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Contents Preview





I was born and raised in Christchurch. Living in Papanui, I attended St Bede's College.

I have an older sister and two older brothers.

After leaving high school, my working life started with the New Zealand Post Office. That carved up into Post, Banking and Telecommunications companies after twelve years, owned by the Government as SOE's.



I joined the Banking Organisation which later became owned by ANZ Bank.

After twenty years I left and became Self Employed, selling Financial Products.

Currently, I run a small Garden Maintenance Company and intend to gradually retire; although that may never happen, as I enjoy what I do.

I am married to my wonderful wife, Julie, and have twin Daughters, Ella and Anna, aged 25years. Ella lives in Wellington and Anna lives in Auckland.

I was introduced to Lions 15 years ago and have held various roles: Club Treasurer, President for two years, then I was asked to be Zone 5 Chair.

Next request was to be the Global Service Coordinator, which I did for two years along with being your Second Vice District Governor. Of course, First Vice District Governor followed and now I am your District Governor.

My theme for this year is:

"We Volunteer, We Serve, We make a Difference in our Communities TOGETHER"









Leadership requires a sense of responsibility and a readiness to put the needs of others before oneself. They hold the ladder for others to climb, and to be there to guide them as to what direction they should pursue.

Effective leaders are those who mentor and empower others, passing on knowledge and skills to the next generation. Leadership is not an end but a cycle, where today's leaders prepare tomorrow's leaders.

Here are some thought provoking points to consider: -

- Foster a spirit of teamwork value each member's contribution.
- Be adaptable embrace change and meet challenges head-on.
- Project confidence let your presence inspire and reassure.
- Mentor others invest in the growth of those who will follow.
- Be inclusive work together rather than acting alone.
- Delegate growth for the leader, individuals and the organisation.
- Harmony don't allow unacceptable behaviour.

As Lions, we should always be aware that Succession Planning is extremely important. You will all know, we do not have a Second Vice District Governor going forward. If you know of someone who would be prepared to "step up", or maybe yourself, please consider the future of our District. Both Alastair and I have committed ourselves totally to your District. We would love to hear from you.

Julie and I leave for the International Convention on July 2nd . You will be reading this as we head off to Orlando. I look forward to catching up when we return. *Berníe*



Malvern Lions bestowed Life Membership on Lion Ron Glassey for his life of Service.



Blenheim Lions - Melvin Jones award was presented to Carol Fogg by Helen Williams.

The Lions Club of D.G. Bernie Walls

'All about the activities, projects and people that are the Rangiora Lions Club (chartered July 1963), District 202E, NZ and how "We Serve" our community. Rangiora Lions meets the first Thursday of each month at Waimana Lounge, Rangiora." (Facebook Club Introduction.)













Rangiora

RAMBLE













'RECENTLY OUR CLUB HAS: (Supported)

- * Ronald McDonalds House sponsored 2 nights for families.
- \$500 to Waimak Mayoral Relief Fund for Loburn fires.
- * \$300 donation to Spirit of Adventure for disabled youth to attend.
- * Supported the Wellington Hospital Playcentre Project (\$500).
- * \$300 donation to Youthline.







Tēnā koutou, like most of you l'm feeling this winter a bit more than the last few, which is a good thing. I always think a mediocre winter gets a similar looking summer to follow. Let's hope l'm right!!

The visiting season will soon be upon us and I ask you take note of how I spell my name when I visit – it's ALASTAIR.

Like Fred Astaire but not. If you spell it incorrectly in your minutes then technically I wasn't there at all and I won't be able to claim my allowances. I am really looking forward to the visits.

This year's cohort of First Vice District Governors will sadly not be going to St Charles for training prior to the International Convention due to financial constraints, which is a pity as I really wanted to see our HQ in Oak Brook. So instead we will be having the training in a series of virtual workshops which will be great, I really love that stuff. Also we will be required to front-up to the International Convention in Hong Kong a couple of days early so we can get the 'face to face' stuff we missed out on in Chicago.

Let me think – summer in Hong Kong (26o Celsius) versus winter in Illinois (-20o with snow) – not much competition really.

That's enough from me. I hope to see you out there soon.

Ka kite anō au i a koe

Alastair





New Brighton Lions - Thank you to all the hardy souls who came and helped with our Estuary clean up today.

A big thank you to the **Akaroa and Bays Lions** for their donation. We have supplied all of our JAB players with new Backpacks for the 2025 season.



Woodend Pegasus Lions - Thursday night at the Lions meeting members were issued with new polo shirts. We also have high vis vests to be given out as needed at each event attended. The uniforms were very kindly supplied and sponsored for Pegasus and Woodend Lions.









Kaikoura Seaward Lions donated warm Pyjamas and socks to those in our community feeling the cold. Rhonda Russell delivered the boxes.





Marlborough Boys College Leo eco warriors on the case again. Ready to spread mulch around native shrubs at the Forest Park last Saturday. Great mahi guys.



Selwyn Lions Board Changeover- Lynne Hitchins, Kathy Reid, Helen Allison, Alison Benefield, Raeleen Ellis, Jo Deely, Lois Thomas, Sharon Stockman (President) and Jane Forrest accompanied by DG Pam Harvey.



Ellesmere Lions - Changeover 2025, a large gathering to thank Donald and Anne Green (outgoing President) and welcome Geoff and Anna Heslop (incoming President).

WHAT IS The Life Flight Trust? - a New Zealand-based charitable organization, providing emergency air ambulance services, including the Westpac Rescue Helicopter based in Wellington and a nationwide air ambulance plane. Life Flight's services are available 24/7 and are free to those they help, relying on community donations and fundraising to cover their costs.

Life Flight Trust need an extra \$195,000 to help meet the 25% increase in demand. We hope the 14 collection sites and 120 volunteers the **Blenheim Lions** organised for their annual collection will help meet that need.

Thank you to the Blenheim community for your support. We also manned the Westpac barbecue in conjunction with the annual Life Flight donation day.





HUGE Support for 'Westpac Rescue Helicopters'

Hawarden Waikari Lions - Bill with a framed picture of the Rescue Helicopter which he will display in the McDonald Downs woolshed, with President Dave presented to Rachael from the the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust, our donation of \$10,000. This was the proceeds of the McDonald Downs 4WD tour initiated by Bill Paterson of McDonald Downs, and an added donation by our club. This makes up to a combined total of \$15,000 donated to the Trust this year including money raised from other sources.

BUILT An 'Emergency' Helicopter Pad and now committed to on-going Support

Cheviot Lions Club thanked all those who participated in their recent General Knowledge Quiz. Mt Beautiful donated the prizes for the winners.

A total of \$1,000 was raised on the night and donated to the Canterbury-West Coast Rescue Helicopter Trust.





GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM Neil Johnston 202e.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz 021 169 7293

prospective new members.

I encourage you to choose an event such as an environment project and use social media, 13/12 am and Sunday 14/12 am. local papers, radio etc to invite members of the A total of 15 volunteers per shift are required. public to assist. These volunteers could become Lions or assist with your club projects when extra help is required.

The Special Olympics National Summer Games are held in New Zealand every 4 years. The next event will be in Christchurch during 10 – 14 December 2025. It is expected that 1300 athletes with an intellectual disability will

participate. There will be 400 coaches and team managers in addition to thousands of supporters.

The Special Olympics require 650 volunteers per day to assist with all the activities. There will be a Healthy Athletes Programme based in the game's village at the University of Canterbury. It will include medical professionals providing free health checks, dental checks etc. There I look forward to receiving your nominations. will be a section for eye tests and the provision of free glasses.

I hope the clubs that ran a membership drive As vision is one of our global causes this is a during Volunteer Week were able to find some perfect fit for us. We can assist with greeter and admin roles for the eve tests. There will be 7 If your club did not run a membership drive, shifts as follows: Wed 10/12 am, Thursday 11/12 am and pm, Friday 12/12 am and pm, Saturday

> Please advise the names of volunteers from each club via email to

202e.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz by 20/8/25.

The Lions year ends on 30 June. All your club activities for the year need to be recorded in the Lion Portal by 31/7/25.

The Kindness Matters Service Award recognises a club project that supported one or more of the Lions Global Causes. The nomination form needs to be sent to me by 31/7/25. Here is a link to the guidelines and nomination form: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/ association-awards/kindness-matters-service-award.

Take care Neil

The Service Journey is an approach to living and serving well. To making a real difference people can see and feel. It encompasses four simple phases: learn,

discover, act and celebrate.



Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team Toolbox

'Growing our membership is essential for realizing our vision of being the global leader in humanitarian and community service. New members inspire our clubs with new energy and ideas while providing the next generation of Lion leaders. New clubs extend our reach into new communities, allowing us to serve more people in new ways. The Global Membership Team (GMT) supports membership development by recruiting new members and promoting positive membership experiences. The Global Extension Team (GET) is an offshoot of the Global Membership Team that is focused on starting new clubs within its district.'



Woodend Pegasus Lions - Three new members were inducted by PDG Paul O'Conner (guiding Lion) at last night's meeting. Photo from left - PDG Paul O'Conner, Howard Hill, Adrienne Hill, Hamish Paterson, Jeff Taylor-Hayhurst (President). Jeff presented their welcome packs and certificates.

We are lucky to have two incredible members to take up important roles in the club. Adrienne as Secretary and Hamish as Vice President.



Lions – It's Time to Talk About Retention

We're proud to be part of a growing global organisation. Our goal? Mission 1.5, reaching 1.5 million members by 1 July 2027. Here's the truth: Recruitment isn't our problem. Retention is.

- Last year alone, Lions Clubs around the world gained 208,000 new members.
- But we also lost 172,000 members.
- Only 30% of those losses were due to members passing away. That means over 120,000 Lions chose to leave.

We're filling the bucket, but it's leaking. Why? Often, it comes down to inclusion. Members stay when they: * Feel valued * Have a seat at the table. * Know their voice is heard and respected.

Because engaged members don't leave. They lean in. They lead. They roar louder. Let's make every Lion feel like they belong. Because when we get retention right, Mission 1.5 isn't just a goal, it's our future. 'Lion Tobi Hipp'

Kaikoura Seaward Lions turning TRASH into FASHION! Lions are leading a community-driven

initiative that transforms discarded and recycled materials into wearable works of art. Dubbed "Trash to Fashion," the project brings together Lions members, youth, national artists, ... re-imagining waste - plastic bags, bottle caps, and more - into bold fashion statements. It's not just about clothes - it's about changing mindsets. We are proving that with a little vision, what we throw away can become something extraordinary, culminating in a community fashion show where people proudly showcase their creations.



Akaroa & Bays Lions Partner with Local School to Turn Trash into Treasure

Lions teaming up with their local school in an inspiring community initiative teaching young students the value of sustainability, creativity and teamwork, to refurbish discarded timber items - like old beer crates and shipping pallets - into useful and beautiful new objects such as sawhorses, bird feeders, toolboxes, stilts This initiative not only gives new life to what would otherwise be considered waste, but also empowers kids to learn practical skills in woodworking, design, and environmental stewardship - the programme fosters mentorship, builds confidence, and shows that even "scrap" materials - can be transformed into something valuable with knowledge, care and effort.



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From Our Treasurer's Desk



LIONS DISTRICT 202E

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Details of various Bank Accounts to assist treasurers in making payments.

• DISTRICT and MULTI DISTRICT DUES:

These are to be paid from Club Admin Accounts and should be paid to Bank Account 03-0703-0033343-00. Please enter club number and name in the code and reference fields.

• INTERNATIONAL DUES:

Many clubs will have implemented the LCI direct debit system to pay these. If not, then payments in NZ dollars to be paid from Club Admin Accounts and should be paid to Bank Account 03-0502-0081103-00. Again, please enter club name and number in the code and reference fields.

• DONATIONS TO DISTRICT 202E APPEALS:

Such as; Youth, Music Festival, flood relief etc. These should be paid to the District 202E Charitable Trust Bank account 03-0703-0036114-00. As donations, these should be paid from Club Charitable Trust accounts.

• DONATIONS TO LCIF:

Pay directly to LCIF Bank account 03-0502-0081103-00 and enter what the donation is for in the particulars field and the club's name and number in the code and reference fields. Payments from Club Charitable Trust accounts.

LLOYD MORGAN (LMLCCT):

Pay directly to Bank Account 02-0528-0038410-00 and enter what the donation is for in the particulars field and the club's name and number in the code and reference fields. Payments from Club Charitable Trust accounts.

CANCER TRUST (BUS):

Pay directly to Bank account 03-0674-0280918-00 from Club Charitable Trust Accounts.

CAMP QUALITY:

Pay directly to Bank account 03-0830-0096355-00 from Club Charitable Trust Accounts.

For any further information or general advice on Treasurer matters, please contact me.

TREASURER'S CHECKLIST

I have put this together as a "reference toolbox" for treasurers and suggest it be placed in front of file, to assist you with reminders and information that may be useful for you. Please contact me if you would like any assistance as you carry out your role.

- LEVIES- DISTRICT: invoices sent out July and January each year
- LEVIES- LCI: payable July and January each year. LCI have introduced a direct debit system for payment which clubs should be using.
- CLUB ANNUAL REPORTS: lodge with Incorporated Societies by 31 December each year.
- CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL REPORTS: lodge with Charities Services by 31 December each year.
- Annual Donations to make: 1. LCIF
 - 2. LMLCCT (Lloyd Morgan)
 - 3. LCCT (Lions Clubs Cancer Trust- Cancer Bus) 4. CAMP QUALITY
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 - Annual Donations to District 202E Funds: 1. Christchurch Schools Music Festival 2. Youth Activities (\$100)
- MEMBERS WELFARE FUND: The District has a fund available for clubs to assist members through circumstances, have difficulty in paying their annual club subscriptions. Details are set out in SOP 1008(b).
- STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs): These have been formulated over time and are carried forward as reminders for cabinets and clubs. May be helpful to clubs. Refer to website Lions District 202E Document Depository; www.202e-lionsclubs.nz

Please refer to bank account information (left) for the various payments.

District 202E Treasurer Ian Lennie 30 May 2025







LCIF District Co-ordinator T: 021 213 1255 | E: m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz PDG Malcolm Williams



Then came the 18th June, I thought it was too late and had nothing much to add , that was different, however tonight I found the following article. This is definitely worth a read..

"A big thank you to all our 20 clubs who contributed to our LCIF funding requirements during the past 12 months. We exceeded the 50% of club participation, however we raised just on US\$15k, which is just under our target of US D30.4k. Nevertheless your support and understanding of LCIF is appreciated.

As part of LCIF's Global Youth cause, the Foundation runs an International Peace Essay competition, and for us Kiwi Lions, we took great delight in that District 202 produced the winner. Robert Hunt, an 11year old from Lower Hutt won the Lions International Peace Essay Contest with an Inspiring Perspective Acceptance titled "Beauty Is In the Judgement of the Beholder", thus sharing his unique perspective with the world.

Robert was born with a low vision and he reflects on how most people rely on sight to form judgements of others based on their appearance.

This is a truly emotional essay and I recommend to our Lion members that they read his story.

Robert's winning effort gives him a trip as a VIP to the forthcoming World Convention at Orlando USA, plus USD5000 cash.

To read Robert's essay- google LCIF then to Lions Press Centre then scroll down.

Happy Reading.Regards*Malcolm*District LCIF Co-ordinator.

What the heck do we say next?

You've posted the team photo, thanked the volunteers and shouted out the event.

Most of the time, it's not that you have nothing to say.

It's that you don't have a system to help you find the gold that's already sitting inside your organisation.

Great content isn't pulled out of thin air—it's pulled out of real life.

So if you're feeling stuck, try this:

Pick one thing your organisation did last week, and ask:

"What problem did this solve, and why did it matter - even to just one person?"

That's your post. That's your story.

You don't need 30 ideas. You need one great one that connects. Plus a system to make sure you never run out of content ideas, instead you can focus on making the most strategic choices.

(courtesy of Alecia Hancock consulting)

Helen

Our **Lions** Calendar



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<u>July</u>	1	New Lions Year
	1	Kindness Matters Service opens
	13 -17	LCI Convention - Orlando, Florida
<u>August</u>	2	MD Young Speechmaker final - N.P.
	12	International Youth Day
	30	NZ Cancer Daffodil Day
<u>September</u>	Month	NZ Childhood Cancer Awareness
	5 - 7	ANZI Pacific Forum - Gold Coast
	15 - 21	NZ Mental Health Awareness week
	19	School Holidays begin
	19 - 25	Keep NZ Beautiful - Clean Up Week
	21 - 27	National Youth Camp
<u>October</u>	Month	Vision Awareness Month
	Month	LCI Membership Growth
۲	Month	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon
	9	LCI World Sight Day
<u>November</u>	Month	Child Mobility Walktober
	Month	Diabetes Awareness Month
	14	World Diabetes Day
	Month	Lap the Map Walk
<u>December</u>	5	International Leos Day
	5	World Volunteer Day
253	25	Christmas Family Day
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To all the family and friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathy at the passing of:



Lindsay Moir Blenheim Lions 37 years Service Nevil Paterson Renwick Lions 26 years Service



This Month we Honour our Lions Clubs Charters

(July 1963) 62 years Rangiora Christchurch Chinese (July 1997) 28 years

Hons Christchurch School November 4th - 7th 2025 2025 Theme -Whanau - Friends & Family Whanau - Friends & Family.



Another big THANK YOU to the Clubs that have donated recently, especially Christchurch South for their amazing \$2000 investment in this great local Lions project.

Has your Club donated yet?

Check out the Festival website for latest information, https://musicfestival.school.nz and check with your local school to see when they are performing.

PDG Marion McWha & Festival Liaison committee

Let's Celebrate Your Clubs History! We'd love to see and share your New Member photos -they're an important part of your club's story. Please post them on Facebook or feel free to email them

to me directly. Let's preserve and honour the memories

New Members

Akaroa & Bays Lions Club **Rob Reynish**

Sponsor **Stuart Ford**

Blenheim Lions Club Alan Ashfield Zeke Tranter

Malcolm Williams **Malcolm Williams**

Christchurch Chinese Lions Club Jason Soon Selene Tan

Havelock Lions Club **Sharon Blount David Farrant**

Siobhan Skinner **Reginald Williams**

Richmond Lions Club Glenys Tideman

Seddon Lions Club **Richard Cooke**

Carla Mackle

Harry Fowler

2025 - 2026 CABINET - Members at a Glance



DG Bernie Walls



DG Liaison/Club Support PDG John Whyte



G. Service T. **Neil Johnston**



Alert Chair PDG Paul O'Connor



Alison Taylor Zone 4 Chair



A. P. Singh

India



VDG Alastair Rankin



Administrator Brian Cameron



G. Extension T. John Hobson



Youth Activities Emilia Odongo-Wadsworth



Phil Bay Zone 5 Chair



IPDG Pam Harvey



2VDG

MARCOM Helen Williams



LCIF **Malcolm Williams**



Charlie Cowie Zone 1 Chair



Brian Kwok Zone 6 Chair







G. Leadership T. Graeme Pile



Legal Advisor Richard Norris



Mike Brown Zone 2 Chair



Rosmund Smith Zone 7 Chair



2nd Vice President





Treasurer Ian Lennie



G. Membership T.



Bulletin Editor Lou Smith



Christine Hoggart Zone 3 Chair



Chris Logan Zone 8 Chair



3rd Vice President

To be voted on at Internat. Convention July 2025

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Better Earth, Brighter Future. Leos for a Greener Tomorrow. that is Rangiora High School Leos

Working Hard To Leave Their Environment Better Than They Found It.

Committed to Caring - for Nature and the Future.

'We've just completed our planting today with Environment Canterbury. Three Leo's: Lucy, Lisa, and Ruby braved the chilly weather this Sunday morning and joined Environment Canterbury on their Matariki planting!

1,000 native plants planted along the Waimak River, in Baynons Brake, Swannanoa. The planting success was followed by a beautiful hangi, of shared kai to go around! *** @ @

Nga mihi, Ruby Beckdahl, Leo President, Lydiard Senior House Exec' (Thank you Ruby your email was so super to receive - well done you! ps and who was the amazing photographer in very wet conditions?:)











Rangiora High School Leos doing a sausage sizzle at school. Raised \$140 for Kitty Kingdom.





Christchurch City Breakfast





202e Awards

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- 1 <u>Sight First Trophy</u> This trophy is awarded to the Club that excels in the area of promoting / alleviating sight issues in the previous Lion's year.
- 2 <u>Mt Cook Trophy</u> This trophy is awarded to the Club that performs outstandingly in community service.
- 3 <u>Peter Tallott Trophy</u> This trophy is awarded to an outstanding Lion within District 202E.
- 4 District Bulletin Award This trophy is awarded to the Club that produced the best Club Bulletin in the previous Lion's year.
- 5 <u>Best Club Project</u> This trophy is awarded to the Club that undertakes the best club project in the previous Lion's year. The purpose of this award is to encourage Club participation in Community Service Projects.
- 6 <u>Membership Trophy</u> This trophy is to be competed for by all financial clubs in District 202E on a points allocation based on their clubs membership growth, extension through the establishment of a new club(s) or club branch and through the retention of members during the previous Lion's year.
- 7 Interclub Visitation Cup This trophy is awarded to the Club that achieves the most inter Club visitations in a Lion's year.
- 8 <u>lain Drewett Memorial Trophy</u> This trophy is awarded for "Excellence in Lionism" arising from any activity of Lions or Leos in District 202E.
- 9 <u>Clubs Marketing and Communication Award</u> This trophy is awarded to the Club that is judged to deliver the best public relations and communications strategy for the previous Lion's year.
- 10 <u>McWha Award for Outstanding Club Leadership</u> This trophy is awarded to Club Presidents, and follows the criteria for the Club Excellence Award.
- 11 Kan-Tab and Aluminium Club of the Year Award This trophy is awarded to the Club which has collected the most weight in Kan tabs and aluminium in the year preceding the District Convention. This award also recognizes the Club who has shown the greatest enthusiasm in supporting this project and money raised.
- 12 <u>Best Presented Club at the District Convention Social</u> This Cup is awarded to the Club that is judged to be the best presented Club at the District Convention Social.
- 13 <u>Best Dressed Couple at the District Convention Social</u> This trophy is awarded to the couple who are judged to be the best presented couple at the District Convention Social.
- 14 <u>Stuart Barr Trophy</u> This trophy is awarded to the Club that undertakes the best club youth activities. The purpose is to encourage clubs participation in youth activities.
- 15 <u>Kaikoura Lions Club Shield</u> This trophy is awarded to the Lions or Leo Club that undertakes the best environment project in a school or community in the school year.
- 16 Young Speechmaker Cup Both the cup and the medal are awarded to the Winner of the District Young Speechmaker Contest. The winner returns the cup after 10 12 months but retains the medal.
- 17 <u>Emerging Speechmaker Contest</u> This award is presented to the Winner of the District Emerging Speechmaker Contest.
- 18 <u>Leo of the Year Trophy</u> This trophy is awarded to a Leo who has made an outstanding contribution to their Club, their School and their community. <u>For further Information Please refer to 202E Website</u>

LCI & 202 Awards

ALL these Awards can be found on this Website.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

MD202 AWARDS

Kindness Matters Service Award

Club Excellence Award

Top Service Club Award

ALL entries for all awards must be submitted on this form.

Award Application Form

Ron Usmar Community Service Award

Encourages full club member participation in a community service project.

Pat Ryan Youth Award

Awarded to the best Youth oriented service project in New Zealand.

Ron Rowe Public Relations and Communication Award Recognising excellence, innovation and effectiveness in communications and Public Relations using a range of mediums.

Keith Mitchell Membership Growth, Extension & Retention Award Awarded to the Club with the greatest growth in membership.

Please complete entry form and forward to your Cabinet Secretary for consideration by your District Governor.



Ferrymead Lions Club in their last hurrah before amalgamating with Christchurch South, donated \$569 for Walkie Talkies to Redcliffs School, to make crossing the busy road safer for our school children. Left Lyndsey Ebert, Grace Moorcroft-Proudfoot, Lena Langley, Manav Patel and Nate Miln. right with Principal Nick Leith and President Ann Newsom. Photo: Bay Harbour News.



Nelson Host Lions - What a great night on Tuesday with the Able Tas Kids. A delightful experience to hear about what happened at the Halberg Games. They all were presented with a Children of Courage certificate by President Paul. It was very inspiring to support these kids again this year.





Registration for ANZI Pacific Forum 2025 is now open. Go to "Registration" to register.





NEWSLETTER 5 ISSUE ANZI Chairperson Update (edited) We are delighted to now be able to confirm the attendance at the Forum of International President AP Singh and his companion PID Sangeeta Jatia, International First V. P. Mark Lyon and his partner Lyn, International Third V. P. Tony Benbow (planned) and partner Sue and I. P. International President Fabricio Oliveira and his partner Amariles.

In addition the President will have a session with all Club Presidents and also with all current District Governors. First Vice President Mark will be meeting with all current First Vice Governors in a special session.

I. P. President Fabricio will be meeting with those keenly interested in LCIF and will have other special sessions. Even at International Conventions you are not able to get to meet these officers as easily as you can at a Forum. So be there and enjoy their company and advice.

Also I am delighted to advise that our own P. International President Barry Palmer will be in attendance along with Past International President Jitsuhiro Yamada from Japan.



There will be five staff from Lions International and LCIF in attendance to give Lions from the Constitutional Area first hand support for their efforts. During the breaks you will be able to mingle and view the several displays in the foyer.

Also happening during the Forum -**Operation Green Canopy project and** also a Walking for Diabetes.

Friday night mingle at a special Meet and Greet. Saturday night the President's Dinner. Seating will be allocated at the dinner and you could be sitting with people from other countries, even maybe with one of the Executive Officers. We have had interest and some

registrations from Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, New Caledonia, Bangladesh, India, Ghana, Kenya, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Applications and enquiries are still coming from around the world. So, plan to attend now and get your registration in while there is space available. Bookings at the Mantra on View Hotel are also very heavy.

PCC David McKenzie OAM **Chair ANZI Pacific Forum Committee, Gold Coast**

www.lionsanzipacificforum.com

MD202 LIONS NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

- Youth 12 16 years
- 21 27 September 2025
- <u>Applications close 10 August</u> Numbersare limited Tutira, Hawkes Bay
- For further info. Stephanie Jordan 022 054 0515 md202interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz



7 June. Ferrymead Officers Workshop. 46 Lions gathered. 15 clubs represented! (Thanks Tini.)



Hazel Booth and Ian Cameron **Havelock Lions** raised \$400 on behalf of the Skin Cancer mobile bus.



Seddon Lions volunteering on the Whale Trail planting seedlings to enhance the trail for both walkers and cyclists. We did feature in the Weekend Express.



Marlborough Boys College Leos begin the year with a BBQ at Bunnings raising \$400 for local charities. Great mahi Leos !





Rangiora Lions - 4 degrees and still people are supporting our 'Cash for Cans' drive (first Saturday of each month in the Library carpark from 9am) - well done Rangiora!



A great weekend activity over King's Birthday weekend at Founders Book Fair. What a delight it was to see lots of people buying and enjoying books. Our sausages were a hit, money raised for Founders Park and the Lions Tahuna Playground. **Nelson Host Lions.**



PDG Tracy Henderson President **NZ Motorhoming Club** - Branch of Blenheim Lions - recently qualified as a Lions Certified Instructor (LCIP). Tracy joins other Lions now trained to deliver leadership development training programmes at various levels.



Helen Williams - President Blenheim Lions Club



Our club (Blenheim Lions) can be proud of our achievements over the past 12 months:

113 activities reported, 3282 volunteer hours and 15,000 people served. We also donated \$48,359 to other charities and clubs within our community. It was great to celebrate these results at our recent change over evening at the Woodbourne Tavern. I would like to express my thanks to those members who were prepared to step up into leadership roles and form the Board for the 2025 - 2026 year. Without this commitment and filling the leadership positions our club would falter.

As I mentioned in my incoming president's address I believe the club is at a transition point and we need to think seriously about the club moving forward in the long term.

What will be the needs of our community in 5 years time and will we be able to accomplish the projects we are currently doing? What is clear is that Lions will still be needed as a vital part of the volunteer charitable organisations in our community.

PID Tony Benbow also points out 4 areas for focus in the coming years which I believe have relevance for our club too.

- 1. Increasing our service opportunities by responding to community needs
- 2. Supporting our foundation LCIF to grow so it can help fund major projects
- 3. Supporting each other to upskill and build our leadership capacity
- 4. Making the community more aware of Lions and our achievements through ongoing marketing.

May we all continue to; look for opportunities, look for things that are different and look for engaging others – wider than Lions – volunteers outside our club and then having them join us on the journey of service. *Helen Williams*



Ahaura Grey Valley Lions helped at the Ahaura Hunting & Fishing Contest. Left is President Pete Simon's.





A new day, a new month, and most importantly a New Lions Year. With so many things changing, what does this mean to me? Firstly it means Renewal, a Lions Renewal - with new Team leaders, as we wait, united, to see where DG Bernie and all our Club Presidents and their Teams will take us. The start of a new chapter in our 202E 2025 - 2026 calendar. Recommitting ourselves to Service, be it tackling hunger, restoring vision, or supporting local youth, with Leadership at all levels, who take on our ideas, approachable, grounded, and always focused on

lifting others. Youth Service, whilst they are our next generation - they are not just our future - they're our now! Hopefully more space for youth voices and opportunities for them to lead in service. Service Delivery innovation - the world is changing fast, and our methods can evolve with it. Our service is stronger when we serve TOGETHER.

From digital outreach, we must adapt to meet people where they are - and serve in ways that are adaptable, effective, and inclusive. This Lions year isn't just a continuation - it's a chance to redefine what it means to serve. To bring new life to our clubs, our projects, and our purpose. As Lions, we don't just wait for change - we are the change.

We send DG Bernie all our support as "TOGETHER, we can do so much more - dream big, take chances, and lead the way forward." - Brian Sheehan, Lions International President, 2022–2023. Then for me, it's the District Bulletin. When I stepped into the Editor's role back in 2020, I thought, "Okay, just one year." And yet, here I am in my sixth! Over the years, I've read every club and district bulletin, along with just about everything else that's landed in my (always overflowing) Inbox. It's been a rewarding but challenging role, often impacting my personal life. I'm incredibly grateful to have had the support of my wonderfully patient husband - thank you, Kevin.

It's always a bit of a juggling act trying to keep each District Governor's newsletter fresh - something members will actually want to open. Maybe they're hoping to spot their club in action, see their own smiling face, or just learn something new about Lionism (yes, it happens!) and so, so disappointing when members leave it unread.

And as many of you know, we're frequent travellers - and so is my trusty laptop. While I daydream of a holiday that doesn't include editing PDFs at 30,000 feet, in Seat 2A, reality says otherwise. Even this September/October, (politics prevailing) 'she'll' be coming along for the ride once again. Honestly, I think she gets more stamps in her passport than I do!

And with that, I close my laptop and raise a glass - to typos 'Susan' didn't catch, deadlines She nearly missed, and stories that somehow made it to print! Have a super month and loving those articles with superb photos I find on Facebook. Speaking of Facebook, I am the new keeper of the District Facebook so PLEASE POST - this may take time my end, as our Admin. has a request in for it to be reset and I will catch up with posts then.

And something that I can relate to and ponder for the month ahead - "Let us continue to demonstrate our motto, 'We Serve,' by actively engaging in service and making a positive impact on the world, one initiative at a time." Until next month Lou 👽