

District Governor 2020-2021

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A word from the editor

Dear Fellow Lions,

It's been a busy time for Lions clubs right now as changeover occurs. It's an opportunity to look forward to the coming year and to also reflect on the achievements of the last 12 months which we see "Around the clubs". Youth North and Youth South have both been busy and we catch up on Youth Events happened and happening with bonus media interest. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate DG Louise on a very successful and busy year in her term as District Governor. I'd also like to thank Louise for giving me this role as CONTACT Editor. It has allowed me to learn so much more about the clubs in our district and what great resources are on offer from our membership. In the coming months the CONTACT bulletin will be released earlier in the month starting with July 10.

First up though we have an update on the Wellington Children's Hospital's 'Playscape'.

Kind regards, Llew Eynon

" Proud to be a Lion, serving in our community"



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Playscape Letter

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28th May 2021.

Dear Club Presidents,

Re: Wellington Children's Hospital Playscape Project.

We are sure that your Club is well aware of this very worthwhile fundraising project that Districts 202D, 202E and 202M embarked upon during the 2019 – 2020 Lions year. You will recall that our three Districts entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wellington hospital foundation whereby we undertook to use our best endeavours to raise a sum of \$500,000.00 to assist with the construction and equipping of an outdoor rehabilitation facility ("The Playscape") at the new Wellington Children's Hospital which is now nearing completion.

We are pleased to report that due to the generosity of Lions Clubs throughout the three Districts, Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust and Lions Clubs International Foundation, we are now on the home straight, having collectively raised as at 25th May 2021 a sum of \$438,764.45, leaving a little over \$60,000 left to raise.

Your efforts thus far have been superb and we congratulate you all for the donations and pledges that you have already made. However, we are appealing to you all to each make a further and final contribution to this fantastic project, which will benefit many unwell children in our communities. Please help us cross the line.

Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated.

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Playscape Update Pg1

WELLINGTON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL / LIONS PLAYSCAPE PROJECT

Thank you very much to all the clubs who have donated to “the Playscape Project” and continuing to do so.

WOW – we are nearly there! Our target is \$500,000 and only \$60,000 (round figures) to go. It would be fantastic if we could reach our target by June 30th, then this fantastic project will be finalised in this Lions Year.

Construction of the Children’s Hospital is running to schedule. The base for the Playscape construction is in place. It is anticipated that the official opening of the hospital will take place in November. There is a time frame of 3 months for final training and scheduling of staff, finishing touches, and be operational by February 2022.

The Playscape has a budget cost of \$500,000. Whilst this is a large sum of money, it is only a small cost of the overall project. The new hospital is the only one in NZ, whereby the doctors and medical staff have had input into the outstanding design, to make it practical, and provide all the medical equipment required. Patient care and comfort has been a high priority, with the aim of providing a much quicker post-operative recovery. This is where The Lions Playscape plays an integral role for the overall health of the children, who require the care and specialist services.

I have attached some pages from a booklet 1912-2021 (From King Edward VII memorial Hospital for Children to Te Wao Nui Child Health Service and Hospital) which briefly summarises the journey of the hospital build , starting in 2017.

Thank you Lions for being part of this wonderful legacy. With a large catchment area, the hospital will provide exceptional high level health care to families in the wider Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa and Marlborough. All started with a personal donation of 50 million dollars from Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood.

To quote Mark “*My philosophy is people that are born with a healthy body and mind can look after themselves, and those unfortunate to be born with or suffering ill health need our help*”

For any Lions Clubs, or members who would like to make any further donations, the bank account number is 02 0528 0038410-00. Clubs depositing funds should enter their club number in the reference field. The club should send Trust Chair PDG Keith Kenderdine an email confirming the amount banked for the project to lmlcct.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz.

DGE Simon Williams

Playscape Update Pg2

The journey to a new children's hospital



2017

- Following an initial approach by Wellington Hospitals Foundation Chair Bill Day in 2016, Wellington property developer Mark Dunajtschik announces an extraordinary gift of **\$50 million** to build and donate a new world class children's hospital to our region.



Mark Dunajtschik and Bill Day celebrate on the day the new children's hospital is announced.

“Most benefactors write out a cheque, but in this case, that wouldn't get nearly as much done for the money. I can use my skill as a builder and developer to get the maximum value out of the \$50m I'm donating for our children.”

EXPLAINS **MARK DUNAJTSCHIK** OF THE UNIQUE PHILANTHROPIC MODEL.

- The CCDHB and Government announce a contribution of **\$45 million**, which includes \$21 million for preparatory work on the site beside the main hospital campus.
- The Wellington Hospitals Foundation launches a public campaign to raise **\$6 million** which increased to **\$10 million** to outfit and equip the interior of the new children's hospital, which brings the total cost of the building works to **\$105 million**.

2018

- Mauri stones from Rangiatea, Whakarongotai, Taranaki Maunga and Porirua are laid by iwi representatives to mark the beginning of the new build.

Wellington Children's Hospitals patient Eddie and Mark Dunajtschik lay the mauri stones.



2019

- The Riddiford Building, the last of three original onsite nurses homes on the hospital campus, is demolished to allow for construction of the new children's hospital.
- Builders McKee Fehl begin work.



Mark Dunajtschik, Bill Day and Property Manager Grant Corleison onsite to watch as the first foundations are poured.

Playscape Update Pg3

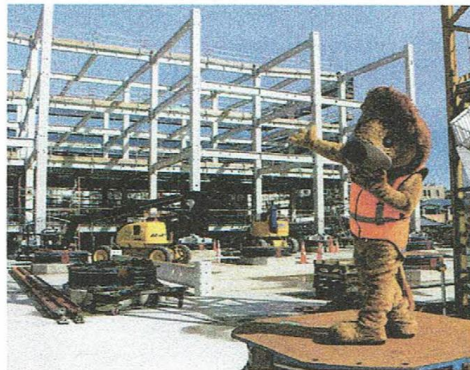


“ I’m looking forward to a better experience for children and their whānau at a time when they are often worried and anxious – more private rooms with toilets, better climate (ventilation/temperature control), better play areas, and clean bright rooms. Children recovering from major surgery need these facilities which will help them sleep and recover quicker.”

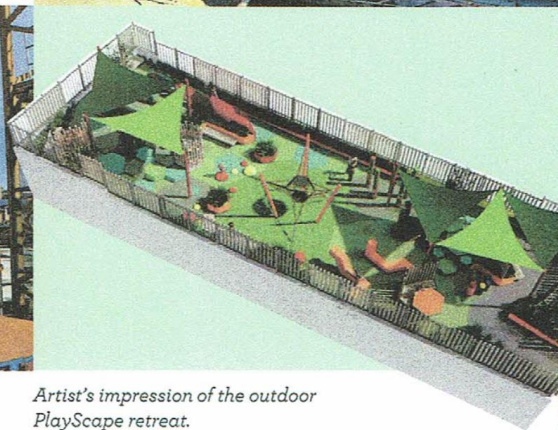
DR MARK STRINGER, PAEDIATRIC SURGEON, CCDHB

A closer look

- Around 7,200m² spread over three floors
- 151 beds – in bedrooms, consult rooms and clinical rooms
- 50 inpatient hospital beds with ensuite bathrooms
- 2 dedicated whānau spaces
- Outdoor PlayScape therapeutic retreat
- Multilevel Tree of Life and Café
- Therapeutic Gym
- Paediatric Audiology services and Audiometry suite
- Child Development Services
- Child Protection Unit
- Link Bridge to the main hospital complex



Standing on one of 45 high-tech base isolators, Hospi visits the site as the framing takes shape.



Artist's impression of the outdoor PlayScape retreat.

Playscape Update Pg4

A new model of care



“Designing a new children’s hospital is an opportunity to design the future of Child Health Services.”

DR JOHN TAIT, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
CCDHB & WELLINGTON HOSPITALS
FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

As a tertiary level hospital, the new Te Wao Nui Child Health Service and Hospital will be a lifeline for families across our region and play an important part in New Zealand’s specialist children’s hospital network. Specialist paediatric surgery is only performed at five hospitals in the country – one of which is Wellington.

With a large catchment area, the hospital will provide exceptional high level health care to families in the wider Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa and Manawatu areas.

Under a new hub and spoke model of care, critically and chronically sick children (0-16 years) are referred from the smaller centres for major operations, specialist consultations and when lifesaving emergency and intensive care treatment is required.



Kobe with Para Olympian Rachel Māia at the New Plymouth Tryathlon.

Meet Kobe from Taranaki

Ten year old Kobe is a super-sporty kiwi kid who enjoys nothing better than riding his bike, running and playing too many team sports to count one hand! Kobe had a dramatic start to life and within minutes had been rushed to surgery to be fitted with a tracheotomy to help him breathe. Born with Treacher Collins Syndrome he is tackling huge challenges with courage, determination and the support of his family. Every year Kobe travels from their farm in Taranaki for a week of appointments and treatment at Wellington Regional Children’s Hospital. Kobe explains, *“I have had 10 big big surgeries at Wellington Hospital to help with my breathing, support for my face, and to help me to be fed and see better. I don’t like going to hospital or going to theatre but I’m brave – I have my family with me, my fantastic friends and all the great people at Wellington Children’s Hospital who look after me.”*



YOUTH Report



Young Speechmaker Contest.

This was held in Whanganui on Sunday 30th May, before a small but enthusiastic audience of Lions, parents, teachers and the three judges from Whanganui Toastmasters. The three young speechmakers (from left) **Ignatius Sofeni Williams, Germaine Grewal (Francis Douglas Memorial College in New Plymouth) & Noah Hunt (Hawera High School)** spoke very well and were commended by the judges for their efforts. They were asked to deliver their prepared speech and then deliver an impromptu speech- the topic for “What is the importance of sport in schools?”. Despite the small number of young speechmakers, the audience was treated to excellent speeches. The winner was Germaine Grewal and he will represent our district at national final in Wellington on August 14th. Many thanks to President Terry and his team of Whanganui Lions for preparing the venue and refreshments, N.P. Pakeke Lions for sponsoring the two lads from New Plymouth, Hawera Mt View Lions who sponsored Noah, and Lions Stephanie & Robyn P, and Toastmasters for their judging skills.

DGE Megan presents Germaine with the trophy and prizemoney.



Environmental Video Contest.

This new contest ended on World Environment Day, when the winners of the contest were announced by Environment Chair Gerard and DG Louise. The winning video was **Riverdale School, Palmerston North (Pictured left)**. In second place was Opunake School and 3rd place went to Auroa School. The standard of all the entries was excellent as the students expressed their ideas on biodiversity in their environment.



We plan to run this contest again with a different theme in 2022.

The winning video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9c-sM0jWdpI>

We look forward to working with the youth directors, supporting and promoting youth projects in the new club line ups for the 21/22 Lions Year. **Please keep an eye out for the new Youth Handbook.**

Phil Lightbourne
Youth South

Stephanie Jordan
Youth North

Environmental Video Challenge (Newspaper article)

WARWICK SMITH/STUFF

The production team from Riverdale School, featured Ahimate Reserve in their video - from left; Ashton Woodhouse, 10, Jacob Lauridsen, 10, Nina Lyons, 11, Liam O'Dea, 10, and Connor Adam, 10.

Children from a Palmerston North school have been recognised for their dedication to looking after the environment.

A group from Riverdale School won a Lions environmental video challenge for schools in the wider Manawatū and Taranaki, producing a video about Ahimate Reserve.

The topic was “establishing biodiversity in our natural environment”, encouraging the children to think about the variety of life in the ecosystem. Ahimate Reserve was a good example, with plants, animals and the Manawatū River.

The children’s video was about what could be done to help the reserve, what was good for biodiversity, the Māori history of the park and restoration work that had been done in the area.

On the school's production team were Liam O'Dea, 10, Nina Lyons, 11, Jacob Lauridsen, 10, Ashton Woodhouse, 10, and Connor Adam, 10. Most of them are regular users of the reserve. Liam said learning about the environment was really good and for the project they had to find out what biodiversity was. Jacob said they researched online when producing the video and interviewed school staff and others. He said they were passionate about helping the community. “It brings life to Ahimate Park,” Connor said.

Riverdale School deputy principal Jarred Bron said it was about appreciating and looking after the area. Children from the school have been helping in the area for about 12 years.

Don and Heather Scott live near Ahimate Reserve and have long been doing volunteer work restoring native plants in the area. Native birds have returned to the area with the restoration of native plants, Don Scott said.

It was the first time the Lions have run the competition and they planned to do it again next year, the district’s youth chairman Phil Lightbourne said.

Manawatū Standard, June 17, 2021

Youth Exchange

New Zealand Internal Youth Exchange

Are you aged 15-18 years old

Lions Clubs between Urenui to Palmerston Norton including Foxton are looking for Youth to part take in an Exchange between Clubs from Wellington up to Gisbourne & Hawkes Bay.

This exchange aims to provide a **Life changing experience** for Youth by providing a safe, positive and fun time that opens their minds to future life choices.

Exchange will take place in the first week of Holidays
2nd October – 10th October 2021.

For more information
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Around the clubs

This past year there were plenty of club projects keeping our members busy.

Spuds (Potatoes) are a popular community project at Kaponga Club.



Inglewood Lions donated funds and people power, great vision and a dynamic driving force to create a Sensory garden at Marinoto Resthome



Kairanga Lions held a very popular and successful Casino Charity Fundraiser Night with half the funds raised going to Manawatu Diabetes trust and the other half to LCIF Diabetes.



Around the clubs cont'd

Opunake Lakeside Lions club declare they're "Still crazy after all this Year"!



Palmerston North Heartland Lions still have amazing interest in their creative event "Bra Arts" with lots of support from the many entrants and sponsor 'Pure Breast Care'.



Palmerston North Papaioea Rose City Lions doing a sterling job visiting and entertaining residents at the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation Manawatu complex, which this time ended up in an old fashioned sing-along.





LION'S CLUB OF FEILDING KOWHAI



celebrating their 40th Charter Anniversary
Congratulations fantastic effort

Feilding Kowhai Lion celebrated their 40th Anniversary recently, our Club was instrumental in the formation of their Club. Past President Colin Webber was their guiding Lion in helping them establish a Lioness Club, back then Lioness Clubs were not able to vote, 33 Ladies formed the Club with Helen Parker becoming the Charter President, their Club has done tremendous work over those 40 years for the Feilding and Manawatu Community, they became a Lions Club later on in the years when Lions International recognised Lioness Clubs throughout the World for their valued contribution the Lions. Each Past President of Manchester Lions became a guiding Lion to their Club, I was one of them and was privileged to sit at the top table during their 40 year Celebration. Even though their numbers have dwindled over recent years their spirit for serving the Community is still strong. Here are a few pics from their night.



Original Charter Members



Charter President Helen Parker



Current Members of the Feilding Kowhai Club



President Elizabeth Heath

PN Papaioea Rose City Lions making a difference at Marion Kennedy Centre.



International Presidents Message



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**United in Kindness and
Diversity
with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

You know the value of a job well done. Because whether you're breaking ground in a community garden or on a new addition to a local school, you know that your impact grows far beyond the work of your helping hands.

Our service has always been hands on—and so much more. Our work raises awareness about the issues that matter most and helps build partnerships we need to make an even greater impact. So let's continue to give back and celebrate our service, because what we accomplish today will continue to make a difference for years to come.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Got an event coming up?
For a copy of Lions Clubs Health and Safety 'Policy & Procedures' and 'Safety Action Plan'
Email: 202d.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz

Online Links

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202D Webpage: www.lionsclubs.org.nz/about/districts/taranaki-region-manawatu

202D e-Clubhouse: <http://e-district.org/sites/202d>

Covid-19: <https://lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus>

District Calendar available at:

www.lionsclubs.org.nz/about/districts/taranaki-region-manawatu



Ya know... I haven't even had to turn the jets on. These bubbles are from that awesome chili you made for dinner.



OH, COME ON! THE STICK IS RIGHT THERE!

JOKE OF THE DAY-BUMPER STICKER ON A SENIOR'S CAR "I AM SPEEDING BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET THERE BEFORE I FORGET WHERE I AM GOING"



THIS IS WHERE WE TEST THEIR SELF CONTROL...

ASSISTANT DOG TRAINING



Don't carry your mistakes around with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them.



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