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# 202D CONTACT

## April 2026



Happy  
Easter  
from  
your  
local  
Lions  
Club!  
Enjoy.



We Serve

### **Editorial Comment...**

As we enter the Easter season, we are reminded of the power of reflection, renewal, and hope. It is a meaningful time to pause, look back on the service we have given, and reset our focus for the months ahead. The dedication of Lions across our district continues to make a real difference in our communities. May this season refresh our spirit, strengthen our sense of purpose, and inspire us to move forward together in service, fellowship, and compassion.

Kind regards,

*Megan England*

*Editor*

## **District Governor Mike**



**FRIENDS**

**THRU**

Happy Easter to all Lions.

This will be a great opportunity to relax and spend quality time with family and friends. I know many of you have been very busy with lions projects / fundraising and Conventions etc, so a great time for a breather.

One very important job we have been faced with is the re-incorporation of our Lions Clubs as Incorporated Societies by the 5th April 2026. This is a government initiative and one we should comply with to keep up with new legislation. There may be some clubs who have not been Incorporated Societies up until now, but they will now need to be so. This is quite a straightforward operation, activated through the Incorporated Societies web site. The reasoning is that this status protects our members from being individually liable for any club debts or challenges, and part of the Lions International Constitution requires we take every step possible to have our members protected wherever possible by the rules and regulations of each member Country.

My key focus until the end of our Lions Year is Membership. We had an unprecedented drop off in the past 12 months from members passing with a total of 29. This is very sad but also a reminder that we must all be ever vigilant in looking to replace our members to be able to carry on giving our communities the Lions service they deserve.

Thanks in anticipation for your efforts on this front, remember, "just ask."

# SERVICE

I thank all lions members of 202d for the efforts so far this year as we face uncertain times -re fuel cost and general costs of living. Weather has also played havoc in our district and beyond. Needs are rising, and where there's a need there's a lion.

Yours in Lionism  
*Mike Powel*  
202D DG

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## A Little Bit about DGE Chris ...

I am a civil engineer by profession, currently working as a senior engineer at the Manawatū District Council. My wife, Louise, is a dedicated secondary school teacher, and we have been happily married for 37 years.

We have lived in Palmerston North since 2002 and are proud parents of three adult children, aged 31, 29, and 27.

Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to work in both the private and public sectors, gaining experience in New Zealand and overseas. This diverse background has shaped my perspective and approach to problem solving in the engineering field.

My journey with Lions began 11 years ago, inspired by the invitation of a close friend and the example set by my late father. He was a Jaycee and a Charter Member of the Egmont Lions in New Plymouth, where he also served as President. His commitment to service has been a guiding influence in my own Lions journey.

Since joining the Middle Districts Lions Club, I have taken on several leadership roles, serving as Secretary twice, Projects Director, and progressing through the Vice Presidential roles before becoming Club President for the 2023/24 Lions year. Additionally, I served as the Zone 202D



Secretary in 2019/20 and, in 2024, joined the 202D District Cabinet as the Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator, a role I have held for two years now.

Beyond Lions, I lead an active lifestyle, regularly attending the gym and following sports—particularly rugby. I also enjoy reading in my free time.

I look forward to continuing my journey of service with Lions and working alongside fellow members to make a meaningful impact in our community.

**Chris Pepper**

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## International Peace Poster Winner



“People of different races and technological backgrounds need to unite to jointly resist the threat of war. Just like this protective umbrella, only by joining hands can everyone hold up a safe sky for peace.”

Congratulations to the 2025-26 Lions International [#PeacePoster](#) Contest Grand Prize Winner Yifan He, 13, sponsored by Dalian Gao Er Fu Lions Club (China). For decades, the Peace Poster Contest has inspired thousands of children around the world.

View all of the 2025-26 Grand Prize and Merit Award winning posters: <https://bit.ly/3XRcVb8>

## 2025-26 Waverley Award Winner

### ACTIVE GAMES - Clearview Park



*Margaret & Gerard Gregory accepting the Waverley Award on behalf of the Clearview Park Lions Club.*

The event is organised by a small committee from Cleaview Park Lions Club, who work in very close cooperation with Sport Manawatu staff who organise and run the games and activities, and the Palmerston North City Council who supply the venue and tables, chairs, etc. After the initial contact, each Retirement Home is kept up to date with information regarding timetabling, requirements, health and safety and other administration. The homes are left to select their own teams and are responsible for getting team members to and from the venue, supplying one or two staff with each team.

Volunteers form an important part of the event, coming from other Lions clubs and various organisations and businesses such as one of the cadet force regiments and FMG whose staff do some community service during the year. Thus, we are involving a wide cross section of the public through which we are building a positive relationship with the older people present while promoting the Lions Organisation.

Of the 6 Lions Clubs within our Zone five had members involved, acting as liaison for the various homes, and assisting with the lunches, morning and afternoon teas that were supplied for the volunteers and staff from the Retirement homes. The competitors were supplied morning tea but

brought their own lunches, providing food that they were familiar with and removing the problems of dietary requirements.

The Mayor of Palmerston North spoke, and the games were opened by the Town Crier. We had organised a karakia to be led by the Māori team but unfortunately, they were unable to attend at the last minute. We also had a number of Councillors, the DG and other Official Lions personnel present.

Very positive feed back from the stakeholders involved shows there is a need for the Active Age Games to become an annual event. As our club members get older, we need to look at the succession of the event going forward. Although ownership would be retained by Clearview, the club feels that more zones involvement would give the opportunity for clubs to work together for a common aim.

## Incoming Club Officer Training

**Thursday 14th May (North) - Stratford Primary School Hall - 7pm**

**Thursday 21st May (South) - Kairanga Community Hall - 7pm**

Both venues will follow the same format with dedicated sessions for Presidents (& VPs), Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, Youth & other Directors.

This is a great opportunity to revise the expectations of your role and share your expertise if you are a returning club officer. If you are new to the role then again, a great opportunity to set you up for success as well as meet other people throughout the district who are in the same position.

Please ensure your club is represented.

## LCIF Update

### **LCIF Processes – Keeping Things Clear and Connected**

Just a quick note to help keep everything running smoothly when it comes to LCIF matters within our District.

To ensure we have a clear and transparent process, we ask that all LCIF-related requests — including Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) applications — are sent through the District LCIF Coordinator (that's me 😊).

From there, I will forward everything on to our Multiple District LCIF Coordinator, Simon Williams, so it can be processed through the correct channels.

This approach isn't about adding extra steps, but rather about:

- Keeping everyone informed
- Ensuring nothing gets missed
- Creating a clear trail that we can follow if needed

It also helps us maintain consistency across the District and provide better support to our clubs.

I really appreciate your cooperation with this. If you ever have any questions or need help with an application, please don't hesitate to reach out — I'm here to help.

Together, we can make sure our contributions to LCIF are handled efficiently and continue to make a real impact where it's needed most.

Tobias Hipp

202D LCIF Coordinator

[202d.LCIF@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202d.LCIF@lionsclubs.org.nz)

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**APRIL**

**Environmental  
Awareness  
Month**

Get ready for the Lions International Environment Week of Service, April 18–26. Lions are coming together to clean coastlines, plant trees and restore green spaces all around the world.

Has your club got a project in mind? Please share any photos and stories for our Facebook page and next month's Contact Bulletin.

**Don't forget that we collect aluminium cans...** Our District secretary, Mat has been fielding calls around Kantabs lately with many clubs unsure where these are to be sent.

Kaponga Club is the 'depot' for Taranaki (and beyond if you can get them there). The club take the whole can (not just the tab), crush them and take to a scrap metal yard in New Plymouth.

The money raised is then forwarded to KidneyKids. Although this is not a huge money spinner it is still a worthwhile project to reduce waste around the country.

Please note that wine bottle caps are unable to be crushed due to the plastic seal in them (this needs to be removed).

# 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!*

## WAITARA LIONS and TAKE A KID FISHING DAY



Last month our team, who are rebuilding Waitara Lions Club had a great promotion opportunity when invited to have a stand, BBQ Food and in particular sell a raffle at the annual **Take a Kid Fishing** event.

It's a surf casting competition for kids of all ages, supported by their whanau, at the Waitara River mouth and down the coast to the Waiongana River. There were near 550 kids entered and with great support from Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET) who provided most of the wide range of fishing gear type prizes.

Trevor Dodunski, from the Waitara Community Board and his committee, have organised this for decades. Not only did he invite us to put up a Gazebo for the club to provide food and promotion material, but also gave us two rods and reels to raffle.

Trevor insisted everything needed to be not more than \$1 including entry fee, some food and our raffle. Everyone had a ball on a sunny day and at times we had people lining up to buy our raffle. The Club raised \$302 and were given a great opportunity to promote the rebuilding of Waitara Lions.

At present we have four members but need another six to have the structure of an independent Club with our own bank account. If you have friends and whanau who you think could help us please call me or DG Mike Powell.

Roger Malthus

Email 202d.getnorth@lionsclubs.org.nz Cell 0275547006



Okato Lions presented Bernard Gibson a Certificate of Recognition and a Presidents pin for his 47 Years service in Okato Lions. His family were excited that he was recognised for his service, even though he is unable to attend meetings.

Eltham Lions were able to take The GLOB (My Free Health Check) to a dog trial event at Mangamingi where a few locals were able to take advantage of a free health screening. A massive thank you to Dr Warren & Robert for coming to support the club and show us how it all works. A very worthwhile project with a great response from all involved.



Car Parking Crew for AmeriCARna



Great visibility and strength in numbers from Opunake Lions as they marshalled at the Americarna day in Opunake and at their annual Mountain to Sea Bike ride.



At the recent **202D District Lions Convention**, hosted by Bell Block & Districts, in each "Goody Bag" given to members who registered there was a crocheted square. Members had the option of donating the square back to the club and all squares donated back were stitched together to make a blanket which will be donated to a local charity in the area. This is the finished product constructed by Bell Block Lions Member Karyn Leckie. Karyn will be putting together more squares that she has produced to make another blanket to be donated. Thank you to all who contributed.



A **Zone 2 Mini Golf Competition** was held for the second time at 6pm on Monday 30th March at the Lions Mini Golf course at the Esplanade, hosted by Middle Districts. The event brought clubs together for a fun and social evening of friendly competition.



Kairanga claimed the trophy , while Middle Districts secured both second and third place with a strong performance on their home course.



It was a great opportunity for members to connect—proving you just need to “putt your best foot forward.” The evening was topped off with a well-earned ice cream, adding to the relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

Following another successful event, there’s already anticipation for next year. Zone 2 now looks ahead to its interclub quiz night in April, promising more fun and friendly rivalry.

*(Braving rights below, Graham?)*



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## **The Lions My Free Health Screening Project March 2026 Update**

The Glob 2 Caravan visited the Rongotea Lions' Car Show Sunday, March 8th \$5,000-00 was raised which was donated to the Arohanui Hospice.

Our Glob Health Screening Team checked 15 People and 7 were referred to their GP for follow up attention, ie: High Blood Sugar 1, High Cholesterol 2, Floaters in Eye and occasional loss of Vision 1, Query Chest Pain / Angina 1, Depression 1, Loss of Voice 1.

Thanks to Dr Warren, Nurses Merete and Christine, Bruce and Robert for Front of House efforts plus Rongotea & District Lions for hosting us.

Saturday 14 March Mangamingi Dog Trials were held on three separate Sites in rural Taranaki 15kms east of Eltham. Hilly Country with 4 Seasons in one day, low cloud, rain, cold, sun, hot. The Glob 1 Caravan was stationed at the Event Central Location with Dog Trial HQ that had Refreshment and Toilet Facilities plus all the Trophies on display.

We processed 37 People and 9 were referred to their GP. People had last seen their GP within a year 10, within 2 years 2, 5 years 22. Ages ranged from 9 to 85 years. Referrals for High Blood

Pressure 4, High Blood Sugar 1, High Blood Cholesterol 1, SC Carcinoma Forehead 1, Depression /Anxiety, Chest Pain M 40year old Male.

Thanks to the Lions Megan, Carol, Louise, Daphne, Robert, Warren including Eltham Lions' Club who towed the Caravan from Okato plus the Mangamingi Dog Trial Team for hosting and providing refreshments. A team effort well appreciated.

#### **Glob 2 next visits in 2026**

- *March 21st 8.30 am-2 pm. Horowhenua Vintage Car Club Swap Meet*
- *April 5th Easter Sunday Foxton Lions Easter Festival at Easton Park*
- *April 12th Marton Harvest Festival*
- *April 22 Aginnovation at Awapuni Race Course*
- *May 30th Ohakune Carrot Festival Date TBC*
- *October Menzshed, Awapuni Palmerston North Date TBC*
- *November 7th Manawatu A&P show*

2027

- *Kimbolton Sculpture Festival, Saturday 3rd April*

(Thanks to Robert heath for the update)

**This is a worthwhile District wide service project. Please consider supporting it - financially, by being on the committee, by volunteering...**

Contacts: Colin Tyler (GLOB 1 - North) [photocolint@gmail.com](mailto:photocolint@gmail.com) or Warren ([warrennichollsnz@gmail](mailto:warrennichollsnz@gmail)) or Robert([robertandlynn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:robertandlynn@xtra.co.nz)) for GLOB 2 (South)



**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

## From the Youth Chair



**LIONS NEW ZEALAND  
NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**

Vertical Horizon, Taranaki

27<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

For youth ages 12 to 16 years

For youth ages 12 to 16 years

To register or for more information, email:  
[md202.yechiefco@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:md202.yechiefco@lionsclubs.org.nz)

Approx. cost:  
**\$550.00**

Applications  
close:  
**7th August  
2026**

The background illustration shows a person ziplining, a person kayaking, and two people hiking in a forest with a mountain in the distance. A campsite with a tent and a guitar is also visible.

Another great opportunity for our young people. Registrations open 1 May. Information will be circulated to all clubs in the coming weeks. Start thinking about who in your community would benefit...



**2026**

**Zone 1-3**

**Kairanga Hall  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
12:30-3pm**

**Zone 4-6**

**Swiss Club Rooms  
Grace Ave, Kaponga  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**Venue:** Cue Theatre, Inglewood  
**Time:** 6:30pm for 7pm start  
**Cost:** \$125.00 (sponsored by local Lions Clubs)



## Lions Skin Cancer Screening Update

Thank you to the clubs who are continuing to support our Lions Skin Cancer screening vehicle. Our second 'bus' is well underway with an estimated completion date being around August. While this may technically be in time for the ANZI Pacific Forum the Trust has decided to bring the first vehicle to the North Island instead. If you are interested in hosting a screening event, please contact me (Megan England 202D Trustee for the Lions Cancer Screening Trust, [202d.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202d.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz)) for details or to register your interest.

The vehicle has been busy in the South over the past few months with screenings at the Southern Field Days, Oamaru Motorhome show as well as 202F Convention. Coming up they have Warbirds over Wanaka scheduled for Easter weekend and MD Convention in mid April.

Around 1000 people have been screened to date with a 26% referral rate. This shows a definite need for such a service. Although we have been stretched at times to find screeners, Janet currently has 28 pre approved screeners on our database with more being followed up as they come to hand.

Donations welcome - Lions Cancer Trust Board 03-0674-0280918-00  
(Please include Lions Club Name)



Caught the eye of the PM while at Southern Field Days.



# MD 202 Convention - Ashburton April 2026



## Welcome to Newsletter No 3

Welcome to the third newsletter and update on convention activities.  
*The committee has been working very hard to make sure this convention - the last convention in this format - will be one to remember*

**Convention Programme**

**Friday 17th April:** Registration Desk 2pm to 6pm  
Voting Registration 2pm to 6pm  
Commemorative tree planting **New Ridesmart Bike skills track - Ashburton Domain Friday 2pm**  
Past District Governors Function 4pm to 6pm (Clearwater Restaurant)  
Opening Ceremony - Meet & Greet 6pm (Clearwater Lounge)  
Take your seats 6.50pm (Heron & Gardenside Lounges)  
Official Party Enters 7pm  
Welcome Council Chair Pam Harvey  
Karakia  
Kapa haka Performance  
Official Opening Mayor Liz McMillan  
Welcome Council Chair Pam Harvey  
Speaker **MP James Meager**  
Flag Ceremony Ashburton College Leo Club  
Keynote Speaker **Donna-Marie Lever**  
Supper

**Saturday 18th April:** Registration Desk 7am to 9am  
Voting Registration 7am to 9am  
Business Session - Meet & Greet 8am  
Take your seats 8.20am  
Official Party Enters & Call to order 8.30am  
Welcome Council Chair Pam Harvey  
Address by International Director Graeme Wilson  
Presentation of International Awards  
Guest Speakers **The Rescue Warriors Bike Riders**  
Morning Tea 10.15am

**Convention Programme Cont**

**Saturday 18th April:** Business Session - 66th Annual General Meeting commences 10.45am  
Confirmation of 65th Annual General Meeting minutes  
Adoption of reports  
Adoption of Financial reports  
Address MD 201 Council Chair Richard Williams  
Address MD 202 Council Chair Yahya Yastputera  
Address Region 203 GAL Dr Cathy Sebat - New Caladonia  
Remits  
Lunch 12.30  
Remits continues (if necessary)  
Address MD 202 Council Chair Pam Harvey  
Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust PID Eric Carter  
MD Awards & Presentations  
2026 ANZ! Forum Presentation  
2027 Convention/Forum Presentation  
2028 Convention/Forum Bid  
Conclusion of Business Session **Approx 4pm**

**Saturday 18th April:** Dine & Dance - 6.30pm - dress theme "Down on the Farm"

**Sunday 19th April:** Remembrance & Rededication Service  
Take your Seats 9.50pm  
Service commences 10am  
Celebrant **Rev. Bob Doran**  
Entertainment **Molly Harrison**  
Rededication  
Flag Regression Ashburton & District K  
Lunch

**Partners Programme**

**Saturday 18th April:** Morning Tea 10am  
Travel to Violinos by minibus 10.15am  
Lunch **Millhouse Kitchen - Ashfords 12.30pm**  
Talk about the history of Ashfords spinning wheels **Richard Ashford**  
Call in to Ashburton College Leo Club Environmental Project 2pm  
Japanese Garden Tour **Alan Watson**  
Arrive Back at hotel between 3pm and 3.30pm

**Registrations:**  
Registrations are now being received by registrar Nicki Kelly.  
Use the link published in the "Between the Lions" or fill in the form attached with this newsletter and email to:

[md202.convrego@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:md202.convrego@lionsclubs.org.nz)

**Registrations close: Tuesday 31st March**, late registrations will be accepted until Friday 10th April (with no penalty fee)

[MD Convention Registration Form](#)

[Click to access Lion Magazine](#)

**New Zealand Lion Magazine:** Read the article showcasing the 7 clubs organising this Convention and an insight into what there is to see in and around Ashburton

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586322522883>

**Remits for Saturday voting**

**Remit 1** (Requires 50% + 1 in favour vote to be won)

Moved by the Council of Governors

Motion: That Multiple District Fees and per annum levies be increased by \$3.00 (\$1.50 at each six-month interval). This will increase annual fees and levies to a total of \$47.00 plus GST per annum with effect from 1 July 2026.

**Remit 2** (By-law change—requires 50% + 1 in favour vote to be won)

Moved by the Council of Governors

Motion: That By-Law 6 of the Multiple District By-Laws be amended by deleting By-Law 6 Paragraph 1 and replacing it with:

1. The Multiple District shall levy all the Lions Clubs of the Multiple District for each Lion member a multiple district due that shall be determined annually by the Council of Governors as follows:
  - (a) The annual levy for the previous year, plus
  - (b) The rate of the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for the previous year (as advised to the Council of Governors by the Multiple District Treasurer).
 Providing Always However that if the Council of Governors assesses that an increase in the levy is not necessary in a given year, no increase will be implemented.

**Remit 3 - left on the table from 2025 MD202 AGM in New Plymouth**

Motion: That this remit lie on the table until the next MD202 AGM in Ashburton 17 – 19 April 2026. P Harvey/B Walls Carried.

**Remit 3 - left on the table from 2024 MD202 AGM in Hamilton**

Motion: That this motion lie on the table until the next MD202 AGM in New Plymouth 25 – 27 April 2025. A Fleury/R Malthus Carried.

**Remit 3 - Constitutional Remit (Requires 75% + 1 in favour votes to be won)**

Moved by District 202E

Motion: That By Law 7 of the Multiple District 202 Constitution and By Laws be amended by deleting 11 (a) and (b) replacing with:

- (a) Each delegate entitled to vote, attending in person or by approved electronic means, may cast one vote on each issue to be voted on.
  - (b) Voting shall be by electronic means for all voting delegates attending, whether in person or remote, and unless otherwise stated herein, all matters shall be decided by a majority of voting delegates.
- Moved: DG John Bilderbeck 202E Seconded: FVDG Pam Harvey 202E

**Remit 4** (Requires 50% + 1 in favour votes to be won)

Moved by District 202M

Motion: That Multiple District 202, recommends that Lions Clubs International amends By-Law Article I Section 1 (h) of the Standard LCI Club Constitution and By-Laws, (Membership

Categories) by deleting the last sentence of that particular provision.

Namely, that under Article 1 MEMBERSHIP, Section 1 (h) DISCOUNTED MEMBER..... "A Discounted Member shall have all rights of an Active Member but shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculations".

Motion: That Multiple District 202 further recommends that Lions Clubs International amends Chapter XVII, Paragraph A.3h, of the Board Policy Manual by deleting the words "... But shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculations".

**Remit 5** (Requires 50% + 1 in favour votes to be won)

Moved by District 202E

Motion: That the MD Annual Meeting for 2027 and beyond be made available via audio-visual link to enable members, whether in attendance or absent, to view and contribute to the meeting.

**Remit 6** (Requires 50% + 1 in favour votes to be won)

Moved by District 202E

MOTION: That Multiple District 202 adopts the policy already in place at Lions Clubs International, namely to charge only 50% of the Membership dues and no Charter fee in respect to all eligible Leo-Lions and Student members, between the age of legal majority and through age 30, who have not been a Leo and are enrolled at any educational institution.

**For further explanations on these remits refer to the official call for Multiple District Convention being held in Ashburton notice circulated to all clubs**

After convention is over carry on to the deep south and experience some of what the beautiful South Island has to offer:

- Lake Tekapo
- Dunedin
- Queenstown
- Te Anau
- Doubtful & Milford Sounds (go through the Homer Tunnel)
- World famous Catlins



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Ashburton Museum

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*Council Chair Pam Harvey and the MD Committee look forward to your attendance at this the 66th MD Convention*

# ANZI Forum - Auckland

## Aug 21-23 2026

**Innovation Inclusion Impact**

**ANZI PACIFIC FORUM**  
Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

**NEWSLETTER**

March 2026 REGISTER TODAY

Welcome to the March ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter

Planning for the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026 is well underway, and our programme team is working incredibly hard behind the scenes to create an inspiring and engaging experience for everyone attending. This year's Forum will focus on our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact, and we are excited about the range of topics and speakers being lined up to bring these ideas to life.

Delegates can look forward to a programme filled with fresh thinking, meaningful conversations, and practical ideas that will help us strengthen our clubs and our service in our communities. Whether it's innovative approaches to service, creating more inclusive clubs, or sharing stories of real impact, the programme is shaping up to be something truly special.

We are also pleased to see registrations coming in quickly, which shows the strong interest in this year's Forum. If you are planning to attend, we encourage you to secure your place soon to avoid disappointment.

Everything is coming together nicely, and we are excited about what lies ahead. We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland this August for a Forum that celebrates Innovation, Inclusion and Impact, and most importantly, the incredible difference Lions make in our communities.

See you in August!

 Scan QR Code to Register

**ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026 COMMITTEE**

Chairman - PDG Wendy Miller  
Secretary - PDG Liz Murray  
Treasurer - PDG Deidre Bridge  
Registrations - PCC Stephen Barr  
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Programme - DG Lynda Halverson  
Programme - PDG Suez Reid  
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Rep - PDG Alice McDonald  
Board Appointee - ID Graeme Wilson

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- Networking – meet like-minded people.
- Meet our international leaders.

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**Innovation Inclusion Impact**

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Early Bird Room Rates**

We have negotiated a special room rate at the Holiday Inn for Forum attendees. This is the venue where the forum will be held.

If you are wanting to take advantage of these special rates, you will need to make contact directly with the Holiday Inn, using the following links, to make your own reservation. You will need to pay the Holiday Inn directly for your accommodation.

The special rates have been arranged from the 20th until 23rd August 2026. The room rates are NZD\$205.00 for a Standard King or Twin Room for room only. Full Buffet Breakfast for 1 adult is NZD\$240.00 or Full Buffet Breakfast for 2 adults is NZD\$275.00 for a Standard King/Twin Room.

Group Link: Once you click on the link this will take you to the Holiday Inn landing page. Please click on "view prices" in the top right-hand corner to proceed. Select dates, i.e., "check-in 20th and check-out 23rd August 2026". Select the drop-down box "Rate Preferences" under "Group Code" type your three-letter code "LC2/LC3". Select "Search" and proceed with the next steps of completing your booking reservation.


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Lions Club (Group-link Room only)  
Lions Club (Group-link Breakfast for 1/2 Adults)

If delegates experience issues with the link, please contact the reservations manager, Larissa Patea via email: [larissa.patea@ihg.com](mailto:larissa.patea@ihg.com) or by phoning the hotel direct.

These rates are only valid until 30th April 2026 with the expectation of rates to increase from then.

**Larissa Patea**  
Reservations Manager

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 Room only  
 Room with Breakfast

If you wish to book accommodation outside of the default dates in the Group Link, please contact the Holiday Inn reservations team direct via email: [reservations.hiaucklandairport@ihg.com](mailto:reservations.hiaucklandairport@ihg.com). Just a reminder to advise them that you are attending the Lions ANZI Pacific Forum and wish to access the Group Rates LC2/LC3.

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**Still Deciding?**  
Here's Why You Should Join US

If you are still sitting on the fence about attending the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026, you're not alone. Many Lions take a moment to consider whether the time and travel are worth it. Those who have attended in the past will tell you that the experience is well worth it.

The Forum is more than just a conference, it is a chance to connect with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific, Indonesia and further abroad, share ideas, and return home with renewed energy for service. It's where friendships are strengthened, new ideas are born, and inspiration is found.

Here are just a few things you can look forward to:

- Inspiring keynote speakers sharing fresh ideas and perspectives
- Interactive sessions and workshops that focus on leadership, membership growth and service innovation
- Real stories of impact from Lions making a difference in their communities
- Networking opportunities with fellow Lions from across the ANZI region
- New ideas you can take back to your club to help it grow and thrive

This year's Forum will highlight our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact, exploring how we can think differently, welcome more people into our organisation, and increase the positive difference Lions make in our communities.

Many delegates say they return from the Forum feeling energised, inspired and better connected to the wider Lions family.

If you've been wondering whether to come along, we hope this helps you decide. Why not take the opportunity to be part of something special?

We truly hope to see you at the ANZI Pacific Forum in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland this August.

**Register Now!**  
Click [HERE](#) to Register

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**UPDATES**

From the Registration Team...

**Registrations Update**

We're still over five months out from the ANZI forum, but already have over 100 registrations. With only 250 spots up for grabs, don't wait around. Make sure that you get in early to secure your place!

**Friendly Reminder – Early Bird Registration**

Thank you to everyone who has already registered for the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026. We're excited to see registrations coming in and look forward to welcoming you to Auckland this August.

If you have registered but not yet completed your payment, this is a friendly reminder to please do so before 30 April to qualify for the Early Bird discount.

After this date, registrations will move to the standard rate, so don't miss out.

We look forward to seeing you at a fantastic Forum focused on Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.

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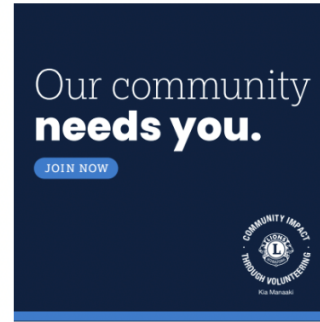
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Don't miss this opportunity to hear all about...

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(ANZI Information - Screenshot from 202F Bulletin - thankyou!)



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