



K NEWS

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STAND TALL GO FURTHER DO MORE

*Tu Teitei, Haere Atu,
Mahi Atu*

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“

Be like the Kauri: stand tall in service, grow others, and leave a lasting legacy.

”

MISSION **1.5**

TOGETHER WE CAN
GROW TO 1.5 MILLION
LIONS WORLDWIDE

WE SERVE

INTEGRITY

KINDNESS

TEAMWORK

LEADERSHIP

District Governor Steve Bennett



Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to August, the last official month of Winter.

A number of you will be aware that Tammy and I tacked on a holiday to Japan after my induction as DG in Hong Kong.

On a trip to Nagasaki I was taken to this statue by our guide.

The words on the plaque will not mean much unless you can read Japanese. They recognise the contribution Lions have made to supporting the blind and 50 years of service to the Nagasaki community with a symbol of Lions as leaders to the impaired vision community.

What made it very special for us was that our local guide, upon learning of my Lions induction took us to the statue and told me that Lions had given her inspiration after she won the equivalent to our District Speechmaker contest. She said that that gave her the courage to go to University and pursue a career in the travel industry. It proved to me what a difference our global Lions brand has and the impact that Lions has on peoples' lives.



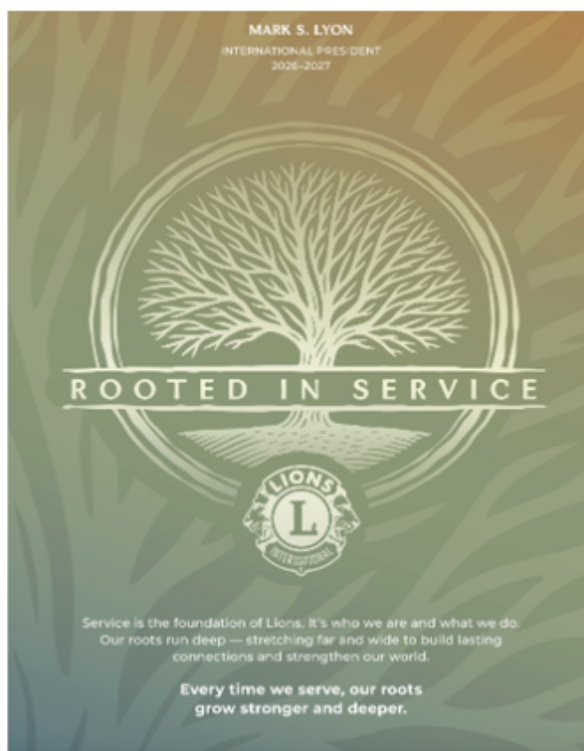
"Be proud of your Lions connection and share your stories"

International President Mark Lyon



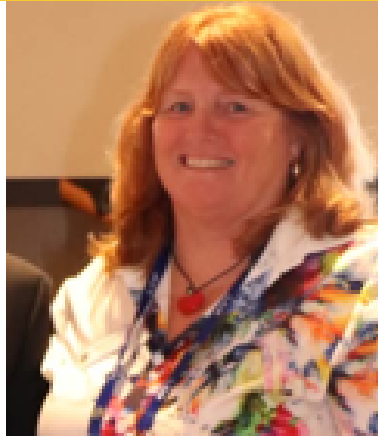
International President Mark S. Lyon is a husband, father, musician, corporate executive, leader - and in many ways, just a regular Lion.

President Lyon believes that service is the cornerstone of our organization and that every act of service, whether big or small, has the power to create a ripple effect of positive action. By remaining rooted in service and advocating for those we serve, we will make the world a better place.



Introducing Global Membership Approach(GMA)

VDG Mandy Hebben



Global Membership Approach (GMA)

Mission 10K District Leader -Helping Our District Grow

We're on an exciting journey to boost MD202 membership to 10,000 by July 2027, and the Mission 10K District Leaders are right at the heart of it. This new role in New Zealand is headed by Steve Barr, our MD202 Global Action Team Area Leader, and Richard Norris, MD202 GMA Leader at Multiple District level. The Global Membership Approach (GMA) is all about helping our clubs grow stronger, welcoming new members, and establishing new clubs across the district. The GMA uses a simple four-step method: build a team, create a vision, make a plan, and celebrate success. It's a practical, supportive framework designed to help clubs thrive.

I'll be working closely with DG Steve, the GAT team – Dave, Tim, Lynda and Ricky – along with Region and Zone Chairs, to spot membership trends, encourage good planning, and keep everyone moving toward our Mission 10K goals. Regular updates and open communication are a big part of the role, so I'll be sharing our district goals, plans, and achievements with the cabinet team throughout the year.

Success isn't just about numbers; it's about healthier clubs, better training, and clear, consistent reporting. Ultimately, the aim is simple: more members, more clubs, and more service in our communities.

I'm passionate about Lions and love seeing clubs thrive, so I'm excited to take on this role and help make a real impact across our district.



Introducing Global Leadership Team Coordinator (GLT)

IPDG Lynda Halverson



My name is Lynda Halverson (IPDG), and I am proud to serve as the Lions Global Leadership Team (GLT) leader for 202K

First and foremost, I am a very proud mother and grandmother. I am also incredibly proud to be a Lion.

I joined Lions 18 years ago with a genuine passion for supporting our youth, and that commitment continues to inspire my service today. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of leadership roles, with a strong focus on servant leadership, both within our district and at the Multiple District (national) level.

Leadership development has been an important part of my Lions journey. I have attended and thoroughly enjoyed leadership workshops at both the district and international levels, and it has been a privilege to return as faculty for many of these programs, helping others develop their own leadership skills and confidence.

I firmly believe that leadership is a journey. Every one of us has opportunities to learn, grow, and support one another along the way. If I can encourage, mentor, or connect someone with the right resources to help them on their journey, then that is a rewarding experience for both of us.

I look forward to working with and supporting growth throughout 202K as we continue serving our communities together. As we grow as leaders—each in our own unique way—our Association grows stronger. We need leaders in every aspect of Lions, and leadership is not about titles; it is about service, commitment, and inspiring others.

I challenge each of you to reflect on your own leadership journey. What areas would you like to develop? How can we support you in reaching your goals? Together, we can help one another become stronger leaders and stronger Lions.

Lions is about everyone working together, supporting one another, and making a positive difference in our communities. I look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Introducing Global Membership Team Coordinator (GMT)

PDG Dave Thomson



Name: David (Dave) Thompson married Diane with 3 adult children and 6 grandchildren

Years in Lions: 14 this December

Positions Held at Club Level

**2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President currently in my 6th term, Tail Twister
Membership Chair, Chair of several Projects.**

Positions Held at District Level

**Zone Chair 2 terms, Region Chair, 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor
District Governor**

District Membership Chair (DMT) in my 2nd term.

Ideas for this year:

**To create a list of Club Membership Chairs and arrange a regular Zoom meeting with them.
I can support clubs running projects by setting up and man a membership stand alongside
the club members running the project.**

**If a Club needs speaker for a meeting I am quiet happy to come and talk on Membership
and /or do an orientation to help new and the not so new members keep with up to date
with Lions information .**

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Introducing Global Extension Team (GET) District Coordinator PDG Ricky Singh



As the Global Extension Team (GET) District Coordinator, my role is to lead and promote the growth and expansion of Lions Clubs throughout the district by identifying opportunities for new clubs and club branches, increasing membership, and extending Lions service into underserved communities. I work closely with the District Governor, Global Action Team leaders, zone and region leaders, sponsoring clubs, and Guiding Lions to develop sustainable growth strategies and achieve district extension goals.

Key Responsibilities:

Identify opportunities for establishing new Lions clubs and club branches in communities, workplaces, campuses, and special-interest groups that are not currently served by Lions.

Encourage and support existing clubs to take an active role in extension by identifying local growth opportunities, sponsoring new clubs, and developing club branches as pathways to future chartered clubs.

Collaborate with club leaders, zone chairs, and district leaders to create and implement extension plans aligned with district and Lions International growth objectives.

Guide and support the process of new club and branch development, including community assessments, informational meetings, membership recruitment, leadership identification, and mentoring.

Provide training, resources, and ongoing support to sponsoring clubs, Guiding Lions, and extension teams to ensure the long-term success of new clubs and branches.

Monitor progress, measure results, and report on district growth initiatives, ensuring that extension goals are achieved and sustainable.

Summary:

As District GET Coordinator, I champion Lions growth by working with clubs to identify extension opportunities, establish club branches and new clubs, develop future leaders, and expand Lions service to reach more communities throughout the district.

**Ricky Singh
District 202K GET Coordinator**

District Governor Visits

District Governor Steve Bennett

3 Sept Te Kauwhata
15 Sept Ngatea
28 Sept Waiuku
29 Sept Wellsford
7 Oct Coromandel
15 Oct Mangonui
19 Oct Paparoa



Vice District Governor Mandy Hebben

17 Aug Waimauku
26 Aug Bucklands Beach & Panmure
2 Sept Whitianga & Mercury Bay
7 Sept Clevedon
9 Sept Okaihau & Kaikohe



Lions Christmas Cakes - Serving Our Communities, One Cake at a Time



The Christmas cake fundraiser project is looming.

This is a great Club project which requires little work at Club level other than sale of the cakes.

The Christmas Club Committee wants to increase its sale from the prior year. Can you help?

<https://lionschristmascakes.org.nz/>



"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

Whangarei Lions Club Citrus Project



President Ray ponders "Where is it all coming from, and can we pack it all?" Of course we can!



"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

Pakuranga Panmure Lions Club



Can Your Club Help?

Our Pakuranga Panmure Lions Club is involved with a project at a school for disabled children (Sommerville School).

The proposal is the installation of an outdoor hoist and rail system in a

covered outdoor learning area.

This enables children to safely mobilise outdoors, access adapted bikes,

stand alongside other children during play and learning activities.

Interested in helping and giving our children a better life outcome?

Contact:

Chris Martin

Club Secretary

Pakuranga Panmure Lions

Email: ccmartin@xtra.co.nz

"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

LIONS CLUB OF WHITIANGA

President Mike's Message



The year ahead announces important challenges for our club, notably more able hands on deck for our fund raising work force along with a certain amount of grey matter if we are to meet those challenges. A reminder of how busy we shall be over the next few months

R. I. P. Noel Selwyn Hewlett

It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of Noel on July 1st



Over recent weeks, the pages of our local newspaper The Coromandel Informer, have been filled with memories of what Noel contributed to our community. Whether it was from the days the family ran the supermarket, his 15 years on TCDC, or the hundreds of hours he and his late brother Ray spend assisting the development of the Bike Park. Noel never stopped giving and caring for our community.

He joined the Lions Club of Mairangi Bay in August 1978 and was President of the Mairangi Bay Club 1980-81 and received a President Appreciation Award from the then DG. In July 1982 he resigned from Mairangi Bay and in August he transferred to Whitianga Lions. He resigned in February 1984 as he found running a busy supermarket 6 days a week left him little time for Lions, plus he was involved with the

establishment of the Mercury Bay Business Assn. He rejoined Whitianga Lions again in August 1992 sponsored by Ian Maxwell. He was President of Whitianga Lion for 1995-96, Therefore, he has served Lions for a total of 48 years

"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

Te Kauwhata & Districts Lions Club

Roadside Rose Pruning

A beautiful blue sky, frosty morning day, allowed a number of Club members to get stuck into tidying up the roses from the railway crossing to the bend at the bottom of the hill on Te Kauwhata Road. Quite the job too, as we hadn't managed to get to them last year. A lot of dead wood was removed and other stems tidied up. We still need to work our way up the hill, to at least the old winery. If we can get further along the road, that will be amazing. Anytime you have some spare time and the weather permits, grab some secateurs and gloves, and get stuck in!



Photos courtesy of Councillor Marlene as she stopped to thank us for our service to the Community.

President's news

Welcome to the new Lions year. Thank you to the newly appointed officers for standing and accepting the various roles. For most, this is our first time in these positions so please bear with us if we make mistakes.

This year my goal is to promote our Lions Club in the local community, letting them know of our accomplishments, in sponsoring locals and the donations that we have carried out in the last year, as well as any upcoming events.

In doing this we would help to raise the community's awareness of us as a fantastic community-based organisation, with the goal of encouraging new members. Remember, if we don't sing our own praises, how can we expect others to.

Take care in this cold weather and promote our firewood sales.

"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

Bucklands Beach Lions Club



**IPDG Linda Halverson inducting our
new Board for 2026 - 2027**

Leo's Corner

Bucklands Beach Intermediate Leo Club

Meet at 8.00am to 9.00am each Thursday morning

Christine Ford- Leo Liaison

Christine reports that the Leo Club this year has about 60 members.
Recently sold food at the School Disco which is one of their main income events.
Currently cleaning plastic bags for blanket project



Howick College Leo Club.



Two work Tables built and supplied by
the Bucklands Beach Lions Club to the
Howick Primary School for their "Garden
to Table" Activity

"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

Henderson West Auckland



Carparking
Shed Construction

Another Food Donation to GAKAB



Santa and his
Helper?

"Honouring the Spirit and Soul of Our District"

Mangawhai Lions

PROJECT UPLIFT

Any woman understands what life would be like without a bra. It's a garment many of us take for granted — but for women in poorer countries, it's often an item they simply cannot afford.

Project Uplift collects bras from around New Zealand and sends them mainly to Pacific nations including Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Samoa. They also distribute bras to women and girls in need here in New Zealand through health providers, community groups, and high schools in disadvantaged areas.

Mangawhai Lions are excited to support Project Uplift by coordinating bra collection in Mangawhai and the surrounding areas. We will collect, sort, and forward donations to the Project Uplift team.



WHAT WE WILL COLLECT

Bras – all sizes Any cup size — the bigger the better. Good condition preferred but don't worry if wires are protruding or wonky; we can remove them and recycle the bra. If a bra is too worn to use, cut off the hooks and eyes and use as a hose instead — they can be turned into bra extenders.

Sports bras and crop tops

Nursing bras If it will catch a leak, it's better than nothing. Reusable nursing bras are also appreciated.

Mastectomy bras and breast forms (prostheses) If possible, please send them with the breast form/prosthesis and place the relevant bras under the plastic mould inside the box. These are given to hospitals for distribution. If sending only (without prostheses), please include a note so they are sorted correctly.

Swimwear – any size Many women fish or dive for their livelihood.

Lions Service Calendar 2026 – 2027

MONTH	DATE	DAY
January	Month	Hunger Awareness Month
	11 th – 18 th	LQF Week
	13 th	Melvin Jones' birthday
	21 st – 22 nd	LCI Peace poster judging event
February	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	15 th	International Childhood Cancer Day
March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8 th	International Women's Day
	15 th	World Sleep Day
April	Month	Leo Club Awareness month
	Month	Environmental Awareness month
	Month	Family & Friends month
	22 nd	Earth Day
	25 th	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	Month	Strengthen Membership Month
June	1 st	Helen Keller Day
	5 th	World Environment / Arbor Day
	7 th	Lions Clubs International birthday
	20 th	World Refugee Day
		Lions Volunteer Month
July	Month	
August	TBA	MD Speech Competition Finals
	12 th	International Youth Day
	19 th	World Humanitarian Day
	Last Friday	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
September	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	Month	Prostate Cancer Awareness – Blue September
	5 th	International Day of Charity
	Week	Mental Health Awareness week
	Week	Alzheimer's Cuppa for a cause
October	Month	Vision Awareness Month
	1 st	International Day of the Older Person
	8 th	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Day
	8 th	World Sight Day
		Child mobility Walktober
	Month	Membership Growth Month
November	Month	Diabetes Awareness Month
	14 th	World Diabetes Day - Lap the Map walk
	15 th	Peace Poster due to DG
December	3 rd	International Day of Disabled Persons
	5 th	International Leo Day
	5 th	World Volunteers Day
	15 th	MD Peace Poster posted to LCI

Daffodil

Day



**Cancer
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku
o Aotearoa

New Zealand

STAND WITH THE CANCER SOCIETY

Together, we bring hope ♥



Daffodil Day is on
Friday 28th August



Daffodil Day **symbolises hope** for every New Zealander affected by cancer.



Since 1990, this iconic event has inspired people to come **together** in the fight against cancer to raise awareness and to support the Cancer Society's work.



Daffodils are a sign of **hope and new life**. They come with warmer days and longer daylight hours. For many people, they represent **survival, hope, and remembrance**.



**TOGETHER,
WE CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.**

Thank you!



GET INVOLVED. GIVE HOPE.

Wear a daffodil, make a donation,
or get involved in your community.



*Together, we stand
with all New Zealanders
affected by cancer.*

HOPE ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ SUPPORT ♥ REMEMBRANCE



Innovation

Inclusion

Impact

Still Deciding? The Countdown Is On!

The countdown has officially begun! In just over a month's time, Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific will come together in Auckland for the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum—and we can't wait to welcome you.

If you've been meaning to register, now is the time. Final preparations are well underway, our speakers are ready, the programme is taking shape, and excitement is building as delegates continue to register.

This year's Forum will be packed with inspiring keynote speakers, engaging workshops, innovative ideas and practical takeaways that you can bring back to your club. Just as importantly, it's an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new connections and celebrate the incredible impact Lions have across our ANZI region.

Whether this is your first Forum or one of many, you're guaranteed an unforgettable experience.

The countdown is on... don't watch it happen from afar—be part of it!

Join us in Auckland as we celebrate Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.



Innovation

Inclusion

Impact

UPDATES

From the Registration Team...



News Flash from the Registrations Desk!

Hold onto your hats—we are officially creeping up on 300 registrations, which means seats are disappearing fast! If you know anyone who is still sitting on the fence, give them a friendly nudge to lock in their spot today. We'd hate for them to miss out on the action!



Reflect, Recharge, Renew

**Are you planning on attending? Stay tuned for more news,
as we'll be sharing additional details shortly.**

202K District Convention

Bula!

Your flight to the 202K District Convention in Nadi has not been delayed and will be boarding in about 4 months.

The expected temperature in Nadi for the convention will be highs of 31 and lows of 22. At the same time Auckland will be 20/13, Apia 30/24, Pago Pago 30/25

Useful Fijian Phrases

Though English is an official language it is time to start learning some useful Fijian phrases:

Common Greetings

Bula - The most common greeting, meaning 'hello' or 'welcome'

Ni sa bula - A more formal or respectful greeting

Ni sa yadra - Good morning

Ni sa moce - Goodbye or good night; note the 'c' is pronounced like 'th'

O sa lako ki vei? - Literally 'Where are you going?' Used as a casual greeting

Expressions of Gratitude

Vinaka - Thank you

Vinaka vaka-levu - Thank you very much

Kerekere - Please, used to make requests polite

The convention will be at the Hilton International Hotel Denarau. There are many great options for accommodation in the immediate area or at Denarau Island.



DISTRICT 202K CONVENTION
Relax, Refresh, Revitalise
13th - 15th November 2026
Venue: Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji



REGISTRATION FORM – NZ

IMPORTANT: Each Lion must complete a separate registration form (please print clearly)

Surname				First Name			
Club				District			
Lion ☐	Leo ☐	Office Held			Delegate:	☐	
Partner's Surname				First Name			Lion / <u>Non-Lion</u>
Postal Address							
					Post Code		
Email Address					Phone No. Or Mobile	()	
Special Dietary requirements							
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS				COST Each	LION	PARTNER	TOTAL
Registration: Lion Includes Morning Tea and Lunch				\$100.00		N/A	
Registration: Non-Lion Partner – Includes Morning Tea				\$50.00	N/A		
Saturday Business - AGM				No charge		N/A	
Partners Tour – Lunch & Entry Fees at own cost					N/A		
Saturday Evening Dinner and Dance				\$80.00			
				TOTAL TO PAY			\$

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT - REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 23 October 2026

EMAIL: Attach your scanned Registration Form and send to: 202k.convrego@lionsclubs.org.nz
INTERNET BANKING: – 03-0166-0407978-000 – Lions Clubs International District 202K Incorporated <u>Particulars:</u> Convention <u>Code:</u> Your <u>club</u> name <u>Reference:</u> Your name
Postal Address: Registrations, Lions 202K Convention, 88 Benner Drive, Ngatea 3503
An acknowledgement will be emailed promptly. Please ensure your email address is printed clearly and keep a copy for your records. Please make contact if no acknowledgement received.

District Awards 2025-2026 Lions Year



Award Categories for the 2025-2026 Lions Year:

Jack Guy/Michael MacPherson Best Bulletin Award

Recognising excellence in club bulletin publication - informative, engaging and reflective of Lions spirit.

Cyril Moore/David Dawick Community Awareness & Communication Award

Awarded to the club that has shown outstanding effort in promoting Lions and communicating effectively within the community.

Cliff Heywood/Bob Stanic Quiet Achiever Award

Honouring a Lion who works behind the scenes and makes a significant difference through dedication, service and humility.

Bernie Ash Youth Activities Award

Presented to the club that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to supporting and encouraging youth in our communities.

John Frogley Outstanding Community Project Award

Recognising a club project that has made a significant and lasting impact on the local community.

Jack Guy Most Improved Club Award

Acknowledging the club that has shown remarkable improvement in membership, service, leadership or overall performance.

Kelvin Greene Outstanding Club Award

Awarded to the club that has demonstrated overall excellence in leadership, service, membership and community impact.

**** Peter Smith Membership Award**

Note that membership numbers for this are taken from the Club Membership Register Summary to end of June 2026.

Key Information:

- Immediate Past District Governor Lynda Halverson will select the winners
- Entries in each category to include supporting documentation
- Entries for the Best Bulletin award to include two different month's bulletins
- Nominations for the Quiet Achiever to include the reason for selection

All entries to be emailed to: 202k.ipdg@lionsclubs.org.nz

Close off date for entries: 30 September 2026

Awards presented at the District 202K Convention: 14 November 2026, Nadi

DON'T MISS OUT — APPLY NOW!

Clubs are encouraged to submit entries for all applicable award categories.
Celebrate your achievements — entries close 30 September 2026.