



“The Mighty M”

Newsletter of Lions District 202M New Zealand

July 2026

Welcome to this month's edition of *The Mighty M*, and the last for the 2025-2026 Lion's Year.



District Governor's Final Report

Fellow Lions of the Mighty 202M,

As I sit down to write my final article as your District Governor, I do so with a sense of pride, gratitude, and reflection.

Firstly, I simply want to say thank you.

Thank you for the support, encouragement, friendship, kindness, and trust that you have shown me over the past twelve months. It has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve as your District

Governor.

When Liz and I began this journey, we set ourselves a simple but ambitious goal – **to Build the Mighty 202M**. We wanted to strengthen our clubs, support our members, improve our systems, grow our membership, and most importantly, rebuild confidence and belief in what we could achieve together.

Looking back now, I believe we have done exactly that.

This year I made it a priority to reconnect with our clubs and members. I personally visited every club in the district, with many clubs welcoming me back on multiple occasions. Along the way I attended changeovers, Christmas functions, anniversaries, award presentations, youth programmes, speechmaker competitions, membership workshops, cabinet meetings, conventions, forums and countless community events.

The highlight of these visits wasn't the meetings or the reports, it was the people.

The friendships made, the stories shared, the laughter, and seeing first-hand the incredible work our clubs undertake every day in their communities.

One thing became very clear to me throughout the year: despite being one of the smaller districts in New Zealand, the Lions of 202M continue to punch well above their weight.

We have supported our communities through countless projects, fundraising initiatives, youth programmes, environmental projects, health initiatives, foodbanks, vision programmes and emergency relief efforts. Whether it was supporting the Cancer Bus, running cake sales, raising funds for LCIF, supporting Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust, or helping those in need following flooding events, our clubs have continued to make a real difference.

A major focus this year was improving communication across the district.

We revitalised our District Facebook page, increasing activity by over 200 percent and shifting our focus from simply promoting Lions membership to actively showcasing the incredible work our clubs are doing. We introduced Mailchimp communications, strengthened our District Bulletin, and encouraged clubs to tell their own stories through social media. Special thanks must go to Terry Burch for his support in ensuring our communication channels remained strong and consistent throughout the year.

Membership growth was another priority.

I am proud to say we established our first Branch Club in almost ten years with the formation of the Wellington Club Branch, sponsored by Karori Lions Club. We trained fifteen Guiding Lions, delivered membership training throughout the district, and supported leadership development at every opportunity.

Most importantly, we will finish the year with positive membership growth – only the third time in District 202M history that this has been achieved. Equally important, we will finish the year without losing a single club.

For that, I would like to make a special acknowledgement to PDG Alice McDonald, PDG Anne Richardson and PDG Ray Lindsay. Much of your work happens quietly behind the scenes, often without recognition, but your commitment to supporting clubs and members has been invaluable. Thank you.

Financially and from a governance perspective, we have also made significant progress.

We delivered a realistic and achievable budget, remained within that budget, and will finish the year in a positive financial position. We implemented a new accounting system, consolidated bank accounts, supported clubs through the re-incorporation process, and are continuing to assist clubs with charitable trust registrations.

We also successfully ran the District's first online AGM, helping modernise our processes while maintaining strong governance standards.

One of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly the **Mighty M Forum** on the Kapiti Coast.

Together we delivered an event that was truly a cut above the rest. The forum brought together Lions from across New Zealand, featured outstanding speakers, focused on the important topic of Mental Health and Wellbeing, and showcased what our district can achieve when we work together. Better still, the event was delivered within budget and returned a surplus.

Throughout the year I was fortunate to represent our district both nationally and internationally.

I attended the International Convention in Orlando, training in Chicago, the Membership Summit in Sydney, Faculty Development Institute training in Sydney, and every District Convention throughout New Zealand. These opportunities allowed me to learn, share ideas, and bring valuable knowledge back to our clubs and district.

We also achieved some significant governance successes, including successfully presenting a remit at Multiple District Convention and securing approval for the 2028 Multiple District Convention to be held in Wellington at Silverstream Retreat.

But if there is one thing I will remember most, it won't be the meetings, reports, budgets, conventions, awards, or remits — it will be the people. The members who quietly put up marquees in the rain. The Lions who cook sausages, sell cakes, organise raffles and collect books. The members who drive others to appointments. The clubs that support local schools, youth programmes, foodbanks and families doing it tough. The members who simply ask, "How can I help?" That is what Lionism is all about.

As I conclude my term, I believe we leave District 202M stronger than we found it. We have stabilised the district, strengthened governance and financial systems, improved communication, grown membership, protected and supported our clubs, and delivered meaningful service to our communities. Most importantly, we have rebuilt belief, rebuilt momentum, and built the Mighty 202M.

To our incoming District Governor, Debbie Beuth, and Peter, I wish you every success as you begin your year under the banner of **"Reignite Our Lions Spark."** The foundations are in place, and I know the district is in very capable hands.

While my term as District Governor officially concludes on 30 June, my commitment to Lions certainly does not. I look forward to continuing to serve, support our clubs, and remain involved in the amazing work that Lions do.

From 1 July, I will no longer have access to the District Governor email address. If I can ever assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me directly:

Email: leon@prestige.co.nz

Phone: 021 246 0955

Finally, thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and our district.

It has been a year filled with memorable moments, new friendships, laughter, learning, challenges, and immense pride in what we have achieved together.

Please continue to support one another, look after your communities, welcome new members, and keep finding ways to make a difference.

As always, thank you and keep serving.

Yours in Lions Service,

Lion Leon Downes

District Governor 202M 2025–2026



The Charities Amendment Act 2023 requires all Trusts registered as Charities to undertake a review of their Trust Deed, and governance processes, every three years to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

This means **that all Clubs with a registered Charitable Trust** must undertake such a review.

The Act requires that the **review must be completed**, documented and reported to Charity Services **by 30 September 2026**, and three-yearly thereafter.

Trusts must, accordingly, undertake a review as a matter of urgency. A full suite of documents to assist Trusts with the process can be found on the **Lions Website** under **Legal Matters**. These documents are also set out in the June edition of **Between the Lions**.

Please review these documents and undertake the processes set out therein as a matter of urgency.

If any Club needs assistance with this, **please contact PCC Murray Pringle, 202m Legal Advisor**.

Diabetes Update



Diabetes

Lindsay McTavish (Diabetes Clinical Nurse Specialist) had the opportunity to attend the New Zealand Society of Diabetes Annual Scientific Meeting in early May 2026.

The meeting was well attended by healthcare providers working in the field of diabetes from across New Zealand. Guest speakers from the United Kingdom and Australia were invited to share their expertise within their respective specialties.

What did he learn?

Somme new diabetes measurements and diagnostic criteria will be implemented from 1 July 2026. The new diagnostic thresholds will be:

- **Diabetes:** > 48 mmol/mol
- **Prediabetes:** 42–47 mmol/mol
- **Normal:** < 41 mmol/mol

Lindsay also learned that improved access to newer diabetes therapies and technologies will improve in the near future, including:

- GLP-1 medications for weight loss
- Combined access to SGLT2 inhibitors and GLP-1 therapies
- Extended-release metformin
- Potential funding for continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) for people with Type 2 diabetes
- Possible funding for finger-prick lancets

While visiting the trade display stands, Lindsay spoke with representatives from My Food Bag. They have released a new cookbook featuring GLP-1-friendly recipes.

FREE E-COOKBOOK

35 DELICIOUS RECIPES INSIDE!
NOW WITH 5 NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Diabetes friendly cookbook

This recipe book offers simple and delicious ways to incorporate easy-to-follow and diabetes-friendly recipes into everyday life, in a way that is suitable for the whole whānau.

GET YOUR FREE E-COOKBOOK

A free electronic copy is available, or a printed version can be requested by following this link:

[DIABETES NZ LINK TO COOKBOOK](#)



Reminder 202m District Awards Applications Now Open

All clubs are encouraged to apply for consideration for the following awards for the 2025 - 2026 Lions Year.

Please note that the awards criteria closely align with the criteria for Multiple District Awards.

202M – Community Service Award:

1. To encourage full club member participation in community service projects / activities
2. To stimulate friendly rivalry between clubs by implementing exciting and innovative community service
3. To enable worthy service projects / activities to be recorded and made available for use by other clubs

202M – Youth Activity Award:

1. To encourage vigorous club participation in youth activities
2. To stimulate friendly rivalry between clubs by implementing exciting and adventurous youth programmes
3. To enable worthy youth activities to be recorded and made available for use by other clubs

202M - Public Relations & Communication Award

1. To recognise excellence, innovation and effectiveness in communications and Public Relations
2. To encourage clubs to use a range of medium to communicate with their members
3. To encourage clubs to use a range of medium to enhance public awareness and the reputation of Lions in the wider community

202M –Membership Growth, Retention & Extension Award

1. To encourage clubs to take responsibility for membership growth thus ensuring the future of Lions in District 202M and MD202
2. To encourage clubs to retain members by developing strategies that ensure existing members continue their membership
3. To encourage clubs to extend membership through chartering of new clubs and sponsoring of club branches Total Membership as recorded in the Lions Portal

NOTES:

- The award period is from **1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**
- Applications for Awards in this Lions year are eligible
- The Immediate Past District Governor will present these awards at the next District Forum.
- **Entry forms will be emailed** to Club Secretaries shortly
- **Applications for this year's awards will close** on **30 September 2026**
- Applications can be sent to rexbullard@xtra.co.nz

See www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/awards for more details of criteria.

If you have any questions, please email PDG Rex Bullard rexbullard@xtra.co.nz

Waikanae Lions Acknowledging Service

At their Changeover on 27 June, the Waikanae Lions recognised members who have made a real impact over the past year.

Lyndsay Evans received a **well-deserved acknowledgement of his energy, commitment, and contribution to the club**, being named the **2025–2026 Waikanae Lion of the Year**.

High tribute was paid to the club's **Melvin Jones Fellowship** recipients:

DG Leon was recognised for his outstanding service to Waikanae Lions and District 202M, with appreciation also extended to **Liz** for her long-term support of his Lions work.

Lion Kevin Sheppard was likewise honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his exceptional service over many years.

Several other members were also acknowledged on the night, though details were not available at the time of writing.

Pictured below are **Lion of the Year Lyndsay Evans, DG Leon and Liz**, and **Outgoing Waikanae President Ann with Kevin**.



BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

Lions District 202M – Marketing Strategy Overview



**Club marketing is important for many reasons.
Here are just a few.**

- To recruit new members
- To invite people in the community to your events
- To celebrate your club's service and community impact
- To show the world that kindness truly matters.

Has your club appointed a club marketing chairperson?

- A club marketing chairperson doesn't need to be a professional marketer or have decades of Lions experience. They simply need to be a leader who is passionate about their club and motivated to promote it.
- One key to a marketing chairperson's success is getting everyone involved in club marketing efforts.

Questions to ask about your club's marketing strategy?

- Does your club encourage everyone to wear their Lions Emblem at all times?
- When running a project in the community – do all club members wear their Lions Vests?
- Do you fly a lion's flag at events?
- Does your club have a simple club brochure that can be handed out to members of the public?
- Are your club brochures left in prominent places such as libraries and Council offices?
- Does your club brochure promote the key projects you have completed in your community or does it just say "Join Lions" without giving a reason?
- Has your club made use of the noticeboards in the local Supermarkets with contact details?
- Have you tried using the community noticeboards with teaser advertisements?
- Do all club members have a Lions Business card with contact details and the club website to obtain more details?
- Does your club have a Facebook page which is regularly updated with club news and events and encourages members of the public to make contact?

- Has your club placed an updated Lions sign at the entrance to your town? Does it have contact details?

Does your club have a marketing budget?

- Your club should be using at least 10% of its Project Income to promote your lions' projects
- It takes at least 7 touches before you will get a new member – that is a prospective Lion needs to have seen the Lions sign or articles etc. generally 7 times before they will consider joining your club.
- If you are not marketing to your community then you are not attracting new members – simple really.

If you have some great marketing ideas, please share them with me so I can include them in next month's Mighty M Bulletin.

PDG Rex Bullard, 202M.LCIF@lionsclubs.org.nz



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Why Support LCIF?

LCIF is our International Foundation that supports our global causes. All funds donated to LCIF are returned to Lions projects with no funds skimmed off for administration.

Clubs and Districts can apply for support from LCIF by way of a matching grant.

Matching Grants provide capital funding to help establish or expand Lions-initiated humanitarian service projects that address critical and diverse human and social needs around the globe. Humanitarian service projects are charitable in nature and include vital health and human service needs not adequately addressed by governments and other funding sources.

LCIF funding is prioritized for the equipment and infrastructure needs of such projects.

Matching Grants are available in the following areas:

Vision, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Community Impact, Hunger, and Childhood Cancer

If your club has a project in mind do not hesitate to contact me for more information on how LCIF can assist you in achieving your goal.

Does your club have an LCIF Club Coordinator?

The Club LCIF Coordinator serves as the primary ambassador for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Appointed by club leadership, they educate members on LCIF's global impact, promote donor participation, and help the club leverage LCIF resources—such as District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) to fund local humanitarian projects.

More details are available on the lionsclubs.org website.

Traditionally the Club LCIF Coordinator is the immediate Past President of the Club and will receive information from time-to-time from LCIF.

Does your club set an LCIF Budget each year?

I would like to encourage all clubs to set a budget each year to support LCIF from their Trust Account. This could be a percentage of funds raised, or a set amount each year. When clubs contribute each year, they are helping fund the various grants that are available.

All funds contributed to LCIF remain in New Zealand and are used to support Lions projects. New Zealand receives far more from LCIF than is contributed. LCIF has contributed to the following:

- The upgrade of the Avionics of the Life Flight Air Ambulance
- Cyclone Gabrielle Disaster & Recovery
- Playscape at Wellington Children's Hospital
- The PICU unit at Starship Hospital
- The Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton

When did your club last present a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF)

Your club can present an MJF when you have donated US\$1,000. Donations may be in one sum or in installments. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a plaque, and a congratulatory letter.

If you require any further information or would like to know who in your club has received an MJF or what funds you may have available, do not hesitate to contact:

PDG Rex Bullard, District 202M LCIF Coordinator.
202m.LCIF@lionsclubs.org.nz Phone: 0275 714 103

Mental Health and Wellbeing

As we merge into a new Lions year with a new District Governor and some new faces on the cabinet team the global cause of mental health and wellbeing continues and is one of Debbie's goals for her year.

At the beginning of our 2025–2026 year, we received a proposal from The Wellington Hospitals Foundation seeking funding for Sensory Modulation Kits for the Mental Health Service.

These kits can be used both in-house and with clients in their homes. I am very pleased to say we have raised \$20,000 and are now applying for a Lloyd Morgan Grant.

We will have some exciting news to bring to the table about further service we can do to support this global cause of Mental Health & Wellbeing. This will also support Debbie in one of the goals she has set for the year.

Across New Zealand, mental health and wellbeing are growing concerns, affecting many young people and others in our communities. Volunteering can help reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Wellbeing - is made up of several areas, they are:

Physical- our overall health

Mental – mood, self-esteem, and ability to cope with stress

Social – relationships and support

Emotional – how we manage and understand our feelings.

Let us all plan to do something positive to help a person in need.

PDG Anne Richardson



With Bus #2 now in production and heading to the North Island later this year, **growing our pool of volunteer screeners has never been more important.**

You don't need to wait until your club has booked the bus — stay alert for opportunities anytime.

When you're visiting your GP or dermatologist, take a moment to mention the Trust's work.

Let them know how our volunteer screeners help find hidden melanomas and other skin cancers and ask if they'd be interested in joining this remarkable team.

For tips on approaching clinicians and becoming fluent in "bus", contact Janet at **admin@lionscancertrust.nz**.

What Have Gisborne & Wairoa Lions Been Up



Above Sophie Chambers sponsored for outward bound
by Gisborne Host lions and Gisborne Wainui Lions 11 June 2026

Fundraising Sausage Sizzle, Raffles Winter Warmer & Fire Wood at Mitre 10 13th June 2026



Gisborne Host
Lions welcomed
Lion Walsh
Harmse 17 June
2026.

Debbie Beuth
sponsored Walsh
and Cilla Britt-
Montaperto did
Induction.



Below **Incoming 202M District Governor Debbie Beuth 2026-2027,**
Lion Gwen Lemire President 2026-2027 Committee Members for Gisborne Host



Wairoa Lighthouse

Lions held a Christmas mid-winter fundraising project on the 26 June which was enjoyed by many with lots of fun and laughter.

To the right is a poster advertising the event and on the next page a recruiting poster they created:

LIONS CLUB
QUIZMAS
A FESTIVE QUIZ NIGHT OF FUN, LAUGHTER AND LIONS CLUB SPIRIT!

PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL
WAIROA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

DATE Friday
June 26th 2026

TIME Arrival 6pm
Start 6.30pm

VENUE Wairoa War Memorial Hall

COST \$25.00 per head
- 6 people per team

LIMITED TO 20 TEAMS

WEAR YOUR BEST OR WORST CHRISTMAS COSTUME

EXTRA COSTS

- SAVOURY SUPPER TRAY** \$90.00 per table
- CASH BAR**
- RAFFLE**
- EFTPOS AVAILABLE**

RAFFLE Don't know the quiz answers? You could still be a winner! Grab a raffle ticket and be in to win some great prizes while supporting the Wairoa Volunteer Fire Brigade.

To book a team **CONTACT Kathy Grant** 027 303 9444

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ★ HAVE FUN ★ MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Big announcements from Camp Quality!

Winter may be our "quiet" season, but this Camp Chat is full of excitement! Between reunion days and upcoming Winter Camps, hundreds of campers, volunteers, supporters, and CQ families have been reconnecting up and down the country.

In this update, we're introducing you to [Bridget Belsham](#), our new national General Manager, saying "hello" to new Regional Managers, and sharing some jam-packed updates from your region.

Whether you're still fresh off your last CQ meet up or you're impatiently counting down the days to Summer Camp, we're so glad you're here with us.

Introducing Camp Quality's new General Manager, Bridget Belsham!



Bridget is one month into the new role and already thriving! To celebrate, we sat down with her to talk about her journey from a high-performance sports leader to taking the helm at CQ.

"It is hard to fully explain the impact that Camp Quality and this community has on you until you experience it. It's unlike anywhere else," she said.

[Read the whole story here](#) to learn a bit about her life in Whanganui (including her pets, Millie and Scruffy!) and see what the future holds for Camp Quality under her leadership.

[READ THE STORY HERE](#)

Can't get enough Camp Quality merch?



We all know what the magic of camp really means...but we're still a bit of a mystery to the rest of the world! That's one of the reasons why we are launching a brand-new range of Camp Quality merchandise. We hope that these new t-shirts and hoodies will help us represent CQ on a much wider scale.

Wear them out in your community, gift them to people in your world, and whenever someone asks about your cool hoodie? Tell them all about what CQ means to you, to your family, and why it's somewhere you're proud to be part of.

We hope that this new range is just the start. In the future, we'd love to invite people across our network to create other CQ designs, and to make our message bigger and bigger every single year.

Of course, every bit we make from selling this merch goes straight back into camp. Beyond just an awesome new t-shirt, this is a fundraiser, a conversation-starter, and a way to wear your pride all wrapped up into one!

Thanks so much to the awesome team at CQ Christchurch for organising this nation-wide project. Let's get the whole country representing CQ with these fun new looks!

Order now, share with the people you know, and wear with love!

ORDER NOW

Have you checked your registration date?

Our regional committees are all hard at work already to make our 2027 camps the best they can possibly be!

Please make sure you keep an eye out for an email from your local region with information about registration deadlines (for campers) and application deadlines (for companions). You can always find more information [over here on our website](#), but sometimes the exact dates can change. When in doubt, reach out to your region to ask!

VISIT THE WEBSITE HERE

Meet Megan, our new Wellington/Central Districts Regional Manager

We are incredibly proud and excited to announce that Megan Farr has officially stepped up as our new Wellington/Central Districts Regional Manager!

Megan has been involved with Camp Quality for more than 20 years, starting as a Companion. She guided 10 different children through camp over the years as a Companion before moving into the Camper Registrar role for Wellington/Central Districts. Those of you in the region will recognise her as the primary point of contact for families at camp, always making sure everyone is connected and supported!

When it comes to this new challenge, Megan says she's excited to see the bigger picture at camp and have a hand in shaping what comes next. She's got a truly phenomenal team around her, and Megan says it will be a privilege to lead this group and deliver awesome camp experiences for everyone involved.

Out of camp, Megan works as a Technical Product Owner, wrangling data alongside engineers and analysts to uncover hidden insights. But camp is where she finds her balance, gets out from behind her desk, and into her community.

We are so lucky to have Megan taking on this role. We already know how much passion and talent she brings to CQ – now it's time to see where her leadership will bring the region!

How a painting of a Ferrari has become a Camp Quality fundraiser



"When Emma Watson was 8 years old, she painted a picture of a Ferrari so it could be auctioned to raise funds for Camp Quality. Imagine her surprise when a decade later she discovered her picture had been auctioned off each year. And now they wanted her to paint a new one..."

Check out [this story on our website](#) about former camper Emma and her piece of art that has helped bring in funding for years to CQ!

[READ THE STORY HERE](#)

Meet Miriam, our new Auckland/Northland Regional Manager

After 10 years of involvement with Camp Quality, the incredibly talented Miriam Fuimaono has officially taken on the role of Regional Manager for Auckland/Northland!

Miriam has been part of the management committee for the region for years, and most recently served as the Assistant Regional Manager, where she's helped across every aspect of making camp happen. She has already become known as a key leader in the region, a trusted and loved part of the team, and we just know she's going to be incredible in this new position.

Born and raised in South Auckland, Miriam is very involved with her community and has a deep commitment to giving back in every way she can. She understands on a personal level the positive impact that Camp Quality has on families and campers, which she says makes the role all the more meaningful for her.

Outside of her incredible volunteer commitments, Miriam is a Customer Support Manager in the gaming industry, focusing on operations, process improvement, and supporting teams to deliver strong outcomes.

She really is a phenomenal talent, and we are so lucky and proud to have her steering the ship for Auckland/Northland region. We can't wait to see her thrive in this new role!

Celebrating CQ Life Member Brigitte Morten

'I hope that what I bring to camp is some of that passion and commitment to the kids - along with a lot of experience to know that with a supportive environment every issue at camp is solvable.'

Brigitte Morten has been part of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty camp whānau since she was seven years old. Her mum, also a CQ Life Member, roped in her kids to help out – stamping envelopes, matching up photos, and the behind-the-

scenes admin that went into organising camp before there was access to all of today's digital tools.

In 2000, Brigitte attended her first camp as a Companion Assistant and never looked back. Nearly every year since, she's been on the ground supporting in all kinds of ways – from volunteering in the kitchen to helping the programme committees and now taking the lead on regional volunteer training. There really isn't a corner or an aspect of camp where Brigitte hasn't helped in some way or another.

Though originally from Tauranga, Brigitte has also lived in Wellington and even Canberra for a while! Waikato/Bay of Plenty is still her home region, though, and she looks forward to returning for camp with the same crew year after year.

Waikato/Bay of Plenty camp truly wouldn't be where it is today without the dedication, the love, and the generosity of Brigitte and the whole Morten family. Thank you for all you've done for our campers, our volunteers, and our region.

When it all comes down to it, Brigitte says it's all about making something fun and wonderful. 'Camp is an amazing place where truly the enjoyment of the campers is at the heart of what happens.'

Regional Updates

Wellington/Central Districts

It's nearly time for Winter Camp, and we can't wait to welcome our senior campers (ages 10+) for a weekend at El Rancho in Waikanae. This is happening on August 28th - 30th, and it will be a chance for everyone to spend some time together socially. Plus, we'll be at it as usual with fun activities, from crafts to water slides, card games, and plenty of chances to laugh together! Our companion and camper registrars will be in touch with those who are eligible for winter camp with more information on how to register.

Meanwhile, it's been a lively few months for our region, and we've loved seeing so many awesome fundraising initiatives happening.

In early April, the Riders Against Cancer group chose to name us as their charity for their motorbike ride event in Palmerston North. Some of our volunteers and campers joined on the day to send off the riders and welcome them back.

And a big shout out to our very own [Emma Watson for helping establish Camp Quality as one of the charities who will get support from the Ferrari Club of New Zealand Auction!](#)

While we were disappointed that our Aramex Run & Walk series event was cancelled due to bad weather, it was great to know how many of our local camper families were ready to join in on the fun and show their support. We'll just have to save the enthusiasm for the next one!

Christchurch

Family Reunion Day was a hit! We got together for a Sunday BBQ at the end of May to reminisce, reconnect, and distribute our gorgeous 2026 camp logbook. More than just a wonderful catch up for the Christchurch CQ whānau, it was also an incredible reflection on the passion and dedication from our local community of volunteers and supporters. Special shout outs to...

- Katrina Topp for her tireless hours poring through thousands of photos to create the logbook – we will treasure it for years!
- Inkwise for generously printing all our books – enough for all our campers and volunteers to share them with their loved ones!
- Citycare Property for letting us use their BBQ trailer – everyone went home full and happy!

Finally, a reminder that camp registrations for Summer 2027 open on July 1st. We can't wait to start bringing another epic camp to life!

South

It's been a busy few months down South for us, with all systems go as we prepare for our 2027 Summer camp!

Last month, we held our reunion day (in place of a Winter Camp) in Mosgiel, bringing together families, campers, and volunteers for a day of fun. After morning tea at the Taieri Bowling Club, we set off for Wals Planet Barn, where we broke into groups to navigate our way through the maze, rode around the

gardens on a miniature train, and gave our best Tiger Woods impressions during our round of mini golf. By the time we finished with all the planned activities, the hard-working local Lions had finished cooking us up a delicious BBQ lunch!

With full bellies, we settled into watching our latest camp video, reliving the wonderful week in January. And to end the glorious day, an extra surprise: Two members of the Mosgiel Police Dog Squad came along to tell us about their mahi and show us what their dogs can do. It ended up being the highlight of the day!

Thanks to everyone who came out and joined in the fun – but a special shout out to the generous volunteers and supporters who went the extra mile to make it all happen!

Auckland/Northland

We are so excited to reunite for our upcoming Winter Camp, happening July 9th to 12th! This will be a fantastic opportunity to catch up, enjoy some classic wintery activities together, and have a great weekend during the quiet season.

But before long, we'll be looking straight to Summer Camp planning! Keep in mind that our companion applications will close at the end of this month, on June 28th, so if you or someone you know wants to volunteer this summer – be sure to reach out before then:)

And finally, mark your calendars for our popular mid-winter Christmas-themed pub quiz fundraiser coming up! Join us at Browne St on Friday, August 15th to join in on the fun, catch up with other camper and volunteer families, and support this year's camp!

Waikato/Bay of Plenty

We're thrilled to be celebrating Brigitte, who has just been named a CQ Life Member. Brigitte has been part of our region for years, and we don't know where we'd be without her!

While it's been a quiet few months, we're getting prepared for Summer Camp – it will be here in no time! Be sure to send in your camper registration later this season, and, as always, we are seeking more male volunteers and companions. If you know someone who may be interested, please send them our way!



**'Lions Keeping New Zealand Warm'
Social Media Campaign**
**If your Club has a project that 'warms NZ',
(firewood, knitting, soup, food
collection/distribution etc)
please let head office know and send a
photo and a story!!**

Time For A Chuckle!

A MAKEOVER GONE WRONG

During surgery for a heart attack, a woman has a vivid vision: a calm voice tells her she's not dying and still has 30 good years ahead. Relieved — and suddenly very motivated — she decides she's not wasting a moment.

Since she's already in hospital, she signs up for the full deluxe makeover package: breast implants, liposuction, tummy tuck, hair transplants, collagen, the whole catalogue. By the time she's done, she looks younger, slimmer, glamorous, and absolutely thrilled with herself.

On discharge day she struts out of the hospital like she's starring in her own reality show. She steps onto the street... and is immediately hit by an ambulance.

Arriving in the afterlife, she fumes, "I was told I had 30 more years!"

A voice replies, "You did. But honestly... with all that work done, we thought you were someone else."

HOLY SPELLING MISTAKE!

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old laws of the church by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript.

He discovers the brothers have been copying copies for centuries. He panics — what if a tiny mistake has been repeated forever? The head monk agrees, heads down to the vault, and disappears for hours.

The young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him and finally finds him in the archives, thumping his head against the wall and sobbing:

"We missed the R! We missed the R!"

"Father, what happened?"

Through tears he cries:

"The original didn't say *celibate*... it said *celebrate*!"

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Why was the mushroom the hit of the party? Because he is a fungi.

People who buy books on lawn care become good weeders.

Ed's parents have another son named Ed. Two Eds are better than one.

Diner: "Is there any stew on the menu?"

Waiter: "Yes, but I wiped it off."

What do you call a lady standing in the middle of a tennis court? Annette!

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Signing Off –

A Goodbye from Terry The time has come for me to say farewell as your editor.

It's been a real pleasure putting this newsletter together, and I hope you've enjoyed reading it just as much as I've enjoyed creating it.

I would like to welcome:

**Priscilla Britt-Montaperto
(Cilla) who will be your next
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