



## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DAVID THOMPSON**

Hello fellow Lions.

Well the warmer weather has certainly made its mark. I notice the market gardeners around my area are now regularly watering their crops.

I have almost finished my Club visits, with two Clubs remaining that are local as well as heading off to visit the Clubs in Fiji on Wednesday morning. Pacific Islands Region Chair Christine Ford has done a fantastic job working with the Clubs and putting our schedule together for the next week, unfortunately there will not be much time for relaxing. It is going to be very interesting to see how the Clubs operate in Fiji and the different types of projects that they do. Also we are hoping to induct about 11 new members into the Tavua Club Branch, which I am really looking forward to doing.

I hope that everyone that attended our District 202K Convention last weekend enjoyed themselves catching up with old friends and forging new friendships. Diane and I felt that it ran smoothly, and we certainly enjoyed ourselves. Now I can breathe again.

Congratulations to Clubs and individuals who received awards well done and keep up the great work you do. A big thank you to everyone on the District Convention Team, you all did an absolutely awesome job, thank you all for your support and commitment.

Thank you to International Director Graeme Wilson for travelling all the way from the bottom of the South Island, for your inspirational and inspiring speech. Council Chair Tobi Hipp and his wife Susi for your support and encouragement thank you. Also a big thank you to my fellow District Governors who took the time out of their busy schedule to help us Celebrate a successful Convention, they tell me, that we set the bar pretty high so they all now have a challenge on their hands. The Clubs in Zone 1 what a fantastic effort from you all as well as the Kowhai Coast Ladies, thank you for all you did.

I have so far received five Peace Posters and looking at them it will be a hard job picking the winning one to take to Wellington on the 15th .

# ➤➤ 202K NEWS ◀◀

Be proud to be part of the pride

Rowing For Life update they are due to start again this month with them concentrating on finishing the Okains Bay to Sumner leg, then drive to Motunau Beach to row onward to Kaikoura , then onto the Blenheim area. One of the problems has been a scarcity of support boats.

The first Lions Skin Cancer Bus will get its official launch at the District 202E Convention on 28th to 30th of March 2025.

Please remember that Camp Quality Summer Camp is being held at Wesley College from Saturday the 11th to Friday the 17th of January 2025.

If you are planning a project and need someone to set up a membership stand, please contact PDG Ricky Singh and he will make sure that one or two people from the District Committee will be able to assist, so that your members only need to concentrate on the project.

Once again can all Clubs either start or continue to send me their Bulletins as it is amazing reading what the different Clubs are getting up to. Remember to send photos in too, so we can all see the great work Clubs are doing.

That's all for now.

DG Dave





# 202K COUNTRY & WESTERN CONVENTION



IPDG Peter Henderson  
awarded a Presidential Medal



Guest Speaker from Forsyth Barr - Mark Richardson



District Governor Elect Lynda Halverson, Vice DG Elect Steve Bennett, 2nd Vice DG Elect Mandy Hebben







# 202K COUNTRY & WESTERN CONVENTION

## CLUB AWARDS



Outstanding Community Project  
Warkworth Kowhai Coast Lions



Best Bulletin  
Orewa Lions



Community Awareness &  
Communication  
Mangawhai Club Branch



Most Improved Club  
Kaikohe Lions



Membership Award  
Waipu Lions



Outstanding Club  
Orewa Lions



Youth Award  
Papakura Lions



Quiet Achiever  
Okaihau Lions  
Ann Magon





# 202K COUNTRY & WESTERN CONVENTION



Community Board Chair  
Ben Dalton



Northland MP Grant  
McCallum



Reverend John Marcon



At the remembrance families were given a Titoki Tree - the Maori Oak. It signifies strength and resilience and has an ability to grow in very difficult conditions.







# 202K COUNTRY & WESTERN CONVENTION

## SATURDAY NIGHT FUN



To see all the convention photos please go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=lianne.sloan&set=a.9009424115743463>





As the first quarter of this Lions year closes, you are uniquely positioned to lead your club toward success.

### **CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Help your club achieve excellence! During your meetings, review the 2024-2025 Club Excellence Award criteria to energize your club. Focus on key areas like Membership, Service, LCIF, Leadership, and Marketing, which are all essential for growth.

This year, Lions International is introducing the 5-Star Excellence Award for top-performing clubs. Learn more on the Club Excellence Award webpage.

### **ENERGIZE YOUR CLUB WITH NEW MEMBERS**

Bring fresh energy to your club by recruiting new members through the Just Ask or Club Branch programs. A more inclusive club brings fresh ideas and increases impact. Let's build a stronger, more diverse community together. Find more insights on Facebook at Improving Lions Club Quality, where Lions globally share advice and success stories.

We look forward to supporting you and your club. Please contact us if you have any questions by email at [clubofficers@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubofficers@lionsclubs.org).

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Support Team



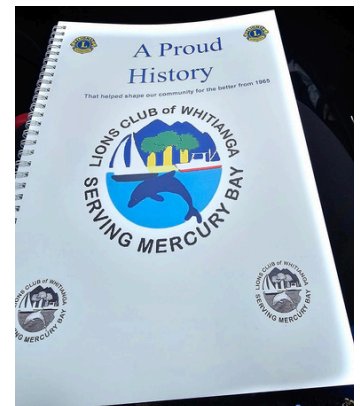
**Club Excellence Award**



**Club 5 Star Excellence Award**

# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Whitianga and Mercury Bay Lions Clubs celebrated at a luncheon to acknowledge special milestones in their service to the Mercury Bay community. Congratulations to Lion Shirwin Lee the newest Melvin Jones Fellow and Lion Gordon David Barnaby on 60 years service to Lions International. Also the release of a book written by Gordon about the history of service to the community of Mercury Bay.



**New Lynn Lions** members agreed to donate \$1,000 to Salvation Army New Lynn to assist them in the period coming up to Christmas, with many families needing food parcels.







# 202K CLUB NEWS

**Henderson West Auckland Lions** were cooking up a storm and parking hundreds of cars at the UB40 concert in Auckland. Great work team!



**ANZI PACIFIC FORUM  
GOLD COAST  
AUSTRALIA**  
5-7 SEPTEMBER 2025

Gold Coast

Surfers Paradise

Mantra on View

We are getting ready to welcome Lions, Leos and partners to the ANZI Pacific Forum 5th-7th September 2025

It is being held in the superb surroundings of Mantra on View Hotel at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. It is a great venue with everything in one place

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)

**SEE YOU ON THE GOLD COAST IN 2025**

Registration will open in October 2024. To register your interest email [anzi2025gc@gmail.com](mailto:anzi2025gc@gmail.com) with your Name, District and Club Name. We will send registration details once available.

**Register & Pay by 31 Dec 24 for your chance to win One Registration**

[www.lionsanzipacificforum.com](http://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com)



## >>> 202K CLUB NEWS

202K Lions from around our region supporting Pink Ribbon events





## >>> 202K CLUB NEWS

### 600 Bottles of Water Delivered!

As part of **Avondale Lions** 60th Anniversary Celebration, they were excited to have delivered water bottles to Kai Avondale, helping support their incredible work in our community. A big thank you to our Lion Danielle for the delivery and to Ann from Kai Avondale for her warm welcome and big smiles! This initiative is all about giving back to those who give so much. Here's to making a positive impact, one bottle at a time!



President Linda, Cameron and Brad of **Hillcrest Lions Club**, with some beautiful knitting done by Lion Heather S. for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Such a worthwhile charity and we are sure the knitting will be much appreciated.

## World Diabetes Month is November



we are inviting all  
New Zealanders to  
**'Lap the Map'**  
for diabetes prevention.



- Can you help us walk a combined distance of the New Zealand coastline (15,000km).
- All through our country Lions will be hosting walks.
- Promoting a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of diabetes in New Zealand.

What has your Club planned for Diabetes Lap the Map?



## 202K CLUB NEWS

Empowered learners contributing to our communities!

**Papatoetoe Lions Club**, in conjunction with Papatoetoe Central School, packed and shipped over 120 iPads and desktops to a school in Apia, Samoa. Together, we're making a difference!



### BECOME A LION

The Global Leaders In Community Service

If you wish to make our community a better place by helping those less fortunate and enjoy the idea of mixing with other like-minded people, then consider whether the Lions Club of Remuera is right for you.

We encourage you (and your partner) to attend any meetings or events you choose.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
facebook.com/RemueraLions  
to see what we get up to in the community and socially

**Remuera Lions Club**

We meet at:  
St Mark's Hall,  
95 Remuera Road, Remuera

2nd Tues of month: Business meeting  
4th Tues of month: Dinner meeting

Want to learn more?  
Richard: 021 965 621  
Raj: 021 0276 3764

Email: remuera@lionsclubs.org.nz

**We Serve**  
We Welcome New Members

Remuera Lions Club Inc.  
Chartered 1963  
P.O. Box 28 061  
Remuera, Auckland

**People - Passion - Purpose**

**Lions Club of Remuera** were proud to be a part of the Volunteer Expo in Auckland East. Great to see so many organisation's at the event who are currently participating for those in the community who need help.







## 202K CLUB NEWS

**Lions Club of Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield,**  
selling tasty treats from their Green Bay  
Sausage Sizzle.

Good sales and donations meant they  
were able to donate \$350 to Child  
Cancer Foundation.



**Paparoa Lions** Food Caravan has had a spring clean including repainted floors.

Once the other coats are applied and all our equipment is packed back into their correct places the caravan will be ready for another busy season of serving great food and cold drinks whilst raising funds for our community.



Celebrating 60 Years of  
the Avondale Lions Club!

As part of our 60th Anniversary, **Avondale Lions** were thrilled to have delivered 10 x \$60 hampers to Salvation Army New Lynn. This hamper is part of our initiative to give back to the community in a meaningful way. A huge shoutout to our dedicated Lion Danielle for helping make this happen! These hampers are a small but powerful way of supporting families in need. Together, we can make a big difference!



## >>> 202K CLUB NEWS



During October, PDG Brian McMillan of **Ngatea Lions** joined IPDG Peter Henderson of **Warkworth Lions Club** and former Lion Shona Pickup in the Warkworth Great Comedy Debate. The Lions team was against a Toastmasters team in the Warkworth Town Hall which was filled to capacity. The moot was that "Experience is better than enthusiasm" and even though the Lions team was narrowly defeated (by noise of applause) the audience was divided in who actually won.

It is the sixth time **Warkworth Lions** have been part of the debate. The second debate of the evening featured a Toastmasters invitation team against a celebrity team . The audience got plenty of laughs and food for their \$35 entry fee and the Harbour Hospice's Warkworth Tui House benefited by approximately \$10,000.



The peace poster winner for **Whangarei Lions Club** is Grace Nielsen from Parua Bay School. Well done to everyone who took part.

Coffee with a Cop. Thanks to our local Police in joining with the Tuakau Business Association interfaced with our community. **The Lions Club of Tuakau** are in full support in making our town a safe and attractive environment for local businesses to flourish and create a positive impact.

A Big Thanks to L'Affare and Chez Bean for sponsoring the event with great coffee! It was also a delight meeting with our Local Community Patrol Team and discussed where we could help and support each other. Together, we thrive.







### Mid Western Lions - Maungakaramea Casino night 2024!

A massive thank you to those of you that came along to support our event.

It was a great night, heaps of fun to run the games and there was plenty of action and laughter, especially with the Slater racing

We had some great prizes up for auction. Thank you so much to our wonderful sponsors.

We're definitely looking forward to the next one!

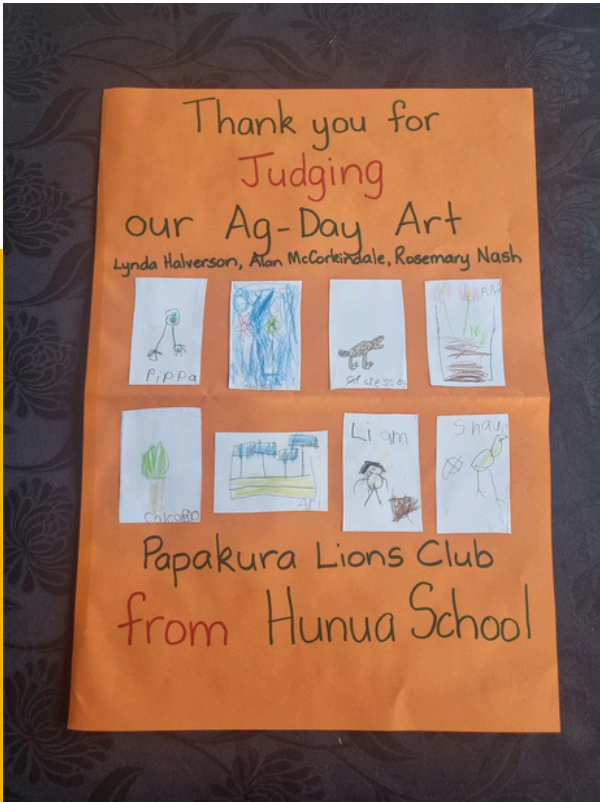




Lions Club of Tuakau had a Saturday full of fun with our Tamariki and their pets at the Harrisville School and Onewhero School Ag day!  
 Another successful event for our community.  
 FANTASTIC signage too - flying the flag for Lions!



Lions Club of Ruawai welcomed their newest member Lois, inducted by VDG Lynda Halverson.  
 Welcome to the Pride Lois!



Papakura Lions Club recieved some special mail in the post from Hunua School.







## 202K CLUB NEWS

**Waiuku Lions** getting their stand ready to serve up their World Famous HOT CHIPS at the Awhitu Calf Club Day and the Waiuku Schools Calf Club Day



A big congrats to the following for winning in **Papakura Lions** Peace Poster Competition  
Under 7s 1st Ciara, 2nd Corey  
Under 11s 1st Kimi Ora  
11 - 13 year old, 1st Daranay, 2nd Azalea

**Lions Club of Tuakau.** Sheep manure has just been dug up and unloaded in our storage ready for delivery soon just in time for the gardens this spring. We certainly needed those big muscles from the Onewhero boys. Thanks guys!



**Howick Lions** at the Rotary Fun Run in Beachlands - great to see Service Clubs working together for our communities.







The Bethells Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol lost half their existing clubhouse last year, damaged during the big January storm. They have built a new storage shed in McKay Place away from the water and it is ready for Summer. They had an opening ceremony for the new shed and for the new swimming season on Sunday 20th.

**Henderson West Auckland Lions** supported them by cooking a bunch of sausages.

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# Mangawhai Lions Food & Wine Festival

**R18**

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$40**

**FREE LOOP BUS**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FOOD > WINE > BEER**

FUNDS RAISED GO BACK TO THE MANGAWHAI SURF CLUB REPAIR & THE MANGAWHAI COMMUNITY

**FEATURING**

Solid Gold 70's Band  
Legacy Band  
Loose Covers  
Raw Jam

**15 March 2025**  
AT THE MANGAWHAI DOMAIN  
TICKETS : [www.trybooking.com/nz/UJU](http://www.trybooking.com/nz/UJU)



  
  
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Whānau ki te Whānau ki te Taiao





**Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield Lions** gaining new members by inviting them to come and help with a project, they had so much fun they are now going to join the Club!



### Lions Club of Ruawai Ruawai Fun Run, Walk or Cycle

Ruawai Stopbank Trail - 7.4km (with shorter options available)  
2 Raffles and Food Stalls

**Saturday, 16 November 2024**

(If the event is postponed then it will be Saturday, 23 November 2024)



Registrations open at 8.00am  
Cycles start at 9.00am  
Run, Walk/Buggies start at 9.30am

Payment can be made online or by Eftpos:  
Adult: \$10.00  
Children: 13 or under \$5.00  
Family: 2 Adults + 3 Children \$25.00

Event Enquiries contact - Beverley Pullar  
[ruawai.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:ruawai.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz)  
027 300 3580

Bank Account Number: 12 3098 0017698 001  
Name of Account: Lions Club of Ruawai  
Particulars: [Name]  
Reference: 2024 Fun Run

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On Saturday 12 October, **Orewa Lions** went retro with a good old fashioned working bee, workers on the day were: Cherie, Grant, Jack, Martin, Pete, Daryl, and Shelley. Kudos must go to Lions partner Shelley for the costing and construction ideas.

Diane Williams is confined to a wheelchair after several strokes and is in the process of getting a Service dog from Pawsible Service Dogs (a charitable trust), website <https://pawsibledogs.co.nz/>. However, Pawsible said the dog needed a higher fence line to keep it in and others out. Enter the Lions !!! Great work team.



**Waiuku Lions** catering team fed 75 people at the St Andrews luncheon. Quote from Team Leader Ivy. "Wow, what an amazing team we had, It was hard work, a long day, but well worth it and every one enjoyed their meal. We can all be proud to be part of the 'Pride of the Waiuku Lions catering team'"







# Lions Book Fair

Saturday 30th November 2024

9am to 4pm



Sunday 1st December 2024

10am to 3pm



Helensville A&P Showgrounds

Railway Street, Helensville.

All Books \$2

Childrens Books \$1

Also DVDs, CDs, Vinyl LP Records.

To Donate Books Phone Chris 027 646 3324.

Less than one box drop at Burmester's Real Estate.

Last day for donations Friday 22 November.

Sorry! We cannot accept donations at the Book Fair.

EFTPOS Available



Each year the **Henderson West Auckland Lions Club** encourage the Intermediate schools in their area to have a speech competition. The best speakers from year 11 and year 12 then get invited to one of their meetings to present their speeches to an audience new to them and in an environment they likely have not experienced. They rise to the occasion and develop their public speech making skills.





**LIONS CLUB OF KOWHAI COAST**



## **TREEMENDOUS Christmas Tree Display**

**November 30th until December 8th**

**Old Masonic Hall, Baxter Street, Warkworth**

**10am until 5pm daily**

**Sunday 10am until 3pm**

**\$4 per adult and \$1 for children**

**Santa will be present - 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday,**

**Saturday & Sunday 10am till 12noon, 1pm till 3pm  
or by arrangement**



all proceeds go to THE Warkworth Blue Light Charity

Blue Light is a charity organisation that delivers and supports a multitude of youth programmes

Any enquiries to - 09 425 0969 or 027 620 6006



**Blockhouse Bay - Lynfield Lions** offering free Diabetes testing to encourage Diabetes awareness.





**A Flight of Fancy**  
with  
**Annah Stretton & Friends**

A special flight for the women of the Eastern Coromandel  
by helping Project Mammogram reach it's destination  
**The Coro Club Hangar ~ Whitianga Airport**  
**7pm -10pm ~ 14 November 2024**

Your Flight Director → **Michele A'Court** ← Renowned Comedian  
An update on Project Mammogram + a safety briefing by a special guest  
Pilots: An interview with Annah and Sami Stretton  
Navigator: Getting on with it, by Maree Smith from GET IT ON  
Inflight Entertainment: An Annah Stretton Fashion Show  
Inflight Snacks: Delicious nibbles by Coro Café  
On-Board Bar Available  
Great Raffles & Auctions of pamper packs.

**Annah Stretton Goodie Bags**

**Tickets available from:** Get It On - Tairua & Annah Stretton - Whitianga  
**\$59 per person or \$440 per table of 8**

all proceeds to **Project MAMMOGRAM**  
**EARLY DETECTION FOR BETTER OUTCOMES**



Congratulations to **Whitianga** club's only remaining charter member Shirwin Lee who was presented with the highest honour the club could bestow, a **MELVIN JONES AWARD**.

Celebrating the Youth of Bream Bay.

Junior Citizens Awards 2024 held at Bream Bay College Thursday 24th October  
Well done to all the recipients.

Supper provided by **Waipu** and **Marsden Lions Clubs**.

