

# DG Brian BLOG

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



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## EDITORIAL

Once a Lion, Always a Lion!

As we are finishing off the 2020 - 2021 Lions year, we celebrate the community's love and passion, which we shared with you all during this passing Lions year.

This digital magazine has been a platform for fellow Lions to be connected and find ways to reach those in need.

It's with great pleasure that I congratulate our great Lion, Lion Brian McMillan, the 2020-2021 District Governor; he continued to fulfil his role in the Lion community and also encouraged fellow Lions to go forth.

It is the time for a new year with a new look and a new beginning, yet the Lions will always be spreading love and care, reaching out to those in need, as taking care of each other is never optional. That is what we are!





# INVEST CHALLENGE ENCOURAGE

## 202K DISTRICT GOVERNOR

**Dear 202K Members,**

Tēnā koutou katoa

Nau Mai Haere Mai

Hello and welcome to our May Edition of the 202K District Newsletter.

We are now getting close to the end of the 2020 – 2021 Lions year and this is tinged with a bit of sadness that the journey has almost finished. We must hold our heads high and reflect on what we have achieved this year.

We held our last Cabinet Meeting on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May which was held at Pukekohe. We held a handover of roles to the next cabinet which gave the incoming members of the Cabinet an idea of their roles. It was a real pleasure that we took time for us all to reflect on what we have achieved as a District. To date as of yesterday, our District membership is at minus 24 for the year which is not bad due to the year we have experienced. On Sunday, we held the orientation of the 2021 – 2022 Cabinet and all members introduced themselves with a brief history of their Lions journey.

Last weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May there was a Region and Zone Chairman training held in Whangaparoa where there was some in-depth training of the roles and responsibilities of their roles, a great weekend on sharing some very informative ideas and experiences from our training team.

It is now we are heading into our Change of Officers evenings and it is very important that these new officers are well supported, look at your goals as a Club and do ask the District if anyone needs assistance for anything as we do have a well of knowledge at all levels to assist.

My final event will be the very auspicious milestone to have charter the Pokeno and Districts club, and with the huge support of other members of the Cabinet and surrounding area, we will

Charter all these members into the Club and then present the Club with their Charter.

The 2020 - 2021 year is coming to a close, and you should be proud of your work as a club membership chairperson — especially amid the many challenges you've faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the past year. Thank you for your commitment to furthering the mission of Lions Clubs International. As we approach the end of the year, celebrate your members, their accomplishments, and the many challenges you overcame as a club.

We appreciate everything you do for your club and our organization as the club membership chairperson. Please take a brief survey to help us continue to improve the ways in which we can serve you.

As we do enter into the final stages of the Lions Year and we now are now getting prepared for the next year, I wish all members to reflect on what efforts you all have achieved this year under very unprecedented times. We need to keep the projects ongoing to carry on the community support.

I would like to just finish with the following quote that gives us a reflection on our year:

***“As you close the door to the past, and open the door to the future, Take a deep breath, Step through and Start a new chapter in your life”***

Ngā mihi  
**Brian McMillan**  
202K District Governor  
2020 - 2021

# A L I O N I A M



I volunteer and give my time to Lions and the Community.

If you are reading this, chances are that you too are a Lion and volunteer for the community.

Congratulations!

We are part of 1.4 million Lions worldwide and have been making a difference since that first club was formed in 1917 in Chicago, USA.

In New Zealand, there are many thousands whose family members have been Lions and have the community spirit in them but have never taken the first step in becoming a Lion. Imagine the force of the organisation if we could shoulder tap even 10% of these to become members. At your next service project, ask the question of those who stop for a chat and invite them to find out more about your Lions Club. You may be surprised with the result.

Membership of all organisations is a dilemma these days as we are so often told "I am too busy". Were you busy when you joined the Lions? Maybe they are busy today as they don't want to sit through long tedious meetings. Times have changed and we must change with the times. Dinners should be referred to as such, not dinner meetings as a starting point. The word meeting turns so many off and we must start making these subtle changes to remain vibrant.

Retention of members is so important. While we are aware that many mature

members feel they cannot contribute, take heed of Jimmy Carter, (Yes, Ex USA President) aged 96 and still an active Lion. So often age is a number with restrictions defined by those of a different era. The mature members of our clubs have so much to give, so we should all speak to members in our clubs and see how they can contribute and remain an active part of the club.

A single word in the first line of this piece is so important and we must always remember the unwritten conditions that come with it. **Volunteer - a person who performs or offers to perform voluntary service.** It has been said that volunteers are not paid because they are useless but because they are priceless. This is a fact and we must show pride of being in that category. Each of us must look after each other as we are all volunteers with a life outside Lions. At an early training session I attended, a Past District Governor said "Remember, you manage staff and facilitate volunteers". These words are so true and are always in my mind with all the Lions. We must all remember that.

Think about the fellow members in your club and how you can help make them feel they have a lot to contribute. Whether a Lion for a week or 45 years, we are Lions. We all have the same goal to serve and that service may include giving a fellow member a bit of encouragement and empathy.

I am a Lion, I Serve and I am proud to be a member of Lions Clubs International and my club.

At this year's Multiple District Convention held in Whangarei, the winners of the MD202 Awards for the previous two Lions years were announced.

Clubs in District 202K were presented with three of the five awards for the 2018-2019 Lions year and two of the four awards for the 2019-2020 Lions year. A great achievement.

Congratulations to the Lions Clubs of Henderson-West Auckland, Helensville, Marsden and to Warkworth, who won an award in both years.



## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 202 AWARD WINNERS 2018-2019

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>AWARD NAME</b>	<b>LIONS CLUB</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
202K	<i>PAT RYAN YOUTH AWARD</i>	Henderson-West Auckland	Junior Krypton Factor
202K	<i>RON USMAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD</i>	Helensville	Fitness Trail at Rautawhiri Park
202K	<i>MORRISON MCDUGAL ELECTRONIC BULLETIN AWARD</i>	Warkworth	
202F	<i>RON ROWE PRINTED BULLETIN AWARD</i>	Clyde & District	
202M	<i>KEITH MITCHELL MEMBERSHIP AWARD</i>	Dannevirke Host	

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202K	<i>PAT RYAN YOUTH AWARD</i>	Marsden	Pukapuka Party
202K	<i>RON ROWE PUBLIC RELATIONS &amp; COMMUNICATIONS AWARD</i>	Warkworth	
202F	<i>RON USMAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD</i>	Gore Hokonui	Operatunity
202F	<i>KEITH MITCHELL MEMBERSHIP AWARD</i>	Toi Tois Tokonui	

# HILLCREST LIONS TRIBUTE TO THE ANZAC'S

April is such an important month in the Lion's calendar and this April was very special. We invited the community to an ANZAC afternoon tea and concert on 17<sup>th</sup> April and after last year's acknowledgement as we Stood at Dawn individually due to Covid restrictions, we were so happy to once again host the community on 25<sup>th</sup> April as we remembered the ANZAC'S with a very special service held at the hall.



**VICKIE JONES**  
President

This bulletin is from all of Hillcrest Lions as we share very special moments paying tribute to our ANZAC'S.



**JUDY AIR**  
Secretary

## THE ANZAC DEDICATION

On ANZAC Day, above all day, we remember those who served our nation in the time of war. We remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship. We remember what they accomplished for New Zealand and for the freedom of mankind.

We honour every man, woman and child who has died or was disabled in the tragedy of war so the light of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.

We acknowledge the sacrifices of their families and share the sorrow of those who have mourned the loss of loved ones.

We honour all New Zealanders who have served and those who continue to serve on land and sea and in the air, in many places throughout the world.

May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice.

*WE WILL REMEMBER THEM*





**ANZAC CONCERT**

The hall decorated to reflect the times, guests were thoroughly entertained with songs and performances including Dad's Army Concert Party songs and music, Bruce Powell and Aurora with the beautiful 'Remembering', Lion Alison with the heart rendering reading of the book 'Le Quesnoy', and Lion Sandie and her cousin Linda with a war time sing along, while all enjoying the most delicious afternoon tea.

Before the ANZAC service and parade, Bruce was interviewed by TV3 in the hall. We are very much looking forward to seeing this when it airs on TV.





# GARDENING AT ST. JOHN AMBULANCE STATION

*Mangonui Lions Club*



Lions Graeme and John Mead present their best side to the camera.



Lion Rodney beat Lion Gerry in selecting the lightest wheelbarrow to use.



Lion Graeme laid our Club's wreath at the ANZAC service.

# 202K CLUB DEVELOPMENT DAYS

29<sup>th</sup> May : Kamo High  
Wilkinson Ave Whangarei  
30<sup>th</sup> May : Keri Keri Ambulance Station  
Keri Keri Rd  
RSVP : Maria Goodhew [tikouka@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tikouka@xtra.co.nz)

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12<sup>th</sup> June : TBC West Auckland  
13<sup>th</sup> June : Mahurangi College  
7/5 Woodcocks Road, Warkworth  
RSVP : Roger Davis [r-v-davis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:r-v-davis@xtra.co.nz)

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19<sup>th</sup> June : Papakura Lions  
21 Youngs Rd Papakura  
20<sup>th</sup> June : Farmlands Ngatea  
Orchard West Rd Ngatea  
RSVP : Ricky Singh [12ricky.singh12@gmail.com](mailto:12ricky.singh12@gmail.com)

**ALL START BETWEEN 9AM TO 9.30AM  
ALL COST \$5 PP TO COVER INCIDENTALS, MORNING TEA AND  
PHOTO COPYING. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. TEA, COFFEE AND  
COLD DRINKS PROVIDED.**

Come together and learn what the latest Lions news is and get some support for your club role.



# HOW TO WEAR A NON FABRIC MASK SAFELY

## DO



Clean your hands before touching the mask



Inspect the mask for damage or if dirty



Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides



Cover your mouth, nose and chin



Avoid touching the mask



Clean your hands before removing the mask



Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head



Pull the mask away from your face



Store the mask in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it



Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag



Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day



Clean your hands after removing the mask

## DON'T



Do not use a mask that looks damaged



Do not wear a loose mask



Do not wear the mask under the nose



Do not remove the mask where there are people within 1 metre



Do not use a mask that is difficult to breathe through



Do not wear a dirty or wet mask



Do not share your mask with others

A fabric mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 1 metre distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.

*Te Awaroa / Helensville Lions Club*



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# THE LION LEADER



- Leaders have no common trait or characteristic.
- All leaders are course changers and pathfinders.
- A Lion leader understands the needs of others and seeks to meet those needs.
- He sets realistic goals and motivates his fellow Lions to reach them.
- A Lion leader is willing to try innovative solutions to problems.
- He doesn't hesitate to seek assistance.
- A Lion leader knows what he wants to do, how it is to be done and who is going to do it.
- He delegates before his work load becomes too heavy.
- A Lion leader manages his time effectively. He is two months ahead all year long.
- A Lion leader reconciles frustration, confusion and uncertainty.
- He knows the value of compromise; he doesn't want any "winners" and "losers".
- A Lion leader has regard for comfort, status and individual contributions.
- He is the first to reach out.
- A Lion leader clearly communicates procedures in areas of responsibility.
- He makes sure accomplishments are brought to the attention of the community.
- He does everything in his power to keep the support and respect of his community.
- A Lion leader brings out the best in everyone.
- A Lion leader acts with courtesy and diplomacy and uses tact to disarm opponents.
- A Lion leader brings into harmony all the varied interests in his group.
- When the work of the Lion leader is done, his fellow Lions can say, "We did it ourselves".



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