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202D CONTACT

February 2026

Editorial Comment...

belated 'Happy New Year' and welcome back to the Lions year as we continue our shared journey of service and community support. While the months ahead bring fresh opportunities, we also reflect on the devastating weather events experienced across New Zealand recently, reminding us how quickly lives can be changed. In such times, Lions stand ready to offer practical help, compassion, and hope. As we ready ourselves for the second half of our Lions year may we all move forward with renewed purpose, strengthening our commitment to those in need and working together to make a lasting difference in our communities.

Looking forward to seeing you at our District Convention later this month.

Kind regards,

Megan England

Editor

The Never Ending Turkey

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me:

I've bought a big, fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard
as we tucked into our turkey - a most delicious bird.

On the third day of Christmas came the people from next door.

The turkey tasted just as good as it had done before.

On the fourth day of Christmas came relations, young and old.

We finished up the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold.
On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes scurried
But we were nice and warm inside - we had the turkey curried.

On the sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died
As the children fought and bickered - we had turkey rissoles, fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince
When he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.

On the eighth day of Christmas the dog had run for shelter.
He'd seen our turkey pancakes and the glass of Alka Seltzer.

On the ninth day of Christmas by lunchtime Dad was blotto.
He knew that bird was back again, this time as a risotto.

On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-made brew.

As if that wasn't bad enough, we were eating turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas the Christmas tree was moulting,

With chilli, soy and oyster sauce the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles upon our lips.

The guests had gone, the turkey too - we dined on fish and chips!

(Author Unknown)

District Governor Mike



Morena Lions

Welcome to 2026 and I hope you all had a great Christmas, and a happy new year so far!

It's been said that 'Rust never Sleeps'; it seems many of our Lions never sleep either!! I know of a lot of activity around 202D during the break that has made a positive difference in

many of our communities. Camp Quality went ahead with great success and buy-in from the various stake holders, generating delight in the eyes of the kids participating. Held in New Plymouth this year we were all blessed with perfect warm weather for the entire duration. Thanks to all the Lions from various clubs for assisting with this, and a particular thanks to Lion Hamish Price for taking the lead role and doing a fantastic job, making all of us very proud in this important initiative.

Our Convention is taking place later this month on 28th February. Exciting! Held at Pacific International Hotel Management School, (PHIMS) at 4 Henwood Road Bell Block. Its located just off the motorway into Bell Block on the left before the Bell Block roundabout. We start with a Cabinet meeting on Friday and an 'early birds' meet and greet after that at 5pm with a BBQ. You must be registered if you wish to attend this.

Convention itself starts at 9.30am Saturday with the registration desk opening at 8.30. This year, being a one day celebration, we will have the **Remembrance and Rededication** service **at 11 am**. Family and friends of those deceased not attending convention, are invited to arrive from 10.30 on with separate seating reserved for them. They are welcome to mix during morning tea break, with clubs able to pay on the day. Families may stay for lunch, also paying on the day.

The theme for Saturday evening is **HAPPY HIPPIES** with our Dinner/ Dance from 5pm, featuring a lovely meal and fantastic entertainment/dancing from award winning musician/entertainer "Campbell Live".

I would love to see you all there as we refresh, reconnect, and revitalise ourself as we refocus for our Lions year ahead.

Yours in Lionism,

Mike

202D DG 2025/2026



Deadline of 5th April to Reregister Your Club's Incorporated Society.

What Happens If Your Lions Club Doesn't Reregister as an Incorporated Society

If your Club takes no action before 5 April 2026, your society will no longer exist as an Incorporated Society.

Do you know what it means for your Club to no longer be registered as an Incorporated Society?

- Your Club will lose its legal status as a separate organisation. This means your Club will no longer have the legal protection that shields individual members from personal responsibility for the Club's debts or obligations, such as leases or contracts. **Members are then personally liable for the Club's debts and obligations.**
- The Club would also lose the ability to enter into new agreements in its own name.
- Decisions about any Club assets (such as equipment, funds, or property) could be made by the Registrar rather than by your members.
- Finally, your Club's name will no longer be protected — another group could register and use it.

In short, reregistering secures your Lions Club's good name, independence, and community work for the future.

If you have not yet done this, please give it your urgent attention. No extensions will be granted, as this requirement has been signalled for at least 3 years.

If your Club is not currently registered as an Incorporated Society and has at least 10 members, we strongly recommend that you register it.

If you need help with any of this, please contact me.

PCC Stephen Barr

District GLT Coordinator

Note from Editor: *At the time of writing it was noted that -*

19 Clubs have re-registered or are newly registered under the new act.

7 Clubs have not yet re-registered which leaves 8 clubs either never registered or "dissolved"!!

If unsure, please take advantage of those willing to help.

Looking for Lions Leaders of the future...

Have you considered taking on a leadership role at Cabinet level?

Serving on the District Cabinet offers an incredible opportunity to grow as a leader while making a lasting impact on Lions within our district. By joining the cabinet, you'll collaborate with passionate Lions from across the district, help guide service initiatives, and strengthen clubs through mentorship and teamwork. It's a chance to develop valuable leadership skills, build lifelong friendships, and shape the future of our district—while continuing the proud tradition of "We Serve."

If you are at all interested or just want to know more, please contact one of the DG team members - DG Mike 202d.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz, VDG Chris 202d.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz or 2VDG Graham 202d.2vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz. They would love to hear from you!



Igniting Tomorrow's Leaders: ELLI 2026



The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) 2026 recently concluded a powerhouse three-day training session in Christchurch this January. This intensive course is specifically designed for Lions ready to deepen their organisational knowledge before stepping into the role of Club President.

Representing the District

While 26 Lions and Leo members from across New Zealand took part, our district was proudly represented by Cam Dyer of the Colyton Bunnythorpe Lions Club.

Cam shared that the experience was inspiring, noting:

"It is a great course for those wanting to become future Lions leaders. It was very informative, a good way to bounce ideas off other Lions, and full of fun activities and discussion groups."

Why It Matters for Our Clubs

Investing in these programs isn't just about individual growth; it's about the longevity of our service. Seeing members grow in enthusiasm and capability directly strengthens the future of our Clubs.

Looking Ahead: ELLI 2027

Next year, the institute heads to the North Island. This is a golden opportunity for our district to send a larger cohort of emerging leaders, bringing fresh ideas and energy back to our local communities. Let's start identifying those future leaders now to ensure our district is well represented.

(Report from 202D GLT Steve Barr)

Orientation

A strong Lions orientation is essential for welcoming new members and helping them feel informed, valued, and confident from the very beginning. It provides an introduction to the history, purpose, and service focus of Lions Clubs, while explaining how meetings, projects, and leadership roles work. Orientation also helps new members understand the impact of Lions locally and globally, encouraging early involvement and building connections with fellow members. By creating clarity and a sense of belonging, an effective orientation strengthens engagement, supports retention, and inspires new Lions to become active contributors in service to their community.

Please contact PDG Leo Danz (danz24@xtra.co.nz) or Megan England (englandm922@gmail.com) if you would like them to run an orientation session with your club.

Club Excellence Awards

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs. *This year, there have been significant changes made to the criteria and application process for these awards.*

Membership

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is decided based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lions year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club.

Service

- Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International **"Weeks of Service"**.

Leadership

- Report newly elected club officers in the Lions Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the **Lions Learning Centre**.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, of which one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Centre or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between 1st May – 31st December.

Donations

- Contribute to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.

Application Process

- There is no written application process for the Club Excellence Award this year. Eligibility for the award will be assessed entirely on data in the portal.
- Membership data in the portal will be used to assess membership eligibility.
- Service reporting data in the portal will be used to assess service eligibility.
- Leadership reporting data should be entered into the portal
 - o Club secretaries should ensure that club officers are entered into the portal on time
 - o District GLT Coordinators should enter all Club training data
 - o Lions Learning Centre records will be updated automatically once a module is completed.

Donations to LCIF will be recorded in the portal as payments are made

To ensure eligibility, it is essential that Club reporting is up to date on the portal.

Around the District – who’s doing what?

Note from the Editor: *There is so much going on around the district. Please send any photos or news items to me so we can all celebrate the great things Lions in our District are doing.*

Below are snippets of activities as gleaned from Club Bulletins and (in some cases) after a bit of Facebook stalking!

Do you have a project you are extremely proud of?

IPDG Denis has extended the deadline for entries into this year’s District Awards. Your project could be a winner!

Youth Award, Environment Award, Waverley Award (Community Service Project)

Enter as a club or a zone.

For more details contact IPDG Denis - hurcstrust@xtra.co.nz

Bell Block & Districts Lions Club has been busy!

Christmas Parade organiser Mark Harris presented the trophy for the ‘Best Christmas Float’ to Jennifer Bayley, Centre Manager for the Bell Block Community Nest. The winning organisation now has the task of identifying the community group they donate the \$300 prize to.





Members of the club met at President Marcus' home in January to share in a festive BBQ where they re-aquainted themselves with what is on the agenda for the year ahead, starting with the District Convention at the end of February followed a week later by their Annual Book Fair.



The organiser of the Christmas Parade, Mark Harris presented a 'Friend of Lions' certificate to 'KOYT' as an appreciation of the years he has supported the annual event as Father Christmas.

President Marcus Hojdelewicz inducted three new members into the club: Jole Jacoby, Keilan Hauquier and Chris Walton. The photo below depicts the countries of origin of all four members. Markus (Switzerland), Jole & Keilan (Belgium) Chris (England). This gives our club a very international flavour.



Lions Club of Rongotea & District: Manawatu Cancer Kids Christmas Party held another fantastic day with the Manawatu Cancer Kids on a sunny Sunday in November.

It was an action packed day with the children taking part in the big variety of entertainment provided.

The children certainly had a great time riding the Rongotea fire engine, the Lions barrel train, a couple of vintage cars, two huge trucks and various other vehicles. They jumped on a bouncy castle and did other indoor activities.



The highlight of the day was probably the arrival of Father Christmas in the Rongotea Fire appliance. The children and families were excited, waiting for the eventual appearance of Father Christmas. The gifts for the children provided by our club were received with much anticipation and joy. We hosted and served lunch to the 21 children suffering from cancer as well as their siblings and parents. Our Lions and ladies were once again very much moved by the joy and excitement each child experienced - it was a day of happiness and at times emotional for our members.

A big thank you to all the people who helped out on the day with special activities and entertainment, and lots of thanks and appreciation to our Lions' ladies who assisted our Lions with the preparations, cooking and serving. You are awesome!

Our two Cancer Kids project planners, Chris Russell and Dave Sharland are planning something really special for the Easter event for these children.



Help needed...Clearview Park Lions Club have a problem and someone out there may have the solution!

The Club recently held a very successful bottle auction as a fun get together. The \$100 they expected to raise was to go towards children who couldn't afford a wig. Their expectations were "blown out of the water" when they raised just over \$1000. They have since tried to donate this money only to be told that all money goes to Auckland for distribution, so no guarantee it will be used to benefit a child within their area or even our District.

The Club are asking for any suggestions as to who to donate this money to so the used primarily for the benefit for children in the Manawatu and preferably for the purpose it was raised. If you can help please contact Club President Gillian Robinson, gillrobinson1951@gmail.com or look for one of their members at the Convention later this month.

The **Lions My Free Health Screening Project (AKA The GLOB)** is now a Charitable Trust and is operated by volunteer Lions in our 202D District. There are two orange caravans and two Lions teams to serve our communities that originally focused on farmers, but now focus on both urban and rural communities as people everywhere no matter the location have health issues and problems with getting into their GPs. One caravan is focused on the south of the district, being housed in Feilding with the other being housed in Okato for use in the north of the district.

The Trust continues to be grateful to the Lions Clubs, who have invited the Glob, provided front of house Lions and made generous donations over the past three years to enable us to reach out to more than 6000 people and for 1500 plus to be guided to seek follow-up with their GP or Medical Centre.

Feedback from those seen has been 100% positive with one individual (in Palmerston North) donating \$30 000 to the initiative without actually being seen in the Glob. Total donations from Lions Clubs, businesses and government agencies have totalled \$60 000 in the last three years. ***Amazing things done by ordinary people***, working with a common cause to increase the health of those living in rural and urban areas.

Under the new charitable trust we have now a new bank account for lodging donations:

Lions Club My Free Health Screening Charitable Trust 03 0626 0049383 000

The planning committees for both GLOB teams meet on a regular basis. If you would like to be involved in the 'running' of the GLOB, particularly in the north of the district the committee would love to hear from you. One member from each Zone would make this a truly district wide project and help spread the message. Nurse volunteers *always welcome*. Contact Nurse Co Ordinator Merete (hipp@slingshot.co.nz)

If you require either GLOB for an upcoming event, remember to book at least a month in advance.

Bookings done through Colin Tyler (GLOB 1 - North) photocolint@gmail.com or with either Warren (warrenichollsnz@gmail.com) or Robert(robertandlynn@xtra.co.nz) for GLOB 2 (South)

Keep on Serving your communities. As a Lions team you can make a difference.

(Provided by Robert Heath)



Helping at **Camp Quality** is a highlight of the January calendar with this year's camp being held in New Plymouth.



Zone 2 Chair Hamish with DG Leon (202M), & DG Mike

The camp quality event happened during the first week of January. There were 65 children plus their individual supporters and other staff. The children came from the Taranaki to Hawkes Bay to Wellington region. They arrived in New Plymouth on Wednesday 7th and stayed at New Plymouth Boys High.

On Thursday the 8th they had a fun beach day based at Ngamotu beach which was organised by New Plymouth Central Lions and helped by members from Opunake and Bell Block and Districts Lions. We contributed \$200 towards the cost of prizes for the big dig, and any left overfunds were used towards the cost of the Sunday night disco and catering.

On Friday 9th New Plymouth Pakeke Lions hosted the visitors with our Brooklands tractor ride, and I created a quiz based on the information at the zoo to help keep the children focused. It was a great day and there were many Lions Volunteers present helping.

Special thanks to Greg and Carolyn for organising the tractor ride and all the other numerous club members that turned up to assist. I won't list them for fear of missing someone out, but all your help made the day run smoothly. We were but a small cog in an enormous wheel of people making the event special and memorable for these children and the smiles on their faces was all the thank you that we needed.

(report from Youth Chair Judith Van Kooten NP Pakeke Club)



Although the weather has not really played ball **Inglewood Lions** have been busy with their Maize Maze.

Who says Lions isn't fun? Members of **Middle Districts Lions Club** at their own 'Melbourne Cup' event.



A great marketing tool - **Normanby & Districts Lions Club**.

Serious business with quality control on the sorting deck for **Kaponga Lions** after a successful potato dig recently.



Please share your club bulletins and celebrations, photos, new members, stories with me so I can help spread the great things happening in each of your clubs with others around the district.

An Update on IPDG Denis' Windfall

(For those who don't know...Then incoming PDG Denis was the lucky recipient, among the newly elected District Governors to be given US\$10 000, to spend on a worthwhile project (or projects) of his choice in his District, by the incoming International President Fabricio Oliveira.)

"The whole project has been a great success, far above what I ever could have imagined.

I managed to grow the original US\$10000.00 grant to around NZ\$37000.00.

The cooperation and the financial efforts of clubs in my district was outstanding, with approx 70% of clubs contributing money to the fund.

The publicity generated has been amazing, with both newspapers and social media. Every place that the grant has been used at has had Lions insignia beside it. LCIF has been recognised as well.

Many thanks to LCIF for the original grant.

The biggest thrill for me was the bringing together of the clubs of District 202D for great causes.

When you have 70 Lions members representing all their clubs in a room and handing over funding for cancer, child visual playground or diabetic blood monitoring machines...it is something I will always treasure."

Thankyou all.

Yours in Lions

IPDG Denis Hurcomb



IPDG Denis with FVDG Chris presenting a HbA1c Analyser, used to measure average blood glucose levels, to representatives from Midland Central Diabetes and Women's Health team.

ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 1 - 12 February Colyton Hall 7pm

Zone 2 - 2 February Addis House, PN 7pm

Zone 3 - 5 February St Johns Club, Wanganui 6pm for those wanting a meal, 7pm meeting

Zone 4 - 10 March venue TBA, 7pm

Zone 5 - 18 February Mary Alice Chapel, Stratford 7pm

Zone 6 - 5 April venue TBC

All club members are welcome to attend Zone meetings.

Worldwide Induction Day - a chance to celebrate the spirit of service that brings new Lions into our global family. On April 25, 2026, clubs everywhere will welcome their newest members. Start planning a ceremony that reflects the heart of your club and the joy of serving together. <https://bit.ly/4koxo0T> #WorldwideInductionDay

Do you have Lions signs at the entrance to your town?

Take a moment to check—are they still bright and inviting, proudly showing who we are? Or are they starting to look a little tired and ready for an upgrade?

Good news! Our district MarCom chair, Tobi, has sourced a reliable provider for new Lions signs.

They're just **\$80 + GST and postage**.

Freshen up your town's welcome—**order yours now!**

Road Signs Available

\$80.00
+GST and Postage
sign only
500mm

Contact
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From the Youth Chair



2026-2027
LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE
POSTER
'Harmony in Humanity'



THE 2026-2027 CONTEST
Harmony in Humanity

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity.

“Harmony in Humanity” is the theme for this year’s Peace Poster competition.

Digital contest kits are now available via the Lions International Portal Shop.

Physical Packs are on their way to NZ Lions Head Office from International right now!

Let’s encourage our young artists (youth aged 11-13) to share their vision of peace and unity.

SAVE THE DATES!

Start looking for those amazing Children of Courage!

More information will be coming your way from Youth Chair, Stephanie Jordan.



2026
Zone 1-3
Kairanga Hall
Sunday 12th April
12:30-3pm

Zone 4-6
Swiss Club Rooms
Grace Ave, Kaponga
Sunday 12th April
12.30-3pm.

**LIONS DISTRICT 202D
YOUNG SPEECHMAKER CONTEST
FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULTS
AGED 16-21YRS (as of 30/6/26)**

Now is the time to contact Secondary Schools in your area and let them know the below details:

202D District Final

Zone 1-3
Date: Thursday 11th June 2026
Venue: TBC: Palmerston North
Time: 6:30pm for 7pm start
Cost: \$125.00 (sponsored by local Lions Clubs)

Zone 4-6
Date: Thursday 28th May 2026
Venue: Cue Theatre, Inglewood
Time: 6:30pm for 7pm start
Cost: \$125.00 (sponsored by local Lions Clubs)



SITUATION VACANT

There is a vacancy for a position on the Youth Team.

We need someone to be the southern contact person for the District team. You will help to oversee the District Youth projects and support Lions clubs running these events.

Take this opportunity to be part of a new team. Bring your passion for all things youth related.

We offer great support from the Youth Team members, the DG and Cabinet.

Want to know more?

Contact- Robyn Pedersen email hipchick1000@gmail.com

Show your Support of LCIF

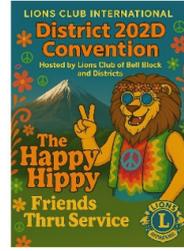


District LCIF Coordinator Tobi Hipp has a good supply of LCIF International President Supporter pins available. These can be 'purchased' by donating \$300 (Gold Pin), \$150 (Silver pPin) or \$75 (Bronze Pin)

202D Convention - Bell Block
28 February 2026



202D District Convention
28th February 2026
 Hosted by:-
Lions Club of Bell Block & Districts
Venue: Pacific International Hotel
Management School,
4 Henwood Road Bell Block
REGISTRATION FORM



Note: An online version of this form is available on the 202D Lions page

- Download to be able to type.
- Or Print and hand write your details.
- Then print, scan, and send to:
rooksy.gee@xtra.co.nz

Surname		First Name	
Club		District	
Lion	Leo	Office Held	
Partner's Surname		First Name	
Postal Address			Post Code
Email			Phone
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS			
	COST (\$)	LION	PARTNER
			TOTAL (\$)
Convention Registration: Lion (non-refundable)	30.00		N/A
Convention Registration: Non-Lion Partner (non-refundable)	15.00	N/A	
Friday Night Meet, Greet & BBQ (Note: Limited No.)	20.00		
Saturday Morning tea and lunch	20.00		
Partner's Tour includes Morning tea and lunch	20.00		
Saturday Evening meal and live music Theme: Happy Hippy	40.00		
Late registration fee (after 21st to 28th Feb 2026)	20.00		
TOTAL TO PAY \$			
Dietary Requirements			
Gluten Free	Vegetarian	Dairy Free	Other ?

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20th February 2026

Payment is by way of Internet Banking please.

Internet Banking Details: TSB Account Name: Bell Block and Districts Lions Club
 TSB Account Number: 15-3956-0713906-000

Particulars: Member's Name; Code: Club Name; Reference: Registration

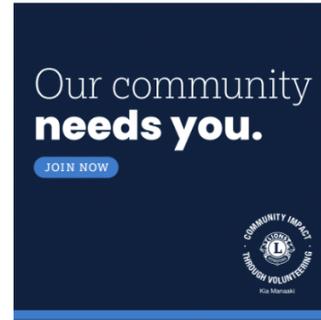
Date Internet Banking Completed: ____/____/____ (DD/MM/YY)

EMAIL: Attach your scanned form and send to: rooksy.gee@xtra.co.nz

**POST: Registrations, Lions 202D Convention, C/- PDG Gary Rooks,
 98 Queens Road, Glen Avon New Plymouth 4312**

Please note that the above is a screenshot / image not a pre loaded form. Registration forms can be downloaded by clicking on our District Convention page on the NZ Lions website.





A reminder to 'like' and follow the 202D Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/lionsdistrict202d>



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