen54@gmail.com) for support. Put up your public events as the public are looking for these. Also send event posters to District facebook administrator Sarah Flint: [lions202e.facebook@gmail.com](mailto:lions202e.facebook@gmail.com) - Post your event poster on other community group pages to increase your reach.

Appoint a club marketing chair for the 2025-2026 year. This is essential as in the constitution they are an officer of the club. No experience required – just enthusiasm.

*Helen*

# Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival

November 4th - 7th 2025

2025 Theme -  
Whanau - Friends & Family.



In recent months we have received generous donations to help cover the cost of our Lions naming rights sponsorship of the 2025 festival, which will be held in the Chch Town Hall 4th - 7th November - a big THANK YOU to the Clubs that I have heard about, and if I have missed your Club from my list my apologies, but please accept that big thanks.

The Clubs on my list so far are -

Glenmark Hawarden Waikari Rangiora Lioness Chch Ferrymead  
Pegasus Cheviot Woodend Pegasus Selwyn Amberley  
Ellesmere Greymouth

I have also heard that Malvern and Chch Host are planning to make donations - that means that only half the Clubs in the festival catchment area have invested in this great Lions project - we still need another \$4000 minimum to meet our commitment. I look forward to hearing from you.

PDG Marion McWha - Lions Music Festival Liaison



Poster Winner Andrew 11

For eight decades, the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival has been an icon in the cultural life of Christchurch young people.

The largest annual event in the South Island dedicated to developing young musical talent, the Festival inspires the children of Canterbury to participate at the highest level in musical performance, both vocal and instrumental, fostering a lifelong passion for music.

The Christchurch Schools' Music Festival contributes to the richness and cohesion of our community, bringing it together to create and enjoy an enterprise that instills in our children both confidence and pride.

On each of the four nights of the Festival a different massed choir of 800 voices joins the Junior and Senior Representative Choirs, the Concert Band and the Orchestra to present a high-quality concert.



## Our Lions Calendar



Helen Keller



<b>May</b>	Month++	Strengthen Membership month
	1 & 27	Helen Keller Day (100 years event)
<b>June</b>	5	World Environment/ Arbor Day
	6	Officers Workshop, Cheviot
	7	Officers Workshop, Ferrymead
	7	Lions Clubs International birthday
	14	Officers Workshop, Greymouth
	14	Lions Young Speechmaker Contest 202E
	7 & 15-21	National Volunteer day/ week
	20	Matariki
<b>July</b>	1	New Lions Year
	1	Kindness Matters Service Award opens
	13 - 17	LCI Convention - Orlando, Florida
<b>August</b>	2	MD Young Speechmaker final - N.P.
	12	International Youth Day

<b>August</b>	19	World Humanitarian Day
	30	NZ Cancer Society Daffodil Day
<b>September</b>	5 - 7	ANZI Pacific Forum - Gold Coast
	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness month
	15 - 21	NZ Mental Health Awareness week
	19	School Holidays begin
	19 - 25	Keep NZ Beautiful - Clean Up Week
	21 - 27	National Youth Camp
<b>October</b>	Month	Vision Awareness Month
	Month	LCI Membership Growth
	Month	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon
	9	LCI World Sight Day
<b>November</b>	Month	Child Mobility Walktober
	Month	Diabetes Awareness Month
	14	World Diabetes Day
	Month	Lap the Map Walk



## Achieving Amazing Service in their Community & Beyond. Malvern Lions Club

Part of the global Lions Clubs International network, known for its dedication to community service.

They actively engage in various initiatives, such as raising funds, supporting local organizations, and assisting individuals to achieve their goals - all while fostering a sense of camaraderie and fun.

Malvern Lion President Daryl presented The Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust Life Membership award with these words (in part).

Lloyd Morgan was introduced into Lionism in 1960, quickly rose to be International President in 1979. Rather than receive a car as acknowledgement at term end, the funds were put into the inception of the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust. left - The recipient of this award tonight follows very much in the footsteps of Lloyd's principals of giving - Graeme has been heavily involved in all club activities - a well deserved award. right - Richard Watson introduced: Elliana van der Salm, William Cooper and Luka Rudddenklau recipients of the Malvern Lions Recreational Scholarship. These students have recently returned from their time at Whenua Iti outdoorcentre and gave a very good presentation of their trip, each one pointing out their own personal highlights and thanked Malvern Lions for making this trip possible.



## Annual Malvern Lions Golf Match

The annual Malvern Lions Golf Match, brought the community together in splendid fashion while raising funds for the Darfield Playcentre.

Glentunnel Golf Course provided the ideal venue, with its manicured greens hosting a spirited gathering of 160 golfers. In a heartwarming conclusion to the event, below right - the shocked and emotional ladies from the preschool were presented with a massive \$30,000 donation, a testament to the community's generosity and the Lions' dedicated efforts. Funds raised will directly contribute to the Darfield Playcentre, supporting early childhood education and enriching the lives of local families.





# 'DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD' - with Christchurch City Breakfast

Could this be a project that your clubs may wish to be involved in?

Please contact Anita James [anita.james@xtra.co.nz](mailto:anita.james@xtra.co.nz) for more information OR  
FACEBOOK - Dress A Girl Around the World - New Zealand. An amazing Service!

DRESS A GIRL  
AROUND  
THE WORLD

Christchurch City Breakfast invited Glenda Harris to come to a meeting as Guest Speaker to tell us about a project that is very close to her heart.

This Project 'DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD' which is part of Hope 4 Women International. Underprivileged girls/boys around the world benefit from the efforts of local volunteers who sew girl's dresses, boy's shirts and tee shirts. These are then distributed throughout the world, namely in our area, Pacific Islands etc.

Glenda has been a volunteer for many years and last year made over 200 dresses which she then sent to a local organiser in Invercargill.

At the time of attending our meeting Glenda had just cut out 200 more dresses and was about to start the mammoth task of sewing them. She pays for all the material and labels herself and is always grateful of any suitable donations of material, cotton, thread or bias binding. As an extra she likes to add a little pair of knickers to put in the pocket of the dress.

After Glenda's talk, Breakfast Club decided to purchase 150 pairs of girl's knickers to help her with her worthy project, one that is always looking for help.







# Fabrício Oliveira

International President  
Paraíba, Brazil



Our Causes



“Make Your Mark” is the inspiring theme of Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira this year! It’s a powerful reminder that every act of kindness, every hour of service, and every connection we make leaves a lasting impact on our communities and the world.

Dear Lion,

“We serve” is more than just a motto. It’s a way of life for Lions and reflects our mission to the world. Lions are known for our dedication, service, kindness — for going above and beyond for people in need.

So let’s continue to do what we do best — serve our communities. And remember, with more members, we can do even more service, so invite others to join your club and the incredible work you do. This is how we will make our mark and keep serving those who need us the most.

At your service, Fabrício Oliveira  
International President



## CALLING ALL LIONS CLUBS!



We want to showcase the amazing work your club is doing!

- 1-2 great photos
- A short description
- A quick line about the impact



Child Cancer



Environment



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Vision



Humanitarian Efforts



Diabetes

## DISTRICT BULLETIN -

If you have great photos, and an amazing story to tell of your Club’s achievements, please let us know so that everyone will see and hopefully use these ideas.

Photos sent directly get preference from bulletin photos because of clarity and saves me having to ask for originals.

Let me know it’s coming by the 12th & to me by the 18th. Please!

Email: [l.k592@xtra.co.nz](mailto:l.k592@xtra.co.nz)



## LIONS SUPPLIES (NZ)

[Click here](#)

## LIONS MEMBERSHIP PACKS

[Click here](#)

## UPCOMING CONVENTION DATES International

Orlando, Florida, USA	13 - 17 July 2025
Hong Kong	3 - 7 July 2026
Washington, DC, USA	2 - 6 July 2027
Singapore	23 - 27 June 2028

## OUR LEADERS

(2024 - 2025)

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL



Fabrício Oliveira  
Brazil  
International President



A. P. Singh  
India  
1st V. President



Mark Lyon  
U.S.A.  
2nd V. President



Dr. Manoj Shah  
Kenya  
3rd V. President



# Lions & Leos Celebrating **SERVICE**



"It's not all hard work. Morning tea time at the wood site is much anticipated. A great opportunity to network and build friendships. **Blenheim Lions** would love to hear from you - especially if you are an experienced chainsaw operator. Congratulations to all the runners and walkers who completed the St Clair half marathon today under sunny skies. Hundreds of cars parked successfully by **Blenheim Lions** under trying conditions following the earlier wet weather."



Marshall Place native bush reserve gets a helping hand from the **Marlborough Boys College Leos**, supported by the Forest and Bird group, removing the noxious weed tradescantia. Great mahi Leos and Leo advisors.



# Waipara School Colour Fun Run - A Splash of Community Spirit!

Supported by Glenmark Lions. The story so interesting, I just had to add it in it's entirety.

The normally quiet grounds of Waipara School exploded into a riot of colour, laughter, and community connection as the inaugural Waipara School Colour Fun Run leapt into life! With around 100 participants taking part - cheered on by friends, family, and a good number of proud grandparents - it was a day filled with joy, bright smiles, and bursts of colour from head to toe.

Adding to the fun (and the chaos!), the Waipara Volunteer Fire Brigade got in on the action, helping with some tactical colour spraying, which left more than a few runners covered head-to-toe in multicoloured glory.

Among the crowd were around five Glenmark Lions members, there to lend support and encouragement to participants of all ages.

Events like this are what community spirit is all about, and it was fantastic to see the Hurunui District Mayor among those enjoying the day. As a first-time event, the Colour Run was a roaring success and the hope is that it will now become an annual celebration of community, fun, and fundraising.

All proceeds raised are going toward the Waipara School adventure playground upgrade - a project that will benefit local children for years to come.

A huge congratulations to the organisers, volunteers, and participants for bringing so much colour and cheer to the community. We're already looking forward to the next one.





## Why Join Lions / Leos



### Serve the Community

Make a real difference - helping those in need, organising events, supporting local initiatives.

### Social Connection

Meet amazing like-minded people who share your passion for community service.

### Share your talent and skills

Use your unique abilities while making a lasting impact.

### Experience new things

Discover new cultures, explore exciting projects, and broaden your horizons.

### Enjoy rewarding experiences

Feel the joy and satisfaction that comes from giving back and changing lives.

Join us at Lions Clubs and be a part of something truly special

## Just Ask!



The Rangiora High School Leos have chosen Kitty Kingdom, a cat rescue/rehousing organisation in Rangiora, as the recipient of this year's fundraising. The club has visited the place in three lots of students and set up a group of them, who will get inducted to be put on their list of volunteers to interact with the cats, to get them ready for adoption.



7 of our Leo's helped out at the Teddy Bear Picnic organised by the Rangiora Lionesses. This was to raise money for Plunket!



## Leadership Development

[More Information Here](#)

### Learn. Lead. Grow.

Learning is part of the human experience. It empowers us to improve our thinking, our feeling, our communication, and our service. When Lions and Leos put learning into action, leadership happens.

The Leadership Development Team works year-round with Lions and Leos who want to continue growing for the sake of their clubs, their communities, and Lions International.

If that describes you—no matter where you are in your leadership journey — training and development opportunities are available to keep you moving forward.



Richmond Lions Club - left were pleased to induct new member Glenys Tideman at their May Business Meeting. Photo shows her sponsor Carla Mackle, Glenys, President Nigel Jones. We have several collection points for aluminium cans. This lot were offered to us when a local canning company closed down. Photo shows members bagging the cans after a 4 ton roller has flattened them for us. In total 1.20 cwt of cans were bagged from this source.

## What Has Your Club Organised For National Volunteer Week?

**Volunteer Day on June 7th. There is also a Volunteer Week in June 15th-21st.**

These are great opportunities to celebrate all that volunteers do in the community, including Lions Clubs!

They are also an opportunity for us to publicise what we do, by running a project that could involve a number of volunteers outside Lions coming to join the project, and possibly be inspired to join a Lions club.

Ideal projects would be those done outside in the community, e.g. an environmental project, something where Lions would be very visible! This doesn't have to be run during the advertised Volunteer times - it could be done at any time, but possibly advertised during Volunteer Week.

There is more about this in the District Bulletin, coming out in the next few days, but maybe get your club thinking about the possibilities that this holds. Looking forward to hearing how your club picks up on this! DG Pam Harvey

(Please refer to email sent 29/05/25 by Secretary Ian - covering letter by DG Pam, Poster and 2 other attachments.)



# 2024 - 2025 A Lions & Leos Year of Service.





# WELCOME to ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

*See You there?*

## ANZI PACIFIC FORUM GOLD COAST AUSTRALIA

5-7 SEPTEMBER 2025

Waves for Change



- We are getting ready to welcome Lions, Leos and partners from all over to this event from 5 September to 7 September 2025.
- It will be held in the superb surroundings of the Mantra On View Hotel at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. It is a great venue with everything in one place.
- We are excited to again host an ANZI Pacific Forum here on the Gold Coast after the success of the last one in 2011.
- My committee is already working really hard to ensure that everything will be ready for you in 2025. There will be two special functions to meet up with everyone, one on Friday night as a meet and greet, and a Gala dinner on Saturday night with the International President speaking.
- Accommodation is readily available and we have struck special rates with the Mantra on View Hotel to enable you all to stay at the venue. (No need for cars) There are many other great accommodation options in close vicinity to the Mantra.
- Also the Mantra is just metres from the famous Gold Coast beaches, and close to a tram stop to travel to Pacific Fair, probably the largest shopping area in South East Queensland.

See you on the Gold Coast in 2025. PCC David McKenzie OAM ANZI Pacific Forum 2025 Chair

### Draft program as at March 2025

#### Friday 5th September

10.00am Tree planting

12.00pm Official opening

1.00pm President AP Singh

1.30pm-2.45pm 1st Session 1 room

2.50pm 3.45 Afternoon tea break

3.50pm-5.00pm 2nd Session 5 rooms

5.00pm Close

Friday evening

Meet & greet 6.00pm

#### Saturday 6th September

7.00am Walk for Diabetes

9.00am-10.00am 3rd Sessions 5 rooms

10.15am 11.15am Morning tea

11.25am- 12.25am 4th Sessions 5 rooms

12.30pm-2.30pm Lunch

2.45pm-3.45pm 5th Sessions 5 rooms

4.00pm Closing for Room Preparation

6.30pm till late Presidents Dinner

#### Sunday 7th September

9.00am-10.00am 6th Sessions 5 rooms

10.00am-11.35 Morning tea break

11.40am-12.40 7th Session 1 room

12.40pm Closing President AP Singh

For all Forum enquires contact

PDG Lesley Lyons

Email [llyo5865@bigpond.net.au](mailto:llyo5865@bigpond.net.au)

### REGISTRATION

1. To register, complete the online form by following the link below, or download the Registration Form (just one click) and email it back on completion.
2. You will receive a Form B by email advising costing (A\$295) and payment methods.
3. Refund Policy: After June 30 2025, there will be a \$50.00 charge and after July 31st 2025, no refund will be allowed. Cancellation must be in writing although oral notice by the cancellation date followed by written confirmation will be acceptable.

The Treasurer shall refund the cancellations meeting the above requirements after the end of the month of the Forum.

Refunds of deposits for any extra events may be made upon written request made before July 31st 2025.

### REGISTRATIONS



### VENUE and ACCOMMODATION

All Forum events will be held at Mantra on View Hotel Surfers Paradise

Booking accommodation with the ANZI2025 can only be done by contacting the hotel directly either by phone (+61 7 5579 1084) or email ([view.res2@mantra.com.au](mailto:view.res2@mantra.com.au)).

The discounted rate below is not valid on-line or through any third party.

Hotel rooms are charged at A\$175 per room and that includes one breakfast.

### VIEW HOTEL

### Lions ANZI Pacific Forum 2025

A forum for Lions in the ANZI Pacific Constitutional area of Lions Clubs International - Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and the

### FACEBOOK



## Has Your Club Reregistered With Incorporated Societies?

### Important Notice

Clubs who have not yet reregistered with Incorporated Societies are urged to do so as soon as possible. First step is to adopt the new standard form club constitution as advised by MD Legal Alan Knowsley. Then submit the newly adopted constitution, a copy of the minutes approving the constitution and fill in the online form. Contact John Whyte if you need further guidance.

[jwhyte@gmail.com](mailto:jwhyte@gmail.com) phone 021 137 0153. This is a NZ Legal requirement under the updated Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

A copy of this constitution with guidance notes will be distributed again in the coming week.



# A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

- why this Lion was awarded the International Presidents Medal in 2022 as with many other recognitions for her Service.



## Lion Ada Frew - This is Your Life

**A Journey of Service and Impact: My Lions Club Legacy - Ada Frew.**

Growing up, I was surrounded by the spirit of giving. My mother was a volunteer, and I watched her dedicate her time to helping others, while raising six children. That sense of purpose stayed with me throughout my life, even before I had ever heard of the Lions Clubs.

In 2008, my dear friend Kevin Brown, who was then president of the Greymouth Riverside Lions, invited me to their Christmas function. I didn't know much about Lions at the time, but I went along - and I'm so glad I did. The warmth and welcome I received from the members that night stayed with me.

Kevin encouraged me to join, and although I was a little hesitant at first, I felt something special in that room. By the following year, I became a Lion.

What started as a simple invitation turned into one of the most rewarding chapters of my life. I threw myself into the work, helping wherever I could - whether it was organizing events, coordinating service projects, or supporting local families in need.

I loved being hands-on, meeting people, and seeing the impact we could make together.

Over the years, I've been honoured to serve in various roles within the club: Club Secretary, President, and Zone Chair. Each role brought new challenges and new opportunities to grow, and I've learned something valuable from every one of them.

One of the proudest moments of my journey was receiving the International Leadership Medal in 2022. I was truly humbled to be recognized in that way. And in 2017, I became a Melvin Jones Fellow - an incredible honour that reminded me just how powerful service can be.

But honestly, the awards aren't what keep me going. What means the most to me are the connections I've made and the lives I've been able to touch. I've mentored new members, supported families through tough times, and been there when people just needed someone to listen.

When I look back, I feel proud - not of the titles or the recognition, but of the small moments that made a difference. It's never been about the spotlight. It's about showing up, doing the work, and being part of something bigger than myself.

And I'm not done yet. As the mother of nine children, I've learned how to juggle, multi-task, and give my all - and I'll keep doing just that for as long as I can. I'll keep serving, keep supporting, and keep believing in the power of kindness and community.

*(In the May District Bulletin, Ada was to be one of the women to contribute her Lions journey - "Women Lions Walk the Walk - This month we celebrate the achievements of, and contributions by, just some of our 202E Women in Lions." Ada's journey was so interesting that it warranted a delay to this edition to be printed in it's entirety. One day Ada, if I can attain just half of your achievements, my life to me will be honourable.)*



## Club Excellence Awards

Club Excellence Awards are the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in a variety of specified areas. Clubs have the opportunity to be recognised with either the Club Excellence Award or the 5 Star Excellence Award.

[More Information Here](#)

## Repair Café Aotearoa New Zealand Story - what a great project for our Lions Clubs

In 2020 Repair Café Aotearoa New Zealand (RCANZ) was established, with a launch event held on 16 October 2021, International Repair Day ([check out our launch video here](#)). RCANZ operates to support the existing repair cafés scattered across the country with promotions, advocacy, and capacity building to amplify the impacts of repair for local communities. By reducing duplication of organisational processes, providing promotional and practical support for event organisers, RCANZ enables local groups to focus on engaging their communities, supporting their volunteers, and providing fun and inclusive events that build connection, support community resilience, and reduce waste.

[Start your own Repair Café](#)





# THE TRAIN HAS PULLED INTO THE STATION PLAYGROUND what a great project Nelson Host Lions!

"The Train has finally arrived at the Lions Playground at Tahuna. What a great day yesterday seeing the children enjoying it. Welcome by Mayor Nic Smith and ribbon cutting with Nelson Hosts Life Member Peter Vining."



## A Collaborative project - working with our Youth for our Youth. PICTON LIONS CLUB



"Picton Lions Club & Queen Charlotte Senior A Netball team getting their hands dirty, digging & bagging sheep manure for sale. Many hands make light work. What a great effort by all involved. The Netball team require funding to attend the South Island Secondary schools Netball tournament in Dunedin in September so the girls and members of Picton Lions rolled up their sleeves, mucked in & got the job done. Bags are \$5, from 170 Waikawa Road."





# Who Supported Pink Shirt Day? our New Brighton Lions contingent did!



"Some of our members honouring pink shirt day"

Pink Shirt Day is an anti bullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations and individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying. Bullying is a serious issue in New Zealand!!!



**Lions Clubs New Zealand**  
Kia Manaki | We Serve

**14TH JUNE, 2025**

**LIONS SPEECH COMP**

IF YOU WIN THE DISTRICT 202E COMPETITION, YOU QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITION WORTH \$2500!

HAVE YOU GOT THE GIFT OF THE GAB? THEN COME AND GIVE IT A GO! CONTACT BECS ON 202E.YOUTH@LIONSCLUBS.ORG.NZ AND SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS.

**DISTRICT 202E SPEECH COMPETITION FOR 16-21 YEAR OLDS.**

**CASH PRIZES!!**

- × 1ST = \$500
- × 2ND = \$300
- × 3RD = \$200

**MD202 LIONS NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**  
FOR YOUTH AGES 12-16

Tutira, Hawkes Bay

Applications close 10 August

Please refer to Secretary Ian's email 6 May.

For further info. Stephanie Jordan - 022 054 0515  
md202interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz

## Service Reporting - Were Your Clubs Records included below?

We Hit 1 Million -

And We're Just Getting Started!

Lion and Leo leaders have reported more than 1 million service activities this year! Visit our service reporting webpage and make sure all of your club's service activities are included in our global dedication to kindness and service.

By sharing our impact through service reporting, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our local and global legacy of humanitarian service.

### Our global service impact

Our service changes lives. In 2023-2024, Lions and Leos around the world, with support from LCIF, served more than 422 million people. See how we served across our global causes.



Childhood Cancer  
13 million



Diabetes  
19 million



Disaster Relief  
4 million



Environment  
78 million



Humanitarian  
190 million



Hunger  
69 million



Vision  
39 million



Youth  
3 million



# Ferrymead Lions Club - We Salute You!

You have left a legacy that will never be forgotten - a testament to your unwavering service to the community and beyond. Your dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact. Thank you for everything you've done.

## We Welcome into our District 202E the LIONS CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH FERRYMEAD

more hopefully in the July District Newsletter.



**"The Lions Club of Christchurch Ferrymead held its last meeting on Monday 19th May. It has merged with the Lions Club of Christchurch South to form the Lions Club of Christchurch South Ferrymead.**

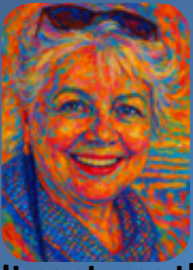
**Officiating was DG Pam Harvey who presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Peter Payne, Stan Tarrant and President Ann Newsom. (below)**

**President Ann also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lyndsey Ebert, Gale Gough, Carolyn Hereora, Joe Casiello and Richard Thomson (absent)." (left)**

**former Secretary Hugh Currie (PDG) (above with DG Pam)**







When I sit down to write this - 2025 - it really does feel like I've stepped into a sci-fi movie, except it's all very real. The speed at which AI has evolved is dizzying, and the fact that we're seeing it first-hand - turning simple prompts into full-blown stories and visuals - is part of a massive creative shift. All I can think of, is that the world has gone insane, and in just a few years. Crazy - never did I conceive in my lifetime, the idea of AI - Artificial Intelligence making rough ideas into incredibly amazing stories, and talk about pictures altered to enhance another aspect of the story.

It captures that surreal feeling many of us share, how quickly tech. has redefined what's possible. (at least IT/AI made me look feel younger.)

It also hints at something deeper - how creativity is being augmented, not replaced.

Google the capabilities of AI and this is what you may get - 'AI enables machines to simulate human abilities, such as learning, problem-solving, decision-making and comprehension.

Common applications of AI include speech recognition, image recognition, content generation, recommendation systems and self-driving cars.'

And remember that is only this month's capabilities. I've seen some AI made political videos and photos that are incredible, and incredibly humorous. Enough of AI, the concept addles my brain beyond belief, except to say that the front page photo was not altered by AI, rather by mē.

Pam we will miss your help, guidance and super personality - thank you for a great year and again our special best wishes on being our C.C.E - (shhhh - remember who your favourite District is.)

Bernie we look forward to our new year and being taken on a new journey of inspiration and fun.

This D.B. was well prepared before I left home and was all set to receive club bulletins etc to complete while sipping a cool Pina colada on a hot beach - Except this island and my email for the second time gave up the day I left home, so I returned to zillions of emails but none on the Island - and a Hot Island Bug still addling my head as I complete this.

As my brain ages, "I try to learn something new everyday, balances out the things I keep forgetting."

*Have a super month Lou* 🧡



Helen Keller 1880 - 1968

Cut off as I am, it is inevitable that I should sometimes feel like a shadow walking in a shadowy world. When this happens I ask to be taken to New York City. Always I return home weary but I have the comforting certainty that mankind is real flesh and I myself am not a dream.

— Helen Keller —

Helen Adams Keller, born on June 27, 1880, at 19 months old, after an illness, she became both Blind and Deaf. Helen was an American author, political activist, and lecturer. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor of arts degree, which she did at Harvard's Radcliffe College in 1900.

In 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programmes aimed at preventable blindness.

Best remembered as an activist for disabled peoples, Keller also spoke out for woman suffrage, birth control, and pacifism. She was also a radical socialist who focused her efforts on working people's issues and became a member of the International Workers of the World.

Join us for the Centennial Celebration on June 7th, 2025. The Lions Helen Keller Memorial, located at her birthplace in Tuscumbia, is dedicated to preserving her legacy and honouring the global mission of Lions Clubs International to eliminate preventable blindness.

*(Helen Keller Day 2025 is 1st - 27th June)*