



DISTRICT 202E BULLETIN

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DG Alastair Rankin

The Ukraine project went exceptionally well with enough money and oodles of warm clothing and equipment, so a sincere thank you to all who contributed.

On the other hand, the appeal to sponsor a room for the Canterbury Cancer Centre has stalled well short of the line. I strongly urge you to get behind this - you may well need it one day. Nevertheless a special thanks to those clubs that have contributed so very generously.

My visits program is progressing well after a wee hiatus with Covid. It's really great to meet you all and to see the way we each do things the same but different. You are an incredible bunch of people and I am constantly in awe of how much you do and give and the various ways you find to do it - and never blowing your own trumpet.

Last week I visited the Lions Club of Wigram and inducted six - **yes six** new members, one for their club and five for their Hornby Club Branch. All because of a game of Housie and a 'Just Ask' philosophy. It really does work so why not give it a try?

Now that we have a First and Second Vice District Governor for this year we are looking at our future succession planning and we really, really need a Second Vice District Governor for next year and the years after that. It's a great job and the benefits are outstanding - travel, dinners, meetings in various wonderful places both nationally and internationally, and getting to meet all the people.

This could be you - why not, what's the worst that could happen?

Just a wee reminder that our District is to host the Multiple District convention in April 2029. I'm 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. Please give it some serious thought and let me know.

I'll see you out there.

Ka kite anō au i a koe

Alastair



World President Mark Lyons



One of the best things about being a Lions is our service. When we stay grounded in our service, we unlock our club’s full potential.

While service is the most important thing, it’s also important that we help every Lion unlock their potential. Offering an inclusive, welcoming club environment, leadership opportunities and opportunities for personal growth helps attract new members and keep all members engaged and enthusiastic.

Lions is a place to serve and grow, and our clubs get stronger and our service gets better when all members make unique contributions based on their skills, interests and passions.

DG Alastair Visiting Calendar		Date	
Kaikoura & Seaward KK	Thursday 8 October	Havelock	Tuesday 20 October
Picton	Wednesday 21 October	Chch City Breakfast	Wednesday 28 October
Halswell District	Wednesday 4 November	Ahaura Grey Valley	Saturday 7 November
Greymouth	Saturday 7 November	Hokitika	Monday 9 November
Akaroa & Bays	Tuesday 17 November	Ellesmere	Thursday 19 November
Glenmark	Tuesday 24 November	Golden Bay	Thursday 26 November

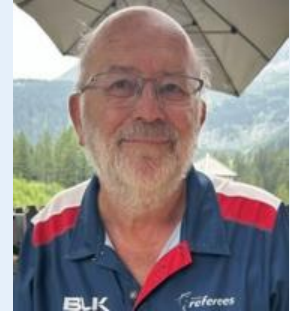
Introducing our Vice District Governors



First Vice DG Lou Smith
Lions Club of Kaikoura
Seaward

*Thank you to VDG's Lou and Nigel
for stepping up to our vacant
Leadership positions and ensuring
our District continues to thrive.*

Editor Helen



Second Vice DG Nigel Jones
Richmond Club

District Leadership Goal

In the 2026-27 Lions year, to ensure the District operates effectively and ensure an ongoing supply of district leaders in the future, we will:

Provide effective Zone Chair training; Ensure that there are enough Guiding Lions that are well trained; Ensure that all cabinet members are adequately trained in their roles; ensure that there is effective communication between all members of the cabinet team.



District Goal: 75% of clubs in the District will make a donation to LCIF with total donations to LCIF of \$30,000 NZ

Nepal needs Lions now - and it will need Lions for the recovery ahead. Every Lions Club is urged to consider how it can support the people of Nepal through LCIF. Donations regardless of size, can contribute to the continued relief and recovery effort and help LCIF extend its support well beyond the initial emergency response.

By giving through LCIF we can combine the strength of Lions Clubs around the world and make a meaningful difference where it is needed most.

Send your donation to

Westpac International
Assoc of Lions

03-0502-0081103-00

Particulars: Club name

Code: Club number

Reference: LCIF DR
Nepal



Help Us Share the Lions Legacy

As part of our new Legacy campaign, we would love to help tell the story of Lions service across New Zealand - **both past and present**.

We are looking for photos, stories and examples of Lions projects, whether they are long-standing legacies from years gone by or new projects making a difference in communities today.

Do you have: old photos of Lions at work?, images of plaques, playgrounds, halls, shelters, tracks or equipment connected to your club. Newspaper clippings or historic project stories. Current photos of new projects continuing your clubs service today?

Every project has a story behind it - and together, those stories show the incredible legacy Lions have built, and continue to build, across New Zealand.

Please send them through to: office@lionsclubs.org.nz for possible use on our social media channels.

Include; your club name, a few words about the project, when it happened and why it mattered to your community.

Out & About



Nelson Host Club making candy floss for the school fair



Marlborough Boys' College Leo Quiz Team helping to raise funds for Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter



Akaroa's Bingo callers, Ray of Sunshine Phillipa Linton and Big Balls, Joe Wyborn call the number to a full room and raise \$5,000 for the Cancer Society



Picking daffodils in Motueka ready for Daffodil Day



Kaikoura Seaward entertained at the Lip Sync fundraiser with their own version of The Lion Sleeps tonight.



Congratulations to Murray Faulkner on achieving 55 years as a Lion. Murray began his Lions journey in Malvern and he is still active in the Ashburton Pakeke Club. 10 members of the Malvern Club, recently awarded chevrons, have clocked up an impressive 215 years of service to their community.

Ukraine Society Thanks



To the Members of the Lions Clubs of Christchurch and the Upper South Island,

On behalf of the Ukrainian Educational and Support Trust, we extend our deepest appreciation for your outstanding humanitarian support to the people of Ukraine.

Your clubs have undertaken an extraordinary effort to collect warm clothing, blankets, medical equipment, children's toys, and many other essential items. The countless working bees producing quilts, woolen baby clothing, and other handmade goods reflect the compassion and dedication of your members and wider community. Your coordinated effort ensures these urgently needed supplies will soon reach families, hospitals, and communities in Ukraine. In addition, we sincerely acknowledge your generous fundraising of \$11,400 to support the shipping costs of humanitarian aid to Ukraine. This contribution directly strengthens our ability to deliver life-saving assistance and maintain regular aid shipments during this critical time.

Your commitment to humanitarian service exemplifies the very best of community leadership in Aotearoa. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for standing with Ukraine and for demonstrating such meaningful solidarity. We strongly believe that resilience of the Ukrainian people and survival is possible because communities like yours do exist.

With sincere appreciation,
Ukrainian Educational and Support Trust

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Mark the calendar

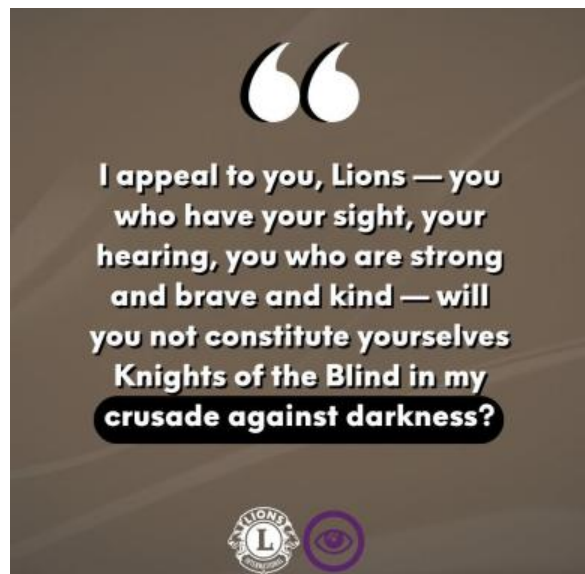
October – Vision Awareness Month

4th - 12th October Mental Health / Wellbeing

9th World Sight Day

15th White Cane Day

17th - 18th Pink Ribbon - Breast Cancer



November - Lap the Map Month

14th - World Diabetes Day

Diabetes NZ have launched the One Million Minutes 2026 challenge. They are asking Aotearoa NZ to get behind them and help clock up One Million Minutes of activity during November. Lap the Map can be part of that.

What's your move? It could be stepping, cycling, swimming, kapa haka, dancing, stairclimbing, gardening, dog-walking, chair aerobics, golfing, bowling or yoga.

Report your clubs cumulative minutes of activity, or kilometres walked / cycled to our District GST Neil Johnston.
202e.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz



December

District Award entries are due **before 1 December**. Please send to IPDG Bernie Walls. District Award categories, entry form and criteria can be found on our district depository <https://202e-lionsclubs.org.nz>



Ellesmere Lions, with the help of volunteers, have made 3,000 plantings at Harts Creek this year.



Nelson Host and volunteers prepare meals each week at the Tahunanui Grub Hub for members of the community.



Lion Mike Brown from Motueka welcomes an invitation to be a guest speaker and share his life's journey with all its ups and downs.

Being a Lion is about getting involved, lending a hand and working together for our community. When everyone contributes, even in a small way, the workload is shared and we achieve far more as a club. Martyn Dyer - Rolleston Club



Let John know your success stories.

Send the editor photos of your selling strategy

Lions Christmas Cakes

It's that time of year again

And the freshly baked, secret recipe, cakes are ready for delivery now. Please get your orders in asap as supply will sell out. The District has decided to hold the price at \$25 per cake which is the same as last year. We would like this as a uniform price across the District. I have attached a flyer we use in Christchurch was can be altered for your club.

Kind regards

John Hobson (District Coordinator)



Email John direct for a copy
johnfhobson@xtra.co.nz

Membership - Steps for Success

Recruitment can - and should - be something that all members take part in. The following steps can help you start the conversation with potential new members.

Step 1: Just ask

Identify friends, family, colleagues, or neighbours you feel comfortable inviting. You know who would make great Lions - so just ask! A personal invitation is one of the most effective ways to bring in new members.

Step 2: Advocate for your club

Talk about your club's impact and why you're passionate about it. Share personal stories about the difference your club makes in the community. Enthusiasm is contagious!

Step 3: Engage prospects directly

When you meet someone who might be interested, have a meaningful conversation about how they can make a difference by joining. Listen to their interests and connect them with opportunities to align with their passions.

Step 4: Promote service on social media

Share your club's activities on social media, post photos from service projects, and invite your network to upcoming events. Encourage club members to share posts and testimonials to expand the reach.

Welcome to new members - congratulations to their sponsors and Clubs

Kevin Fenemor	sponsored by Neil Rosenberg	Amberley Lions Club
Bryan Limmer	sponsored by Neil Rosenberg	Amberley Lions Club
Manfred Pahlen	sponsored by Neil Rosenberg	Amberley Lions Club
Peter Graveston	sponsored by Stephen Doak	Amberley Lions Club
Haohuan Liu	sponsored by Lydia Zeng	Christchurch Chinese Lions Club
Mark Rogers	sponsored by Glen Threadwell	New Brighton Lions Club
Sally Rogers	sponsored by Christine Threadwell	New Brighton Lions Club
Garry Spinks	sponsored by Fred Lilley	Seddon Lions Club
Ingrid Salm	sponsored by Carol Thomas	Selwyn Lions Club

'One of the finest benefits of being a Lion is the support, care and fellowship you will receive from this club when times get tough'

President Tony Mason - Akaroa and Bays Lions Club

Membership Retention Tip

WP Mark Lyon

*"True impact starts
with one act of
service, big or small"*

This year, work with your club to create service projects that are engaging, impactful and aligned with community needs. And if you want to make them even more fun, ask your family and friends to serve with you.

I want to feature your club.

Post on your club facebook page weekly

Send me your club bulletin

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202e.marcom@lionsclubs.org.nz

Post at least once a week. 2 or 3 times a week is even better. Tell your story by emphasizing your impact on the community.

(If you have not posted for a month or more it looks as if your club is no longer active)

I view your facebook page and share interesting action photos, event posters and good marketing on the District Facebook page. Have I caught your club yet?

Helen Williams (District Marcom)

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2027

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.



202E District Convention

3rd – 4th APRIL 2027

Richmond Club

Christchurch



Registrations

Convention 2027 is almost here! Registrations will open soon, so watch for the announcement and be ready to secure your place in the fun.

With two action-packed days ahead, you'll receive your registration pack on Saturday morning before the convention gets underway with a mid-morning start.

Don't miss this WOW event—get ready for a fantastic Convention 2027!



Keynote Speaker

Meet **Ruud Kleinpaste** — ‘**The Bugman**’, the New Zealand-based Dutch naturalist, entomologist and science communicator who turns the hidden world of insects and nature into entertaining stories and unforgettable discoveries.

Expect fascinating facts, lively storytelling and a fresh look at the small creatures that play a big role in our world.



Fancy Dress Challenge

Gather your club, unleash your imagination and dress to impress—who will take home the Convention 2027 fancy-dress trophy?

Theme: Jungle Fever. Go wild with jungle animals, explorers, hunters or a brilliantly unexpected club creation—the bolder, the better!

There is a trophy up for grabs for best group or couples.



LCIF Cake Auction

Calling all bakers and decorators: can your club create a show-stopping cake for the LCIF Cake Auction?

Bring your club's cake to Richmond Club when you register on the morning of 3 April 2027, ready for the evening auction.

Everyone can join the bidding—choose your favourite cake and help raise funds for LCIF.

Important: Include a complete ingredient list with your cake so bidders can check for allergens.

Back for its second year, the auction will raise funds for LCIF—so bring your creativity and help make a difference.

Cake size: 10" × 10" square or 10" round.

Decoration: Let your imagination run wild, but your cake must follow the 'Jungle Fever' theme to be eligible for the trophy.

Trophy: A brand-new annual trophy is up for grabs, and the winning club will claim the very first plaque—start planning your masterpiece now!



Partners Programme

Get ready for an unforgettable Partners Programme! Exciting choices are on the way—keep an eye on upcoming newsletters for all the amazing details.

Share your 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.