

# DG Brian BLOG

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
DISTRICT 202K | NEW ZEALAND



*Invest · Challenge · Encourage*



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## EDITORIAL

Kia Ora Brave Lions!

We are meeting you with the third edition of the newsletter in 2021!

It is always a pleasure to witness the compassion of our fellow lions to “serve” the society they live in and the people those who are in need. This newsletter is a platform to showcase these acts of kindness to inspire and encourage the rest of the community.

Share your love and acts of love with us to spread the word!

Wishing more power to brave kind-hearted Lions!



# INVEST CHALLENGE ENCOURAGE

## 202K DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### Dear 202K Members,

Kia Ora

Welcome to our March 2021 issue of the District 202K Bulletin.

We have seen another disruption to our activities again with the Covid alert levels. This is just a challenge which is disruptive but it is how we respond that matters – keep engaging with your members.

The Lions year is now in the final quarter of the year and this is a time now that we look towards next year. Look at your succession planning and also get your new officers adopted in to your clubs. It is very important we identify our new leaders and give them the support required to succeed and encourage them to get to our District trainings coming up in May and June.

It was a real pleasure this month to Charter the new Lions Club of Mercury Bay and to be part of this was extremely rewarding. In these very changing environments, it is great to see that Lions can achieve some momentum. A huge thank you must go to the work put in to achieve this result by PDG Wendy Miller who assisted with the many questions on the process.

The last weekend in February was 202F convention which was held in Te Anau in the Southern District. I attended this Convention with most of my fellow District Governors. The Convention was a great success despite the sudden call by the Prime Minister to place Auckland and the rest of the country in Alert Levels again. Unfortunately, we were supposed to attend 2 further Conventions, but the decision was made to move 202D and 202M conventions to virtual events, this meant that we had to change our plans. The next 2 weekends in March we are attending the 202E and 202J conventions being held in Ellesmere, Canterbury, and Waimate on South Canterbury consecutively.

The Multiple District Convention in Whangārei is only a few weeks away and this is being held in our own District so this is a great opportunity to meet up with fellow Lions from around the country. So please register as soon as possible as it would be great to have a good attendance from 202K. It is being held on Anzac weekend, so why not arrive a few days early and enjoy some time in the lovely Whangārei District.

Do take care and I will leave you with the following message:

#### Strengthening our core

Our 2021 - 2022 strategic planning focus is on uncovering and articulating initiatives that strengthen our core, get us closer to our members, and position us for a new value through increased support and efficiencies to our Association.

*“The kindness of one Lion can change a life, but the kindness of all Lions will change the world. Great teamwork leads to even greater success, and our leadership is the key to unlocking your greatest potential.*”

*As Lions, we can accomplish so much on our own, but together when we are United in Kindness and Diversity, we can accomplish so much more.”*

Ngā mihi

**Brian McMillan**

202K District Governor

2020 - 2021



Ngatea Lions Club

# LI ONS FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



NGATEA LIONS CLUB CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

FOND MEMORIES OF THE EVENT LOCKED IN PICTURES.



# LIONS CLUB OF MERCURY BAY

# CHARTER EVENING



Lions Club of Mercury Bay Lions Charter evening held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Whitianga, our newest club to be Chartered into the 202K District. This was a very enjoyable evening attended by

District Governor Brian and Marilyn. Zone Chairman PDG Gordon Barnaby and many members of Lions Club of Whitianga also attended.



Newsletter #3

Dear Fellow Lions, Leos and Lionesses,  
 All **functions** held at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangārei

**REGISTRATION** at Forum North between 2.00pm to 7.00pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and between 7.00am to 9.00am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The registration form is available online. If you are having difficulty accessing this, please let us know, either Ken Green (greensacres@xtra.co.nz) or myself at jaallison@xtra.co.nz

**AN APOLOGIES** sheet will be available at the Registration Desk. Please complete for those from your Club who have not been able to attend as apologies will not be called for from the floor during the Business Session.

**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.

**DRESS CODE**

Friday	Men – Business Suit Women – Smart Attire
Saturday	Club Shirts or Lions Attire
Sunday	Dress appropriate for ANZAC Service. If attending Dawn Service, it is suggested you wear Lions attire.

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**OPENING CEREMONY** – Everyone please be seated by 6.30pm. The Flag Ceremony will be held this evening, along with our Guest Speaker – (Hint - a well-known ex Rugby player, initials E.R). I have been informed that he is very entertaining!  
 A **finger-food** supper will be provided at the conclusion of the ceremony, so I suggest you have something else to eat prior to attending.

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Please be seated in Forum North by 8.15am. The meeting is open to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests at no cost. Morning tea and lunch is included with your registration fee. Partners leave prior to morning tea.  
 Speakers during the morning include – **Professor Sir Richard Faull**, Neuroscientist, Auckland Hospital; **Professor Stephen Munn**, Director of Abdominal Transplant Service and **Douglas Alexander**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lions.

**PARTNERS PROGRAMME** – Depart from Forum North at 10.00am in vans supplied by Forget-Me-Not. Morning tea at the **award-winning Kiwi North** where you will view Tuataras, perhaps spy a kiwi, visit the Museum and grab a train ride back to the Town Basin where you can shop, visit Reyburn House Art Gallery, the Clock Museum, walk The Loop (approx 1hr) or have a leisurely Lunch (all at your own cost).

**SATURDAY EVENING – ‘ROARING 20’S’ DINE AND DANCE** - Enjoy the meal, watch a Charleston demonstration and give it a go, there will be a raffle, and an auction of several excellent items you can bid for.

Dress-up in the theme of **The Roaring 20’s**. We will be on the look-out for the person or persons who show they have really dressed in the theme. Plus something for the person/s who perhaps mastered Charleston the best.

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, ANZAC DAY**. Join in the Dawn Parade. A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of Lions. I am still unable to state the time to assemble as yet.

Breakfast at your own cost, at Dickens’ Inn. When you fill in your Registration, please indicate whether you will be partaking of breakfast, as I need to advise Dickens’ Inn the number attending.

**REMEMBRANCE AND REDEDICATION ADDRESS and CLOSING CEREMONY** will include the hand-over of flags to the Lions Club of Silverstream.

At the conclusion of the morning, Lunch will be served for those who paid when they registered.

Timing Reminders –

Registrations Friday : 2.00pm-7.00pm | Saturday : 7.00am-9.00am

Friday Opening Ceremony	seated by 6.30pm
Saturday Business	seated by 8.15am
Saturday Evening	Bar opens – 6.00pm Dinner – 7.00pm

Sunday: Dawn Parade timing still to be confirmed  
 Remembrance/Rededication Service – Seated by 9.30am

*PDG Judy Allison*  
 Convention Chairman  
 jaallison@xtra.co.nz

**ACCOMMODATION - IT’S A LONG WEEKEND, SO GET IN NOW**  
 Motels available and offering a discount if you mention you’re a Lion are:

- Distinction (HQ) - 09 430 4080
- Discovery – 09 438 2699
- BK’s Pohutukawa Lodge – 09 430 8634 \$145/night less 10%
- Cheviot Park Motor Lodge – 09 438 2341 \$135 - \$155/night less 10%
- Lodge Bordeaux – (corporate rate) \$165/night
- Bella Vista – 09 438 6990 – offering special rates \$137 (Studio), \$142 (Executive) and \$171 (1 B/rm 3 people)
- Cyprus Court Motel – 09 437 6193 offering special rates \$110/night
- Quest Whangārei – 09 972 7854 – Studio \$149. Plus \$15.00 underground secure car park
- Stonehaven Motel – 09 437 6898 may offer
- There are 2 Holiday Parks as well  
 Whangārei Central Holiday Park – 09 438 6600  
 Whangārei Top 10 Holiday Park – 09 437 6856

# February Dinner

Mangonui Lions Club

Our speaker at our last dinner was Frank Vinac, a local of Dalmatian descent.

Frank gave a brief history of the Dalmation Coast and a summary of what immigrants had encountered and endured in coming to New Zealand.

Anyone who has been to the Dalmation Coast (now mainly part of Croatia) will have seen a very barren land – Frank advised us that the lack of trees was due to the Venetians taking these for their buildings' foundations.

Most of the immigrants were young men chosen by the Church to travel, and hopefully be able to send money back to 'the old country' which was particularly hard hit by the ongoing recession of the 1800s, and the

impact of Turkish occupation of the hinterland (one reason that Frank's ancestors were restricted to the poor and infertile coast). Many stayed in NZ, of course, marrying locally and making a home here.

Their effects are well-known in the Far North, with many family names surviving and thriving - Vinac, Subritzky, Jurlina, Shroj, to name a few.

In an aside **Lion Alan Moros** told us of his own grandfather who had been one of 11 Dalmation immigrants to survive the sinking of the Elingamite at the Three Kings Islands on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1902 carrying a large consignment of gold. (Lion Alan didn't say whether granddad had picked up any of the gold!). **Secretary John** thanked Frank for his illuminating talk.



Lions Jason and Sean shared a joke or two.



Frank managed to catch up with the news with friend Jan Vartan.



Something caught Lions Pam's and Ina's funny bones.



Frank Vinac was all concentrated during his talk.



Lion Ina thanked the Club for their support during her illness, and the effort over the Dave Shalders Memorial Table.

# Your Smile for today!!!

*Huapai / Kumeu Lions Club*



WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSSES AND ANOTHER DOOR OPENS, YOU ARE PROBABLY IN PRISON.

TO ME, "DRINK RESPONSIBLY" MEANS DON'T SPILL IT.

AGE 60 MIGHT BE THE NEW 40, BUT 9:00 PM IS THE NEW MIDNIGHT

THE OLDER I GET, THE EARLIER IT GETS LATE.

WHEN I SAY, "THE OTHER DAY," I COULD BE REFERRING TO ANY TIME BETWEEN YESTERDAY  
AND 15 YEARS AGO.

I REMEMBER BEING ABLE TO GET UP WITHOUT MAKING SOUND EFFECTS.

I HAD MY PATIENCE TESTED. I'M NEGATIVE.

REMEMBER, IF YOU LOSE A SOCK IN THE DRYER, IT COMES BACK AS A TUPPERWARE LID THAT  
DONESN'T FIT ANY OF YOUR CONTAINERS.

IF YOU'RE SITTING IN PUBLIC AND A STRANGER TAKES THE SEAT NEXT TO YOU, JUST STARE  
STRAIGHT AHEAD AND SAY, "DID YOU BRING THE MONEY?"

WHEN YOU ASK ME WHAT I AM DOING TODAY, AND I SAY "NOTHING," IT DOES NOT MEAN I AM  
FREE. IT MEANS I AM DOING NOTHING.

I FINALLY GOT EIGHT HOURS OF SLEEP. IT TOOK ME THREE DAYS, BUT WHATEVER.

WHEN SOMEONE ASKS WHAT I DID OVER THE WEEKEND, I SQUINT AND ASK, "WHY, WHAT DID  
YOU HEAR?"

WHEN YOU DO SQUATS, ARE YOUR KNEES SUPPOSED TO SOUND LIKE A GOAT CHEWING ON  
AN ALUMINUM CAN STUFFED WITH CELERY?

I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT PEOPLE. I JUST RANDOMLY REMEMBER THINGS AND GET  
REALLY EXCITED.

WHEN I ASK FOR DIRECTIONS, PLEASE DON'T USE WORDS LIKE "EAST."

SOMETIMES, SOMEONE UNEXPECTED COMES INTO YOUR LIFE OUT OF NOWHERE, MAKES  
YOUR HEART RACE, AND CHANGES YOU FOREVER. WE CALL THOSE PEOPLE COPS.

MY LUCK IS LIKE A BALD GUY WHO JUST WON A COMB.





A person in a blue shirt is holding a cheque. The cheque is white with blue text and a signature. The date on the cheque is "January 15, 2021" and the amount is "USD 1000.00".

# CHEQUE PAYMENTS

Attention all club officers/bank account signatories. I am aware that WESTPAC, the bank that the District and Multiple District uses will not be processing cheques from mid June 2021. Therefore, we will only be able to accept and make payments via online banking services.

If your club has not transitioned to online banking my recommendation is to get it sorted urgently as it can take some time to set up especially if you need your account signatories to have updates to their identification submitted, and or have new signatories to add.

You may also have to apply for access to their business online channels which requires additional application forms to be completed. Talk with your banks to work out the best options for your club.

*PDG Deidre Bridge  
Cabinet Treasurer*

# Family Fun Day SAND TO MUD

## GAMES

## ENTERTAINMENT STALLS

Run 2 Rebuild Karioitahi Surfclub

18th April 2021 from 10 am  
Waiuku Lions

REGISTER FOR THE FUN RUN @  
<https://events.onetime.sport/event/889>

### MASSEY PARK, BELGIUM STREET, WAIUKU

- FACE PAINTING
- CANDY FLOSS
- SCULPTURE PAINTING
- SHAVED ICE
- ONSITE COFFEE
- POPCORN
- SPUD & SPOON RACES
- 3 LEGGED RACES
- SACK & BALL RACES
- MOVE THE MUD RACES

#### NEW WORLD - TUG OF WAR

- PRIMARY SCHOOLS EVENT  
6 PER TEAM = \$ 500 PRIZE TO SCHOOL
- ADULTS EVENT  
6 PER TEAM = \$ 500 PRIZE TO BE DONATED TO SCHOOL, CLUB OR CHARITY OF CHOICE

FREE ENTRY SIGN UP BY 11:30 AM

BRING YOUR PICNIC BLANKET AND MAKE A DAY OF IT.

RELAX AFTER THE RUN AND JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY.

Proudly sponsored by: Waiuku Business People

Proceeds of the day go to Karioitahi Surf Lifesavers Clubhouse rebuild project

Contact : Lion Ivy on 09 235 9653 or Email Waiuku Lions : [waiuku@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:waiuku@lionsclubs.org.nz)

# AS THOSE YEARS ROLL BY



# POIGNANT MOMENTS- PROGRESS?





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