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202F DISTRICT

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To Lions friends and family

It's time to put the clocks back and the days are certainly becoming cooler. It seems that before long winter will be with us, and after our wonderful summer weather who could be sorry.

Recently Gordon Duston, Makarewa Lions Leo Advisor and I inducted 60 Leos at James Hargest College. This brings the total to 169 Leos. This year they won the award for the Most Active Leo Club in our District, and I understand they are pretty good on the BBQ. Thanks, Gordon for your ongoing support of our James Hargest Leo Club.



What an amazing time we had at the District Convention. Many thanks to Gore River Valley for organising the event. The meals were awesome, with just a little help from other clubs. The Poke Bowls for lunch on Saturday were a novel idea, and so tasty!

Friday Night Supper – Gore Hokonui Lions
Saturday Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner – Gore River Valley Lions
Sunday Lunch – Wyndham Pioneer Lions
Well done. Great teamwork.



Congratulations to District Governor Elect Shona Cook, Vice District Governor Elect Justine Goatley, and Second Vice District Governor Elect Leigh Burford. Well done.

And a huge congratulations to PDG Allan Fleury who received a Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust Award.



Your opinion please

The impromptu session at Convention for clubs to tell us about the project they are most proud of was so successful that it should become a regular occurrence. There was so much positive feedback. And Convention should be about clubs.



If you are in agreement, I will certainly do all I can to promote the idea with the incoming teams.



Regression of the Flags

The Flags are now safely in the hands of Riverton Lions who will organise next year's Convention. I love this ceremony, and it is so comforting to know that provision is made well ahead to ensure succession.

A Dream Becomes a Reality

Being present at the launch of the Lions Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle at Hanmer Springs was very special. A large crowd was gathered to be present at this most auspicious moment. For the trustees who have worked towards this day, we thank you. And another vehicle to follow! Lions are doing wonderful things in our communities.

Several members from our District will be attending the Multiple District Convention in New Plymouth which is 25th – 27th April.

District Governor Elect, Shona Cook will attend The International Convention to be held in Orlando from 13th – 17th July. All the best!

Family Quote this month:

The love of family and the admiration of friends is much more important than wealth and privilege. ~ Charles Kuralt

202F DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELAINE SCOTT





GLOBAL SERVICES CORNER APRIL 2025

Well with autumn here those days are certainly getting cooler with day light saving coming to an end.

I want to dedicate my GST Corner to Service with a particular focus on The Top Club Service Award and the Kindness Matters Award along with photos of re-cycling in and around our District which was part of the Re-cycling Theme at the 202F Convention held in Gore.

DISTRICT AWARDS



At the 202F Convention in Gore The Top Club Service Award was presented to the Toi Tois Tokanui Lions Club for their Co- Reponse Vehicle and the Kindness Matters Award was presented to the Winton Lions Club by IPDG Allan Fleury. Congratulations to both Clubs for their entries and their commitment to their communities.

TOP CLUB SERVICE AWARD

In 2023 the Toi Tois Tokanui Lions Club was approached by the Fire Chief of the Tokanui Fire Brigade, asking the Club to fundraise for a suitable 4WD vehicle to attend fire, accident and emergency call outs in the Southern Region. By the end of August 2024 \$76,000 had been raised including a grant from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust.

In October 2024, the vehicle was handed over to the Community.



Fire Chief Ricky Poole and Lions President Paul Duffy at the handover





The whole Fire Brigade wanted to thank the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust for their donation pictured here with PDG Wendy Goodwin, Trustee

KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD

Winton Lions Club – Henriët’s Story

In September 2021, Henriët would have liked to buy some leeks from their local Veggie store on the main highway between Winton and Invercargill... Sadly, they were closed for the season, but there were still lots of leeks and a variety of vegetables in the paddock and it looks like the cattle had early Christmas. This made her think, that there were so many good vegetables left. The following season the Winton Lions Club asked David Wilson the owner of the Veggies Store, if the Winton Lions could dig or cut the leftover vegetables for the food bank in Winton and the district. He was on board with this idea and happy to supply the vegetables and it’s now become an annual project.

The Club contacted the community support persons, from Otatau, (Ohai-Nightcaps), Lumsden, Winton, and Age Concern in Invercargill.

The Club collected the vegetables, washed and sorted these into boxes and delivered them to the community

workers the following day. With the total number of veggies, it could make over 300 meals. Since COVID-19, many households have been struggling with economic and financial hardship and this was one way of helping them.

Through the community workers, they delivered to over 50 families, fresh vegetables around Winton and the surrounding rural Districts. Age Concern Invercargill cooked nice meals for many elderly people.

It was the second year that the project was running, and this year (2024), we will have our Veggie Project again, and now a 2025 extension of Riverton.



Winton Lions Club Veggie Project.



WINTON
Lions Club

EST. FEB 2024

CRAFTING WITH PURPOSE

NEW PROJECT ALERT



WAIHOPAI CITY
LIONS



Waihopai Lions are going green with sustainability ideas to promote reusable cotton dish and face cloths. Part of our Crafting with Purpose Project is caring for the wellbeing of our Lions and community. We will be out there doing our rubbish collecting soon too.



EARTH DAY

EVERYDAY IS EARTH DAY:

- ♥ PLANT TREES
- ♥ PICK LITTER
- ♥ ELIMINATE PLASTIC
- ♥ CONSERVE ENERGY
- ♥ SAVE WATER



Our Crafting With Purpose Project involved our SGHS Leo Club at the Club Southland Inc with our Members creating Christmas Cards for our community. It was a wellbeing timeout for our Leos who are in the middle of preparing for exams and doing what our Club does best in connecting with one another. Over 70 cards were created to put with hamper boxes and give to our elderly in the upcoming festive season

**SGHS Leo Club &
Waihopai Lions**





CROMWELL LAKE DUNSTAN LIONS CLUB RECYCLING GLASSES



WANAKA UPPER CLUTHA LIONS CLUB RECYCLING GLASSES



Members of the Wanaka Upper
Clutha Lions Club sorting out

Eyeglass Recycling – How You Can Help

Please see page 10





Vision



Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered. We have a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired, and remain committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service.

Our Strategic Objective

Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

Eyeglass Recycling – How You Can Help

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. That's why the Lions started the Recycle For Sight program. Everyone can help.

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now. Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.

Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand collect these unwanted spectacles and send them to our processing centres where they are sorted, checked for scratches, cracks and screws tightened before being washed in an ultrasonic washer and dried. They then have their prescription recorded and are packed for delivery to Volunteer Ophthalmologist Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands. Type 2 Diabetes is common in the Islands and is the main cause of blindness. Lions Clubs in the Islands receive the glasses and distribute them to visiting volunteer Optometrists who test patients and fit them with the recycled glasses at no cost.

VOSO consists of teams of eye surgeons, optometrists and eye care workers who visit the isolated communities and bring enhancement to the lives of hundreds of people annually. The project has provided over 80,000 pairs of glasses which would have a replacement value in excess of \$15 million.

Sunglasses are also a useable item for the Islands particularly after cataract operations. Transporting the glasses to the Islands is always a problem so any way to help is appreciated. Some firms have spare room in their containers and are happy to help. Some travellers take a few boxes up as personal luggage.

Spectacles can be sent to:

Cromwell Lions Clubs C/- Andy Andrews

57 Horace Street

Cromwell, 9310 Contact: Andy Andrews T: 021 842 346

E: ajandrews57@gmail.com





GORE PAKEKE LIONS CLUB RECYCLING BOOKS

There will be a book for everyone at the Gore Pakeke Lion's Club book sale. The sale, which has been held annually for more than 30 years, is the Club's major fundraiser. Books are collected and sorted from one book sale to the next. Along with books you will find a selection of C.Ds. DVDs and puzzles for all ages. Money raised from the sale of books goes back into community projects.



GORE PAKEKE LIONS CLUB RECYCLING CENTRE



RECYCLING BOOKS

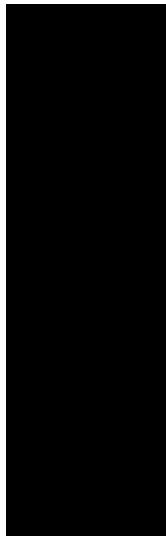
Books are a favourite past time for many of the Members of the Invercargill Central Lions Club. Each month they hold a Book Exchange which is very popular.



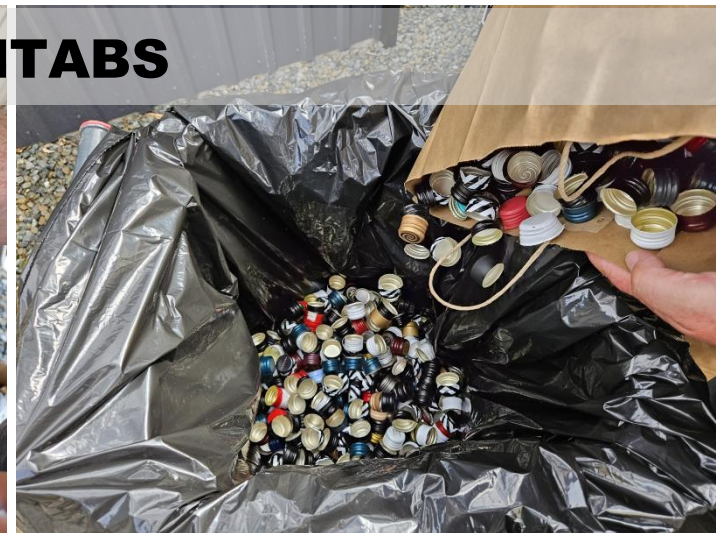
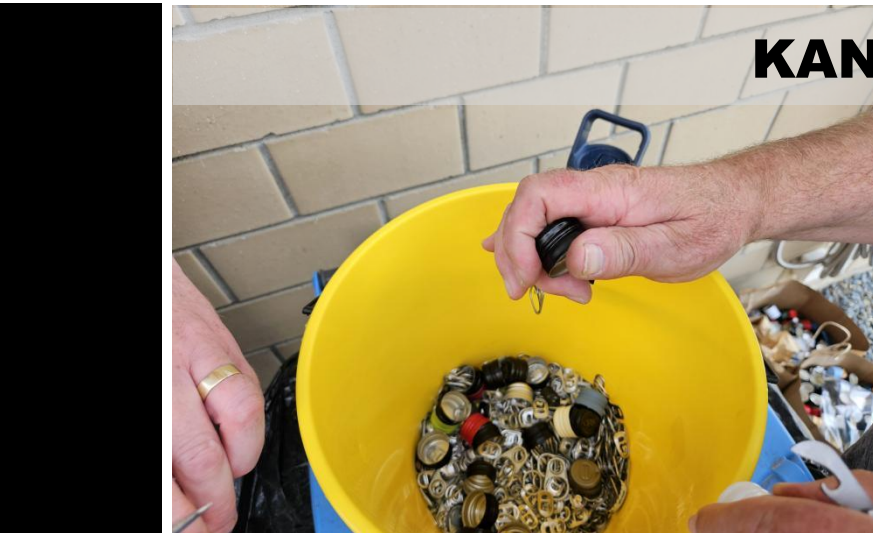
Each year Members and Volunteers come to the Centre and recycle about 650 tonnes of cardboard, along with recycled tin cans, milk bottles, paper and plastics. The work can be quite physical at times but for those volunteering, it give them a sense of pride, purpose and fulfilment.



WAIKIWI LIONS CLUB KINDLING FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



KANTABS



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



WEST OTAGO LIONS CLUB SLICE, SPLIT, STACK!



All hands
on board
for the
chain
sawing,
using the
wood
splitter and
sorting the
kindling



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CROMWELL LIONS CLUB KANTABS



**Bulking up
aluminium
cans and
wine caps at
the den for
transport to
Invercargill**



HEADS UP FOR KIDS

**YOUR OLD
MONEY & FOREIGN
CURRENCY CAN BE
USED TO HELP
OUR KIWI KIDS.**



**DROP YOUR
COINS INTO A
RESENE SHOP**

**YOUR LOCAL
LIONS CLUB
WILL COLLECT
&
SORT THEM.**

**FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION**

EMAIL: Ann

hu4k@lionsclubs.org.nz

We would love more Lions to get involved.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

Photo (below) of the boxes of old coins which Some Invercargill Central Lions members counted and sorted over several weeks and sent to the Reserve Bank. Six boxes which weighed approximately 35 Kilos and netted just over \$700 Which went straight to heads up for kids.

Pauline Gibson
Invercargill Central Lions
Club member

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL LIONS CLUB KANTABS



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Kidney Kids



Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids

Place your kan tab, squashed aluminium wine bottle lid or other aluminium beverage top into this can and make a difference to our Kidney Kids.

Thanks for dropping them in!

Did you know?
By putting your 'Kan Tab' in these specially marked cans, you are helping to make a huge difference in the lives of children. The little things that might make a Kidney Kid's birthday just a little better can happen because you have taken the time to have a 'Kan Tab'.

Founded in 1986, Kidney Kids is a not-for-profit parent driven organisation that assists parents of children who have kidney disease. Kidney Kids provides regular medical tests, information and resources regarding kidney disease and organ donation camps for children who may not be able to attend ordinary school camps because of their medical needs. Most importantly Kidney Kids offers support for families through regular meetings, no-charge advice and information on the various aspects of kidney disease with a specialist to talk about the latest tests and treatments.



kantabs.co.nz



To find out more please contact Kidney Kids NZ
website <https://www.kidneykids.org.nz>

How can you help the Kantab project

If you have can tabs to donate you can contact one of our area coordinators to find out more or if we have no club operating in the area perhaps you could take the items directly to a scrap metal supplier to sell and pay any funds you receive directly to Kidney Kids NZ.

Our District Contact is:

Cromwell Lions Clubs
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Lions Clubs throughout the country support Kidney Kids NZ. A national not for profit organisation who provide support and services to children with kidney disease/disorders and their family/whanau.

Kidney Kids NZ offers home and hospital visits, practical, emotional and educational support. Annual kidney kid camps, regional visits and family/whanau get togethers, Information and resource material. Quarterly newsletters, regular emails and phone support.





Every year on March 3, World Hearing Day is observed to spread awareness about hearing health, the prevention of hearing loss, and the importance of timely medical intervention. Organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), this global event emphasises the significance of ear care and how it plays a crucial role in maintaining overall well-being. As hearing allows individuals to communicate, interact, and engage with their surroundings, raising awareness about its preservation is essential.

Theme for World Hearing Day 2025

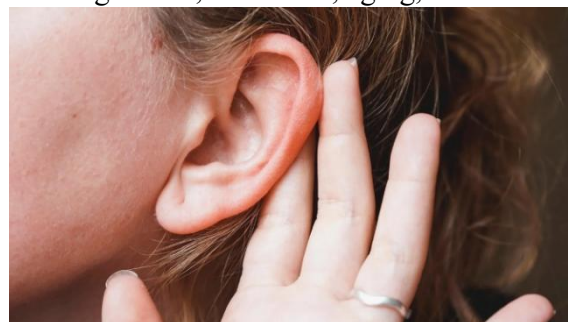
Each year, WHO selects a specific theme to highlight key concerns related to hearing health. The theme for World Hearing Day 2025 will focus on early diagnosis, preventive care, and technological advancements in treating hearing impairments. The objective is to promote better hearing solutions and encourage people to seek help before hearing loss becomes severe.

Why World Hearing Day Matters

Hearing loss is a widespread health issue affecting millions globally. According to WHO, over 360 million people worldwide suffer from deafness or hearing loss, and an estimated 1 billion individuals aged 12 to 35 are at risk due to prolonged noise exposure. The primary reasons for hearing impairment include genetics, infections, aging, prolonged exposure to loud noise, and lack of proper ear care.

Did you know there are 880,000 New Zealanders living with hearing disorders or a hearing disability?

Our Clubs work with local agencies to help provide information and support for those with hearing loss. Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand work with deaf charities in our local communities. We fundraise, run projects and assist families as required. Many Clubs also support Hearing Dogs. Hearing Dogs provide valuable services to deaf and hearing-impaired people in much the same way as guide dogs for blind people.



We collect unwanted/used hearing aids which are recycled and sent to the Pacific Islands, please contact your local Lions Club for drop off points. We also distribute information, run Children of Courage Programs, and much much more.

Andy would like to remind us to send any used hearing aids and good hearing aid batteries to him. These will be checked over and then sent to people living in the Cook Islands. Just imagine what a difference these devices could make to someone who has loss of hearing.

The items can be sent to **Andy** at: 57 Horace Street Cromwell 9310 ■ Cell phone: 021 842 346

OR You can give them to one of the District (Cabinet) Members who can bring these to the next District meeting. These are held quarterly with the next meeting being held on 17th May 2025 and we will ensure they reach Andy.





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

The 8 Lions Global Causes

We are part of the worldwide “Lions Clubs International”, and as part of that organisation, we focus directly and indirectly on 8 Global causes in our service. These are: Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian Efforts, Hunger, Vision and Youth.



**CHILDHOOD
CANCER**



DIABETES



**DISASTER
RELIEF**



ENVIRONMENT



**HUMANITARIAN
EFFORTS**



HUNGER



VISION



YOUTH

LIONS VOLUNTEERING IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Throughout our District there is a lot happening with our Members volunteering their time to help others in their communities. Here are some ideas that your Club may be interested in doing.



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Wednesday Wig Day

Volunteering your time to help with their Street Day Appeal

Camp Quality – baking, financially supporting a child to attend one of their Camps, being a Volunteer

Supporting a family in your community who has a child with Cancer

Cancer Kids Christmas Party

Consider donating a gift card or food parcel to a family



ADULTS LIVING WITH CANCER

Assist with the Daffodil Day Street Appeal

Consider holding a Meeting to educate people living in your Community about the various Cancers and supports that are available

Lions Clubs NZ – free Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Bus



DIABETES

Develop a diabetes resource list by connecting with a local health department or hospital and share this resource with others living in your community

Hold a Diabetes Education Resource Day

Lap the Map



DISASTER RELIEF

Learn how to apply for Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) disaster grants

Connect with a local disaster relief organisation and ask how your Club can volunteer



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Hold a recycling drive to re-purpose or donate used items

Clean up beaches

Plant Trees

Recycle plastic

Recycle batteries

Recycle glasses

Clean up fallen trees

Educate communities on water, rubbish, pollutants, chemical usage

Technology recycling

Clean up old tyres, cars in eye sore areas

Grow community vegetable gardens

Lions tree grove- find a dis-used area and plant out in native trees

Growing Native trees from seed to donate to environmental groups

Hanging baskets for street beautification

Building rat/stoat traps for pest eradication. Built to DOC plans

Purchasing and planting daffodils for Daffodil Day at specific locations in your area

Rubbish collections

Clean up roadsides

Plant and weed town gardens

Recycle metal

Recycle -repurpose-reuse-charity auction

Recycle hearing aids and batteries

Collect chemical containers, for recycling

Garden tidying for the elderly

Keep walkways clean and tidy

Grow community fruit trees



HUMANITARIAN

Helipad

Visit those who are disabled or elderly living alone or in an aged care home

Collect donations to support an agency helping refugees, LCIF etc.

Providing food from a Lions 'Hotdogs and Chips Caravan' at a local event

Do baking or make an extra meal that can be dropped off to an elderly person living in your community

Fundraising and providing a co-response vehicle for your community

Promote Mental Health and Wellbeing in your Community by holding education forums



HUNGER

Toot for tucker

Roving dinner night

Start up a Stall where people can drop off surplus food that can be distributed to others in your community

Get to know the local food growers in your area who are able to donate surplus vegetables that are then distributed through your Community Workers to families or the elderly in need

Volunteer with a community group that brings people together to share a meal or your Club becomes the instigator of such a group

Lone diner's luncheon

Do a collection of items for your local Food Bank





VISION

Create a fund to provide eyeglasses to those in need
 Collect glasses that are no longer required and send them to our Vision Coordinator for distribution to people living in the South Pacific
 Provide transportation for a group that serves those who are visually impaired



YOUTH

Children of Courage Project	Garden projects at schools
Tree planting involving primary school children	Assist with the purchasing of stationery
Supporting your local Leo Club	Speechmaker Sponsor
Peace poster competition	Fun runs /colour runs
Host International students	Camp Quality
Riding for the Disabled support	Kan tabs- Kidney foundation
Heads up for kids – Leadership courses in NZ	Ronald McDonald House
Premature babies woollen singlets & beanies	Raise funds for items of clothing or footwear for children
Child mobility support	Pump tracks
Sponsoring a young person to attend the Lions Leadership Course at Borland Lodge	

CHRISTMAS

Christmas party for children with a disability or high health need	Gift wrapping
The World Festival of Magic Show	Christmas Tree Festival
Christmas lunch for elderly groups	Mid-Winter Christmas meal
Making Christmas Cards to be distributed to people living alone	



GENERAL

Car rally as a fundraiser	Row for Life
Garage sales	Lions Book Sale
Mini putt contests	Spud in a bucket
Quiz contests	Raffles at market days
Cleaning houses for sale	Blood donor assistance
Relay for Life	Daffodil Day Street Appeal
Motor Extravaganza	Carols by Candlelight
Fireworks Displays	Christmas cake sales - nominate a charity for the funds
Firewood	Selling pea straw as a fundraiser
Men's sheds	Speed Shear and Lamb Competition
Cooking classes for young people	Crowd control
Marshalling at events	Golf/ bowls tournaments
Kite flying events	BBQ's for events
Baleage	Market Days
Reading assistance in schools	Pine cone collecting and sales
Bagging Super Dirt	Mobility scooter education
Gift toilet bags for local ambulance	Catered meals for events
Meals on wheels	Trial Bike Events
Four Wheel Drive Rally	Collections for charities
Hold a Zone Challenge	Do a combined Project with another Club in your area
Volunteer at your local hospice – cleaning windows, meal preparation, gardens etc	
Golf Tournaments to raise funds for a Charity of your choice	
Help new community members to understand how to live in your community	
Supporting the Open Day at the Millars Flat Mining Operation	
Volunteer week middle June- appreciate the volunteers in your community	
Provide Police with emergency packs for families experiencing violence or need to be moved to emergency	
Accommodation	
Work in partnership with another Organisation to raise funds and / or do a combined project in your community	



Service Reporting

By sharing our impact through service reporting, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our local and global legacy of humanitarian service.

Our Global Service Impact

Our service changes lives. In 2023-2024, Lions and Leos around the world, with support from LCIF, served more than 422 million people. See how we served across our global causes.



Childhood Cancer
13 million



Diabetes
19 million



Disaster relief
4 million



Environment
78 million



Humanitarian
190 million



Hunger
69 million



Vision
39 million



Youth
3 million

Benefits for your club

Reporting our service helps us highlight our global achievements. But it also provides even more value for your club, including:

Celebrating the impact your club is making

Inspiring potential new members to add to your impact

Providing leaders with insight on outcomes to better guide your service

And that's not all. Clubs that report service become eligible for awards and recognition, including the [Kindness Matters Service Award](#) and the [Club Excellence Award](#).

How and when to report service

We recommend reporting a service activity [online](#) as soon as possible after you complete your service activity. Lions and Leos also have the option to start entering a service activity during the planning process and finish the report when the service is complete. You can collect the data needed to report an activity with the [Service Activity Information](#) resource, which includes a list of our global causes and project types. To see the steps for reporting service, check out the [Lion Portal Training videos](#).

Who can report service

It's important for your club to know who is responsible for service reporting, so your club receives the benefits. In Lions clubs, service chairpersons are responsible for service reporting, although many clubs choose to have the club secretary or club president report. In Leo clubs, the president, secretary or Leo club advisor can report service. Your club can also appoint an administrator to handle service reporting or your district can appoint an IT chairperson.



To see all the titles with reporting access, check out the Who Can Report Service resource

How Districts can help Clubs report service

Did you know that all districts have a goal to increase the percentage of their clubs that report service? District leaders can access reports online that display the number of service activities reported by each club. If you're a district leader, the following ideas can help your district achieve its reporting goal:

- Reach out to club leaders. Ask who is responsible for service reporting and how you can help. Share the benefits of service reporting.
- Encourage clubs to elect a service chairperson, who can assume responsibility for reporting service, if that works for the club.
- Coach service chairpersons and club secretaries in how to report service by walking them through the steps.
- Appoint a district IT chairperson who can directly assist clubs with service activity entry.



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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

Lions Cancer Trust

Free Skin Cancer Screening mobile unit.

March the 29th was a very exciting day for Lions of New Zealand and the Lions Cancer Trust. District E held their annual convention at Hamner Springs. On Saturday the Lions Cancer vehicle arrived at the convention venue, driven up from Ashburton by Brendon and Jo from BT Coachbuilders of Ashburton. Brendon and Jo consulted Chair Paul OConnor and Lion Paul Williams on all the build details during the construction. Jo has set out to make this project happen by pricing and in most cases sourcing products at discounted prices or even donated.

Our sponsors have been very generous, and they celebrate with the Trust on the completion of the 1st of 2 vehicles. Once out on the road the vehicle is sure to attract attention and raise the profile of Lions in New Zealand. LCIF donated \$100,000.00 and Lloyd Morgan donated \$50,000.00 towards the project with Major sponsor Go Bus Kinetic, sponsoring some of our fuel costs and have allowed us to park at any of their depots



throughout New Zealand.

After the morning tea break the attendees at the convention came outside to view the vehicle and listen to the speakers. The Mayor of the Hurunui district Marie Black. Trust Chair Paul OConnor, MP for Illam Hamish Campbell who has a PHD in cancer and viruses. CC Topi Hipp and PCC Megan England who presented Jo and Brendon with International President Certificates of appreciation.

We had two Nurse practitioners and a doctor from the local Medical Center volunteer as screeners. Those having a screen were asked to fill out a disclosure form and their medical history in relation to skin cancers, if they have had a skin screening before and any history. It was a very busy day and gave us the opportunity to fine tune our processes as well as medical team made

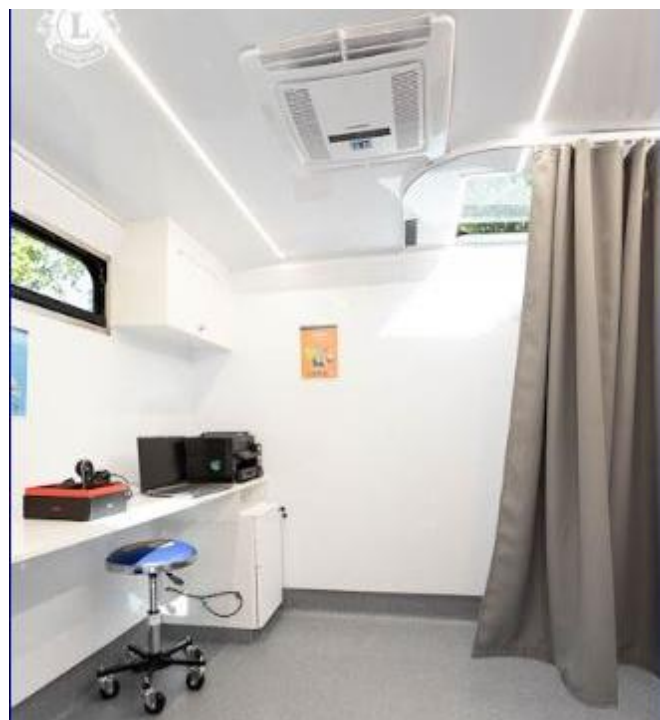
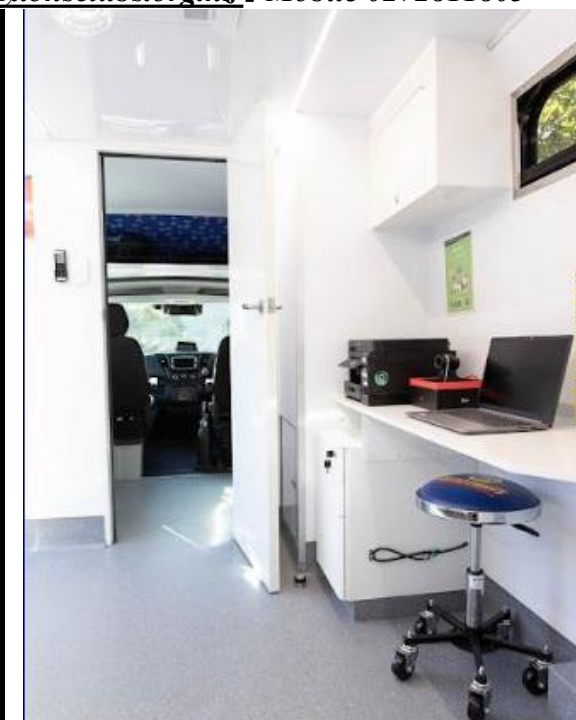


a few minor suggestions. A lot of people passing by asked questions and in some cases offered contacts for their home areas for medical help. The vehicle left at 3pm as there was a 3.5 hr drive home depending on traffic.

For the 24 people screened, 6 that we know were referred to their medical advisors for further investigation. We now continue with the fundraising for the second vehicle and the running costs of both vehicles. The Cancer Screening vehicle paid a visit to Leeston Lions Christchurch for an educational and promotional event.

In District 202F I still need names for screeners and drivers please. Planning of the calendar of district visits is underway, and we look to adding any events we can visit if in this District in the future, You can help me by letting me know of the event and dates please.

Wendy Goodwin PDG | District 202F Lions Cancer Trustee
202f.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz | Mobile 0272811803



RIVERSDALE LIONS

50TH ANNIVERSARY

We invite you and your partner,
to celebrate this special occasion with us.

24th May 2025

Riversdale Community Centre

Doors open at 6pm
Seated by 7pm



Dining and Entertainment
Cash bar and Raffle
Courtesy Bus



RSVP by 14th May 2025

Viv Caughey
Phone, text or email
027 6617 274
printshop@xtra.co.nz

\$65 pp

Erin Hurley
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District 202F Lions Awards List 2023-24

DG Allan Fluery

Batt Family Trophy - Karen Heslip - Gore River Valley Lions

Ian Mathieson Bulletin Award - Riversdale Lions – This award has been entered in the Multiple District Ron Rowe award

Daphne Russell Memorial Award - James Hargest College- Makarewa Lions Sponsors

The James Hargest College Leo club has sponsored a kiwi-chick through the national kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. Their donation of \$2787.00 covers all the costs for the kiwi chick for up to 3 months of incubation, food for up to 5 months, to get to stoat proof weight, brooder box, outdoor pen, veterinary checks, medication and staff care.

The Leo club thanked everyone who supported the fundraising efforts “ Little Leo has hatched”

Howard Justice Membership Award - Lumsden Lions This award has been entered in the Multiple district Keith Mitchell Award.

Project of the year award - Winton Lions

Entered into the Multiple District Ron Usmar award. Winton Lions held a very successful Toot for Tucker night.

The Lions and the community collected food pre Christmas for the local food bank. Many community groups joined in on the night,

Distinction certificate - Clyde and Districts Breast Cancer project.

Keelty Youth award - Makarewa Lions

This award sponsored by the Keelty family and is for the club who works with the youth of our district during the year. Sponsoring speechmaker, computer capers, youth exchanges, youth leadership at Borland lodge and sponsoring a Leo club.

Millar Leadership award - Riverton Lions

Information is gathered from Convention to Convention each year. Points are allocated for the number of voting delegates, club members attending training forums, representing their clubs at zone meetings with a report and filing MMRs on time each month.

Grass Roots IT digital award - Riversdale Lions

This award is for Lions clubs who share their service story on social media

PDG Barbara Sharpe Lions Environmental Photo Award

Please ask PDG Barbara Sharp to come forward to present this award.

The photography judge congratulates all those who entered and commented that you are presenting much better photographs and making the judging a lot more difficult.

Plant life- Helen McNaughton Gore River Valley Lions

Landscape – 1st equal James Whyte Clyde and Districts and Virginia Carter Gore River Valley Lions

Animal Life – Doris Schoen Winton Lions

Weather Phenomenon- Alison Spence Gore Hokonui Lions

Overall winner James Whyte Clyde and District Lions

Cockburn Quiet Achiever Award- Monique Taito Waihopai City Lions

This award recognizes the dedicated Lion in our clubs who go above and beyond working quietly in the background without fuss, they are the backbone of our Lions clubs –

Her commitment to Waihopai City Lions, District 202F and Lions International is as boundless as it is selfless. Moniques service and dedication are quiet, yet her impact is resounding. She is an irreplaceable asset to our club and to the broader Lions community, and for her exceptional contributions and unwavering spirit, we wholeheartedly believed Monique is deserving of this award.

Certificates of appreciation – Lynette Muir Gore River Valley Lions

Stewart Tail twister award – Ian Thompson Owaka

As the District Governors visit Lions clubs they take note of the tail twisters ability to encourage harmony, friendship and fellowship in the club.



Kindness matters award District 202Fs winner is Winton Lions with their vegetables for the community

This prestigious award is given annually to a handful of Lions and Leo clubs for performing an outstanding service project in one of our global cause areas. Nominated at the club level, the Kindness Matters Service Award is a challenge for Lions and Leos to develop exceptionally innovative and creative service projects with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their communities.

Top Service club. *Toi Tois Tokanui* Co Response vehicle.

John and Beth Wilson- Best item at convention Saturday night. *Riverton Lions*

Peter Cummings Best Dressed award at Convention Saturday night – *Gore River Valley Lions*

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Welcome!

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

Trevor Hipkins - Cromwell Lions - sponsored by Greg Delaney
Christine Wilson – Mataura Lions – sponsored by Jenni Ritchie
Lorna Allott – Waihopai City Lions – sponsored by Monique Taito
Will Latta – Waihopai City Lions – sponsored by Monique Taito
Roy Tiller – Wyndham Lions – sponsored by David Dumbleton



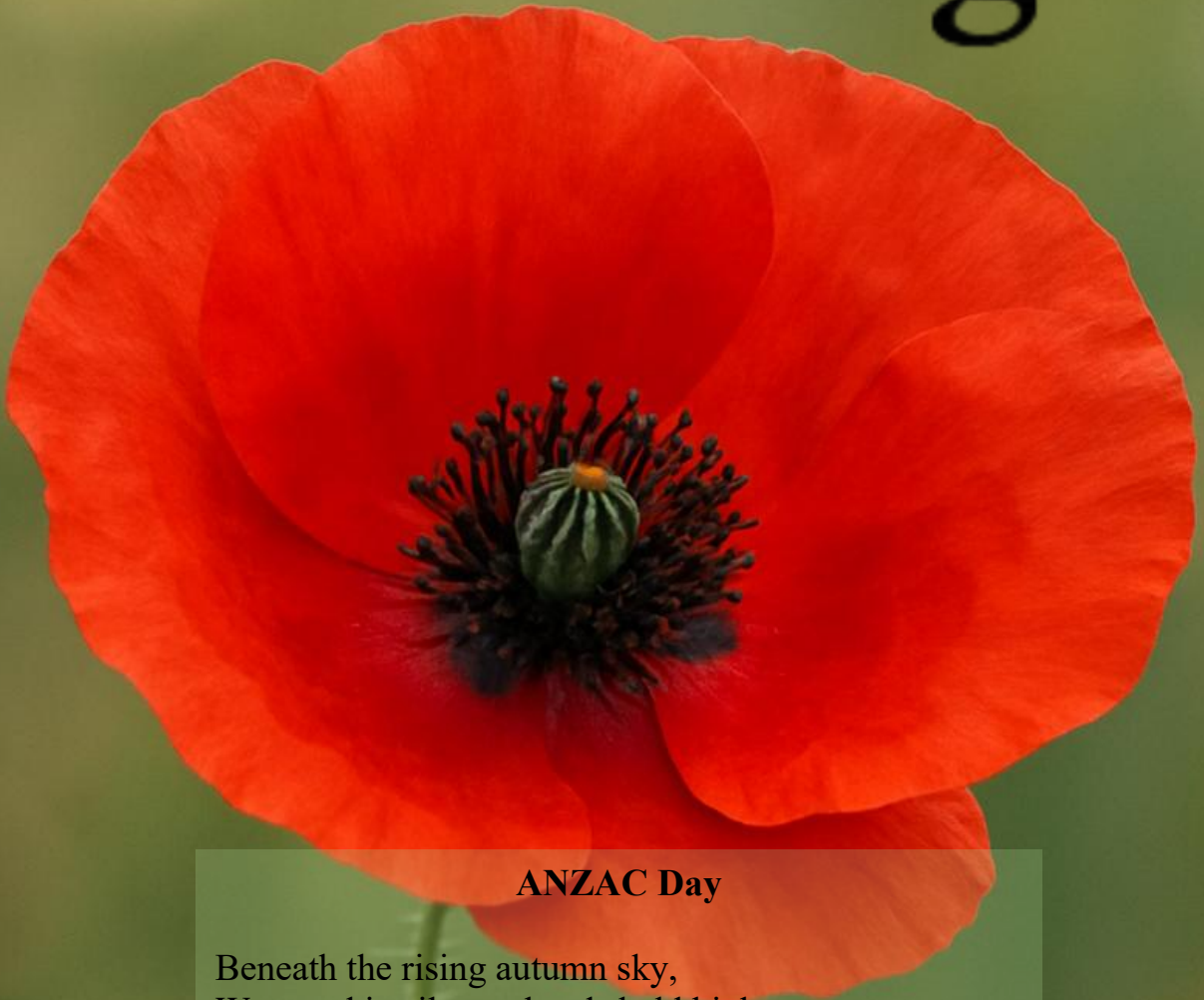


Few photos from
202F convention
March 2025





Lest we forget...



ANZAC Day

Beneath the rising autumn sky,
We stand in silence, heads held high.
For those who fought, for those who fell,
In whispered winds, their stories swell.

The poppies bloom in crimson light,
A memory of each gallant fight.
We honour them, both young and old,
With beating hearts and spirits bold.

Lest we forget — we never will,
Their courage echoes with us still.

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