



DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DAVID THOMPSON

Hello fellow Lions.

We are into February already, man how time flies. I hope everyone is coping with the long hot days we are having at present; the way time goes it will not be too long before we start complaining about the cooler/ wet weather. Unfortunately, the weather is something we have no control over.

As clubs are getting back into their meetings and projects, one of the big topics that will come out of Club discussions will center around Membership. Yes, inducting new members is great but there are some things that I feel Clubs need to do to retain these members.

Firstly, we need to make sure that they feel welcome and receive a proper Orientation, and that we provide them with adequate information and training about Lions, our history, our values, our structure, our projects and our expectations. Maybe assign them a mentor or buddy who can guide them and support them during their first few steps as Lions. We need to find them a role that suits their skills and interests and make them feel they are involved and part of the Lions family.

We should ensure our meetings and activities are relevant and meaningful. They should be well planned and well communicated. We need to ensure we celebrate our success and encourage all members to become involved, not only with projects or activities but encourage and support them to take on leadership roles.

Finally, I would like to say all members from time to time need support and encouragement, as well as being acknowledged for their achievements.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the 5 members who completed the ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) recently. Chole Coull Pukekohe Lions Club
Cecily Dower Mercury Bay Lions Club, Dayle Baker Whitianga Lions Club
Chase Aitken Pokeno and Districts Lions Club, Danielle Pualau Pago Pago Lions Club

Also, congratulations to 2nd VDG Elect Mand Hebben (Waipu) Mangawhai Club Branch on completing LCIP (Lions Certified Instructor Programme)

Well done all of you, I look forward to following your Lions journey.

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In just over a week Diane will head off to District L's Convention. We are looking forward to catching up with our fellow District Governor's, but to also see how the other District's operate, so we are looking forward to their Conventions.

At District E's Convention we will be there to witness the launch of the first Skin Cancer Screening Bus which will be awesome to be part of.

Can I please ask all Lions and Clubs to support LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) and LMCT (Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust) as both these groups are always ready to support us when disaster strikes.

Rowing For Life is only about a month away from getting back on the water so please look out for updates that are likely to arrive in your inbox.

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

That's all from me.

DG Dave

Kind regards

District 202K New Zealand
Dave and Diane Thompson
District Governor 202K



TALKING TIME IS UP.....

TIME FOR ACTION!

We have heard heaps of great discussion around the district around possible new Clubs, clubs, club branches and specialty clubs.

So what's next?

It's time to survey the identified areas. So here is a tool that you can use to do this. [Community Assessment Guide](#). Use it as a guide and start developing relationships within these areas. Want help let us know.

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We are missing a number of district pull up banners and district teardrop flags.

Are these sitting in a members garage or in Club storage after you've borrowed them for a large Lion's event???

Please can you have a look around and let us know if you have them, they are expensive to replace and it's important that your Zone Chairs have these items so they are available for all our Clubs to utilise.

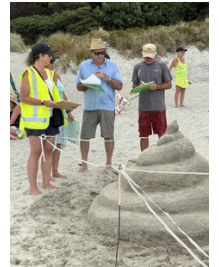
If you locate one please email :
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202K CLUB NEWS

Mangawhai Lions Sandsational Event, delayed a week because of the Tornado but still had a good crowd. Proceeds from the event will be going toward tornado relief.



Howick Lions, Pakuranga Panmure Lions and Papatoetoe Lions Club attended an insightful workshop on Children's Vision Screening as part of Lions Eye Health Program – Australia. It was an incredible opportunity to learn more about early detection and how to effectively conduct screenings. Feeling inspired and excited to apply what we have learned. A big thanks to Irene from **Lions Club of Tully** for such an engaging and informative session!

For more information on the Lions Eye Health Program in Australia [Click here](#)





CLUB NEWS

Helensville Lions had a great day at the Helensville A and P showgrounds ! We were there firing up the BBQ and serving our community at the Northern Finals of the Young Farmer of the Year.

Awesome to see the children competing, our next generation of farmers ! Te Radar was there hosting and MCing the event. He found time to sample our excellent sausages from @Country Meat Processors (twice!) , happy to declare them the best sausages in the land!



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Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield Lions Club invites you to join our Lions Mystery Family Car Rally. Come with family or make up club teams. An ideal social outing for your club, far cheaper than a convention and arguably more fun.

Socialise with fellow Lions, friends and other rally entrants, enjoy a complementary sausage sizzle with your BYO picnic.

An itinerary of cryptic clues adds challenges and excitement to the journey as we explore an Auckland that many never see, through town and country to gems of destinations along the way identifying landmarks and place of interest. More info and register at www.bhbl-lions.org/car-rally

District 202K Lions members PDG Wendy, Marilyn, PDG Brian and PDG Robyn attended the 202L Convention in Mt Maunganui.



CLUB NEWS CONT...

Lions Club of Whangarei

Assisted by controlling the entry gates at Touch a Truck, Hurupaki School. To help Kamo Fire Brigade and Ngunguru Fire Brigade where they accepted donations as entry fees.



Lions Club Nadi - Diwali Food Hamper Contribution This Diwali 2024, Lions Club Nadi was proud to contribute food hampers to 10 needy families around Nadi, helping them celebrate the festival with joy and gratitude. These contributions came at the perfect time, providing support to families who needed it most.

Also 2800 pairs of eye glasses was delivered to Lautoka Hospital to be distributed to other Western Division hospitals and to be given to general public.



Welcome to Lions Clubs NZ,
Helensville Lions newest member
Danielle Hancock



CLUB NEWS CONT...

New Lynn Lions Club members enjoying a Social Evening at Bricklane in New Lynn.



Kowhai Coast Lions Club finding out more about the Blue Light programme. Zone Chair Audrey getting friendly with the constabulary!



A few photos from the recent District Committee Meeting hosted by the wonderful **Dargaville Lions**.



MORE CLUB NEWS...



The Lions Club of Ba ran a Hearing Aid Outreach Program in Association with Dr.Nafis of Ahas Hearing Aids,Sydney.

They have also repaired a number of Wheel Chairs, donated 40 pairs of reading Glasses to Lions Tavua Diabetic Eye Care Centre and facilitated the Delivery of a Recliner bed from a donor in Tavua to a Child in need in the interior of Ba.

Hillcrest Lions Club member Leanne was the sole Lion representative at the monthly Beach Clean with The Clean Up Crew at Little Shoal Bay, and while the community involvement was not large this time, several buckets of plastics and rubbish were removed from this wonderful location.



Whitianga Lions Club member Noel Hewwett has personally funded these lovely memorial plaques, there are now 10, in the Lions Arboretum at the Bike Park. They include their past president Kevin Robinson.



Audrey Mefcalfe from, **Orewa Lions Club** was presented with the special Lions Builder award for introducing 10 new members to Lions, well done Audrey!



MORE CLUB NEWS...



The Waipu Lions Club Car & Bike Show was another huge success. The annual event attracted around 800 cars and 200 motorbikes from the last century of motoring, with everything from tiny Minis to massive muscle cars. This is a major fundraiser for the Northland Rescue Helicopter .



Mangonui Lions Club Fishing Competition was impacted with bad weather. However they still raised a wonderful \$2500.00 from this event. Some pretty impressive fish on the scales!





YOUTH EXCHANGE

By PDG Jack Hayes, Huapai Kumeu Lions 202K

One Italian Youth Exchange (Luca Lorusso from Milan) arrived in Auckland on 20 Dec, was met by MD202 Greeter Lion Lorraine and sent by bus to Tokoroa where he was hosted by Jono Davies (Tokoroa Lions). He was shown around the district and met many young people and enjoyed his time there. Arrived off the bus in Auckland on 30 Dec and hosted by Gavin and Julie Bertelsen of Huapai Kumeu Lions. He attended a country New Year party near Waimauku and again met lots of youth in the area, including a visit to the Muriwai Surf Life Saving Club. He went to Goat Island and snorkelled with the fish in the Marine Reserve and swam in the Hauraki Gulf. He was a guest at North Piha Surf Lifesaving Club and received a VIP tour of their new clubhouse.

Off by bus again to National Park on 10 Jan he was hosted by Gail and Robert Gray on their dairy farm. He did not enjoy the 5.00 am starts for milking but did enjoy the interaction with cows and their other livestock. 'Farmers work very hard' was his comment.

Returned to Auckland on 19 Jan and was hosted overnight by Jack and Sandy Hayes and delivered to Auckland International for his flight home on 20 Jan. He had a great time in New Zealand and really enjoyed the experience. He missed his family and girlfriend but felt that the separation was worth all the effort. He passed on his very special thanks to his hosts, the many other Lions and family members who showed him around and just 'hung out' with. He was sponsored by Pavia Host Lions in Milan and will speak to their Club in February.

Luca is an amazing ambassador for Italy and for the Lions Club Youth Exchange programme.



PDG Jack Hayes (& Sunny) with Luca



Mangawhai Lions donated \$8500 from the proceeds of their calendar sales to the Mangawhai Surf Lifesaving Club to assist with the Club rebuild.



Ruawai Lions busy at their working bee at the Te Kowhai Reserve.

LIONS EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

 **Lions Club of Whangarei**

Invite you to their...

31st Annual Charity GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday 22nd March 2025 NORTHLAND GOLF CLUB
Shotgun Start 10.30am - Men, Ladies or Mixed Fours
Open to Affiliated and Non-Affiliated Golfers
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PROCEEDS TO HOSPICE AND ST JOHN

Heaps of Fun and a Great Day Out!

Entry Fee for a Team of Four \$260+GST
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Terry Ward - Ph: 435 0654
Brian Boys - Ph: 438 9655

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HELP WANTED

Lions Christmas Cakes

Would someone in District 202K be interested in taking on the role of District Coordinator, reporting to the MD Project Manager.

If so, please email District Governor Dave Thompson, 202k.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz

