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EDITORIAL

Kia Ora to my fellow Lions,

I think it is safe to say that “2020 has been one of the most challenging years for everyone around the world.” Life could give you lemons, but that does not necessarily mean that you should be making lemonade! Let’s plant it and get a garden of Lemon!

Right now what the world needs is love and care; more and more of it! When you are a Lion, spreading love and care; reaching out to the ones in need; taking care of each other is never optional. That is what we, Lions are for!

Reading about all these great deeds done for great causes by my fellow Lions, have never made me feel prouder to call myself a Lion!

Send us your inspirational stories or even a funny story that could put a smile on someone’s face; because the world needs positive energy to heal again.

Let’s stay safe so that we could keep everyone around us safe!

We all are in this together!





INVEST CHALLENGE ENCOURAGE

202K DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Brian McMillan

Dear 202K Members

What a few weeks can make. Spring has really sprung with the flowers appearing, the sky becoming clearer and days becoming longer and warmer. We are again enjoying the relaxing of the Alert levels but remaining vigilant and we are seeing many clubs once again getting together by spending fellowship with their fellow Lions members.

The District Governor Team of Myself, VDG Roger Davis and 2VDG Ricky Singh and have been back out and completing several club visits which after these had been postponed and rescheduled, the year's visits will be extended this year out to November. It has been very pleasing to see that we are still gaining in membership, so please keep these new members engaged to enjoy the service we produce out in our communities. I am hearing and seeing in the Bulletins of the fabulous work many clubs have doing in and supporting their communities despite the restrictions.

It was wonderful to have 16 former Hauraki Plains Lionesses inducted into the Lions Club of Ngatea, I am especially humbled by this experience as this is my own Club. These ladies will bring a new dimension to our Club who also bring with them their commitment to support our wonderful community. The ceremony was conducted by PDG Wendy Miller assisted by PDG Gordon Barnaby our Zone 9 Chairman. This was a truly wonderful experience to witness.

If you are considering becoming a club President or taking on a leadership role in your club, please register for the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute which is being held in Wellington 13-15 November. The training Lions will give you which will assist with your club and district activities, also the personal and professional growth will also be so rewarding, so take the opportunity to learn

more and share what you already know, with other participants from our Lions family. If anyone is interested, please contact GLT Coordinator Lynda Halverson on 202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz.

Our District Convention is approaching very fast and the committee are in the final stages of putting the finishing touches to the Convention. For those that have not registered please do to secure your place at the convention. Our registration form is now available, and I encourage many of the 202K family to head to the Convention. This will be a great time to network with fellow Lions and have some fun and fellowship as we celebrate our traditions and our heritage, so let us all make the commitment to head to Waipu and enjoy, "The Tartan Roar" Convention of 2020.

I look forward to seeing many of you very soon, please do stay safe over these trying times and show kindness to those that are vulnerable and assist them as best you can.

Kia Kaha
202K District Governor
Brian McMillan



DISTRICT CONVENTION 202K

Waipu | Oct 30th - Nov 1st 2020

REGISTER NOW!

www.lions.org.nz/members/conventions

Get in before 15th October to secure the Early Bird price.

In the event that we move back to Level 2, the event will be cancelled and all fees paid will be refunded.

FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, ALISTAIR BANKS

Welcome fellow Lions Leos, and Lionesses.

Our Convention Committee have continued to work tirelessly organising our District Convention which is due to be held in Waipu on October 30th & 31st and November 1st this year.

With Covid – 19 alert levels in place there may be a little concern about what may happen. There may be concern as to holding the event if we are forced to cap at 100. There may be concern as to what will happen if at the eleventh hour we are forced to cancel the event. There may be concern as to what would happen if you have registered and paid your money and the event is then cancelled. We are all living in uncertain times and none of us has the crystal ball that can tell us. Our Convention Committee will guarantee you will have a jolly good time and we will enjoy your company and support.

My advice to you all is get your registration in as soon as possible!! In the event of a cancellation a full refund will be paid. There is nothing to fear.

We are expecting District 202K Convention 2020 to happen in Waipu.

We welcome your support.

PARTNERS' PROGRAMME

The Partners' Programme starts with morning tea at the Convention venue, followed by a visit to a beautiful river-side garden a short stroll down the road. Transport will be available for anyone who needs it.

After the garden, we visit Waipu's award-winning museum that tells the story of the migration of the Scottish people to Waipu. Entry is included in your registration fee. There will be time to browse in the Museum's gift shop.

We finish with lunch at the Pizza Barn - world famous in Waipu. A small pizza is covered by your registration fee.





SATURDAY NIGHT

THE TARTAN ROAR

Dinner and Dance

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN YOUR BEST TARTAN ATTIRE.
PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED!
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TRANSPORT ON SATURDAY NIGHT

A van will be running from various accommodation options.
You will need to book this on Saturday.



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09-432-7166

One Tree Point Motel is now fully booked, but
there are lots of Airbnb options.

BOOK NOW!

Mention the Lions Covention
when you book.



LIVING WITH COVID19

Covid19 has been playing havoc with our club visits. As this is being written I still have 8 clubs to interact with.

Like DG Brian and 2nd VDG Ricky our club visits are now going through until November this year.

But I have really enjoyed getting around to the clubs so far this year. The friendship shown to me during the visits has been great and I have also enjoyed hearing of how even some clubs under Covid19 restrictions have found ways of helping in their local communities.

Now if all goes well, we will all get together at District Governor Brian's convention. So, until then keep yourselves safe and look after each other.

Roger Davis,
1st Vice District Governor 202K

WAIUKU LIONS BULLETIN

SEPT. 2020

COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURE

Waiuku Lions at the unveiling of the Commemorative Sculpture adjacent to the Lions Lake [Te Pahi]. L to R Alan Standing, Johno Johnson, John Blackler, Mel Foote, Barry Gibbon, Derek Robbins and Nic Herrold.

The sculpture, commissioned by NZ Steel is made of three sides, representing the three locations in the steel making process [Waikato North Head, Glenbrook, and Taharoa], with 50 birds rising up the column representing the past, present and future NZ Steel employees. It stands 8 meters tall, contains 1.4 tons of stainless steel, and the base has 60 tons of concrete. Designed by a local artist Fred Graham.



NADI LIONS CLUB WHEEL & HAIR PROJECT

Below is the wheel chair which Nadi Lions Clubs had bought and donated to this young boy who had an accident sometime in June 2018. He was a chef by profession and whilst returning from work his car's tyre burst and he lost control of his vehicle and hit a tree on Denarau road.

After a request was made by the trainee doctors, we were able to get together and make decision to immediately help this family. The father who is sitting on the left hand side had a heart attack and at the same time suffering from stroke which made it worst to look after his son in terms of mobilization. These doctors in the picture were doing their oral health and came across to this family and contacted us.

At the moment we would be grateful if we are able to get some wheel chairs and crutches as the need for these items are quite high.

Christine Ford

202K Pacific Island Region Chairman





LIONS CLUB OF RUAWAI

DONATE YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed. They collect these unwanted spectacles and send.

NEWS FOR ALL NEW ZEALAND LIONS

THE CHILD MOBILITY FOUNDATION

SEPTEMBER 2020



The Lions Clubs New Zealand
Child Mobility Foundation

Hello Lions, 2020 will go down in history as a year to forget. Covid-19 has affected all of us and it is not over yet. I hope you and yours are all safe.

The CMF usually have a campaign every October to help us with publicity and fundraising. With all that has been happening we will leave any of those decisions with the individual Lions Clubs. We would appreciate any help we can get. Any activity is good for your clubs and CMF.

Due to Covid-19 our technicians from Australia have not been able to travel here to do the Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch clinics and some children have had Hart Walker issues which have been helped from remote thanks to the internet etc. We are looking at ways to overcome the problem of our Australian friends being unable to travel and hope this will be fixed soon. Our Dunedin clinic is staffed by 2 Dunedin technicians but they are not in a position to do the other 3 clinics. The next Dunedin clinic is on Saturday 31st October.

On 23rd July we held our AGM via Zoom. Our office bearers are the same as last year with Bill McKeich as Secretary, Steve Bennett Treasurer, Genny Hanning as Coordinator, and myself as Chairman. We were pleased to be advised that 202J DG Ella has been appointed as Council of Governors liaison to CMF.

We plan to have our next meeting of CMF in Wellington on 22nd November.

Contact Chairman Rodger Millar PDG
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PEACE IS THE PATHWAY

Lions Club International

*Peace Poster contest inspires
generation of students 2019 - 2020
Peace Poster contest winner*



While the world has been turned upside down with a global health crisis, the annual LCI Peace Poster Contest seems ever more relevant. 2019 - 2020 Grand Prize Winner is a 13-year-old young man Zhuo Zhang from China, sponsored by the Shaanxi Datang Lions Club (near Xi'an) for his poster depicting a backpacker carrying a torch of peace. Zhuo Zhang imagined a colourful peace envoy carrying a backpack made up of the national flags representing people from different countries uniting and going forward together. "The glowing walking stick of peace brings power to people all over the world" explained Zhang. "The olive branches growing from the wasteland and the lovely doves flying around him represent new power, giving hope and strength to people suffering and living in the shadows".

Zhang's winning poster sponsored by the Shaanxi Datang Lions Club was selected for its originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of this year's theme, 'Journey of Peace'. But he was concerned most about inspiration. "I sincerely hope my painting may inspire more people to value peace," he said. "Let us get together for peace and a better future."

In 1988-89, despite the bombings and violence engulfing his hometown of Beirut during the height of the Lebanese Civil War, 13-year-old Mustapha El Tawokji had a clear image of peace. He drew a soft and a peaceful picture of a dove flying over a bed of roses, winning the first Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest and, although he had probably never laid eyes on such a peaceful scene, he could imagine it. Even in a war-torn country like his was, Mustapha could believe peace was possible. The theme of that first Peace Poster Contest was "Peace Will Help Us

Grow." Every year since, LCI has proudly continued the contest, with as many as 600,000 children aged 11 to 13 from 65 countries participating. How would these young people, from all cultures, all quarters, all lifestyles, envision peace?



2019-20 Grand Prize Winner Zhuo Zhang holds his winning work

ARE YOU THERE JIMMY?



"Lions changed my life," said former president Jimmy Carter. "I would have never been ambitious enough to run for Governor of Georgia. I would have never dreamed of being President of the United States if it were not for the Lions."

Mr. Carter followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Plains Lion Club in 1953 a week after he resigned from the navy. During his term as club president in 1957-58, the Plains club built and began operating a community swimming pool. Also, their club was involved in blindness prevention projects in Georgia and Honduras.

Lion Carter found that Lionism is a great way to engage in public service. It helped him to expand his horizons and he credits the many lessons he learned while serving his community as helping him in his career as a politician and peacemaker. He says the Lions'

commitment to service showed him the importance of caring for others.

Being zone chairperson, district governor and chairperson of the Council of Governors in Georgia gave him a visible involvement with the Lions. This high profile with the 208 clubs throughout the state of Georgia helped him immensely with his campaign for governor in 1970. During his presidential campaign in 1976, he tributes his "civic involvement as a Lion contributed to my identity as a community leader."



Sounds like a Lions fairy tale but so much of what is written above can apply to all Lions. It is just a case of joining the dots as they say and maybe putting your name into the story with some changes of actions and dates.

The journey started with membership. He followed his father's example and made the decision to Invest, as a person, in Lions. How often do we hear of locals whose relative or neighbour was in Lions. What an opportunity to invite them to a meeting or project. Half the job is done by the Lions Clubs historic reputation. It is converting the new member that is important and part of this is for Lions Club members and leaders accepting that the world has changed since 1917, or even 2017. We are now in a digital and less regimented world and the thinking is different. We must change to meet today's attitudes. Is there a potential "Jimmy Carter" in your area? Now is the time to start seeking.

Once Jimmy was in the club, he started the climb as he learnt more about the organisation and himself. Club President, Zone Chairman, District Governor, Council of Governors Chairman. He was exceptional and we are not all the same but we can all look at our own clubs. If Jimmy had not looked away from the "bushel of peanuts" he may not have become President of the United States of America. The hardest part of a journey is often the first step. Jimmy's example is not for a blueprint for everyone but perhaps more of a challenge is to step up and see what difference we can all make.

Are you a potential "Jimmy" who can handle leadership? Let your voice be heard as we are all listening.

What happened when in the year when Jimmy was President of the Plains Club? The club built a community swimming pool. They got straight into a service project and surely there were many in the community who took the time to encourage the members and supporters to get the pool complete. Do you have projects you want your club to be involved in or are you in the middle of a long-term project? Maybe there is a "Jimmy" or two in your community who would like to be involved.

When you are doing your club projects, do you have signage to tell the community it is the "XYZ" Lions Club that is working on the service project? A simple sign is cheap but of massive value. How many potential "Jimmys" are in your club? Let them have their say and you may be surprised.

The GAT Team is here to support you so please don't hesitate. Time is a valuable asset that we cannot replace or replicate. Act now and try to find the "Jimmy" in your club or community.

We would love to meet them.

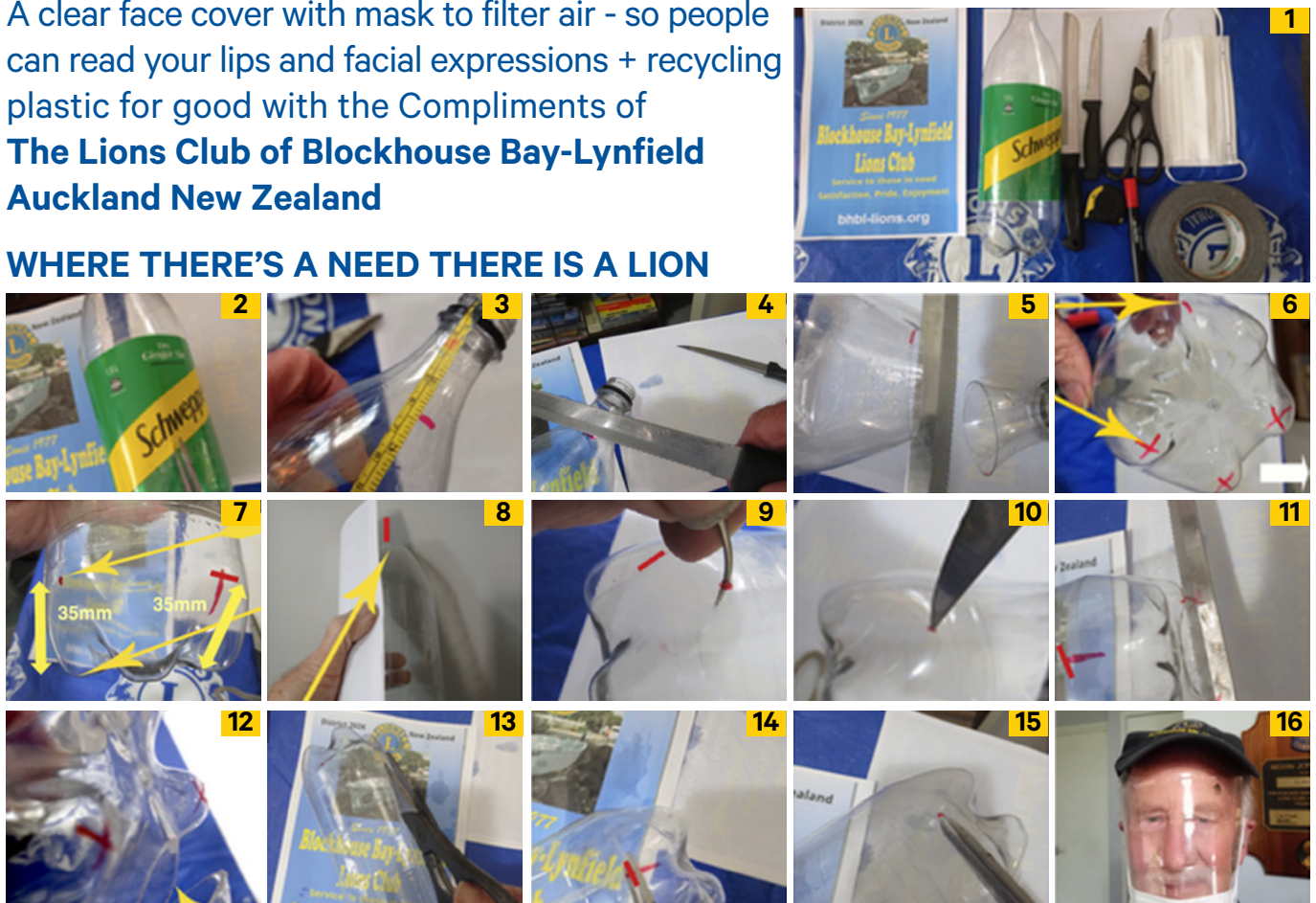
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1. Assemble, clear clean 1.5l PET straight side soft drink bottle, marker, serrated knife, Ige needle, scissors, suitable mask, Tape maybe?

2. Cut and remove plastic label, dispose of responsibly. Or if paper soak and remove without scratching bottle.

3. Measure 60mm from top and mark.

4-5. With serrated knife, cut the top of the bottle off squarely. Use care at all stages to avoid knife and sharp tools slipping and causing cuts.

6. RIGHT: Mark bottom centered between two support nodules top, then mark three nodules as shown with X.

7. Make spot mark midway between nodules shown, left side of centre and 35mm from base. Then 35mm from base make line across as in T. Repeat spot mark right of centre mark between right nodule 35mm from base.

8. With straight edge, line up bottom centre mark squarely to centre top and mark that.

9-10. Using sharp point of a knife or preferably big needle make round even hole where the two spots are, either side of bottom centre mark. These holes are to stop bottle splitting when final cuts are made.

11-12. With serrated knife cut each nodule marked with X at angle shown and remove leaving three ventilation holes.

13. With sharp scissors cut down centre of bottle from top mark to top of T mark.

14-15. Then carefully from top of T cut along sideways stopping in first hole DO NOT CUT BEYOND. Repeat same for other side. The corners are sharp, so round the corners a bit, you might have to do more later to suit fit and comfort. The same will apply at top of PPE. Open up the two sides and bring up to chin and fit around face, as below left.

16. Adjust position for close seal and comfort. (Thin foam glued around edges will help). A little trimming might be needed depending on the shape of face. A rubber band around forehead might help hold. Last touch is to attach your filter mask to cover ventilation-hole in base as per photo in intro., over. Tape may be required sides where base hinges to seal if the is mask small.

Fogging? Smear toothpaste inside, wash and dry. So there we are! A small step to keep COVID-19 bay, and you and others safe while allowing deaf and hard of hearing to LIP READ and for your smile to cheer others.

Lions Clubs' motto is "WE SERVE". Please make a Donation to our club Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield Lions to help us carry out Community projects and meet Humanitarian needs.

Go to www.bhbl-lions.org/covidclearmask

TO ZOOM, OR NOT TO ZOOM

Lynda Halverson

202K Lions Global Leadership Team Leader

On the advent of yet another extension of the Covid regulations I would like to challenge clubs, are you holding club meetings, and are you staying connected to your club members?

Online meetings are not new, and I believe were coming anyway, the Covid restrictions have just hurried this change along.

I hear the cry now “our older members”: we do not need to leave them behind, invite them to your place have some fun and go online together. Set them up at their place and go visit them, they often have just as much of a feeling of accomplishment as us, at mastering a new thing. Have optional meetings, some face to face, some online at the same meeting. This can then cater for your maximum of ten! I am sure resilient clubs have found other ways around these changes, share these ideas, let's all work together.

Zoom is one platform that you can use and although we are not promoting one platform over another, District K have a license for zoom, thus all of our Lions clubs can access this for free. Not only it is free, but as the zoom host I can set up your meeting and send you the invites to send on to whoever you want to attend. I can come online and help you through any issues if needed. New zoom users will get the option to download the platform when they click on the invite.

So it is easy, why wouldn't you use zoom? Keep the connectedness of your club, support each other, plan new projects, have some fun, all on zoom!

Contact me 202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz Lynda Halverson to book in your meeting.





While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head.

Dazed and confused I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful woman who asked, "Are you okay?"

As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a low-cut blouse with cleavage to die for... I'm okay I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look. She said, get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head. "That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!"

"Oh, come now, I am a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and then treat them properly." Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better go now." "Don't be silly!" she said with a smile.

"Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

Still in the ditch with the Harley, I guess!"



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