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Selwyn Lions stop for Smoko during planting of trees for Environment conservation .

Contents Preview





The weather has certainly thrown some curve balls lately - typical spring conditions!- Maybe our Summer will settle things down. I cannot believe that in two months' time we will be wishing everyone a Happy New year.

The club visits are continuing although the end is in sight. Both Alastair and I have very much enjoyed getting around and meeting our members. Some clubs have reached milestones of different years over 40. We need to take the time to reflect on the impact these clubs have had on their communities and where those communities be if there was no Lions Clubs. The legacy of service, fellowship, and impact is something to truly be proud of.

My vehicle now knows its own way up State Highway One with visits to Picton, Renwick, Kaikoura Seaward and Amuri, all at one weeks' interval. Blenheim and Kaikoura are next. The fuel economy has improved somewhat so the cost at the pump is better on the wallet.

Membership is still tracking upwards with plus 6 currently. Remember, Alastair and I issued a challenge; use the packs we delivered, and we will give you some more! Keep up the great efforts in welcoming new members.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) will be held in Christchurch on the 16th – 18 th January 2026. This course is designed for Lions who are ready to step up to greater leadership roles within their club and beyond. The deadline to register is November 10th 2025. Please contact your Club Secretary and take the next exciting step in your Lions journey.

Bernie



Selwyn Lions inducted yet another new member - L to R: sponsor Helen, new member Alison and President Sharon.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions visit - DG Bernie inducted two new members Linda and Naemi with sponsors Julie and Rita. Right with Zone 4 Chair Alison Taylor. (great to see Alison back after a serious illness.)



Greymouth Lions Club



The Lions Club of Greymouth started in 1963, and have had a wide range of projects and members over these years, but we always make time for the Social side of things. Changing Officers each year is a challenge, with members wanting to be the workforce and not leaders. Introducing new members into the club is always a big occasion, joint projects with other club, like the apples from Motueka Lions Club, working with Rotary on big projects like the Clock Tower, picnic tables at the Lagoon or seats along the Wilderness Trail. We pride ourselves in doing things that will help our community, not just this Generation but the generations to come, like the BBQ shelter just across the river. We live up to the Lions motto WE SERVE and we do it well together.



Sorting donated apples





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Could this be the Tail Twister
 in your Club?
 AI thinks so!



Tēnā koutou, it's amazing, and a little amusing, to visit clubs and see the various ways we can all be doing the same thing so differently. No two clubs run their meetings the same way, and why should we? I believe in "My club, my way" so long as the requirements of Lions International are met.

Having been Tail Twister several times, I'm particularly interested in the many ways to extract money from members – I'm not going to spill the beans here, just letting you know I like to originality of some Tail Twisting methodology. Keep doing it different!!

November is looking like a very busy month with the training session / Council of Governors meeting in Wellington and the Vice District Governors zoom meetings and webinars plus visits. Each part of it is a great learning opportunity and the VDGs are being coached through a fairly large amount of information. I know we will be the better for it and more able to serve you as future District Governors so I'm soaking up as much as I can. Our New Zealand cohort is working with our Australian counterparts – they're a different bunch those Aussies, but interesting none the less. I look forward to meeting them in person in Hong Kong.

That's enough from me. To those clubs I have yet to visit you are still on my list and I'll be there soon.

Ka kite anō au i a koe
 Alastair



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All the best for your Lap the Map event in November to support diabetes awareness and raise money for diabetes prevention and treatment. The goal for our district is to walk at least 2,200 km. This can be achieved through a public event that encourages people to walk for diabetes awareness. I will be collating the district total so please email me with your total km's walked.

International President A P Singh has asked clubs throughout the world to support International Weeks of Service during this Lions year. The first one was for mental health and wellbeing during 4 - 12 October. The next one is Hunger to be held during 3 -11 January. Here is the link that provides information about this global cause:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/hunger>. As many clubs take a well deserved break during this time you may prefer to undertake a project before or after the official Week of Service.

Lions clubs throughout the world have a strong association with the Special Olympics. Here are some interesting facts about what has been achieved:

- * US\$28 million has been given to the Special Olympics since 2001 for activities that include Opening Eyes, Family Health Forums, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles and inclusive sports.
- * 455,000+ Special Olympics athletes have received free vision screenings through the Opening Eyes program.
- * 194,000+ Special Olympics athletes have received free prescription eyeglasses at Opening Eyes events.
- * 22,000+ Lions have volunteered with Special Olympics since 2000.
- * 1,100+ Eye care professionals have volunteered their services.

The next New Zealand Special Olympics will be held in Christchurch during 10-14 December. A large contingent of Lions will be there to continue the legacy. We will be assisting at Opening Eyes, skin cancer screening and other places where help is needed.

A benefit of being part of a huge organization is collectively we can achieve huge results. Data such as what has been achieved at the Special Olympics is a result of what we report. Our main means of reporting is to use the Lion Portal to record every project and donation. Has your club entered all your projects and donations in the portal for this Lions year?
 cheers Neil

Selwyn Lions and Family helped plant 1,000 trees



Only 1% of original vegetation remains in the Selwyn region. Te Ara Kakariki (Greenway Canterbury) have developed a 'Greendot' programme to restore native habitats. Over 200,000 new plants has been planted across the region to date. A new native corridor is being established to link the mountains to the sea encouraging the birdlife to return. Our team of nine joined other volunteers successfully planting 600 native seedlings during the morning session. A further 400 were planted in the afternoon.



Christchurch Chinese Lions St John's Fundraiser A Huge Success!

What a night! Our fundraising dinner was a huge success! A big thank you to everyone who helped organise and support the event. An evening filled with laughter, good food, but also with purpose by coming together to support Hato Hone St John Christchurch and the incredible work they do every day, nationwide. Here's to another great year of partnership and community spirit!



Kaikoura Seaward Lions again fills the local FoodBank

with their extremely successful Toot 4 Tucker drive, organised to fill their local Food Bank in time for Christmas.





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LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation

The World President AP Singh's LCIF Supporters Pins have finally arrived and as previously detailed, these are available for sale on behalf of LCIF. Cost being Bronze \$75, Silver \$150, Gold \$300.

Please contact me should you wish to purchase a Pin/s. These Pins can provide an excellent means of acknowledging a Lion's special effort/or in recognition of one's Years of Service to Lions. Pins are issued annually in the name of that year's World president, so for those who are Collectors of Pins and Badges - these can form an ideal option to your collection base. Pins pertaining to recent World Presidents are also available.

One of my goals is to have all Clubs in 'ED' make a contribution to LCIF. There is no minimum \$ amount, but of course there is a goal of USD33000, and all the NZ Districts struggle to reach this figure. As a result our Area LCIF Leader - Tim Irvine of W. Australia, is endeavouring to have LCIF reassess our goal - downwards of course.

For the first quarter 1 July to 30 Sept, only 6 clubs in our District donated to LCIF, I acknowledge that during this time, many of our clubs assisted by donating to the Tasman/Golden Bay floods.

One important aspect of all LCIF global donations, is that 100% of the amount donated is passed on to the recipients- in other words 'LCIF do no clip the ticket'. Below is a summary of our Lions' Global causes. In making contributions to LCIF your club can nominate which of the Causes you may wish to support.

LCIF, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, supports its global causes through grants and resources, which include Vision, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Disaster Relief, Environment, Diabetes, Humanitarian Efforts, and Youth. These causes are areas where Lions Clubs focus their humanitarian service, both locally and globally.

- Vision: Supporting programs that prevent blindness and improve sight.
- Childhood Cancer: Assisting children and families affected by childhood cancer.
- Hunger: Fighting hunger and improving access to healthy food.
- Disaster Relief: Providing aid and support to communities impacted by natural disasters.
- Environment: Working to protect and restore the environment for community well-being.
- Diabetes: Raising awareness and supporting those affected by diabetes.
- Humanitarian Efforts: Funding service projects that address a wide range of community needs.
- Youth: Supporting programs that help youth develop leadership and life skills.

Regards *Malcolm*



GOLD
\$300



Silver
\$150



Bronze
\$75



PCC Helen Williams

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Recruitment Made Easy

Steps for success

Recruitment can - and should - be something that all members take part in. The following steps can help you start the conversation with potential new members. Identify friends, family, colleagues, or neighbours you feel comfortable inviting. You know who would make great Lions - so just ask! A personal invitation is one of the most effective ways to bring in new members.

Step 1: Just Ask

Identify friends, family, neighbours or colleagues you feel would make great Lions - so just ask! A personal invitation is one of the most effective ways to bring in new members.

Step 2: Advocate for your club

Talk about your club's impact and why you are so excited about it. Share personal stories about the difference your club makes in the community. Enthusiasm is contagious!

Step 3: Engage prospects directly

When you meet someone who might be interested, have a meaningful conversation about how they can make a difference by joining. Listen to their interests and connect them with opportunities that align with their passions.

Step 4: Promote service on social media

Share your club's activities on social media, post photos from service projects and invite your network to upcoming events. Encourage club members to share posts and testimonials to expand the reach.

Helen



Glenmark Lions Quiz Night Success! A full house of 36 teams raised around \$7000 for the Greta Valley School playground project — a fantastic community effort.



... and then Pumpkin Season Sprouts Again! After taking a break last year, the Glenmark Lions are back in the pumpkin field and it feels good to be getting our hands dirty again!



Greymouth Lions feeding the spectators and participants at the recent Greymouth Motorbike Races.



Kaikoura Seaward Lions made up Care packages for those who were affected by the recent storm that surged through Kaikoura.



Some of our Selwyn Lions team attended a Froctober event to raise funds for ovarian cancer.



Family affair, grandparents Roger & Julie with Grandson Riley bagging sheep poo for Picton Lions - Family, work then Lions well done!

Lions Are Spreading Joy and Feeling It, Too

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

95% feel they are making a difference.

92% enjoy opportunities for fellowship and fun.

91% have a sense of belonging.

86% realize personal growth and development.

80% feel their self-esteem and self-worth are enhanced.

While the data is pretty incredible, we didn't stop there. We also talked with numerous members to better understand the joy of being a Lion.

Here are just a few of our favourites:



Katie Townsend

“Amberley Lions Club, Christchurch, New Zealand”

Why She Joined:

Katie, who is autistic and passionate about raising awareness of neurodiversity, joined to support causes close to her heart in a welcoming environment.

She loves being a Lion because anyone - regardless of background or skill set - can be a member.

What She Found:

Katie discovered a supportive club that embraced her talents and helped her thrive. She describes her club as “one big happy family,” where people from all walks of life come together.

“My club has been really supportive and welcomed me with open arms,” she said.

“When I started, I was quite shy. But now I won't stop talking.”

Paulo Caceres

Paiján Lions Club, Paiján, Peru

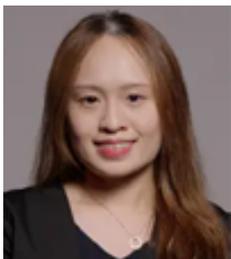
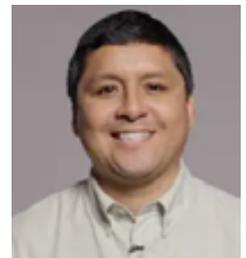
Why He Joined:

Paulo's service journey began as a Leo years ago when his university professor encouraged him to join a club.

What He Found:

As a Leo, Paulo found it necessary to talk with authorities and others in his small town to get things done. This was a major feat for the once shy boy who was afraid to speak in public.

“I found my voice. I discovered I have something to say to people. And I fell in love with the organization.” Today, Paulo continues to use his voice as a member of the Paiján Lions Club and as a university professor, inspiring future generations to find their way in the world.



Heidi Haiying

Melbourne Chinese Lions Club, Melbourne, Australia

Why She Joined:

Heidi started as a Leo while a university student living in Sydney. Ten years ago, she moved to Melbourne where she didn't know many people. Having experienced the power of fellowship as a Leo, she knew exactly where she could make some

new friends. So she joined the Melbourne Chinese Lions Club.

What She Found:

Heidi found an extended family in her club. “We spend a lot of time with each other. We learn a lot. We go through a lot together. And we have fun along the way. We attend different gatherings, have dinner and take short trips.” Most importantly, she discovered a close-knit group of people working together to make the world a better place. “Being a Lion has given me so many wonderful experiences and a great family.”

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

November

5th Blenheim
13th Chch South
18th Kaikoura

December

3rd Halswell
9th Hanmer Springs



VDG Alastair Rankin

November

6th Rangiora
18th Nelson Host



We Serve

"Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead"

International President Message



A. P. Singh

Dear Lions,

Lions are always reaching higher — in our personal growth and in the strength of our clubs. Fortunately, we never have to do it alone. We offer tools and resources to support you with everything you need to grow, thrive, serve and lead with purpose.

Take a moment today to explore our online resources in the Member Resource Center. Whether you're looking for dynamic new recruitment tools, service project planners, or marketing or leadership development resources, you'll find inspiration and practical support to help your club serve more - and serve better.

So tap into the tools for success and watch your club soar.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh
International President

Causes



Childhood Cancer



Diabetes



Vision



Humanitarian Efforts



Environment



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Youth

Leos Visit to Kaikoura - from the Marlborough Perspective.

The Marlborough contingent consisted of two Rai Valley Leos, two Marlborough Boys and three from Marlborough Girls Colleges. Accompanying them were: Christine Hoggart and Debby Upsall. Kaikoura Lions had organised a working bee in South Bay clearing lupins off the beach, removing cover that predators, such as cats, use to creep up on the banded dotterels nesting. The Lions came equipped with all manner of chainsaws, secateurs and digging tools and the Leos dragged the lupins away as they were chopped off. The stumps were then painted with a poison to prevent their regrowth. It was hot, hard work taking nearly three hours to complete the job.



After a lunch break Tini led the Leos on a walk up the Kaikoura peninsula to visit the Hutton's Shearwater colony that has been established high on the hillside behind a predator proof fence. Ted Howard, a Lion as well as Chair of the Hutton's Shearwater Charitable Trust, generously allowed the Leos to enter the reserve and observe as he checked the nesting boxes. We were delighted to find several boxes already inhabited, even though it is still very early in the breeding season. Jack from MBC and Kayden from Rai were so interested they stayed on another hour to help Ted check all 108 boxes and record all the results. Jack was even granted the privilege of holding one of the birds – and was rewarded with a sharp peck!

"The weekend was great - well organised and the support from the two Kaikoura Lions clubs was amazing. Our Leos went home tired but well pleased with what they had achieved." Christine Hoggart - Marlborough Leo Advisor/ Zone 3 Chair.



Walking back to the car park was another adventure as we had to negotiate our way over rocks between seals. The tide was well out but there were a lot of seals enjoying the sun and some of them didn't appreciate us interrupting their nap! All our efforts were rewarded by a delicious meal prepared for us by the Kaikoura Seaward Lions. Sunday morning started early with a fire alarm forcing many to hurry outside still in their pyjamas while the Kaikoura Volunteer Fire Brigade checked all the rooms and declared it a false alarm. It wasn't me burning my toast! After breakfast and packing up we headed to the mini golf and were just finishing our game when the rain started so we went to Kaikoura's excellent museum, spending an hour or so browsing before it was time to meet up and eat our packed lunches in the theatre's upstairs room. While there, Nicky McArthur talked to us about the Hutton's Shearwater colony on her mountainside property and how she'd initiated the dark sky project in Kaikoura to try and stop the birds from being attracted to land on the formerly brightly lit roads where they were often killed by cars. All in all, an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship and service. (Debby)



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The Skin Cancer bus and some off the Rangiora members manning it.
 L. to R.: President Michael, Rob, Andrew, Bernie and Simon.

Its been a busy month once again still learning the ropes and slowly getting my feet on the ground. I have amazing support from IPDG Pam and DG Bernie answering any questions I have. I am hearing some amazing stories on clubs gaining new members but also retaining members. If you have any questions on membership if you are stuck in what to do please contact me.

What have I been up to with my time with Lions lately. I Have been very busy within my own club Rangiora since my last report. Sorting out getting the Cancer trust bus to the Rangiora show over Labour weekend and as much as we couldn't screen in the end we had a lot off people going through the bus and seeing what all is about and finding out where its going next. We also had a few people asking more about Lions itself and some contact details exchanged. With that in mind I had one person contact me after the show wanting to come along to the Next dinner meeting.

My vision for membership growth is about getting out and promoting lions (your club) and making people aware of Lions but when doing so just talk to the person not just about lions but anything and you get to know them. I work on the theory if the conversation hasn't really gone anywhere where in the first minute it's not really going to go anywhere.

Have a super month and keep our District growing, cheers Andrew.

How the latest wind storm affected Kaikoura.

The recent High wind storm in Kaikoura, caused the loss of 14 buildings of which 5 were homes. Plus the Kaikoura Lions woodshed filled with firewood waiting to be delivered to those folk in need. Digby & Rusty did all the work as it could not be a Club working bee because of the danger - fires, embers, wind and closed roads all around but wow what an effort. Digby arranged a digger and they buried the embers as who wants to carry a mobile fire on their back! He took a generator for power to cut up the fire damaged iron which took two trips to the recycling depot. They also lost their wood splitter. *(thanks Alan.)*



URGENT - Can You Help Keep Our Lions Skin Cancer Screening Bus On The Road?



The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle is on the road in the South Island, helping Kiwis catch skin cancer early - but we urgently need more qualified volunteer screeners to keep the wheels turning!

If you're a medical professional (GP, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, or Dermatologist with Dermoscopy Training/Experience) who can spare a few hours, you can make a real difference.

Every screening could be the one that saves a life.

Free checks. Real impact. Local lives protected.

- Requirements apply, but if you'd like to help, please email Janet at admin@lionscancertrust.nz for more information.

[Let's keep this vital service rolling right across New Zealand.](#)

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Our Lions Calendar



Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival

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

November 4 - 7 Lions Chch. Schools Music Festival



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 Hunger (Service focus)



4 World Braille day

11 - 16 Camp Quality

16 - 18 **ELLI**

February 13 Melvin Jones Birthday

28 District Bulletin Due Out

April 18-26 Environment (Service focus)



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



Michael Lodge Amberley District 47 years Service



This Month we Honour our Lions Clubs Charters

Nelson Host	Nov. 1962	63 years Service
Richmond	Nov. 1968	57 years Service
Wigram	Nov. 1972	53 years Service

JOYOUS!! That is the only way I can describe the Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival.

This will be my 3rd year on the committee and attending one of the 4 concerts. It is a privilege to listen to the voices of 200 year 8s and 9s raise the roof each night with joy of singing and equals any adult trained choral choir.

Over 4 nights 800 of our youth from across many Canterbury schools travel into the city to take part. To see the energy and enthusiasm from these young people as they come into the Town Hall ready to sing is heart warming.

We as Lions carry the honour of naming rights through our donations and hopefully will continue to for many years to come.

Jane Forrest

Let's Celebrate Your Clubs History!

We'd love to see and share your New Member photos -they're an important part of your club's story. Please post them on Facebook or feel free to email them to me directly. Let's preserve and honour the memories that make our clubs special! l.k592@xtra.co.nz

New Members

Blenheim Lions Club	Sponsor
Gemma Riley	Jeremy Riley
Murray South	Brett Cunningham
Christchurch City Breakfast Lions Club	
David Prangell	Darrell Daish
Christchurch Pegasus Lions Club	
Valarie Windsor	Judith Prosser
Golden Bay Lions Club	
Chris Brough	Fred Uhrle
Lynda Bruning	Wendy Brooks
Kaikoura Lions Club	
David Anderson	Melville Syme
Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club	
Linda Poharama-Hepi	Julie Syme
Naemi Ueda	Rita Calvert
Malvern Lions Club	
Damian Vercoe	Robert Potts
Nelson Host Lions Club	
Michelle Liu	Yvonne Bilderbeck
Selwyn Lions Club	
Alison Wells	Helen Allison



Nelson Host Lions - welcomed two new Lions Murray and Michelle into their Club recently. Great to see our numbers increasing,



Selwyn Lions - 2 teams catered for separate events. Lynne (left) and Sue ensuring the brandy snaps were filled with cream.



Hokitika Lions spent a number of hours cleaning up after the devastating storm.



Christchurch South Ferrymead Lions welcomed Judit (Judy) Tardi, into their Club with Sponsor Ann.



above Malvern & Oxford Lions annual Olympic Games - now who won (Oxford Lions) - right Malvern Lions the success of a great supper meeting, when there's smiles all round, leaving us energized for the week ahead. Let's keep the Lions spirit roaring with our commitment to community, connection, and a bit of fun.'



Lap the Map for Diabetes



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.

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

At a population level, it is essential to create an environment which is conducive to healthy food and activity choices in order to reduce the high rates of obesity, the major preventative risk factor for type 2 diabetes. At a community level, there is a need to support our whānau and communities to make positive change. At an individual level, diabetes affects almost every aspect of a person's life, including their physical health, mental health, social life and employment.

Diabetes is the tip of the iceberg as the cause of significant health issues with downstream comorbidities – cardiovascular disease, stroke, kidney failure, vision loss neuropathies and lower limb amputation. In New Zealand, 17% of all health loss across the population is the result of diabetes.

Type 2 Diabetes - [Are you at risk?](#)

Track your diabetes with the Diabetes NZ App - [My Diabetes Journey App](#)

Download your Editable Poster - [Lap the Map Poster](#)

Special Week's of Service

[Hunger](#) (Jan 3-11, 2026),
[Environment](#) (April 18-26, 2026).



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Kaikoura Lions Club - 2nd Place - CA7 Top Service Project

1. **District Level:** Each Lions Club enters their top service project into the award at the District level.
2. **Multiple District Level:** The winning entry from each District then moves on to be considered for the Multiple District level.
3. **Constitutional Area (CA7) Level:** Winners from the Multiple Districts compete at the Constitutional Area level.

The outcome:

The winner of the CA7 Top Club Service Project Award is announced at the ANZI (Australia, New Zealand, and the Islands) Forum.

The award includes certificates and plaques to recognize the winning club's achievements.

2024 - 2025 Winner - announced at 2025 ANZI Forum.

1st - Esperance Lions Club (MD201)

The Esperance Lions Club fishing clinics for kids is held on the first Sunday of the month, teaching young people how to fish, do it ethically, sustainably and safely. Focus on practical skills tying knots, casting and identifying fish within a supervised, family-friendly setting on the wharf

All fish are released back into the water. "Since then (2012) it's just grown and grown from 10 rods up to 42 now." According to club data the Club has conducted 93 clinics for 806 young kids supported by 224 parent/guardians plus 298 special needs clients and 80 carers.

Australia has 25,000 Lions in 1200 clubs, and this year the Esperance Lions youth fishing clinic was judged most innovative club project, first for WA and then for Australia.



Congratulations Kaikoura Lions Club - We are all so proud of your achievement!
The latest Memorial Lions seat being airlifted and erected in a difficult coastal spot.



Youth Science Fair - Blenheim Lions Club

'Another year's successful Science Fair done and dusted with the prize giving tonight. The work of the young presenters is truly inspirational.' Science and Technology Fair is to promote in youth, a greater interest in science and technology. An annual event since the 1960s and now a partnership of Blenheim Lions, local school teachers, minor community sponsors and our major sponsor Marlborough Lines. Categories - Science Investigation, Technology, Visual Arts & Creativity and Research/Inquiry Oral Presentation. Open to Yrs. 3 to yr.13.



CONVENTION 2026 THE COURT JESTER'S REVENGE!

AN EVENT CELEBRATING HUMOUR.

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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."

**Oxford's
BIG FAMILY
FUN DAY!**

Oxford A&P showgrounds Sunday
16th November 2025
10am-3pm

TICKETS AT GATE
Adult \$15 Eft Pos Available
Lucky Ticket Free
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(\$5 Activity Band)

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- Don't miss the opportunity to earn some easy funds for your club.
 - Cakes are available now to order.
- Combine cake sales with your membership drive.

If you need more information contact me johnfhobson@xtra.co.nz

LIONS CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL



- 4 - 7 November 2025
- Theme: Whanau, Friends & Family
- Proudly Supported by Our 202E Lions Team
- Mark this Special Event in Your Diary
- Fill Your Car & Bring the Team
- Celebrate the Incredible Talent of Our Youth
- A Night of Harmony, Energy & Community Spirit
- Don't Miss It - a Highlight of Our Lions Year
- Four Unforgettable Nights of Music



In its 39th year, the Waimea Cluster (7 schools) Primary School Speech Competition is proudly hosted by the Richmond Lions Club. The contest is all about building confidence, celebrating creativity, and encouraging young people to step out of their comfort zone. Speeches ranged from “Just Stop! Dad Jokes” (winner) to “Rats as thoughtful gifts” (second). What an inspiring evening of wit, talent, and courage from our future leaders!



Motueka Lions - Sarah and Mike met with the Motueka Hato St John shuttle service, to give away Lions stickers for publicity purposes, having donated \$350 to the shuttle service.(below) Planting at Kaiteriteri cycle track, native plants purchased from storm proceeds.



COULD THIS BE YOUR NEW CLUB PROJECT?

Supporting one of your local Youth to **OUTWARD BOUND**



Outward Bound Trust of New Zealand

[Find A Course](#)



There are 202E Clubs who regularly sponsor youth on an Outward Bound Course. Havelock Lion Ian Cameron is very happy to help with Outward Bound and Teens. Havelock members have had a meeting with Outward Bound instructors regarding more work by them around Colleges. Ian's contact: ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz (Both our son and myself have completed a course and benefited amazingly!)

Does Your Club Have "Reading to Kids" As A Project? - Ellesmere Lions do.

'Reading at Leeston School ... The reading programme at Leeston School is underway, with those who have helped finding it a very enjoyable experience.

Thank you to Nigel Heslop for launching this community programme.

He is still looking for volunteers to add to the roster (Thursday afternoon sessions).

Please contact him if you are interested.'

(The 'picture' right is what AI spat out :-)



Join in a Pea Straw Sales Day with Christchurch South Ferrymead Lions.

Recent pea straw sales we had at Cashmere, Redcliffs and Sumner. We sold approximately 800 bales from the 3 sites with all club members pitching in plus the Boys Brigade and volunteers who provided the additional manpower for deliveries.



(love the bike transport!)

Could this be an idea for our clubs? An Orientation Day for all Selwyn Lions over coffee and lunch.

With quite a number of new members over the last couple of years and the wish of existing members to revisit our Lions Story the club held an Orientation Day. The training was carried out by Richard Norris who is Cabinet's Legal Advisor but more importantly husband to our own member Avril Norris. Richard took the 18 attendees through the history of the Lions Organisation from being founded. In 1917 by Melvyn Jones with his motto "You can't get very far if you don't do something for someone else" to the worldwide organisation it is today. He explained the Worldwide and Domestic structure in simple terms and our own Club, Zone and 202E's place within. That there are 7 Districts in NZ and our District 202E which was chartered in 1959 has 39 clubs. Our Global Causes were also covered and how they came about plus so much more too. The Lions motto "We Serve" was established in 1954. Women were allowed to become Lions from 1987 (good move) and in 1988 Selwyn Lioness Club supported by Rolleston Lions Club was established. Then in 2002 Selwyn Lions Club was chartered and the rest as they say for our club is history. A lot was covered and our members all enjoyed the informative day and of course the shared lunch.



Catch for Cans - A Roaring Success!

In partnership with the Tasman Mako, Nelson Host Lions Club has proudly launched the Catch for Cans initiative – combining community spirit with the excitement of live rugby. The concept is simple but powerful: every time a ball is kicked out during the game, 100 cans of food are donated to local food banks. This unique campaign is not only a fun way to support the Tasman Mako, but also an impactful effort to raise awareness of food insecurity in our region. Thanks to the enthusiastic support from fans during the games on August 9th and 30th, we've been able to collect and donate a total of 2,000 cans to the following local organisations: *The Salvation Army *Nelson Community Food Centre *Tahuna Community Hub. We're thrilled with the response so far – and we're not done yet! On Saturday, we'll be running Catch for Cans once again. Let's keep the momentum going and show just how strong our Nelson community is. Thank you, Nelson – your support is making a real difference. We look forward to seeing you at the next game!



Halswell Lions Team supporting Childhood Cancer Awareness with their very colourful, yet so becoming - Wacky Wigs.

The Lions Children of Courage Awards

The Lions Children of Courage Awards is an established project of Lions Clubs International in New Zealand. The purpose is to recognize the achievements of young people with additional needs who would not otherwise receive recognition. All children just want to be accepted by others regardless of any special needs they may have. These awards will portray them as children who have successfully overcome additional barriers which face them in this world. Find out what the Howick Lions Club is doing. [Click Here](#)



Malvern Lions September Tea Meeting. Great talk by Amelia Gould - originally from local High Peak Station but now an Artist and Actress of *The Bitches Box* fame. Watch this space for a full length feature film. From small beginnings to winning awards in Edinburgh Film Festival. Lots of laughs too and the the Tail Twister raised a few more laughs and made us turn our wallets out.
(great also to see our partners joining in - without their support we could not achieve our Service)



Rangiora Lions
 The last pig/horse manure and kindling deliveries for 2025. The Rangiora Lions would like to thank our community for their continued support.
 #lionspigpoo
 #rangioralions



Christchurch Host Lions - 'The Mairehau School Board: thank the Lions Club Christchurch (Host) again for their generous support of our recently installed flagpole, with a plaque to acknowledge and recognise this considerable contribution to our school. The school is now able to proudly fly our national flag each day.'



Rangiora Lions Club President Michael presenting the award to Leo President Ruby, Leo advisor Tini and vice-president Claudia. The Leo Club of Rangiora High School is a recipient of the Leo Club Pride Award for 2024-2025.
 Achieved a net growth of five new members
 Reported five service projects in the Lion Portal

MD202 - Clubs, Districts, Multiple District...

Lions Clubs New Zealand Districts - 202

Our region is divided into seven districts:

District 202D - Taranaki Region & Manawatu

District 202E - Upper S. Island & West Coast

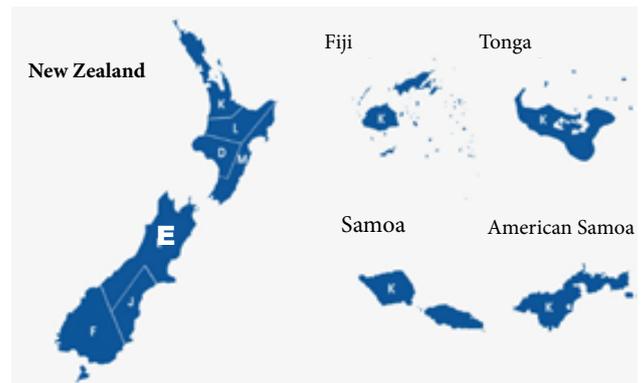
District 202F - Lower South Island

District 202J - Central S. Island East Coast

District 202K - Upper N. Island & Pacific Islands

District 202L - Central North Island

District 202M - Lower N. Island East Coast



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

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

Strong clubs need strong leaders, and the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is where that journey begins. Designed especially for Lions who are ready to step into greater responsibility within their club, ELLI offers practical, Lions-focused leadership training in communication, teamwork, and guiding change.

Attending ELLI isn't just about personal growth - it's an investment in your club's future. Participants return with new confidence, ideas, and the tools to inspire others. Every vibrant club depends on members willing to learn, lead, and serve with vision. If you've ever thought about taking the next step in leadership, Christchurch in January is the perfect place to start.

District Leo Report - Tini Lawry. 202E Leo Advisor

The short Leo year at the High School clubs is coming to an end. Next week we're saying goodbye to the year 13s, as they are sitting the exams in the following weeks and that is the end of high school for them.

At Rangiora High School Leo club, they have been very proactive. During the last holidays they voted for the officers for January 2026, with up to four candidates standing for each of the positions. The 'winners' were announced last week. They have a president, vice president, secretary, vice secretary, treasurer, vice treasurer and social media coordinator. These officers will get all the info from this year's officers in the next few weeks.

With Spring has also come the need for the Leos to help in the community and their sponsoring Lions clubs with all the events that have been held in September and October. And all the ones planned for November and December.

And of course, their own fundraising efforts and projects. The Canterbury Omega Leo Club (ID 139811) also comes under my jurisdiction. The Halswell LC is the sponsoring club, and Genevieve is the Leo advisor. The 17 registered members haven't been active for a while, and several have moved out of the area. Keeping in mind that an Omega club can't be run like a school or even community-based Alpha Leo club, as members are not often in one place at one time. The Canterbury Omega Leo Club will now be run as a virtual club. It will have an active executive team. The members can be anywhere. It won't be organising projects, but instead will answer requests from Lions Clubs, who would like some Omega Leos to help with their project. The executive team will email the request to the members to see who is available to help this Lions Club. Coming back to the 18year olds who are leaving the Alpha Leo clubs. As they have enjoyed the Leo club, they can carry on with their volunteering by applying for membership of the Canterbury Omega Leo Club. It doesn't matter where they live next year, or how often they are available.

Alice McDonald is facilitating another ELLI course, in Redwood, Christchurch, 16-18 January 2026. This course is already subsidized for all attendees, but she has four spots for Leos even further reduced. I've seen first hand what a difference this makes to a budding Leo leader! For Omega or ELLI application forms, please contact me,

202E.Leos@lionsclubs.org.nz

Cheers, Tini Lawry.

Life Demands More Than Just Catching!



There's a quote by Maya Angeleu that I have come across and has lingered in my mind: "I've learnt that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Like so much of Angelou's wisdom, it sounds simple - almost a play on words - but it reveals a deeper truth about the kind of life worth living.



In an age defined by constant squander - selfishness, entertainment, even talking about relationships - how many of us go through life with both hands out, always ready to receive. We absorb, we take, we accumulate. And yet, the world doesn't change just because we've caught something. It changes when we throw something back - when we contribute, challenge, create, or give.

To throw something back is to engage. It means speaking up in a meeting instead of nodding along. It means mentoring someone who reminds you of yourself. It means giving time, offering love, sharing knowledge, or standing up when silence is easier. It's the difference between living passively and participating actively in your own story. Throwing something back doesn't have to be grand. It can be the smallest of gestures: a word of encouragement, a genuine apology, a meal shared. It's about recognizing that the gift of life isn't just in what we're given - it's in what we return to the world.

We all start with the mitts on. As children, we're meant to receive: care, education, support. But as we grow, life expects more than just catching. The question is: What are you throwing back?

A world full of catchers quickly becomes lifeless. Progress happens when someone dares to throw, to risk, to give. So take off one of those mitts. Step up. Speak out. Pass something on. It's certainly spurred me to do more.

Because life isn't meant to be a spectator sport - it's meant to be a give-and-take game. It's our turn to throw something back.

When I was looking for a closing thought, Maya Angeleu came to mind - Maya Angelou is one of the United States' most interesting and important people. Born in 1928, she worked just about every job you could imagine but became best known as a writer; books, plays, films and more. She was active during the Civil Rights Movement and remained an activist for racial equality, gender equality, and social justice. Her work has won countless awards, and in 2011, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She passed away in 2014 at age 86, but her words live on.

This D.B. has been a bit rushed, having just returned from gallivanting and trying not to be glued to my laptop while others are out sightseeing! Life in some countries can be tough, and as lovers of the developing world, we truly appreciate the many blessings and comforts we so often take for granted. We are truly blessed to be Lions.

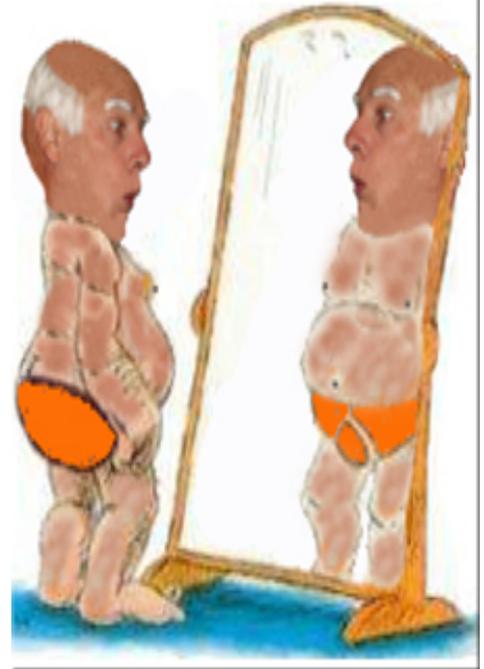
My quote for us to ponder for the month attributed to Winston Churchill ... "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give," so, so true in my world. Have a super month cheers Lou 🤗

BE CAREFUL OF INTERNET DATING SITES!



... HIS PROFILE SAID HE TRAVELS A LOT AND ALSO HAS HIS OWN HOME!"

If you look in the mirror and see a bald head, beer belly, big red nose, varicose veins, and a complexion like leather. Look on the bright side ... at least your eyesight is spot on! (the model remains nameless.)



You are so right, you have got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs... instead of getting upset I just thought "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"



I'M STARTING TO THINK I'M BUILT LIKE A CELL PHONE ...



They won't get that kind of smile from a tablet or keyboard!



EVEN WHEN I CHARGE OVERNIGHT, I'M ALREADY DOWN 50% BY 8AM.