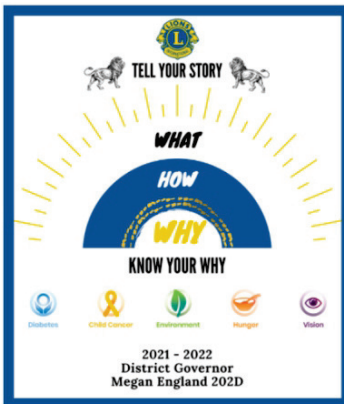


CONTACT

District 202D

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Message from the DG...

What a privilege it has been to visit so many clubs around our district over the last five months! I have met so many wonderful and dedicated Lions and it has been an honour to hear your stories. I still have a few clubs to visit in the new year and I look forward to enjoying your hospitality too.

Our 50th Annual General Meeting will be held at our Convention weekend Feb 26th & 27th. Our opening speaker for the day will be Dean Williamson, co-founder and director of Global HQ in Feilding, advertised as 'NZ's most innovative agrimedia business'. Dean is a 'down to earth kiwi bloke' and has an interesting story to share, along with the background to 'The Glob', Zone 1s new Health Van project (which will be on show at the Convention venue). Saturday night will be a 'Red Carpet Affair', a befitting reminder of our 'golden anniversary', with dinner and dancing. Sunday will be our Remembrance and Re-Dedication Service followed by morning. So, a warm invitation from the Clubs in Zone 5 and myself, please come and join us and enjoy the hospitality that Opunake has to offer.

Robert and I send you our best wishes for the Christmas season ahead. COVID has sent us all many challenges this year; take the time to refresh and enjoy the company of family and friends. Thank you all for your continued dedication to Lions and to the people within your communities.

"Because in times of great need, only a greater passion for service can make the world a better place for all people." (International President Douglas X Alexander)

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year. Be happy, Be kind, Be Safe!

Warmest regards,
Megan

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...from the Editor.

Ho Ho Ho,

It is that time of the year again. A time for reflecting and time to spend with family and loved ones. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming year. Thank you for your contributions until now and all the kind words of support. Keep the photos, reports, bulletins and stories coming. I am keeping this short, so be kind to one another and think of the lesser fortunate. Sometimes it is good to look at all the blessings we have and be thankful for all.



Gods richest blessings on you all

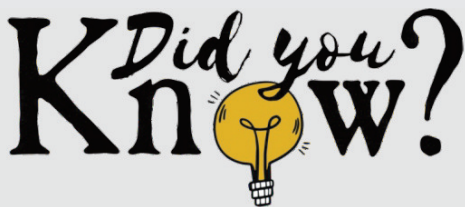
Tobi Hipp

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NEW MEMBER FEES

Due to the continued impact of COVID 19 Lions Clubs International (LCI) has extended the waiver of new member fees until 31 December 2021.



NZ Lions have partnerships with

- Camp Quality
- Cancer Society
- Diabetes NZ
- Kidney Kids
- NZ Liver Transplant Service
- Hearing Dogs



DIGITAL MARKETING

Marketing Display Network Update

I am pleased to inform that our network is growing. Thanks to Stephanie Jordan from Mt View Lions Hawera, we have 7 new locations across our district. GMC Chiropractors have joined the network as hosts and will be doing some advertising as well. Great effort Stephanie.

We currently have screens at:

- Caffeinate Hawera
- Hub Fit Hawera
- Upside Down Eatery Hawera
- Suede Hair by design Stratford
- Hairazor Opunake
- GMC Hawera
- GMC Stratford
- Hipp Accounting
- Stihl Shop Hawera

To be installed:

- Opunake Media Centre
- Fruit and Veg Store Opunake
- Club Hotel Opunake
- Rahotu Tavern
- GMC New Plymouth
- GMC Whanganui
- GMC Feilding
- GMC Palmerston North
- GMC Levin (not our zone but will put one there as well)

As you can see, we are slowly growing and our advertising options are increasing for the advertisers.

At the moment we are looking for references for electricians in our district who could help install monitors if the installations are a bit tricky and our local lions clubs can't do the job.

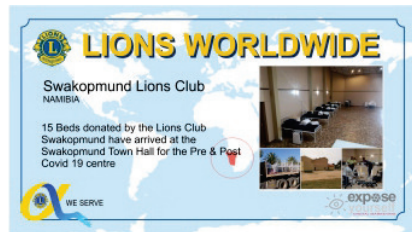
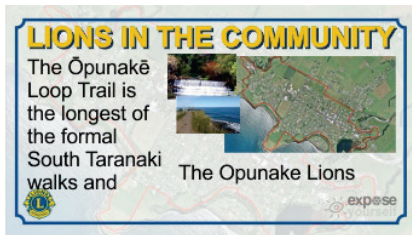
Please keep looking for venues where these displays could be installed, talk to the owners and let me know if there is an interest.

Funding

VDG Stephen Barr has applied for some funding available to help create content which will certainly help. I was not planning to charge for the creating of Lions promotional content and see it as part of my voluntary community service but am very thankful for any funding available.

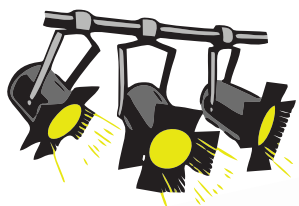
I will try to come along to zone and club visits when I can. If you in the meantime like to talk to me about how your club can get involved, email tobi@hippconsulting.co.nz or call 0276190269

Tobias Hipp





Who are our 2021/22 Cabinet Members?



This month the spotlight is on:



Ash HAZLITT

started my Lions Life as a member in Woodville on the 4th April 1990 At the time I worked for the Government and I remember one of my Sergeants telling me If I joined Lions I would meet some good people of the area. I was secretary for a couple of years when all mail came via Post Office and the trustee type writer was your friend.



In 1994 I was President in Woodville and the following year was Zone Chairman in the then District 202B (Now 202M) My clubs went from Pahiatua to Norsewood)

In 1996 I had a change of occupations and came farming transferring to Rongotea.

In 2009 I served as President. Both clubs had a dress code which I enjoy. In 2010 under DG Graham ROBINSON I became Zone Chairman. The next couple of years I served in different rolls on cabinet until 2013 when I was invited/elbowed into VDG after my predecessor ran off with another Lions husband.

In 2014 we travelled to Toronto in Canada for the International Convention. (If you have the opportunity to go to one, DO IT. It was an eye opener in many ways)

My theme was "FUN IN LIONS" something I believe we all should do. Since my DG year I have served in a couple of positions on Cabinet. My current roll is Southern Almoner covering Zones 1-2-3. I enjoy this roll. We not only acknowledge Lions and close family that pass on but when clubs tell us we acknowledge milestone birthdays and events.

Memorable Events

- International Convention in Toronto and Hawaii
- The District fundraising and opening for a unit as Osman House in Palmy
- The fundraising and opening of Ronald McDONALD House in Wellington
- The raising of funds for a District Nurses car in our Zone
- The opening of the Tangawai Memorial by Ruapehu Lions
- Sorting KanTabs at Ohakune
- Our clubs Cancer kids xmas parties at Rongotea



Not all Cabinet Member Photos were available at time of publication.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Service from the heart with International President, Douglas X. Alexander

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great. To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15.

We know that every member matters, to our clubs, to our communities and to the lives we touch as Lions. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

Thank you for sharing the joy of being a Lion, and for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander - International President

REMINDER Please Remember to get your entries in for these Awards:

- Waverley Award - Community Service Project
- Environment Award

Applications need to be with IPDG Louise Knapman by 20th January 2022

For more information on any one of the awards and the criteria, please email District GST, GLT or GMT Coordinators who are only too happy to help.



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We Serve



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

From LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

It's Diabetes Awareness Month, and LCIF proudly supports our service addressing this disease. Of course, Lions' and Leos' important work in all cause areas takes funding. Therefore, Campaign 100 continues. I want to recognize India's District 318 B for helping lead campaign fundraising success. Also read how you could win complimentary registration to the 2022 Lions International Convention, and to learn how 100% of your donation to LCIF counts toward campaign and Melvin Jones Fellow or Lions/Leos Share recognition!

[To read more click here](#)



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Lions and Christmas with LCIF

As we approach Christmas, I ask you all to consider the impact that we as Lions have in the world. Through LCIF, OUR Foundation, we have made grants totalling over \$US1.1 billion supporting Sight, Youth, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian efforts. Our Multiple District has received over \$3.6 million of that amount.

Campaign 100 was launched in 2017 with the aim of globally raising \$100 million in each of the following 3 years (extended to 4 because of Covid-19) so that we could make a significant positive impact on:

- The 400 million people with Diabetes
- The 800 million who go to bed hungry
- The 253 million people blind or visually impaired
- The 245 people (mostly children) who die each day from Measles
- That child diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes
- The 15% annual increase in natural disasters, etc.

And we think we are hard done by with Covid.....

Through our Campaign 100, we have until the end of this Lions year, to raise the \$78 million worldwide to reach our \$300 million goal and **we will do it.**

While we enjoy Christmas, please give some thought to those in the groups above and how we might be able to make a difference to the way their lives are now. Let us give some hope to those suffering so that their Christmas will be a positive and memorable experience.

How can we contribute? As a Club, consider acknowledging the many years of service some of your members have given with a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF). For \$US1,000, the recipient will receive an impressive plaque, a special MJF Lions pin and their name on the honour role at International Headquarters. What about nominating your MJF recipient as one of the 40 Heroes for Lions throughout our multiple District.

Many clubs have enough credits to award a MJF without any additional cost. (Contact me to see if your club qualifies.)

As an individual, consider purchasing a Lions Sharepin - \$75, \$150 or \$300 for a 1, 2 or 3 star pin respectively. Clubs can also purchase these to recognise the efforts of members. Both Area Leader Leo Danz and I have these available. One hundred percent of the money for both MJF awards and Sharepin purchases is used in LCIF projects.

\$1 in is \$1 out – the full donation amount is reinvested in LCIF funded projects.

If anyone has any questions or needs help with donations, please contact me at philandngaire.theobald@xtra.co.nz or Leo at danz24@xtra.co.nz.

Remember that all of us as Lions have ownership of LCIF (OUR Foundation) and every person helped from that list above, was helped by US, you and me – not some distant, nebulous organisation. We will continue to help because that is who we are – WE ARE LIONS.

On behalf of our Foundation, Area Leader Leo and myself, we wish you and all of your extended family, a very happy, peaceful and uplifting Christmas.

Kind regards to you all.

Phil Theobald – District 202D LCIF Coordinator



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Useless Facts

What do these two have in common?



They are both “Nutcrackers”

St. Nick was more generous than jolly



You probably already knew that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas. The saint wasn't a bearded man who wore a red suit; that tradition came much later. In the fourth century, the Christian bishop gave away his large inheritance to the poor and rescued women from servitude. In Dutch, his name is Sinter Klaas, which later morphed into Santa Claus in English.

The Dutch gave us the idea to leave cookies and milk

If your kids leave Santa a little snack to keep him sated on your journey, thank the Dutch. On St. Nicholas' feast day on Dec. 6, Dutch children leave him food and drink to be exchanged for gifts overnight.



Christmas wasn't always on December 25

While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the actual date is lost to history. There's no mention of December 25 in the Bible and many historians say Jesus was really born in the spring. Some historians posit the date was originally chosen because it coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which honored the agricultural god Saturn with celebrating and gift-giving.

Gifts have both Christian and Pagan origins

Christians may have grown up learning that we give gifts at Christmas to mimic the presents the Three Wise Men brought the baby Jesus. But like so many other traditions, that also has its roots in Saturnalia. The pagans originally gave offerings to the gods, too.

Evergreens are an ancient tradition

The tradition of Christmas trees goes all the way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans, who decorated with evergreens during the winter solstice to signify that spring would return. So if you deck your halls with a green tree, wreaths or evergreen garland, you're honoring history.



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Hello everyone, I hope your year is going well and that your clubs are thriving.

I want to remind you that you need to start thinking about the annual awards which are presented at our convention. Yes, we don't do what we do to be recognised, but.....a pat on the back can inspire.

Please, check the criteria and make your submission to me by 20th January. I look forward to seeing what you have been up to.

Cheers

PDG Louise Knapman

Let's Celebrate!



On January 13, we will honor our founder, Melvin Jones on the 143rd anniversary of his birth. I could not be more excited to celebrate with you, and with Lions and Leos worldwide.

This year, we will celebrate what it means to be a Lion or Leo during historic Campaign 100 through a LCIF Week Melvin Jones Photo Contest. Below is important information about the contest.

- Contest runs from October 22-December 31, 2021
- Submission and voting run through December 31, 2021, 11:59 p.m. (Central Standard Time)
- Winners will be announced on January 13, 2022

[Enter Contest](#)

Limit one entry per person. No purchase or donation is required to enter. Eight winners, one from each constitutional area, will receive complimentary individual registration* and a ticket for the Melvin Jones luncheon at the 104th Lions International Convention in Montréal, Canada. Family, friends, and fellow Lions and Leos can vote for their favourite photo submission. To quote Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." Thank you for your support. Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Visit to Ohakune & Tangiwai Memorial

4th December 2021

On Saturday, 4th December a number of Lions from all over our District 202D took part in the trip to visit the Tangiwai Memorial Site where many lost their lives on 24th December 1953 due to the bridge being washed away and the train crashed into the river. We met in Whanganui and made our way to Ohakune. Here the Ruapehu Lions put on a fabulous meal and hosted us in their Lion's Den. Thanks to Rene, Fred and the team involved, it was a great event. We quickly felt at home due to your warm hospitality.

After the feed some needed a nap but we went on to the Tangiwai Memorial Site where Sir Bob Norling gave us a very thorough tour and shared his vast knowledge. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of what happened on that Tragic Day of the Tangiwai Train Disaster.

After the visit we all went in our own directions. It was a great day out and thanks to all that came along despite the weather.

We will be having more of these rides/trips away as it is a great opportunity for lions from the district to meet and enjoy each other's company.





YOUTH

Zone 1 Manawatu Rural Speechmaker Final November 13th

The Zone 1 Lions Rural Speech contest was held recently in the Rec Centre. Eleven young speechmakers spoke on a wide range of topics, ranging from "Artificial intelligence", to "If only we could turn back time" to "Addiction". All the entrants spoke with conviction and some with humour. The two judges, English teachers from Feilding High School, rated the speeches very well and there was close scoring for the top two speechmakers in each section. Due to the quality of the best two speakers in each section, it was decided to send 4 speakers to the final in Hawera on December 5th.



Zone 1 chair Warren presenting the cup & vouchers to Year 5 & 6 winner, Stirling Lumby from Lytton St School.



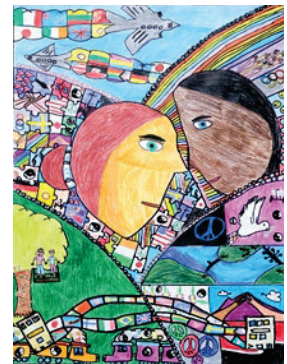
Year 7 & 8 winner Bella Smout from Hiwinui School.



1st Uijina Lee

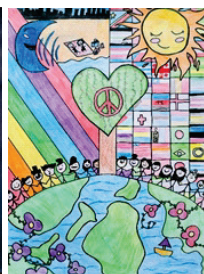
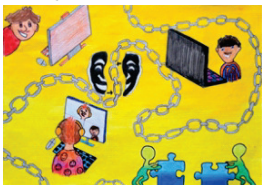


3rd Reese Gardener



2nd Anthea Sharrock

Peace Poster Winners



rest of the top 10



YOUTH

SPEECHMAKERS 2021

Junior Speechmakers Contest 2021:

Sadly, due to the traffic light system that the Government has created which has seen part of our District in Red and the other in Orange, we decided that holding the competition in person was not appropriate this year. Phil and I put our heads together and decided to give the students an opportunity to present their speeches in another way. ZOOM.

We received 22 entries this year. We sent invites to attend zoom meeting. We ended up with 17 students online competing with 1 student that entered his speech through recording on USB stick as he couldn't make zoom call.

Despite all this we had a great range of topics from Dad Jokes to Pirates – nonfiction vs fictional to My sister to Emotions from Music. All student only needed to present their prepared speeches. The judges were very impressed with the standard. They found this very hard to choose the 3 place getters as normally it's the impromptu Speech that normally decides the winners.

Congratulation to everyone who participated: the winner were.

1st Emma Livingston year 8 from Hunterville Consolidated School, Topic: Kiwi Slang sponsored by Hunterville Lions Club.

2nd Maddison Parata year 7 from Auroa School, Topic: Weird things my Mum and Dad say sponsored by Kaponga Lions

3rd Geordie Coleman year 8 from Hunterville Consolidated School, Topic: Survival sponsored by Hunterville Lions.

Phil and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy Holiday Season. Kia Kaha. Keep Safe. We look forward to 2022.



YOUTH

NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP TARANAKI NEW ZEALAND.

Hosted by District 202D.



TSB Topec

Hydro Road off Junction Road

PO Box 8859
New Plymouth.

Afternoon All.

The end of the year is fast approaching. Hopefully by now you would have shared the Information about this great opportunity for Youth aged 12-16 yrs with Clubs in your Districts. Applications will open on the 1st Feb and close 7th May. Hopefully by time June/July comes around Covid will not interfere with the Camp going ahead. It is planned to be a fun filled week of activities, forming lasting friendships, increase in self confidence and a few challenges for all to enjoy.

Clubs are asked to sponsor the \$500 cost. We do however encourage Clubs or even zones to share the sponsorship. Think about encouraging those Youth to share and assist in your fundraising efforts at Club, Zone or even District level. Again, we feel it would be great if each District could sponsor 4 Youth to attend this great opportunity.

It would also be great if you got application forms submitted sooner than later to ensure the Youth's spot at the camp. Clubs/Zones that are sponsoring Youth will be invoiced by end May.

I have attached the information regarding the Camp for your information. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions or concerns.

For now, I'd like to wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Regards
Stephanie Jordan
MD NZ Inter Youth Exchange Coordinator.



Megan England
202D District Governor
Lions Club of New Zealand

21 November 2021

Dear Megan

I am taking the unusual step of contacting you directly as District Governor. I want to share an important update regarding how COVID-19 has impacted Camp Quality. In these uncertain and challenging times, the vulnerable children we work with need respite and opportunities to be kids again more than ever. However, the danger COVID-19 poses has meant that we've made the difficult decision to cancel our upcoming Summer Camp programme. This will be the first time in our history that we've not been able to deliver any physical camps. It was a very hard decision but it's clearly the only one we could make to protect our children.

Despite this, we must still be there for our Campers. So, we're busily working on a new concept called Camp-in-a-Box which will bring the spirit of camp to the doorstep of every child who was registered to attend Summer Camp in 2022. Each box will be packed with toys, games, puzzles, books, resources, and activities. Every child will receive their own special box and an invitation to take part in a range of on-line activities. The aim is to generate the kinds of amazing experiences and important outcomes from camp, but in a COVID-19 safe way.

Lions Clubs New Zealand, and your District in particular, have always been a central part of our physical camps. Thousands of children living with cancer have benefitted from your region's generosity and I want to sincerely thank you for that support.

Will you now be central in our response to the new reality COVID-19 imposes upon us? Will the Lions Clubs in your District help us fund the Camp-in-a-Box programme? Enabling every local child to still enjoy the spirit of camp, even in these challenging times.



Each box will cost approximately \$250, however in line with our Camp philosophy will be provided free to our Campers. Across the country, we're aiming to provide 400 boxes so that no child misses out this Summer. This is an ambitious plan, but we can't leave any child out and I know that together we can meet the challenge.

Across our Wellington and Central Districts, we have 81 children and young people to send a box to. So far, thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs in your District, we already have sufficient funding for 65 boxes, which is just fantastic but we're 16 short of our target. We can't let this happen, we can't have 16 kids who won't be able to participate so, on their behalf, we're again asking for your help.

I am confident, that with your support we will be able send a box to every Camper. In fact,

I would like to aim higher so that any fundraising over and above our target for Camp-in-a-Box could be used to support our broader work across the region. Our camps (and now Camp-in-a-Box) are just part of what we do locally. We also provide support for parents looking for information and resources, run events that give children a chance to catch-up with their camp buddies while providing respite for their parents. We provide personalised support through the year with specially trained, volunteer Companions being there for Campers even outside of camp, and we provide a sense of hope and community for the hundreds of families and whanau affected by a cancer diagnosis.

The total cost of running Camp Quality in the region, outside of running physical camps, is approximately \$39,000 and we must fundraise every dollar. In these difficult and uncertain times, fundraising is so much harder. And so, we're asking Lions to also support the organisation that provides the camps, the camp boxes, the advice and support at the end of a phone, the fun, hope, happiness and community. Will you help us to be there for all the children and young people living with cancer in your District throughout the year?

Lions Clubs New Zealand have always been an incredibly valued members of the Camp Quality family and together we have given fun, hope and happiness to countless children and young people living with cancer. We would be delighted to come along to a Club and talk about our work and the important role Lions play in making it all possible.

Please accept our thanks for your support and together we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children and young people living with cancer, even in these uncertain and challenging times.



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If you have any questions, need further information or wish to book in a speaker for a meeting please contact me on email rm.central@campquality.org.nz. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Matt Perkins
Regional Manager: Wellington / Central Districts
Camp Quality New Zealand

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