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202E District Bulletin
December 2025



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Club: Rangiora



Walking for Diabetes Awareness - Kaikoura Seaward and Kaikoura Lions members. Sandra, Lou, Diane, Dot, Brenda, Kevin and Rhonda.

Contents Preview











Seminar on "Lets Grow Your Clubs Impact"

This was held in Christchurch on the 22nd of November and looked at different ways we can recruit, retain and make our members feel valued. The Lions who attended interacted very well and came up with good ideas on membership engagement. Multiple parts to project management, Joint ventures with other parties, and the use outside contacts, like local Councils, etc, were discussed, along with "Elevator Speeches" and how clubs ran their meetings. A few questions came from this segment, like asking "What do you want in a social meeting?" "Is there good communication among the membership"? Meetings must be fun with good guest speakers.

Retention

When a member becomes a Life Member, they are still a member of Lions. They do not get dropped. The Club doesn't pay International Dues on their behalf but pays District & Multiple District Dues as they still remain a Lion. I have noticed this when I look at the dropped membership report on the Portal and matching up with what clubs are dropping numbers. Also, conflict is still present in some clubs. There is a great module on "Learn", within the Portal called "Conflict Resolution". I would encourage every Club member to go through this module to help identify issues that derail our retention. Please also look after your members, keep them involved with projects, service initiatives and club events.

<u>Membership</u>

Membership sits at plus 7, with 59 new members and 52 dropped members. Progress is slow but at least we are in positive territory.

Leadership

ELLI will be held in Christchurch 16th – 18th January 2026. Of the 30 attendees, 202E leads the way with 9 participants. This course has been oversubscribed, and a pity that we can't make room for the extras. The course only caters for 30 participants. Well done to the successful applicants.

Council of Governors Executive Summary is included in this issue of the District Bulletin. Also, congratulations to Jimmy Susanto who has been elected as our Second Vice District Governor.

Merry Christmas everyone and enjoy the Summer break.

Bernie

Malvern Lion Alister Murray inducted new member, Damion Vercoe into the Malvern Lions Club.

President Andrew presented Damion with his certificate, and his sponsor Rob Potts presented Damion with his badges and cap.



Marlborough Boys College Leo Club







school pupils- an hour's travel west of Blenheim.









Always encouraging other young'uns to join this Leo Club in Service. *Marshall Place native bush reserve gets a helping hand from the MBC Leos, supported by the Forest and Bird group, removing the noxious weed tradescantia. Great mahi Leos and Leo advisors. *Leo eco warriors on the case again - spread mulch around native shrubs at the Forest Park. *BBQ at Bunnings raising \$400 for local charities. *One of the few world Leo clubs to win the Leo Club Excellence Award 23-24 with one of the criteria - demonstrating superior performance in serving others. *Kindling working bees. * Supported by Blenheim Lions Leo advisers clearing flood debris from the fence line at Marshall Place Reserve. Just some of these Leos projects in Service ***Leo advisors Malcolm and Jan.***







Tēnā koutou, on the weekend the Vice District Governors cohort went to Wellington for training and to observe the Council of Governors at their meeting. The venue was the Life Flight building with classrooms and the hangars for the helicopter and Kingair.

We were given a tour and I can see just where our contributions have been of value. Those pilots and doctors are busy people and having the best of equipment means the difference between maybe saving a life and being where they are needed when they are needed. They have asked that we pass on their very sincere thanks for what we do and for supporting what they do. Well done folks!!

November and this year are nearly over again and I only have one club left to visit. It has been a truly wonderful experience seeing you all and I'm looking forward to next year when I will visit those few clubs I haven't made it to yet. One of the questions at our training session was "what makes a meeting boring"? and I replied "the DG speech" which raised a laugh but was also taken seriously. All International Presidents have the same agenda and consequently the same message to clubs, which usually leaves me seething with apathy. Watch this space [hold my beer]. Next year will be totally different with new initiatives from on high and from me. I can hardly wait.

That's enough from me. Sharpen your knives and forks up for the coming round of festive season BBQs and merry-making.

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



Thank you to the clubs who have sent their Lap the Map totals to me. If you have not already done so, please send the total km's walked at your Lap the Map event to me as soon as you can. The goal for our district was to walk at least 2,200 km.

The next International Week of Service will be for Hunger on 3 -11 January. Click on this link for further information about this global cause:

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/hunger.

In February this year Lions from 11 clubs joined together to support the Electric Avenue music festival in Christchurch. We have been asked to assist at the next Electric Avenue on 27 and 28 February 2026. Our role will be the same ie we will be greeters and provide information outside the venue. This is a great way to have a large Lions presence at a major event and is also a good fundraiser. Let me know if your club wants to volunteer.

It is not far now to the Special Olympics which will be held in Christchurch on 10 – 14 December. Lions will be involved in several areas: Opening Eyes, skin cancer checks, membership stand and assisting in numerous other roles. The Opening Eyes programme involves eyesight tests, examination by an optometrist, a diagnosis to determine if glasses are required or if a different eye issue requires attention and assisting athletes to choose suitable glasses. Approximately 1000 eye examinations are expected to be completed at Opening Eyes.

Thank you to all the clubs who sent photos and information about their Christmas events. There are certainly a lot of diverse events. Many of these events have been run for decades. They will be put on social media to demonstrate some of our fantastic community projects.

Neil Johnston



'Marlborough Girls College Leos' - This is what working together in service means and know how to do the hard mahi 'together'!

Strengthening and organising hundreds of banana boxes ready for next Monday's Food Bank Drive.
Go Leos!

Blenheim Lions -Great day for Lap the Map for Diabetes walk along the Taylor River Reserve.

Free family public event on now. Add your walking distance to our NZ Lions national total -aiming for 15,000 kms.

Thanks Havelock Lions and Leos for your support (right)





Each year Selwyn Lions
Club awards Scholarships
to students at the
local high schools in
Selwyn, Rolleston,
Lincoln and Ellesmere.
This year Pranavi from
Rolleston College (right)
with President Sharon
and Alison; Mikayl (left)
from Ellesmere College
and Lucy from Lincoln
High School were the
recipients.

Congratulations girls on your achievement and all the best in your future careers.





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PDG Malcolm Williams





"Another month passes and yet more disasters internationally where once again, LCIF contributes an emergency & initial advance of USD10k to assist the refugees.

Torrential rain, flooding and landslides devastated communities killing 60 people in Mexico with dozens of people missing. Other recent disasters include:

- torrential rain, flooding and landslides in Mexico, Spain, India and Nepal
- Typhoon, monsoon, hurricanes in the Caribbean, North America, Middle East & Asia.
- · earthquake in Philippines
- wildfires in North America and Europe

When humanitarian crises arise of this magnitude strike, we as Lions are ready to assist. Since July 1, 2025, LCIF has awarded more than 100 disaster relief grants totalling more than USD2.3 million.

To the 8 District Clubs who have donated (since 1/7/25) to our LCIF programme I thank you.

As mentioned earlier, our District goal of USD33000 is unrealistic- this goal is similar to the other NZ Districts, however one goal we can reach is having 100% of our Clubs donating to LCIF. So please consider this at your meetings.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 100% of monies donated to LCIF reaches it destination ie there is 'no clipping of the ticket' as the funds are transacted.
- LCIF costs are met from interest earnt on donations invested from the likes of Johnson & Johnson
- COLLECTORS PINS- are available (from myself) at \$75, \$150 or \$300 These supporter Pins are endorsed in name of our World President 'A P Singh'.



GOLD \$300



Silver \$150



Bronze \$75

- Purchase of these Pins also creates Credits to the value of Pin Purchased be it in the Club or purchasers name
- MJF CREDITS. Our District Total here is USD110k- thus much of this is available to many of our Clubs for an immediate MJF.
- Presidents/secretaries- if you are interested in knowing your Club's accumulated CREDIT total- please contact me.

Thank you for considering donating to LCIF.

Kind regards Malcolm Williams District LCIF Co-ordinator

The **Lions** Christchurch Schools Music Festival

A Superb Investment by Lions!

Lions Clubs of District 202E are the proud sponsors of this annual event and we should be proud! I will tell you about that later but first where did it start? Where do I start to write a report? At the beginning you say. I know but it is taking some digging around to find the beginning. As you read this, I am hoping that memories will be jogged and the full story can be written and recorded. This is a story of a woman with a passion for music and the determination to make something happen for our young people. Marion McWha at the helm of cajoling and persuading 202E clubs to sponsor the event is how most of us think of the Music Festival. I set her the task of remembering dates but even she could not remember what year sponsorship started. Marion does know that New Brighton Lions were involved before 202E became sponsors as they provided backstage support for many years. An email from former Lion Wendy Workman says it was hard work getting Cabinet at the time to OK it. But it had the backing of David Phillips (who was President from 1992-1997) and Ferrymead Lions. Once Cabinet was convinced, they (Marion and Wendy?) visited all the Christchurch Clubs who backed the idea and they wrote to West Coast Clubs who also backed the idea. It could be around 2004/5 that Lions became the official sponsors for the Music Festival but yet to confirm.

Marion herself sang in a choir when she was 10 years old in 1952. There was also a Recorder Band and she played in that too over the years so her personal involvement stretches back quite a few years. The festival itself started in 1939 and only year's the festival hasn't run is during the war years and Covid. Marion herself went back to school at the age of 36 and completed her teacher training aged 40. It was during these years aged 38 she joined the Lions. Marion has held many roles within the Lions Organisation. She has been a member of the Wigram Lioness, Riccarton and Chch Host Lions Clubs, holding so many roles - e.g. Lions Quest Chair (12 years) and throughout NZ, Zone, Region, Youth, MERL Chair, District Governor 2006-07, Editor of a weekly mailout to all clubs, Senior Lions Leadership Institute, LCI Faculty Development Institute, participated in 11 LCI conventions Lions Quest seminars and "panel of experts" member at three conventions. 4 International President medals and certificates, Key member award, Melvin Jones Fellow, LMLCCT Honoured membership and 2 LMLCCT Life membership awards. It is her driving force and enthusiasm that has ensured we continue to be the major sponsor for the festival.

So, what of the Music Festival.... There are not enough adjectives to describe this amazing event. I have used the word JOYOUS several times in my write-ups as that is what it is. To sit in the auditorium and listen to the voices of 800 primary and middle school aged children of the Massed Choirs sing in a way that lifts the emotions is so hard to describe and then to watch and hear the younger Concert Band and the Senior Orchestra play music that equals any professional orchestra you will ever hear. A total of almost 1000 children a night for 4 nights come into the Town Hall. There are 2 core choirs, the Junior and Senior Representative, who perform every night. Then over the 4 nights children from 94 schools across 202E District will appear for 1 night. In total almost 4000 children will participate.

> If you haven't been to one of these concerts yet then make sure next year you get a ticket and I encourage every club to continue to support this Youth cause by contributing to the festival so that we continue for at least another 20 years to be the major sponsors of this event. So come along and support us on the Lions Display and then go and enjoy the show.

Final word...Marion McWha says she will be stepping back due to her healthbut, she will still be involved and that is the way it should be. (Jane Forrest)

(Thank you to all our youth, the people who took the time to train them AND our District Lions who sponsored the 4 day Music Celebration and manned our booth - a resounding success! :)





Lions

The Lion journey is different for each of us, but one thing is the same: being a Lion changes you. As you serve, you're not only improving the lives of others, you're discovering your own potential.

Every act of service shows you the power you have to make a difference.

Every role, every project, every effort teaches you leadership, compassion and growth.

Each of us has something valuable to offer - and Lions help bring that out.

Lions are inclusive, so invite someone to join you on your Lion journey today. We want as many people as possible to be part of what we build and the good that we do.

Together, we will strengthen our organization, the communities we serve and ourselves.

Together in service, $\mathcal{A}.\mathcal{P}.$ Singh International President





Meet our 2VDC Elect - Jimmy Susanto

(This is a very small piece of what Jimmy did for his presentation to 202E Cabinet - my summary.)

PERSONAL: Born Jakarta in 1981. Studied in Indonesia, Malaysia, USA and now NZ.

Me: Sales & Marketing Manager, Neuro Linguistic Programming Trainer, Life & Business Coach, Marketing Strategist, Publisher & Author. Wife - GP and Psychotherapist, Daughter - High School and Son - Intermediate.

LIONS:

- 2017 Charter Club Member: Lions Club Jakarta Centennial Trainer.
- · 2018 Charter President: Lions Club Jakarta Pusat Infinity Coach.
- 2019 307 A1 Regional Lions Leadership Institute Jakarta, Indonesia.
- · 2020 307 A1 Global Leadership Team Member.
- 2020 307 A1 Certified Guiding Lions.
- 2021 307 A1 Global Leadership Team Member.
- · 2022 307 A1 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Brisbane, Australia.
- 2022 307 B1 Member of Lions Club Mitra Anyelir.
- · 2023 202 D Associate Member of Middle District Lions Club.
- · 2024 202 D Member of Middle District Lions Club.
- · 2025 202 E Member of Wigram Lions Club.
- · 2025 202 E Candidate for Second Vice District Governor.



WORK: * Skilled Migration Category - Education Pathway. * Study Master Level 9+One year Skilled Job.

- * Graduate NZ Master degree. 12 Dec 2025 * Bring my children and wife. 11 Dec 2025
- * Residency during that 3 years.
- * Current work with The Warehouse Group and Red Badge Security.
- * In process of getting the proper job.

We will hear more from Jimmy when he begins his monthly District Bulletin message in February.

Lions Skin Cancer Screening Bus visited Lincoln

organised by Selwyn Lions Club.

Spots were booked out very quickly with 44 people able to be checked with a third needing a follow up. (Our Bus on the move - saving lives!)





TOOT 4 TUCKER

- Lincoln District with Selwyn Lions Club

72 boxes. \$7,000 of food.
One extraordinary night in Lincoln.
Selwyn Lions Club joined Rotary,
Fire Brigade and countless others
collecting and packing boxes at the
Lincoln Toot 4 Tucker event.
What an amazing effort for our local
food banks.









A Big 202E Welcome to all our



New Members

New Member

- **Martyn Davis**
- Paul Cunningham
- 3 Sarah Cunningham
- Ross McEwan
- 5 **Jamie Knight**
- Ollie Langridge
- **Josh Gifford**
- Henk Binsbergen
- 9 **Boyd**
- 10 Pete
- 11 Bradley Collins
- 12 Jade Sardina
- 13 Madeline Loudon
- 14 Oliver Smithies
- 15 Sarah Bainbridge
- 16 Johanna Bainbridge
- 17 Prudence Stone

Club

Blenheim Blenheim

Blenheim

Glenmark Havelock

Motueka

New Brighton

Oxford & District

Oxford & District Oxford & District

Rangiora

Selwyn

Wigram

Wigram

Woodend Pegasus

Woodend Pegasus Woodend Pegasus

Sponsor

Malcolm Williams Linda Batchelor Linda Batchelor Mandy Burrows Ian Cameron Michael Brown

Glen Threadwell **Wayne Schurink**

Michael Clemens Barbara Williams Toni Thompson Toni Thompson Gay Walker

Gay Walker Gay Walker



Woodend Pegasus Lions welcomed three new members - Oxford & Districts Lions Club - Welcome to Boyd and Prudence Stone, Gay Walker (Sponsor) Bernie Walls (DG) Pete who have joined the Oxford and District Lions. Also Johanna Bainbridge and Sarah Bainbridge.



welcome to Ray who has transferred from Woodville Lions.



Blenheim Lions - A very warm 202E Welcome Lions Sara and Paul and Leo/Lion Martyn you have all joined the world's largest Service organisation, enjoy your journey.



Our Lions Calendar



December



International Leos Day 5 **World Volunteer Day** 10-14 Special Olympics - Chch.

Christmas Family Day

January '26 3-11 Hunger (Service focus)



World Braille day 11-16 Camp Quality 16-18 ELLI - Christchurch

<u>February</u>



World Wetlands Day

4 **World Cancer Day**

6 Waitangi Day

13 **Melvin Jones Birthday**

15 **Childhood Cancer Awareness**

28 District Bulletin Due Out <u>March</u>

1-9 Sea week

National Children's Day

World Wildlife Day

International Women's Day

District Cabinet via Zoom

28-30 District Convention

April

Month Leo Awareness month

17-19 MD Convention Ashburton

18-26 Environmental Service focus

World Earth Day 22

26 **Worldwide Induction Day**











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



Years of Service

John C. Harris

Lions Club of Woodend Pegasus

40

John Jones

Lions Club of Rolleston & Districts

9

This Month we Honour our Lions Clubs Charters







Cheviot

(Dec. 1968)

Picton

(Dec 1965)

Kaikoura Seaward

(Dec 1991)

57 years Service

60 years Service

34 years Service



I'll start with the Rangiora High School Leo Club End of Year Report (2025) by President Ruby Beckdahl. As it reflects what has been happening at the Marlborough Colleges and Rai Valley clubs as well. "The 2025 year has been one full of growth, teamwork, and service for out Rangiora High School Leos Club.

Our Leos have shown outstanding commitment to helping our community, developing leadership skills, and making a difference through local and national projects. This year, RHS Leo Club members completed a total of 538 volunteer hours across 17 community projects. This incredible effort reflects the ongoing dedication, teamwork, and generosity of our Leos. From fundraising and conservation work to community events and animal welfare projects, every hour has made a meaningful difference in our school and local community. "

Members: Rai Valley 11; Marlborough Boys 33; Marlborough Girls 25; Rangiora High 32; Omega 6.

MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS:

The Canterbury Omega Club is now a virtual club. Five of the members stayed on embracing the new concept and one member transferred from an Omega club in Nepal – she is in Christchurch now. Leo advisor is Ann Owen a Halswell Lion (sponsoring club). Some will transfer from the Alpha Leo Clubs.

Lions, take note of any young people between 18 and 30 who have been helping out at your club's projects, or are among friends and family – no matter where they live. Ask them to register as Omega Leos. (Applications online or ask me). https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/search-results?keys=Omega+Leo+Application+form

Lions clubs, email me if you need help from the Omega Leos with a project. 202E.Leos@lionsclubs.org.nz

cheers Tini



RHS president Ruby handing over the \$2000 donation to Karen from Kitty Kingdom Canterbury.



Farewell to the school leavers - Tini with Ruby, Lisa, Brooke and Claudia.



Rangiora Lions John W and Aaron C with Andrea from Rachel's House Trust with Xmas gifts for children in need, made in Santa's Workshop.



Blenheim Lions turnout for the Food bank collection. Now for the sorting.



Malvern Lions Horarata Highland Games
- everyone's experience
and teamwork, the setup
ran like clockwork, with
each member knowing
exactly what needed to
be done.

A heartfelt thank you to all Lions who contributed, especially Vicki and the ladies who tirelessly produced hamburgers throughout the day, earning many compliments from satisfied customers.





'Attached are the following documents relating to our Convention at Rangiora 13 -15 March 2026.'

- Notice -Nominations, Remits and Valedictories
- Nomination form: District Governor
- Nomination form: 1st Vice District Governor
- Nomination form: 2nd Vice District Governor
- Nomination form: District 202E Charitable Trust 5th Trustee
- Valedictory form.

Please refer to the email with these

12 attachments from our District Secretary

Thursday 27 November 2025.



New Brighton Lions members helped at the estuary clean up with **Diabetes Youth** Canterbury. (interesting, there is a new 'concept' that if everyone on a walk picks up 3 pieces of rubbish, the amazing difference it would make to our environment.)

Thank you to our
Lions Club of
Seaward Kaikoura
and community
for supporting
Kaikoura's Relief
Concert for those
of our
community
whose lives were
devastated by the
recent fires.





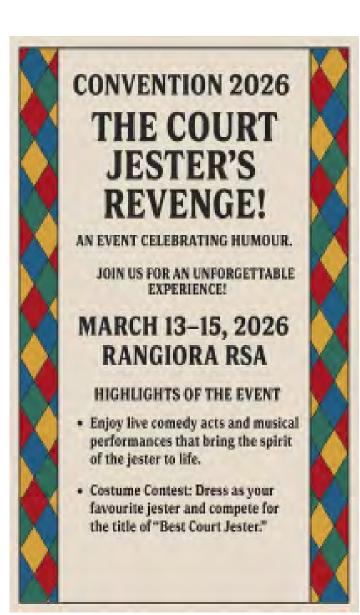
Hawarden
Waikari Lions
working for their
community.
This weekend a
picnic table was
installed at the
Philpott Track
lookout.

Thanks to Greg Dugmore, Richard Cater, Robb & Jake Topp and Peter Crouchley.





Reading at Leeston Primary School by Ellesmere Lions - Remember our November 202E D.B. Over 15 days for the last 2 School Terms, 8 Lions members visited the Leeston Consolidated Primary School and either listened to or read to pupils of the Waiwhio Syndicate. A rewarding opportunity to work with the hardworking Teachers and interact with our future Lions. Reading is such a valuable skill, that some may take for granted, but it was especially good to see the progress made by all the pupils as the Terms progressed. Below is a selection of some of the cards presented to the Lions members as a thank you. Big shout out to Lion Nigel for starting this initiative, long may it continue. A sample of all the Thank you cards received!







202E District Convention

13th & 15th March 2026 Hosted by Lions Club of Rangiora Venue: Rangiora RSA Victoria Street Rangiora



REGISTRATION FORM

 Scan/print this page from the District Bulletin Fill in your attendance details on the scanned copy to:jslovell@xtra.c 	
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IMPORTANT: Each PERSON must complete a separate registration form (please print clearly)

Surname				First N	ame				
Club				Distric	t				
Lion		Leo		Office	Held				
Partner's		Circt A	First Name						
Surname				FIISU	First Name				
Postal									
Address				Post Code					
Email					Phone				
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS				COST(\$)	LION	PARTNER	TOTAL(\$)		
Convention Registration: Lion (Compulsory/non-refundable)				25.00		N/A			
Convention Registration: Non-Lion Partner				25.00	NI/A				
(Compulsory/non-refundable)					N/A				
Friday Night Opening Ceremony + supper				20.00					
Saturday Morning tea and lunch				45.00					
Partner's Tour Morning tea				30.00					
Tour costs to be advised once confirmed									
Saturday Evening meal, entertainment and live music				55.00					
Sunday Rededication/Remembrance Service with light lunch				35.00					
Late registration fee after 28th February				20.00					
TOTAL TO PAY \$									
Dietary Requirements									
Gluten	Free		Vegetarian		Dair	y Free	Other	?	

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th February 2026

One registration will win the early bird registration

Payment is by way of Internet Banking please.

Account Name: Lions Club of Rangiora Account Number: 02 0876 0022167-002

Particulars: Member's Name; Code: Club Name; Reference: Registration							
Date Internet Banking Completed://	(D/M/Y)						
(Registrations will be confirmed once the internet banking is received)							
EMAIL: Attach your connect form and conditaticle vall@ytra.co.z							

POST: Registrations, Lions 202E Convention, C/- JK Lovell, 94 Acacia Avenue, Rangiora. 7400

Akaroa & Bays Lions have done it AGAIN! Working with our Youth - this time to make Gliders!

On Friday The Men's Shed had the last session with the students at the Duvauchelle School. The students made gliders. Thank you to Grant Robinson for taking over a model plane and showing the students how the controls work with the plane tied to the ground. I would like to thank those who took the time to attend these days with the school. I would also like to thank the Men's shed for taking the responsibility with this project. (*Thanks Mark a superb project!*)







AND organising a most successful Lions Charity Golf Tournament!

The weather played its part in another very successful Lions Charity Golf Tournament, with the entries flooding in early. Thanks to Gary Knight for organising the handicaps for the teams and doing the scoring at the end of the day. He also did well as MC for the day. President Tony (pictured with his 'harem' below) and team did a great job in the kitchen and a big thank you to Jo Dwyer for ordering the food and making the filled rolls for lunch for the Lions helpers. The change in the playing format seemed to be well received even though it took longer to play the 18 holes. Thank you to all who helped to make the day a success. (John Kelland)





We have an exciting announcement to make! Pack Your Bags for 2026!

Your busy beavers in the Social Team are in the process of arranging a Night On The Town for you on Friday, 27th March 2026. No passport required but you will need to pack an overnight bag. That is all for now. We need to temper the excitement levels for some of our senior members. (now folk just where are you all going??? - we are so wanting to know!)



Cabinet Meeting Update - Saturday 29 November 2025

- 1. Deadline for reregistration of clubs looming final reminder, if not done already as no extension. Seek help from John Whyte 202e.dgliaison@lionsclubs.org.nz if necessary.
- 2. Awards entries now extended until 31 December as very few entries received to date. Please return trophies to IPDG Pam Harvey (Amberley), or to your zone chairs as soon as possible. These award entries are for the 1 July 2024 30 June 2025 year.
- 3. Registration form for District convention 2026 in Rangiora is now available from district bulletin and soon from our District website. https://202e-lionsclubs.nz
- 4. Surplus funds are being targeted to specific areas rather than lose them into a general reserves fund and lose access to them e.g. Last year's small profit against budget has been used to set up a membership reserve fund which now stands at \$6,000
- 5. Charitable Trust finances show that the Nelson Tasman Floods 2025 has a balance of \$58,281 less \$8,000 spent this month. This is because several clubs in NZ donated to this fund at the time. Projects for the delivery of these funds is ongoing. In total have had over \$100,000 contributed which included \$10,000 from the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust.
- 6. District is GST registered therefore funds spent from the Charitable Trust also generate extra funds. \$8,000 in GST refund generated so far from Nelson Tasman floods spending.
- 7. Annual financial statements for the District 202E for the 2024-25 year have been reviewed and completed. These will be presented for adoption at the District convention surplus of \$446. Refer to point 4 above.
- 8. Kan Tabs PLEASE put in strong plastic bags not biodegradable plastic, paper or cardboard as they are stored in the open (not under cover). Need to rename as "Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids" is a registered charity (Kidney Kids NZ) with head office in Auckland who said we must not use the slogan, wording and promotional material, for our Can Tab collection as money from clubs in our district is forwarded to the Christchurch Kidney Society. Motion was passed to continue supporting Christchurch Kidney society so we are assured funds raised in our District are distributed in our District.
- 9. National (MD) Insurance coverage is to be rechecked with the provider to check what is actually covered.
- 10. Convention registration form to be amended to reflect that members can attend the AGM following payment of the registration fee of \$25. They can opt out of the additional \$45 if they provide for their own morning tea and lunch.
- 11. Camp quality good result from clubs for volunteers
- 12. Nice to see 4 Leos going to ELLI in Christchurch in January.
- 13. Canterbury Omega Lions being revamped as a virtual (electronic) club. No physical meetings
- 14. Lap the Map please get kms totalled to district GST Neil Johnson asap. ndj50@hotmail.com
- 15. Christmas projects event name and photos get information to MD Marcom Tobi Hipp: marcom@lionsclubs.org.nz
- 16. Electric Avenue in February 27th and 28th respond to GST Neil Johnston if willing to volunteer
- 17. Special Olympics great response from clubs we look forward to this service opportunity working with professional optometrists. 20 to 40 minutes assessment with resources (glasses) to be given out immediately. A great marketing opportunity for Lions
- 18. Skin Cancer vehicle will be onsite for the Special Olympics. Lots of hours of prep as 16 shifts to fill. Please contact Neil Johnston urgently if you know of Doctors/skin specialists and nurses who may be willing to help with the screening: ndj50@hotmail.com
- 20. DG Bernie reported that club meeting dates, times and venues will be back in the MD directory next year. Make sure that your club details are kept up to date on the portal.
- 21. Membership for the District is currently sitting at plus 6. Retention when a member becomes a Life member they are to stay on your club roster. Do not remove them unless they actually resign.
- 22. Emerging Lions Leadership Institute 202e has 9 attendees at this fully subscribed course
- 23. Consider forming a club branch as this is not a threat but an opportunity to strengthen and grow Lions.
- Global Extension Team coordinator John Hobson or his support GET Gaye Walker are able to help.
- 24. LCIF supporters pins available. Bronze \$75, Silver \$150, Gold \$300 available from LCIF coordinator Malcolm Williams; m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz. Can be purchased as an individual with credits lodged in your personal name towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship or you may like to recognize/reward someone in your club by making a donation through the presentation of a pin to the individual in their name.
- 25. LCIF District fundraiser project for this fiscal year is a decorated cake competition at convention in Rangiora. Come with your decorated cake which will be judged and then auctioned. So come with your clubs approval of an annual donation figure to LCIF and be part of the bidding.
- 26. Do not let club issues be blown out of proportion. Deal with them at the early stage. Seek advice from Legal office Richard Norris; 202e.legal@lionsclubs.org.nz or DG Bernie if required. Problems are best dealt with at the lowest level.
- 27. Final reminder for club re registering with Incorporated Society seek support from John Whyte if required.
- 28. LEHP Lions Eyes Health Programme screening children in primary schools (PCC Tobi Hipp initiated) Not a diagnosis it is an initial screening and referral service. Each district encouraged to have a coordinator. First trial area is being conducted in 202D. IPDG Pam Harvey appointed as the District 202e LEHP coordinator.
- 29. Motion to go to MD Council re District and Multiple Districts due for Leo-Lions to follow same formula as Lions International i.e. 50% of dues. (It appears that this may already have been passed at the New Brighton convention and I am now checking that this is being applied PCC Helen Williams)
- 30. Motion to Council of Governors that 202E's remit re allowing for electronic voting for those in attendance and members attending via electronic means, listed as Remit 3 and presented firstly at MD convention Hamilton and then to MD convention in New Plymouth, be uplifted from the table and presented to the 2026 MD Convention at Ashburton.

All The Fun of the Fair 'Family Fun Day'!

and Oxford & District Lions know how to provide that Family Fun!

"Keep an eye out for the exciting activities, sites and things to do. As we count down to the annual Big day out. Proudly hosted by the Oxford and Districts Lions. There will be the longest bouncy castle in New Zealand. Bring along your kids for a fun day out." And the families did, sharing lambs, calves and bikes galore!



















Greymouth Lions -Raffle for Be Seen, Be Safe - run by the A. Assoc. through schools, teaching road safety on bikes and supplying lights for bikes., and sometimes helmets. We have raised money for them before, as they support schools from all over the West Coast. Like the prize previously, an E Bike was donated for Be Seen Be Safe. Lion Ada Frew and AA Ivan Wilson day 1 of two days. Well done **Greymouth Lions Club** working for our Youth!



















at their annual free Clothes Swap event.







Richmond Lions new sponsored sound system's first outing - the Stoke School Fair helping draw the crowd to our chocolate wheel and making our fundraising a little louder and a lot more fun!



FACEBOOK.

For many members the mention of Facebook makes their eyes roll and a muttering about I would never go on Facebook for a look nor would I consider having a personal page.

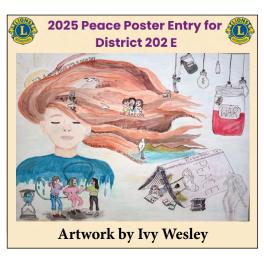


Usually this reaction comes from a fear that their personal details would be shared with the world which is incorrect given the only things which are shared are only to a selected friend list and are only what each individual posts themselves. Of course, friends' posts are also visible to you on your personal page.

Some members, but not all, are aware that our Club has a Facebook page which is regularly updated and now has a following of 386 individuals and groups both local and further afield who

are notified each time a new contribution is posted so good publicity on what we are about is generated. It would be nice if more members were in a position to follow and view these posts and to share them with their friends which further widens our reach. Many photos and publicity graphics depicting our events and activities have been posted over time.

The key is to post regularly so followers are reminded of our presence and there is an ability to share our posts with larger groups with thousands of members to publicise our events and activities.







Bring your friends and a picnic.

Sausage sizzle and a visit from Santa

This has been done with great effect with our Firewood Dispenser, Book Fair and Mistletoe Market publicity and many favourable comments were received from a wide section of our community.

The 202e Bulletin Editor regularly copies photos from our posts for her monthly Bulletin as she does for our 202e District Facebook, regularly sharing photos depicting our activities.

In addition many of our posts are picked up by Cool Lions Graphics, creatively edited, and shared to a wide audience.

The page gives us the ability to publicise and promote Club events, reach out for new members and generally promote our community activities.

On a semi regular basis contact is made with us through the Messenger link with enquiries about such things as Dispenser Wood, Mistletoe Market and Book Fair. Our website can also be accessed through a link displayed on the page and is widely used to obtain Mistletoe Market information by potential vendors.

While our page has been available online for several years now, perhaps some questions to members need to be posed.

Are you as members interested in following such a page?

Should our Club continue to promote our activities on Facebook or for that matter should we have a Page at all. Is there any member interested in providing publicity material and posting as a Page Administrator ongoing. What sort of publicity should we be providing.

Can you provide images of reasonable quality to use on the page?

There are probably other useful things to consider as well.

It is nice that a few faithful members regularly view our Club posts and signify that with a "like" which is of course encouraging to the administrators.

The page was created firstly by Charles 5/6 years ago but suddenly after 3 years or so we were for no apparent reason shut down by Meta, so soon after Helen began a new page which exists to this day.

Why not get daring and create your own FB page so that if nothing else you can follow our Club page. Perhaps the time is right for some discussion on the future of our Facebook presence and whether members are supportive of maintaining it.

Club Facebook Admin's Helen and Charles. (Blenheim Lions Club)

(some pictures swapped out :)



Mentoring Matters!

When a new Lion joins, it's more than signing a form - it's the beginning of their journey in service. How we welcome, guide, and support them often determines whether they become a lifelong Lion or a short-term visitor.



Effective mentoring transforms new members into committed Lions. It's one of the strongest foundations for healthy clubs and impactful service.

Mentoring isn't just about helping a new member "settle in." It's about building long-term engagement, satisfaction, and leadership. Here's why mentoring matters:

1. Builds Confidence and Belonging

New members join because they want to serve, but they may feel unsure about how things work.

A mentor helps them understand traditions, club culture, and the impact of Lions service—making them feel welcomed, valued, and included from day one.

2. Strengthens Retention

Research across volunteer organisations, including Lions, shows that early support leads to long-term membership.

Mentoring provides that essential personal connection and ensures new Lions don't feel lost or overlooked.

3. Encourages Growth and Leadership

A mentor can identify a new Lion's strengths, interests, and potential. By guiding them into projects, committees, or leadership opportunities, mentors help grow tomorrow's leaders.

4. Passes On Knowledge and Tradition

Lions Clubs has a proud history and structure.

Mentors play a vital role in passing on that living knowledge - from service protocols to the values behind our motto: We Serve.

5. Builds a Stronger Club

A supported new member becomes an active contributor far more quickly. This energy and enthusiasm strengthen the whole club's capacity and spirit.

6. Enhances Community Impact

Engaged new Lions bring fresh ideas, new networks, and renewed energy - expanding the club's reach and relevance.

In short: mentoring turns new members into committed Lions - and committed Lions build thriving clubs and stronger communities.

As we rush to Fill the Halls with Holly - gifts, Christmas reminds us that the greatest gifts we can offer are generosity, compassion, and service - isn't that in the heart of every Lion.

Kevin and I wish you all a super Festive Season with family and friends and those we are yet to meet.

Our Newsletter is taking a well-earned holiday and will return at the end of February - recharged, refreshed, and ready to go! Lou





The Clubs of Zone One, District 202J WELCOME YOU



Venue: Hotel Ashburton

Racecourse Road, Ashburton

We are located in the centre of the South Island so travel by car or fly in to Christchurch Airport & hire a car. Take some time after the convention has finished to see what the rest of the South Island has to offer Plenty of Accommodation options available See our newsletter for details

We look forward to giving you a very warm country welcome



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Get started

Executive Summary Council of Covernors Meeting - 15-16 November 2025

MD APPOINTMENTS – The following appointments have been made since the August Council meeting: PID Cliff Heywood – Chef de Mission for 202 LCI Convention in Hong Kong. PCC Megan England – Interim MD GMT until 30 June 2026. PDG Charles Harrison – MD GMT from 1 July 2026 Thank you for making yourselves available and congratulations to you all.

COUNCIL DECISIONS — Council makes many decisions throughout the meeting, of note and interest to all Lions... • Approved the rotation formulas for CA7 ID Candidates through to 2044, ANZI Pacific Forums through to 2032, and ANZI Reception Hosting at International Conventions through to 2028. • Approved the draft accounts for 2024/2025, recording a net deficit of 20,397. • Approved the budget and registration form for the 2026 MD Convention. • Received the budget for the 2026 ANZI Forum. • Gave approval for the ANZI Pacific Forum Committee to apply for specific funding grants. • Appointed Silks Audit to review the 24/25 Accounts. • Agreed to put a remit to the MD Convention seeking a \$3 per member increase. • Agreed to put a remit to the MD Convention seeking CPI based inflation adjustment to future dues from 2027 onwards. • Approved the wording for the briefs for Financial Mentoring Services and Lions NZ collaborative service projects. • Approved the job description for the Chef de Mission role. • Agreed to rename our Alert Coordinators with the new title Disaster Relief Chairmen to align with new LCI policy. • Agreed to support the roll out of the Lions Eye Health Programme (LEHP). • Approved small changes to the Lions Young Speechmaker Competition (see below). • Endorsed the 202J "Rescue Warriors" ride, in support of the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust, and gives permission for the riders to travel through their districts and offer support along the way. • Agreed the Parade Uniform for Hong Kong be the same as for Orlando. • Agreed we add club meeting dates, times, and venues to each club listing within the Lions MD Directory.

FINANCIAL - The 2024/25 years draft financial statements show an end of year loss of about \$20,000. The loss is down to unrealised budgeted income; the expenses for the year came in under budget. Despite the loss, the Multiple District balance sheet is strong, and most assets are held in cash or via the Craigs Managed fund. Ultimately our options are to increase our dues by \$3 per member or increase our membership base by at least 500 by June 2026.

MD202 STRATEGIC PLAN & MISSION 10K – The goal is to grow our membership to 10,000 members by July 2027, with incremental growth each year. Workshops are being held in each District to support this.

<u>LEGAL</u> – Re-registration of Clubs, and Districts as Incorporated Societies, with the Companies Office – Deadline is April 2026. Please act now! Template for the new Club Constitution has been forwarded to all clubs. Please use standardised wording – purely add Club name. Register under the NEW Act. Stick to the script – you may correct any spelling mistakes, but do not alter the text. District Constitution – this has been approved at most District Conventions. Please re-register now under the New Act. Areminder to District Cabinets to invite all Past International Officers to Special Meetings where DG/VDG vacancy elections are being held. <u>LIONS' PORTAL</u> – The Lions' portal is under constant review and new features are becoming available. If anyone is having trouble logging in or has any queries regarding the new portal, please direct them to portal@lionsclubs.org.nz and PDG Alice McDonald will assist or escalate the enquiry to LCI.

<u>MARCOM</u> – Work continues on the new proposed website. Working on the final draft of the updated concertina membership brochure. <u>MD POSTMASTER</u> - All clubs are strongly encouraged to use a generic email address for regulatory compliance with the Charities Services and Incorporated Societies Registers. Especially club.sec@lionsclubs.org.nz to avoid any loss of communication when people in key roles change or leave their clubs.

<u>SAFER TOGETHER</u> - MD Health & Safety Coordinator Graeme Dewhurst has compiled a Safer Together Programme to assist clubs in understanding and meeting their legislative health andsafety requirements for Lions activities. There will be a staggered rolled out across the Multiple District starting in 202L.

<u>CHRISTMAS CAKES</u> – Only 2,000 Christmas cakes left – last day for orders is 7th December... or earlier if they run out! <u>GLOBAL ACTION TEAM: MEMBERSHIP</u> – The primary membership focus is working with District Coordinators to support Mission 10K - NZ. With a greater emphasis on forming new clubs and club branches.MD membership on 16 November is +40. 7419 members spread across 284 clubs.

<u>LEADERSHIP</u> • ELLI Jan 2026 – 35 applications received, with a waiting list • DGE/FVDGE/SVDGE training prior to MD Convention in Ashburton DGEs – (no change) Arrive Tuesday for Wed/Thurs training/Council meeting. Friday morning session with CCE. Equalisation for travel and 3 nights' accommodation. All other costs are personal or via District reimbursement, as per each District's rules of audit.

FVDGEs – Arrive Thursday for Friday all day training. Equalisation for travel and 1 night accommodation. All other costs are personal or via District reimbursement, as per each District's rules of audit.

SVDGEs – NO MD reimbursement or equalisation. Arrive Friday for MD Convention with all costs being personal or via District reimbursement, as per each District's rules of audit. There will be a 2 hour afternoon session "So you think you want to be a DG" session that they are encouraged to attend.

SERVICE Row For Life Aotearoa – The team are determined to finish the row, hoping to restart later in the year.

MD YOUTH: Young Ambassador – Contest is for School years 11 – 13, so students aged 16 – 19 years old), looking to hold first final at the 2027 MD Convention.

<u>Lions Young Speechmaker Contest</u> – cost \$125 per contestant (remains unchanged). District retains \$40 for their District level contests and forwards \$85 to the Multiple District to support the National Final. Update to the Young Speechmaker rules will read... Each Lions District throughout New Zealand shall be allowed to send the following contestants to the National Final: • Districts with one to four contestants = one contestant to the national final (pays the \$425 flat fee to Multiple District). • Districts with five to eight contestants = one contestant to the national final (pays the standard \$85 per contestant fee to the Multiple District). • Districts with nine to seventeen contestants = two contestants to the national final (pays the standard \$85 per contestant fee to the Multiple District). • Districts with eighteen entries or over = three contestants to the national final (pays the standard \$85 per contestant fee to the Multiple District). International Youth Camp – Tauranga – CANCELLED due to low registrations.

MD202 CONVENTION 2026 17th – 19th April 2026, in Ashburton. Theme is "Down on the Farm." Host Hotel is the Ashburton Hotel, and rooms have been booked for Council, FVDGs, SVDGs, and PIDs only. Budget and Registration form have been approved.

<u>LCI CONVENTION</u> 2026 – 3rd – 7th July 2026, in Hong Kong. PID Cliff has been appointed Chef de Mission. New Zealand is hosting the ANZI reception. Early bird registration is US\$190, after the 30th of January increases to US\$265. <u>ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026</u> – 21st – 23rd August 2026, at the Holiday Inn Auckland Airport, Auckland, New Zealand. Theme "Innovation – Inclusion - Impact". Registrations open soon.

MD202 CONVENTION 2027 will be held in Auckland over the weekend of the 30th April – 2nd May 2027, at the Novotel Ellerslie Hotel.



... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.

Someone sent me an email about using

WODKA
for cleaning around the house.

IT WORKED!
The more vodka I drank, the cleaner the house looked!

-Unknown Author



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