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## 202D CONTACT

## September 2025



#### Greetings to all

While browsing online I came across the following which I thought provided interesting reading...

"Most people join a Lion's Club to make a difference and help their communities. But here's the thing - they end up finding so much more than what they ever expected. So, what exactly makes being a Lion so special? Here is a sneak peek at the latest member satisfaction survey to uncover what members love about being Lions.

- 95% feel they make a difference
- 92% enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun
- 92% have a sense of belonging
- 86% realise personal growth and development
- 80% feel their self-esteem and self-worth are enhanced."

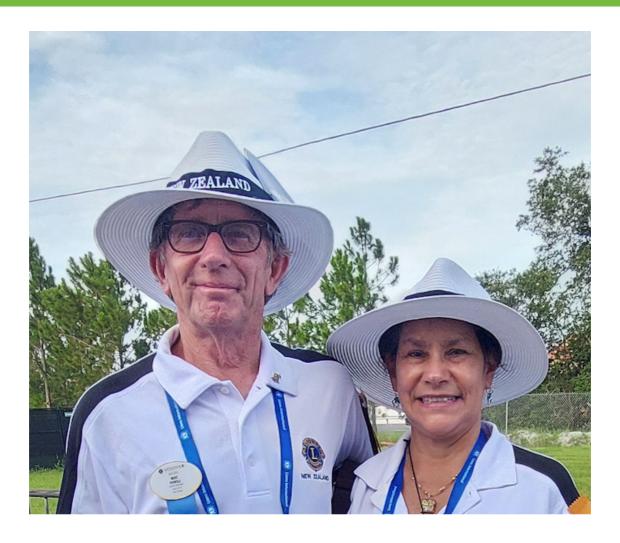
Have you thought about why *you* became a Lion? What *you* love about Lions? When was the last time you did a Club / Member Satisfaction survey? Maybe it's worth taking the time to think and talk about within your clubs... Happy members, happy clubs.

Food for thought...

Enjoy the 'early days' of spring,

Megan England Editor

## **District Governor Mike**



## "Friends Thru Service"

Hello Lions

Today is officially the first day of spring. A busy time for all Lions, taking opportunities to serve our communities through projects, community events etc, as we head towards daylight saving later this month.

Recently our District hosted the National Speechmaker finals and were heralded a great success. My own Lions Club of Bell Block and Districts worked seamlessly alongside the coordinator Pam Fiveash, Stephanie Jordan and Robyn Pederson to bring the competition to a point where a winner was picked by a strong panel of judges from the 12 very talented finalists. Thanks also to Inglewood Lions who invited all contestants and their host families to a MiniPut get together and BBQ on the Friday night before the competition. A wonderful gesture, and warmly enjoyed by all, giving contestants to relax and mingle together, before competition began.

What impressed me most was the ability of all 12 of them, to speak confidently and in all cases, quite eloquently during the "impromptu" section of the competition. This is an essential asset for any future leader, in community or commerce, to have. Our speechmaker competition is a wonderfull way to discover and showcase in our future leaders!

Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

This all reminded me of the importance of our own Lions training, and leadership development opportunities in our own clubs, at District and Multiple District levels. Lions is a wonderful, clever and effective structure to serve the community and training is available for all roles. There is support each step of the way.

If you want to know more about taking on roles, just ask! If you are keen to be involved at a District level, we would be keen to talk to you and offer support and mentoring along the way.

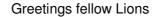
From moving around the district abit so far, I feel quite a positive feeling from members, lets build on that.

Yours in Lionism Lion Mike 202D DG 0274 769 355

## FVDG / GMT Chris Pepper







It's a new Lions year but there is a familiar topic – membership!

All of our Clubs do a great job in recruiting new members - we just need to do a little more.

Remember: more hands, more service.

The challenge from DG Mike is for each Club to grow by one new member (net).

The questions from me are – how can I help you? What are your barriers to recruitment? Are our new members involved?



Remember that the District will reimburse Clubs for the fees incurred for signing up new members to avoid the financial impact on each Club as we recruit.

So on the theme of 'just ask' – here is a challenge for everyone.

- Just ask a new member how they are going
- Just ask an experienced Lion what they think about how things are going in your Club
- Just ask to see if anyone thinks that things could be done differently
- Just ask to see if there are any idea for new projects out there.

Contact me at 202d.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz if you want to talk more. I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Pepper





Helping people doesn't just do good—it feels good.

And serving alongside others who want to make a difference in the world feels even better.

When selfless, like-minded people gather together, beautiful things happen.

From facilitating health screenings and feeding the hungry to cleaning up local parks and helping rebuild communities after disaster, Lions are ready and willing to jump in wherever there's a need.

## Congratulations to the clubs and sponsors and a warm welcome to the newest members of out Lions family.

	Bell	Block	& Distr	<u>icts</u>
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#### Christopher Walton

(Sponsor Mike Powell)

#### Foxton

#### Frazer McKenzie

(Sponsor Murray Neilson)

#### Foxton Te Awahou

#### Susan Parfitt

(Sponsor Jan Maree Hayes)

#### Hawera

#### Sharon Albrechtsen

(Sponsor Murray Hogg)

#### Ruapehu

#### Jennie Murray

(Sponsor Lynn McMillan)

#### Stephanie Rogers

(Sponsor Kathryn

Greenwood)

Robyn Slater

#### Eltham

#### Wendy Hunger

(Sponsor Louise Corston)

#### Andrew Yh Ding

(Sponsor Huia Brown)

#### Jiong Sun

(Sponsor Huia Brown)

#### New Plymouth Central

#### Mathea Daunheimer

(Sponsor Craig Daunheimer)

#### Palmerston North Middle

**Districts** 

#### Roy Brooking

(Sponsor Douglas Bruhn)

#### Wayne Fage

(Sponsor Douglas Bruhn)

#### Michael (Uzodinma) Onyema

(Sponsor Graeme Baker)

#### Peter Selander

(Sponsor Bruce Deuchrass

#### Fielding Host

#### Graeme Dejoux

(Sponsor Marilyn Bulford)

#### Colin Wood

(Sponsor Robert Heath)

#### Inalewood

#### Karen Barker

(Sponsor Katrina Knowles)

#### Keith Baker

(Sponsor Peter Knowles)

#### Susan Davies

(Sponsor Wendy Otene)

#### Sandra Davy

(Sponsor Dennis Dravitzki)

#### Normanby & Districts

#### Jorje Morellon

(Sponsor Othmar Hebler)

#### Palmerston North

Fitzherbert

James Ellis

(Sponsor Lynn McMillan) *Trevor Slater* (Sponsor Lynn McMillan) <u>Hawera Mt View</u> **Jennifer Grahame**(Sponsor Sandra Solomans)

(Sponsor Hamish Price)

# Around the District - who's doing what?



Above photo from file (Normanby & District Lions picking daffodils 2023)



Eltham Lions above outside the local 4 Square and Palmerston North Fitzherbert Lions (right) outside Paper Plus in PN.

Many clubs from around the district were out in force supporting the **Cancer Society's Daffodil Day** on 29th August. Some of our clubs grow daffodils which are sold or given away as well as club members joining with other volunteers from around the country to collect donations, sell goods and generally collect support for the work that the Cancer Society is doing.



Palmerston North Middle Districts recently held their annual Jimmy Carter Quiz. The quiz brought together 10 schools for an exciting battle of knowledge. Horowhenua College won after a close tiebreaker with Longburn Adventist College, with Palmerston North Girls' High School just behind.

Feilding Host Club recently recognised long time member John Tansley with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for the many years of service he has given his club. Pictured receiving his recognition with members of his family and Immediate Past President Adrian Bulford. 'It's a privilege to belong to Lions and a pleasure to belong to the Club,' John said on receiving the recognition.





Kairanga Lions Club Changeover in July -President Kathleen Palinski with PDG Roy Price presiding over proceedings.



Stratford Lion members recently supported senior students from Ngaere School with their William Pike Community Service challenge by collecting rubbish in Stratford's Victoria Park.



Photo left - Colyton-Bunnythorpe Lions President, Stephen Barr surprising member Brian Worboys with a Lloyd Morgan recognition for service to the club.



Save the Date!

☆ You're Invited! ☆
High Tea Fundraiser
in support of the Pink Ribbon Appeal

- Saturday, 18 October
- ( ) Time and venue to be confirmed
- P Broadway Stratford Club Branch

Join us for a lovely afternoon of tea, treats, and togetherness as we raise funds for breast cancer awareness and support.

Dress with a touch of pink!

Save the date – we can't wait to see you there!

Tickets \$30 pp

More details to follow soon.

## **Cancer Skin Screening Update**

The Cancer Skin Screening trust is delighted to welcome Janet Walmsley on board as our new Administrator. Janet is based in Hanmer Springs and will be the first port of call for all things to do with booking the vehicle. She is currently working to streamline the processes and systems involved to ensure things run smoothly.

Janet can be reached by email: admin@lionscancertrust.nz

We are still on the hunt for screeners who can be added to the data base to be involved as volunteers when the vehicle is in their area. These screeners should have a medical background. If you are able to help or would like to know more then please contact Janet at the email above or contact the District Trustee, Megan England 202d.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz.

Many thanks to the clubs and individuals for the ongoing financial support of this worthwhile life saving NZ Lions project.

#### Help Us Fast-Track Our Second Screening Vehicle!

A place on the production line is nearly secured — but we need your support to get our second Lions Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle on the road sooner than anticipated.

Every donation brings us closer to saving more lives through free skin cancer checks.

Please donate today and show your support.

Together, we can make it happen!

Lions Clubs Cancer Trust 03-0674-0280918







## 202D Junior Speech Maker Competition

for children in Years 7 & 8

Hawera Community Centre

Sunday 2nd November

Entries to Youth Chair Stephanie Jordan by 25 October

## Plan Ahead for Weeks of Service

Mental Health & Well Being: Oct 4 -12 2025

## Hunger: Jan 3 - 11 2026 Environment: April 18-26 2026



#### Get ready for our global Weeks of Service

This year, join the worldwide community of Lions and Leos as we unite to support our Weeks of Service so we can make a local and global impact through our service.

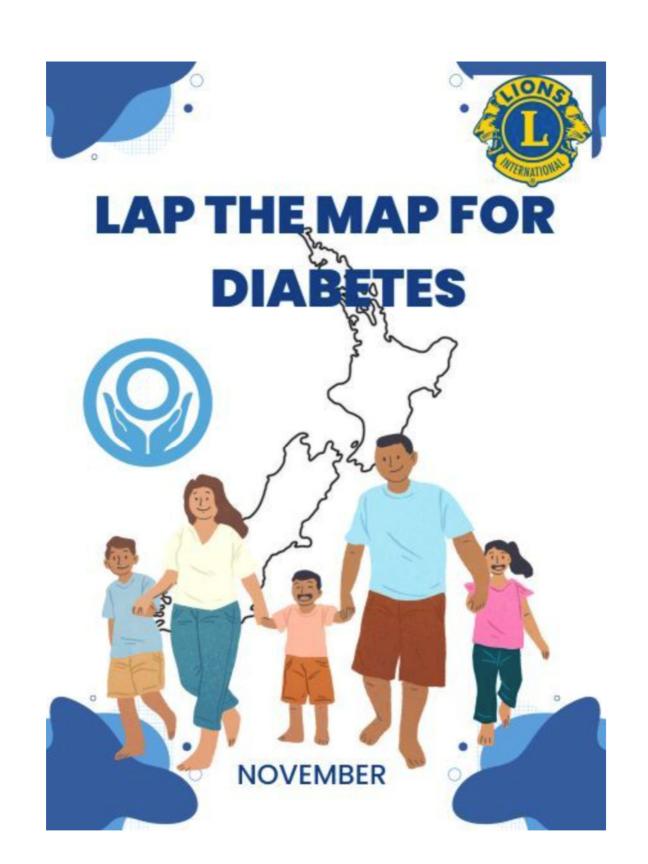
- Mental health & well-being (October 4-12, 2025): Promote resilience, support mental wellness and break the stigma.
- Hunger (January 3-11, 2026): Fight food insecurity and nourish hope.
- The environment (April 18-26, 2026): Protect our planet to ensure future generations can flourish.

A new Lion year comes with new opportunities to lead and serve! Visit our <u>Service Journey webpage</u> to learn more about our global causes and find service toolkits, project planners and additional resources for your club's journey.



Click here for details

# Do you have an event planned for Lap the Map?

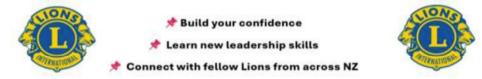


## Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

**Calling Future Lions Leaders!** 

Are you ready to take the next step in 2026?

This is YOUR chance to prepare for future roles, including Club President



The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is designed to help Lions members build the skills and confidence to step into leadership roles at the club level.

If you're ready to grow, learn, and connect with fellow Lions, this is the opportunity for you!

Location	Redwood Hotel, 340 Main North Road, Christchurch	
Dates	16-18 January 2026	
Deadline	10th November 2025 (or earlier if 30 places filled)	
Apply	202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz	

(Above copied from J-Times Sept Bulletin)

This is a great opportunity for incoming or aspiring Club presidents. For more information please contact our District GLT Coordinator, Stephen Barr 202d.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz

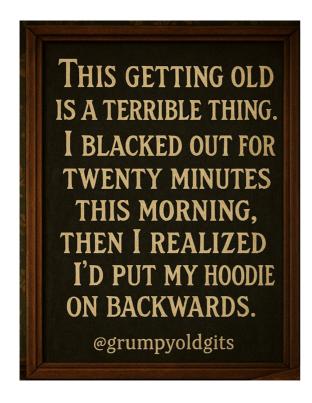
## A little light relief...

#### From Lakeside Lions Bulletin:

Top 10 perks of being over 65:

- 1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2. In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
- 3. No one expects you to run....anywhere,
- 4. Things you buy now won't wear out.
- 5. You can eat dinner at 4 pm.
- 6. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
- 7. You can quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
- 8. Your eyes won't get much worse.
- 9. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the Metservice.
- 10. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.







## Payment Details from District Treasurer



## BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS For District 202D Treasurers

#### Payments to Lions Clubs and International Lions (LCI)

Lions Club International District 202D

Administration: 03-0791-0060340-000
Trust Account 03-0791-0232608-001
Youth Account 03-0791-0232608-005
My Health Check (Glob): 03-0791-0232608-008

International Dues 03-0502-0081103-000

LCIF Donations 03-0502-0081103-000

Please note: the MD office requires email notification of any deposits to the LCIF bank account (with details of the purpose) to assist us with our reconciliation of the account.

Melvin Jones Fellowships and Life Memberships

03-0502-0081103-000

NZ Club Supplies

New Zealand Lions MD202 | 03-0558-0252696-00

LMLCCT 02-0528-0038410-00

form can be downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org.nz.

Lions Cancer Trust 03-0674-0280918-00

A reminder that this monthly CONTACT bulletin is yours, the districts, and it will only ever be as good as the content I am given to share. Please share your club bulletins and celebrations, photos, new members, stories with me so I can help spread the great things happening in each of your clubs with others around the district.



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