



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DAVID THOMPSON

Hello fellow 202K Lions.

Well, here we are almost into April. The days are getting shorter and the temperatures are a little cooler in the mornings and evenings, and with daylight saving due to finish on the 6th of April the seasons are slowly changing.

Diane and I have been seeing a lot of the country recently by attending other District Conventions. It is absolutely awesome seeing the different projects that Clubs are doing around the country. Each District has put on great Conventions. Diane says the partners programs have been awesome and Saturday nights are dress up with each District having a different theme and mixing and mingling with other Lions from outside of our District.

This weekend we head to Hamner Springs for District E's Convention which will include the launch of the first Skin Cancer Screening Bus in New Zealand, which is going to be awesome.

It is fantastic receiving the Club bulletins and seeing the wide range of projects our Clubs are doing. Please try to use some form of social media to promote the event in the lead up, on the day just letting the community know where you are and what you are doing and then after the event to thank your community for their support.

Finally, please fill in your service activities on the Portal and let everyone know what you have been doing. The other thing you can do is celebrate the success of your project, maybe on the way home stop in and have a coffee or tea at a café or arrange an impromptu bbq at a member's place, so you can share with all your Club Member's.

Just a reminder that all Clubs should be selecting their officers for the next Lions year.

Finally we have our Multiple District Convention in New Plymouth from the 25th to the 27th of April. It would be fantastic if you could come and join us. Catch up with old friends and meet with people from throughout New Zealand.

Once again, I would like to thank the Clubs that regularly send me their bulletin, but encourage other Clubs to please send me a copy of your Bulletin.

Thats me for this month

DG Dave



## TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE MIRACLES

"This was one of the challenges President AP Sing made at the recent First Vice District Governors seminar in St Charles Illinois.

He delivered a powerful call to action challenging the District Governors elect to "embrace Servant leadership and think beyond their comfort zone."

He went on to say "Dream as big as you can, your leadership can make a difference, create energy required for transformation, because together we can create miracles."

District Governor Lynda stated that the whole experience was inspirational and an amazing opportunity to mix and talk with Lions from around the world. She gleaned lots of ideas and (once over the jet lag) has some exciting messages to share.

She stated the whole amazing experience finished up with a drum fest as we renewed our energy and prepared to implement our vision of vibrant growing clubs committed to expanded powerful service.







## 202K CLUB NEWS

**Mangawhai Lions** Food & Wine Festival, over 1300 people came and danced the afternoon away. Waipu Lions, Wellsford Lions and Warkworth Lions lent a hand too as well as District Committee help from Steve Bennett and Michael Pollitt.



BIG congratulations to **Waiuku Lions**  
Life Member - Tony Lower  
clocking up 47 years of service !!







## CLUB NEWS

**Orewa Lions** presented a \$15,000 donation to the Orewa Sea Scouts, raised through the incredible efforts of our Big Dig, Community Raffle, and Calendar sales!

This donation will make a real difference for the Sea Scouts, supporting their mission to develop leadership, resilience, and a love for the water in our local youth.



**Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield Lions Club** Lions Car Rally, a magical mystery tour with clues to your unknown destination where on arrival you are served a yummy lunch! If you missed it this year make a diary note for next year instead.



**Orewa Lions** welcome two new members Anne Pyke and Debbie Williams.

Welcome to our Pride!





## CLUB NEWS CONT...

**Lions Club of Paparoa** hosted 120 people who enjoyed lots of reconnecting and new connections, entertainment by Don Rutherford, an interesting talk about the Kauri Museum and history of the area from Jason Smith, and tasty food at the annual Paparoa Lions Club Pioneer Luncheon.

The tables and hall looked lovely with flowers kindly provided by Carole Bowden.

A beautiful 75th celebration cake, made by Helen Poot, was cut by Ella Hames & Joy Bonham who had been the main organisers for 40 or so years.

In 1947 the Country Women's Institute and the Women's Division of Federated Farmers started holding the Pioneer Luncheon as an annual event. After quite a few years this was handed over to the Lions Club of Paparoa who have continued to host it annually apart from the necessary break for the Covid years. Certainly a project Paparoa Lions love supporting.



**Huapai Kumeu Lions** welcome their newest member Ray Pichon, pictured with his sponsor Guy Wishart.

Welcome to our Pride!





## CLUB NEWS CONT...

**Papakura Lions Club** members selling hot chips at a local community event.



**Mangonui Lions Club** Raising funds for the Heart Foundation



**Blockhouse Bay Lynfield Lions Club** cooking up a sausage sizzle storm at their regular weekend pitch



A combined celebration of chevrons from Zone Chair Richard Haakma for **Avondale Lions** members, 10 years for Maryann and 40 years for Paul..



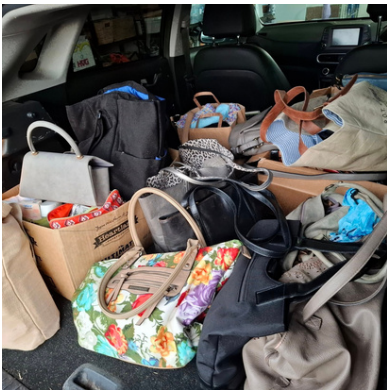


## MORE CLUB NEWS...

**The Papakura Lions Club** set up a membership information stand at their local sustainable markets. Is this something your Club can replicate?



**Mangawhai Lions** donated over 70 Handbags full of goodies to the "Love Grace" handbag appeal for women's refuge. Project was supported by Rural Women of Tomarata and Mangawhai Zonta



**The Remuera Lions Club** cooking breakfast at the Salvation Army Epsom Lodge.



**Warkworth Lions** held their annual Take A Kid Fishing project with excited children heading out to Kawau Bay to catch some fish.



Notching up 27 years of service!!

Congratulations

Lion Chris Stabler, **Waiuku Lions Club**





## MORE CLUB NEWS...



**The Warkworth Lions Club** have installed a defibrillator sign at the Kawau Water Taxis & Kawau Cruises office. This is to identify the location of defibrillator if needed. Warkworth Lions have supplied over 300 signs across New Zealand. If you want to know more please contact the club for more details.

**Orewa Lions Club** and other community organisations were offered the opportunity to promote themselves at the Orewa Repair Cafe run by Hibiscus Coast Zero Waste. They had people on hand to encourage those who came along to check out the different services offered.

Wendy, Debs and Jack set up a table with flyers and photos about our club and our recycling efforts plus the Heads Up for Kids project. We also gave away calendars to the Repair Cafe volunteers and others interested in Lions and the various ways we help in the community.

The event was a great opportunity to give our club more visibility by interacting with members of the public as well as the other organisations. One of the Zero Waste volunteers is coming along to our March dinner which is a positive outcome of a few hours well spent.



**Mercury Bay Lions** receiving long service awards, Yvonne for 22 years service and Marg received the Chevron award for 30 years service. Over 50 years service between them! Congratulations ladies, what an achievement.



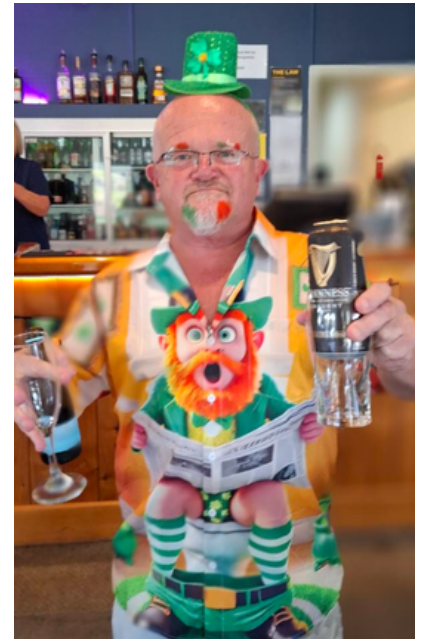


## MORE CLUB NEWS...

**The Pakuranga Panmure Lions Club** collecting for Child Cancer Foundation in Botany.



### Lions celebrating St Patricks Day







# RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Recruiting members can be one of the more challenging parts of starting a new club. However, this can be overcome by building a team that is organized, well trained and focused. Here are some tips from club chartering experts:

Have your team complete the New Club Development and Invite for Impact courses in the Lions Learning Center.

Your district can also host a Just Ask! workshop to learn how to recruit strategically.

Recruiters should have a practiced elevator speech to explain why they are a Lion. People want to hear personal stories, not just a list of benefits. We created a tip sheet to help you write an impactful elevator speech.

Work with the district marketing chairperson to develop district marketing plans that strengthen and support your team's club chartering recruitment strategy.

The Marketing Matters webpage is packed with practical tools and resources to help bring plans to life.

Focus your recruitment efforts on local leaders (government officials, school principals, civic leaders) to raise the profile of the new club.

Encourage new members to bring their friends and family to serve with them and learn about Lions.

Be upfront with dues. People are more willing to pay the dues if they are made aware of them from the beginning and are shown the value they will receive.

Of course, the key to success in recruiting charter members is perseverance. Not everyone will accept your invitation and that's ok. It might not be a definite "no," but more of a "not now." Even if it's a definite "no," just move on to the next recruit and give it your best shot.

Always remember, the biggest reason why someone isn't a Lion is because no one has invited them yet. That's why our recruiting guide is called Just Ask!.

Want some support want to know more talk to you 202k Membership and Club Extension team

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