

MD202 Convention – Invercargill 28th – 30th April 2023

Newsletter #3



Hosted by WAIHOPAI CITY LIONS CLUB and supporting clubs.

Fellow Lions and Leos

3 months to go we are getting ready for you for an exciting weekend!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? Time to get that done, why come to Invercargill? WHY NOT?

INVERCARGILL or INVERRRCARRRGILL to some people. Not an Auckland or even Wellington, just Invercargill. (Now famous as the “Shit” capital of NZ). With parks, motor museums, golf courses, walks, and our brand-new city centre with our super new mall.



Invercargill is flat, has plenty of car parks, and is easy to navigate. We recently hosted 23

national and international artist who spruced up the CBD walls



All **functions** will be held at Ascot Park Hotel Complex, Tay Street, Invercargill.

Accommodation

The Convention venue, Ascot Park Hotel has several different options of accommodation on site, apartments, hotel rooms and motel units, plus tons of free car parking on site.

There is also plenty of other accommodation near the venue.

Balmoral Lodge – 265 Tay Street – Ph 03 2199050

Langlands Hotel – 59 Dee Street – Ph 0800848 688

Homestead Villa Motel – 329 Dee Street - Ph03 21 40408

554 Moana Court Motel - 554 Tay Street - Ph 032178443

295 On Tay - 295 Tay Street - Ph 0800295295

Admiral Court Motel - 327 Tay Street - Ph 03 2171117

Monarch Motel - 633 Tay Street - Ph 0800287666

Along state highway 1 (Tay Street) there is plenty of other suitable motels and downtown is the new “Langlands” hotel which is top notch.



Registrations – [Convention Registration](#)

Apologies - [Apologies](#)

Stall Request - [Request for stall](#)

Voting Delegates

There will be a separate desk for delegates to collect their voting sticks. Please ensure your club has paid all dues to International, Multiple District and District. These should be paid 2 weeks prior to convention.

Partners Programme

We have secured an exciting day out at Bluff where the partners will be taken by vans to visit the Te Rau Aroha Marae, which is the world’s most southern marae, located in the small town of Bluff, South Island, New Zealand. It was originally established in the late 19th century as a hostel for local Māori who lived on islands off the Southland coast.

The marae proper was developed in 1985, but the tupuna whare, Tahu-pōtiki, which takes its name from the ancestor (tupuna) of the local tribe, Ngāi Tahu, was opened in February 2003. You will be treated to stunning views whilst enjoying some delicious food.



Saturday evening – Goodbye Pork Pie - Enjoy the meal, dance the night away with a great band. Dress-up in the theme of **Goodbye Pork Pie** let your imagination go wild. We will be on the look-out for the person or persons who show they have really dressed in the theme. It maybe you who secures the prize.

Leos

Please encourage our Leos to attend. You can meet with the largest Leo Club in the Southern Hemisphere.

Start planning your trip now - - you will not be disappointed

Maree Hayes

Convention Chair MD202.convention2023@lionsclubs.org.nz