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Together We Are a Team

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Zone Meeting Dates

One	TBA
Two	TBA
Three	TBA
Four	TBA
Five	TBA

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DG Christine's Comments

Three Strikes!!!!!!. Our District Governor group has now had the third Covid blow. The first was the cancellation of our training at Lions International headquarters in St Charles, the second the cancellation of the physical International Convention in Montreal, and finally the cancellation of our induction weekend in Martinborough. As a consequence, all our training, International Convention attendance & voting, and induction has all had to be done via virtual means – I feel that I am joined at the hip with my laptop. In the past our District Governors have arrived back from overseas, buoyant, and ready to take up the reins enthusiastically. For me life has just had to carry on the same – family, work and Lions as usual, albeit with the foundations to lead successfully provided by International via all our online work.

Enough of feeling sorry for oneself; I would like to say that I am looking forward to leading this District over the next twelve months. My theme for the year is **“Together We are a Team”**, and I have assembled (or coerced) a great team to lead us through the year. We have much work to do this year. Membership is one of our main priorities. I know that clubs don't want to talk about membership, but our District needs to. As of writing this our membership sits at 1205 members – 50 below what we need, to stay as a District. This is a huge hurdle to try and jump, but with the help of a proactive Cabinet coming up with some new innovative ideas

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DG Christine's Comments (cont'd)

to increase our membership, I hope that we can turn around this decline. It will need the leadership and guidance of Cabinet members and the support of you – the members. Remember with more hands we can provide more service.

The Presidents' lunch is being held on Sunday 25th July in Oamaru. Invitations have been sent out, and Kevin and I look forward to hosting you as club Presidents (remember this is your day).

I have been attending a few changeovers over the past month. Thank you to those clubs who have invited me along; it has been a pleasure to meet the incoming boards.

Quote of the Month:

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." **Henry Ford**

*District Governor Christine
"Leader of the Pride"*

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IPDG Ella

Women and Family Membership

To keep me busy this Lions year, following my very enjoyable year serving as your District Governor, DG Christine has asked me to look after and encourage women and family membership in our District. There are a small number of Lions who are part of this group and I know that Wayne's involvement with my own club, during the time that I have been a member, has been very supportive; once he became a member last year, he has taken a greater interest and is more 'hands on' than he was before. Now, we have more meaningful conversations about what is happening in our community and how we can be more involved. This has been very rewarding for me and I would like you to encourage your partner, spouse, children to consider joining in. Yes, they all help at times when they are needed, but they have more "ownership" if they are a member in their own right.

Leo-Lion

There is also a transition category for Leo-Lion members. They are former Leos who have joined the larger Lions organisation. This membership type provides current or former Leos, who are of their country's age of legal majority through age 35, the opportunity to transition from Leos to Lions while receiving a discount on dues and other benefits. So, those clubs who have Leos clubs attached to them, please encourage them to join either your own club, or if they move out of your area, another Lions club close to where they are moving to.

Ella Butson
Immediate Past District Governor

Congratulations

Queens Birthday Honours bestowed on:

- ◆ **Margaret Chapman** (Geraldine Lioness Lions Club): **ONZM**
for services to rural women & rural communities
- ◆ **PID Ron Luxton** (Temuka Lions Club): **QSM**
for services to health & community
- ◆ **Paul Tyson** (Dunedin South Lions Club): **QSM**
for services to sport & community



1st VDG

Lions Clubs International Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Changeover night is a time to celebrate the end of one year and the start of the next. As I mentioned in my last piece for J-Times, change can also be a time of stress and anxiety. As members start their new club roles, one of the ways we can relieve the feelings of anxiety is to think about what being a part of Lions Club means.

Lions Clubs International says a healthy club has these elements of success:

1. A major service activity that the community needs and supports.
2. A major fund-raising project with strong community support.
3. Good communication within the club and good public relations with the community.
4. Effective meetings that are held regularly with good programming and a well-organised board of directors and committees.
5. Team spirit.
6. A membership growth and development program that includes a meaningful induction ceremony and immediate orientation and involvement of new members.
7. Active promotion of leadership development opportunities for members.

The Cabinet and the wider family of experienced Lions are available to support clubs with any of these elements, so, if you have any questions feel free to ask.

Enjoy the fellowship and stay safe in your service.

Jules Ellis
1stVice District Governor

You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even better than you think you can.

Jimmy Carter , 39th US President & member of the Lions Club of Plains, Georgia

Dates to Diary

25 July

- ◆ Presidents' Q & A session, 10am Brydone Hotel, Oamaru
- ◆ Presidents' lunch, 12 noon Brydone Hotel, Oamaru

3 October

- ◆ Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust luncheon, Timaru



The Treasurer Talks

Incorporated Societies Bill

At long last we have some guidelines (they are as yet very broad) regarding the new Incorporated Societies Act:

- ◆ The Bill is scheduled to become an Act in October this year
- ◆ Every existing incorporated society will need to be re-registered by 01 December 2025 and there will be much earlier trigger dates set as to when that can start
- ◆ It is anticipated that every existing society will require a new constitution, with very minor exceptions
- ◆ We are almost certainly going to have Lions/Multiple District prepare or adapt pro-forma constitutions for us, since changes will need their approval
- ◆ In the meantime, we need do nothing except continue as we are – filing accounts and other documentation as required
- ◆ Clubs that are non-complying at present – mainly in the area of failing to file accounts and updates need to become up to date or risk being called to account by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies
- ◆ When enacted filing requirements will be parallel to the filing requirements for charitable trusts

Internet Banking

Everyone is now on internet banking; as outlined at recent Forums there will be some learning issues but as also recommended then, your bank's staff who are very well trained in this, will assist whenever asked.

The District's affairs are now much more straightforward now that there are no cash or cheque transactions to deal with, and in fact we are not able to undertake cash transactions now without a whole lot of drama.

*District 202J Cabinet Treasurer Meredith Lowe
(03) 308 9292 or 027 535 4253*



The Treasurer Talks Some More

Clubs are reminded of the arrangements for direct debiting future international dues that can now be put into place.

- ◆ To take advantage of this the paperwork needs to be done soon and Multiple District has asked that your material be with them by 15 July.
- ◆ If you have questions about the process either Multiple District or your bank will assist.

*District 202J Cabinet Treasurer Meredith Lowe
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Focus on Global Membership (GMT)

Recruitment and retention of members will be an emphasis for District 202J during the 2021/22 Lions year. At its heart, this issue turns on how well each club engages with its local community and the club members engage with each other. This is a task we all share.

Whilst valuing and respecting our past, we must recognise and address the issues of the present to move successfully into the future. Like other service organisations, Lions needs to recognise the way people interact with each other and organisations has changed and is continuing to change. The current expectations of openness and relative informality cause tension with the formal rules, status and tradition-based approach some of our longer term members are used to.

People are more likely to join Lions if they can see the local club engages with, contributes to and is respected the local community. The club and its projects need to be highly visible to the local community. Club members need to be actively encouraged and supported to actively seek out, encourage and sponsor community members to join Lions.

Similarly, club members need to actively engage with and seek to build lasting friendships, based on shared experiences and interests, with other club members. This needs to recognise we all have different abilities and commitments outside Lions so have differing capacities to offer. Critically, members need to enjoy their membership.

Ken Whitcombe
2021-22 District GMT Coordinator

A Warm Welcome to New Members.....

Geraldine:

Matthew Kay (Joyce Shankar-Kay) (*sponsor Dave Doy*)

Ashburton County:

Annette Beeston (Bryan) (*sponsor Lillian Wakelin*)

Port Chalmers & District:

Jake Szostak (*sponsor Wayne Butson*)






“Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

Vince Lombardi
American football coach and executive in the National Football League



Public Relations & Communications Calendar

Month	Date	Day
July		
August	12th	International Youth Day
	14th	MD Speech Competition Finals
	19th	World Humanitarian Day
	28th	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
September	Month	Child Cancer Awareness Month
	5th	International Day of Charity
	Week	Mental Health Awareness Week
	Week	Alzheimers Cuppa for a Cause
October	Month	Vision Awareness Month
	1st	International Day of the Older Person
	8th	Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Day
	8th	World Sight Day
		Child Mobility Walktober
	Month	Membership Growth Month
November	Month	Diabetes Awareness Month
	14th	World Diabetes Day—Lap the Map walk
	15th	Peace Post due to DG
December	3rd	International Day of Disabled Persons
	5th	International Leo Day
	5th	World Volunteers Day
	15th	MD Peace Poster posted to LCI

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.





Focus on Young Speechmaker

Sunday 13 June at Fenwick School, Oamaru

Below: Youth Chairman Mike Wingfield (far left) & DG Ella Butson (far right) with the contestants (left to right): Rhea Ratgali, St Kevin's College; Olivia Goldsmith, Logan Park High School; Jocelyn Fellowes, St Kevin's College; Jessica Cunningham, Waitaki Girls High School; Emily Braid, Waitaki Girls High School; Pieta Prouting, Craighead Diocesan School; Harry Wilson, Waitaki Boys High School.



Congratulations

Left to right:

Olivia Goldsmith, 2nd place

Rhea Ratgali, 1st place

Pieta Prouting, 3rd place

Rhea & Olivia will be going to the National final in Wellington on 14 August.



Focus on Global Membership (GMT)

Another Lions year ends, they seem to go way too fast – probably because everyone is busy with projects, service activities etc & most weeks there is an activity/meeting in your diary.

I am handing over the GMT role to Ken Whitcomb for the coming year. Thank you to all the clubs that assisted in getting your Monthly Membership Reporting (MMR) up to speed; I know it is difficult at times to Logon to MyLCI.

Membership is & will be an ongoing issue not only for Lions but for probably most organisations nationwide. As we all get older (who me??) there is not the next generation coming through; I believe we need to address the reason we are not getting them join our organisation. Maybe Lions needs to look at its membership structure & cater for those that are able & willing to help with projects etc but are time poor to attend all the meetings, they now do all their business on a phone or laptop. Zoom meetings play a big part of workday life now, however networking & meeting in person is also an important part of our social needs, therefore both can play an important role in where we are heading in the world of technology.

Getting new members is not always easy; I have heard on several occasions of Presidents/ Membership Directors working hard on a membership drive - it seems putting adverts in local papers & flyers out & about unfortunately does not work, prospective new members need to be approached personally & taken to a tea meeting/ project or social occasion by a member, so they are not left hanging out on their own. Good orientation is also important; at times I hear of members that have left shortly after joining as it was “not what they thought they were joining”. Do not rush them into joining, the prospective member must be comfortable in being part of a service club.

We must look after the members we have; as an aging organisation (like most) some are no longer able to contribute actively to projects, they should still be involved & included in being part of the club. When our elder members joined Lions they were

probably in their 40s/50s & have done their apprenticeship; the social time with other members is an extremely integral part of their social network. Some are unfortunately facing health issues, surgeries etc so clubs need to look out for these members & help them where they can; service is just as important as big fundraising projects.

While I will no longer be the 202J GMT Coordinator I am taking on the role of the 202J District Administrator; this position previously undertaken by the Cabinet Secretary is now a separate position.

Hopefully, I can assist or get assistance for you with any issues of logging into MyLCI, or update membership information for you (I will have the power) 😊

Thank you to DG Ella for her year at the helm & wish DG Elect Christine all the best for her year – 2021/2022. One of the highlights of the past year was being able to visit the Berwick Outdoor Experience on the last day of the camp; what an amazing opportunity for those that took part, some said it was life changing. Kevin & Rob & the Taieri Lions, you must be very proud of this venture you started 29 years ago.

Wishing all the incoming boards for the 2021/2022 year all the best, look forward to meeting up with the incoming Presidents at the lunch in Oamaru 25th July.

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Jan Stonyer
Membership Coordinator 2020/2021





Focus on Zone 1 News

Our clubs have recovered well from the effects of Covid however the storm that struck over the last weekend in May caused havoc.

Geraldine members assisted the South Canterbury Rural Support Trust deliver food parcels and bottled water to local affected rural dwellers. Hinds did the same to those in Hinds. Methven manned their barbecue to feed volunteers helping to recover fencing material on river damaged properties.

In the past two months, clubs in Zone 1 have donated over \$120,000 to various worthy causes, including LCIF. The story of Lions needs to be told, and as Lions we need to be proud of our efforts.

Activities include golf matches which have been well supported and have raised significant funds for the clubs involved.

- ♣ Ashburton’s debate, “Big Smoke versus Rural Folk”, at time of writing still to come at the end of June, will have raised significant funds for the recipient charities, as well as being an entertaining night.
- ♣ Geraldine held its successful Multi Challenge along with a large firewood project.
- ♣ Rakaia is creating a series of signs near the “Big Salmon” telling the history of Rakaia.
- ♣ Geraldine Lioness Lions’ are doing something similar in Geraldine.
- ♣ Methven continues with its enhancement of walkways around the town.

So, I will sign off as Zone Chairman and welcome Malcolm Read to my role. Thank you outgoing DG Ella for guiding us through a testing time and I welcome incoming DG, Christine.

Richard Watson, Zone 1 Chairman, 2020/2021



Focus on Zone 3 Junior Speech Contest

**Sunday 20 June
at Fenwick School,
Oamaru**

Sunday the 20th saw some very talented young people from school years 5 to 10 come to Fenwick School for the Zone 3 Speech Contest. The range and depth of their speeches were amazing. From “Learning to Ski” to “Embracing your Individuality”, to “Being Tolerant of Others” & many more.

This Zone 3 speech contest began almost 25 years ago as the Zone 4 Junior Speech Contest when District 202J had 6 zones. 2020 was the only year it hasn’t been held.

Year 5 & 6

- 1st: Sam Hyslop
- 2nd: Jack Foley
- 3rd: Evie Phillips



*Above:
Sam Hyslop*

Year 7 & 8

- 1st: Sophie Braid
- 2nd: Zoe Denize
- 3rd: Leilani De Le Ford



*Above: Left to Right:
Judge Jenny Malcom, 2020/2021 Zone 3 Chairman
Judy Phillips, Lachlan Wright, Lucas Harnett*

Year 9 & 10

- 1st: Lucas Harnett
- 2nd: Lachlan Wright.



Focus on Zone 4 News

♣ Balmacewen:

Held a night where all the recipients of their donations invited to attend & gained some media coverage from this; they donated to the following organisations:

LCIF \$1,000; LMLCCT \$1,000

Leslie Groves Home \$580

Dunedin Night Shelter \$500

Alzheimer's Society \$500

Otago Diabetes \$500

Dunedin Wildlife Hospital \$500

Timaru Charity Bike Ride \$400

Predator-Free City Sanctuary \$300

As part of their Service activities they were marshals for an Orienteering event.

Trade Me sales are their main source of income: have refurbished a horse float for resale.

♣ Dunedin Host:

A member's partner has knitted hats & slippers for the club to donate to Foster Hope.

Service activities comprised of collecting cans & tabs, glasses & delivering Meals on Wheels. Held a BBQ at Mitre 10 with proceeds for Camp Quality.

Collecting & selling pinecones. The main project they are currently fundraising for is an Ice Maker for the Dunedin Public Hospital. Held a potluck dinner with proceeds to Camp Quality.

Interesting speakers: two people from the BNZ bank advised on internet banking & three club members talked on something that no one in the club would know about them; this was impromptu when their booked speaker was unable to attend - it was very entertaining.

♣ Dunedin South:

Most of the projects they are involved in have been cancelled due to COVID, but have held two BBQs at Mitre 10.

Meetings for 2021 are continuing enthusiastically with all members contributing. Changeover function will be on Sunday 4 July. Visits are to be arranged (to and from) clubs in the Zone.

Organisations they have supported include:

Presbyterian Support,

Life Education Trust

Blind Foundation

Lake Ohau fire disaster fund

Dental School mural project

Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust.

♣ Otago Peninsula:

Have been busy supporting three Enviro Schools projects on the Peninsula. A raised berry garden, (complete with bird netting frames) has been built at Portobello School. Pupils will be involved in growing strawberries, raspberries, blue berries, and black currants.

A 'produce exchange booth' is underway at Macandrew Bay School. Members of the public will be able to donate any fresh produce they don't need, & locals can help themselves to the produce at no cost. School children will be involved in monitoring the use of the exchange booth and learning principles of waste minimisation and community self-help.

At Broad Bay School a raised walkway symbolising aspects of local history will be surrounded with native & exotic plants as well as 'sensory' plants exhibiting special textures & aromas. Work continues on upgrading Peninsula walking tracks, enabling more accessibility for members of the public.

♣ Port Chalmers:

Congratulations to the Port Chalmers Club on attaining 50 years of service to the West Harbour community; this was celebrated with a dinner at the Port Chalmers Town Hall Saturday 5th June.

Donated to the Port Chalmers Volunteer Fire Service for a new First Response vehicle, an initial \$1,000 to go to the Dental School for a mural with an undertaking to offset any shortfall after inviting other clubs in the area to contribute.

\$2,500 donation to LCIF. Sponsored a 65 year old lady to the Berwick Outdoor Experience, provided a decorated cake for the District Convention with proceeds going to Camp Quality; also donated \$1,000 to Camp Quality. Ongoing maintenance at the Lady Thorn Dell, have sold 700 bales of peastraw & delivered 4,000 telephone books to the West Harbour area.

Have been entertained by some very interesting speakers: the Otago Harbour Master, K9 Medical Detection group & the North Dunedin MENZSHED - they are looking towards completing some future projects with them.

I would like to congratulate Ella on a wonderful year & wish Christine all the best for the coming year.

Jenni Mattingly, Zone 4 Chairman 2020/2021



2021-2022 Peace Poster Contest

The theme is “We Are All Connected”

- ◆ Kits available from 15 January
ONE Peace Poster Kit per Lions Club can be purchased from the Multiple District 202 National Office.
- ◆ October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- ◆ October 15: Deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor.
- ◆ 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>



Youth Activities: Doake Cup

For the calendar year 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021

Entries to be sent to Youth Activities Chairman **Jenni Mattingly** before 28 February 2022:

mattinglys@outlook.co.nz, 1 Pretoria Avenue, Dunedin 9017



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- 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



- ◆ The Cromwell Lions clubs have taken over the Ferrymead equipment for eyeglasses. Spectacles can be sent through directly to Lion Andy Andrews, 57 Horace St, Cromwell (ph: 03 445 3112 / 021 842 346) or they can still be delivered to IPDG Ella's office (details below) and she will organise delivery to Cromwell.
- ◆ So in future collect them from Specsavers and keep doing what clubs have been doing up to now with collecting eyeglasses. IPDG Ella will collect them at her office (Design & Garden Landscapes, 205 St Andrew St, Dunedin),
- ◆ Heads Up For Kids/Kantabs/Spectacles contact/drop off:
 - David Christie: zones 3,4 & 5
 - Would be logical for used hearing aids & batteries to also be dropped off to him.

Used Hearing Aids & Batteries Collection

- ◆ Hearing Aid batteries are now going through to Lion Andy Andrews in Cromwell (see Used Spectacles for details); Andy has someone in his area who is coordinating this. He has arranged for a transport company to collect them in Dunedin so again, if they come to IPDG Ella she can arrange for them to get to Cromwell.
- ◆ The money raised goes towards funding cochlear ear implants (government funding has been reduced).



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>.



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





**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Due to the COVID pandemic and the turbulence it has caused throughout the world LCIF's Campaign 100 "Lions Empowering Service" has been extended out for another year to the 30th June 2022. The great news is that \$US 201 million of the projected \$US 300 million campaign goal has been raised to date.

For this 2021/22 Lions year, all Lions clubs and individual Lions throughout the world are being encouraged to give of their best towards our Campaign to enable Lions to Serve at least 200 million people a year through our Lions Humanitarian programmes. Never in our 104 years of service has our serving been more needed especially with the pandemic.

Part of District Governor Christine's District goals for this next year is for all clubs in 202J to donate and support LCIF; your club's support either by way of a generous donation or a special fundraising campaign or project, would be a great way to fulfil the District's goals. Of note, when you donate to LCIF 100% of what you give goes to the cause.

There are various grants available from LCIF; check out the standard grants available on [LCIF-27 EN \(edmclion.com\)](http://LCIF-27 EN (edmclion.com)). All grants from LCIF are made to Lions clubs or Districts who are fully accountable for such. No grants are made to third parties. Over the

The year that's been, and the future.

years LCIF has provided NZ Lions projects with millions of dollars, far more than the amount that our NZ clubs have donated to the Foundation.

LCIF and The Carter Centre have signed a four year Memorandum of Agreement, continuing the successful partnership that began in 1994 in vision through LCIF's SightFirst program. The Lions-Carter Centre SightFirst partnership programs led to measurable change for many throughout Africa and the Americas. If you are interested in learning more about this programme check out this website [#LCIFLions](https://www.lcif.org.nz/#LCIFLions) [#CarterCenter](https://www.cartercenter.org/).

LCIF is also providing support for countries who are desperately in need of PPE gear etc to help in their fight against COVID-19.

Thank you for your support.

**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.



Club bulletins - Please send your club bulletin to:

- ◆ Your Zone Chairman:
 - Zone 1 Malcom Read (202j.zone1@lionsclubs.org.nz)
 - Zone 2: Gerald Burgess (202j.zone2@lionsclubs.org.nz)
 - Zone 3: Klaus Steiner (202j.zone3@lionsclubs.org.nz)
 - Zone 4: David Bond (202j.zone4@lionsclubs.org.nz)
 - Zone 5: Paul Black (202j.zone5@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- ◆ all the other clubs in your zone
- ◆ DG Christine Stewart
- ◆ 1st VDG Jules Ellis
- ◆ 2nd VDG Garth Bateup
- ◆ Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge
- ◆ GST Coordinator & Media Manager Judy Phillips (202j.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- ◆ GMT Coordinator Ken Whitcombe (202j.gmt@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- ◆ J-Times editor Beryl Naismith
- ◆ Lion magazine editor (Tony Fawcett: editor@lionsclubs.org.nz)



The Lions logos at the right are the official Lions logos - & have been since 2008.

They can be downloaded from the LCI website at:

www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/logos-and-emblems

There are also other official versions available from that LCI website



I had an awfully embarrassing moment at the supermarket last week.

When the check-out girl said, "Strip down facing me!", I didn't realise she was referring to my credit card!

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming.

I've just finished vacuuming the whole house and just realised it wasn't even turned on!

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.

You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Martin Luther King, Jr



Your Club, Your Way (part 6 of 7)

Club Meeting Program Ideas

Most general meetings feature a program for the benefit of their members. Programs can inform or entertain and provides a terrific opportunity for members to learn about local issues that might be of interest to the club.

There are many places to find good programs, they include:

- ◆ **Local community leaders**
Such as a mayor, member of government, police or fire chief, school superintendent, etc. Not only will the club identify needs within the community, club members will also build stronger relationships with influential community leaders.
- ◆ **Local business people**
Such as representatives from your members' companies, the Chamber of Commerce, or convention and visitor's bureau – programs from these diverse groups can offer variety.
- ◆ **Recipients of club service** Hearing from those who have benefited from club's efforts is a great way to motivate members to continue their dedication to serving those in need.
- ◆ **Cultural Organizations**
Such as museums, theaters and orchestras – interesting and informative programs from these organizations are a good way to add variety.
- ◆ **Organizations that help the disabled**
Such as Special Olympics, blindness assistance organizations, agencies for the disabled, groups that provide assistance to the elderly and others. These groups often provide opportunities for hands-on involvement.
- ◆ **District committee chairperson** Learn about district projects to encourage club support. Ask your district governor for more information.
- ◆ **Programs in a pinch**
Have a few programs ready in the event of a last minute cancellation. This could include the International Program video, Lions Quarterly, an introduction of the resources available for on-line learning and many other resources that are available from the website. Ask members if they have any programs they would be willing to present at the last minute if needed. Keep a list of these "emergency" programs on hand so you'll be prepared to act quickly.
- ◆ **Networking opportunities** If your club includes business people, make sure they have the opportunity to network. Encourage them to discuss their business, exchange business cards and include their profession in the club directory.

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.



Your Club, Your Way (part 7 of 7)

Other Tips For Effective Events

Promoting Your Meetings and Events to the public

If your club is among the many clubs that welcome the public to attend meetings, consider the following ideas:

- ◆ Prominently display a meeting plaque or sign at the meeting location with the date and time of the meeting. See the Club Supplies Store for both plaques and banners.
- ◆ Place posters in public areas noting the date, time and location of the club's meetings with a phone number to call for more information.
- ◆ Post the date, time and location of meetings on the club website, Facebook page and other social media sites.
- ◆ Ask your community to add a link on their website to your club website and ask them to post the date, time and location on their community calendar and other appropriate locations.



For information on managing meetings go to the Lion Learning Center at lionsclubs.org

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

Empty Promises

A politician was visiting a remote little rural town and asked the locals what the government could do for them.

"We have two big needs," said the towns people. "First, we have a hospital but no doctor."

The politician whipped out his mobile phone, spoke for a while and then said, "I have sorted that out. A doctor will arrive here tomorrow. What is your other need?"

The townspeople replied, "We have no mobile phone reception in our town....."





Port Chalmers & District Lions Club Half of century of service

On Saturday 5th June 2021 the Port Chalmers & District Lions Club celebrated 50 years of serving the greater Port Chalmers with a special anniversary in the Port Chalmers Town Hall.



The highlight of the evening was the cutting of the anniversary cake by the club's only remaining Charter member Lion Bob Melville along with former Lion Charter member Chris Spiers and Club President Peter Dick.



Charter members Lion Bob and former Lion Chris both reminisced on the early days of the club and some of the projects undertaken.

All club members received Certificates of Service.

President Peter Dick presented a Lloyd Morgan Honoured recognition to our long serving Club Treasurer Liz McLennan for services to the club and community. Charter member Lion Bob Melville's wife, Betty also received a Lloyd Morgan Honoured recognition for her 50 years of "outstanding service" to the club. PDG Les Box, LCIF District Coordinator, then presented two Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Tom Stevenson and Dave Marshall. Both Lions have given outstanding service over many years not only to the club but also to the community. DG Ella Butson was also recognised as a Melvin Jones Fellow, presented by PID Tony Hanning.

The evening concluded with a raffle and tail twisting with proceeds going to the Port Chalmers Volunteer Fire Brigade appeal.

Source: Lions Club of Port Chalmers & District



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

What	Date	Details
Waiareka Valley	Thursday 7 October 6.30pm	40th Charter Anniversary Dinner ◆ Brydone Hotel, Oamaru

Deadline for August 2021 issue is 15 July 2021.
Please send details to Editor Beryl well in advance.



Club Visitations

July

Sun 25 Presidents' Lunch, Oamaru

August

Mon 9 Timaru Host (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Mon 9 Palmerston (*2nd VDG Garth Bateup*)
 Tues 10 Dunedin Host (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Tues 10 Mosgiel District (*2nd VDG Garth Bateup*)
 Wed 11 Taieri (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Thurs 12 Pleasant Point (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Tues 17 Hinds & Districts (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Wed 18 Temuka District (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Wed 18 Milton (*1st VDG Jules Ellis*)
 Thurs 19 Fairlie (*DG Christine Stewart*)
 Thurs 19 Otago Peninsula (*1st VDG Jules Ellis*)
 Wed 25 Geraldine (*DG Christine Stewart*)



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**Please confirm
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 (or her deputy's)
 venue, date and time with:**

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The District Governor, 1st & 2nd VDGs, and accompanying person, and cabinet officers on official business, are guests at your meeting - **they do not pay.**

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25 July

- ♦ Presidents' Q & A session & Presidents' lunch
 10am, Brydone Hotel, Oamaru

3 October

- ♦ Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust luncheon
 Timaru

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