



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DAVID THOMPSON

HHello fellow 202K Lions

Well, the weather has certainly changed over the last week or so, temperatures are dropping, and the days are shorter. Easter and ANZAC day have been and gone so now we look forward to what winter has to offer.

Last week Diane and I were in New Plymouth for the Council Of Governors meeting and that was followed by the Multiple District Convention and what an awesome Convention it was.

The flag ceremony on Friday night was very well done, plus an amazing speaker who was a commando in the Australian Army and since he's left the Army his personal battle with PTSD.

Saturday there was the AGM plus a couple of very good speakers and then onto the awards in the afternoon, where District K did very well. Firstly, Mangawhai Club Branch were awarded the 2025 Lions International Marketing Award for our Constitutional area. Waipu won the Multiple District Award for Membership Growth. Mangawhai Club Branch also won the Multiple District PR and Communications Award. Lastly Papakura received an award for being the Sponsor Club for Daranay Heng from Rosehill College Papakura for her Peace Poster which was the winning poster for Multiple District 202. Her entry was then forwarded to America for the International Competition.

This was followed by an awesome evening on Saturday night with the dress up theme being something beginning with S, you guessed Spiderman, Superman, Seagulls and Scarecrows, plus many others. The current DG group with a couple of ring ins won the Best group custom. Dressed as (I'm a Lion! what's your Super Power?) t shirts, with capes and masks.

Sunday was a lovely Remembrance and Rededication Service, followed by a light lunch. After lunch our District Governor group said goodbye to each other for the last time this Lions year, although we have plans to hopefully meet up at ANZI in September and the again at the Multiple District Convention in Ashburton next year.

Be proud to be part of the pride



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We personally Congratulated Pam Harvey from District E for being selected as Council Chair elect for the lions 2025/2026 year.

At the Skin Cancer Screening Bus launch about 20 people went through and got tested with about 25 percent recommended to see their doctor for further tests.

As we all know membership is a major concern, currently we are actually plus 1 for this Lions year, although there is usually a big drop in June, so please keep inducting those new members.

Once again, I would like to thank all the Clubs that send me their Bulletins as they are fantastic reading, and I would like to encourage other Clubs to do the same.

Cheers for now.

DG Dave





## DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY.....

**Fun filled learning for  
the leaders of  
tomorrow!**



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# **LIONS LEARN!**

**Get the “know how” through engaging expert-led sessions.**

**Gain “knowledge” about service, leadership, and membership.**

**Debunk some Lions urban myths....**

**Be prepared for your Charitable Trust obligations**

**Lions Portal - FAQs and Top Tips**

**Prepare your incoming team for success**

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Sat 7 June 10-3 : Pivot, 11 Reyburn Street, Whangarei

Sun 8 June 10-3 : Lindvart Pavillion, Penney Crescent, Kaikohe

Sat 14 June 10-3 : Lions Den, 21 Youngs Road, Papakura

Sat 28 June 10-3 : St Chads, 117 Centreway Road, Orewa

Sat 5 July 10-3 : Whitianga Social Services, 2 Cook Drive, Whitianga

**Please RSVP to [202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz)  
(for catering purposes)**





## 202K CLUB NEWS

**Whitianga Lions** held a "President's Shout" at the Boathouse Marlin Waters. Under the leadership of Gilly Needham & ably assisted by Jeanette Russell, Fatimah Christie, Dayle Baker, Muriel Pedersen, Colin Needham & Howard Baker plus others who fetched & carried, fun games was followed by the most superb dinner & desert.



Hikurangi Mountain Lions would like to say a

# BIG THANKS!!!

Our golf tournament was a great success due to your help. We had the largest field of players we have ever recorded which was fantastic. This year we have managed to **raise and donate \$15,000.00** which will enable us to buy much needed equipment/furniture to help **support North Haven Hospice** on Takahe Street, Tikipunga or out in the community around the North. This will enable even better caring of our wonderful Northland people that are doing it hard as they come toward the end of their journey through life, and help support the friends and families through those emotionally

Contact us today for all your challenging times, vicining all of Whangarei

hello@kamokitichens.co.nz 09 968 9020 021 243 7217 kamokitichens.co.nz

Once again, thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the fruits of the publicity we gave your business on the day.

Kind regards  
Carol Head (President)  
Hikurangi Mountain Lions Club



Fueling Kindness: **Lions Club of Tuakau** Delivered Firewood to Those in Need







## CLUB NEWS

**Huapai Kumeu Lions** presented a \$3,000 donation to the Riverhead Scouts who along with leaders and parents assisted with the setting up of our book fair beforehand and packing up after the sale finished.

The donation was gratefully received by Group Committee Chair, Andy and Scout Leader Andrew.

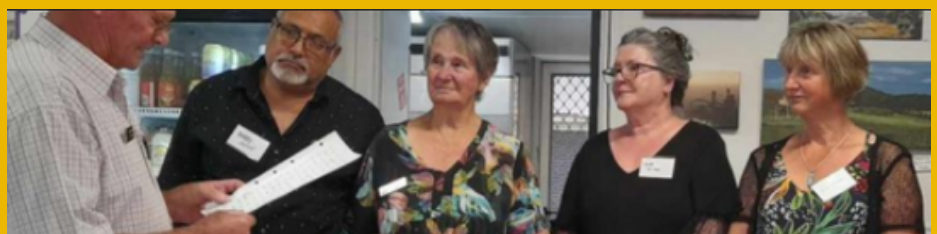


**Orewa Lions Club** helping out at the Surf Sounds event. Manning the Zero Waste bins and being Pyro Cordon volunteers.



**Papakura Lions** lunch out but the girls had some confessions!!!

**Ruawai Lions** welcome two new members,  
Barry & Sue Dunn  
Welcome to the team!







## CLUB EASTER HIJINKS



**Waiuku Lions**



**Mangawhai Lions**



**Waipu Lions "Platinum Sponsors" of the Waipu Easter Carnival**

## Waiuku Lions Celebrating Long Service - CONGRATULATIONS







## CLUB NEWS CONT...



### **Ruawai Lions Club**



members supporting the Ruawai Community Festival 25 event. Selling seeds, puzzles and pre-loved items to raise funds for the community.

**Orewa Lions** proudly presented a \$5,000 donation to Hibiscus Coast Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Inc –the second recipients of our Big Dig, Community Raffle, and 2025 Calendar fundraising initiatives.



**Avondale Lions** welcome two new members to their Lions Team – congratulations

**Mangawhai Lions**  
supports the  
**Mangawhai Activity Zone**  
for the local youth  
aiding in the upkeep  
of this space  
through the  
community  
recycling.



Youth and Environment - 2 LCI Global Causes

**We Serve**

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# WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB'S SOCIAL NIGHT LOOK LIKE?

**Tuakau Lions Club** having dinner at Lions member Steve's house



**Pakuranga Panmure Lions Club** having a meeting at a members house



**Mangonui Lions Club** having fun



**Waiuku Lions Club** had a 10 pin bowling social night



Congratulations and a warm welcome to **Howick Lions Club's** newest members Carmen and Lili, inducted by PDG Ricky



# AUTUMN BOOK FAIR

**24th and 25th May 2025**

**Helensville A&P Showgrounds**

**"Still the Biggest & Best Book Fair in the West!"**

The Lions Club of Helensville will be holding their Autumn Book Fair at the Helensville A&P Association Showgrounds on the weekend of the 24th and 25th May, opening at 9.00am on Saturday until 4.00pm and again on Sunday 10.00am until 3.00pm.

As this is a community event entry is free, we do not allow traders in before you, our community.

Our last Book Fair held in November raised \$12,000 from the sale of books, for which many thanks. All the money raised went towards helping individuals and organizations in the community that required assistance. We have had a good clean out of the remainders and donations are coming in steadily so there is plenty of new stock to tempt you.

Books are priced to sell at \$2. There is a large selection of children's and YA books for \$1. Also, we have many jigsaw puzzles, board games, DVDs, CDs, and quality magazines available.

Non-Fiction will be split into twenty separate categories, including one section dedicated to New Zealand subjects, which is still our largest section. The two new sections Art and Music introduced last year went well and we shall be keeping those. There is also plenty of general Non-Fiction which you can spend hours browsing through.

Fiction is arranged alphabetically by authors, with six special interest groups, the largest of which is the Fantasy/Science Fiction section.

It is our aim to make your day as easy and pleasurable as possible and sell plenty of books.

Small donations of books can be left at Burmester Realty, Helensville, or for larger lots, contact Chris on 027 646 3324, or any other member of the Helensville Lions.

Please note that the last date we are accepting books for this Book Fair is Friday 16th May. Sorry, but we cannot accept donations at the Book Fair.

**EFTPOS Available**







## MORE CLUB NEWS...

**Bucklands Beach Lions Club** had a fun visit to the Howick Coast Guard. Great to make connections to other groups within our communities.



**Kowhai Coast Lions** Easter raffle, raising funds for the Kowhai Youth Trust



**Papakura Lions** supporting the Papakura Fire Brigade volunteers at Papakura central park, and thank you letters from their local school for supporting Calf Day.



**Papakura Lions** celebrate a long service award of 15 Years for Lion Andrew presented by Zone Chair Cheryl

**Mangonui Lions** welcome NEW MEMBERS Ray Partridge, and his wife Prue King.







# MD CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



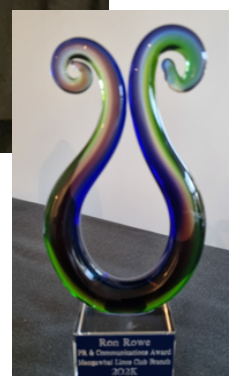
**Incoming VDGE Team and Council Chair Elect Pam Harvey**



**Steve Bennett awarded a  
Melvin Jones Recognition for  
his work as MD Treasurer**



**Something beginning with S.....**



**202K Award Winners  
Waipu Lions - Keith Mitchell Membership Award  
Mangawhai Lions Club Branch - Ron Rowe PR & Communications Award**





# ANZAC DAY

## Waipu Lions Club



## Waiuku Lions Club

Mel & Chris & Frank Lawson - Parade Leader



## Hillcrest Lions Club



## Remuera Lions Club





### Hillcrest Lions



*Veteran and local identity Bruce Powell days off turning 107 !!  
Bruce was the instigator of the very first Anzac commemoration at Glenfield*





## 202K CLUB NEWS

**Mangonui Lions** helping out at the Brain Injury Association Brain Aid at the Barn Day. Assistance with parking, collection of entry fees, BBQ, Hotdogs and Hangi



**Whangarei Lions** charity golf tournament raised \$10,000 for the North Haven Hospice

Members from the scouting movement came and talked to the **Pakuranga Panmure Lions** about participating in the William Pike Challenge and how it has impacted their lives since completing the course



**Whitianga Lions** hosted a Teddy Bears picnic, slightly delayed due to bad Easter weather. The intrepid team went ahead despite the rain and those that attended had fun!



# ➤➤➤ NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

This years camp is being held in Napier.

Plans are coming together.

Information will be sent to Clubs by 25th April.

So start looking for candidates now.

Candidates must be 12 to 16 years of age.



## CONSTITUTIONAL AREA

## INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AWARD WINNERS!

The Mangawhai Lions Club was recently named the winner of the Lions International Marketing Award. The award-winning marketing campaign, promoted the club on social media, press advertising, posters, and radio advertising.

The Mangawhai Lions Club was selected for this prestigious award out of hundreds of applicants from around the world because this project showcased exemplary marketing innovation and creativity.

As a result of their marketing campaign their club grew from 5 members to 22 members over last year. By increasing the club's visibility through marketing efforts, the Mangawhai Lions Club has potential to inspire change and increase the impact of service projects that benefit the community.

According to Mandy Hebben, Marketing Coordinator of Mangawhai Lions Club, "Members gained as a result of increased marketing efforts will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in our community. More signs in our neighborhood or shares of our social media posts mean more awareness about Lions International and more service worldwide."

Along with taking home the honor of receiving the Marketing Award, the Mangawhai Lions Club was also awarded US\$2,000 to help with continued marketing and service efforts.

