



DISTRICT 202E BULLETIN

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DG Alastair Rankin

I am delighted to report we have nominations for a Second and a First Vice District Governor. They will be duly elected in two weeks' time (due process) and I can hardly wait. We still need a succession plan for Second Vice District Governor at our next convention in April 2027 so *Please let me know immediately if this is you.*

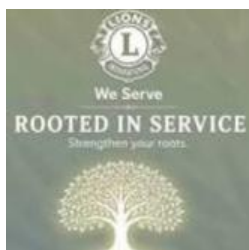
I have just spent a couple of days at the Council of Governors meeting and the ANZI Pacific Forum in Auckland and what a spectacle that was. International President spoke at length about his theme of **ROOTED IN SERVICE** and what that means. His analogy of how a tree grows and is all interconnected just as we are as Lions is very powerful – there is a video on the internet, and I urge you to take a look.

One point that came out of the Council of Governors meeting is that our District is to host the Multiple District convention in April 2029 so I will be looking for a Club or Zone to take the lead on that. This is a great opportunity for members to learn about MD conventions and gain a bit of kudos into the bargain. Think about it.

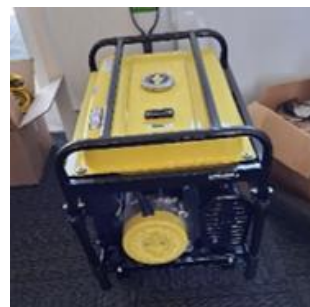
I'll see you out there.

Ka kite anō au i a koe

Alastair



My visits program has begun with Rolleston and District, and I spent a day with Chris Clark of the Lions Club of Motueka seeing the biggest flood damage areas and the schools where they have set up hubs with washing machines, dryers, fridges, freezers and generators. It was a MASSIVE event and disaster relief effort and they thank every club that contributed most sincerely – they couldn't have done it without you.



Welcome to the August Bulletin from a sunny but chilly Auckland where I attended the ANZI Forum. This is a great opportunity to listen, share and learn from a host of other lions. Most important of all are the informal conversations you have with other Lions when you can really drill down into their ideas. I am sure the Lions from 202E will have lots to share with you all going forward.

Helen Williams (interim editor)

World President Mark Lyons



Each moment of service strengthens the foundation of our clubs and communities. Here's how we can grow and thrive together.

Get back to our roots.

Our commitment to service makes us who we are. When we focus on acts of service, both big and small, we strengthen our communities, our clubs and the bonds we share. Embrace the joy of service and the purpose it brings.

Plant the seed.

Every Lion holds the power to grow their club. With each new member, our service, our impact and our potential grow, allowing us to do more and be more for our communities. Invite a new member and plant the seed for growth.

Let our leadership shine.

We change lives through our service, but we are also advocates for the people and causes we serve. We can expand our reach by connecting with key community stakeholders and partners who share our passion. Let's start big conversations, and even greater change.

Lean on your global foundation.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) offers more than funding — it's a lifeline of compassion and hope. The transformative work that Lions and LCIF bring to life is made possible by you. So support LCIF and let LCIF support you.



DG Alastair Visiting Calendar		Date	
Wigram	Tuesday 15 September	Woodend Pegasus	Thursday 19 September
Hanmer Springs	Thursday 24 September	Kaikoura & Seaward KK Thursday 8 October	
Havelock	Tuesday 20 October	Picton	Wednesday 21 October

Service Recognitions



Melvin Jones Fellowships are presented to Lions members who have given long service and / or outstanding service to their club or district. They can also be presented by a club to a member of the public who has given exceptional service to the community, who is not a Lion.



Tania Silcock, Lions Club of Blenheim. Tania was also the 202E Lion of the Year.

Melvin Jones Fellowships can be purchased for US \$1000. Each donation to LCIF earns a club credits, \$ for \$, towards the cost of a MJF. Contact Malcolm Williams, District LCIF coordinator for support.

Lou Smith, Lions Club of Kaikoura Seaward.

Lou's MJF was presented by District 202E cabinet.

The District Goal for the 2026 - 2027 year is to have 100% of clubs contributing to our Foundation with a total of NZ \$30,000.

Individual Lions can also make donations and receive credits under their name by purchasing a Presidential supporter pin.



Gold \$300, Silver \$150, Bronze \$75

Clubs can recognise previous MJF Lions with a Progressive MJF pin using their credits.



To purchase email:

m.h.williams@xtra.co.nz



Hub General Manager, Lion Murray Leaning and President John Bilderbeck.

KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD

Nelson Host Club are the winners of the District 202E Kindness Matters award. Their entry will now go on to the National level.

The *Hub Grub Club* is a unique community initiative that transforms surplus food, that would otherwise be discarded, into nutritious meals and food parcels for local families and individuals. On average between 40 and 70 people attend the weekly community meal. A very important follow-on from the meal is making connections with those in the community who may need follow up help with issues such as depression, drugs, loneliness and other challenges.

DG Alastair Out & About



Photo of the new cancer shuttle bus that many of our clubs support by donating to the running costs.

District Governor Alastair visited the Christchurch Cancer Centre and was given a tour of the magnificent facility. Alastair described the rooms as like hotel rooms and staying there is completely free of charge to patients, but it still costs the Cancer Society \$175 per day to service the rooms. Hence DG Alastair has launched the appeal for funds to **Sponsor a Room**. I am sure that collectively the clubs of 202E can achieve the goal of either \$10,000 per year or \$7,500 per year for a 3 year sponsorship. This is in addition to the donations we already give via the Motueka Lions Club Appeal for the running of the shuttle bus between the centre and the hospital

WITH REMEMBRANCE - RIP your service is complete

JOHN COTTIER - Lions Club of Glenmark

DAVID BUICK - Lions Club of Seddon

RONALD HEBBERD - Lions Club of Seddon





Rangiora Leos volunteered at the Build a Brick event.



Haswell Lions ran a barbeque and displayed great signage promoting Lions service.

Ukraine Report

We have been building up items in the den as shown in the photo. There should be another 3-4 car loads arriving this week. We will be sorting, packing and labeling the items this Friday to get ready for shipping to Ukraine in mid September.



Yesterday's sewing bee at the Ferrymead Den. They are there for a day every weekend working from 10am to 4pm making quilts and clothing to send to Ukraine.



Lions in Service



Ellesmere Lions Charity Golf Day resulted in a record \$51,000 donation to the Ellesmere College for lighting and sound systems for their new auditorium.



Cheviot Lions have been busy renovating signage in their Lions Park and the walkways in the District.

Mark the calendar

August 28 - Daffodil Day - for Cancer Society

September - Childhood Cancer month - Wig Wednesday

September - Prostate Awareness month

Facts: Blue September

1 in 8 men diagnosed in their life time.

Over 4,000 New Zealanders diagnosed each year.

700+ deaths annually in New Zealand

95+% survival rate when caught early

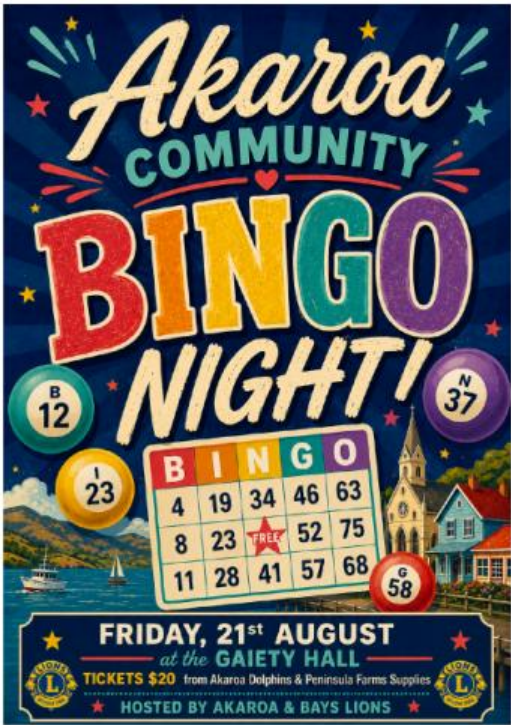
October - Vision Awareness Month

4th - 12th October Mental Health / Wellbeing





Motueka Lions bagging fertiliser



PDG Tracy Henderson (New Zealand Motorhoming Lions Club Branch) and friend Jim doing the mahi. Contact Tracy if you have friends who would be interested in this club.



A heartfelt thank you to Christchurch South Ferrymead Lions Club for its generous donation towards additional privacy screens for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Christchurch Women's Hospital



Purchase of new pool hoist for Stadium 2000 with Blenheim Lions one of three sponsors.



Tony Condon - President Rolleston Lions

"I want to be part of an organisation that notices needs and responds - where good intentions become action, service becomes fellowship and one act of kindness becomes part of something much bigger.

Connection means looking after one another and welcoming new faces. Impact means choosing projects that make a visible difference locally. Legacy means leaving Rolleston and Districts stronger, kinder, and better connected than we found it."



Marlborough Boys College Leos cutting kindling for the Alzheimers Society fundraiser.

Mission 10K Report

Mission 10K is to revitalise and expand our membership so as to achieve 10,000 members in MD202 by July 2027. It is a bold step, and one we cannot do alone. It must be a team effort and all clubs in our district can play a part in making it successful.

Build a Team - your leaders within the club

Build a Vision - where you see your club in 5 years time

Build a Plan - how you will achieve your vision

Build Success - celebrate what you have achieved and continue doing so.

IPDG Bernie Walls - District GMA

These four steps form the basis of a successful Mission 10K. There are a lot of very useful resources that can be found on the International website www.lionsclubs.org

In the search icon, type Global Membership Approach and these resources will appear. All clubs will receive a copy of the document "Plan for your Club's Success". This will enable all clubs to use the template for building their success. Zone Chairs have been supplied with their own copy and will be only too willing to email a copy to the President.

I look forward to working with you as we endeavour to reach our goals.



Welcome to new members - congratulations to their sponsors and Clubs

Richard Abbot	sponsored by Jackie Maw	Akaroa and Bays Lions Club
Neil Ketchen	sponsored by Paul De Latour	Akaroa and Bays Lions Club
John Masefield	sponsored by Joe Wyborn	Akaroa and Bays Lions Club
Jessica Clarke	sponsored by Benjamin Croft	Amuri Lions Club
Rebecca Murdoch	sponsored by Ross Dobby	Amuri Lions Club
Rodney Murell	sponsored by Garth Cowin	Amuri Lions Club
Richard Stirling	sponsored by Matthew Hamilton	Amuri Lions Club
Paul Andersen	sponsored by Helen Williams	Blenheim Lions Club
Sandra Andersen	sponsored by Helen Williams	Blenheim Lions Club
Geoffrey Elvy	sponsored by Delphine Lee	Blenheim Lions Club
Ian McClelland	sponsored by Malcolm Williams	Blenheim Lions Club
Greta Brown	sponsored by Gay Walker	Woodend Pegasus Lions Club
Christine Halligan	sponsored by Gay Walker	Woodend Pegasus Lions Club
Donald Candy	sponsored by Gay Walker	Woodend Pegasus Lions Club
Ian Keith	sponsored by Bruce Gardner	Cheviot Lions Club
Andrew Elliott	sponsored by Neil Bradley	Hokitika Lions Club
Paulette Bell	sponsored by Cheryl Herlihy	New Brighton Lions Club
Brent Brougham	sponsored by Wayne Youngman	Oxford & Districts Lions Club
Andrew Mehrrens	sponsored by John King	Oxford & Districts Lions Club
Ray Bewley	sponsored by Martin Dyer	Rolleston & Districts Lions Club



Kia Ora Lions

My name is Andrew Cook and I am your Global Membership Team Lead for District 202E. I am based in Christchurch and I am proud to be a member of the Rangiora Lions club.

Over the past few months I have been making my way around the district, meeting Zone Chairs, Club Presidents, Secretaries and members who attend zone meetings. So far, I have attended Zone 5 and Zone 7 meetings, and by the time this bulletin reaches you, I will likely have attended several more.

While I would love to attend every meeting in person, this is not always possible. Fortunately online meeting technology allows me to connect with clubs across the district and stay involved, even when travel isn't practical.

My purpose in attending these meetings is to listen and learn. I want to hear what is happening within our clubs, particularly around membership. Membership growth is important, but so is member retention. Understanding what clubs are doing to engage and retain members is just as valuable as recruiting new ones.

As we move through the Lions year, I encourage clubs to continue sharing ideas, celebrating successes, and supporting each other. Every member plays an important role in keeping our clubs strong and vibrant.

If you have any questions about membership, recruiting new members or retaining existing members, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am always happy to help and answer any questions you may have.

Andrew Cook, GMT lead, 202e.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz

Membership

Retention Tip

Mike Cousins

Immediate Past
President Lions Club
of Rolleston and
Districts.

“Committees not only distribute responsibilities more effectively, but they also provide members with ownership of projects and create pathways for future club leaders to gain experience and confidence. I would encourage future Presidents and Boards to consider establishing committees early in the Lions year to support both efficiency and **member engagement**.”

Importance of having a Club Marcom

To get the most from social media you should aim to **post at least once a week. 2 for 3 times a week is even better.**

Posts should emphasize your impact on the community, and what Lions did to ensure that impact.

Now more than ever, it is important that we tell our story well.

Every day, Lions clubs across New Zealand are making a real difference in their communities. From supporting local families and youth programmes, to environmental projects, health initiatives, fundraising and community impact - there are incredible stories happening all around us. Unfortunately, many of these stories are never seen outside the club itself.

Good marketing is not about bragging. It is about:

- Promoting the amazing impact our members make
- Celebrating our volunteers and communities
- Increasing awareness of Lions and what we do
- Attracting future members and supporters
- Strengthening the image and visibility of Lions throughout NZ.



**Words of
Wisdom**

from

Lion Hamish

Price

**a 28 year old
Zone Chair from
Fitzherbert Lions
Club**

Membership growth never happens by accident. It happens when clubs create an environment people genuinely want to be part of.

If clubs want to survive and thrive into the future, we cannot keep doing everything exactly the same way we did 20 or 30 years ago.

The future of a club changes the moment people stop saying “We tried that before and it didn’t work,” and start saying, “Let’s give the next generation a chance to lead.”

When younger members are trusted, empowered, and encouraged to lead, clubs can grow, adapt, and create and energy people want to be part of.

Because people are naturally attracted to clubs that are positive, welcoming, active, and fun. Clubs that create opportunities, embrace fresh ideas, and allow members to contribute meaningfully will always have a better chance of attracting new members than clubs that resist change.

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2027

Like ANZI, a District Convention is a great opportunity to renew old friendships, make new connections and to learn about all things Lionism.

Start planning now for District 202E convention 2027 to be held in CHRISTCHURCH.

Make sure your club is represented in the decision making.

Join with other Lions and enjoy a weekend of fun and fellowship.

*Lions District 202E Convention
The Richmond Club, Christchurch
3rd — 4th April 2027*



Jungle Fever

*Share your club's
achievements and
service in the Bulletin*

**Please send your action photos and captions to the
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be featured.**