

Be proud to be part of the pride

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DAVID THOMPSON**

Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 Lions year.

I would like to congratulate all the Club members who have taken on administrative rolls for their Clubs this year, I wish you every success for the year ahead.

To all those who recently attended the International Convention in Melbourne I hope you thoroughly enjoyed the experience, whilst catching up with people you knew or making new friends.

It was amazing to see so many Lions from so many different countries around the world. For Diane and I personally the Parade of Nations and of course the pulling of the ribbons on the Tuesday were the highlights. I would like to thank all the amazing Lions from 202k who supported us on Tuesday.

It was also awesome to see New Zealand's own Graeme Wilson get inducted as Constitutional Area 7 International Director for the next two years. Graeme is a lovely guy, and I am sure he will do an amazing job.



My theme for this year is "Be Proud To Be Part Of The Pride", which to me means continually showing our communities who we are and this is what we do for our community. Be proud to wear your Lions Club shirt/polo, even if you are just meeting a friend for a coffee and take pride in the time and effort you have put into projects to better your community, by using paper, radio or social media to show them what you are doing and what and where the next project is happening. There are several Clubs in our District that are always on social media informing the community of everything they are doing. These Club are getting new members and retaining the members they have.

I would like to congratulate the Ba Club in Fiji who recently completed an eye clinic, which was handed over to the Tavua Subdivisional Hospital in Tavua, Fiji. Your recycled eye glasses will be well utilized at this facility.

Amazing work by the Ba Lions who exemplify our motto "We Serve"



The Row for Life is still not underway but it is anticipated to restart in late August/early September. Another date to remember is Camp Quality's Summer Camp Saturday 11th to Friday 17th January 2025

Two major projects that are ongoing are the Lions Cancer Screening Project with the first bus is currently being kitted out and is due to be on the road in the South Island in February 2025. A second bus will soon be purchased and kitted out and due for launch in 2026. The screening checks that will be done are "full body skin cancer check" and if needed people will be encouraged to go to their GP and get further testing done. Go Buses have made a generous contribution, covering fuel expenses for three years and whenever our buses are in a town where Go Buses have a depot, we will be able to park our buses securely in their yard. Lastly, they are advertising for staff to volunteer to help with the screening and there is a steady show of interest.

The second project is the Whitianga/ Mercury Bay Clubs Mammogram Project. They are very close to raising the money they need and are presently for somewhere in Whitianga to set the machine up.

My Convention is at the Copthorne Complex at Piahia in the beautiful Bay Of Islands from the 1st to the 3rd of November, with Saturday nights theme being Country and Western. So come along whether just for the Convention or make it a week or so and enjoy the winterless north.

Membership is key to everything a Club wants to achieve, so if you are planning a project and need someone set up a membership stand, please contact our Global Membership team Coordinator PDG Ricky Singh and he will either do it himself or get someone to man this on the day, leaving your Club members free to run the project.

Please continue to send me your club bulletins. Its amazing, the vast array of projects clubs are doing. Remember to submit your great community work photos to the bulletin editor.

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That's all for now. DG Dave

>>> VDG LYNDA HALVERSON



Kia Ora

This new Lions year has started for me on a high, having attended the Lions international convention in Melbourne.

If am truthful I was not at all sure about going, but to be with so many like minded Lions was wonderful. It brings home to me how important it is for all of us to not be silos but meet together, share ideas, have fun, make an impact and be proud of our Lions pride.

We sure did in Melbourne you would have had to walk around with your eyes closed not to have known we were in town, with so many of us, and advertising everywhere.

It brings back the challenge: does our community know we are there? Let's make sure they know, let's make an impact, and let's grow as organisation.

I look forward to our year with DG Dave and to meeting up with many of you as I travel around the clubs and attend Dave's convention in Paihia.





Please note Registrations to be in by 18th October. This is the final date the hotel will accept catering numbers. Any registrations are received after the 18th October, please be advised you will have to provide your own morning tea and lunch on Saturday and unable to attend the Saturday night function. The light lunch will also not be included after the Sunday Remembrance Service.

- Accommodation is available at the Convention venue



1st – 3rd November 2024

Venue: Copthorne Hotel, Waitangi, Bay of Islands



IMPORTANT: Each Lion must complete a separate registration form (please print clearly)

Surname		First Name	
Club		District	
Lion <input type="checkbox"/>	Leo <input type="checkbox"/>	Office Held	Delegate: Yes / No
			Delegate added to LCI portal? Yes / No
Partner's Surname		First Name	
		Non-Lion	
Postal Address		Post Code	
Email Address		Phone No.	()
		Or Mobile	()
Special Dietary requirements			
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS		COST Each	LION
Convention Registration: Lion (non-refundable)		20.00	N/A
Convention Registration: Non-Lion Partner (non-refundable)		10.00	N/A
Saturday Business - AGM		No charge	
Saturday Morning Tea & Lunch		30.00	N/A
Partner's Programme		30.00	N/A
Saturday Evening Dinner and Dance		65.00	
Sunday Rededication + Remembrance Service – light lunch		15.00	
Convention Pin		10.00	
		TOTAL TO PAY \$	

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT (REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 18th October 2024)

EMAIL: Attach your scanned Registration Form and send to: 202kconv2024@gmail.com

INTERNET BANKING: 03-0166-0407978-00 District 202K

Particulars: Convention 2024 Code: Club name Reference: Surname

Postal Address: Registrations, Lions 202K Convention, 8b Benner Drive, Ngatea 3503

An acknowledgement will be emailed promptly. Please ensure your email address is printed clearly and keep a copy for your records. Please make contact if no acknowledgement received.



HE RAU RINGA E ATI AI MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Not just a goal but a must for Lion's

As you all should be aware, Lions across the world have a vision with the call Mission 1.5. In 202K we have more than halved our membership numbers in the last few years, and yet we are seeing a new sense of purpose and a new rise in interest lets capitalise on that. We need to grow our membership in every way that we can, we need to grow our clubs in every way that we can.

Over this year we will discuss ways to do this, recognising that it is not just about getting new members but retaining the ones we have, as well.

For us in District 202K our challenge is to grow our net membership to 1,500 by 30th June 2027. We currently sit at 1068 members. This is 5 new members per club over the next 3 years. The work needs to start now!

Over the year we will be putting a large focus on this in the newsletter and will have a focus point that we will discuss in each newsletter. We are asking you to take these points to your club meetings and discuss how they apply to your club and how they could aid you in growing your club. Let's get active, let's make a difference, let's be proud of our Lions pride.

We would love to hear your stories, what worked and what didn't, let's work as a Lions family and share and support each other as we travel our journey over this year.

If you need some support or someone to walk alongside you in these discussions please don't hesitate to contact anyone on the Global Action team, but please do hold these discussions. It is in the dialogue that we continually improve our impact and the experience of all, with our clubs.

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE >>>

If we want to grow our clubs, make them something that others would like to join, and retain happy members we need to ensure that we are running impactful current and well-run service projects.



Some questions to ask your club:

- When did you last review the service projects you do to ensure they are still current and effective?
- Do you have a good blend of fundraisers and other service projects?
- Are you utilising the skills of all your members, so that they feel fulfilled?
- When new members join are you doing projects that they can immediately be involved with?
- Are you being strategic, so at least some of your projects impact the kind of people you would like to have as members?
- Do you celebrate your successes with your members and possibly even your public?
- Do you look for opportunities to partner with other groups?
- Have you found your place in your community, and had discussions with other key stakeholders so that you are all working cohesively for the good of your community?
- Does your community know you exist, do they come to you when they need something, when they are planning an event, or when there is a crisis, are you an integral part of your community?
- Do you ensure that the public knows it is Lions doing the project, do have good signage, do you tell your story after the event both personally to others and through media?

WE REALISED THAT OUR LOCAL SCOUT GROUP HAS SIMILAR AREAS OF INTEREST SUCH AS THE ENVIRONMENT SO WE NOW DO SOME PROJECTS TOGETHER”

“WHEN THE CYCLONE HIT WE REALISED THAT WE WERE NOT PART OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WERE. THAT IS WHEN WE JOINED THE LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK AND ATTENDED THEIR MEETINGS”

“OUR CLUB WAS SO BUSY DOING FUNDRAISING THAT WE FORGOT THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANISATION AND THAT FUNDRAISING WAS JUST ONE PART OF WHO WE WERE”

“ WHEN OUR CLUB SPENT TIME PERSONALLY ASKING OUR COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS WHAT THEY FELT THE ROLE OF LIONS SHOULD BE WE WERE SURPRISED”

“WE LOOKED AT THE PROJECTS WE WERE DOING AND SAW THAT ALTHOUGH THEY WERE GREAT PROJECTS WE NEEDED SOMETHING THAT WOULD IMPACT THE PEOPLE WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TO OUR CLUBS.”

“OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER WAS ONLY BEING WRITTEN FOR THE MEMBERS, WE DECIDED THAT OUR MINUTES COULD DO THIS, OUR NEWSLETTER NEEDED TO BE WRITTEN TO PROMOTE AND CELEBRATE OUR CLUB'S ACHIEVEMENTS”

>>> CHRISTMAS CAKES



TRIED AND TESTED
**CHRISTMAS
CAKES MAKE
MONEY FOR
LIONS CLUBS**

COST – DELIVERED TO CLUBS THIS YEAR - \$16.50 SELL PRICE - \$25

PROFIT - \$8.50

NOW IS THE TIME FOR EVERY CLUB TO
PLAN YOUR SALES CAMPAIGN

Christmas cakes posters, flyers & guides available online:
lionschristmascakes.org.nz/pages/lions-clubs-members-page

It's time to start planning for your Christmas Cakes campaign. Last year cakes sold out fast!

For all your resources and information please see
<https://lionschristmascakes.org.nz/pages/lions-clubs-members-page>

>>> PEACE POSTER

THE 2024 - 2025 CONTEST THEME "PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS"

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

Order your Peace Poster Kit from the Lions National Office today: <https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/shop/peace-poster-kit-1>



PEACE



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST



202K DISTRICT AWARDS - CRITERIA FOR 2023-24 LIONS YEAR

Email entries to IPDG Peter Henderson @ 202k.ipdg@lionsclubs.org.nz

Close off date is 30 September 2024

Awards presented at District 202K Convention

in Waitangi on 2nd November 2024



The Jack Guy/Michael McPherson Award for the Best Bulletin

This award recognises the club bulletin that has an original and creative design and includes information of future and completed projects, club news, coming events, some humour and is appealing to read.

Note: two bulletins of different months from the previous Lions year must be submitted.

The Cyril Moore/David Dawick Community Awareness & Communication Award **

This award recognises clubs who use a variety of means to promote the club including social media, posters, printed matter, tear drop flags, e-clubhouse website etc.

Note: the club should also have a Marketing Chairperson loaded on the Lions Portal.

The Cliff Heywood/Bob Stanic Award for the Quiet Achiever

This award is for the most dedicated Lion who works tirelessly in the background doing anything that is required for the Club but does not look for awards or recognition.

Note: clubs need to give examples of the reason the member has been nominated for this award and the benefit to their fellow club members and/or community.

The Bernie Ash Award for Youth Activities **

This award is for the Lions Club which has promoted all aspects of youth and has the best youth orientated service project.

Note: clubs need to advise how many members were involved and the benefit to the youth.

The Peter Smith Award for Membership **

This award is awarded to the Lions Club that has shown the best membership growth and retention for the Lions year.

Note: the Immediate Past District Governor will verify membership increases and drops from the Membership Register Report as at 30 June 2024.



202K DISTRICT AWARDS - CRITERIA FOR 2023-24 LIONS YEAR

The John Frogley Award for the Most Outstanding Community Project **

This award is for the community project which has gained the most community awareness and is a benefit to the local community.

Note: clubs need to advise how many members were involved, the hours taken, the benefit to the community, the community collaboration and the link to Lions global causes. The project must be recorded on the Lions Portal.

The Jack Guy Award for the Most Improved Club

This award is for the club that has shown the most overall improvement in all aspects of club growth, resilience, retention and community awareness.

Note: clubs should give examples of the changes they have made in these areas.

The Kelvin Green Award for the overall Outstanding Club

This award is presented to the Lions Club that has promoted its club in all aspects of Lionism including outstanding community awareness and support of their members.

Note: the finalists for the other categories will also be considered for this award.

**** The winners of these District awards will be submitted as entries for Multiple District judging. Winners to be announced at the MD Convention in New Plymouth in April 2025.**



Treasurer Road Show

Saturday 7th September 2024

2-4.30pm

Still got questions, unsure of some processes. Get it straight from the horse mouth, so to speak, our very own Multiple Districts Treasurer Steve Bennett and his team.



Navigating the new incorporated society requirements
FAQ's on the trust and clubs
The road ahead in complying with the new Inc rules
Dues how to pay them , LCI payments , Trust payments.
Membership targets, what it means in terms of numbers, how to engage.
Low cost, high effect marketing and leveraging for our clubs.
Lions Portal updates

**Papakura Lions Homestead
21 Youngs Rd Papakura**

Rsvp : 202k.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz by 1st September



PAPAROA LIONS

Our annual Change of Officers dinners are always a special occasion but last night was a little different with the whole area's power going off just after the main course.

Outgoing President Stephen did a great job reading his annual report by torchlight.

Then the torch was quite literally handed over to our 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Bennett who did a fantastic job continuing to install our new President Ken and his Board and induct 3 new members Patsy, Ross and Pete.

HILLCREST LIONS

Lions Heather F, Leanne and Jan, and family at the Rothesay Bay Beach clean up, great to see the whole family working on a project.



KAIKOHE LIONS

Community planting outside Papa Hawaiki. Great to see Kaikohe Lions encouraging the community to work with them. "Bring along a spade and give your tamariki the opportunity to invest and care for their home town and community."

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN IN ON THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

>>> PROJECT MAMMOGRAM

Whitianga Lions and **Mercury Bay Lions** Project Mammogram has seen a massive boost to its fundraising total thanks to two extremely generous donations in June.

The Project Mammogram committee says the donations came from two local people who wanted to make a real difference to the well-being of women in this community through early detection of breast cancer. The lives of both of the donors had been touched by breast cancer and their concern and care went out to anyone affected by breast cancer.

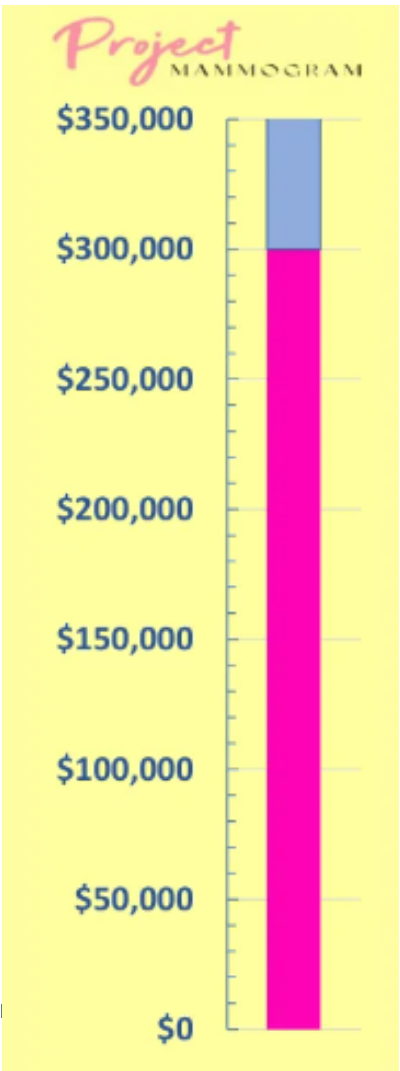
Project Mammogram committee chairperson, Mike Brown says: “With such significant donations coming in, we are now fully focused on finding a Mammogram operator and a site for the unit. However, we still need to complete the last \$50,000 of fundraising as well. Our goal is to try and achieve the remaining fundraising by the end of the year. This will allow us to work with an operator to purchase a 3D mammogram machine. Once up and running, this service will provide essential and convenient mammograms for the eastern side of the Coromandel Peninsula from Port Charles to Whangamata.

“When we first launched this project in October 2022, the approximate cost to purchase a new 3D mammogram machine was \$300,000.

“We chose a target of \$350,000 to allow for inflation. With one last major push at fundraising for the final balance, the goal is in sight, and we can’t wait to see this service available in Whitianga.

“Our aim has always been to offer early detection of breast cancer for better outcomes, and we know that sometimes local women delay routine mammograms because of having to travel further afield for them or to take time off work to have them. The Whitianga-based service will hopefully make it easier for all women to keep up-to-date with their mammograms.”

“We are incredibly grateful for these donations, and we hope the community will continue to get behind us for the final sprint home! Together we can make this happen!”



>>> 202K CLUB NEWS

OREWA LIONS

We handed over a generous \$20,000 donation to the orewasurflifesavingcommunityhub.co.nz/ as a testament to the club's unwavering commitment to supporting local initiatives.

President, Wendy Miller, said 'This significant contribution reflects a strong commitment from our service group, to enriching community life and ensuring a safer, more connected environment for all. The planned new building will not only improve facilities for surf lifesaving but also create a vibrant space for the entire community to enjoy. The progress made to date is a credit to those involved in the new community hub and our Lions Club members are proud to support this important community asset. We challenge other community service groups in the area to match our donation to this very worthwhile cause.'



Remuera Lions Club Annual Citrus Collection

Collecting unused citrus and sending it to Lions Club of Mātaura in Gore to distribute to local families. Many thanks to all the people who donated their fruit and also Rod from Contract Warehousing for allowing us to use his space and to Mainfreight for shipping the fruit to the South Island.



>>> 202K CLUB NEWS

Round of applause for these wonderful **Waipu Lions**

We had a call to help a local family who were unable to split their firewood but offered to hire the splitter.

Some of the Lions put their hands up to volunteer their time and help this family in need! Well done guys, you make us all proud to be Lions. Good old fashioned community spirit.



Wellsford Lions made a donation of \$2000 to the Breast Cancer Foundation as a result of our Pink Ribbon Breakfast.

This was a collaboration between Wellsford Lions and the Wellsford RSA. We look forward to next year.

Thank you to the **Whangarei Mid Western Lions** for the wonderful sponsorship of Hoodies for our 2 primary school teams Tauraroa Area School Sports.



Howick College LEO Club Induction 2024

The team proudly shared their community projects from this year, including community tutoring sessions, a food festival, tree planting drives, collections for the Whitford Road food pantry, assistance for Sommerville Special School students, handmade pillows for colorectal patients, and numerous other initiatives that showcase their commitment to service and giving back to the community. Congratulations to all the LEO Club members for their outstanding achievements and dedication to making a positive impact in our community!

>>> 202K CLUB NEWS

Ba Lions



Ba Lions have completed an eye clinic and today it was handed over to the Tavua Subdivisional Hospital in Tavua, Fiji.

Peter Henderson of Warkworth Lions was privileged to be there along with Lions Pacific Region Chair Christine Ford . Also at the handover were Ba Lions Club members, invited local dignitaries and hospital staff.

Amazing work by Ba Lions who exemplify our motto "We Serve"

Waiuku Lions

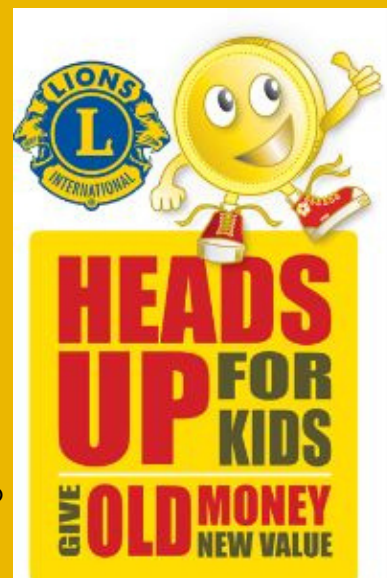
How absolutely wonderful to have our newly inducted 202K DG Dave Thompson present a (surprise) Life Membership of The Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust to our amazing President Lion Barry Gibbon !! - This is the highest honour available to a Lions Member plus honoring a Lion that deserves special recognition



Heads Up For Kids

If your Club is collection old coins for Heads up for Kids, once the coins are sorted then Clubs must send these to the Counting Den by Aramex, which is our sponsor courier. On the Lions Clubs NZ website there is a link to the courier form which you use to label up your coins for delivery to our central counting room.

Heads up for Kids is a great way for your Club to get involved with your local school as a joint fundraising project. The grant committee meet four times a year, Feb, May, August and November and provide grants to help youth to perform at their best academic ability, to develop leadership skills, to establish life goals and to reach their full potential.



Lloyd Morgan Recognitions

Do you want to thank someone special for their brilliant service to the community? Consider the following available to all Lions Clubs:

Lloyd Morgan Life Membership - \$ 750.00

Honoured Recognition - \$ 400.00

Friend of the Trust - \$ 150.00

Benefactor - \$ 300.00

Contact your

District Trustee to help you!

202D - PDG Roy Price

202E - Ian Lennie

202F - PCC Graeme Wilson

202J - PDG Steve Barr

202K - Karen McGinness

202L - Paul Reid

202M - PCC Jo Cameron



>>> THE LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

This is a monthly zoom meeting held with anyone that has been, or is on the President journey, interested in developing their leadership skills, facilitated by VDG Lynda Halverson and SVDG Steve Bennett.

The topics are generally guided by the group but cover things like: having a good look at orientation, the differing roles within Lions and why, trends and changes, and Servant leadership.

This has been initiated so that Lions will understand the roles possible after being a president.

If you are interested in joining these meetings please contact Lynda
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>>> 202K GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

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