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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



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SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Message from Lion Pam Fiveash

District Governor 202F District

To my fellow Lions in
District 202F



Welcome to the new Lions year. I am truly honoured to be your District Governor for the 2021-2022 year. My theme for the year is 'Service With a Smile' as I believe that's how we're seen by the general public. We're out there in our communities doing amazing things. And because we enjoy what we're doing, and who we're doing it with, we have smiles on our faces.

My major focus for this year is to support you in that mission of service. I want you to feel that your efforts are appreciated by everyone, not just in your own areas, but in the whole district. And I know this year's Cabinet will back me up. We're here to help you in whatever way you think we can.

Our first Cabinet meeting for the year was held in Bannockburn on Saturday 17 July, and we were hosted by the Cromwell Lake Dunstan club. Their hospitality was amazing; they provided us with delicious food, and looked after the partners by providing a programme to keep them busy while the meeting was on. Thank you so much for your hospitality, it was much appreciated.

The next day, Sunday, saw many of our Club Presidents converge on Bannockburn for the Presidents' lunch, to which Past District Governors were also invited to attend. The Cromwell Lions Club was the hosts on the day,

and totally spoilt us all – 65 attendees in total. The day began with a workshop for the Presidents, and from the feedback received, this appears to have been worthwhile. It was thought that why not make use of the time when everyone was together to brainstorm some ideas to help clubs in the year ahead. And the partners were treated to a visit to nearby Carrick Winery.

The guest speaker after lunch was Doreen Evans from Cromwell Rotary. The two organisations, Cromwell Lions and Rotary, are working together on a project known as Lot 47, where a new house is being built in a new subdivision. The ultimate goal is to donate any profit from the sale of the completed house to help St John Cromwell fund their new station build. It's fabulous to see the collaboration that's taking place between the clubs, and how everyone is working so well together. The Cromwell and wider community will definitely be the ones to benefit from such generosity. If you'd like to learn more about this amazing project, go to <https://www.lot47.co.nz/about-the-project>.

My thanks to the Cromwell Club for organising this day, and for taking such good care of us all. It was a pleasure to work with both clubs in putting the weekend's programme together. And as you can imagine, the setting was amazing – Central Otago in winter is a beautiful area.

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Done and dusted for another year, whew.

Wyndham Lions hosted the defence on Mon 28/6 at the warm environs of the Wyndham Town & Country club, where because of a late 'weather bomb' only Wyndham Pioneer, Tokanui Toi Tois, Gore Hokonui and Gore Rive Valley Lions clubs, most with multiple teams challenged the hosts for that coveted trophy!

Throughout the night the participating teams were challenged at darts, pool, shooting, quoits, bowls and the proverbial quiz. Competition was spirited and at times rather raucous, much to the chagrin of some others naturally.

With some debate, it was noted that the defending club provided the adjudicator at each discipline, really!!

As we progressed, points were accumulated [at times generously, for whatever reason] then totalled on the whiteboard for the team managers circumspection! With the 'intensity' involved, most H&S regimes obviously included rolling 'drink breaks'.

Perhaps it was the occasion for it was an unusual competition, for sure. Accumulating, through the evening, teams were noted to be peaking but oddly others distinctly 'leaking'.....what on earth is going on you may well ask?

So here we are, it's all over and the scrutineers are doing a final tally. I'm not sure of their maths [rumour has it more than 1 of them spent 2 yrs in std6!]. The 'winning' team [TTT-A] lost and the 'losingest' team won! Go figure.

Congratulations to Wyndham Lions on a jolly good night, you LOSERS...

Zone5 looks forward to the next challenge where we will be hosted by the winners.....Gore River Valley Lions club, well done team.

**ZONE5
CHALLENGE
TROPHY!
2020/2021**

Author: Anonymous

Message from

DG Pam

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One point stuck with me from the conversations during the weekend. And this was how important service projects are to us and the communities we support. They are the bread and butter of Lions, the reason we exist. Because after all our motto is 'We Serve', it's not 'We Fundraise'. Yes, it's great to be able to provide those in need with financial assistance as and when required. But those acts of kindness often go under the radar; they're not publicised, and this is usually to protect the recipients' privacy. But our service projects can, and should be, promoted so that everyone near and far hears about the great work that we Lions undertake. The things we do to support the people in our communities with compassion and kindness. I'm not going to list them here as there wouldn't be enough room in this edition of the Southern Chronicles. However, if any club is looking for some new service project ideas, feel free to contact our Global Service Coordinator, Sue Evans. She has a document full of suggestions from clubs around New Zealand that she can share with you.

I'd like to finish with a smile quote, one that I used in Bannockburn, one that you may have heard before – 'There are hundreds of languages in the world, and a smile speaks them all'.

And until next time, I remain yours in Lions

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'Service With a Smile'



Welcome

Newest Members from June 2021

Name	Club	Sponsor
Greg Delaney	Cromwell Lions	Russ Fowler
Ninushi Rathnayaka	Invercargil Host Lions	Kevin Wall
Trevor Mollinson	Lumsden Lions	Jim Bottcher
Kevin Lewis	Roxburgh & Districts Lions	Rae Rennie
Morris Brown	Makarewa Lions	Allan Wild
Kellie Millar	Makarewa Lions	Charlie Daly
Lars de Kruijf	Winton Club	Juon Schoen

Lions Clubs worldwide recognise outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an Award that is named after the Lions Clubs International founder, Melvin Jones.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is the highest level recognition from the Lions Clubs International Foundation and is given to members who have rendered outstanding community services.



Lion Edgar Parcell of Cromwell Lions was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by PDG Andy Andrews, on behalf of the Club.



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**Club visit for 202F VDG
Jeroen Schuurmans**

11th Aug. Balclutha Clutha Valley
16th Aug. Makarewa
19th Aug. West Otago to be confirmed
24th Aug. Riversdale
25th Aug. Wyndham Pioneer
9th Sept. Te Anau Kepler
16th Sept. Waihopai City to be confirmed
21st Sept. Invercargill Host
5th Oct. Waikiwi to be confirmed
12th Oct. Roxburgh to be confirmed
19th Oct. Riverton to be confirmed
20th Oct. Wanaka & Districts to be confirmed



*Save
the Date*

**August 2021
Important Days**

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19th : World Humanitarian Day
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202F Lions Out and About

Wanaka & Districts



Eddie Fahey (right) presenting Gerard Birley (left) a Trophy for 50 years service in lions. Also Gerald has co ordinating the Wanaka Anzac Day morning tea following the service in the town hall the last 24 years.

Congratulations Gerald.

Lawrence



Lions firewood delivery and a cracker of a day for it. Tip trailers and conveyors made it a little easier. Our gift to our elderly and those in need just before the snow.

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202F Lions Out and About

Rivers Dale



Haydrive competition which was held on 2 July

Wyndham Pioneer



These are our newly painted seats Thanks to Liz & George for painting & now they have nice new plaques too. These are on the main street in Edendale

202F Lions Out and About

Central Southland



Dipton School slippers knitted by the Central Southland Lions Club.

Wanaka Upper Clutha



Leos BBQ Fundraising for Age Concern Central Otago branch

202F Lions Out and About

A group of enthusiastic Lions attended the Queen concert in Gore in mid June. It was a great night and the band had us all on our feet with their rendition of many well known songs. Our President showing us his style (Below).



West Otago



CHANGEOVER JUNE 2021

Our Lions Changeover night in June was a great occasion with a Pot Luck Tea and a number of Lions dressing up as TV or movie Characters (Above).

Gore Pakeke



Supporting Charity Hospital.
Douglas Dixey is just testing his skills.

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202F Lions Out and About

Gore Hokonui



Congratulations on our cheese roll day! Many hands make light work. It was so good to be home early.

Gore Host



2 NEWS
The Otago Daily News, July 14, 2021

Banding together for landing site

SANDY EGGLESTON
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Gore organisations, clubs and businesses have thrown their weight behind a project to shift the rescue helicopter landing site.

The new helipad site is at St Mary's School.

A concrete footpath linking the site and Birch Lane near the hospital car park was laid at the end of last month.

Project co-ordinator Warren Aitken said Gore Host Lions Club members were helping install the footpath and gate.

Gore Hospital and Community Health Trust and the Gore and Districts RSA have also provided money.

"These funds are to be used for the lighting and the electronic windsuck," Mr Aitken said.

Materials for the path and gate were partly or fully donated by K2 Contracting, Eastern Concrete, Placemakers Gore and Scott Innovation.

The Gore Host Lions will make up the funding shortfall and members had also given about 80 hours of labour.

Gore Hospital chief executive Karl Metzler said he was very grateful to the groups for their help, and especially to

by using the tennis court that is there already," Mr Metzler said.

"That is tens of thousands of dollars of saving."

The gate at the end of the path would be locked but staff would have the code to unlock it.

Lighting for the helipad would be activated by hospital staff.

The expected cost of setting up the helipad would be about \$10,000, he said.

Floating ... Gore Host Lions Club member Warren Aitken admires the handiwork of member Shane Knapp as he smooths the surface of the concrete path leading from Birch Lane to the boundary of St Mary's School where a new helipad for the Otago Regional Rescue Helicopter will be located.

St Mary's School and the Catholic Diocese of Dunedin for allowing the helipad on the school grounds.

"We've saved significant cost

Photo: Steve Wilson

202F Lions Out and About

Cromwell

14th July 2021 **Cromwell News** News 3

Recycle your glasses to make a difference

By Ian Howarth

In 1926, Helen Keller attended the Lions Club International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness".

She had been blind and deaf since she was 18 months old, and as an adult had become a tireless advocate for people with disabilities.

Our local Lions are certainly doing their bit to honour her plea.

In fact, Lions around the world have been collecting and re-distributing eyeglasses and contact lenses for those who cannot afford them.

New Zealand Optometrists have generously travelled to the Pacific Islands and in Asia to freely donate their skills.

Under the watchful eye of Andy Andrews, Eyeglass/Spectacle Collection Project Co-ordinator for the South Island, the three Cromwell Lions Clubs have recently taken over from Christchurch-based Ferryman Lions Club in the recycling of used eyeglasses within the South Island, for distribution to people in need.

Co-ordinator Andy has great help from teams who meet regularly to prepare the hundreds of donated glasses.

It is a huge job, and Andy is grateful to have the support of each of the three Cromwell branches - Cromwell Lions (men), Cromwell-Lake Dunstan Lions Club (women) and Branch Club Lions Club for senior members.

Project co-ordinator Elaine Connolly ensures that the glasses are inspected and cleaned. Then, with special equipment, the magnification and astigmatism tolerances are verified and printed.

Each pair is bagged separately with its own printout, and then collectively bagged into bundles of the same magnifications.

There are strict guidelines to ensure accuracy before the bundles are boxed for shipment to their new owners.

They currently have a target of 500 pairs to be shipped to Tonga in September this year.

Andy says he is also grateful to the local Rotary Club, and various other community organisations who help with this humanitarian cause.

Jackie Hamilton, of Cromwell Pharmacy supports, too, by allowing locals to drop their donated glasses at the pharmacy.

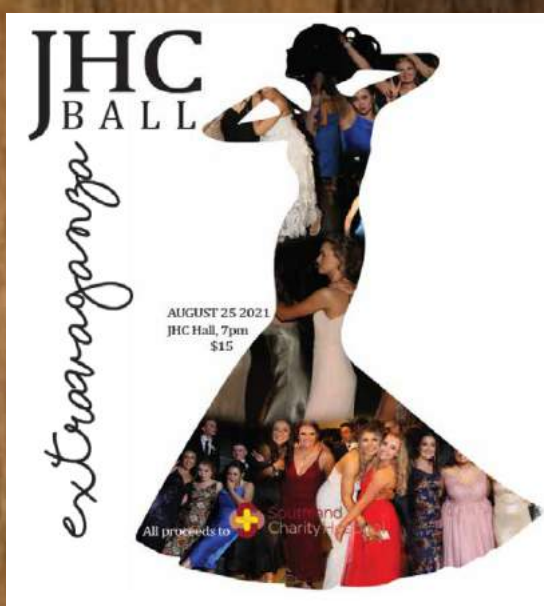
Anyone who wishes to donate their used glasses, including reading glasses and sunglasses, with or without prescriptions, can do so by taking them to the Cromwell Pharmacy in the Mall.

Any queries to Elaine on 027 663 9148 or Andy 445 3112 or 021 842 346.



Left to Right: team members from Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions Club, Sue Baltwill, Sandra Adams, Elaine Connolly, Sue Becker. Photo Supplied


Gore Pakeke



JHC BALL

extravaganza

AUGUST 25 2021
JHC Hall, 7pm
\$15

All proceeds to  Southland Charity

The Leos have started working on the Ball Extravaganza Event. They are looking at hosting this wonderful event on Thursday 12th. August. Keep the date free.

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202F Lions Out and About

Southland Girls High School Leos Report by Leos Coordinator Julie Brown

Invercargill Host

The Leos have started working on the Ball Extravaganza Event. They are looking at hosting this wonderful event on Thursday 12th. August. Keep the date free. On Sunday 13th June I attended the 2021 Young Speechmakers Competition at the Gore Senior Citizen Centre. This is the first time the competition has been held since 2018. Originally there had been 13 contestants but for varying reasons there were quite a few who had pulled out leaving only four speakers. But what excellent quality speakers they were. Representing our club was Mia Hollingworth from Verdon College, her subject being Fake News.

From James Hargest there was Charlotte Love - Find Who You Are
Joshua Hancock Cromwell College - Stepping Our Of Your Comfort Zone
and Elijah Thomas Gore High School - Do You Exist.

An extremely varied list of topics and very interestingly presented.
The impromptu speech was "When I was young I" and again well presented and a wide scope of ideas.

Mia was a very deserving winner of the competition on the day and she will now represent 202F and the national competition in Wellington on August 15th, which the same weekend as her national debating competition in Oamaru.

Some juggling will be required.

Mia is very happy to come and present her speech to our club, so I have booked her for the August Meeting.

She has already been presented with the local trophy and perhaps by August she will sporting the National one as well.



Dear Fellow Lions,

Please continue to send me your articles, photos, stories or anything which you find interesting to go to our Chronicles by 20th of August in order to be included in the next edition.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours in Lionism
Sajitha Ferry
202F Bulletin Editor



We Serve
Kindness Matters

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Few photos from the July Cabinet meeting held in Cromwell.

