



## Lions Clubs International District 202J

### Zone Meeting Dates

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| One   | 31 May |
| Two   | 26 May |
| Three | 26 May |
| Four  | 27 May |
| Five  | TBA    |

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## DG Ella's Expressions

It was lovely to be part of the Multiple District Convention in Whangarei recently. After a busy week of Council meetings and a very enjoyable Saturday night dine and dance, 50 Lions from around New Zealand gathered at 5.30am for the Whangarei ANZAC Day parade and service.

NZ Lions Clubs have been given an opportunity to work with Hearing Dogs New Zealand to help newly trained dogs and their new owner settle into living together. When the dogs are out with their owners, they will have yellow vests on with the Lions International logo. Clubs will be asked to offer support when the dogs arrive at their new home by making phone calls, knocking on the door, etc. This is so the dog can familiar itself with the sounds in the new home environment. There is a similar programme in Australia, and they are not asking for funding, unless you want to.

The mobile skin cancer screening unit which DG 202E Paul presented at our Waimate Convention, has been approved at Multiple District Convention as a national project to be investigated by a Trust that is to be set up. Each District will be assisting and DGE Christine has the document with the various parts of the project that need to be filled.

Heads Up for Kids have requested Districts become more involved with collecting foreign and old currency to enable them to provide funds for

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Club: Taieri

## DG Ella's Expressions (cont'd)

young people to attend the likes of Outward Bound and other similar programmes to help them develop into confident adults.

As we heard from Nelson Spiers at our Waimate Convention, Lions Christmas Cakes are celebrating being 50 this year. An opportunity for clubs to raise funds by selling Christmas Cakes with a variety of ways to do so. Find out more by contacting the organiser Nelson Spiers.

ANZI Pacific forum in September 2022 will be held in Queenstown  
– more information will come through in due course. The organising committee is a group of Lions from around the country and our District will be asked to help.

Is there someone in the District who would be interested in taking on the role of MD Website Administrator?

If you would like to find out more, please contact Multiple District Secretary Rhonda Kaire.

To make communication flow more easily between Multiple District office and clubs, and club to club, clubs are encouraged to have a generic email address so when your club officers change it is

easier for the communication to keep flowing uninterrupted, as we do for MD roles, e.g.

[202j.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202j.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz)

To set a generic address up please contact our District Webmaster Russell Hancox or Multiple District Postmaster PCC Arvind Ramin.

Leos can attend and apply for funding for LCI Institutes, e.g., ELLI, ALLI. A great opportunity for personal and professional development.

This is my last report in J-Times as your District Governor. Thank you for your support during this time. Wayne and I have enjoyed visiting the various clubs in the District and learning about the different projects and support you give to your communities. Keep up the incredible work you do and the service you give – *Because We Can*.

I wish DGE Christine and her Cabinet team a year full of fun and friendship.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

***Ella Butson***  
***District Governor***

**We Serve – Because We Can**

### District Treasurer Meredith Lowe's Email



Please do not send any further emails to the address: [loup247@outlook.com](mailto:loup247@outlook.com) as it has been compromised with extensive spam and will not be monitored any further.



## DG Elect

It was great to attend the week in Whangarei for the final New Zealand DGE training and Multiple District Convention. The Convention went well, with Eric Rush being the guest speaker on the Friday night; great entertainment, haven't laughed so much in a long time. Now we have moved on to the final International training via virtual training sessions every Sunday until the beginning of June. We are in constant conversation with International via our virtual platform, and they are trying their very best to get us up to speed before the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Great what technology can do, I was even transported to America to have my photo taken with our incoming International President Douglas J Alexander!!!!!!!!!!!!



As we cannot travel to Montreal for the International Convention, our official induction is being carried out by PID Ron Luxton in Martinborough at the end of June. Being one of our own, it is great to have Ron do the official bit for the weekend.

It was great to catch up with folk at the Incoming Officer/Forum training on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The day went well (only a few hiccups), but I hope that the members attending took something they had learned away with them. I enjoyed taking the new team of incoming Presidents (what a great bunch). Keep an eye out, following on from last year, there will be another Forum in September. It will be hoped that we can get live training on MyLion then, as it is something that we all need.

As this will be my last report as VDG/DGE I would like to thank DG Ella and her Cabinet team for the leadership and support over the past year.

*Christine Stewart  
District Governor Elect  
"Lady in Waiting"*

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## Focus on Leadership

**A**s all of us as Lions get ready to change roles I would like to say thanks to DG Ella for asking me to be the Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator. I have enjoyed the hospitality that Michele and I have received, thanks to you all.

Special thanks to Zone Chairman Judy for her work in assisting with the Forum in May. On behalf of the attendees my thanks to all the presenters who generated a lot of discussion.

My thanks to North Otago Lions for catering, Annie Beattie, Florence Hellyer, Bev Thomson, Jan Selfe, May Ludemann, and to Jean Hesselin for her talk on the work of restoring and maintaining the war graves.

Special mention to Sara Rowe who was a first-time presenter.

In the two years I have been in the role Cabinet have made a number of changes to our training. There is now one Forum for us to meet and consider next year; we have used mini buses to

travel to Forum so that members can carry on their fellowship and discussions while traveling, we have supported members to go onto training with Lions from other Districts. All of these changes are to support clubs to serve their communities.

As Cabinet looks forward so are all the District's clubs. Handovers are an important part of the Lions year. It is a time for the passing over of information, the transfer of responsibility, and accountability for the role. It is a time to think about what worked and what did not work.

Change is a time of anxiety for many people, so we must support each other, and encourage members with new ideas and suggestions to come forward. All members of the Cabinet are available to support clubs with changeover and assisting members with their new roles.

Enjoy your celebrations.

**Jules Ellis**  
**1st Vice District Governor Elect**

### A Warm Welcome to New Members.....

#### **Ashburton Pakeke:**

Peter Davis (Trish) (sponsor Noel Lowe)

#### **Fairlie:**

David O'Leary (Annette) (sponsor Norman Blakemore)

#### **Milton:**

Philip Lindsay (Barbara) (sponsor Maurice Lloyd)

#### **Strath Taieri:**

Jim McArthur (Georgie) (sponsor David Frew)

Robin Thomas (sponsor Bales Elliott)



### LCI: Charter and entrance fees waiver

**T**he International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs. We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.



## Public Relations & Communications Calendar

| Month   | Date             | Day                                   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| June  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Helen Keller Day                      |
|    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | World Environment / Arbor Day         |
|   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Lions Clubs International birthday    |
|   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | World Refugee Day                     |
| July  |                  |                                       |
| August  | TBA              | MD Speech Competition Finals          |
|   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | International Youth Day               |
|   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | World Humanitarian Day                |
|   | Last Friday      | Cancer Society Daffodil Day           |
| September   | Month            | Childhood Cancer Awareness Month      |
|   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | International Day of Charity          |
|   | Week             | Mental Health Awareness week          |
|   | Week             | Alzheimers Cuppa for a Cause          |
| October   | Month            | Vision Awareness Month                |
|  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | International Day of the Older Person |
|   | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Day         |
|   | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | World Sight Day                       |
|   |                  | Child mobility Walktober              |
|   | Month            | Membership Growth Month               |
| November  | Month            | Diabetes Awareness Month              |
|  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | World Diabetes Day - Lap the Map walk |
|   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Peace Poster due to DG                |
|   |                  |                                       |
| December  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | International Day of Disabled Persons |
|   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | International Leo Day                 |
|   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | World Volunteers Day                  |
|   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | MD Peace Poster posted to LCI         |

### Ōhau Village Appeal - please donate

Donations can be made to The District 202J Charitable Trust account:  
03-0835-0031841-000, using your club name and Lake Ōhau Village Appeal as reference.



## Focus on Media

As this is my last Media report for the District I would like to bring to the attention of all clubs these Media related topics:

- ◆ All clubs are being encouraged to actively use a Facebook page to increase the reach to the general public.
- ◆ All members are encouraged to go on to the Lions NZ website and read the monthly issue of "Between the Lions". This is a valuable tool to keep our Lions in the loop.
- ◆ All clubs **WILL HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR INCOMING OFFICERS ON TO THE MyLCI website.** It is also timely for all clubs to review the details on MyLCI for all their members, meetings, venues etc. This is very important as from this information that is submitted, the details are loaded into the Multiple District Directory and our own District Directory.
- ◆ **Generic Emails:** It is being encouraged for clubs to switch over to generic emails for President, Secretary and Treasurer.  
e.g. [Ashburton.President@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:Ashburton.President@lionsclubs.org.nz),  
[Ashburton.Secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:Ashburton.Secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz).

***Important:** use only Lions generic emails, not Hotmail etc because the Lions ones are more secure & are monitored*

The benefits of this are:

- It can be easily transferred to the next president, secretary and treasurer.
- If the President, Secretary or treasurer step down during the year, it can be easily given to someone else to take over.
- It will be much easier for the Zone Chairman, District Secretary and Cabinet team to communicate through the generic email. Arvind Raman can be contacted to assist with clubs doing this:  
[MD202.Postmaster@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:MD202.Postmaster@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- There are many more good reasons why this should be happening.
- ◆ Clubs should be sending in information on their projects to the Lion Magazine.  
[MDsocialmedia@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:MDsocialmedia@lionsclubs.org.nz)

I would like to thank all clubs for sending in their bulletins to me over the past two years. Judy Phillips will be your new Media Chairman, so please keep the bulletins coming Judy's way:  
[202j.media@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202j.media@lionsclubs.org.nz).

**Christine Stewart  
Media**

### We Honour the Life and Service of.....

Wallace Wayte

Balmacewen

(17years' service)

## Presentation to Camp Quality South

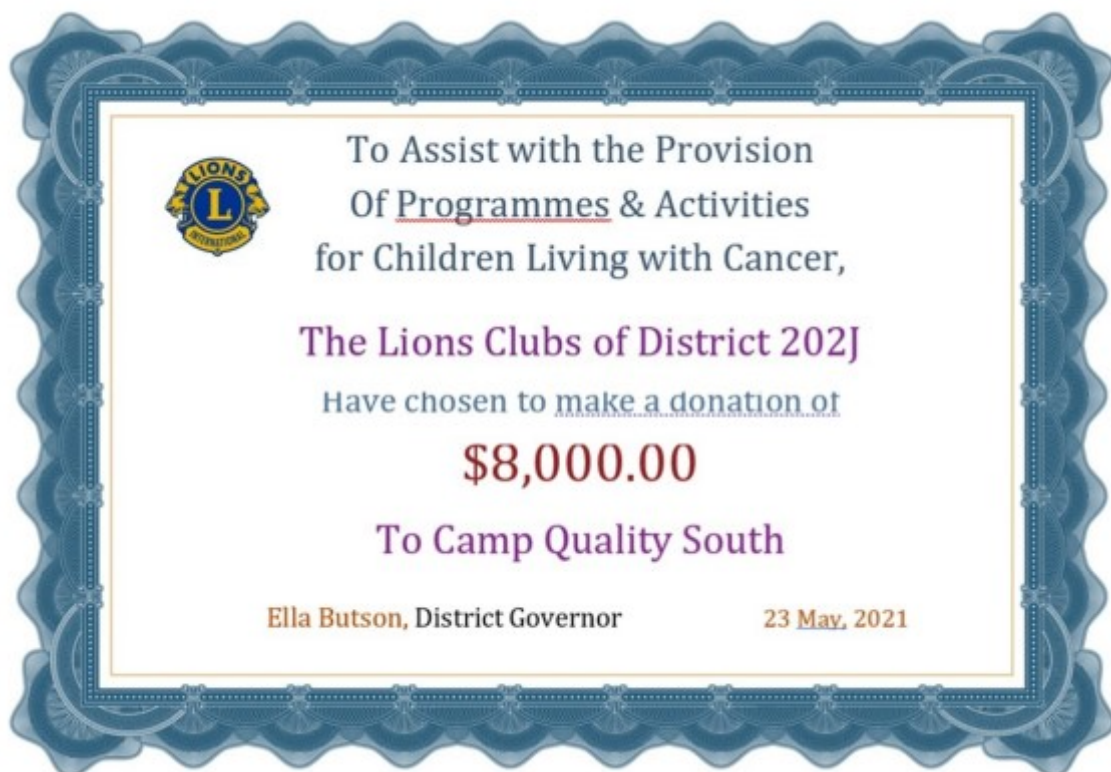
**A**t the Camp Quality South Reunion Day on Sunday 23rd May at the Dunedin Ice Stadium Zone 4 Chairman Jenni Mattingly, on behalf of DG Ella who was unable to attend, made a presentation of \$8,000 to Camp Quality South.

Genny & I on behalf of Lions arranged lunch for the campers and their families.

The Green Island Lions Club provided \$150 for pizzas, and other food items such as cheerios, savouries and 'goofy slab cake' was paid for from the District 202J Camp Quality fund which is supported by the clubs of District 202J.



**GA "Tony" Hanning PID  
Legal & Constitution Chairman  
& Camp Quality Liaison  
Lions District 202J**





## Focus on Zone 5 News

### Strath Taieri:

Two new members. Firewood.  
Changeover night 1st June, 6.30pm at  
Middlemarch Golf Club. All Zone clubs invited to  
attend.

### Mosgiel District:

Made cheese rolls, have new outlets for Lions  
Mints, knitting for Foster Hope, Mosgiel  
Information Kiosk tidied up & being updated, Meals  
on Wheels ongoing.  
Social: April dinner at RSA. Attended Mosgiel  
Theatre production.

### Milton:

Helped run the ANZAC Day Golf Tournament, held  
annual Trail Bike Ride, catered for the Tokomairiro  
Ploughing Competition.  
Have had a good variety of interesting speakers.  
Club visits to Lawrence & Green Island Lions  
Clubs 50th Jubilees.

### Green Island:

Provided the food van at the Spartans 10  
Tournament, fertilizer stall ongoing, delivered  
phone books.  
Held the Club's 50th Jubilee, made various Zone 5  
club visits, a visit from Jules Ellis.

### Taieri:

Wreath laid at Anzac service.  
Catered a picnic lunch for Otago Southland Fire  
Brigades Gold Star Association awards, held 29th  
Berwick Outdoor Experience, held Winter Crop  
Competition.

Social: attended Les Miserables at the Regent  
Theatre, had a good fishing trip to Hawea.  
Club visits to Dunedin Host & Lawrence Lions  
Clubs

Changeover luncheon being held at J-Tees  
Function Centre on July 11th.

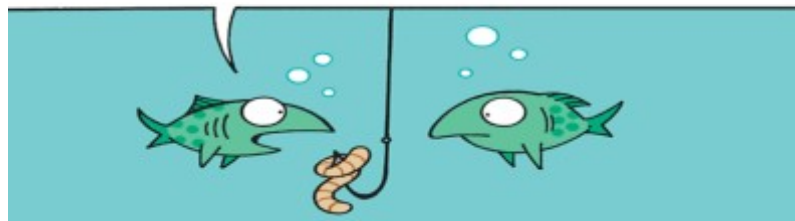
All zone clubs continue with firewood, BBQs, street  
appeals, collection of wine tops, KanTabs, Lion  
mints, spectacles collections. Donations made as  
able.

I would like to thank all clubs in the Zone for their  
support, presenting interesting questions, and  
making me feel welcome.

I wish the incoming Zone Chairman a productive  
and interesting year. You will enjoy yourself.

**Rita Cartwright**  
**Zone 5 Chairman**

I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING ONLINE,  
BUT I HEARD IT CAN BE DANGEROUS!



*The ones that  
got away?*

**Incoming emails to any club member are incoming correspondence  
- to be taken to your club meetings**







## Transfer Member Process

**M**embers in good standing who transfer within 12 months from one club to another are considered transfer members and pay no entrance fee. Members who transfer after 12 months must pay the entrance fee.

**The transferring member should contact the club secretary of their former club and ask to be dropped** from the roster, and satisfy any outstanding dues.

**The Club Secretary** will drop the member with the description “**transferred in good standing**” and then notify the member and the secretary of the new club when complete.

**The president or secretary of the new club will complete the transfer process by adding the member.**

### MyLCI

Login to [mylci.lionsclubs.org](http://mylci.lionsclubs.org)

- 1) Click "My Lions Clubs" and choose "Members"
- 2) Click the "Add Member" pull-down menu and select "Transfer Member"
- 3) 'Add Transferring Member' screen:
  - a. Enter the **member number**, or the first few characters of the first name, last name, and **the club number of the club the member is transferring from**.
  - b. Click the "Search" button
  - c. Once you have identified the member you want to transfer click the "Add Member" button.
- 4) Returning Member screen:
  - a. Enter the effective date, member type, and year of birth
  - b. Click the "Add Button"

**If the member has not already been dropped, MyLCI will notify the former club and the member. The transfer will be complete within 30 days.**

*Tony Hanning*  
*202J Legal & Constitutional Chairman*

## Keep Your Eye Out!

Recycle old spectacles (without their cases - cases are not needed for the Pacific Islands) by dropping them off to any Specsavers shop.

Then select the cases in good condition from the discarded cases for a new fundraising life.

Get them to Genny Hanning at:

Green Island Gallery  
194A Main South Road  
Green Island Dunedin 9018.

Genny will get a team together to paint or decorate them for sale as trinket or earring boxes with the funds going to worthy Lions' projects.



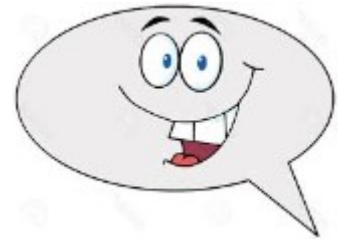
# Young Speechmaker Competition 202J

**When:** Sunday 13 June  
**Where:** Fenwick School hall, Hull Street, Oamaru  
**Age:** 17 - 21 years inclusive as of 30 June 2021  
**Cost:** \$70 payable by sponsoring Lions club  
**Entries:** Close 6 June 2021

**Recruit entries now** - information to take to schools, polytechs, universities, spee been sent to clubs

**National Final:** 14 August in Wellington

**National Prizes:** Scholarships  
- 1st \$2,500  
- 2nd \$1,000  
- 3rd \$500



**Doake Cup entries** to be sent to **Jenni Mattingly** before 28 February 2022:  
mattinglys@outlook.co.nz, 1 Pretoria Avenue, Dunedin 9017

## 2021-2022 Peace Poster Contest

The theme is "We Are All Connected"

- ◆ Kits available from 15 January
- ◆ Recruit entries now
- ◆ Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to enter
- ◆ Info at: <https://lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>





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### Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids



◆ **Sell your collected aluminium to a recycler:**

Wine bottle tops - remove any wire, tear tabs

Clean crushed aluminium cans, aluminium trays, aluminium cat food containers, tea light candle holders

- other metals: e.g. **steel** - use a magnet to identify & remove these

- some medication packaging is not pure aluminium &/or contains plastic - do not include

◆ Bank the proceeds in the **District 202J Charitable Trust: 03 – 0835 – 0031841 – 00**  
(tag it as **Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids**).

## Used Spectacles Collection



- ◆ Ferrymead Lions Club no longer collects used spectacles for sending to the Pacific Islands
- ◆ So in future if someone is able to collect them from Specsavers in the other towns in our District, and keep doing what clubs have been doing up to now with collecting eyeglasses, Ella will collect them at her office (Design & Garden Landscapes, 205 St Andrew St, Dunedin), and will deliver them to Bascik Transport's Dunedin depot which is happy to transport our eyeglasses up to Auckland for us, free of charge.
- ◆ Ella can also collect them when we have cabinet meetings - clubs please give them to a cabinet member, or if people are coming to Dunedin they could drop them off to Ella at 205 St Andrew Street.
- ◆ Heads Up For Kids/Kantabs/Spectacles contact/drop off:
  - David Christie: zones 3,4 & 5
  - Would be logical for used hearing aids & batteries to be also dropped off to him (or see below)

## Used Hearing Aids & Batteries Collection

- ◆ These can be dropped off at any Triton Hearing Clinic & the money raised goes towards funding cochlear ear implants (government funding has been reduced recently).



## Mobile Phone Recycling

- ◆ Drop off at 2 degrees, Spark & Vodafone shops for the RE:MOBILE scheme which is accredited by the Ministry for the Environment. Sustainable Coastlines benefits.
- ◆ Autism NZ is teamed up with Swapkit NZ where old mobile phones are swapped for new technology.  
See: <https://viberstore.co.nz/autism-nz/autism-nz-recycling>.



## Mosgiel District's latest haul of used spectacles

Over 5,000 pairs of used spectacles have been collected over the past two years.

Another box packed with over 400 pairs of glasses & ready to go!

*Source: Anne Stratford, Mosgiel District Lions Club*

**Note:** Papakura Lions Club & Karori Lions Club pass on used spectacles to VOSO (Volunteer Ophthalmic Services Overseas), a New Zealand charitable trust that provides free eye aid to the Pacific.





**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**



As another Lions year draws to an end, on reflection it has been a year which has brought major challenges throughout the world and LCIF has been there to meet the needs of those vulnerable.

COVID-19 has been very much to the fore with over 350 grants totaling \$US5.3 million distributed to assist mainly with PPE gear and other essential equipment to assist those so adversely affected by the virus. Thankfully through our Campaign 100 which covers a variety of causes, it has enabled us as Lions to respond quickly to the unknowns such as the pandemic, when they occur and provide for much needed immediate help.

While our Chicago Head Office has been in lockdown mode for most of the year, with all staff working from home, it has been challenging. Unfortunately being in lockdown didn't stop the earthquakes, floods, bush fires and numerous other disasters from happening, nor our many humanitarian programmes around the world requiring LCIF support. The pandemic has only made our involvement in disaster relief more complicated.

Our LCIF's major fundraising Campaign 100 due to the implications of COVID has been extended for another year due to now finish in June 2022.

To date \$US201 million has been raised towards our \$US300 million goal to enable us to serve at least 200 million plus people a year for many years to come.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021, 18 of our District 202J clubs have donated. With just a few weeks to go, we do ask that those clubs who still have funds to distribute this year, please don't forget DG Ella's goal for our District for this year was to get every club making a donation.

**Lions Serve by Doing and Giving.**

*PDG Les Box, QSM*

*LCIF 202J District Coordinator*

Please donate to LCIF so they can respond to worldwide need.

New Zealand has received more funds from LCIF after natural disasters & in times of crisis than New Zealand contributes to LCIF.

## LCIF Lions Share Programme



LCIF Lions Share programme is an annual programme that allows individual Lions to make a personal donation to LCIF by way of purchasing a Lions Share pin.

The programme provides for three levels of financial support:

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| One Star   | \$75  |
| Two Star   | \$150 |
| Three Star | \$300 |

- ◆ You can choose which area of focus your donation goes to.
- ◆ Your donation is registered in your name and is eligible to go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Campaign 100 recognition.

Order yours now through PDG Les Box, 202J District LCIF Coordinator.

## Guest Editorial The Role of the Greeter

**D**uring my more than thirty years in Lions, I have belonged to three clubs in our district with each operating the duty roster a different way. What has frequently dismayed me about our club is the lack of commitment to doing greeter's duties or to arranging a substitute.

I know there are exceptions!

The two other clubs held greeter's duties to be important and integral to the setting of the tone of the meeting. The greeters were almost always obvious and efficient, but always there. One club had the greeters hand out members' name badges as they arrived. Everyone was recognised and spoken to as they arrived, including visitors.

Greeters have a specific role. This includes welcoming "old friends" to their regular meeting, ensuring visitors (including the guest speaker) are looked after, and making "new" members feel that they are part of things. When visitors arrive, the greeter can recognise them immediately and see to their needs. It may be helping get a drink from the bar, introducing them to club officials, or getting a member to look after them. How often have you

seen a visitor, or group of visitors, standing around on their own? Not a good look for the club!

Greeters should also know who the other duty members are for the meeting and ensure that those members are aware of their responsibilities. Perhaps the greeter might have to organise a temporary replacement if someone is held up. All of these aspects of the greeter's task help the smooth running of the meeting.

The fellowship of the club is enhanced by a greeter helping to set the tone at the beginning. If there is no greeter, it is obvious just how much is missing. The greeter's job is important to the meeting and to those attending, whether established members, new members, or visitors.



**Editor Russell Hancox**  
**May 2021 bulletin**  
**Balmacewen Lions Club**



### Date to Diary

**13 June**

- ◆ Young Speechmaker  
Fenwick School hall, Oamaru

### Are you missing an earring?

#### Found

A drop earring after the 1 May Forum at St John, Oamaru.

**Judy Phillips**

[judy\\_malcolm@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_malcolm@hotmail.com)





## Your Club, Your Way (part 4 of 7)

### Phasing in Change

If your members decide that they would like to change the format or any element of the meeting, determine when the change should take place.

If change is radical or members are unsure, try establishing a special meeting once a quarter using a new format to see how members like it. For example, your club might consider replacing a monthly meeting each quarter with a service

project or family friendly event. Consider hosting a party for disadvantaged children or feed homeless people in a shelter, in place of a meeting. Or consider more online collaboration for planning an event or approving a program.

You might start by choosing the event that club members would like to change the most, which might be the general meeting, board meeting or some other ongoing events.

#### Key to Meeting Success

Whether the meeting is formal or informal, here are some ideas to keep your club on track:

- ◆ Have an agenda and stick to it! Share it with participants prior to the meeting
- ◆ Start and end on time
- ◆ Meetings should be positive and allow everyone to participate
- ◆ Transparency is always important. Minutes and Treasurer's Reports should be distributed and understood.
- ◆ Meeting facilitator (club president or chairperson) encourages discussion, but also keeps group on task so time is effectively used.

*(Your Club, Your Way from the Resource Centre at [www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center). Select Club Administration & go to the left bottom of page 4)*



## Timaru Host Assists Refugees

Recently a presentation of vouchers totaling \$500 was made to Fiona Jackson, the local Refugee Settlement Manager, by the Timaru Host Lions President Margaret Littler.

The vouchers have been distributed to refugee families arriving in Timaru.

**Source: Timaru Host Lions Club**





## Your Club, Your Way (part 5 of 7)

### Ideas to Increase Involvement

**H**ow can you increase participation when time is limited? Consider focusing on involvement instead of attendance. Many clubs no longer require regular attendance due to busy schedules and timing conflicts. Consider new ways to keep connected either live via smartphone or another

device. Send information on topics that will be covered during the meeting to allow nonattending members to provide feedback. Be sure to send meeting news immediately following the event so the members are aware of the actions taken.

- ◆ Make sure dates, time and location are convenient to members.
- ◆ Make sure the meeting place is comfortable and meets the needs of attendees.
- ◆ Feature an interesting program or meaningful activity.
- ◆ Use multiple communication methods to encourage attendance. This would include email, letters and phone calls. Communications should be upbeat and include a positive description of the program. Underscore the importance of their involvement in the club's activities.
- ◆ Invite members and potential members and encourage them to bring friends.
- ◆ Include potential members on your invitation list. Keep them informed of developments and progress made on service projects.
- ◆ Keep members who are unable to attend events involved by providing them with a detailed status report of each club project and encourage future participation.
- ◆ Use e-vite Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, mass text

Clubs are encouraged to amend their constitution and by-laws to encourage involvement and remove any attendance requirement. Article 1 Section 8 of the Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws provides guidance for amending the club by-laws.

**A** new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you approach the milk section, you hear cows mooing and experience the scent of fresh hay.

When you approach the eggs section, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn.

I don't buy toilet paper there anymore.







## Focus on Global Service (GST)

As the 2020/21 year draws to a close and clubs start planning service activities for the 2021/22 year it is an opportune time to reflect on Lions main service areas of focus: Diabetes, Vision, Environment, Child Cancer and Hunger. Many of our District's clubs have provided service in one form or another in one or more of these focus areas. If your club is looking at ways service can be provided in any of the focus areas the Lions Clubs International website has some suggestions in its publication "One Hundred Service Ideas".

The 2020/21 year has not been the easiest of years as the effects of Covid 19 linger on in various ways. Restrictions on the size of gatherings has resulted in several projects planned by clubs

having to be cancelled or rescheduled. Despite these restrictions clubs have been innovative in their service to our communities.

Our level of reporting in MyLion remains consistent with 56% of clubs using this tool to report service and other activities. Reporting enables the organisation to get a picture of what clubs have achieved during the year. Our global partners take an interest in members contribution when considering their ongoing support to our focus areas. Details of our partners and the extent of their support is available on the LCI/LCIF website under "Affiliations and Partnerships".

**Garth Bateup**  
**Global Service Team Coordinator**

### LCI links:

- ◆ ◆ **One Hundred Service Ideas:** use these words within the search icon to the right of the yellow Donate button on the home page. 100 service ideas pdf is near the top of the resulting list.
- ◆ ◆ **Affiliations and Partnerships:**  
[Affiliations and Partnerships | Lions Clubs International](#)

Due to the economic downturn, an unemployed biologist was having difficulty finding a new job when he saw a position advertised at the zoo. In the interview, the manager told him their only gorilla, a star attraction, had recently died and it would be sometime before they could replace it. Meanwhile, they needed someone to dress up as the gorilla and pretend to be the animal.

The biologist was quite embarrassed but being desperate for money he accepted the job. The next day, the biologist put on a gorilla suit and headgear and entered the cage from the rear. Visitors smiled and threw bread. After a while, the biologist really got into the act. He jumped up and down, beat his chest and roared as people cheered.



The following day, the biologist entered the wrong cage by accident and found himself staring at a lion. The lion roared and rushed toward him. The scared biologist turned and ran screaming, "Help! Help!"

The lion leaped onto the gorilla, knocked him to the ground and whispered in his ear. "Hey, it's me, Howard, your former co-worker. Shut up or we'll both lose our jobs!"

# Berwick Outdoor Experience

May 7 - 15

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**W**eather: calm with one wet day and a couple of cracking frosts; almost perfect really.

I posed this question at the final presentation ceremony:

“What do you get when you spend eight days together with folk from South Africa, Scotland, England, Czech Republic, Philippines, Malaysia, France, and NZ?”

The resounding chorus from the floor was “a bloody good time!” My feeling precisely.

Thirty-nine participants started the course ranging in age from 18 – 67 with an average of 28 years. There were two dropouts during the week. One for personal reasons and the other decided the course was not for her. A no show on opening night was disappointing!

We had even gender split but above all else a group of people who just wanted to give it all they had.

There were some incredibly nervous people on arrival but what a transformation by the following Friday night.

The concert night was a hoot and was topped off by a rendition of “You Lift Me Up” and “You Will Never Walk Alone” by Javier from Brown Watch. He received a standing ovation and was mobbed by fellow participants; there were few dry eyes in the room.

There is no doubt in my mind that this course truly changes lives, but it can only do that if the participants buy into what we are trying to achieve. This year we had almost 100% of that buy in we had asked for.

The Lions Club of Taieri should be proud of what they have established here over the past thirty-one years.

Those who sponsor participants or the course in other ways can be assured their money is well spent. Without that support we as organisers and instructors could not achieve what we do, so take a bow and know you are appreciated.

At this year’s closing ceremony, we had the privilege of hosting the Lions 202J Cabinet members. As one who has been a little critical of the support coming from the top over the years it was so pleasing to see that turnout. I hope they gained an appreciation of what BOE is about and I am sure the buzz among the participants when they mixed and mingled would have cemented that feeling.

Also in attendance were two members of the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board who have sponsored a participant over the past two courses. One member had no idea what we did and was mightily impressed.

How, do you run a course such as this at such low cost (\$580.00) I am continually asked?

That is easy to answer in one word, volunteers.

Firstly, the Taieri Lions and their BOE committee headed by Rob Urquhart; outstanding work Rob.

Then there is the key to it all, in my opinion, our instructors.

What an impressive bunch of relatively young people they are. Year in, year out giving up annual leave and holidays with the family to be at BOE.

Of course, it is not just those eight days, there is much preparation goes in weeks and months beforehand.

All they ever ask for is a biscuit and cheese and maybe a little salmon to go with it as they discuss the day’s events of an evening. There are, I am sure, plenty of people out there with higher qualification, but I doubt there are many with the

empathy, dedication and enthusiasm of these outstanding folk. I could not be prouder of you all.

Our lead instructor Scott Weatherall is an extremely driven man, a very busy man with a young family and an inspiration to us all. Make sure you make time for yourself Scottie.

This year we welcomed a new instructor in Nick Banks; Nick's dad Peter had a long association with BOE. Nick has already made an impression; welcome Nick.

Thanks so much all those who have contributed. We can't do what we do without your support.

Next year will be our 30<sup>th</sup> annual course; I hope we can rely on your continuing support to make it a truly special one.

Dates for 2022: 6 - 14th May

**Kevin Moore, coordinator for BOE**

## Berwick Outdoor Experience 2021

Saturday 15 May - the final day

Cabinet visited during the morning & enjoyed a glimpse of the Berwick Outdoor Experience programme, then joining with the participants & instructors for a BBQ lunch provided by the Taieri Lions Club.



*Left: Listening to instructor Scottie Weatherall talking about the*



I AM HOPE is the youth and community focused support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust, started by Mike King. <https://www.iamhope.org.nz>

*Right: The participants & instructors*



*Below: Participants receiving certificates & hugs from the lineup of instructors*





**Focus on.....**  
**Coming Lions Club Events**  
where your support would be appreciated

| What                     | Date               | Details  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Port Chalmers & District | Saturday<br>June 5 | <b>Reunion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 50th Anniversary celebration of the Chartering of our Club in 1971</li><li>◆ Any past members that would like to attend the Anniversary Dinner at the Port Chalmers Town Hall are encouraged to contact:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Shirley (03) 471 0690, <a href="mailto:harboursidebb@xtra.co.nz">harboursidebb@xtra.co.nz</a> or</li><li>- Betty (03) 482 1107</li></ul>and register their interest in attending.</li></ul> |

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**Stop Press****13 June**

- ◆ Young Speechmaker 202J  
 Fenwick School hall, Oamaru

**LCI: Charter and entrance fees waiver:**

- ◆ LCI has waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.

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