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IN OUR COMMUNITIES
TOGETHER



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Picton Lions members enjoying Fun and Fellowship over a meal before their meeting.

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With the Club visits underway. I am heartened by the generosity of Clubs through their Members towards the Tasman – Nelson floods. I have been involved in the committee set up with Myself, the District's Alert Chair and the Presidents of the Clubs affected by the disaster. To date, funds received into the 202e Charitable Trust have been extraordinary. As well as the initial \$10,000 from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust (Which has already been used), Clubs around the country have donated a total of \$ 80,800.00! Outstanding. What has been paid out; Apart from the \$10,000, another \$12,800 has been settled from invoices received. That leaves \$68,000 in funds to be distributed where the need is the greatest. The focus will be on community needs and community-based projects. There needs to be a great deal of accountability as to how these funds are disbursed. The clubs that have kindly donated to the cause have the right to know where the money is spent and what projects have been agreed to. This will be conveyed in due course. This generosity comes from the saying "Where there is a need, there is a Lion" So true!

A P. Singh's slogan is "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead". When we serve, we stand alongside our fellow Lions and Leos. We stand for compassion that makes us want to help our communities in time of need. We also need to grow our organisation so that we can serve more people. We know that building anything worth while takes time, purposeful actions and leadership driven by passion and purpose – the kind of leadership that only Lions can do. A.P. Singh believes every Lion has a part to play and a debt to repay. After all, we are all here today because someone invited us to be a Lion. We would not have been a Lion if someone had not worked to charter our club. Now it is your turn to build the next club in our district.

Have a great month, Bernie



Have you seen our 202e Facebook Profile?
We celebrate the Service of one of our clubs -
Christchurch Chinese Lions Club.



The Winners of Lions Top Club Service Project 202E, 202 and now face judging against Australia, Indonesia & Islands. Kaikoura Lions Club - Lions Seats project 90+ and counting. Amazing!!!

Christchurch Chinese Lions Club



“Established in 1997, to promote multiculturalism and Lionism in the community, the Lions Club of Christchurch Chinese has been committed to serving the community for near three decades.” Have you visited their Facebook page? (page 10)
Fellowship dinners and New Members on a regular basis. Did you attend the Gala Dinner (left) to raise funds for the Lions Club Cancer Trust with its Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Service. A sumptuous meal, a vast selection of raffle prizes and, above all, a superb auction, all combined to raise around \$25,000 towards the Cancer Bus with an amazing evening.



“We Volunteer, We Serve, We make a Difference in our Communities.....TOGETHER”



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Tēnā koutou, the latest Cabinet Meeting was a great opportunity for the Zone Chairs to get together for their 'Forum' along with the LCIF Coordinator and the new GLT Coordinator Graeme Pile.

It is a very useful forum and we all got plenty out of it.

Having been a Zone Chair I know sometimes it feels we are treading water, but with this current cohort this is certainly not the case.

Each one had plenty to share and to take away. The Zone Chairs are the conduit between you good folk at the clubs and the Cabinet, without which administering a huge District such as ours would be a nightmare. They truly are your voice at the table so use them as much as you can and well done to them for stepping into the breach the way they have.

A special mention must go to Zone 5 – all the clubs in the Zone are combining for the Autumn Festival to be held at Amberley Domain, including such things as vintage cars, fire engines of all ages, and a host of other activities.

The Change of Officers functions are done and dusted and the visits program are now underway. It really is encouraging to see new or prospective members at each Change of Officers and Clubs' visits and not just in ones, sometimes as many as three at a time. I reckon we could be well on the way to achieving our District Goal of 1500 by the end of the Lions year. JUST ASK.

That's enough from me. I hope to see you out there soon.

Ka kite anō au i a koe Alastair



Where There's A Need - There's Motueka Lions Club!



(President Mike Brown) - our remarkable team has continued to rise to the challenge - coordinating and sourcing critical materials to support families affected by the recent floods across our district. Our regular fundraising initiatives haven't missed a beat either. The kindling and fertiliser projects have ticked along like clockwork ...

The month of July will certainly be etched into our minds as devastation to our community, caused by unprecedented flooding from a river of rainfall. The Motueka Lions Club has volunteered their services to help out where possible. Thank you to the many volunteers who are involved.
(Colin Brown - Club Editor)



Hawarden-Waikari Lions - VDG Alistair Rankin recently inducted 2 new members. We welcome Vicky Collis sponsored by Murray Galland, and Peter Kennett sponsored by Margaret Walker into our club, and know that they will find their membership is a rewarding experience.

CAMP QUALITY



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After receiving 3 boxes of 30 each, of the wonderful colourful memories of all the children and their carers and all the Lion helpers it gave me much pleasure in distributing the books to the appropriate Zone Chairs by mail and passing around to clubs at our own Zone 8 meeting.

Everyone enjoys the photos of themselves.

Amazing to me are the members who come a long distance.

A Camp Quality representative can be arranged to be a speaker a bit closer to home. Slides would be shown.

Lions Clubs New Zealand are recognized as the original Establisher of the Camp back in 1985 and are now the Primary Donor.

Yours in Lionism Shirley

Our Lions Calendar



September	Month	NZ Childhood Cancer Awareness
	5-7	ANZI Pacific Forum - Gold Coast
	19-25	Keep NZ Beautiful - Clean Up Week
	24-27	National Youth Camp CANCELLED
October	4-12	<u>Mental Health & Well-being</u>
	9	LCI World Sight Day
	Month	LCI Vision Awareness Month
	Month	LCI Membership Growth
	Month	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon
November	Month	Child Mobility Walktober
	Month	Diabetes Awareness Month
	Month	Lap the Map Walk
	14	World Diabetes Day
December	5	International Leos Day
	5	World Volunteer Day
	25	Christmas Family Day
January '26	3-11	<u>Hunger (Service focus)</u>
	4	World Braille day
	31	District Bulletin Due Out
April '26	18-26	<u>Environment (Service focus)</u>

Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival

November 4th - 7th 2025
2025 Theme -
Whanau - Friends & Family.



Have you checked out the Music Festival website?

If not, give it a go, and you will find out everything you need to know about the 2025 Festival, which will be held in the ChCh Town Hall from 4th to 7th November.

This is YOUR Music Festival - the Lions symbol and name is on all advertising and everything that goes out to schools so YOUR CLUB needs to support it, both financially and by attending.

We will have our usual Lions information display, so your Club might like to send us information on your venue and meetings, that we can put on display - this can be sent to me at 38 Quaid's Road, Marshland, Christchurch.

If you are emailing me, please use my home email, not the one in the Lions directory.

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"September Youth Camp has been cancelled due to lack of numbers to meet the minimum."

Blenheim Lions President Helen Williams
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To all the family and friends,
we extend our heartfelt
sympathy at the passing of:



Ian Richardson Akaroa Lions Club 35 years of Service

**This Month we Honour
our Lions Clubs Charters**

Christchurch Host (Sept 1959)	66years Service
Greymouth (Sept 1963)	62years Service
New Brighton (Sept 1963)	62years Service
Malvern (Sept 1971)	54years Service
Renwick (Sept 1970)	55years Service
Seddon (Sept 1970)	55years Service



New Members

Beavertown Blenheim Lions Club	Sponsor
Frances Wickham	Maureen Wright
Christchurch Chinese Lions Club	
Lydia Zeng	Brian Kwok
Halswell District Lions Club	
John Dewar	Graham Woods
Hawarden Waikari Lions Club	
Vicky Collis	Murray Galland
Peter Kennett	Margaret Walker
Selwyn Lions Club	
Anna Burns	Alison Benefield

LOOK OUT Next month for Messages
from our Global Leadership GLT,
Global Membership GMT and Youth Chair.

CLUB VISITS

District Governors and their representatives, visit clubs to promote the International President's theme, their own theme and the projects of Lions Clubs International, the Multiple District and District 202E.

All clubs will be visited by either DG Bernie, VDG Alastair or representative and their partner or driver. They are our guest speakers, our guests and we pay for their meal.



**DG Bernie
Walls**

September

2nd Wigram
3rd Chch. Pegasus
10th Hokitika
11th Greymouth
25th Golden Bay

October

1st Picton
2nd Ahaura Grey Valley
8th Renwick
9th Kaikoura Seaward
21st Havelock
22nd Amuri

November

5th Blenheim
13th Chch South
18th Kaikoura

December

3rd Halswell
9th Hanmer Springs

**VDG Alastair
Rankin**



September

1st Beavertown
9th Christchurch Host
10th Cheviot
16th Richmond
18th Woodend Pegasus

October

14th Motueka
21st Glenmark
22nd Christchurch Chinese

November

6th Rangiora
18th Nelson Host

A message from

A.P. Singh

International President

2025 - 2026



Click Here

"Lead
to
Serve,
Serve
to
Lead"



A. P. Singh
India
International President



Mark Lyon
U.S.A.
1st Vice President



Dr. Manoj Shah
Kenya
2nd Vice President



Tony Benbow
Australia
3rd Vice President



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

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The Special Olympics will be held in Christchurch during 10-14 December. There has been a huge response from Lions clubs to volunteer at the Special Olympics.

A total of 128 half day shifts for the Opening Eyes and skin cancer screening vehicle have been filled. The number of volunteers clearly exceeded the number of shifts available. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. There are many opportunities still available to assist at the Special Olympics. These include team liaison roles, greeting athletes on arrival at the airport, meals at the athlete's village, assisting with directing athletes to the correct bus for the 7 sports venues, car parking and helping at sports events.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for these roles at the Special Olympics, you can register directly with them via this website: <https://www.nsg2025.co.nz/volunteer/> There is a place on the registration form to say you are a Lion.

The Kaikoura Club Lions Seats project was selected as the district 202E winner for the Top Club Service Project Award. Kaikoura club have built over 90 seats as memorials and placed them in coastal locations and lookout points. This is a fantastic high profile project with a strong community focus that also benefits the many tourists who visit the Kaikoura area. The project was submitted to Multiple District and was chosen to be the Top Club Service Project for New Zealand. It has been sent to Constitutional Area 7 as the New Zealand entry. The Constitutional Area winning project will be announced at ANZI Pacific Forum, Gold Coast in September. Well done to Kaikoura club for this awesome achievement.

Lions International has a new global service initiative: Mental Health and Wellbeing. All around the world mental health is impacting communities in many different ways. An international week of service is planned for 4 – 12 October. Clubs are encouraged to choose how they can support awareness of Mental Health and Wellbeing during this week. To find out more click on this link:

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/weeks-of-service?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG_EN

Have a great month, Neil

Membership with DG Bernie

**My observation is that 202E needs to develop its own plan for growth.
E plan for E growth.**

In fact, even that may not be the best way because club growth is a club responsibility. Success is not measured by District growth it is measured by club growth and the club's visibility in the community which it serves.

Laying on a model is useful for discussion. But let's put it this way!

- AS a member of this club do you want us to be active in 2027 or 2030?
- AS a member of this club who are you going to invite to a club meeting in the next six months?
- AS a member of this club are you prepared to attend a project a month as a participant?
- AS a member of this club are you prepared to be visible as a Lion?
- AS a member of this club what suggestion do you have to grow our membership?

How do you feel you answer these questions?

In short revival and growth may be a District priority but it is a club responsibility!

It is simpler than that – it is my responsibility and your responsibility – it matters less about a district plan, but it matters about serving others. If we are worth it then others may see the example and will want to join us in service too.

And that is a club responsibility".

Can 202E Meet I.P. Singh's Membership Challenge?

Lions International President A.P. Singh has issued a membership challenge to us all.

1. Induct at least one new member in every club by August 31, 2025, (from 1 July as recorded by LCI)
2. Charter one new club in every district during the first quarter of the Lions year.

(if we haven't achieved this figure - the opportunity is still there to 'catchup'.) This initiative aims to expand the reach of Lions Clubs International and increase the number of members dedicated to serving their communities.

(D.B. figures can only be recorded as @ going to print date and caught up the next month. The figures below are what our LCI Lions Portal has recorded as N.M. 1st July - 29 August '25 >>> - closing District Bulletin.)

Beavertown Blenheim = 1

Christchurch Chinese L.C. = 2

Ellesmere L.C. = 1

Halswell District = 1

Hawarden Waikari = 2

Oxford & Districts L.C. = 1

Richmond L.C. = 1

Rolleston & District L.C. = 1

Seddon L.C. = 2

Selwyn L.C. = 2

Wigram L.C. = 2

Congratulations to the above clubs.

You met I.P. AP Singh's Challenge (1)



Ellesmere Lions welcomed Sinclair Hughes - inducted into our club by President Geoff Heslop and sponsored by Gerald Lemon.

Christchurch South Ferrymead Lions Club - going places in Service.

A few words of wisdom from the new President Alastair of Christchurch South Ferrymead Club.

Firstly, I'd like to say it's an honour to be president in this, the first year of our new combined club. A mixing of people and ideas to take the club forward, we also have a wealth of experience, and this can only be good. The pea straw sales are coming up and I would encourage all members to think about how they can be involved. The Timaru idea of also selling compost looks to be a goer so a day out to pick it up is a possibility.

I had a thought years ago, that our small contribution to things may at times seem small, but a small contribution beats no contribution. Encourage anyone you can think of to join the club.

If some folks can't attend meetings they can help at working bees, pea straw sales or collecting for charities, etc.



Ann, Ross, Bernie K and Vickie joined with park rangers and others in the community to help plant native saplings at the Bowenvale Reserve.



President Alastair presented Barbara Murray with the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust Honoured Member Award.



Lion Barry - It's a privilege to support the great work of Hoon Hay Foodbank who help local families week in, week out.

District 202E Facebook Pages - if your Club is not listed, Please reach out - we have people who will help or again - your grandies!

District 202E Lions Clubs International

Below are the Facebook Pages
that I found for our District.
Posting sells Lions Service!
Please Click, Read & Like.



Akaroa & Bays <https://www.facebook.com/akaroaandbayslions>
Amberley District <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064391364385>
Amuri <https://www.facebook.com/amurilionsclub>
Beavertown Blenheim <https://www.facebook.com/beavertownblenheimlions>
Blenheim <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083769480844>
Cheviot <https://www.facebook.com/CheviotNZLions>
Christchurch Chinese <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575015869545>
Christchurch City Breakfast <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092638344875>
Christchurch Pegasus <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068711117997>
Christchurch South Ferrymead <https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchSouthLionsClub>
Ellesmere <https://www.facebook.com/ellesmerelionsclub>
Glenmark <https://www.facebook.com/groups/626830445380639>
Greymouth <https://www.facebook.com/GreymouthLionsClub>
Halswell District <https://www.facebook.com/halswelllions>
Hanmer Springs <https://www.facebook.com/hanmerlions>
Havelock <https://www.facebook.com/groups/570259892680589>
Hawarden Waikari <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070042879995>
Hokitika <https://www.facebook.com/hokitikalions>
Kaikoura <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064795715891>
Kaikoura Seaward <https://www.facebook.com/seawardkaikouralions>
Malvern <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069107829653>
Motueka <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083261335134>
Nelson Host <https://www.facebook.com/NelsonHostLionsClub>
New Brighton <https://www.facebook.com/LionsofNewBrighton>
Oxford & Districts <https://www.facebook.com/oxford.districts.lions>
Picton <https://www.facebook.com/groups/990913584430010>
Rangiora Lioness Lions <https://www.facebook.com/rangioralionslioness>
Richmond <https://www.facebook.com/LionsClubRichmond>
Rolleston & Districts <https://www.facebook.com/rolleston.lions.5>
Seddon <https://www.facebook.com/seddonlionsnz>
Selwyn <https://www.facebook.com/SelwynLionsClub>
Wigram <https://www.facebook.com/WigramLionsClubChristchurchNewZealand>
Woodend Pegasus <https://www.facebook.com/woodendlions>

... And Our Lions Clubs of New Zealand - District 202E

<https://www.facebook.com/202ELions/>

You Just May See Your Club Post - when you post!

Who Won The BEST Lions Project in NZ?

#1 - Kaikoura Lions Club - 90+ Lions Seats!

“Top Club Service Project” This project competed firstly at District (202e) level AND Won, next Multiple District level AND Won - and now goes up against Constitutional Area 7 - which includes the countries of: Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, and Pacific Islands.

There are 90 seats in place and one in the process of being made. Two at Cheviot, one at Seddon and several around Christchurch. My favourite is the one at the top of Mt Fyffe, put in for the clubs fiftieth, with Charter members Bryan Seddon and Lloyd Johnson, flown in by helicopter in a southerly!! *(this seat was also built as a Memorial Seat to Terence Smith, who leased the Mt. Fyffe run and father of one of our members who also donated the seat.)*

The Lions seat idea, was from two or three members around early 2000 and like Topsy they grew. Somewhere along the way they have been modified to make a more comfortable seat. We have fibreglass moulds to cast the ends with the Lions emblem, import the recycled Grey Ironbark Australian Hardwood, and oil this timber with straight hemp oil. Today, improvements have been made to the way we build and transport the seats.

We try to get members involved when positioning a seat, a very popular and enjoyable club project. There have been lots of comments. The three by the Pier hotel have a fantastic view of Kaikoura - across the sea to the snow capped mountain range. I have a list of where every seat is and names of those who sponsored them. (Tony Davis - Lions seats - Kaikoura Lions Club.)



Charter members Bryan Seddon and Dr. Lloyd Johnson atop Mt. Fyffe celebrating the Club's 50th.



Just some of Kaikoura Lions Club seats.



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PDG Malcolm Williams



LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation

With pleasure I list hereunder Lions in District E who were awarded a MJF during the past Lions year (1/7/24 to 30/6/25).

AKAROA & BAYS: Raewyn Clearwater
 BEAVERTOWN Sandra Kirk, Wynn Phillips and Bernice Spowart
 CHCH FERRYMEAD: Peter Payne, Stan Tarrant
 CHCH HOST : David Crerar
 CHCH SOUTH/FERRYMEAD: Ann Newson,
 GLENMARK: Brian Gardner, John Harrison
 NELSON HOST: PDG John Bilderbeck, Peter Milne

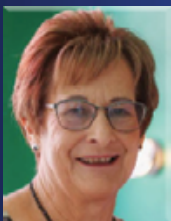
To date the District has awarded 433 Fellowships since records commenced- our earlier recipient being in 1987. The Melvin Jones Fellows (MJF) and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows (PMJF) are the backbone of our foundation.

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows (PMJF) is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF and advance in the fellowship program. By being a holder of an MJF and a further donation of US\$1,000 to LCIF or a donation of USD2000 would entitle one to a PMJF. Both the MJF and PMJF recognize a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder Melvin Jones. Contributions for these can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs, or districts. Donations may be in one sum or in instalments. We currently have 3 PMJF's in our District.

I have mentioned previously of the "LCIF 'Credits'" held for clubs who have donated to LCIF and haven't drawn down the value to recognise a MJF award. As at 30 June 25, the District held USD108k in credits available for MJF's Of course not every club will have an entitlement available.

Should your club wish to know what their balance is, please contact me.

With kind regards *Malcolm*



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Congratulations club marcoms on your appointment and welcome to the world of marketing. You don't need to be an expert – you just have to do it; post regularly on your club facebook page, follow the district facebook page (facebook.com/202ELions) and 'like' the posts or share a post if you wish it to appear on your club facebook page, and use traditional media such as community noticeboards, local radio and newspapers to publicise your events.

You are not alone: Check out the Lions International website to 'learn' and get resources to help you with marketing. Marketing Fundamentals has the sub-headings; Marketing 101, Branding, Marketing channels and Marketing Resources <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing> (copy and paste this URL into the google search bar)

Hashtags used under a facebook post are a way of encouraging the viewer to tap on them and see more related posts. E.g. #LionsGoGreen

Hashtag Do's

1. Use Lions global hashtags: #LionsGoGreen, #Missiontogrow, #Weserve
2. Create a club or signature event hashtag
3. Keep it short and easy to remember. And add to your marketing materials, club print material, signage and social posts
4. Research hashtags before using them to see what your community is using and no one is already using a hashtag you want to use.

Finally, Post compelling photos to grab the attention of potential members and encourages people to tap on hashtag and be taken to your club page.

Helen

“Sun Shines on a Swinging Success at Ellesmere Lions Club Tournament!”

The Lions Club of Ellesmere is extremely proud of their continued participation in the Golf Fundraising Project and are thrilled to report that during the 54 years over \$500,000 has been raised for mostly local community projects. A great day out at the Ellesmere Golf Club today for the annual Ellesmere Lions Club Tournament, the rain stayed away all day so all 130 players were able to enjoy their round. Despite a brisk northeasterly and wet conditions, 130 golfers took on the immaculate Ellesmere course, with stand out performances. Sponsorship hit nearly \$50,000 mark, and the auction brought in over \$1,200. Special appreciation goes to the Southbridge Rugby Club and the Lions for their strong support, and to the 70+ Lions and partners who made the day run smoothly. A heartfelt thanks to Sue, Anna, and the ladies team for their tireless dedication. Final figures approx. \$40,000 but the collective effort once again proves how big results grow from small contributions. The proceeds will be shared between the Southbridge Rugby club for renovations to their clubrooms, and the Lions Harts Creek Walking Track upgrade, which leads to the proposed Bird Hide on Lake Ellesmere. *(with energy boosters at so many Holes.)*



top left #5 Top right #10 Hole.
Our lovely ladies doing a fantastic job feeding the Golfers.
right - Michelin Star BBQ chefs at #10.
(there was also a line up at #14 and ...
Amazingly organised tournament -
(I'm coming next year just for the victuals :)



Kaikoura Seaward Lion Julie presented a New Entrant Gift Pack to a child at Kaikoura Primary School.



Christchurch South Ferrymead Lions are Proud to support Aranui Plunket with warm winter clothing.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

This is Finn's story

.... "When we said goodbye to her the morning of the surgery, we didn't realise how much of her we were saying goodbye to. ...

.... Prior to treatment, we had to make some hard decisions – life-changing decisions – for 4-year-old Finn, and we did, because it felt like the doctors were giving us hope that she would make it through.

.... Within a week, Finn had countless MRIs, an External Ventricular Drain, met so many specialists and had so many tests. She missed everyone at home but especially her twin sister Pixie who she had never been apart from.

While we were making life-altering decisions for her, we were also making them for our family at home. We have five children, including Finn....

[Read More about Finn Here](#)

GET WIGGY for SEPTEMBER

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

- a time to recognise the children and families affected by childhood cancers.

To emphasize the importance of supporting research on these devastating conditions.

New Zealand Lions International Youth Camp

27th December 2025 - 5th January 2026
Hosted by Lions District 202L

Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education
Lodge Tauranga - NZ

Camp Purpose

To further the first object of Lionism
"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world"



Applications open - 1st July



Camp Director: Tina Hille-Taylor
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Applications for the District 202L International Youth Camp are NOW OPEN! Does your Lions Club connect with youth aged between 17- 21 years? Have you spotted any youth or Leos who would benefit from this Cultural and Leadership experience? If so, contact our amazing Camp Director Tina Hille-Taylor for more information!

Weeks of Service 2025 - 2026

The first full week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week in New Zealand dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of mental health conditions. This annual event, led by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) since 1990, aims to reduce stigma and promote public education around mental health.

There will be specific Weeks of Service focused on
Mental Health and Well-being

(Oct 4-12, 2025),

Hunger (Jan 3-11, 2026),

Environment (April 18-26, 2026).

Kindness Matters Award

This prestigious award is given annually to a handful of Lions and Leo clubs for performing an outstanding service project in any of our global causes. 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.

There were six nominations from the 202E district. Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club "Knitting for Newborns" was the winning entry. It now goes to the 'Multiple Districts' as the 202E nomination for the New Zealand "Kindness Matters Service Awards."

The Catering Extraordinaires! - non other than Selwyn Lions Club

202E Facebook post - Feeding the five thousand? Close! - 230 hungry horticulturists... but with the amount of amazing food on offer, we'd be forgiven for thinking it was a banquet for a small army! A huge well done to the Selwyn Lions team – your dedication, hard work, and culinary wizardry never fail to impress. You didn't just feed them, you wowed them. Selwyn Lions – the Catering Extraordinaires!



L-R: Lois, Jane, Alison, Pam, Lynne, Raeleen Barbara and Pat. (missing, photographer, Barbara W.)



Lynne & Pam - the catering coordinators.

This Club Sure Knows How to Party - Havelock Lions Club ... of course!



Havelock Lions Club - What a fabulous evening we had last night at the Community Lounge in Havelock! Our Midwinter Christmas Dinner was full of festive cheer, delicious food, and more laughter than a Christmas cracker joke.

Thanks to everyone who joined us – it was a night to remember and a lovely way to make some winter-warming memories.

(And no, we're not saying who wore the Santa hat best... but we all looked fabulous) (slightly edited :)

"Is there an award for the cutest Lions in NZ"

#HavelockLionsClub








We'll be giving out awards for:
 || Best Dressed (Cat-themed costumes encouraged!)
 || Best Team Name (must fit the cat theme!)

Monday 15th
SEPTEMBER 7PM
 \$10PP
 TEAMS OF 6

Proceeds go to:
Kitty Kingdom
 Contact
 21004@rangiorahigh.school.nz or
 021 181 9550 for tickets

FIVE STAGS RANGIORA
 3/29 Huntington Drive, Rangiora



Blenheim Lions - with kindling demand high and Alzheimers supplies running low Lions Malcolm, Rodie, Norm, Helen and Leo Lion Martyn cut 30 bags of kindling in an hour.



International
 President
 A P Singh's
 Presidential
 Pin.
WORN ONLY

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✅ It is a symbol to be worn with pride - not displayed digitally.



Chilly mornings - Golden Bay Lions have the answer, get a ticket in our FIREWOOD raffle - Proceeds going to help flood victims over the hill around Motueka. Be in TO WIN!



Kaikoura Seaward Lions Toni and Paula setting up the Trash to Fashion garments at Garmibs car museum.



Message from our Council Chair - Pam Harvey

Welcome to this month's Between the Lions!

And welcome to Spring – I think!!

We've had some seriously rough weather over the past month but, in between times, the early-blossoming trees have burst forth, and Spring bulbs have sent up equally colourful flowers.

Like daffodils, which we have just seen in profusion on Daffodil Day, with proceeds going to cancer research, prevention, and patient support services. Well done to all you Lions who volunteered to help with sales on the day, or who at least donated by buying daffodils or other merchandise. And coming up on September 10th is Wig Wednesday – let's see a profusion of colourful wigs out in force, raising funds for Child Cancer, one of our Lions Global Causes.

I had the privilege recently of being taken on a tour around the Tasman/Nelson area to see up close the devastating effects of the flooding events in July, and to also see the wonderful work that the Clubs in Zone 2 have been doing to help with the disaster relief. So many families and relief helpers have benefitted from this work, made possible by the generous donations from Lions clubs throughout our Multiple Districts, and from a substantial Lloyd Morgan grant. This work is now moving into the recovery phase, with a wider emphasis on community needs. Watch this space for updates!

But back to Spring. This is a time when there is a whole new energy in our clubs. Through club bulletins and a wide range of social media, we can see an incredible range of club activities that are planned for the month ahead. The new District Governors have launched enthusiastically into their rounds of club visits – a really important time for them to see all the amazing ways that clubs are meeting needs in their communities. The DG's have also met as a Council of Governors, alongside the longer-term Council members. What an awesome group of Lions we have as leaders in our Multiple Districts!! We met to make decisions for the benefit and support of clubs throughout our districts, which is, after all, our total purpose.

And our membership is on the move upwards!! At the time of writing, our MD total stands at 7417, showing a net growth of +37 this Lions Year so far. A great start, but let's keep the trend going onwards and upwards, by doing the basics: getting new members and new clubs, at the same time valuing and appreciating the members we already have. There are exciting new initiatives coming on-stream, spearheaded by our Area GAT Leader (Steve Barr), that will help us invigorate our clubs in a new way. Again, watch this space and be ready to Spring into action (sorry!).

Remember – WE SERVE TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, and the more we have helping to serve, the more difference we can make.

HAVE A GREAT MONTH!

A copy of the Executive Summary of our last Council Meeting
in August can be read [Click Here](#)

Richmond Lions provides substantial support to Tasman Flood Victims.

In August the Richmond Lions Club helped run a family fun day at Tapawera for families affected by the floods. Lion Neil Monk ran the Barbecue, the Bar was manned by Lions Katie Greer and Andy Malloch. We also provided a Bouncy Castle for the kids looked after by Glenys Tideman. Nelson Host Club came as well with their Candy Floss. It was a good chance for the locals to meet up and share stories. Most arrived wearing gum boots!



New Brighton Lions - New Zealand donated food and fuel vouchers to Flow Waaka to support her in the work she does feeding the people experiencing homelessness.

Cabinet Meeting Key Points - Saturday 2nd August 2025

1. International President – AP Singh. His theme is: Lead to Serve – Serve to Lead.
2. Minutes silence to mark the passing of PDG John Rodger
3. Club Marcoms (marketing & communications) - Please make sure these are appointed by clubs and advise the District marcom Helen Williams by emailing 202e.marcom@lionsclubs.org.nz. Under the new constitutions the Marketing chairperson is a member of the club board.
4. Club presidents please appoint your Membership chairs, as per the Constitution, this is a Board position and advise DG Bernie or your zone chairperson.
5. Reminder NOT to leave can tabs or other aluminium in paper or cardboard containers at the collection point. They must be in plastic bags or plastic containers.
6. \$10,000 for Music Festival naming rights was reached. Small excess held for following year. Thanks to the clubs who have contributed
7. Tasman floods 2025 - \$10,000 emergency grant from our own LMLCCT has been spent. \$64,000 from clubs collected so far. A committee will manage these funds.
8. As at June 30 - 1077 members in 202E. Dropping membership has serious implications for the budget. Provision for a membership growth fund, to be drawn down over 2 years, using surplus district budget funds from the 2024-2025 year has been established. (The constitution allows for administrative funds to be drawn down to the following year).
9. Donations to the Tasman funds - deposited into the 202e District Charitable Trust a/c. Individuals donations ensure you ask for a receipt. Account name: Lions Clubs International District 202E. Account No. 03-0703-0036114-00. Your club number or name - Reference field, and Tasman Flood relief - Particulars field please.
10. 2025 Convention came out with a balanced budget. (Raffle prizes were all donated). Thanks to the wonderful work and a lot of good will by the committee members.
11. 202E Convention 2026 is being held at Rangiora RSA on 13 – 15 th March.
12. Camp Quality 11- 17 th January 2026. They are also willing to provide a guest speaker for club or zone meetings. Enquire through our District camp quality liaison, Shirley McNicholl shirleyf.mcnicholl@gmail.com
13. HU4K's – not a lot of info. coming through. Still an active programme. Please keep collecting. Zone Chairs to follow up with their clubs to see which clubs are collecting please. HU4K's coordinator, Barry Scott would love to hear when your club has forwarded coins.
14. Spec Savers have discontinued collection in NZ of used glasses which were then passed on to Lions. Lions clubs are urged to continue collecting glasses which can still go to Cromwell club for processing. See their details in the Directory.
15. Leos – can we get another club under way? Tini Lawry is now the district coordinator. She plans to reactivate the Omega Lions in Christchurch. Currently there are 170 Leos in our District.
16. Emelia Odongo-Wadsworth is the new Youth Leader. She is going to investigate a Lions podcast system and also a proposal for a multi club Lions Family day event.
17. Top Club Service Project – Kaikoura Club, seats project, who have installed 90 seats. Their entry was chosen as the MD 202 winner. This now goes to CA7 level with the winner to be announced at the ANZI Forum being held at Surfer's Paradise in early September.
18. Kindness Matters – 6 nominations received. Voting is in process. Thanks to the entrants.
19. National Special Olympics Games - in Christchurch - December - Venue for the Healthy athletes programme including the Opening Eyes which the Lions are Volunteering
Lions are volunteering at is now at the new swimming pool and sports stadium near the hospital. Respond to GST Neil Johnston 202e.GST@lionsclubs.org.nz by August 20th if some of your club members wish to volunteer. The Lions Skin cancer vehicle will be in attendance. Neil is looking at other volunteering opportunities at this event.
20. Zone 5 clubs are to run an Autumn Festival, 5 – 13 th April, at the Amberley Show grounds.
21. MD Convention is in Ashburton 17 th – 19 th April 2026 - Theme "Down on the Farm"
22. Cancer Trust Screening bus - 11 events booked – includes a trip to the North Island in 202L, also 202D and 202M at the same time before returning south.
23. If wish to book the bus contact PCC Megan England who is the Trustee coordinator 202d.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz and she will give you all the info.
24. Lions Cancer Trust AGM - 8th August on line. Notify Trust Chair Paul if you are interested in joining this AGM meeting. 202E has raised over \$300,000 towards this national project.
25. Reregistering of clubs – 11 clubs to go. Well done to all those who have accomplished this. Z.C. to remind clubs that 31 March should be your cut off time to get this through by the deadline.
26. Deed of Retirement and Appointment of Trustees – this form is being sent out to all clubs by John Whyte. This will be necessary when changing signatories at the Banks. Also need the matching resolutions (motions) in your Trust minutes.
27. Consent of Officer forms – (Incorporated Societies) – John Whyte will send out to all clubs. This form needs to be completed for all members of the Club Board and kept on file.
28. Membership forms must be completed for new members and kept on file also. (Doesn't need to be in retrospect – only from adoption of new constitution). Form can be downloaded from LCI website.
29. Have you reviewed your Trust deed in the last 3 years? Trust Act 2019 introduces some new wording that needs to be included. Also need to protect former Trustees from liabilities (an indemnity clause) and also a disputes process. Latest Trust Deed is available from John Whyte.
30. Replacement of a new Trust deed - John Whyte will give out advice: jwwhyte@gmail.com
31. District Treasurer, Ian Lennie, is to conduct a Treasurer's training meeting by zoom on 18 th August at 7pm. Email Ian for the link if interested. 202e.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz
32. Speechmaker sadly 1 contestant. Looking to have one in Northern end of district and one in the Christchurch area next year to see if we can get more contestants.
33. Facebook URL's to District Marcom Helen Williams for publication in the District Bulletin so we can all follow and enjoy what other Lions clubs in our district are doing. Some clubs are hard to find. 202e.marcom@lionsclubs.org.nz.
34. Lloyd Morgan LCCT is quick to approve donations for emergency funding for disasters. This should be considered as an annual donation as it is a good way for us to respond to NZ needs. Clubs can also apply for grants and also loans to enable them to complete larger projects. Contact 202e Trustee Ian Lennie.
34. Christmas cakes – consider working with clubs in your zone or supporting the clubs that do sell them by advertising on your facebook page. Suggestion to put a sticker with club contact on the box.
35. Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Mission – 202J are wanting permission to speak to clubs within our District as Hinds are doing a fundraiser. Clubs may be approached and can approve or decline.
36. Stickers to promote Lions with a QR code on it was a suggested idea.
37. Crowded places strategy - "escape, hide, tell". How to protect crowds from attacks. National release from September. If you are arranging an event with large crowd numbers then you may need to consider putting in some protections such as extra security personnel. Talk to local community patrol group. Look on website for this information. Consider this when preparing your Health & Safety plan.
38. House of Science – (prepared by retired school teachers). Kits prepared for primary schools of various sizes, for loan to schools. NZ wide programme. Looking for places to store these kits in various regions. Looking also for sponsoring of kits and people to look over the kits. There are already kits in Christchurch and Nelson. Check out their website if interested.
39. Second Vice District Governor Vacancy – Committee to be set up by DG to organise. Stage two is to set up a special meeting to interview nominations. This is now a significantly important time related matter. If you know of potential candidates in your club please contact the DG or your Z.C. urgently. Zone chairs are asked to come back to DG Bernie with two names by end of August PLEASE.
40. How do we retain our members? Any ideas share with your zone chairs at the next meeting.
41. Applications for Club Excellence Awards should be sent to the DG Bernie before 31 August. 202e.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz
42. Entries for the District Awards should be sent to the IPDG Pam Harvey by 30 September. 202e.ipdg@lionsclubs.org.nz
Helen Williams District Marcom (Abbrev. to fit page - full script emailed out to cabinet, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.)

Advice For Clubs.

from PDG Richard Norris emailed to all members 17 August 2025

Procedure re Club AGMs re submission of documentation to Incorporated Societies
Now that your club has completed re-registration with Incorporated Societies there are a few procedural matters that you will need to take note of.

1. You will need to hold an AGM in the first half of the Lions year in order to be able to submit approved accounts to Incorporated Societies by 31 December (the new deadline date for this) and the following items should be included in the agenda:
 - a. Minutes approved from last AGM
 - b. Confirm club officers previously appointed at the changeover night
 - c. Approve annual accounts
 - d. Other AGM business

Note that this AGM can be a portion of your club's monthly business meeting but appropriate notice of the meeting must be given to all club members at least 14 days prior.

2. Record keeping – It will be necessary to retain records for minimum 7 years to satisfy Incorporated Societies and this should include a couple of additional forms as well as the usual minutes of meetings, annual accounts and so on. The following forms need to be signed and kept:
 - a. New member application forms – signed by the member that they understand fees/dues will be required to be paid.
 - b. Incorporated Societies form IS22-CCO “Consent and certificate of officer” signed by the officer confirming their appointment and noting the qualification criteria on page 2 of this form.

Note that all information can be kept in digital form.

There are additional requirements related to the Charities Commission which will be advised separately but which will include their requirements for record keeping and Charitable Trust Deeds once these have been finalised.

Meanwhile if there are any questions please contact either DG Liaison PDG John Whyte and/or District Legal Advisor PDG Richard Norris – contact details are in the new Lions Directory recently sent out to all clubs.

15 August 2025

“Please can you forward the attached to all clubs and ask that the information contained is presented to their next business meetings.”

PDG Richard Norris, District 202E Legal Advisor, Lions Clubs International.

email attachments: 1. Covering Information (above)

2. Consent and certificate of officer Template (2 pages)

3. Membership Application information sheet

Is Your Club able to Donate to Camp Quality?

From 11th - 17 January 2026. Camp Quality is a charitable trust that provides fun, hope, and happiness to children aged 5 to 16 who are living with cancer. The organization offers recreational activities and a week-long summer camp for children in the upper half of the South Island.



**When mud was magical,
grass stains were
trophies, and we came
home happy and filthy.**



Feeling Frazzled - Enjoy!

**\$100 for speeding and
\$250 for misleading
the public**



Speechless!

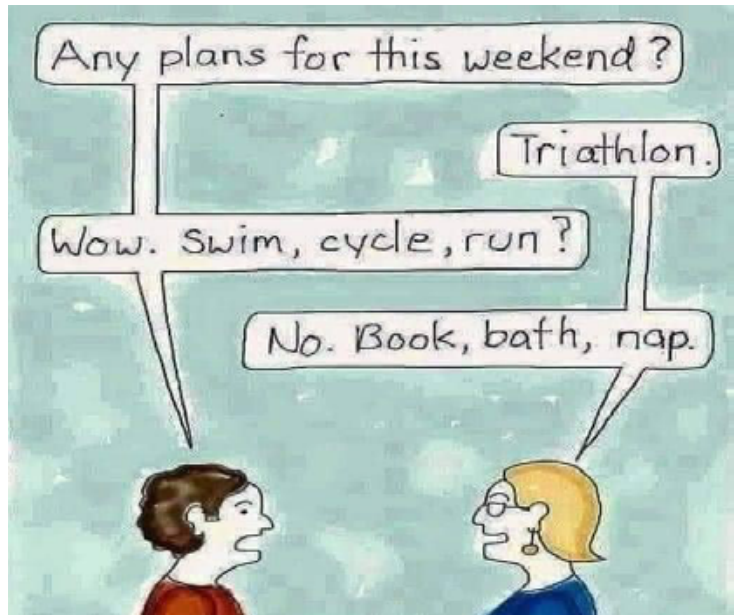


Any plans for this weekend?

Triathlon.

Wow. Swim, cycle, run?

No. Book, bath, nap.



**If New Zealand is
going to be
invaded, can it at
least be by
the Romans,
we desperately
need our roads
resurfacing!**

LIFE'S TRUTHS LEARNED WHILE YOUNG

1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back.
They always catch the second person.
4. Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
6. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
9. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
10. The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.



Angels, Fairies
& Cherubs
~ Oh My

Retention - Why Are We Loosing Members?



At the August Cabinet meeting DG Bernie led a think tank on Retention, why we are loosing members and how to turn that negative growth into a positive change. *(Here's my angle)*

Lions Clubs, like many service organizations, face ongoing challenges with member retention. While a small percentage (15 - 20%) of members are lost due to passing away, the majority leave for other preventable reasons. Here's a breakdown of why Lions Clubs may lose members, based on trends across many clubs:

1. Lack of Engagement -

Members may feel underutilized or not meaningfully involved in club activities. Meetings or projects may not align with members' interests, skills, or passions. If there's no clear purpose or excitement, members drift away.

Solution: Regularly survey members for interests and availability. Offer diverse volunteer opportunities, social gatherings, and leadership paths.

2. Poor Communication

Members may not feel informed, included, or recognized.

If decisions happen behind closed doors or information doesn't flow well, people feel disconnected.

Solution: Ensure open, consistent communication through newsletters, emails, and personal outreach. Celebrate members' contributions publicly.

3. Lack of Inclusivity or Diversity

Clubs that feel cliquish, unwelcoming, or culturally alike can unintentionally push people away.

Younger members, women, or people from different backgrounds may not feel they "fit in."

Solution: Foster a culture of inclusion. Make space for new voices and actively recruit a diverse membership. Adapt traditions to be more inclusive. We've always done it this way, doesn't make for happy families.

4. Outdated Meeting Structure

Long, formal, or inflexible meetings may not appeal to modern lifestyles.

Younger generations especially value efficiency and social impact over ceremony.

Solution: Streamline meetings, use digital tools (Zoom, online sign-ups), and focus more on action than process. Respect members' time. One negative can be Guest Speakers not given a time limit. Board is for Business unless something needs to have all members involved, Supper is for Social, fun and fellowship.

5. Lack of Visible Impact

If members don't see how their efforts make a difference, they may question the point of staying involved.

Solution: Share stories of impact - locally and globally. Show how the club is improving lives. Take photos, post updates, and bring in testimonials.

6. No Path for Growth or Leadership

If leadership is stagnant or opportunities for development are limited, members may disengage.

Solution: Mentor newer members, rotate responsibilities, and offer leadership training. Encourage innovation and fresh ideas. Listen to their fresh ideas and like me they loath the words 'We've always done it this way.'

7. Life Changes

Moves, health issues, job changes, or family obligations may lead people to drop out - even if they want to stay.

Solution: Offer flexible levels of involvement. Reach out personally if someone drops off - show they still matter.

In Summary:

Lions Clubs lose members not just because of age, but often because of how members feel - unseen, unappreciated, or out of step with club culture. Building an inclusive, engaged, and forward-thinking club helps retain the heart of any service organization: its people.

Writing this in Melbourne with a patient husband itching to go ... shopping :) - Here is a couple of quotes to back up Retention - "Members don't leave Lions Clubs because they're too busy - they leave when they stop feeling valued, needed, and inspired."

"Lions don't wander off if the pride is roaring with fun, food, and a reason to show up!"

Have a super month, don't forget to use Facebook and post what you have been doing. Lou

