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We Serve  
We Make A Difference  
**TOGETHER**



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Club: Rangiora

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We Serve

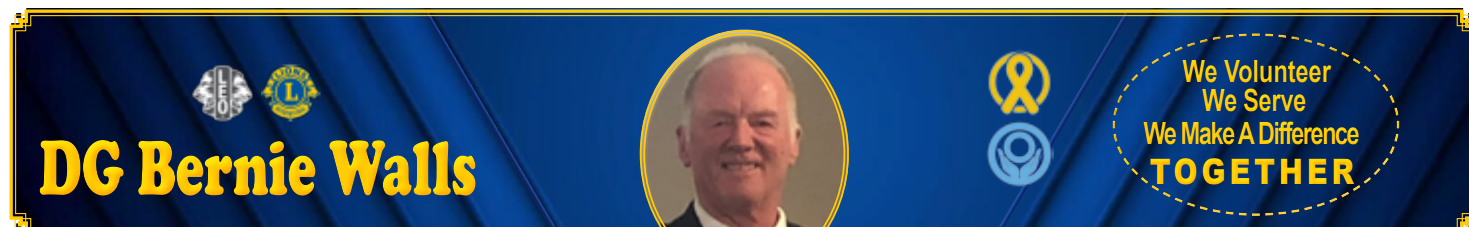


Glenmark Lions ready for Smoko after a huge Firewood Working Bee.

## Contents Preview







Our district has a long history of service in our communities. Every club I has visited so far this year has clearly demonstrated this, and this flows into the communities we serve. Of course, this is where we get new members from. They see great service, they help out with the projects we do and they receive, first hand, the benefits to their communities. So far this year, we have gained 29 new members, but we have dropped 23. Sadly, members will leave our organisation for a variety of reasons. Death, leaving the area, to name a few. But the ones we could have saved, leave for the following reasons:

### **Time commitment did not meet expectations**

This could be that the club asked someone to be TOO involved and the member was overwhelmed, or it may be the club just didn't do anything.

### **Not a good use of time**

This could be attributed to the member feeling they didn't make an impact during their time with the club. This may be a club that does a lot of fundraising, and supporting others, but not really sharing the story of impact back to their members very well. It could also be a member who has a passion for a certain type of service, and the club does something different.

### **Club conflict**

This can be broken into 2 categories – conflict with officers, or “other conflict”. Conflict with officers could be a member wanting to share ideas, but ideas are getting shot down by the officers, or just a disagreement on the direction the club should be going. “Other conflict” would be things where members didn't feel welcome or feel heard. It could also be meetings where there is arguing back and forth, which obviously would be something people would want to leave.

This is where Retention plays a very important role in all clubs. Emphasis needs to put on mentorship, club development workshops, recognition of member achievements and ensuring each Lion feels valued and engaged. There is a lot of good information and upskilling on “Learn” in the Portal.

Please take the time and avail yourselves of some great information so we can all try to stop the stem of members leaving.

Also, this shows how valuable Officer Workshops are. Please, make sure someone from your club attends the next one offered in your area of our district.

*Have a great month, Bernie*



Helen W (left) DG Bernie and Sharon (right) with the cup for best dressed Club.



Greymouth Lions - District Governor's visit and Officer Rollover. DG Bernie with President Roger. A great night shared with John Whyte.



# Christchurch City Breakfast Lions Club



We are a small but loyal Club. Our main project each year is running a Chocolate Wheel at the New Year Spencer Park Gala which is a full commitment by all members for two full days.

Each year we also support Camp Quality by serving a breakfast at their annual camp in January. This year we had full Club participation at the Child Cancer street appeal in March. Most Club members also provided assistance with gate keeping at the Electric Avenue Festival in February.

We had a Quiz night in August with proceeds divided equally between the Lions Skin Screening Bus project and Can Bead (charity providing support to those who are experiencing illness, trauma, and loss through the use of art therapy). This Club also has an active Facebook page.



Court Theatre



Camp Quality





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**Celebrating Maori language month**

Tēnā koutou - Greetings to you (September)

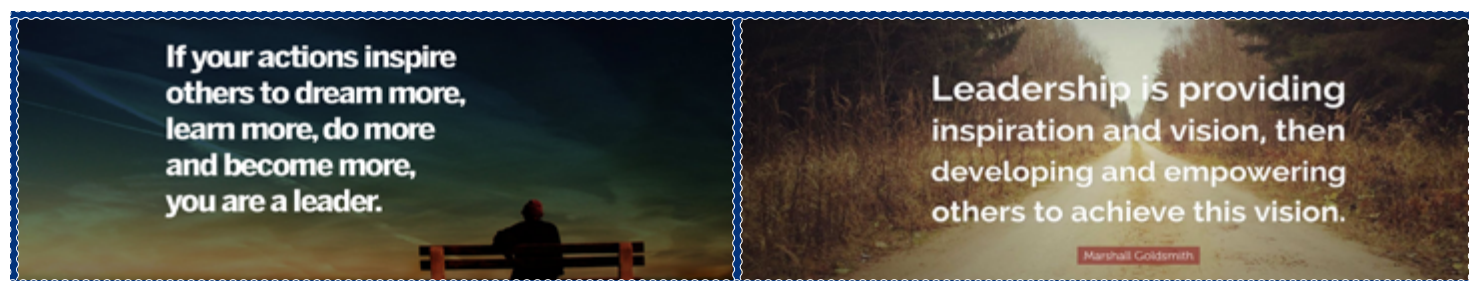
Ka kite anō au i a koe - I will see you again

Tēnā koutou, travel broadens the mind, or so they say. It gives one a great deal of time for musing and cogitating. Soldiers learn very early never to trust an Officer who starts a conversation with “I’ve been thinking” – it usually turns out very bad for them. However, I’ve been doing some visualizing about what my banner will look like next year. “Riveting stuff” I hear you say but coming up with something new and refreshing is occupying much of my time. You just wait – it will be worth it!. I’ve got to get that nailed down because we are starting our training webinars next week so the pressure will be on us a wee bit. I’m looking forward to it, our Group Leader is PID Tim Irvine from Australia so we’ll be in good hands.

I visited Richmond Lions Club this week and the amount of flood damage on the Waimea plain is staggering even now. I can only imagine how big it was, so to all those who contributed to the relief effort a very heartfelt thanks from all involved at the sharp end. Words like ‘stalwart’ and ‘dedicated’ spring to mind but ‘humility’ ranks right up there with them. Their time and effort were given immediately in many ways and areas where there was no-one else to do it. Nga mihi to you all. That’s enough from me.

To those clubs I have yet to visit I hope to see you out there soon.

Ka kite anō au i a koe *Alastair*



**“Leadership”** is dedicated to supporting our clubs, leaders, and members in developing the skills and confidence to serve with excellence. Strong leadership is the foundation of service - it empowers us to inspire others, grow our impact, and build lasting change in our communities. Together, through training, mentoring, and encouragement, we can unlock the potential of every Lion. Let's continue to lead with passion, courage, and vision as we strengthen our clubs and shape the future of service.

1. Motivational & Supportive:

To empower Lions with the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need to serve with impact. Together, we grow stronger as leaders, so we can serve our communities better.

2. Formal & Professional:

To focus on supporting clubs and leaders to develop, grow, and achieve their service goals through strong leadership, training, and collaboration.”

3. Short & Inspiring:

To be here to support, guide, and strengthen Lions so we can serve with excellence.

4. Friendly & Personal:

To help Lions discover their potential and lead with passion for a stronger future.



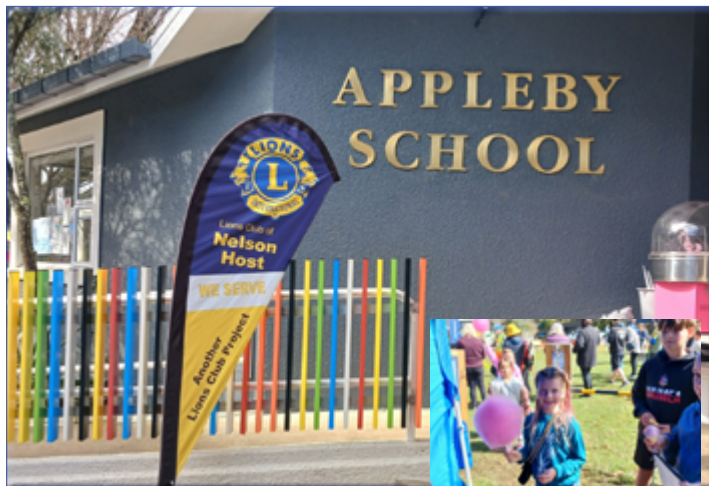
## Another DayOut for the Tasman folk devastated by Flood disaster.

Richmond & Nelson Host Lions again helping lighten the challenges ahead!

A great day at the Appleby School fair, lots of people enjoying themselves and of course kids with candyfloss.

Richmond Lions were also there with their chocolate wheel.

Great that both Clubs are giving relief and support to the community.



## Rangiora Lions Out & About

Lions Bernie, Andrew and John on duty with the Cash for Cans trailer.

"We all agree the old warhorse is due a spruce up, it has done some miles.  
(We are still talking about the trailer - just saying)"

The Rangiora Lions have invested in signage for the manure and kindling deliveries as a way of increasing media coverage in the community. They also have some magnetic signs for people without trailers. Thinking smarter not harder.

We were asked to be VIP judges at a local Motorcycle show. Lions Graeme and Wayne (below) were all too happy to support the event.

The Rangiora Lions recycled the flagpole from the old police station and it now flies the flag proudly at the Mainpower Oval. Another Community spirited project.





# 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 and as our guests, we pay for their meal.

## DG Bernie Walls

### 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

### October

14th Motueka  
21st Glenmark  
22nd Christchurch Chinese

### November

6th Rangiora  
18th Nelson Host



A. P. Singh

## *"Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead"* International President Message



Dear Lion,

Whether you are a new Lion or have been a member for years, you are here because someone invited you to join. To help us grow our clubs and our service - and reach our MISSION 1.5 goals - now it is your turn to invite someone else and share the joy that service brings.

Growth is essential for us to be able to continue to improve the service that Lions are known for around the world. We are a people-driven organization where service is at the heart of everything we do — and we need dedicated Lions like you to help us make an even greater impact together.

So invite friends and neighbours who have the heart to serve. Welcome diverse individuals and groups who will offer us fresh perspectives and energy. This is how we will keep our organization growing and thriving.

Growth benefits us all — our clubs, our communities and the people we serve. I look forward to seeing your club and your service grow.

Together we serve, A.P. Singh International President



Selwyn Lions welcomed Crystal, with Sponsor Barbara W, Bernie and Sharon at Crystal's induction - assisted by Bernie. Thank you Bernie for making it a memorable night.

## Causes



Vision



Diabetes



Childhood Cancer



Humanitarian Efforts



Environment



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Youth



# Our Cancer Screening Vehicle 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](mailto: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, Paul O'Connor at:

[202e.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz).

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

Lions Clubs Cancer Trust [03-0674-0280918](tel:03-0674-0280918) for your on-going support



Ellesmere Lions Dennis Carter, President Geoff Heslop and Donald Green represented their Club at the Selwyn Awards Night. Our mighty eel was nominated in the Arts, Culture and Heritage Category. There were 16 nominations in this category, and we were thrilled to be named a finalist from within this group, even though we didn't win this very well run event.



## Four Leo Clubs met in Kaikoura to share Projects, Fun and Fellowship.

25 Leos from Rai Valley, Marlborough Boys and Girls Colleges and Rangiora High School met in Kaikoura to participate in projects with Kaikoura Lions Club, share ideas and have an amazing social time. We worked alongside Kaikoura Lions Club and Kaikoura Youth Council to ensure our Banded Dotterels/ Pohowera (or Tuturiwhatu) future by clearing parts of the beach of Lupins. We were taken to Hutton's Shearwater/Titi Kaikōura Conservation Sanctuary as a very special privileged educational visit and stayed at a Lodge with a delicious dinner served by Kaikoura Seaward Lions. (Tini)





## Lap The Map for DIABETES

It is predicted that within the next 20 years, the number of people with type 2 diabetes will increase by 70-90%.

This World Diabetes Month, November, we are calling all New Zealanders to 'Lap the Map' for diabetes prevention. Can you help us walk a combined distance surpassing the perimeter of the New Zealand coastline (15,000km).

Lions Clubs across the country will be hosting family friendly walks and community events to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of diabetes in New Zealand.

It doesn't matter how far you walk or run, it's about being involved, getting active and moving together.

All funds raised will go towards diabetes awareness, prevention and research.

Diabetes New Zealand tell us New Zealand has a serious and growing type 2 diabetes problem.

Of these people Māori, Pacific and Asian will be worst affected.

Allowing this to occur will have a hugely detrimental impact on the wellbeing of our people, but also on the sustainability of our health system and economy.

### Operational Guidelines for Lions LAP The MAP

- Every club being encouraged to participate, either in their own community or combined Zones.
  - Every club to report the length of their Walk and number of participants, with a combined distance travelled to exceed New Zealand's coastline perimeter (15,000 kms)
  - Clubs encouraged to photograph or video their activity and post to Lions New Zealand Face Book, so that it gives the impression of a "relay around New Zealand"
  - The "signature activity" will be a self-paced "low level" walk of varying distances as set in each location, but not exceeding 5 kms, with "time of day" also to suit local conditions where:
    - o Families can push children in their stroller, kids can ride their bikes or skateboard etc.
    - o Everyone can participate
    - o Each participating Club or group to have its own "Baton or Mascot" to complete the journey (The opportunity to promote Fun plus Participation – maybe a prize for best theme).
    - o All to Register before commencement, and to receive a simple 'Certificate of Achievement' on completion (format to be supplied) – PLUS all offered a complimentary "Diabetes Type 2 Self-Assessment Test"
    - o Have "donation tins" firmly on display, with entry being a "Gold Coin" donation
    - o Have a raffle (fresh fruit and vegie tray).
    - o All funds raised on the day to be applied to Lions diabetes awareness
    - o Encourage Clubs to seek donations/sponsorship before the event, and encourage Schools, Community Organisations, Sporting Clubs etc. to enter a Team
    - o Partner with local Diabetes and other organisations/foundations to provide support/information booths/ healthy cooking demonstrations/nutritionists/Yoga/Tai Chi or other simple exercise regimes
    - o Cold drinks (water or juice) – for sale
    - o Food available for sale – sausage sizzle, snack pack of carrot & celery sticks AND MOST IMPORTANTLY Conduct a proactive Lions Awareness and Recruitment Display to attract and recruit new members.
- Let's all have a fun day promoting a healthy lifestyle



### October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Every year more than 3,000 women and a small number of men are diagnosed with breast cancer. Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been celebrated in October since the eighties. It is called "Pink October" as people around the world adopt the pink colour and display a pink ribbon to raise awareness about the importance of prevention and routine screening for the early diagnosis of breast cancer. An estimated 30% of breast cancer cases are attributed to modifiable risk factors, understand what you can do to reduce your breast cancer risk.





# Our Lions Calendar



# Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival

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

## October



### 4-12 Mental Health & Well-being

Month LCI Vision Awareness Month  
Month LCI Membership Growth  
Month Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon  
9 LCI World Sight Day  
15 Peace Poster to DG.

## November



### 4-7 Lions Chch. Schools Music Festival

Month Child Mobility Walktober  
Month Diabetes Awareness Month  
Month Lap the Map Walk

## December



14 World Diabetes Day  
5 International Leos Day  
5 World Volunteer Day  
25 Christmas Family Day

## January '26



### 3-11 Hunger (Service focus)

4 World Braille day  
11 - 16 Camp Quality  
13 Melvin Jones Birthday  
31 District Bulletin Due Out

## February



Month LCI Childhood Cancer Month

## April



### 18-26 Environment (Service focus)

To all the family and friends,  
we extend our heartfelt  
sympathy at the passing of:



Warwick Croft Oxford & District Lion 31 years Service



## This Month we Honour our Lions Clubs Charters

Ahaura Grey Valley	(Oct.1983)	42years Service
Christchurch City Breakfast	(Oct 2002)	23years Service
Hanmer Springs	(Oct 1983)	42years Service
Hokitika	(Oct 1965)	60years Service

## 4th to 7th November

### \*Please Diary This Special Event\*

### Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival



This is a night where  
our talented youth  
take centre stage, and  
they need the  
support of us all!

Let's show our pride in our District,  
our Lions, and our Youth – and be there  
to celebrate together!

**Proudly supported  
by our  
Lions District  
202E Team**

- Our District
- Our Youth
- Our Future

Special thanks and appreciation to  
PDG Marion McWha for your outstanding  
leadership and commitment  
to our young people.

This years chosen charity: Home & Family supports  
tamariki, rangatahi, parents and whānau in Canterbury  
who have experienced family violence, abuse, or neglect.

## New Members

Cheviot Lions Club	Sponsor
Peter Fitzpatrick	Bruce Gardner
Chch. South Ferrymead L. C.	
Judit Tardi	Ann Newsom
Halswell District L. C.	
Arnold Battaglene	Chris Owen
Nelson Host L. C.	
Murray Leaning	John Bilderbeck
Selwyn L. C.	
Crystal Giles	Barbara Williams
Wigram L. C.	
Henk Buunk	Tracey Buunk
Elizabeth Croton	Rae Treloar





## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

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Many of you will know that the Kaikoura Club Lions Seats project was selected as the district 202E winner and Multiple District winner for the Top Club Service Project Award. This project was then submitted to Constitutional Area level. At the ANZI Forum on the Gold Coast, the Kaikoura

Club project was announced as runner up for the entire Constitutional Area. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved with this fantastic project.

The Kindness Matters Service Award recognises an outstanding Lion or Leo club service project that supports one or more of our global causes. The award is given to an innovative and creative service project that had a positive impact in the community. This year I received 6 nominations from clubs for the district award. They were all excellent projects. The winning project was the Kaikoura Seaward club Knitting for Newborns project. This involved knitting woollen garments such as singlets, beanies and cardigans. The garments were distributed to the Kaikoura birthing unit who gave them to the baby's mother. This project has been submitted to Multiple District as our district's nomination for the New Zealand Kindness Matters Service Award.

Has your club decided on a project to encourage better mental health and wellbeing during the first International Week of Service? The Week of Service will be 4 - 12 October which aligns with World Mental Health Day on 10 October. To find out more click on this link: [Week of Service for Mental Health & Well-being](#). I suggest aligning your project with some or all of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing: connect, give, take notice, keep learning and be active. Connect means building and maintaining strong relationships with family, friends and community. Give is about helping other people and contributing to the community. Take notice means paying attention to the present and the world around you. Keep learning is exploring your interests and learning new skills. Be active means to engage in appropriate physical activity that you enjoy. These actions improve mental health, build resilience and lead to a more fulfilling and healthier life.

To support World Diabetes Awareness month in November, Lions clubs throughout New Zealand are encouraged to organise a Lap the Map event. The goal is to walk a combined distance 15,000 km being the perimeter of the New Zealand coastline. The purpose is to increase awareness of diabetes and raise money for Diabetes New Zealand. You may want to invite your local diabetes organisation to support your Lap the Map event and talk to participants about diabetes prevention.

*Take care Neil*



## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Andrew Cook

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Kai Ora Fellow Lions. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Andrew Cook and I'm part of the Rangiora Lions Club. I was born in Chch. Woman's Hospital, moved out to Rangiora Hospital. I grew up in Rangiora, I have two siblings (one older brother and one older sister). We grew up in a little Cul De Sac on the edge off Rangiora which backed onto a forestry block, so had lots of fun out in the fields (the fun we had in the 90s).

My school years: I went to Ashgrove primary school, then moved onto my High School years. I did not go to the local High school but instead made my way into Christchurch everyday to St Thomas of Canterbury College. I always remembered the rugby match, when St Thomas College vs St Bedes College - a big day, watching and St Thomas winning (Sorry DG Bernie). Some of you won't know that these two Schools, both Catholic Boy Schools, have a friendly rivalry). My time at St Thomas was enjoyable, mostly being part of the Non-Theatre Sport team - this team didn't go to competitions, but the other team did. I also enjoyed getting involved in the school productions mostly as stage crew (I acted in one of the productions). My final year was interesting as this was the year of the 2011 earthquake. We were one of the two schools welcomed into our school yard. We had the mornings and they had afternoon. With all this going on, one thing I remembered Lions clubs in Christchurch sponsoring, Hi Viz jackets with the Lions logo and School logo so whoever biked were safe on the roads. I managed to get my hands on one and still have it to this day.

I started my working Career, getting a job at my fathers work in 2012, as a concrete Lab Technician and got my qualifications in concrete production through BCITO. I'm still with the company and Industry I have a few different roles but have ended back with the Lab team. I have been to some very interesting jobs and some very early jobs.

That's a bit of me but last but not least my time with Lions. I joined Lions in 2012 at the age of 19. I was soon on the board as 3rd Vice President and made my way to 1st Vice President. At that time, I didn't take on the President role, as work was getting busy with the Christchurch rebuild. With work being busy and my health taken a little turn, I left Lions but still kept in touch with some members of the Club. After the 2020 District Convention driving on/off the Shuttles, I decided to rejoin Lions and was welcomed back to the Rangiora Club. I was only back in the club a few months and was sworn in as the 2nd VP. This time was interesting with projects, as we had a little thing called Covid and lockdown Levels. I then went onto 1st VP then Club President for the 2023/24 year which saw the Club turn 60 years old - a month into my President year. I was half the age of the Club (30 Years old at time of Celebration). I now sit as IPP for my second term and membership chair for Rangiora Lions. Which brings me here. I was approached by Bernie Walls, about a month before he was heading overseas, to be sworn in as our DG if I would take on the Membership chair of 202E district. After many conversations with my partner, I rang Bernie when he landed back in the country and accepted the role. I am looking forward to the challenge and learning new things within Lions.

See you next month **Andrew** (with a household of St Bedes old boys, we hold nothing against a St Thomas' old boy. :)



## Winners of the Kindness Matters Award 202E & Runner Up 202E Best Lions Project

Kaikoura Seaward won a Kindness Matters Service Award 2024 - 2025 year for the large amount of Baby Knitting for Kaikoura. They were also Runner-Up for the Lions Club Best Lions Project in 202E with their special Honour Blanket to serve as a visible way to show the community's respect and honour for someone who has passed away. 'The prestigious Kindness Matters 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. Approx. 30 service project nominations will be awarded at the club level, with a minimum of three awards reserved for Leo clubs.'



## BELLYFUL Selwyn Cookathon and Lily Bulb Packing Rolleston & District Lions.

Rolleston Lions cooked 190 meals for families needing some help - using homemade Savoury Mince, Vegetable Soup, Curry, Lasagne, Mac & Cheese, and cheese sauce. We donated \$300 to the cause. A very slick operation and all were impressed by the efficiency and meal standard produced. A wonderful day of camaraderie and effort.



Four Rolleston Lions packing Lily bulbs courtesy of Rakaia Club. Cool temperatures for the bulbs (and the Lions).





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**PDG Malcolm Williams**



# LCIF

**Lions Clubs International Foundation**

Lions Clubs International is the largest membership-based service club organization in the world. Our 1.4 million members are serving locally and globally to help take on some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. Established in 1968, LCIF provides grant funding to support the compassionate works of Lions, empowering their service and addressing the needs of their communities both locally and globally.

Our efforts here in MD202 (NZ) and District E (our District) continue to contribute with heart to our Foundation, which as you know support the vast majority of disasters around the Globe. Since 1968 this has amounted to USD1.4Billion .

Our support to LCIF is funded through outright donations supporting disasters, vision, childhood cancer, the environment, to name just a few of our global causes. The bulk of the income comes from International donations, but we also rely on specific LCIF fund raising projects, purchase of LCIF Supporters Pins, and the newly announced bequests in one's Will.

Since the Foundation was founded, LCIF grants to our NZ Clubs has amounted to USD7.2m with 124 grants. Our own District E in the past 12 years has received in excess of NZD1m covering many disasters, and also includes grants like the NZD100k for the Lions Skin Cancer Research bus which was unveiled at Hanmer March 2024.

The Foundation is most appreciative of our Clubs' ongoing support and I ask all our Clubs to kindly continue with your donation.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting LCIF.

**Malcolm Williams**

**District LCIF Co-ordinator.**

## Presidential LCIF Supporter

Recognizing individual generosity.

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Please contact PDG Malcolm for cost

Our New Zealand supply has yet to arrive.

Malcolm will let you know on arrival and cost.



**GOLD**



**Silver**



**Bronze**



# District Awards

Entries to IPDG at [202e.IPDG@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.IPDG@lionsclubs.org.nz) by  
**31 October 2025**

For a detailed  
breakdown of each  
Award please [Here](#)  
visit our 202E website.

- 1 Sight First Trophy
- 2 Mt Cook Trophy
- 3 Peter Tallott Trophy
- 4 District Bulletin Award
- 5 Best Club Project
- 6 Membership Trophy
- 7 Interclub Visitation Cup
- 8 Iain Drewett Memorial Trophy
- 9 Tail twisting Trophy
- 10 McWha Award for Outstanding Club Leadership



- 11 Kan-Tab and Aluminium Club of the Year Award
- 12 Best Presented Club at the District Convention Social
- 13 Best Dressed Couple at the District Convention Social
- 14 Stuart Barr Trophy
- 15 Kaikoura Lions Club Shield
- 16 Young Speechmaker Cup
- 17 Emerging Speechmaker Contest
- 18 Leo of the Year Trophy

## 2025-2026 Excellence Awards updates

These prestigious awards are available at four levels - club, zone, region and district. Clubs must earn a Club Excellence Award as a prerequisite for Excellence Awards at the zone, region and district level.

Applications will not be necessary for the 2025-2026 award cycle. Awards will be distributed by Lions International to clubs that meet the updated criteria and eligibility requirements. You will find these listed [Here](#)

## Nominations Are Open for the Kindness Matters Service Award

Be sure your nomination is entered for the Kindness Matters Service Award. This prestigious award is given to Lions and Leo clubs for exceptionally innovative and impactful service. Nominations for 2024-2025 activities are due October 31. [Here](#)

**VOLUNTEER FOR  
SOMETHING  
SPECIAL**



SPECIAL OLYMPICS NZ  
**2025 NATIONAL  
SUMMER GAMES**  
ŌTAUHI CHRISTCHURCH  
PREMIER PARTNER  FREEMASONS  
New Zealand

[Click Here](#)

With over 650 volunteers needed to help out at NSG 2025, there truly is a role for everyone to help out and be a part of something special. Over 1,400 athletes, along with their coaches and support teams, will compete in the country's largest inclusive sports event. "It's a huge event, not just for Christchurch, but for the whole country when these extraordinary athletes all with intellectual disabilities come together to compete, have fun and show Aotearoa what inclusion and joy is all about."



# This Is What A Well Oiled Firewood Working Bee Looks Like!

## When Glenmark Lions get on the end of a Wood Splitter.

A mountain of 30 tonnes of logs had been ringed up weeks before, waiting like a challenge only Glenmark Lions could tackle. Five wood splitters were lined up, and 18 hardy volunteers arrived for the 1:00pm kick-off. But before anyone could so much as pull a starter cord, there was the all important Health & Safety briefing - structured, clear, and delivered with the usual thoroughness. With boxes ticked, the real action began. (*this is so well worth a read :*)



The splitters roared into life, and so did the banter. Within the hour the first drinks break was called - 5 mins. only, just enough time to wet the whistle before heading back into the fray. By three there's already muttering about another o'clock, the word "smoko" had never sounded sweeter.



By 4:30pm, it was all over. Thirty tonnes of logs had been transformed into close to 50 c.m. of firewood, neatly stacked and ready to keep homes warm next winter. Eighteen tired but satisfied volunteers stood back, admired the pile, and hoped someone else would carry the aches tomorrow. There's already muttering of yet another splitting day later in the year to keep up with demand. If so, bring it on - because days like this are proof that with the right mix of teamwork, humour, and smoko, there's not much this club can't get through. Heather Pankhurst and her crew came to the rescue with pikelets, Wood Splitters' fruit loaf, and tea and coffee (... and use of the Pankhurst grounds.) It didn't take long before engines - both mechanical and human - were fuelled up and ready for the last push. (*this has to be what one would call a good yarn over smoko.*)



# Is New Member 'Mentoring' important for Retention?

Mentoring provides new members with a foundational understanding of the organization's purpose, functions, and structure, helping them feel comfortable, engaged, and motivated to participate actively in club activities and remain a member long-term.

# LCI Statistics

**63,569**

## Members Added

**These members' lives will be forever changed, as yours has since becoming a Lion, and the lives impacted by these members will be countless.**

**(Data is from 7/1/25-8/31/25)**

**862**

## New Clubs Formed

**Just as your club transforms your community, these groups unite to create lasting change in theirs.**

**(Data is from 7/1/25-8/31/25)**

## 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> July**



Camp Director: Tina Hille-Taylor  
Phone - +64 27 575 8564  
Email - 202lntyouthcampdir@lionsclub.org



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!

## "Facebook Followers" Why Follow the District 202E Page?

**Right now, 27 202E Lions, Leos & Branch clubs follow us... but**

**imagine the impact if all 50 Lions, Leos & Branch Clubs did! Every like, follow & share spreads our service stories further – inspiring new members, building awareness, and showing what Lions can achieve together.**

**Ask today: Is our Club Following District 202E?**

## Weeks of Service 2025 - 2026

**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).**







Christchurch Host Lions - some very familiar faces enjoying their meeting and catchup.



We are delighted to welcome Sophie Haley as the newest members of the Lions Club of Richmond, with her Sponsor Glenda Buschl (left), and Nigel Jones our President. (This 'month' they were our Facebook Stars.)





## Do You Know What Cuddle Hearts Are?

One of Selwyn Lions Club regular projects is our monthly sewing bee for 'Cuddle Hearts'. Cuddle Hearts were founded by Lisa Paget of Rolleston and the service touched OUR hearts.

NICU babies in incubators often can't be held or breastfed, missing out on important contact and bonding with Mother, Father and Whanau. Cuddle hearts allow Mum and baby to be together when physically separated. The Mum places one clean fabric heart inside her bra to absorb her unique scent. This is then placed under the baby in the incubator to help strengthen the bond with Mum.

Each new Mother gets a pack of 6 hearts, so a large number are constantly needed by NICU. Our members get tremendous pleasure coming together once a month with cutters cutting, sewing machines whirring and trimmers snipping to produce between 100 to 150 sweet little hearts for this worthy cause.



## ELLI Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

Christchurch, New Zealand  
16th – 18th January 2026  
Redwood Hotel,  
340 Main North Rd, Christchurch

**Purpose:** Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions members for Leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president.

Application Submission deadline date or when the class is full limited to 30 participants:  
10th November 2025 sent to [202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz)

**ELLI** - please refer to the email from PDG Alice McDonald sent out by NZ Lions Office to all Secretaries 3rd Sept. re.information including the Application Forms. If anyone is unsure of anything please email PDG Alice.  
Note time limit - Full or 10 November



**STICKERS** From Your Club  
with Membership contact?



2025 Lions Christmas Cakes sales open  
Deliveries will start from September.

Contact:  
John Hobson  
Email: [wigram.cakes@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:wigram.cakes@lionsclubs.org.nz)  
Phone/Text 0220 635 137

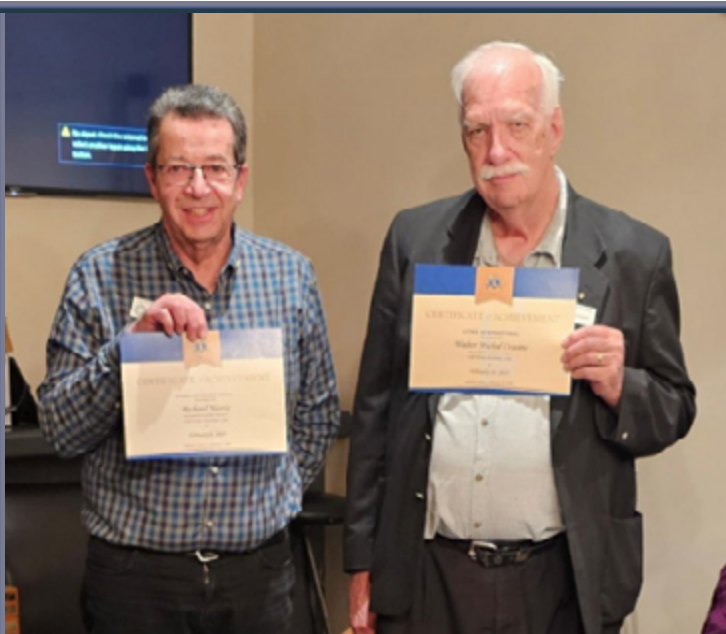




**Congratulations - Renwick Lions celebrate their 55th birthday. President Annie baked and cut the birthday cake.**




**Marlborough Girls College Leos cooking up a storm. Come enjoy a sausage with your shop and support our fundraising for Marlborough Foster Hope!**



**Rolleston & District Lions Richard Norris and Mike Cousins were awarded the Certificate of Achievement as Guiding Lions from Lions International.**



**The Marlborough Lions Clubs promoted a Children of Courage event at the Blenheim Library. Six young people were recognized for their courage in dealing with adversity in their lives, and were each presented with a special plaque by Mayor Nadine Taylor, who interacted with the 6 recipients in a special and empathetic way. With Ian Cameron (Havelock and Christine Hoggart Beavertown.**



**Caring for  
our  
Community**

Mental Health  
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A Lions  
International  
Initiative

# You are not Alone

Suicide Prevention  
AWARENESS

September - Suicide Prevention Month



**With the support of Creative Communities Grant, the local Lions Club of Kaikōura Seaward, put on a show to match the last 3 years shows, with an audience of 180 over 2 shows. Our Youth, with support from the Council and Kaikōura Creative Communities, have a great event to celebrate their talent each year.**



# Privileged Membership

- an article by Tony Hanning PID  
202J Constitution & By-Laws Chair.

This short piece about a very special category of membership - Privileged Membership.

Lions clubs have seven membership categories available to fit a range of different circumstances. They are set out in our Constitution and By-laws.

The category that most of us belong to is Active membership which entitles us to all the rights and privileges of membership of a Lions club, and places obligations on us too.

Sometimes our willingness and ability to keep up with the demands of Active membership is affected by age, failing ill-health, a diminished ability to attend meetings regularly, and take part in projects that require a reasonably high level of physical fitness. This is the very situation that Privileged membership is designed to address.

Unfortunately, some members feel guilty when they can no longer keep up with the pace of life and Lions, nor participate fully in the life of a Club, and think, therefore, that they should resign, or mistakenly request Member at Large status. This is a category intended for temporary situations such as transfer to another location, or short-term employment interruptions to attendance. It has to be reviewed by the Board every six-months.

When Active membership becomes a burden because of advanced age or ill-health, clubs are encouraged to offer Privileged membership to Lions who have provided long and good service to their club and community.

The official By-laws put it like this: "PRIVILEGED: A member of this club who has been a Lion fifteen or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the board of directors of this club, must relinquish his/her active status. A Privileged member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. He/she shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold club, district or international office. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation."

It is good to see some of our clubs recognising the availability of this category of membership and using it positively to retain the membership of valuable Lions who have, as a result of their long and dedicated experience, a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to share.

It is our privilege to have them as members, and it is their right to be offered Privileged membership as and when circumstances dictate.

G A "Tony" Hanning PID  
Lions District 202J Constitution & By-Laws Chair.



Selwyn Lions - For over 17 years our Club has been hosting the annual Selwyn Cluster Primary Schools Speech Competition for year 7 and 8 students. At Knights Bridge School, 29 brave pupils stood in front of the crowd of 100 supporters to deliver their speeches. There were some interesting, thought-provoking topics delivered, such as "Why you should buy a Toyota"; "Why you shouldn't smoke" and "Alexa is Watching".

Once again the event was a great success. Our special thanks to all of the students for your many hours of hard work prior to participating; to their teachers for their guidance; The Liffey Toastmasters who were the judges for their helpful feedback and to the parents and families for their support.

President Sharon, Year 8 students with their certificates, Convener Alison.



# Cancer Society Bus Shuttle

Chris Clark has continued on with this very worthy project and last month he requested another round of annual donations from the 81 Lions Clubs in the 202E and 202J zones whose communities have access to this service.

Chris will be following this up in November with a further email and hope to generate a good response for funds to be sent on to the Cancer Society in December.



Cancer patients arriving in Canterbury are now hosted at the newly opened \$22 million Canterbury Cancer Centre. The facility is available free of charge and offers a variety of accommodation options including 46 hotel type rooms and four two bedroom whanau apartments for families who need to stay together as a group. There are now two shuttle buses running every 30 minutes between the centre at Langdons road Northlands and CHCH public hospital and St Georges hospital.

*(An amazing service for all of us to use - Please support this Cancer Society Bus Shuttle.)*

# Kaikoura Seaward Lions Know How To Throw A President's Party

The event was to celebrate that Irene is President but also a Dog Breeder. The team did an awesome job with the decorations and we had a Dog based quiz, ie where in NZ is the statue of a working dog. We had a photo challenge, to guess what the dog breeds were. We all were asked to make a dog Collar, I totally missed that and came as a dog. Sandra Scott wore an old collar from 1970s. Valmai won with her jewelled collar... most fun prize was Linda's Fur Collar.



Forget paw-shakes, it's tail-wags all round! Our new President kicked off her year in style with a Pooch Party. (Perks of having a dog breeder in charge) But don't be fooled - no pup shenanigans this year, it's all go all action - making a difference! Still, no time to sit and stay - we're off running with big projects ahead! Our President means business - it's tails down, service up! ... but the real bark is about service - Environment, Youth, and beyond. President Irene have a great year!





# CONVENTION 2026 THE COURT JESTER'S REVENGE!

AN EVENT CELEBRATING HUMOUR.

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE  
EXPERIENCE!

**MARCH 13-15, 2026  
RANGIORA RSA**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT

- Enjoy live comedy acts and musical performances that bring the spirit of the jester to life.
- Costume Contest: Dress as your favourite jester and compete for the title of "Best Court Jester."

## Cabinet Meetings

**29 November 2025 - Oxford**  
**13 March 2026 - Rangiora**  
**23 May 2026 - Christchurch**



Lions International



Members

are shining the light on

**Mental Health**

4 - 12 October

Facts:

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

- 25% Increase in rates of anxiety and depression since 2020.
- 1 in 7 Youths age 10-19 experience mental health conditions, though many are unrecognized and untreated.
- 14% Of adults aged 60+ live with a mental health disorder. Loneliness and social isolation are key risk factors.

## Our Christchurch Chinese Lions Meetings are a Celebration of Fellowship, Good Food & New Members!



## FUNRAISING DINNER

LET'S HELP OUR COMMUNITY!



The Lions Club of Christchurch Chinese invites you to our Charity Fundraising Dinner in support of St John New Zealand. Join us for an evening of good food, community spirit, and giving back, with exciting auction and raffle prizes for lucky winners. All proceeds will help St John New Zealand continue their vital work providing care and emergency assistance across New Zealand. Your support, whether through attendance or donation, will make a meaningful difference.

DATE

**12 OCTOBER 2025**

TIME

**START FROM 5PM**

LOCATION

**SOUTH GARDEN RESTAURANT  
4/6 BRAKE STREET, UPPER RICCARTON**



DINNER WITH  
PURPOSE

To be part of this special fundraising dinner, tickets are \$80 per person or \$800 for a table of 10. All proceeds will go directly to St John New Zealand. Please register by 20 September 2025 to reserve your seat.

PAYMENT

Account name: The Lions Club of Christchurch Charitable Trust

Account number: 03-1592-0141468-01







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# What Makes A Club Meeting or a Service Project Fun?

**One that members won't want to miss!**

Laughter at our meetings and working bees means we are having a great time - right?



What makes a meeting one that members won't want to miss?

Service - together, then celebrating afterwards with a coffee, a meal, or a beer. It's not the minutes. It's not the motions - not the wonky shovel - it's not even the meal. It's the fun, the laughter of members wanting to participate in a positive way.

We can run through an efficient agenda, invite great guest speakers, even launch new projects - but if people don't laugh, if they don't leave with a smile and satisfaction, if it's not fun, why would anyone come back? Something's missing.

Younger members (and me) are looking for meetings that are sharp, social, and to the point. We want to feel part of something that matters, but also something that's enjoyable. Fellowship that's real. Laughter around the table, friendships that go beyond the meeting, banter over a concrete pour and the kind of atmosphere where people are glad to be there. Aren't some of us dreaming of a meeting or working bee that looks like that? Don't get me wrong, we have many clubs that are growing exponentially and others maybe not quite so much. When I first joined Lions, I was taught that Board was for Business and Supper was for Social - that's not a bad philosophy to generally run our meetings by.

Members are welcome at Board meetings and anything that should go to the Supper meeting for confirmation should do, but not a repeat of all the 'heavy stuff'.

When you walk into a meeting, are the same people sitting in the same place with the same folk or are they mixed and change round each meeting? They just may find our company worth breaking up the clique for! Guest speakers who inspire. The kind that leave us wanting more, not less - i.e. a given time limit to speak.)

And of course the Tail Twister - isn't just a role - it's the spark. The joker, the icebreaker, a Tail Twister with a quick wit and a good story can shift the whole mood of the room. And let's be honest - in today's world, people are hungry for laughter. The kind that makes your eyes water and your ribs ache. It's amazing how much closer a club feels after a good laugh together.

**So, what makes meetings fun?**

**Energy.** Keep agendas sharp and snappy.

**Surprises.** A Tail Twister who keeps members guessing.

**Inspiration.** Guest speakers who leave us wanting more.

**Fellowship.** Sharing a coffee, meal, or beer together afterwards.

**Meetings should be something members look forward to - not something they endure.**

Yes, we're here to serve. But service and fellowship were never meant to be dull. Fun is what makes the difference between a meeting that drains energy and one that recharges it. A club that gets this right won't just keep its members - it will attract new ones too ... is your Club in a growth spurt?

An early newsletter this month as we are off gallivanting again but sadly to cold weather when we are just getting into ... warmer here. I will have my trusty Laptop ... again meaning I will miss some of the fun, fellowship and laughter on board, but alas at least my brain will be doing a workout. Please keep an active Facebook page so I can borrow your amazing colourful and clear photos. Have a great month Lou 🐘

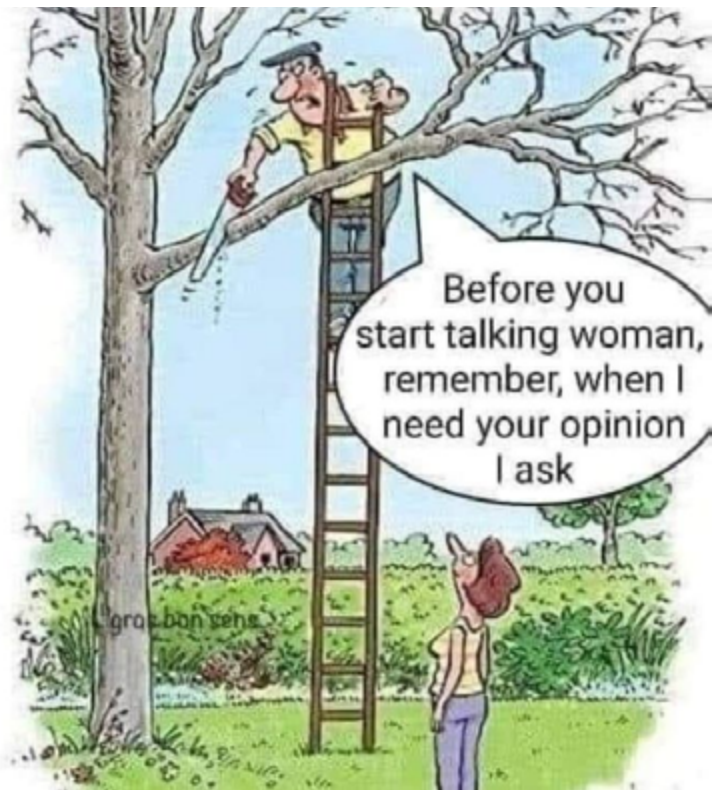


**EAT WHATEVER YOU LIKE YOU WILL STILL DIE.  
DON'T LET MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS DECEIVE YOU.**

The inventor of the Treadmill died at age 54.  
The inventor of Gymnastics died at age 57.  
The World Body Building Champ died at age 41.  
The best footballer in the world Maradona died at age 60.

**BUT**

The KFC inventor died at 94.  
The inventor of Nutella died at 88.  
Imagine, cigarette maker Winston died at 102.  
The inventor of opium died at 116 - in an earthquake.  
Hennessey inventor dies at 98.  
How did these doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?  
The Rabbit is always jumping up and down but it lives for only 2 years and the Turtle that doesn't do any exercise at all, lives to 400 years.  
SO, take some rest, Chill, Stay cool, Eat, Drink and Enjoy Life.  
You will still die.!



**HE ASKED WHY THE HOUSE ISN'T  
CLEAN SINCE I'M HOME ALL DAY**



**I ASKED WHY WE AREN'T RICH  
SINCE HE WORKS ALL DAY**

An old lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat tight so that it would not blow away in the wind. A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind and umm, you have no knickers on?" "Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both my hands to hold onto this hat and besides Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old - I just bought this hat yesterday!"  
*(passed this by Kevin to check 'legality')*

