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District Governor's Newsletter



Together We Are a Team

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One	14 Feb
Two	9 Feb
Three	9 Feb
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DG Christine's Comments

We are now six months into the Lions year – time has gone so quickly, and we are preparing for Christmas celebrations (let's hope that Covid restrictions are relaxed enough that we can spend time with family and friends).

All our club visits have been completed. Thank you to FVDG Jules and SVDG Garth who have visited some of the clubs on my behalf. Those clubs that I have not been to personally, I intend to drop in to see you in the new year – treat me just like a visitor from another club (no fuss).

It was my pleasure to be able to induct new members on some of my club visits – and especially three new members at the Strath Taieri club (well done you guys). Also, I would like to congratulate this club for taking up the huge challenge of running your local newspaper which was in jeopardy of closing. It is such an integral part of your community. Another little high is that Javier, the fantastic singer who performed at the Presidents dinner in July, has now joined the Waimate Lions Club. I hope you enjoy your time as a Lion Javier.

At each of my club visits I have challenged the President to make one simple goal for their Lions year. I hope you are all working towards fulfilling that goal.

District Governor

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DG Christine's Comments (cont'd)

Congratulations to the Dunedin Host Lions club who celebrated their 60th Anniversary on Saturday 13th November. Dunedin Host was the first club to be chartered in the Otago area, so well done for fulfilling 60 years of Lions service.

On 6th November we had our second District cabinet meeting. It was a long day, but there was a lot of animated discussion and sharing of ideas amongst the cabinet members. Cabinet meetings give cabinet members time to voice their thoughts on how to better serve this District and its members.

A question on most Lions lips at the moment is how will the double vaccination mandate that the government has made affect how we operate as clubs. The way we have our meetings, and do our projects will change, but our clubs will have to learn to work within this new framework. Multiple District head office cannot issue orders on how clubs must operate, but hopefully the guidelines that have been issued will give clubs some guidance. I know it will be a challenge, but please try and work through it amicably and with kindness.

It is so important that we are kind to one another in these changing times. As our International President Douglas Alexander speaks – “Health is one of those things that isn’t straightforward. There are many aspects of wellness that create health. In our roles as Lions, we work to foster all aspects of health: mind, body, and spirit.”

I would like to wish all Lions members their partners, families and extended families, all the very best for the Christmas/New Year holidays. Safe travels (if you are travelling), and we will catch up again in the New Year.

Quote for the month:

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”

Princess Diana

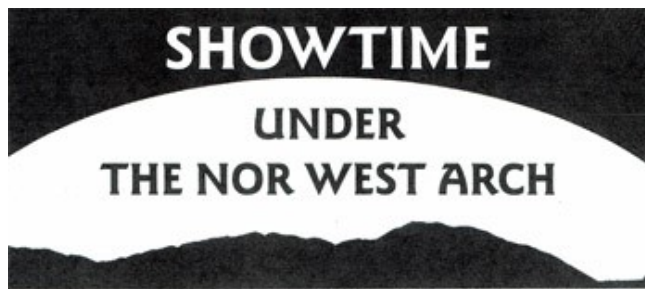
**District Governor Christine
“Leader of the Pride”**



Together We Are a Team



District 202J Convention



DG Christine and Kevin and
the Clubs of 202J Zone One
invite you to the
2022 Lions District 202J Convention

Venue - Methven Resort Hotel, 51 Main St., Methven

Accommodation - Stay at the Resort, or one of the many
other motel, lodge, pub, or AirB&B options available.

Saturday Evening - Showtime under the Norwest Arch

Enjoy your stay - leave time to enjoy everything Methven
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Methven, April 1 - 3, 2022

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Reminders

Nominations.....

- ◆ **Nomination and seconder for:**
 - District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice
District Governors, to be received by
Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge
before Wednesday 2 March 2022

Note: District Governor candidates must
have been a Vice District Governor in this
District.



Remits for District 202J Convention (the Annual General Meeting)

- Please send remits for our AGM to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge
before Monday 31 January 2022



Eulogies please

- ♣ for recognition of the service of these Lions at our Convention Remembrance Service
- ♣ Send:
 - name & a good quality photo of deceased club members
(do not downsize the photo for emailing)
 - accompanied by their eulogies (150 - 200 words)
 - to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge ASAP
(at latest by **Wednesday 2 March 2022**)



I have recently completed five visits on behalf of DG Christine. They were to Milton, Otago Peninsula, Mayfield, Ashburton County and Ashburton. My thanks to those clubs for their wonderful hospitality. Those five clubs are a good cross section of the 33 clubs in our District.

At the clubs I asked members to recall why they joined Lions. Overwhelmingly, members said they joined for service and fellowship. They reaffirmed their wish to serve with suggestions for service in their respective areas.

Fellowship and service requires leaders. Through leaders, the Lions clubs of 202J will thrive. I recently read an article from the Omidyar organisation. They support community initiatives throughout the Pacific region. They identify five skills community leaders need; they are: be responsible for societal progress, managing the self, energising others, diagnosing situations and intervening skillfully.

I saw all those skills when I visited the five clubs. When we talk about being responsible for progress

that is exactly what your service does for our area. Managing self is about understanding how we fit together as a Team and what role we each play in the team. Energising others is what members do when we encourage each other to give service. Diagnosing situations is when we all listen to each other and our communities as to what needs to happen and finally intervening is our service.

How does this all come together? On my visit to Ashburton a letter was read from a young person in care who had been supported onto an Outward Bound course. In the letter they said that it had helped them to get promotion at work, to be inspired to carry on studying to University and it made them appreciate what they had. I don't like highlighting one club because we all perform service to the best our ability but that example shows how what we do changes lives.

*Jules Ellis
1st Vice District Governor 202J*



Public Relations & Communications Calendar

Month	Date	Day
December	3rd	International Day of Disabled Persons
	5th	International Leo Day
	5th	World Volunteers Day
	15th	MD Peace Poster posted to LCI



Privacy and member personal information

The *Privacy Act 2020* governs how and when a Lions club can collect, store, use and disclose personal information about a member. Every club needs a Privacy Officer to ensure these rules are complied with, being the club Secretary as the custodian of club records.

Every club collects personal information about its members: including full name, date of birth, residential address, contact details (email and phone), occupation, category of membership, date became a Lion, date joined/transferred to the club, partner's name, office(s) held and award (s) received as a Lion. Generally, this information will be held by both the club Secretary in the club records and on MyLCI, the electronic LCI electronic membership database which allocates each member a unique numeric identifier.

A club can only disclose personal information to another organisation or person other than the member where that disclosure is necessary for the lawful purposes of the club or has been authorised/consented to by the member or is authorised/required by law. Except for disclosure to LCI or storage on a secure cloud server, a club cannot disclose personal information about a member to a body or person outside New Zealand without the authorisation/consent of the member. The club Secretary should keep a record of any disclosure authorisation/consent given by a member.

Ken Whitcombe
GMT Coordinator

LCI Direct Debit

We encourage clubs to continue to sign up for the next Direct Debit of international dues - next deduction is February 2022. Final date we will accept these forms to be lodged for the February direct debit will be Friday 17 December.

What you need to do is:

1. download both pages of the direct debit form: [Microsoft Word - DD Authority template - Lions \(mcusercontent.com\)](https://www.mcusercontent.com)
2. complete it with your details and have it signed by your bank account signatories and
3. post it to us at
MD202 Lions Clubs New Zealand, PO Box 691, Orewa, 0946.

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.



Focus on the Forum

Fifty-four Lions attended the District 202J Forum held at the Fenwick School in Oamaru on Saturday 27th November.

This was a good turnout with presenters covering topics relevant to Lions members including club finances, general administration issues, Health and Safety Planning, Lions Youth Activities, Membership Development, use of the Lions Learning Centre, Funding opportunities and the Lions Clubs proposed Skin Cancer Screening Project.



A separate breakout session was held after lunch for those Lions needing to learn how to access MyLion and MyLCI website applications.

There was also a presentation and discussion on the project Rowing Aotearoa scheduled for March 2022. A team of rowers will row the east coast of New Zealand from Bluff to Cape Reinga raising funds for several charities including the Lions Skin Cancer Project. Lions Clubs will host the team and provide opportunities for fundraising at the many stop offs.

Richard Watson from the Methven Lions Club gave a presentation in support of the District Convention being held in Methven from 1 – 3 April 2022.

The day concluded with a question and answer session.

Garth Bateup
Global Leadership Team



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





Focus on Zone 3 News

COVID has been disruptive to clubs as many activities that have been planned were subsequently abandoned due to the cancellation of associated events.

♣ Palmerston:

Unable to use their regular meeting place, Palmerston have improvised by having potluck tea meetings at the Sports Hall. Ongoing activities are the fertiliser drive, Pink Ribbon collection. Selling lily bulbs and bagging manure.

♣ Waiakarua:

Have been busy getting McKerrow's pond ready for teaching school kids – sailing and kayaking. Over the last year the club has replaced the kayak fleet, lifebelts to meet compliance and enlarged the deck and sun shelter. The club has experienced sailing/kayak volunteers that assist during school visits.

♣ Waiareka Valley:

Had a great 40-year celebration meeting at which five charter members (four still active) were present. The club is preparing for the "winter crop" competition that they run with the Waiakarua Club. Last year, it raised \$70,000 for the Rescue Helicopter and St John. Ongoing activities of manure bagging, firewood, and collection of batteries which is a surprisingly good money earner

♣ North Otago:

Because of Covid – North Otago Lions Club "Toot For Tucker" will be really needed this year. What is gratifying to see, besides the participation of youth groups and the other Lions Clubs around Oamaru, is the increased assistance by members of the public.

♣ Oamaru:

With North Otago and Waiareka Valley clubs have run a successful "Free Diabetes Type 2 Blood Sugar test day" in November to raise the awareness of the Diabetes health problem. Ongoing activities are Lime sales, Lions Mints and major fundraiser Oamaru calendar sales.

♣ Waimate:

Have had a great start to the Lions year by recruiting two new members and dropping the clubs average age by 15 years. Their sponsorship of two people to the Lions Berwick Outdoor Experience paid off, as they have joined the club.

♣ Waimate Whitehorse:

Had an enjoyable zone meeting in Waimate, well organized by the club. Ongoing activities are movie fundraisers, Pink Ribbon collections and raffles and social activities such as lunch with North Otago Lions. It is great to see more social interaction and cooperation between Lions clubs.

Klaus Steiner
Zone 3 Chairman

Type 2 Diabetes Awareness Day - Oamaru



Left: North Otago Lions Jan Selfe & Bev Thomson, & Oamaru Lion Freeman Willets stationed outside the front entrance of the Oamaru Pharmacy to encourage passersby to have a free blood glucose test.

Lions were also stationed outside the rear entrance of the pharmacy.



Right: North Otago Lion Debbie Grant assisting nurse Robyn Cleverley to test a member of the public.

Portable toilets!



I came across these during the Hurunui Garden Festival during the last weekend of October. It occurred to me that it could be a good service project for rural clubs. This club has several of these. They were present at several of the rural gardens available for visitors' use.

Russell Hancox



Focus on the Forum (cont'd)

Club Excellence Awards for the 2020-2021 year.

Several Club Excellence Awards were presented during the Forum.

Recipient clubs were Geraldine, Oamaru, Palmerston, Port Chalmers & Taieri.

Right: Ad Bekkers after being presented with Taieri Lions' Club Excellence Award





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202J Administrator

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Focus on 2VDG / Global Leadership (GLT)

Over the past two months I have had the pleasure of visiting three clubs on behalf of District Governor Christine. The clubs are Palmerston, Mosgiel District and Dunedin South. These visits are valuable for me as I get to know more about our District. Every club is different in the way it operates, proving that we can meet Lion's objectives and the needs of our communities in various ways. I was impressed with the service activities being undertaken by the three clubs and it goes to prove that you do not need to have a large membership to enjoy fellowship and serving others which is what our Lions movement is all about.

As restrictions placed on us all from Covid Level 2 continue, many clubs have had to postpone or cancel some of the larger projects that they had planned. Many of these projects raise funds to support our communities. With less funds available we can look at other ways to serve our communities by serving differently.

Lions Institutes and workshops have also been affected by Covid 19 restrictions. The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) originally scheduled for October 1 – 3 in Christchurch has been

postponed with a new tentative date set 14th – 16th January 2022. The District has three Lions scheduled to participate in this Institute.

The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) is still planned for Brisbane from 4th – 6th February 2022. Applications close on 6th November 2021. Go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/advanced-lions-leadership-institute> for information. I can assist any prospective attendees with the application process. Some funding from our District may also be available.

The Lions Certified Instructor Programme (LCIP) is planned to go ahead from 11th – 14th February 2022 in Christchurch. Applications close on 13th November 2021. For details of the programmes and eligibility criteria go to www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lions-certified-instructor-program

Garth Bateup
2VDG & GLT Coordinator

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Recycle For Sight

Eyeglass Recycling – How You Can Help



If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them to Lions which accepts prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.

Unwanted spectacles are sent to Lions processing centres where they are sorted, checked for scratches, cracks and screws tightened before being washed in an ultrasonic washer and dried. They then have their prescription recorded and are packed for delivery to Volunteer Ophthalmologist Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands.

Type 2 Diabetes is common in the Islands and is the main cause of blindness. Lions clubs in the

Islands receive the glasses and distribute them to visiting volunteer optometrists who test patients and fit them with the recycled glasses at no cost. VOSO consists of teams of eye surgeons, optometrists and eye care workers who visit the isolated communities and bring enhancement to the lives of hundreds of people annually.

Sunglasses are also a useable item for the Islands, particularly after cataract operations. Transporting the glasses to the Islands is always a problem so any way to help is appreciated. Some firms have spare room in their containers and are happy to help. Some travelers take a few boxes up as personal luggage.

Abridged from [Vision Services | Lions Clubs New Zealand](#)

Used Spectacles Collection

- ◆ The Cromwell Lions clubs have taken over the Ferrymead equipment for eyeglasses. **Do not send spectacles to the Ferrymead Lions Club.**
- ◆ 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 and she will organise delivery to Cromwell.
- ◆ Oamaru Lion Derek Wardell (ex Cromwell Lion) travels back to Cromwell from time to time. Drop off at 7 Girvan Street, Oamaru 021 0339 123
- ◆ Also 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.



800 prescription spectacles & 200 non-prescription sunglasses have landed in Tonga

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>.



- ◆ Heads Up For Kids/Kantabs contact/drop off:
 - Malcolm Lill: zones 1, 2, 3. (03) 693 7667 or 021 361 380
 - David Christie: zones 4 & 5. (03) 489 4113 or 027 956 7297

Anchor your Teardrop Flag

- ◆ Assemble the flag.
- ◆ To keep your teardrop flag in one piece when erected look for the two lugs (look a bit like ear lobes) near the base of the shaft.
- ◆ Pull the lace tight (at the bottom of the flag) & tie the lace around those lugs.



Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids



Our mission is to support kidney kids and their families/whānau throughout New Zealand on their journey with kidney disease.

◆ **Sell your collected aluminium to a recycler:**

Wine bottle tops - remove any wire, tear tabs

Clean crushed aluminium cans, aluminium trays, aluminium cat food containers, tea light candle holders

- 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**).



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 9012

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.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



An estimated 463 million people in the world today are affected by diabetes and by 2024 it is estimated that as many as 650 million people will be living with this disease.

Since World Diabetes Day 2020, Lions have served more than 13 million people in diabetes-related activities. From type 2 diabetes screenings to camps for children managing type 1 diabetes, Lions have the commitment and resources to fight diabetes every day in communities around the world.

Through LCIF's Humanitarian grant funding, it enables large scale Lions led projects that support the expansion of diabetes prevention, education, and improved access to treatment to continue.

As with most LCIF grants, they do require a portion of the funds to be matched by local Lions financial contributions before a grant is considered. In developed countries grants up to

50% of the project budget may be requested while in developing countries up to 75% can be applied for. Matching grants are awarded from \$US10,000 to \$US100,000.

Diabetes is one of LCIF's areas of focus and is reliant on Lions clubs and individual Lions from around the world donating to LCIF's

Campaign 100, Lions empowering service

You can personally support this campaign by purchasing a Lions Share pin, see details of these in this J-Times.

I would like to thank the clubs and individuals who have supported LCIF so far in this Lions year and wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

**DG Les Box, QSM
LCIF Coordinator 202J**

LCIF Lions Share Programme

This Lions year Share Pins have just arrived in the country.

The Lions Share pins are part of the Melvin Jones Fellowship scheme which enables individual Lions to make a donation to LCIF by purchasing a pin. Pins are available in:

One Star \$75



Two Star \$150



Three Star \$300.



Your donation is then recorded in your name towards an MJF or Progressive MJF as the case may be. The Lions year dated pins make for a great way to acknowledge your club president at the end of their year, in recognition of their serving.

Order yours today through PDG Les Box, LCIF 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.



Focus on Zone 5 News

Covid and the current Delta strain is still having an impact on the country and Lions clubs' activities and projects, but great to see tea meetings back up and running. I have been busy visiting clubs with only Strath Taieri left to visit. At our latest Zone meeting there was a decision to form a committee between the five Club Presidents, Zone chair and Secretary to implement activities to support the Rowing for Life Aotearoa event when it comes to our Zone in March of 2022. Any suggestions that you may have to help can be forwarded to Ken Schumacher, Green Island President, who is taking the lead for us.

♣ Green Island:

It was a privilege for me to induct a new member on my visit, and have had a member re-join, One Lion at large reactivated and a new prospective member. They received a visit from our District Governor Christine which was a great night for the club.

♣ Mosgiel District:

Remains active in projects and are also affected by Covid. I visited Mosgiel District a few weeks ago and had a great night. Even with the impact of Covid they are still active and adjusting to the current situation with projects such as the foodbank drive, working with Foster Hope Otago to put together Christmas presents. Mosgiel District have also had a member transfer in, and as with others in the Zone working on increasing membership.

♣ Taieri:

A very strong club with good members numbers. Still active in projects with Cash for Cans in Mosgiel, fertiliser stall, Berwick planting. They have been involved with the Outram School judging the speech competition and supplied prizes. My visit to Taieri was a great night and they had a very interesting speaker who had been a member of the New Zealand Police involved with the Armed Offenders Squad.

♣ Strath Taieri:

Have shown positive growth with District Governor Christine inducting three new members on her visit to the club. We had our last Zone meeting at Strath Taieri and were well received. Strath Taieri have their Christmas function coming up on 7th December and this should be an enjoyable night.

♣ Milton:

Is still active in community projects with activities such as the manure stall and regular bag ups to support the sales. Milton has the Food Bank drive coming up on the 15th December and will be supported by the Red Cross, Fire Brigade, St John and Police. Milton had a visit from Vice District Governor Jules whose presentation was very inspiring.

Milton had their Christmas function on the 19th November and this was a special night as PDG Les Box made a special visit and presented Lion Jim Phillips, a great stalwart of the club, with his Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust Life Membership.



PDG Les Box making LMLLCT presentation to Jim Phillips



Jim & Anne Phillips

Paul Black
Zone 5 Chairman

A Warm Welcome to New Members.....



Ashburton:

David Ward (Hilary) (sponsor Mark Holmes)

Ashburton County

Betty Bullen (Bob Dorans) (sponsor Janet Hadley)

Fairlie:

Mike Hubbard (Lisa) (sponsor Hamish Lane)

Lake Tekapo:

Rosie Campbell (sponsor Robert Allan)

Sab Lord (sponsor Stewart Inch)

Daphne Morris (Neville) (sponsor Stewart Inch)

Dhara Sajwani (sponsor Zhu Liping)

Methven:

Philip McKendry (Judith) (sponsor Ernest Stern)

Rakaia:

Tracy Cameron (Kerry Henderson) (sponsor Teresa Agnew)

Strath Taieri:

Wayne Cannan (sponsor David Frew)

Cynthia Flanagan (sponsor Norma Emerson)

Wayne Spence (sponsor Richard Emerson)

Timaru Host:

Martin Diehl (Denise) (sponsor Colin McRobie)

Waimate:

Javier Venegas (Jocelyn) (sponsor Martin Merhrtens)

We Honour the Life and Service of.....

Peter Garde Methven (21 years' service)

Pat Leonard Temuka (almost 43 years' service)

Ian Milmine Waiareka Valley (30 years' service)



Mid-year Newsletter November 2021

Who would be an organiser of events in this day and age?

With so much uncertainty it is sometimes hard to focus, being unsure if the events will ever be allowed to happen.

However, we don't have time for gloom and doom, and we could live in Kabul or such places, so the show will go on until told otherwise by a higher authority.

You may notice our new logo and indeed all our stationary has been upgraded to tie in together and we believe give a cleaner, sharper and more professional look.

We are indebted to Positive Signs + Print of Mosgiel for this. Amanda Cookson who was in Red Watch 2021 offered her help in this regard. Ruth, who I liaised with, has been brilliant to work with so thanks so much ladies.

A couple of the BOE committee have been struggling a little health wise of recent times; we wish them the all the best for speedy recoveries and look forward to having them back on deck.

District Governor for the Lions District of 202J asked if BOE would take part in their Cabinet meeting in Oamaru back in July. Two of our instructors Leeann Smith and Callum Kingan gave a presentation on Teamwork and Leadership for the incoming Cabinet members. I had the privilege of sitting in on this session and it was very well received with lots of positive comments. Thanks to Leeann and Callum for giving their time for this.

DG Christine had also asked if I would be guest speaker at the Presidents' lunch the following day. This was carried out with a PowerPoint presentation and seemed to be well received.

I was very pleased not to have to follow the entertainer who wowed the 100 people audience after me. Javier Venegas from Waimate had been

a member of Brown Watch 2021. What a voice this young man from Chile has. There was barely a dry when he had sung to us in camp, and he received a tremendous reception from the Lions on this occasion.

It was lovely to sit with him and chat during lunch and hear of his progress since attending BOE. We wish him all the best in gaining residence in NZ. Javier has now been inducted into the Waimate Lions club. One of the delights of this role is hearing from or meeting up with past participants; very heart-warming indeed.

It was so heart-warming during the weekend to have so many Lions come up to me and relay the stories of the participants they had sponsored. We at the coal face cannot do what we do without this support.

I feel the interest in BOE has never been higher. The next course will be our 30th annual camp; having started in 1991 we missed 1992 and 2020.

I am acutely aware that time does weary one and I don't want to overstay my time in this job as much as I love it. I have witnessed too many old codgers hanging in there and becoming a hand break to put it nicely!

So, it was a legitimate question that was raised around the table in camp this year along the lines of "where to from here?" Our instruction team in camp is relatively young.

During our discussion it was apparent that they were very happy with their lot. There was no way they wanted to be paid for what they do but equally they felt the time span as in the eight days in camp was as much as they could handle. There was some concern expressed about the essential link between the in-camp Instructors and the Lions Club/Clubs. Again, it is that age wearying factor mentioned above.

During an ensuing discussion with the Taieri Lions BOE committee and fellow course founder Rob



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Urquhart it was decided to co-opt Helen Collins to work alongside Rob and the committee to share the load. Helen is a past BOE participant and has always shown a keen interest in becoming involved. Welcome onboard Helen and we look forward to your fresh ideas that we are sure you will contribute. Helen's first task is to revamp our website, so we look forward to making better use of this.

The website is a work in progress and with the help of Equinox IT we hope this will be much more user friendly in the near future. The Application Form will be able to be filled in online and this should make life easier for everyone.

We have also been holding off printing our brochure but hope to have this available before the end of the year.

It should be noted that as things stand at the time of writing to attend the course double vaccination status will be necessary (who knows what the powers that be will decide in the future)! However, we believe for everyone's protection this is the best course of action.

Course dates: 6th-14th May 2022. Fees: \$630.00 pp.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Coordinator for BOE

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Coming Lions Club Events
 where your support would be appreciated

Lions Club	Date	Details
Port Chalmers & District 	Sunday 12 th December at 2.30 pm.	Christmas Carols in the Dell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Featuring the Dunedin Salvation Army band and Dunedin Harmony Chorus. ◆ Compere Gladys Hope. ◆ Gold coin collection for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.
Ashburton	Saturday 12 th February 2022 (9am - 4pm) & Sunday 13 th (9am - 3pm) February 2022 11 th February is setup date and/or Social Campers	South Island Motorhome Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ashburton Showgrounds ◆ Adults \$5 ◆ Under 15 free ◆ Buy, sell, trade ◆ Self-contained campers welcome 

Deadline for February 2022 issue is 10 January 2022 .
Please send details to Editor Beryl well in advance.



Dates to Diary

31 January 2022

- ◆ Deadline for remits for our AGM to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge

2 March 2022

- ◆ Deadline for nominations for our AGM to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge
- ◆ Deadline for eulogies for the Remembrance Service to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge

1 - 3 April 2022

- ◆ District 202J Convention, Methven
 Saturday night theme: Showtime Under the Norwest Arch

10th - 16th July 2022

- ◆ National Youth Camp, Taranaki
 TOPEC - Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre

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