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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 202F DISTRICT



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Hello Everyone,

It is my privilege and honour to be your District Governor for the upcoming Lions Year. I look forward to working with you all and am excited about what the future looks like for our district. I am excited to work with the team that we have and want to thank everyone who have taken on a role with so much enthusiasm.

This is just a short report from me this month as I am in the process of trying to get sorted to head to Orlando for a short holiday and the upcoming International Convention. I am very lucky to have my sister

from Christchurch coming with me and it will be great to share this experience with her. I will share some photos with you in next month Chronicles. I have also asked Elaine if she will do a short report as well for the bulletin.

We have had one successful Club Officers training in Lumsden this year and I was looking forward to our one in Cromwell as we had not had one there for some time but we had to cancel it due to the weather which was unfortunate but we are working on a date in the coming months so that we can still do this training. Club Officers trainings are a great place to meet other Lions and keep up to date not only on what the roles involve but what else is happening in the world of Lions.

Yours in Lionism
Shona Cook



202F DISTRICT GOVERNOR SHONA COOK



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To Lions friends and family

As I write my final report I have to wonder where the time went. It has just flown, and I have enjoyed every moment of it. Meeting incredible people who are achieving things through Lionism was a pleasure, and to represent our District at Multiple District level and International was pretty amazing. Thank you for the opportunity.

I really enjoyed the Lions Young Speechmaker this year. What an awesome number of contestants. Here they are getting ready for their impromptu speeches in the afternoon. I was amazed at the research, passion and presentation of their individual speeches. Well done Pam Fiveash for organising this wonderful event.

Recently I attended change- over night at Winton where Graeme Wilson presented a Lloyd Morgan to John Dick for his many years of service to the club. We also heard Lucas Gill give the speech that earned him second place in the Lions Young Speechmaker.

The Incoming Officer Training at Lumsden was a very successful day. Everyone agreed that the different format worked well. I understand the Cromwell Training was called off due to adverse weather conditions but has now been rescheduled. Well done all.

Well done Wyndham Pioneer for providing this young man with his own AED. Having the device on hand could possibly save his life if he suffers any further cardiac arrests.

Thanks to Gore Host for an awesome evening and all the best for your current project of constructing a fence around the St John building. Another great achievement.

Well done to Riversdale Lions who have had a very successful Hay and Baleage Competition and Toi Toi Tokonui Lions who are about to have their own Hay Drive.



make a huge number of Cheese Rolls. Over 1000 dozen!

The District Governor Team had another get together last week and we find this a great time to discuss what is happening in our District and how each of us can expand our role. We enjoy the benefits of

To members of the cabinet, thank you for your dedication to our District and Lions in general. We have achieved so much together this year.

I wish Shona and her team all the best and know that our District is in good hands.

This month's quote

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

202F PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ELAINE SCOTT





GLOBAL SERVICES CORNER JULY 2025

Hello everyone,

I have really enjoyed reading many of the Club Bulletins that I have received recently where Presidents have taken the time to reflect on their Club's achievements over the past 12 months. Often with our busy lives we do not stop to consider what we as Lions have achieved.

So what does reflection mean as a Lion?
Reflection can have a positive impact on what we do for each other and those living in our communities. Reflection allows us to identify and appreciate positive experiences and identify better ways that we can improve the volunteering we do as it helps us to process and learn from each

VOLUNTEER MONTH JUNE



Great to read so many Clubs got behind Volunteers Month, either by getting together to celebrate the volunteering their Members do, or recognising another organisation and taking along morning tea.

MEMBER'S PERSONAL DETAILS:

It is important that we do not include Members personal details such as their addresses in our bulletins or on our Facebook page as this is a breach of the Privacy Act. While Bulletins do go out to our Club Members, these also go wider afield within District 202F and at times to Lions New Zealand and Lions International. Social media such as Facebook is a way of promoting Lions and gaining new Members but there can be a downside if people are just browsing the site looking for Members details/information and then this is used as a scam etc.

KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD

I have sent out the Guidelines and Nomination forms to all our Secretaries. The form can also be down loaded by going into Lions International, Lions New Zealand – Kindness Matters or please email me and I can send you the form.

If you want some guidance around your application you can see the previous winners if you google Lions New Zealand.

- **The timeframe is from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025**
- **All Nominations need to reach me by 31st July 2025.**
- **Report your project from the previous Lion year in the Lion Portal by 31st July 2025.**
- **Note: Your Club is not eligible to submit an entry if you have received the award within the previous three Lion years.**

If you have any queries please get in touch

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With the new Lions Year starting I thought it would be helpful to include the Public Relations and Communication Calendar to assist you with your planning.



PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	DAY
January	Month	Hunger Awareness Month
	11 th – 18 th	LCIF Week
	13 th	Melvin Jones' birthday
	21 st – 22 nd	Peace poster judging event
February	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	15 th	International Childhood Cancer 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
	24 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
July		
August	12 th	International Youth Day
	14 th	MD Speechmaker Competition Finals
	19 th	World Humanitarian Day
	Last Friday	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
September	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	5 th	International Day of Charity
	Week	Mental Health Awareness week
	Week	Alzheimers Cuppa for a cause
October	Month	Vision Awareness Month
	1 st	International Day of the Older Person
	8 th	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Day
	8 th	World Sight Day
		Child mobility Walktober
	Month	Membership Growth Month
November	Month	Diabetes Awareness Month
	14 th	World Diabetes Day - Lap the Map walk
	5 th	Postmarked Peace Poster due to DG
December	3 rd	International Day of Disabled Persons
	5 th	International Leo Day
	5 th	World Volunteers Day
	15 th	MD Peace Poster posted to LCI



WHATS COMING UP?

DAFFODIL DAY FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 2025



The Cancer Society of New Zealand's Daffodil Day symbolises hope for every New Zealander affected by Cancer. Since 1990, this iconic event has inspired people like us to come together in the fight against cancer to raise awareness and to support the Cancer Society's work.

Daffodils are a sign of hope and new life. They come with warmer days and longer daylight hours. For many people, they are a sign that they have survived. For others, they represent a symbol of hope and remembrance.

Unfortunately, we all know many people who have been affected by Cancer and as a Service Organisation, Lion Members are known for the support they give not only with funds but with practical support to families. Is your Club doing anything to support Daffodil Day? If so, please let me know so your ideas can be shared with others.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month which is a time to shine a light on the thousands of children and their families across New Zealand and the World who are dealing with a Cancer Diagnosis.



Mental Health and Well-Being September 2025

One of the new Causes we now have is Mental Health and Well-Being and Awareness Month is September. In many ways, it is also one of the hardest Causes to talk about. The aim is for Lions and Leos to become a shining light on mental health and well-being by raising awareness, serving their communities and advocating for positive change. What we want to do is to de-fuse the stigma and myths of Mental Health and Well-Being.

For many of us, when we talk about mental health we're really talking about mental illness or mental distress. But, like physical health, mental health is something we all have and we need to look after it. There is no health without mental health. Good mental health boosts our physical health, creates resilience, and helps us to feel happy, confident and secure. It doesn't mean we don't experience tough times – it doesn't even mean that we don't experience mental illness or distress! BUT with the right support and environments we can sustain lives worth living.

Mental health facts

Mental health is made up of a variety of factors, including our emotional, physical, psychological and social well-being. To best address the need for improved mental health, we must first understand the facts* — and challenges — surrounding mental health.

25% Increase in rates of anxiety and depression since 2020.

1 in 7 Youth's age 10-19 experience mental health conditions, though many are unrecognized and untreated.

14% Of adults aged 60+ live with a mental health disorder. Loneliness and social isolation are key risk factors.

20 Countries still criminalize attempted suicide, and stigma and discrimination remain against those with mental health conditions worldwide.

Source: World Health Organization



As Lions, what can we do to Promote Mental Health and Well-Being?

- ✓ Invest time in relationships. Connecting with people and investing in good relationships are important for a person's mental health and well-being. Keep in touch – give them a call, send a text or organise a catch-up with them.
- ✓ Lions and Leos can promote the importance of mental health and well-being by providing meaningful opportunities for people to get involved in an organisation such as OURS.
- ✓ Doing things with others. Encouraging someone to volunteer as a Lion and get involved in our activities/projects as this can make a difference to how that person views their life. Think about their hobbies, their strengths and build up a rapport.

If we really want to make sure New Zealanders have lives worth living we need to make sure we all have opportunities to connect, grow, learn and build good mental health and wellbeing.

My challenge to all of you is to consider how as a Club you can promote Mental Health and Well-Being in your Community this September. If you have any ideas that we can share with other Clubs, please email these through to me and I will get the information out.

Kind regards

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SUE EVANS

Welcome!

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

Jeremy Hall Maniototo Lions sponsored by John
Mulholland

Reynaldinez Paris Omakau District Lions – sponsored by
Kenneth Edgar

Esther Lietze – West Otago Lions – sponsored by Ann-Kristin Loferski



AED Support in Wyndham – A Community Effort Rooted in Compassion

By Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club

In February 2025, a serious medical emergency unfolded at Menzies College in Wyndham when a young student collapsed during a school athletics event. Immediate CPR was performed, and the student was airlifted by the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter to Dunedin Hospital, later transferred to Auckland for specialist care. The incident, covered by the Otago Daily Times on 2 May 2025, highlighted the critical importance of timely access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

A need was identified in the community, particularly by one of the club members who is the owner of the Four Square. Emma, who is also the current President of The Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club, played a pivotal role in driving this project forward. Her leadership and dedication were instrumental in bringing the vision to life. She took immediate action by offering 24/7 access to her store's AED. While generous, this still placed limitations on the family's freedom and peace of mind.

Bringing the matter to the Club's attention, she prompted a deeper discussion around AED accessibility in the Wyndham and Edendale areas. The Club reviewed local AED availability via the AED Locations App and conducted on-the-ground checks to verify access and identify service gaps. It was clear that more needed to be done—particularly for vulnerable individuals and families in high-risk situations.

The Directors of the Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club met formally and unanimously agreed to fund a portable AED unit for the family to use on a loan basis. This initiative was not only a timely response to an urgent need but also a broader investment in community safety and resilience.

To ensure the arrangement was both secure and legally sound, the Club secretary reached out to Liz Henry of Mee & Henry Law, who is well known in the region for her support of AED placements. Liz generously donated her time to draft a formal agreement that would protect both the family and the Club. She also offered expert advice on AED models, recommending an upgraded unit with enhanced memory and a durable protective case—ensuring longevity and reliability.

Mee & Henry Law went a step further by contributing funds to make the upgrade possible. Thanks to an existing credit with the NZ Red Cross, the device was swiftly procured, and the Club contributed \$2,400 toward its cost.

On 27 May 2025, three members of the Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club had the privilege of presenting the AED directly to the family at their home. The exchange was deeply moving and heartfelt—a reminder of the true spirit behind our motto, "We Serve."

This project represents the very best of community collaboration: a local business owner's compassion, a club's determination to take meaningful action, and a legal professional's generous contribution of time and resources. It wasn't just about delivering a medical device—it was about restoring confidence, enhancing mobility, and demonstrating what can be achieved when we come together in service and care for one another.

This is kindness in action. This is Lions.



Lions Club members presenting the AED to the family on 27 May 2025 — a heartfelt moment of community care and connection



Wyndham Lions Club – Cheese Roll Fundraiser

Our cheese roll fundraiser was a mammoth effort, with over **700 dozen cheese rolls** made! What an incredible achievement from our small but mighty club.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the days fly by — it was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect, share laughter, and welcome some wonderful extra helping hands.

A special thank you to the ladies who kept us well-fed and hydrated — the food was absolutely delicious and very much appreciated!

Emma
President



Article on the AED presentation, as featured in the Otago Daily Times (screenshot)

Otago Daily Times



Presenting a defibrillator to Aiden Cottrell (centre) and his father Luka (right) are Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club members (from left) Jan Wylie, Emma Stuck and Wendy Henry. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

A new defibrillator will help a young man with a heart condition — which nearly killed him — to travel freely, after a generous donation by a community group.

Aiden Cottrell, 13, has catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT), which caused him to have a cardiac arrest earlier in the year during a school event.

Aiden was running the final leg of a relay race at Menzies College in February when he collapsed.

Quick work by school staff and emergency services kept him alive, followed by six weeks in hospital.

The Wyndham Pioneer Lions Club heard about the incident, and after a meeting of its committee, agreed to buy an automatic external defibrillator (AED) device for Aiden and his family.

The AED cost about \$3500 but could be the difference between life and death, especially in rural communities.

Club president Emma Stuck said for a family such as Aiden's, who might need an AED at any time, the \$3500 purchase was a lifesaver.

"We've got a lot within the community, but none which are accessible 24/7.

"So with Aiden's need, they can have one with them, rather than find one on the go during an emergency."

Law firm Mee & Henry Law helped with getting the right model and fundraising.

The device now sits with the family as extra security against a medical event.

Aiden's mum JP Cottrell said it was a massive comfort, especially considering how remote the family was from immediate medical help.

"With living rural, if something were to happen at home, first responders are quick, but being able to administer a shock as soon as possible is one of the most comforting things for us," she said.

Mrs Cottrell, who also has CPVT, could not express her gratitude to the club and the law firm enough.

"There's no words, it's just such a massive gift and it means so much to this life, and so can mine.

"It's immeasurable.

"Thank you" doesn't feel like it's enough."

— APL





The Last Task - Noel B, Bob B, Dave M, Pete M dig 800mm base for helipad windsock



MAKAREWA



Makarewa Lions Club Honours Dedicated Members

A special presentation of 100% attendance badges was held recently, conducted by Past District Governor Juon Schoen. Also in attendance was Doris Schoen, Past President of the Winton Lions Club.

The badges recognised members for their consistent commitment, with years of 100% attendance ranging from one to an impressive thirty-four years. Some of the dedicated recipients are pictured below — a true testament to their ongoing service and dedication to Lionism.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL

A Lions Garden: Growing Service, Kindness and Fellowship

TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN

First, you Come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses....

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING, THREE ROWS OF PEAS:



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness



NO GARDEN complete IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another



TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN MUST HAVE THYME

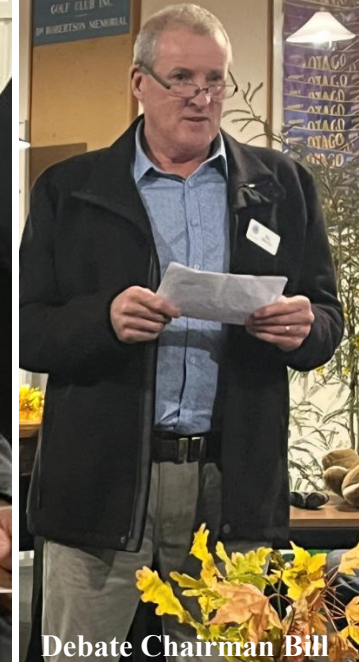
Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends



**WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH
FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. NOT BAD, HUH?!**
My instructions were to send this to people that I wanted God to bless, and I picked
you!



Lawrence Debaters: Olivia, Jock & Ronald



Debate Chairman Bill



The judges at right delivering the verdict



The support crew from Lawrence with their debater



West Otago Debaters: Left to Right Lindsay, Todd & Isaac all looking

The West Otago Lions Club had the pleasure of hosting the Lawrence Lions and supporters in June for a fun-filled evening centred around The Great Debate — “There is more gold on our side of the mountain.” With a golden theme and lively audience participation, both teams passionately defended their turf. Though the judges declared it a draw, a tie-breaker challenge tipped the trophy in favour of Lawrence. Local celebrity Bill McCall chaired the event, adding to the entertainment. A memorable night of fellowship, laughter, and friendly rivalry!

202F LIONS OUT AND ABOUT - LAWRENCE



Dinner in Darkness: Helen Keller Day



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

Ian Sawers

Ian joined the Methven Lions Club - member No. 106, in March 1995, and was a dedicated Member there for over 10 years. Remembered today in Methven club by the following descriptors. Solid. A Good Bugger. Solid. The kind of Club Member you need 3 dozen of. Solid. Reliable. Solid.

He moved to the Upper Clutha after a long history of holidaying in the area, and Transferred to Wanaka and Districts lions Club in 2016. Ian has always been a strong advocate for Youth and their development following a long career in Education in Senior Management roles. Ian has always been a strong Sportsman, keen Golfer and Experienced Rugby Coach and Referee. Personally I have known of Ian for over 50 Years - and even then I remember a focused Team player, firm in Leadership whilst respectful of the ideas and contributions of others. And he still is. These Skills have not left the Man, evident in our Lions Club and totally supportive of the Community.

Ian has maintained a Strong interest in Review and Evaluation of all projects Lions have been involved with.

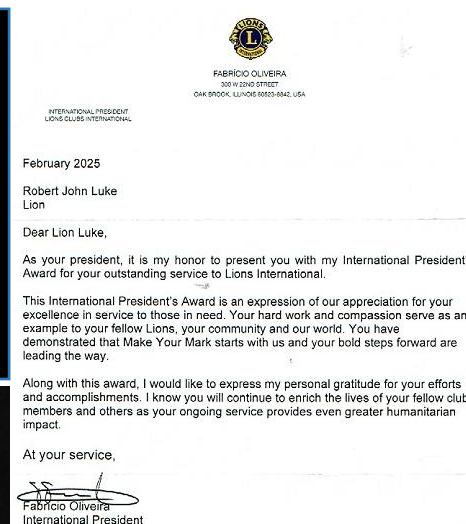
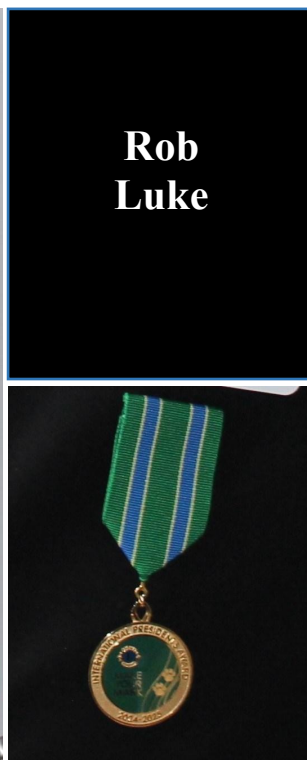
Within a few hours of completing any project - whether its Catering, wood chop, BBQ, you are just sitting down, after standing on your feet all day - ding ding ding goes the Lions App. (which must be attended to) and there it is - a full record of Gross taken, Expenses to pay, Nett Profit and Loss. Comparisons with last year, reflections on what went well, what could have been better, and improvements for next year. Ian holds records of all these events and can summon them up 12 months later - and we don't have to reinvent the Wheel.

We are indebted to Ians event records, his attention to detail, thoughtful precision and Wise Counsel. Alongside this- there have been numerous Grants applied for this year - each of these has required the expertise and long hours of work by our Treasurer Ian Sawers. You certainly are an Honoured Member of our Club.

Congratulations Ian. Receive a well deserved Lloyd Morgan Life Membership for your Contribution to the Communities you have lived in.



**Rob
Luke**



A hearty congratulations to Rob Luke on his receiving the International Presidents Award for his "Outstanding service to Lions International"

Making of the June Bulletin by another Desperate Editor

Some of you will remember Barb Mackenzie's poem 'The Making of the May Bulletin by a Desperate Editor' from back in covid times of May 2020. I have included Barb's original poem as an attachment. I have taken Barbs amazing poem and corrupted it, as a tribute to one of my former bulletin editors.

Eighteen days till the June bulletin is due
The contents of which, I don't have a clue
No minutes, no reports to fill the space
As editor I'm facing a total disgrace

I send out a WhatsApp requesting input
Hoping with your help I won't go kaput
Any stories I get will help me fill pages
Funny tales about our Lions of all ages

Day 1 hoping emails will start coming in
Worried they'll be crap and go in the bin
waiting for replies to my pleas on WhatsApp
Hoping there is something good to adapt

Day 2 I checked, no help to be seen
The contents of this bulletin are pretty lean
At this rate of help, my bulletin will be short
Maybe it's time to start drinking some port



Day 3 An international day leads me to a webpage
From which, a recipe I can surely pillage
I'll fill the space with logos and pictures a plenty
Maybe no one will notice the content is empty

Day 4 Colleen wants someone, a tail they can twist
At least that's one thing to add to the list
Maybe I'll make up a tall story of mine
Or maybe I'll have another glass of wine



Day 5 arrives Penny's report on our trip
That'll fill a few pages, no need for a sip
Colourful pics and stories we're not short
That's sweet, at least I'm saved some effort

Day 6 Sue's Presidents report will fill in page one
Great, page one to four is under way and done
No emails on days seven and eight, it's a sin
I'm off to finish that lovely bottle of gin



Day 9 Lorraine comes up trumps with a reply
I'm sure it's not made up, I'm sure it's no lie
That's five pages that I can fill in with Lions tales
I'll embellish them lots, that never fails

Day 10 Barbs 2020 poem makes me a lot brighter
She's certainly one funny Auzie blighter
It made me have a really loud laugh
And it will fill at least one paragraph



Day 11 But Barbs bulletin was at least twice the length
Oh God help me, I really don't have the strength
A spindly bulletin looms and I shed a tear
I might have to resort to having a beer

Day 12 and I have been forgotten it seems
This bulletins certainly not busting at the seems
I'm afraid some of the content might be a bit risky
So, I'll settle down, relax and start on the whiskey



Day 13 Not a lily sale, Xmas cake, pikelet or cheese roll
Holy Moley this is bleak, it's taking its toll
Our amazing Lions are waiting and relying on me
To come up with the goods, boy I need an RTD

Day 14 A tea meeting trip to Paetara gym
Means that the pickings aren't quite so slim
No more input, I start on a rum & coke, what to do?
Of course, email Betty, she'll have a joke or two



Days 15 to 18 pass with no communisations
The empty liquor cabinet shows all my frustrations
Many thanks to those who were kind enough to send
Interesting stuff to fill the issue until the end

To those who didn't reply to the requesting WhatsApp
The cost of my rehab will land in your lap
Or better still, when we next get together again
You can fill the Lion money box, alcohol - I'll abstain
(well, maybe)



***Disclaimer – Any resemblance to actual days or dates mentioned in the above poem is unintentional and purely coincidental. No alcohol was consumed while writing this poem, maybe just a little. Well maybe just a bit more than a little!!**

****Most of this poem was written by & stolen from the very talented Barb Mackenzie
Thank you Barb**



Riversdale Lions Annual Hay Drive – Report

Date: 4th July

Prepared by: Scott Nicholson | Photos by: Heather Fowler and Rhys Houghton



President Scott Nicholson and Hay Drive convenor Rhys Houghton

At the annual Hay drive competition – just prior to the prize giving of sponsored prizes and auction

This year's contributions included:

- 155 bales of grass baleage
- 10 bales of lucerne baleage
- 12 bales of whole crop baleage
- 46 big bales of straw
- 20 big bales of hay
- A small selection of small hay bales

The event raised approximately \$24,000, with a few

The Riversdale Lions held their annual Hay Drive on the 4th of July, with preparations beginning a month earlier. A planning meeting with Hay Drive members helped coordinate sponsor groups and update details of farms and businesses in the area.

Bales began arriving at Andrew's Transport yard on the 2nd of July. The yard became a gathering point, with farmers stopping in for a catch-up and a coffee provided by the Lions team. This informal gathering added a warm, social element to the logistical process and reinforced the community spirit that defines the event.



Trailer of sponsored prizes for the different sections, with a truck and trailer load of baleage Donated to the cause.



Bales of Baleage being sorted out on arrival before the Hay drive judging the day before

costs still to be deducted. This outstanding result reflects the generosity and commitment of our local community and Lions members.

The Riversdale Lions extend heartfelt thanks to all farmers, sponsors, volunteers, and community members who contributed to the success of this year's Hay Drive. Your support continues to make a meaningful difference.



Left to right: Lion Trevor Roughan, auctioneer Ross McKee and President Scott Nicholson – sorting out some of the sponsored prizes for each section



Harry Houghton with his Chow and Lion Erin Hurley



Advertising the Riversdale Lions Club Annual Hay drive

Melvin Jones Fellowship Awarded to Lion John Kidd



At the time, John owned a garage here in Winton. He put a lot of time into the Lions in his younger years. Lion John has been president of the club. He was active with splitting wood, metal collection, and was the committee chair of the chaff.

He kept all the tractors and machinery in tip-top order before the harvest started for many years.

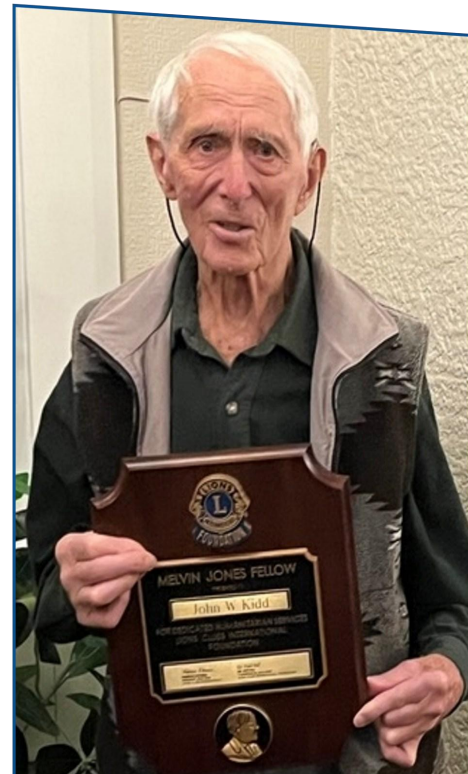
Two years ago, John was still visiting other clubs in the zone and joined us for the 60th anniversary celebrations.

Henriet Schuurmans
President
2024-2025

John Kidd was one of the 20 Charter Members of the Lions Club Winton in 1964. He heard about Lions while he was visiting Avys in the hospital.



Out of curiosity, he was able to attend the first meetings, which were held at what is now called the Garden Bar in Winton.



Winton Lions Celebrate Milestones, Appreciation and New Leadership

202F LIONS OUT AND ABOUT - WINTON



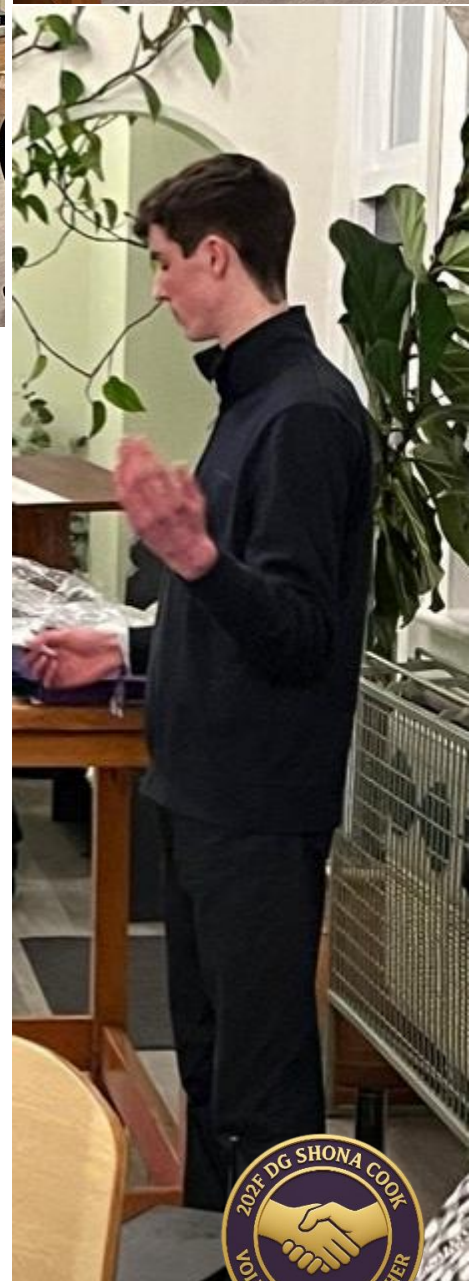
35 Years Chevron for Dulcie Sellars
25 Years Chevron for Nancy McHugh
presented by
ID Graeme Wilson
and 202F DG
Elaine Scott



Lions Club Winton President
Henriet Schuurmans presented
a certificate of appreciation to;
✓ Lions Jocelyn Sinclair,
Alan Forde and David Hewitt.
organising the 60th anniversary
celebration, last October
✓ Lion Wim Overgaauw,
Quite achiever award



Guest speaker - Lucas Gill
Runner-Up Lions 202F Speechmaker
"The voice in the valley" - Right



President 2025-2026 Lars De Kruijf, Vice President David Hewitt,
IP President Henriet Schuurmans



SGHS Leo Cub

The SGHS Leo Club hit the term running by starting the first 2 weeks with leading the Bags of Hope for Southland Cancer Society. The artistic journey is to decorate the bags with colourful art as they are used for clients and although no markers or paint can be used, the Leo club have encouraged with purchasing colouring pencils to use for their school's art creations.

At the recent Leo club's meeting, Jessica encouraged the club members to start their art pieces. They didn't have enough time to complete all their pieces but it has started with a focus of flowers and words of encouragement. See in the photos all these wonderful efforts



From
Change over 2025
(Below)



International Lions Convention

If you have been on social media or following some of our club members' Facebook pages they had shared their wonderful experiences at the International Lions Convention being held in Orlando, Florida. The convention was originally planned for Mexico City but changed to Orlando.

One of the amazing aspects was International Director Graeme being awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones as shared on our social media. This achievement was celebrated by many who have met Graeme along the journey of his international Director's role covering further than New Zealand. We also have to admire his photo not only with our friend Lynette from Waikiwi Club who is famous enough for us all but they added an Olympic swimming Champion Michael Phelps.

Our incoming District Governor Shona was welcomed in as our 202F leader and she had amazing experiences alongside her sister Caroline who supported this journey. It was great to see the leads of all districts in New Zealand be celebrated. It was great to see our fellow friend 3rd Vice President Tony Benbow from Australia move forward in his endorsement for this role. A sea of yellow celebrated Tony and his wife Sue who has continued to celebrate Tony's dreams. We look forward to hearing from them both about their learnings and what we can do to support our Lions' goals.





MISSION 1.5

**District Governor
Shona Cook**

**Requests the pleasure
of Club Presidents and
their partners
At the District 202F**

Presidents' Lunch

Sunday 3rd August 2025

**Venue: Lake Hawea Community
Centre
28 Myra St
Lake Hawea**

Programme:

10.30 am Cuppa available

11 am - noon Presidents
Workshop

12.30 pm Lunch

Cost \$35 per person

RSVP: by Sunday 27th July 2024 to

District Treasurer Jo Wilson

202f.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz

or 021 149 2465

Payment to: District 202F Bank
Account 03-1750-0538701-000
(please put your name and Club
as references)





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The official Pin of Lions
Clubs International
President AP Singh for the
Lionistic Year 2025–2026

"Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead"

This beautifully reflects the
spirit of Lions: leadership
rooted in service, and
service that inspires further
leadership.

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PRESIDENT
LY 2025-2026

**AP
Singh**





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5-7th September 2025

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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.



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