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We Serve



Team Malvern Lions - marshalling competitors at this years Coast to Coast event.

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Havelock Lions - celebrated their 60th Birthday with 3 New Members.



(L to R): New members Megan Bryant, Trevor Harwood, Sara Harwood, (Sponsor) Sharon Blount, (Club President and Sponsor) Siobhan Skinner. Megan, Trevor and Sara were inducted by DG Bernie.



Club President Siobhan with the Havelock Lions Club Charter - February 1966.



Lion Colin Arlidge celebrates his 80th birthday by cutting the Clubs 60th birthday cake watched by new Lion Sara Harwood. ZC Christine Hoggart provided the cake and also joined the Club's celebrations.



Rai Valley School Leo President Cooper reported on his ELLI course.



DG Bernie and Lion Brian Cameron.



The weather still continues to throw some curve balls. Maybe our Summer will be a wet one. Unfortunately, we cannot do much about that.

Club visits have finally been completed. Tuesday the 17th of February, I visited Havelock Lions Club. Before I went, I noticed that their charter had been issued 60 years ago! So, I arranged with Christine, Zone Chair 3, to have a surprise. The evening was fantastic, with the club being absolutely enthusiastic about what Lions is all about. And, they had three new members to be inducted. That brings their numbers over 30.

Membership is holding steady on plus 1. Add to that the three from Havelock, we are now plus 4. However, we have inducted 83 new members, but we have lost 82. Apart from the numbers we lost to natural causes, are we doing enough as Clubs/ Lions to stem the flow that appears to be our loss?? We have held one session of "Increasing your Club's Impact" and another one is on its way later in this Lions' year. I am mindful of the last two months in any fiscal year where we seem to lose our way membership wise. The district needs your help.

The convention will be upon us as you read this addition of the District Bulletin. Have you registered for a fun filled weekend?

Bernie



Facebook: Fun and fellowship is an important part of a successful Lions Club and being a Lion. "Those who play together, stay together!" Six Kaikoura Seaward Lions (and a friend) on an Auckland trip to watch The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - fantastic Show, fantastic Company thank you!



Blenheim Lions - directing traffic and parking cars at the wine and food festival under the guidance of our coordinator Rodie.

Retention isn't about keeping numbers - it's about keeping members engaged in service. Let's make every Lion proud to stay a Lion!

A Big 202E Welcome to all our New Members

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1 Daniel Chan	Christchurch Chinese	Tony Lin
2 Kun Ma	Christchurch Chinese	Jason Soon
3 Michael Wielsma	Ellesmere	Thomas Haffner
4 Megan Bryant	Havelock	Siobhan Skinner
5 Trevor Harwood	Havelock	Sharon Blount
6 Sara Harwood	Havelock	Sharon Blount
7 Chris Abbott	Malvern	Hugh Wright
8 Annette Litherland	Motueka	Chris Clark
9 Luke Stinton	Renwick	Richard Osmaston
10 Sulochan Singh	Rolleston & Districts	Savitri Chandra
11 Teneale Rankin	Selwyn	Helen Whittington



Selwyn Lions welcomed Teneale (middle) into their Club - Sponsor Helen W. (left) and President Sharon.



Cheviot Lions - welcomed new member Chris Bennett right - left sponsor Richard Reed and Giles Pinfold middle.

Wear your Membership Key with pride, you have introduced new members who will bring New Ideas, New Energy, New Skills, New Friendships - all to strengthen your Club into the future!

NEW MEMBERS - Set Goals, Track Results and Celebrate Success





Thank you for your registration.

The programme over the weekend is based around the following timings. It is hoped that those attending, can, as far as possible, work to them in order for us to keep to the timetable and allow the RSA catering staff to have food ready on time.

Friday 13th March

The registration table will be open from 5.00pm onwards.

The Opening ceremony will commence at 7.00pm. Please be seated by 6.50pm.

The evening will conclude with supper being served from 9.00pm.

Saturday 14th March – Business session

The registration table will be open from 7.30am onwards.

The business session will commence at 8.30am sharp.

Lunch break for those who have paid for lunch will be from 12.30pm until 1.15pm.

Business will recommence again at 1.15pm sharp and every effort will be made to conclude the business session by 3.00pm

Partners Programme

The bus for the partners tour will depart the RSA at 9.30am and return by 3.00pm.

Amberley School is providing a Devonshire type lunch for those participating.

In the morning partners will be visiting the sculpture park at Amberley.

We are hoping for a fine day.

Saturday 14th March – Evening meal and entertainment

The venue will be ready for pre-dinner drinks and socialising from 6.00pm onwards.

The evening meal will be served at 7.00pm with entertainment starting from 8.00pm.

This will run approximately for 90 minutes.

Sunday 15th March – Rededication Service

The service will commence at 10.30am however we would like to have those attending seated around 10.15am. The service should conclude by 12.00pm and again for those who have paid, lunch will be available shortly after the service has finished.

- **The RSA bar will operate within their normal trading hours so drinks will be able to be purchased before and after each convention function. The Rangiora RSA facilities are excellent, there is plenty of room and they are hugely supportive of Lions and the work Clubs do in their community so we want to make every effort to support them as well.**
- **If you are a member of an RSA or a Chartered Club please ensure that you have your membership card. We will be asking some to provide details including membership number, expiry date in order that we meet the licensing requirements of the RSA. This will also save the organisation committee from having to pay for a special license.**
- **Note:- There are a few people who have registered but have not yet paid their fees. If you are in this category we would appreciate receiving payment ASAP to bank account No 02 0876 0022167 002.**

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on 13th – 15th March

Who Do You Call for Coast to Coast Vehicle Marshalling - Team Malvern Lions!

A great turn out by Malvern Lions for Marshalling over 1,000 cars and campers for the 2026 C2C. Aply organised by our Pro C2C Man Lion Grant. A long day but not quite as gruelling as for the competitors.

“A dynamic club serving the community by raising funds and assisting organisations, students and others to meet their goals, while having fun at the same time” Facebook.



National Youth Camp 2026

The National Youth Camp:

- o at Vertical Horizon
- o Sun. 27 September to Sat. 3 October
- o youth aged 12 to 16years.

Programme available by the middle of April.

- o Applications open: 1 May
- o Applications close: 7 August
- o Cost: approximately \$550.00



The Lions Club of Rangiora



proudly brings you..

The District 202E Convention 2026

13th to 15th March 2026

Rangiora RSA



Victoria Street, Rangiora

ANZI PACIFIC FORUM AUCKLAND

NEW ZEALAND
21-23 August 2026



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN



[Register Here](#)

Until We Meet in Auckland...



Lock in the Date – 21-23 August 2026

<https://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com/>



[Full Information Here](#)

108th Annual Lions International Convention Hong Kong

3-7 July 2026



"Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead" International President's Message

A. P. Singh



Lions

When you join Lions, you may focus on how you will give back to others through service. What you may not immediately realize is how much Lions gives back to you. Becoming a Lion opens the door to experiencing more - more belonging, more purpose, more leadership and more community.

Lions is not only the world's largest and best service organization; it's a way of life. As a Lion, you grow as an individual while discovering how your unique talents and passions can make a real difference in the world. Lions is your place to shine.

Remember, every one of you is needed, important and valued. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing how you continue to grow on your Lions journey.

Together in service,

A.P. Singh International President



Our 'Leaders' 2025 - 2026



Ian Cameron
Secretary



Alastair Rankin
VDG



Bernie Walls
District Governor



Jimmy Susanto
2VDG



Ian Lennie
Treasurer

Causes



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Vision



Humanitarian
Efforts



Environment



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Youth

Being a Motueka Lion means Service with Great Fellowship!

Our mini golf project was another outstanding success. A lot of fun was had by all participants, and volunteering on the kiosk by members of our Lions club made this event so enjoyable to work on. Patronage has been strong and, from what I'm (President) seeing, takings are averaging over \$1,000 per day. It remains our number one project and one that we can all be proud to take part in. Well done to everyone involved. A reminder that the Mini Golf BBQ will be held on Sunday 8 February, kicking off from 3pm, with prizes awarded for the lowest score - men's and women's categories.



In December, the Motueka Community hub held a gala event for families and individuals in need, and Motueka Lions donated 30kg of new potatoes for the gift boxes that were packed and given out by the organising team after the event was over. Motueka Community organising team packing the gift boxes.



Richmond Lions Shared Christmas Cheer, Acknowledging the Community Support Provided by their local Fire Women & Men.

"Late last year Tasman District suffered widespread flooding followed by gale force winds which brought down an estimated 1 million trees. At the time both Richmond & Motueka Clubs stepped up to assist where possible.

In the Richmond catchment area local fire crews stepped in to help from Tapawera, Brightwater and Wakefield. These crews put in many hours. Most members of these crews are volunteers and had suffered damage to their own properties. As a gesture of good will, both Richmond & Motueka Lions Clubs arranged through our District to each donate 250 Christmas Cakes to those in the front line of the rescue & recovery. The photos show two of the fire brigade crews who were recipients of cakes supplied by the Lions Club of Richmond."





Tēnā koutou, gosh how time flies. When I took on this role I was warned I would be very busy. Last year we did some training and lots of visiting but I felt a bit disconnected because the training wasn't as much as I'd expected – until November. That was our first virtual seminar and I thoroughly enjoyed it. And now the month of February has been taken up with virtual seminars every Sunday and Wednesday nights. Wham, take that!! There is still some more in the coming couple of months so by the time we get to Hong Kong (where there is still more) our cohort of VDGs will have had the most and the best training of VDGs in history.

We still have had no takers for the role of 2nd Vice District Governor which is very disturbing. At this point I'm still looking for Zone Chairs for Zones 5, 6 and 8 as well as District Bulletin Editor and District Governor's Liaison Officer. If you think you could do any of those roles please let me know soonest – thank you.

Now as we look toward the District convention it's probably a good time to be thinking about Club Officer roles also. Some of you are resistant to taking these on but I urge you to try it – you never know you just may enjoy it as much as I did. I've got a busy wee time ahead with my own club stuff as well as the VDG stuff and I'm really up for it. The next time I see you will be at the District convention then Multiple District convention. I'll see you out there. Ka kite anō au i a koe

Alastair

Fellow Lions, distinguished leaders, and friends,

It is a privilege to stand alongside you as part of District 202 E - a district rich in service, commitment, and community spirit. Lions has always been about more than what we do; it is about who we are together, and how we adapt to continue serving meaningfully in a changing world.

Across New Zealand and globally, we see both opportunity and challenge. Communities still need us deeply, yet the way people connect, volunteer and commit has evolved. This calls us to be intentional—not only in our service projects, but also in how we present Lions, welcome new members, and collaborate across clubs.

I believe strongly that our future growth lies in three areas: membership growth through relevance, collaboration across clubs, and engaging younger and new Lions with clarity and purpose. Marketing and branding are not about promotion for its own sake; they are about telling our service stories clearly, showing impact, and inviting others to belong to something meaningful.

Each club does important work—but when clubs collaborate, share ideas, and support one another, our collective impact increases. When we invest in leadership development and create positive member experiences, retention follows naturally. When we communicate our values with confidence and warmth, new Lions find us.

My commitment is to support our district by strengthening connection, visibility, and shared learning—while always honouring the traditions and values that define Lions. Together, we can build clubs that are welcoming, sustainable, and proud of the difference they make.

Let us move forward with a shared vision: strong clubs, connected leaders, and a Lions movement that continues to serve with relevance, heart, and unity—today and for generations to come.

Thank you for your service, your leadership, and your belief in Lions.

Jimmy Susanto.



Malvern Lions - "We picked up 2200 bales earlier this week - just beat the rain. There will be a shortage so get orders in if you want some. They are \$9 each delivered. Large ones will come later."

Out & About with 202E Lions.



Ellesmere Lions - The Christmas Parade was a great success. Tractor Ted was brilliant. Many thanks to the team of creators - Rod Opie, Dan and Amy Bell, Paul Ward, James Pope and Matthew Ward. The guys - Lions Dennis Carter, Geoff Heslop and Dan Bell in the suits did OK too and it was nice to have some Lion 'cubs' on the trailer. A great family event. Thanks also to Bruce Cochrane for marshalling the Lions street marshall's for the evening. *Ted the Tractor can be viewed on Amazon Prime for those who want to follow the story.*



Halswell Lions - 'So great to be able to help out at Camp Quality on Monday morning.'



Blenheim Lions - Family can reclaim their section after a 2.5hrs make-over by our members.

Thank you Rodie, Norm, George, Philip, Malcolm, Gaynor, Sarah, Chris and Helen for the great mahi.

Three trailer loads went to the green waste.



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TO ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES.
Would you please **URGENTLY** convey details of the **Decorated Cake Auction** to all members please, as the auction is scheduled for our District Convention at Rangiora on 14 March.

As conveyed earlier, the Auction is designed to raise awareness of, and raise funds for LCIF. Purchases made at the auction will be recorded in that Club's LCIF records and be credited towards their MJF credits. Similarly, personal purchases will be recorded against the successful purchaser's name.

DETAILS OF THE EVENT:

- *** Decorated cake, along the theme of 'Nature' or 'The Environment'
- *** Entries accepted from Lions, family or supporters of Lions.
- *** This is not a competition against other entries, rather than fund raising and having fun at auction time.
- *** Cakes to be delivered to the Convention HQ by 4.30pm on Saturday 14th March.

For clubs yet to donate to LCIF this Lions year (only 12 of our 39 clubs have done so far), this is an ideal opportunity to contribute on the success of your club's bid. Don't forget to instruct your delegate or representative for authority to bid at the auction.

Also on display at our LCIF table, will be this year's edition of LCIF Supporters Pins. Available as Bronze \$75, Silver \$150 & Gold \$300. these are issued in the name of our World President.

Thank you all for your support.

Malcolm Williams District LCIF Co-ordinator

2025 - 2026 LCIF Presidential Supporters Pins



GOLD
\$300



Silver
\$150



Bronze
\$75

Thank you to the clubs who are regularly posting their activities and events on social media. No matter how small or big your service we need to get it out to the public so they become more aware of the value of Lions and the benefits of being a Lion.

PLEASE – also send to our District Facebook page and to Tanja at MD Office.

Tips from Marketing guru (Alecia Hancock) who specialises in what works for non-profits.

1. **Topics matter more than platforms.**
People want quick answers. Think: "Where does my donation go?", "What's it like to volunteer?", "How can I help without spending money?"
2. **Authentic beats polished.**
Slick branded content gets ignored. What's working? 15 second clips from real stuff, a wobbly phone video of an emotional moment, or the 'before we were ready' version. (Imperfect content builds trust)
3. **Invite them in (don't just inform).**
Posts that invite conversation outperform ones that just announce.
4. **Chats and replies = new engagement currency.**
Algorithms are loving back-and-forth chats more than big reach. A like is nice. A comment is better. A comment you respond to is the jackpot.
5. **Short emails.**
Supporters aren't reading essays. They're scanning. Quick subject line → 1 idea → link to learn more.

2026 social is less about being everywhere and more about showing up with purpose.

Be findable. Be helpful. Be human.

Helen Williams (District Marcom)



DECORATED CAKE AUCTION

TO BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT
2026 CONVENTION RANGIORA

Clubs and individuals are
invited to enter a decorated
cake for auction with
PROCEEDS DONATED TO
LCIF
PLUS PRIZE FOR BEST
CAKE

14th
March
2026



Theme: ENVIRONMENT



DISTRICT DECORATED CAKE FUND RAISING EVENT for LCIF In association with DISTRICT CONVENTION - Saturday 14th March 2026

- Clubs are invited to submit a decorated/iced cake for auctioning at our Rangiora Convention
- Clubs, through their representative/s are encouraged to bid for a cake of their choice
- Purchase price could be for a predetermined amount as approved by the club as a donation to LCIF, or
- Individuals may bid personally
- Size of the cake is left to the entrant to determine
- Cakes to be delivered to Convention venue (look for cake site sign) from 5pm on Friday 13th March
- Auction be held on the Saturday evening
- Successful bid payments will be to the LCIF Westpac Wellington account

Malcolm Williams District LCIF Co-ordinator m.h.williams@extra.co.nz

Our Lions Calendar

March 1-9 Sea week
 02 National Children's Day
 03 World Wildlife Day
 08 International Women's Day
 13-15 District Convention
 20 Lions Day @ United Nations

May 15 International Day of the Family
 28 World Hunger Day



June Month DISASTER Relief month
 01 Helen Keller Day
 05 World ENVIRONMENT Day
 07 Lions International Birthday
 14-20 NZ Volunteer Week



April 17-19 MD Convention Ashburton
 18-26 ENVIRONMENT Service focus
 Month Leos Clubs Awareness Month
 22 World Earth Day
 25 Worldwide Induction Day
 25 ANZAC Day



Please Note - "Important Dates"
 on the MD site is still to be updated,
 any mistakes please refer to Susan.



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

<i>Tom Bennett</i>	<i>a Golden Bay Lion</i>	21
<i>John Harwood</i>	<i>a Richmond Lion</i>	53

Years of Service



John Harwood



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

Hawarden Waikari
 (March 1977)
 49 years Service



As Your Club Prepares For Leadership Succession...

Preparing for Club Leadership Succession: As your club prepares for future leadership, encourage members to explore the online courses available in the Lions Learning Centre (LLC) located under Learn in the Lion Portal. These resources support developing strong leadership skills and ensuring continuity as your club moves forward. Key initiatives include utilizing the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), implementing succession planning, and leveraging online training through the Lions Learning Center (LLC). [Lions Portal > Learn](#)

Key Preparation Strategies and Resources

Identify Future Leaders: Look for members, including new or younger Lions, who show potential and initiative. Involve them in committees or smaller roles (e.g., Lion Tamer) to build confidence and investment.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI): This 3-day institute prepares Lions who have not yet served as club president for future leadership roles. ELLI focuses on change management, mentoring, and strengthening club operations.

Succession Planning: Start early to identify and prepare new leaders. A successful transition involves mentoring by the previous leader for at least 6 months to ensure continuity.

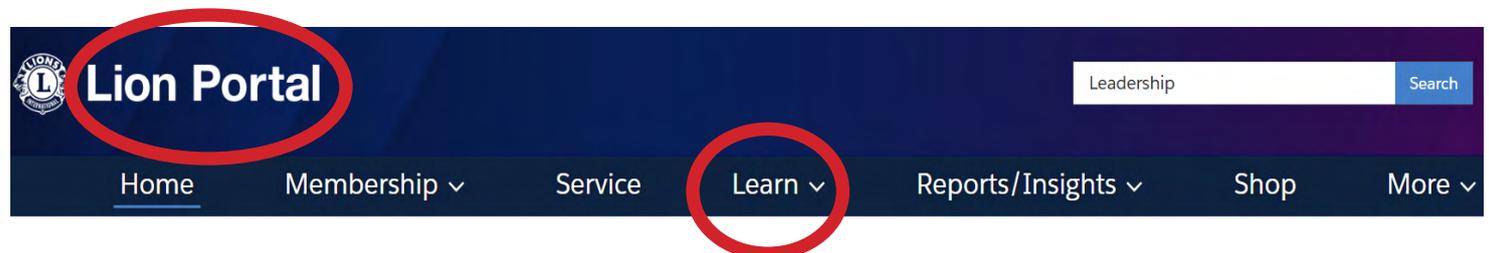
Lions Learning Center (LLC): Access online interactive courses for leadership development, including goal setting, conflict resolution, and meeting management.

Global Membership Approach (GMA): Utilize the 4-step process (Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan, Build Success) to create a strategic, sustainable club structure.

Club Officer Training: Incoming officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer) should complete the blended learning training—online modules followed by in-person instructor-led sessions.

Mentoring Program: Pair new leaders with experienced past presidents or active members to provide guidance, knowledge transfer, and encouragement.

Have You Visited the Lions Portal? Ask Your President, Secretary or ... How to Access?



TIMELINE FOR YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2026 - 2027 YEAR.

MARCH is NOMINATIONS month - to present your Incoming Officers to your members.

APRIL is ELECTION month - for your members to vote for your Incoming Officers.

MAY 15 is your time to report your Officers in the LIONS PORTAL.



Lions Club of Seddon 4x4 Trek

A Unique Opportunity to Explore the Stunning High Country Through – BLACK BIRCH, BLAIRICH STATION & TYNTESFIELD

4x4 & Good Ground Clearance Required.
SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026
(postponement date 12th April)

Registration – 9.00am at the **DASHWOOD JUNCTION SH1 (North of Seddon)**

COST \$60.00 FOR VEHICLE & DRIVER – PLUS \$15.00 FOR EACH ADULT PASSENGER (UNDER 12YRS FREE)

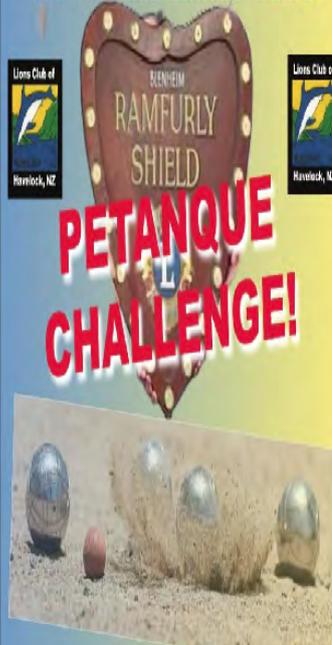
EFTPOS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

Sorry **NO DOGS** or **OTHER PETS**
BRING PACKED LUNCH & CAMERA

Proceeds will be donated to Blenheim Hospice, Lions Club and Landowners preferred Charities

Enquires – Mike Watson Ph 0276 097386

Havelock Lions Club



The Havelock Lions Club challenges Beavertown Blenheim Lions Club, the current caretakers of the Ramfurly Shield, and all other Marlborough Leos & Lions Clubs for the return of the Shield to it's rightful owners, Havelock!

The challenge is a game of Petanque, to be played on the Havelock Petanque Court at the Domain on Saturday 18 April @ 2pm. All the equipment will be provided just bring your best game, and then share the moment after over afternoon tea.



SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026 AMBERLEY GOLF COURSE

18 HOLES. TEE TIMES FROM 11AM TO 12.30PM

AMBERLEY LIONS CLUB

GOLF TOURNAMENT

GRADES FOR MEN & WOMEN, BEST GROSS, STABLEFORD

SEPARATE SECTIONS FOR NON-HANDICAPPERS (Callaway H/C system)

and 9 HOLE MEMBERS (playing 9 holes from 2pm)

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON



ENTRY FEE \$40 INCLUDES LIGHT MEAL and DESSERT, 2'G, CLOSEST TO THE PINS & LONGEST DRIVE

ENTRIES TO:

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Let's Grow Our Pride!

This March, we're calling on every club in **to bring in 2 NEW MEMBERS** ❤️

Why It Matters

- More Members =
- More Service
- More Ideas
- More Impact
- More Community

The Goal

2 New Members. One Month. Every Club.

Invite. Inspire. Grow.

How to Make It Happen

- Invite a friend to your next meeting
- Share your Lions story online
- Bring a guest to a service project
- Post why YOU became a Lion
- Follow up personally

This Is Our Moment

March 1 – March 31

Let's strengthen our clubs and expand our impact.

Because when we grow our membership...

- We grow our service.
- We grow our leadership.
- We grow our community.

Lion Mark Lyon - International 1st VP

#GrowOurPride #2InMarch #LionsServe #StrongerTogether



AKAROA AND BAYS LIONS NEEDS YOUR STUFF!

We need donations for our annual **Paddy's Market Auction and White Elephant!**

Contact Ken Shearer on **021 519 471** to organize collection

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE COMMUNITY

HELP US, HELP THE COMMUNITY

PADDY'S MARKET

Saturday 4th April 2026

**9.30am White Elephant Marquee Opens
10.00am Auction Starts**



INCORPORATED SOCIETIES - How It Effects Us As Lions!



All New Zealand Lions clubs that are currently registered as incorporated societies must re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 by 5 April 2026.

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.

No Cost: There is no fee to re-register.

PCC Stephen Barr (District D GLT Coordinator)

(If you need help with any of this, please contact PDG John Whyte 202e.dg liaison@lionsclubs.org.nz)



Progress to Date - As at 10 February 2026, a total of 813 people have been screened, with 214 referred to their GPs - that's 26.3%, or more than one in four participants. These referrals were made by the medical practitioners conducting the screenings, reinforcing just how vital early detection truly is.

Since the launch on 29 March 2025 at Hanmer Springs, the unit has operated for 318 days. This equates to an average of 2.6 screenings per day, or approximately 77 screenings per month. The numbers clearly demonstrate the ongoing need for this service.

This life-saving Lions New Zealand initiative is genuinely life-changing. Speak to those who have had suspicious lesions removed following screening. Most recently, one participant was urgently referred after two advanced melanomas were identified.

Thank you to those clubs who have made a contribution to this NZ Lions project. To date we have had over 267 donations from Clubs and individuals. Donations are always welcome! Account name: Lions Clubs Cancer Trust
Acct Number: 03-0674-0280918-00
And your Club name as reference (Individual donations welcome as well)

Second Vehicle

Our second vehicle is currently under construction by Ashburton Coach Builders and again, we thank them hugely for their continued support of this project. While our timeline is not conclusive, we hope to be able to offer our free skin screening service in the North Island from September. Skin Cancer Screening service is saving lives. The stats tell the story.

Corporate Sponsorship

We have one major sponsor to date with another one being finalised to come on board. 'Go Bus' pay for all our fuel and make a monthly cash contribution. For this we are very grateful! If you know of any other organisations who may wish to come on board, please advise your district Trustee or contact our Administrator, Janet admin@lionscancertrust.nz

Approved Screeners Although obtaining sufficient screeners has been a bit of a challenge we are we believe, on the other side! With the help of our Administrator Janet we have 26 approved screeners on the books across the country. Please continue to talk to your local doctors and skin specialists and get them on board. We have a very comprehensive 'Instruction Manual' which sets the expectations for the screening days and what is required of the screeners. Again, talk to your district Trustee or contact Janet at admin@lionscancertrust.nz

Take Action on E-Waste this Environment Week of Service

Our **Environment Week of Service, April 18-26**,

is your opportunity to take action on e-waste.

Consider hosting an electronics collection or recycling event, and watch our e-waste



Yes, we're right into the New Year, and right into the second half of the Lions 2025-26 year. Hope you took a bit of a break over the festive season to spend time with the people who are special to you.

Some people hardly took a break though, with some fabulous Summer-time activities and projects – 4WD trips, Bike Trails, Family Fun Days, Big Digs, etc. Have a look further in this bulletin, also check out Facebook posts and Bulletins for more details of those events that have been, and those that are coming up.

Not that the weather has really come to the party, has it! All the cold, rainy days have meant less outdoor time and, in some places, disastrous and even tragic outcomes. Our hearts go out to all those who have suffered loss of any sort because of events of Nature. Thankfully, it seems like there is better, more settled weather on the way though, which usually happens just when school goes back, doesn't it!

One really good thing that happened during January was the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute held in Christchurch. See Leon Li's article further in this bulletin, with fuller details of what was covered and all the learnings that happened during the 3 days. Leadership will become a hot topic over the next couple of months, as clubs, districts and multiple districts prepare for new leaders taking up their roles.

Following up with our national marketing policy of a common theme across our multiple district each month, so that Lions can be seen to have common themes in their projects and activities, February's theme is Childhood Cancer. We have already made a start on this in January, with many club members volunteering to help at one of the 5 national Camp Quality camps around New Zealand. Lions have a long, close association with Camp Quality and our input helps to make a wonderful difference in these children's lives.

So send in photos, articles and any other publicity about what you have been doing out there – show the world what Lions do!! And give others the opportunity to join us.

We work together to make a difference, and the more people we have working with us, the more difference we can make. It's as simple as that!!

Have a great month! *CC Pam Harvey (IPDG 202E)*



"Each January Richmond Lions start their year with a BBQ hosted by the President. This year an added bonus was visiting Jim Fry's classic car collection before our BBQ. Jim is a member of Motueka Lions. Shown here with Jim are several Richmond Lions Club members who had the pleasure of sitting in a Rolls Royce, a Bentley and a Thunderbird and also hearing them roar into life. As can be seen, it wasn't only the blokes that thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to Jim for sharing his collection with us. It helped get our year off to a great start"



The Electric Avenue music festival was held on 27 and 28 February 2026. There were 45,000 attendees per day. Over 50 Lions from 6 clubs were greeters and provided information outside the venue. A great way to have a large Lions presence at a major event.

Applications for The Top Club Service Project Award are due by 15 March. This Award recognises an innovative and inspiring club service project that has either been completed in this current Lions year or is an ongoing project. The project must have been completed by an individual Lions or Leos Club and been reported in the Lion Portal. Click on this link for further information: www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/awards. Please email applications to 202e.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz by 15 March.

International President AP Singh has asked Lions throughout the world to participate in 3 International Weeks of Service in this Lions year. The goal is to create a positive change and make a difference in communities around the world. Mental Health and Wellbeing week was in October and Hunger week was in January. The Environment Week of Service will be 18-26 April. It is time to start planning what environmental service project your club will undertake during this week. Your project could be an environment clean up, native tree planting, pest control, recycling or anything else you want to undertake. Here is a link for further information and ideas: www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment. Advertising your environmental project in your local community is a great way to invite people to join in and could result in new members.

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REMINDER to submit your application for The Top Club Service Project Award to me by 15 March.

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Exciting developments from the Alpha and Omega Leo world:

Rai Valley Leos are planning a social outing to attract new members, with a trip to Nelson for trampolining and pizza. They also have a contract to assist at the Havelock Mussel Festival in early March. (Debbly)

Marlborough Boys' College Leos have held one meeting with 16 attending and are running a promotion next week. Over the holidays, members completed three service projects: watering new trees, assisting at a dog agility event, and running a financially successful BBQ at the Lions Mistletoe Market in December. There are also plans to restart the Queen Charlotte College Leo Club with the support of school staff. (Malcolm)

Marlborough Girls' College Leos are holding their recruitment and promotion day tomorrow at lunchtime, supported by Leo promotional materials and a picture board. While no formal meetings have been held yet, Emily, the new president, has secured a meeting space and plans fortnightly Wednesday meetings. She brings strong ideas for projects and service activities, backed by a capable team. (Christine)

Rangiora High School Leos hosted a stand at the school's Club Day. Eight Leos engaged 24 Year-9 students who expressed interest by providing email addresses. The introduction meeting was led by President Xavier and his team. 40 (half and half members and interested) turned up. 20 of them will be helping with the Teddy Bears Picnic organised by the Lionesses. (Tini)

Thanks to Leo administrators Genevieve and Anne (Halswell Lions Club) for streamlining the Canterbury Omega Leo Club membership. This virtual club currently communicates via email and welcomes members across the district. Three members have joined while awaiting transfers to the start of Omega clubs in their areas. Advisors and leadership roles are now sought for the Canterbury club.

The new year has also seen strong interest from Lions keen to start Leo clubs in connected high schools, with confirmed opportunities to present to students across several organisations.

I've shown the Hamilton Boys High LI Leo Video Comp. entry (in the first 10) in my talk to the year-12s at St Margaret's College.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdXzU6QY6DI>

cheers Tini

Where there's a need, there's a Leo!

"Leadership, Experience, Opportunity." That's what makes a Leo.



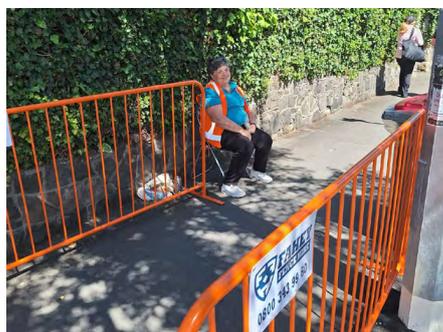
All the Rangiora High School Leos at the Lionesses and Plunket Teddy Bears Picnic below and right Tini meets the Plunket Teddy Bear.



Electric Avenue - the largest music festival in Australasia, was held for the eleventh successive year in Hagley Park. Over 2 days 90,000 people sang and danced to 53 acts, on 5 different stages, across 180,000 sq.m. (or the equivalent of 26 rugby fields) . Others chose to relax on blankets and soak up the atmosphere of the beautiful grounds and sounds.

The highlight for party goers would have to be the reunion of NZ's famous group Split Enz. With over 2,000 workers including our Lions clubs members, 6 of whom were from our Selwyn Lions Club. Their task was to stand on allocated street corners and ensure the concert goers ditched their alcohol before reaching the entrance gates. New Brighton Lions covered 19 of the 58 shifts Electric Avenue was a very high profile event for Lions - we greeted 45,000 people per day.

Lions Working at Electric Avenue Event to enable Service funding for their Communities and Beyond.





Have You Ever Wondered What Lions Clubs Will Look Like in 100/ 200 Years From Now?

With the advent of AI, this 100+ year ponder could be 90 years behind in reality, I'm expecting a huge change in 10 years!

Yes - AI Generated!

For more than a Century, Lions have adapted to change, embraced new ideas, and responded to evolving community needs. Our journey has never stood still. It has been shaped by resilience, creativity, and an enduring commitment to service.

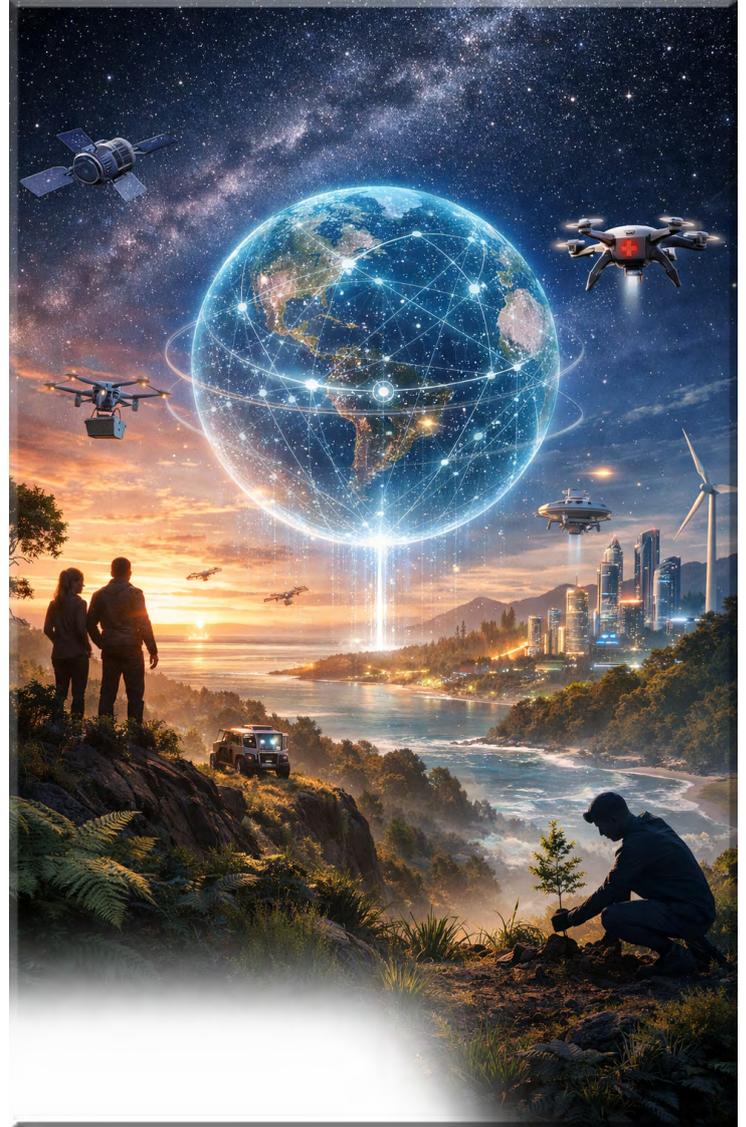
As the pace of change accelerates, the role of Lions may become even more vital - ensuring that compassion keeps pace with progress and that no community is left behind.

Future Lions meetings may take place in 'virtual spaces' in areas that even our imagination can't fathom ... yet, instantly connecting members across the globe. Service projects could be powered by technologies we can barely dream of today - drones restoring forests, robotics delivering humanitarian aid, and artificial intelligence guiding global initiatives in health, environment, and wellbeing. My brain is addled by my imagination!

While all this AI technology is evolving, Lions will continue to serve where it matters most. In doing so, Lions will help safeguard the values that define us - community well-being, and care for future generations.

Yet, despite all this change, one thing is certain. At our core, Lions are people who care. People who step forward. People who serve.

**And wherever Lions meet - around a table, on a screen, or across the stars -
OUR MISSION TO SERVE WILL ENDURE!**



I never in my wildest imagination, thought that I would become a "Facebook Junky"! Sadly, of late, I am finding very little in our 202E clubs posting of what you are doing. Is there a hiatus in Projects - No Facebook editor - no Photographer ...? Our community and beyond very much enjoy reading about what our Lions do and how they have helped us raise and distribute our fundraising. Don't we need to keep them interested? I'll check Facebook tomorrow to see who has read this :)

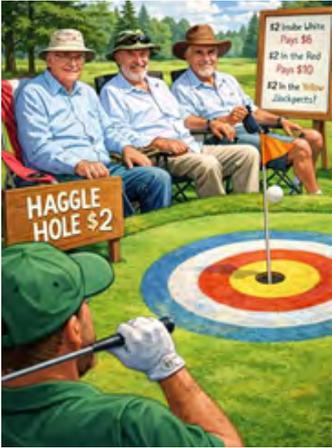
Thank you to one Secretary who not only posts but sends me photos and descriptions, I so appreciate your support. If you see a Club featuring frequently in this District Newsletter, it just could be because they do Facebook Posts or email me their Club updates - I very much appreciate this!

202E Lions



Glenmark Lions Annual Golf Day – Supporting Camp Quality

Our Annual Golf Day held on Waitangi Day, had one clear purpose - to raise funds in support of Camp Quality, a wonderful charity that supports children living with cancer. (I Love AI - This is how the day went.)



Throughout the day there were plenty of ways to support the fundraiser. The ever popular BBQ and refreshments stand on the 7th Tee kept players fuelled, while the Hagggle Hole on the 2nd Tee added a little extra excitement (and hopeful returns!) for those backing their aim. Raffles were well supported in the clubhouse. The auction and prize giving wrapped the day in style.



When all income and expenditure are finalised, we expect the day to be close to \$9,000 raised - all proceeds going directly to supporting Camp Quality for another year. Bottom a special thanks to the ladies who did an outstanding job with catering - right Arnie and Peter kept the score throughout the day, with many more members working behind the scenes to make such a superbly successful day.



Amberley & District Lions - Hard At Work With Firewood, Books and Fertilizer.

Firewood - Brent and his team with the outside help of Brent Grigor have ringed all the stock and are working away steadily splitting. Next load of logs due soon.



Markham Street Fair. A great turnout of members to help sell raffle tickets and man our stall. This stall went really well, shifting books, fertilizer and Pinecones.





Nelson Host Lions - Tahuna Community Centre presented with a trolley to help with the meals on a Wednesday. President Paul Milne, Secretary Yvonne Bilderbeck and Tahuna Community Hub Manager Murray Leaning.



Selwyn Lions - Our Chefs at the ready - L to R: Helen W., President Sharon, Jade and Alison B. (inset above L - sharing banner room to benefit both this Club and the one that is happy to supply free goods and services to the Club.)



Malvern Lions - LIFE SAVER. You may remember my post following the Courtenay Show where Dr Sue Fowlie from Rakaia Medical Centre donated her time and saw many people, with 7 being referred to their GPs for follow up. Well one follow-up turned out to be a Melanoma so that diagnosis is likely to have been a life saver. So once again, thanks Sue and to the Lions who organised the bus.

Glenmark Lions - a super sample of using AI to advertise!

- colourful
- clear points
- and very recognisable Club members :)

Ellesmere Lions - A Potpourri of BBQ's and Service Projects.



Summer barbecue. Anna and I had a fun afternoon hosting around 30 Lions, partners and family members in January. For a purely social occasion there were some very competitive rounds of 'corn hole' and the lawn Jenga was also a hit. Thanks to Alister McPherson for providing the taxi and lawn 'ornament' which drew a lot of attention. *(Geoff Heslop)*



Waihora Young Farmers assisting Lions with carting pea straw.



A well earned rest after carting 2000 bales of pea straw.



The team resurfacing the Bird Hide Walk, Brian Symes, Dave Turner and Dave Kewish from Johnson Contracting. Dennis Carter and Gerald Lemon were also helping but are camera shy.



MD202 Convention 2026

17th – 19th April 2026, Ashburton



REGISTRATION FORM

**IMPORTANT: Each Lion must complete a separate registration form.
All attendees must register for convention.**

Surname				First Name			
Club				District			
Lion	Yes/No	Leo	Yes/No	Office Held		Delegate: Yes / No	
Partner's Surname				First Name		Lion/Non-Lion	
Postal Address				Post Code			
Email Address				Phone No			
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS				COST	LION	PARTNER	TOTAL
Registration Fee				30.00		Free	
Friday Night Opening Ceremony + Supper				30.00			
Saturday AGM (no charge) Morning tea and Lunch				40.00			
Partner's Programme (includes morning tea; lunch at own cost)				32.00			
Saturday Evening Dinner and Dance				70.00			
Sunday Rededication + Remembrance Service – early light lunch				20.00			
Special Dietary Requirements:				TOTAL TO PAY \$			

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS - *EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS (first 50) go into a SPECIAL PRIZE DRAW (be in to win).* **REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 31st MARCH**

EMAIL: Attach your scanned/saved Registration Form and send to:

md202.convrego@lionsclubs.org.nz

INTERNET BANKING: NBS 03-1354-0644342-00 (Ashburton Lions Convention A/c)
Particulars: Registration Code: Your Club Name Reference: Your Name

POST: Registrations, Lions MD202 Convention, 18 Trellech Place, Allenton, Ashburton 7700

An acknowledgement will be emailed promptly. Please ensure your email address is printed clearly and keep a copy for your records. Please contact md202.convrego@lionsclubs.org.nz with any queries.

Saturday Business Sesion:

8.00am Meet & Greet
8.30am Call to Order

Partners Programme:

10.15am to 3.30pm
A full day has been planned to entertain the partners. Starting off with some musical challenges

Saturday Evening Dine & Dance:

Theme "**Down on the Farm**"
6.30pm social time
Dance the night away to live music provided by "The Tones"

Sunday Rededication:

10am to be seated
All the above sessions are going to be held at the Hotel Ashburton.



THE LIONS MOBILE SKIN CANCER SCREENING BUS WILL BE ON SITE. CHECKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT ALL DAY SATURDAY