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To Lions friends and family

This is a busy time for clubs, choosing a new President, Secretary and Treasurer. We can be very proud of those who take on these positions and share the management of their club. There are resources available on the portal and District Training is provided.

Graeme and I attended the Multiple District Convention in New Plymouth recently and enjoyed meeting new people, hearing great guest speakers, and having fun. Saturday night saw us dressed as Superheroes with cape and mask. Why is it that "dressing up" seems to give us permission to be someone else. Just for a little while. The upside was that our group, which included our international guests won the best dressed award. Here we are on stage receiving the award. The t-shirts say "I'm a Lion. What's your Superpower." I will get lots of wear out of my t-shirt.

This month I am looking forward to inducting Leos at Southland Girls High School. They are celebrating 30 years as a club. What a great achievement!

The 17th of May will be my last District Meeting, and I can't express how much I have enjoyed my time as District Governor. I have learnt so much during the last 3 years and would encourage anyone considering this position, not to hesitate. The family car has clocked up an impressive number of kilometres and will be ready for a rest in about 2 months' time.



Here is a message from Council Chair Tobi in this months "Between The Lions." New Zealand totals are in the positive. Let's celebrate this awesome achievement and build on it.

Later in May, it is off to summit in Sydney, which will be a fantastic opportunity to give ur Mission 1.5 (or 10K) a boost. We are gettign closer to the deadline - and we need your help to get there! Simply inviting someone to a service project or a meeting could make all the difference, It is easier than you might think - give it a go, and you might just be surprised!

To those from our District who will be attending the Summit, I wish you a great time. It is a full on 2 days but so worthwhile.

Family Quote this month

Family is messy, complicated, and at times, downright frustrating. But it's also where we find our deepest connections and learn the true meaning of unconditional love.

### 202F DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELAINE SCOTT





### GLOBAL SERVICES CORNER APRIL 2025

Hello everyone,

### **Service Reporting**

I know I am back on that band wagon but I really do need the support of all the Clubs in our District to do their Service Reporting in the Lions Portal. Since November 2024, we have dropped the ball here and although it has improved over the past month we are sitting on 65 % and nowhere near the goal of 80% that DG Elaine has set for this fiscal year. We have until 30th June 2024 to reach this, so for Clubs who have just got a bit behind, please help us to achieve this goal.



### Some ideas that can be included in Service Reporting

- Projects and Events
- Administration Minute taking, Bulletins, preparing Treasurer's Report, funding applications etc.
- ➤ Board Meetings and Tea Meetings
- Money donated to an individual or an organisation (you do not have to include the amount if you chose not to)
- Any other Volunteer work that your Members do that supports the causes of Lions For anyone who is having difficulty doing this, please get in touch with me as our team can help sort this out for you.

**Definition of Volunteering (Service)**: This is the core of being a Lion or a Leo. It makes a difference if people can see and feel involved. Simply put, Volunteering is a Journey that takes time and planning. When we embrace this Journey we open possibilities that can impact the people around us.

### What is the Volunteer (Service) Journey? Learn, Discover, Act and Celebrate.

These 4 words are simple, yet powerful, because they are the essence of the Lions' and Leos' Volunteering. If the past 100 years have taught us anything, it is that as we volunteer, we grow and we were never meant to stop.

### **VOLUNTEERING (Service) IS OUR JOURNEY**

- What is it about volunteering as a Lion or Leo that has stood the test of time?
- ➤ Why does compassion continue to move us into action?
- In a world of increasing need, can we expand our volunteer work to meet the needs of others?

I believe the Volunteer (Service) Journey is the answer to these important questions. It is our MISSION STATEMENT IN ACTION

If I ask you all the question "What is Service?" I get varying responses. But if I ask the question "What is Volunteering?" this word is far more familiar and is easier to explain and talk about.

Our Volunteer Journey.

VOLUNTEERING IS OUR JOURNEY, LETS DO THIS TOGETHER







### We are a global movement of Volunteers



One Act of Kindness can show others you care



**Equipped with insight,** powered by innovation



We have 1.4 million Members impacting on 200 million lives throughout the World



Our Vision Statement: To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service



One breath of fresh air



Being there for others is what makes a difference in peoples lives



One encouraging word is all it takes to give others hope



Taking bold steps can make a difference to our Communities and our World





### THE VOLUNTEER JOURNEY PHASES

There are 4 phases to this Journey that can help innovate the way we volunteer and support our Clubs in our District in having the greatest impact possible.

LEARN Lions learn about the needs of their community as well as the larger world around them. While Lions volunteer in many diverse ways, Lions Clubs are united in volunteering around a number of causes including diabetes, vision, hunger, environmental and childhood cancer. These causes present significant challenges to humanity and we believe it is our goal to meet them. The Learn Phase is focused on learning about these causes and preparing you and your Club to serve effectively.

**DISCOVER** THE Process of Discovery unifies our focus and prepares us for action. We look at the strengths, resources and skills of our Members and use these for the greatest impact.

Our Mission is Service and Service is visible. Its effects are measurable, equipped with insight and inspired by opportunities we support in our communities, our District and our World together. It is about connecting.

CELEBRATING When we share our Stories and report our impact, we inspire our communitiies and capture the action of a global audience. Celebration elevates the experience and impact of our Volunteer work. It is a time of valuing our Members and to look at the incredible volunteering we have completed. Lions and Leos volunteer in many unique ways and no matter what form the volunteering takes, it is meaningful for their local community.



### A REMINDER:



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.

How is your Cub planning to celebrate Volunteer Month? It is the time to reflect and

to give each other a pat on the back. Stand proud, stand together and celebrate all you have achieved together as Lions.



And remember to take some of those action photos that inspire others to become a Lion or Leo.



### **Lions Calander**

| May    | Month            | Strengthen Membership Month             |
|--------|------------------|---|
| June   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Helen Keller Day                        |
|        | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | World Environment / Arbor Day           |
|        | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Lions Clubs International birthday      |
|        | 15th             | District Speechmakers Competition, Gore |
|        | 20 <sup>th</sup> | World Refugee Day                       |
|        | Month            | Volunteer Month                         |
| July   |                  |   |
| August | TBA              | MD Speech Competition Finals            |
|        | 12 <sup>th</sup> | International Youth Day                 |
|        | 19 <sup>th</sup> | World Humanitarian Day                  |
|        | Last Friday      | Cancer Society Daffodil Day             |

Kind regards

**Sue Evans** 

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

### 202F GST COORDINATOR SUE EVANS





### Multiple District 202 Convention - from Lesley

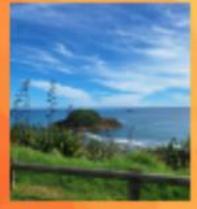
Maree, Lynette and myself left Invercargill at 6.10am on our 1st flight to New Plymouth. After a brief stop in Christchurch we then embarked on the 2nd leg arriving in at our destination. Lions member from New Plymouth greeted us at the airport and delivered us to our hotel. After checking in we then went for a walk to explore our surroundings. Had lunch at Subway, checked out some shops, found supermarkets, and returned to the hotel.







Friday morning Maree and I went for a walk finding Chemist warehouse. (which was over 3km from the hotel oneway) so after shopping we walked back, meeting up with Lynette and Pauline for an early lunch. Maree and I then walked into town to find. The Precinct which is an lovely old hotel.





Friday evening was the opening of convention with some wonderful speakers and entertainment, it was a good evening. Saturday we had an interesting meeting with a few hiccups which made for some entertainment. Dressing up and dinner was good except the main meal was rather late. Good night had by all. Rededication Service was really good, and a great way to honor our 2 members that passed away.

Gay a friend of Lynette's took us for a drive round New Plymouth showing us some of the sights which finished off a lovely weekend. Then we were delivered to airport for our trip back to Invercargill.



### INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR 202F-

### SHONA COOK

Life has been busy on in my role as incoming DG over the last month. On the Tuesday after Easter, I headed to New Plymouth where we were to carry on with our DG training and spend time attending the Council of Governors meeting before the MD Convention. Wednesday and Thursday were the days set aside for training and Council of Governors meeting. It was very interesting being involved in the Council of Governors meeting and seeing what happens and how the organisation in this country is run. Also attending the Council of Governors was ID Graeme, Dr Cathy Sebat who was from French Caledonia, The Council Chair from MD201 in Australia and PID Tony Benbow.

After two days of work on the Thursday night we all got to dress up and go to the International Dinner and then on the Friday the DGE's meet with the Council Chair Elect and during that morning session we had sessions with the MD Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, the Council Advisory Board Chair, someone from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Charitable Trust and PID Cliff Heywood on what to expect in Orlando. Some people also got up early in the morning on the Friday morning to go to the ANZAC Dawn Parade.

On the Friday night the Multiple District Convention opened with the flag ceremony and a very inspirational speech from Brendon Nicholls who was an Australian Special Forces Veteran and he talked about his experiences in the special forces and the impact that it had on his mental health and how so many of the people he had trained with had ended up committing suicide and how he had to come to terms with the trauma from what he had seen and how he now advocated for people to acknowledge their mental health struggles and not be ashamed of them or of getting help to deal with them







Saturday was the business session, and we also had an address from PID Tony Benbow and he talked about the journey he has had so far and becoming the Lions International 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President of choice. He has been very busy over the last year going all around the world with his wife Sue and becoming visual to Lions the world over. He has had a very busy year so far and he will be up for election at the International Convention in Orlando. Sunday was the rededication service and then the trip home. Even though it was full on it was a great few days and wonderful to catch up with so many people.

On the DG Elect front, I have by finalizing my District Team and have nearly got it all sorted as well as getting the venues sorted for the District Team meetings throughout the upcoming Lions Year and getting the Presidents Lunch organised. I have had to get my goals completed and get them uploaded in the Lions Portal and then next weekend the 23rd to 26th May I am away to Sydney for a Mission 1.5 Summit. June, we have our district trainings which Maree has been busy organising and our Young Speechmakers Competition and then on the 4th July I head to Orlando via Houston with my sister. Caroline for a holiday and then the International Convention, so busy times ahead.

ONE BIG FAMILY

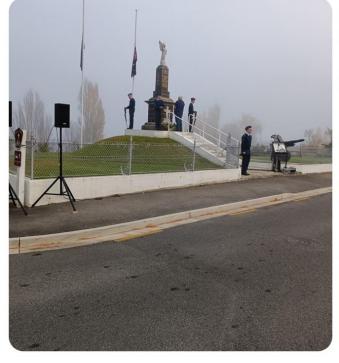
### **Housie Night and Anzac day photos**













Photos of the action at Cromwell Community

Emergency Helipad Project - March and April 2025





Allied Concrete, Central Concrete Pumps and J R Concrete Construction







150 x150 posts drying ready for Pedro



John L wiring the 24 VDC lights



Noel B, Graham S, Trevor H, Pete M, Ken G & Don C after shifting gravel (Dave M is the photographer)



The light switch is activated

A yellow light glows ....

All lights operate automatically via a daylight sensor 24/7



### CROMWELL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HELIPAD PROJECT coordinated by the Cromwell Lions Club Progress Update No 4

Cromwell Lions Club are pleased to advise the concrete for the helipad has been laid.

The boxing and final site preparation for concrete was carried out by Fulton Hogan, Complete Reinforcing, MenzShed, S&B Civil and HeavyTrax.

Concrete placing was another team effort by J R Concrete Construction, Allied Concrete and Central Concrete Pumps.

The only work remaining is the installation of an illuminated windsock, fencing, signage, electrical and landscaping.

The project has been progressing very smoothly, with each stage as planned and on time, in a typical friendly Cromwell style.



Concrete is being loaded into the hopper then pumped onto the ambulance pad on the helipad site

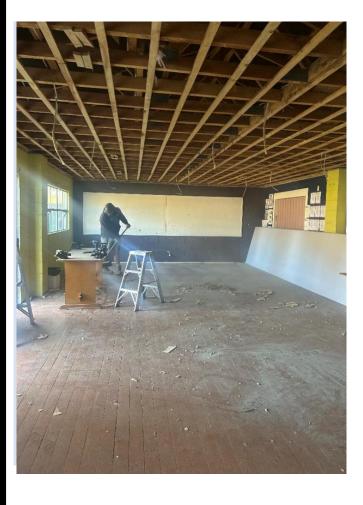




### Cromwell Scout Hall Pestoration Photos from Garry









### Cinema Fundraiser Dinner April 27th 2025











You never know how strong you are until being strong is your only choice.

— Bob Marley





Welcome to our new inductees. From left alongside ZCh Alison are Mary and Murray Crooks with sponsor Min Bain and sponsor Paul Eason with Dainelle Linwood









Firewood delivery team ready. April 12th 2025

### LIONS WORKING BEE LAKES DISTRICT HOSPITAL 9 APRIL 2025









THE TEAM WOOD SPLITTING

ANOTHER LIONS PROJECT











ANOTHER WOOD SPLITTING DAY AT HAYES WOOD YARD AND CAFE













IF WE COULD WE WOOD!!!





6 Cube Metres of firewood donated by Queenstown Lions to Queenstown Preschool and Nursery for their raffle fundraising









Lions Bruce, Trevor, Sam, Doug, Henrik and Stewart at work on Community House

15th March Carol & Marg assisted masking the outside of Community House (big job on it,s own) and on the 16th the above crew painted the building with an equivalent crew from Rotary including three Foote children who worked like trogans and played a large part in enabling us to finish the building. We were very well fed and enjoyed a social time after. The only negative was the obvious maturity of 90% of the crew. Sam had a loan of a battery powered spray unit and did a marvellous job touching up as those split blocks a not easy to paint

### CHEVRON AWARDS PRESENTED

### WEST OTAGO OUT AND ABOUT



Pictured right: Alison Joyce (Lone 3 Chairpers on from Lawren on) presented the folio using Chevron Awards
Pictured left to right: Clive Betze 20 Years Service, Karen Edwards Membership Key, Stefan Krueger 15 Years
Service, Barry Frew 20 Years Service, and Bruce Murray 10 Years Service

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Report on the Lions Clubs International District 202F Convention 21st-23rd March 'Kith and Kin'

This was my first year attending the Saturday Business session and Evening Event.

On the Friday they had a guest speaker followed by a light supper. Sadly Liz reported that the haggis wasn't properly cooked so it had to go back in the oven. It was served on the Saturday night instead and tasted great.

For the business session on Saturday morning we had Liz Murray, Heather Kerr and myself as voting delegates for the club.

VDG Shona Cook was elected as District Governor for 2025-2026, 2VDG Justine Goatley was elected as Vice District Governor 2025-2026 and Leigh Burford was elected as Second Vice District Governor 2025-2026.

I participated in Liz Murray's well thought out Flag Ceremony which included a very nice surprise for current District Governor Elaine Scott. Throughout the day we enjoyed speeches and reports from/about the Gore Pakeke Lions Recycling Project, LCIF - PDG Leo Danz, Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust, the free skin cancer screening vehicle that was launched the following weekend in Canterbury, Cromwell Lions and Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions presentation on recycling and community projects, various other Lions clubs short reports on successful community projects and also heard from International Director Graeme Wilson.

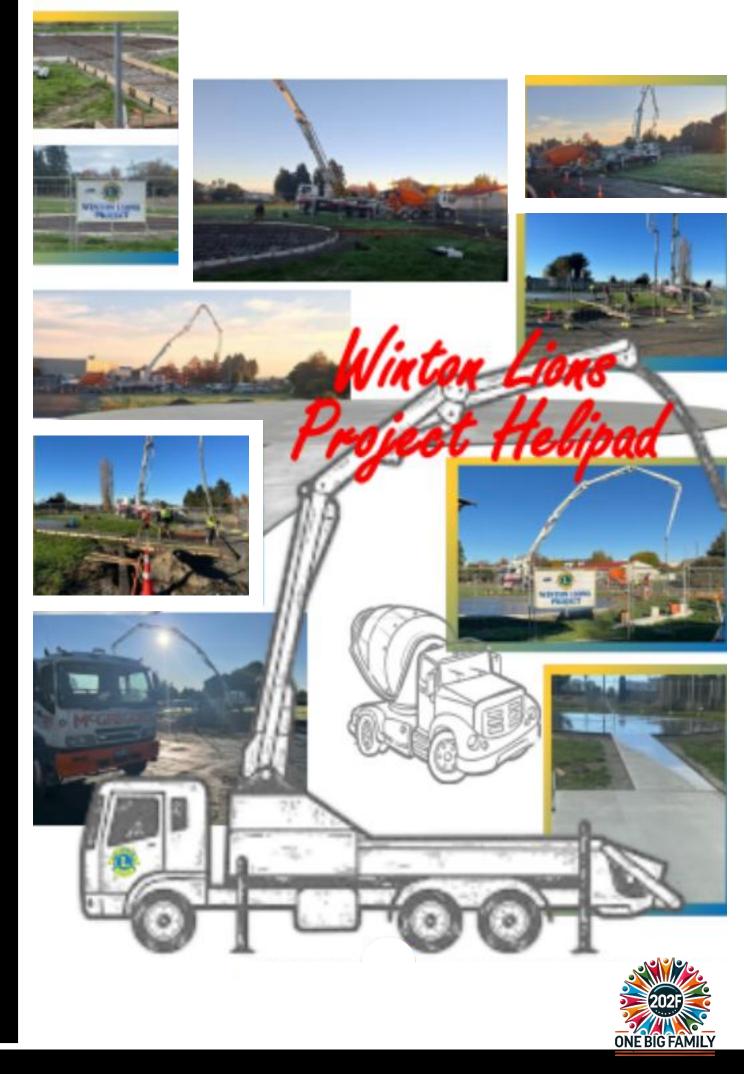
Our guest speaker Graham Gale from the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter Trust spoke about the new rescue helicopters being introduced into the existing fleet and their Base network and training in the South. Suzanne Prentice spoke about her experience with the Rescue Helicopter and how she got involved with the Trust.

After the conclusion of the business session we attended the Saturday night's dinner under the theme 'A Touch of Scotland'. We dressed to the theme and enjoyed a nice meal and entertainment.

A remembrance service was held on Sunday morning to remember those of our Lions who have passed since the last convention with a rededication service and lunch following.

Ann-Kristen Loferski





# 202F LIONS OUT AND ABOUT - WINTON NEWS Southland Express, March 13, 2025

### New Winton helipad build set for takeoff

**BY LUISA GIRAO** 

A "LIFE-SAVING" project in Winton is set to fly off thanks to the efforts of its community.

Construction of the new Central Southland helipad will begin on Monday after its members raised \$100,000 needed for the project.

Helipad Project Committee spokesman John McHugh was pleased and proud as the project would be off the ground about a year after its inception.

Winton Centennial Park or the rugby ground where the emergency helicopters land is not fit for pur-

"The rugby ground gets very wet in winter and I was down there one night watching a transfer and they had to use two fire trucks to light up the area as well as our volunteer ambulance people to cart the patient across the wet field to meet the helicopter.

"And I thought 'well surely we can do something better than that'."

As a life member from the Lions Club, he decided to bring the project to the table, which was promptly accepted, and from that it took a whole community effort to raise the \$100,000 which included fundraisers, exhibitions and even a bike ride.

"The community absolutely got behind it. And we're lucky we've got a wonderful community in the area. And they've backed us to the tune that we are now in the situation where next Monday, hopefully we start digging."



Taking off . . . Helipad Project Committee spokesman John McHugh is pleased the construction of the Central Southland helipad starts next week. PHOTO: LUISA GIRAO

The new helipad, which will cater for the whole Central Southland area, will be built on land next to the New World supermarket, owned by Southland District Council.

Mr McHugh said they would lease from the council for a "token fee".

The project involved digging the ground, refilling with solid material for the construction of the helipad, footpaths and access ways so appliances and the patients could have easy access to it.

would also have lighting installed and a low security fence to secure the safety of the area, Mr McHugh said.

"There has been times that the ambulances had to take people to Invercargill to meet the helicopter, if it's too wet or anything like that and speaking with the Southland Rescue Helicopters, who will be the main people flying or providers for it, they believe that it will get busier.

"We all say we hope we never need it, but if we need it, it will be here and this project just proves that the community is so great - If the community believe in something, they will get behind you and back it."

The helipad is expected to be ready by April and an official opening is expected in May.



Build start -Helipad 17 March 2025



ONE BIG FAMILY

### Leo Club report

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Looking ahead, we've got several exciting events on the horizon. Team Mohau is currently organising this year's Pink Shirt Day event, set for Friday, 16 May. As part of our school's annual recognition of antibullying and mental health awareness, students will be encouraged to wear pink in exchange for a gold coin donation. The team is also planning a pink-themed bake sale and an Ice Bucket Challenge during lunchtime to draw attention to the cause in a fun, engaging way.

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At the same time, there have been ongoing talks about a few new projects. One idea being explored is hosting a mini Kidzone-style event filled with interactive games and activities for students to enjoy. It's still in the early planning stages but has received strong interest from members. There's also discussion around a White Elephant-style auction becoming a recurring fundraiser. Additionally, all LEO teams are in the process of planning social events within their groups to encourage team bonding and build stronger connections.

Lastly, our club is assisting with the promotion of the upcoming World Vision 40-Hour Challenge, encouraging student involvement and raising awareness for global issues.

We're incredibly proud of the energy and creativity our members are showing this term and can't wait to see these projects come to life.

Warm regards,
Marylin
James Hargest College LEO Club Secretary







CHEVRONS WERE PRESENTED TO LIONS MEMBERS BY PRESIDENT
LION ROSS DICKIE AT THE MARCH TEA MEETING

FROM LEFT LION BARRY HARVEY, LION TREVOR MCCALL, LION DAVE BATHARD, LION JIM PATERSON AND LION BARRY HOLLOWAY



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Warm regards, Marylin James Hargest College LEO Club Secretary

Once you choose hope, anything's possible.

— Christopher Reeve







Pink, Positivity, and Community Spirit at Aurum Lifestyle Village

Decorated bras, best-dressed pink outfits, and tables laden with pink cakes adorned the Facilities Building at Aurum Lifestyle Village for a vibrant and heartwarming morning tea in support of Breast Cancer Research.

Organised by the Lions Club of Clyde & Districts, the event welcomed around 60 guests who gathered in a sea of pink to show their support for a cause that touches so many lives.

The venue was transformed with bunting, balloons, pink flowers and tablecloths—everywhere you looked, there was a splash of pink and a sense of community spirit.

Guests enjoyed a delicious morning tea, generously provided by members and supporters. There was plenty of fun and fundraising too, with a range of raffles that were enthusiastically supported. A silent

auction for a stunning new art print donated by Gone Potty added to the excitement and helped raise additional funds.

"The generosity of everyone who attended was truly moving," said a Lions Club representative. "It was a meaningful morning, not just for the fundraising, but for the sense of togetherness."

All proceeds from the event will go toward Breast Cancer Research, helping to fund vital work in prevention, treatment, and support.

The Lions Club of Clyde & Districts extends a heartfelt thank you to all who attended, donated, and helped make the morning such a resounding success. And a special thank you to Aurum Village for the use of their premises.

Best regards

Anne Dougherty | Lions Club of Clyde & Districts









### 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, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 **Venue:** Gore Senior Citizens Centre **Time:** 9.20am for a 10am start

**Cost:** \$125 (sponsored by local Lions Clubs)

### **National Final:**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Dear fellow lions,

As we bring you the May 2025 edition of the Southern Chronicle, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our 202F Lions Clubs. Your tireless efforts, passion for service, and unwavering commitment to community are truly inspiring. From helipad projects to fundraising events and meaningful outreach initiatives, your work reflects the Lions spirit at its finest.

A very special thank you to all the Bulletin Editors across our district. I sincerely appreciate the time and effort you put into compiling your club newsletters, complete with engaging write-ups and wonderful photos. These contributions make it so much easier to bring the Southern Chronicle together – and far more vibrant and enjoyable to read.



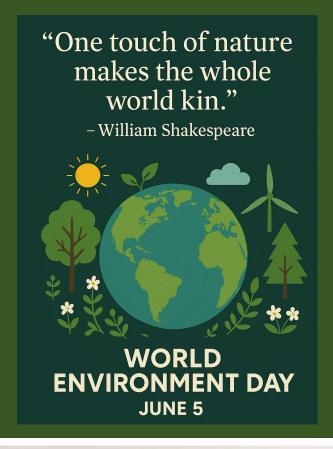
To help us streamline future editions and ensure accuracy, I kindly ask that you continue sending your club updates, stories, and highlights in editable Word format wherever possible. While PDF files are beautifully formatted, they make it difficult to extract content, especially for key details and captions. Having Word versions helps us showcase your activities with clarity and consistency.

Let us continue celebrating the spirit of service that unites us – with kindness, collaboration, and plenty of heart.

In Lionism, Sajitha Ferry Your Bulletin Editor







### Welcome!

The new members in our 202F District for April 2025 are:

- Mary Crooks Lawrence Lions sponsored by Allan Bain
- Murray Crooks Lawrence Lions sponsored by Allan Bain
- Danielle Linwood Lawrence Lions sponsored by Paul Eason

ONE BIG FAMIL

 Barbara Kempthorne – Ohai Nightcaps Lions – sponsored by Catherine Kelland









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