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202F DISTRICT

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DG ELAINE

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To Lions friends and family

This is a very busy time for District Governors, and we are invited to attend each other's convention. While that may not always be possible, we do send our best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

This last weekend I attended 202D convention in Stratford. All accommodation was fully booked with other things on in the district. However, one family offered their four-bedroom home to the visiting District Governors, and that was just perfect for 7 of us.

The following weekend was spent in Silverstream where we attended a Mayoral Reception and visited the Bogan Gallery.

202M District Governor presented her fellow DGs with a rock to bring home with us. It is a Kohatu mauri and came from the sea near Kapiti Coast and has great significance culturally. Often referred to as a God Stone. (What a weight to bring home in my carry-on luggage.)

I met many new friends who have promised to catch up at the Multiple District Convention in New Plymouth in April.

Seeing what Lions are achieving in other districts reminded me of all the wonderful things we do in our district. Hearing other Lions talk about how things are conducted in their district reminded me of all the different but unique ways our own clubs operate. It really is good to be home.

The Convention Committee are working hard as the date for our Convention draws near. They are all very organised and have individual strengths in different areas. So grateful to be part of their team, and hope you will enjoy the wonderful weekend.

Family Quote this month:

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one"

- Jane Howard

MESSAGE FROM DG ELAINE SCOTT





GLOBAL SERVICES CORNER FEBRUARY 2025

Hello Everyone

As I am writing this, I am watching the water flowing over the sprouting as we are experiencing such a heavy down pour. It was just a couple of weeks ago that we were having temperatures in the mid-twenties in Invercargill and today we are sitting on 13 degrees. Lovely to see the autumn leaves appearing although it is a reminder that Winter is just around the corner.

THANK YOU ALL!!

District Governor Elaine Scott has a Re-cycling or Re-Useable Theme for the 202F District Lions Convention to be held in Gore and I emailed all the Clubs to enquire if you could supply any photos that could be used on a Display Board. I just want to express my thanks to the prompt replies.

Many Clubs are supporting the bottle tops, glasses and hearing aids etc., which is great news BUT photos were not forthcoming! Please think about this for the future as photos are one way of attracting new Members to your Club. For those of you who did send photos, thank you.



The above photos were supplied by Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions Club, Invercargill Central Lions Club – old coins ready to go to Wellington and Waikiwi Lions Club – kindling for Habitat for Humanity



130 Volunteering Ideas Lions District 202F Convention held in Gore 21st – 23rd March 2025

A few years ago now, I put together some Volunteering Ideas and PDG Wendy Goodwin added some more at a later date. Recently I went through the Bulletins I have received and as a result there is a document with 130 Volunteering ideas that focus on our 8 Lions Global Causes. There will be hard copies available at the Convention in Gore but if anyone would like me to email them a copy, please let me know.

Sue Evans | 202f GST Co-ordinator | Email: 202f.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz | Cell Phone: 0277 382 962

VOLUNTEER MONTH JUNE 2025 – celebrating volunteers and making a difference

National Volunteer Week (June 15-21) celebrates the collective contribution of the millions of volunteers who enrich Aotearoa New Zealand. The 2025 theme is 'Whiria te tangata – weaving the people together'. Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community.

Lions are Volunteers and one of our roles is inspiring the future which is a great way to give back to our communities.

It is also a time to celebrate the work of Lions, to thank our Members and recognise the great work they do. Make the time to share a cuppa and reflect on what they have achieved over the year.



Ways to get involved:

Participate in events in your community – join with another group
Be visible and make an impact by getting out there and being seen
Share your volunteer stories on social media
It is also a time to thank any of your friends, organisations or partners who join us in the Projects or Events we do.
How is your Club going to celebrate Volunteer Month? Please give this some thought and email me with your ideas so I can share them with others.
Audiology South Hearing Health Professionals – Supporting the NZ Lions Cancer Trust
Secretary Liz Murray recently sent out an email to all our Clubs (see below)

Good afternoon, Club Secretaries

Audiology South has offered the following discount to all Lions members of 202F, which has been approved by Cabinet at our recent District Meeting.

Purchase a pair of hearing aids from Audiology South and receive \$150 off, PLUS a \$150 donation to the NZ Lions Cancer Trust.* Just confirm your membership to a District 202F Lions Club with the Audiology South team.

Liz stated: “At this stage, I am not sure how you would show confirmation, however in the Portal you can get a membership card which I have shown below (right)”



Lions Clubs International

This is to Certify That Lion
MRS. ELIZABETH MURRAY (2741163)
of the Lions Club of WEST OTAGO L C

is in good standing until 03/2025

Member's Signature: _____

Club Secretary or Club Treasurer Signature

A REMINDER:

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

Lions Youth Leadership Course Borland Lodge 12th to 17th April 2025

Cost \$850 p.p.

The course covers a range of adventure activities, including rock climbing, kayaking and caving, as well as a multi-day journey through Fiordland National Park. If you're aged between 16 – 19 years, and looking to push your limits to build valuable skills, then get in touch!

NOTE: Is there a Club who would consider partially sponsoring a student to attend this Course? Many Clubs do not have a secondary school in their area, whereas, in Invercargill, there are six secondary schools and three Lions Clubs.



Lions Service Calendar

MONTH	DATE	DAY
March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8 th	International Women's Day
	15 th	World Sleep Day
	20 th	Lions Day with the United Nations
April	Month	Leo Club Awareness month
	Month	Environmental Awareness month
	Month	Family & Friends month
	22 nd	Earth Day
	25 th	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	Month	Strengthen Membership Month
June	1 st	Helen Keller Day
	5 th	World Environment / Arbor Day
	7 th	Lions Clubs International birthday
	20 th	World Refugee Day
	Month	Recognising Lions Voluntary work

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Convention in Gore.

Kind regards

Sue Evans

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SUE EVANS





BUILD SUCCESS WITHIN YOUR CLUB

SHARE your club's vision with all club members along with their role in achieving club goals so that they are aware of what the club wants to achieve. It is very important to the health and vibrancy of any club that its members feel connected to the club's success.

SUPPORT the members committed to the plan by ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed. Leaders should check in with members to make sure they feel supported and receive the guidance they need.

RECOGNIZE milestones so members feel valued and know they are moving in the right direction. Every journey was started with a single step. Reassure members frequently to keep them motivated and engaged. Don't keep your success a secret! Share the success with your community to get

like-minded (and prospective members) involved!

EVALUATE the plan. It is also critical to evaluate your plan on a regular basis. As circumstances change, your plan may require revision. The creation of the initial Vision is just the beginning. Keep it alive and relevant by measuring progress and gathering feedback from club members on a routine basis. This is how you will realize your desired results.

CHANGE the plan. Don't be afraid to change the plan as opportunities change to keep the plan relevant. Regularly revisit the plan, assess needs and refine action steps. Keep plan members involved in decisions so they stay involved and committed.

Leigh Burford

(Global Membership Approach) GMA

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**This is a call to action, fellow Lions!
We cannot allow even one heart
dedicated to service to slip away.**

**This story highlights a crucial point:
fellowship isn't just about us, it's
about making everyone feel valued
and engaged. Let's remember why
we joined – to make a difference! We
need to ignite that spark in every
Lion, especially our newest
members.**

**Let's serve together and ensure
every voice is heard, every talent
utilized, and every Lion feels the true
spirit of service.**

We rise by lifting others!



Global Lions Forum

Richard Stevenson · 6h · 🌐

RETENTION? SHE WON'T GO BACK (From an anonymous Lion)

A Lion who moved was introduced to a Lions Club in her new community, and was invited to a meeting in a restaurant. There were 7 mature men, who had a lunch meeting and did not engage her beyond an introduction, and their only mention of service was one project they had been doing for years. Her comment was "it was a group of old friends who liked having lunch together" She said she will not go back and we will lose a Lion.



WOOD CHOP WORKING BEE

Recent working bees have been very well supported with more to follow



WEST OTAGO LIONS CLUB



Mission: To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

HELPING HANDS



In life we can't always control what takes place in a year, our Lions Debbie has had a year like this where her skin graft has not permitted her to have a smooth sailing year. A simple expression of need from Debbie to have her gardens in order meant her fellow Lions went in to action via the coordination of our President Matalaoa. We all know how much she loves to garden and even worse making her husband Alex come before his rugby practice. A great turn out to improve Debbie's place and here are some mucking in photos. Lesley Sutherland with her handy tool and Sue Taito dropping off the quiche meant our small time at Debbie's was well supported. Thank you Fraito Whānau for the water/fizzy after our hard yards. Enjoy Debbie and whānau 😊



WAIHOPAI
LIONS CLUB

Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions Events



Enjoying a well-deserved rest after catering for & 4 hours of serving 250 funeral guests.
Well done, Ellen, Jane, Penny H, Betty and Alison



Amazing catering for the seniors movie!
Served by Marianne, Ellen and Florence.

February Tea Meeting – Held at Aspiring Village



Induction of our latest
and newest member –
Kate Brimble.



Donella thanks our tour
guides Lara Metcalf and
Jess Faulks who did a
wonderful job of
showing us around some
of the accommodation
and also the wonderful
facilities



When asked if we could take a photo of our recycling
program for the district convention, you ladies
rallied around and collected the biggest hoard
of bottle tops, beer caps and glasses!



WANAKA UPPER CLUTHA LIONS CLUB



How many lions
does it take to
figure out a
website?
Barb, Sue, Pauline
and Colleen
concentrate hard





Congratulations!

Diane Campbell and Robyn Marshall (left) – celebrating 25 years of dedicated service! Thank you for your commitment and contribution!

CLYDE & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB

Makarewa Lions lost the Scotty Kilkerr Bowls trophy, held here by Henriet Schuumans, to Winton Lions Club after a hard fought and enthusiastic competition on the evening of the 26th. February at the Winton RSA Bowling green. Congratulations to Winton Lions Club and thanks to all those who took part.

Photos (right) from Henriet



MAKAREWA LIONS CLUB





Cromwell Lions Golden Age Club Branch

The Annual Heart Foundation "Big Heart" appeal went off very well. My thanks to all that volunteered on the day. The total amount collected is not known at this stage.

Members and partners enjoyed a day out on Friday the 28th of February visiting the Gone Potty Studio and Gallery on Dunstan Road Clyde followed by afternoon tea at the Orchard Gardens.

All the best

Denis

CROMWELL LIONS CLUB



Russ F, Pete M, Dave M, Andy A, Pete C, Trevor S, Richard G & Wayne W



Russ F



Trevor S, Noel B & Richard G



Dave M, Pete C, Don C, Chris M & Andy A

**CROMWELL
LIONS CLUB**



Cromwell Races - Wyndham Harness Racing Club - 6 Jan '25



Andy A operates the bird-cage gate



Chris C-W, Graeme H, Neville H & Doug S in the catering caravan



Grant B operates the other bird-cage gate

Our Branch Club washing and grading glasses at the Den - 6 February '25



Murray, Graham, Bill, Judy and Robyn

CROMWELL
LIONS CLUB





Thanks Karen
for the great
photos



Trail Bike
Ride
February
15th & 16th



**LAWRENCE
LIONS CLUB**

INSPIRING FUTURES: HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP TEA MEETING

What a successful Scholarship Tea meeting night we had last February 6th, on Waitangi Day evening with 11 scholarship recipients accompanied by their parents.

Including us Lions, a total of 79 attended the Scholarship Tea meeting. After tea, that was a great way for parents to speak first over the microphone and introduce their recipient daughter or son to us at the meeting, before the recipients each spoke about their individual tertiary plans for their future and what they hope to do. After the conclusion of the certificate presentations of those eleven recipients, our Secretary, Brian spoke that our Pakeke Lions Scholarship Committee did not have an easy decision to make after interviewing several applicants to be whittled down to eleven.



Ellie Bedwell
Bachelor of Primary Teaching



Maegan Davis
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy



Casandra Juanitas
Health Science



Jessie McFadzien
Bachelor of Agriculture

I do thank John Falconer, Wes Gentle, Russell Powley and Brian for their time and considerations as Scholarship Committee members over the past two months.

I personally ended our Tea Meeting night, saying that those recipients are welcome to come back to our Tea Meetings at any time in the future and to speak to us about what they do.

I also extended the invitation to the parents to come back to our Tea Meeting, if they wish to speak in the future on any particular topic of interest to us.

GORE PAKEKE LIONS CLUB

Cheers, Lion Ross
President
Gore Pakeke Lions Club

Continues.....





Jessica Udy
Health Science –
Forensic Science



Tom Murray
Psychology and
Physical Education



Liana Abuel
Health Science



Murphy Callahan
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering



Ruby Miller
Bachelor of
Commerce



Esther Gardyne
Bachelor of Occupational
Therapy



Molly Gray
Bachelor of Law and Environment

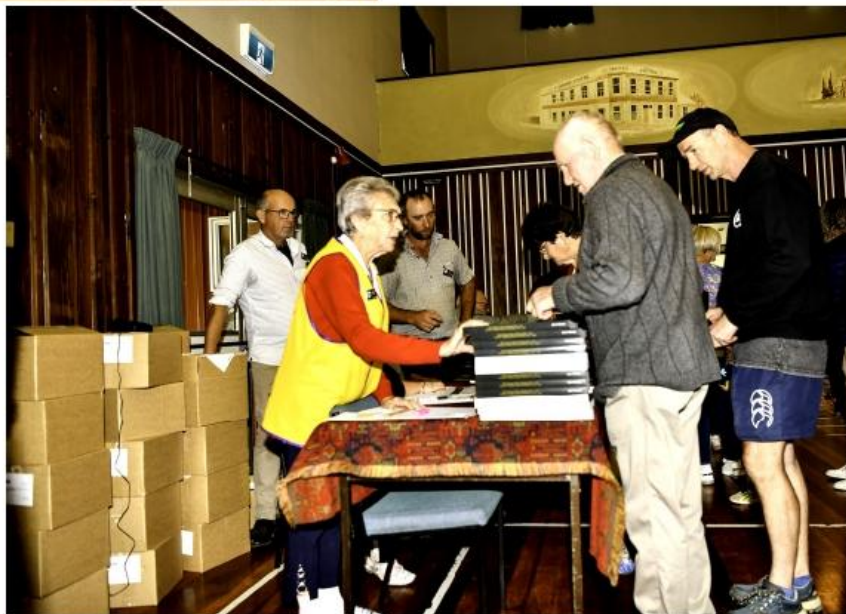
**THE WAIMEA PLAINS RAILWAY BOOK COMBINED WITH
RIVERSDALE AND BALFOUR LIONS CLUBS**



*Held at the Riversdale
Community Centre, on
Saturday, 1 March, 2025
- the book launch of the
Waimea Plains Railway
by author - Alex Glennie*

*... The crowd who
attended the launch*

*Balfour Lions Club Member
- Barbara Sharpe (with other
members looking on) - selling a
book to Barry Lawrence of Waikaia*



*President of the Riversdale Lions Club
Hamish MacKay, presenting the
author, - Alex Glennie with a
Certificate of Appreciation*



Another good Club project - Bertie and Rhys were approached by Marie Dickinson - when doing the Waikaia school sandpit to make some wooden crosses, to be used on Anzac Day, at both Riversdale and Waikaia

... Bert a big thank you for making the ANZAC crosses for Waikaia and Riversdale ...

**A thank you ...
To Harry and George
For painting the crosses
... Also to Rhys**



**RIVERSDALE
LIONS CLUB**



Welcome!

The new members in our 202F District for February 2025

are

Maggie Graham from Waihopai City

sponsored by Sheryll Joyce

Nicola Toa from Waihopai City

sponsored by Monique Taito

&

Kate Brimble from Wanaka Upper Clutha

sponsored by Sue Grant

**We remember
with great respect and appreciation
the life and services of**

**GERALD BIRLEY
of
Wanaka & Districts Club.**

**Our thoughts are with their loved ones, those
who are family by blood and those who they have
formed bonds with in the Lions family.**





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LIONS DISTRICT 202F

YOUNG SPEECHMAKER CONTEST

For Secondary School Students/Young Adults

Aged 16-21 (as at 15/11/2025)

202F District Contest:

Date: Sunday, 15th June 2025
Venue: Gore Senior Citizens Centre
Time: 9.20am for a 10am start
Cost: **\$125** (sponsored by local Lions Clubs)

National Final:

2nd August 2025 in New Plymouth – venue TBC



Now is the time to contact secondary schools, colleges and other youth organisations in your area to let them know about this year's contest.

You can find more information on the New Zealand Lions website or from the 202F Young Speechmaker Coordinator, Pam Fiveash

E: 202f.speechmakers@lionsclubs.org.nz

P: 027 543 9094



13th ANZI PACIFIC FORUM
5-7th September 2025

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 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



We Serve



**Letter from
the President to You
International President
Fabrício Oliveira**

Dear Lion,

To ensure a thriving organization, we must continue to innovate and involve even more people in our service. One of the best ways to achieve both is by increasing the number of young Lions and Leos. This will help us reach our MISSION 1.5 goal and set us up for a bright future.

So collaborate with your club to ensure it's a welcoming, inclusive and energizing place that will attract young people—and all people who want to serve. The next generation of Lions starts now.

At your service

Fabrício Oliveira | International President

Kith and Kin

DG Elaine Scott and Graeme

Along with Gore River Valley Lions

Warmly invite you to join us for the
202F District Convention
21st-23rd March 2025

Gore Town & Country Club
2 Bury St, Gore

Convention Chair: Pam Fiveash
Email: 202f.convchair@lionsclubs.org.nz

Saturday Night's Theme
A Touch of Scotland





Press Release

Lions Free Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle Launch Hanmer Springs 29th March 2025

In 1990 the Lions Clubs of Western Australia set up a Free Skin Cancer Screening Service which has been operating successfully for 30 years. In 2019 Gary Irvine of the Institute attended the New Zealand Lions Convention in Blenheim and gave a presentation on the establishment of the Australian Lions Cancer Institute. He encouraged New Zealand Lions to follow their example and save lives from Skin Cancer particularly Melanoma. New Zealand along with Australia has the highest rate of incidences of skin cancer per population in the world. In New Zealand 504 people a year die of melanoma.

Early detection of skin cancer saves lives.

The statistics were alarming and Paul O'Connor of the Lions Club of Halswell, Christchurch took up the challenge to produce a feasibility study to convince the 8500 members of Lions New Zealand of the necessity of a Free Skin Cancer screening service. Paul attended each of the 7 Lions District Conventions, to speak on the importance of being part of a solution to save lives. The project was approved in November 2021 by the Lions Clubs of New Zealand National Council and the Lions Cancer Trust was formed with a representative from each of the seven Lions Districts of NZ.

The trustees encouraged Lions clubs in their area to raise funds and have to date raised a total of \$500,000 towards the building of two vehicles, one for each Island. The first vehicle was purchased in early 2024 with a completion date of early March 2025. **It will be launched in Hanmer Springs on the 29th of March 2025 at approximately 10.30am.**

The Lions Clubs Cancer Trust is grateful to all our Sponsors, Go Bus is one of the major sponsors, along with the Lions Clubs International Foundation who donated over \$100,000.00. A huge thanks goes to the vehicle builders Brendan Thomson and Joanna Smith of Ashburton. Multiple other supporters have given products for the build at low cost or have donated, such is their belief and commitment to this life saving service. There will be a display board of donors at the launch. Community groups have also been very generous in supporting the Trust.

The Lions Clubs Cancer Trust continues to work to raise sufficient funds for a second vehicle and operational costs. Lions Clubs International is the largest membership-based volunteer organisation in the World. Our 1.4 million members in more than 49,000 clubs are volunteering in over 200 countries and geographic areas. Since 1917 Lions have improved health, wellbeing, and strengthened communities by supporting those in need, locally and globally."

Learn about who we are and what we do at www.Lionsclubs.org.nz

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