



DISTRICT 202E BULLETIN

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DG Alastair Rankin

So I have been to the 108th International Convention in Hong Kong and now I'm it. There's no backing down now.

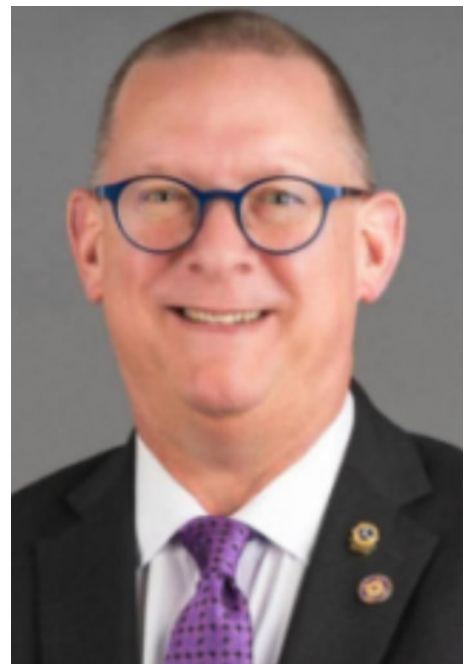
The 2-day seminar for DGEs (all 756 of us) was very informative and conducted quite informally in a 'café style' which I found very easy to be a part of.

Read DG Alastair's full report later in this bulletin

Welcome to the July Bulletin for 202E. This bulletin will look rather different as we appreciate the skills previous editor, Lou Smith, brought to the role for the past 6 years. And I am new to this Canva programme so this 'just in time learning' is here for all to see. Happy reading.

Helen Williams (interim editor)

World President Mark Lyons



“International President Elect Mark S. Lyon and International Director Justin Faber discussed numerous topics over a cup of coffee. The two big ‘take-aways’ for me were *“inclusion is being invited to the party, acceptance is being asked to dance”* which falls into line with our diversity philosophy and the expansion of Leo interface in the district, and the new buzz word is Advocacy. We advocate on behalf of those less able to do so themselves, but we also individually advocate on behalf of our clubs. Every time we do a project we should be highly visible to the community. I’ll speak more about that on my club visits. “

DG Alastair

DG Alastair Visiting Calendar		Date	
Rolleston and District	Wed. 5 August	Kaikoura	Tuesday 18 August
Amuri	Wed. 26 August	Oxford & District	Thursday 27 August
Motueka	Tues.. 8 Sept.	Woodend Pegasus	Thursday 17 September

Service Recognitions







Life membership presented to Brian Davidson - Malvern

William Mitchell presented with Life membership by Mike Brown - Motueka

Rae Treloar presented with MJF by John Hobson - Wigram

USD 16.5k donated for the 2025-2026 year.

23 clubs out of 38 clubs contributed to our Foundation

7 applications received for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Many clubs have MJF credits in excess of USD 1000 - enough to purchase a MJF plaque. Contact Malcolm Williams for support.





Cutting the ribbon and walking the Harts Creek Track completed by Ellesmere Lions Club.

The month's highlights



Leo Lion Katie Roeske was installed as President of the Havelock Lions Club. Outgoing President Siobhan Skinner said of Katie, "Katie may still be one of our younger members, but age and leadership are not the same thing. Katie has grown through Leos to Lions contributing over a decade of service. She brings energy, commitment, humour and care to everything she does, and our club is in excellent hands." Alongside her, Lion Dave Farrant was awarded the Lion of the Year trophy.

Known to many of us in the District, Tony Benbow was elected to the position of Second Vice President at the World Convention held recently in Hong Kong. Working alongside him in service is his wife Lion Sue. We look forward to meeting them again at ANZI being held in Auckland 21st - 23rd August 2026.

ANZI offers 3 days of seminars and key note speakers, attended by Lions from our Constitutional Area and our World Leaders. This is a great opportunity to learn, network and build new Lions friendships.



DG Alastair's Report

DG District Bulletin Report July 2026

There are a couple of things I will concentrate on this year apart from the usual ones dictated by International President Mark. In line with the inclusion thing, I would like to see more and closer ties with our Leos. They deserve a stronger voice so I would like to introduce them to Cabinet Meetings through a Leo Representative as a Cabinet Guest with full speaking rights. I would like to see more Leo clubs in our district, especially in Canterbury where there are more high schools than Lions Clubs. Just sayin'.

I will also advocate strongly for bigger and better club support to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Most clubs don't really understand LCIF but you're quite happy to take their grants when you need them. We need them now more than ever and you can help – please.

We still do not have a Second and a First District Governor. The time-line is getting very tight now as the training starts next month. The district has budgeted for your training and attendance at functions outside of the district and International will pick up the rest. You will not be out of pocket, but you need to act quickly. It's an exciting journey. ***Please let me know immediately if this is you. (or you can suggest a suitable candidate - Editor)***

On a closing note. I was very impressed that District 202E had more representatives at International Convention than any other district (some of which had none). Thank you all for your support, it made me feel kinda special and so very proud to serve you all.

I'll see you out there.

Ka kite anō au i a koe

Alastair

[Please take note of how I spell my name – it sounds like Fred **A**staire]

Ukraine Project



Still time to get the needles working. These beanies made by New Brighton members.

This is a District initiative. We are collecting wheelchairs, crutches and deleted hospital equipment as well as warm clothing and soft toys to help fill a container to be sent to Ukraine before their winter starts. We also need cash donations to help towards the \$12,000 cost of shipping the container. So far a total of \$2,200 has been lodged with 6 clubs contributing.

The Ukraine Education Society, who are very experienced in sending these containers are looking after the logistics so we don't have to worry about that aspect.

Contact District GST Neil Johnston if you have any queries. 202e.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz

Mark the calendar

Weeks of Service as in the poster.

August 28 - Daffodil Day

September - Childhood Cancer month - Wig Wednesday

September - Prostate Awareness month

October - Vision service

November - Lap the map for Diabetes



The 108th World Convention was held recently in Hong Kong with approximately 11,000 attendees. During this 3 day event of Key note speakers, presentation of awards and entertainment the new officers of Lions International for the 2026 -2027 year were installed. This included our own District Governor Alastair Rankin one of 736 new Governors who was supported by three of his New Brighton Club members - Rosmund Smith, Neil Johnston and Sharon Creamer.



A view of the stage at Hong Kong





DG Alastair with his fellow 202 DG's at the World Convention held in Hong Kong.

Rosmund Smith removes the Elect blue ribbon.



Thanks to the New Brighton members who travelled to Hong Kong to support the installation of DG Alastair Rankin.

Sharon Creamer, Rosmund Smith and Neil Johnston with our 202E 2026-2027 District Governor Alastair Rankin.

Your support was much appreciated.



Motueka Lions continue to work to support those communities affected by last years flooding.

Whiteware has been purchased for the Brooklyn School Emergency hub thanks to donations collected from many clubs around NZ and lodged with the 202E Charitable Trust.

KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD entries are due to be lodged with GST Neil Johnston by **August 1st**. Information has already been sent to clubs or download from LCI website.

Share you club's achievements and service in the Bulletin

Please send your action photos and captions to the 202e.editor@lionsclubs.org.nz so that your club can be featured.