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**Message from
Pam Fiveash**

**District Governor
202F District**

To my fellow Lions in District 202F

I'm sure that by now you've all heard our District Convention scheduled for 25-27 March in Owaka has been cancelled. I'm thinking you'll all be as disappointed as me, as this is such a special weekend for all those who attend. It's a time to gather information about the happenings in our District and the wider Lions organisation. It's a chance for the delegates of each club to vote for the new leaders of our District. It's when we celebrate with the clubs and individual Lions who are successful in gaining one of the District Awards. It's an opportunity to honour those loyal members of our District who have passed away in the previous 12 months. And it's also about catching up with friends old and new, and spending quality time together.

The good news is that most of this will still happen, albeit in a different format. Plans are underway for a virtual meeting on Saturday 26 March to cover off what would normally have occurred in the business session, so in effect it's the AGM of our District. Past District Governor Lynette Batt and I are working through the technicalities of how this will be done, but basically everyone will be invited to a Zoom meeting. Prior to that we'll be calling for clubs to register their delegates and forms for that purpose will be circulated in the coming weeks. District Secretary Liz will send out all the normal paperwork ie reports, remits, candidate profiles etc, and details regarding the voting process will also come out in plenty of time for your delegates to work out what they'll need to do. A suggestion is, taking into account any restrictions around Omicron, that perhaps club members may like to gather together to attend the zoom meeting. Make a bit of an occasion of it. If we can't all be together in one place, there's hopefully no reason why smaller groups can't do so.

And the other good news is that the



Convention Committee from the Owaka Club is keen to host a Remembrance and Rededication ceremony once we're able to hold it. They have already put a lot of time and effort into creating a memorable Convention weekend, so hopefully most of those plans will carry across to this new event. Wouldn't it be great if we still get to enjoy 'The Catlins – A Little Slice of Paradise'.

Our Cabinet meeting went ahead as scheduled in Tuatapere last weekend, and I thank the members of the club there for looking after us so well. All necessary precautions were taken ie mask wearing, hand sanitising, social distancing etc, and we were able to work through the items on the agenda after having had a delicious lunch of salad, venison and the world famous Tuatapere sausages. I'm hopeful that your club meetings are also continuing in a similar manner, as the opportunity to spend time together is just so important. And if some members aren't able to attend for one reason or another, do make sure you keep in contact to ensure they're okay.

As always I'd like to leave you with another smile quote: "The thing that goes the furthest toward making life worthwhile is just a pleasant smile".

Take care everyone, stay safe, and until next time, I remain yours in Lions

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The Lions Southern Outdoor Experience Youth Leadership Course

A District 202F GAT TEAM success story

A little background on Borland Lodge

Borland Lodge is a non-profit organisation that began life as the Pig Creek Hostel providing accommodation for the workers on the Manapouri Power Project.

On completion of the project the buildings were donated, to become a valuable base for school, youth, family and community groups.

The concept of the Adventure and Education Trust was conceived by two Lions of the Ohai/ Nightcaps Lions Club. Since 1972, Zone 6 of District 202F has been closely associated with Borland Lodge.



Borland Lodge is situated on the doorstep of Fiordland National Park, providing an unique nature and wilderness experience. A week at the camp has become a rite of passage for school children in our Southern Region.



BORLAND LODGE.
Adventure and Education Trust

For the past 48 years our District has organised a Youth Leadership Course in association with the Borland Trust and Adventure Southland. Year seven students from throughout our District are invited to attend our course and challenge themselves for a week. They participate in a wide range of outdoor adventure activities, including caving, canyoning, zip lining and rock climbing. These adrenalin high activities are combined with team building and problem-solving skill development.



An excerpt from a College Newsletter

The highlight for both girls was the canyoning – an activity held in a water filled deep crevice in a rock. Their goal, along with their team mates was to safely and successfully navigate their way through the canyon.

Both Maygen and Lucy would encourage any students, who are given the opportunity to attend this camp, to go. They developed new leadership skills, and both enjoyed being pushed out of their comfort zones.

Maygen wishes to sincerely thank the Gore Hokonui Lions and Lucy wishes to sincerely thank the Gore Pakeke Lions who very generously sponsored them to attend this camp.

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Footnote

The Borland Lodge is a non-profitable trust. With the outbreak of COVID-19 the future of the Trust became in doubt. With no income for a lengthy time and yet having to manage their costs like insurance, electricity and ongoing maintenance, the future of the Trust was uncertain.

The lions Club of Winton kicked off a fundraiser for the Trust with a \$6000 donation to cover the annual insurance bill.



This was followed by donations of Lions Clubs throughout our 202F District raising more than \$55,000, ensuring continuity of the Trust through this difficult time.

Once again, this year and COVID willing, we will organise with the Borland Trust and Adventure Southland a week for our young up and coming student leaders.

What better way to prepare tomorrows leaders than by giving them a Lions experience.

Written by: Juon Schoen (This article earned our district a US \$500 grant from LCI)

Juon is the GAT TEAM liaison for our District on the Board of the Borland Adventure and Education Trust, supporting our annual Youth Leadership Course at Borland Lodge.



Message from Jeroen Shuurmans

VDG | 202F District

Hello fellow Lions members, family and friends

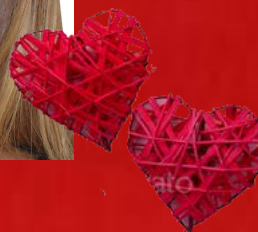
This year has been another unfortunate and disappointing year due to covid. The district conventions in New Zealand have all being cancelled due to covid restrictions. It is hard to see all this work that went into preparing for the convention for it not to go ahead, and to not be able to celebrate this year's achievements together made by both the local clubs and lions club international.

Holding a virtual convention will be the best we can do for this year and it will be our very first one for our district. So, it will be a good one I am sure, and it will go down as one to remember.

I will try to go to all zone meetings this year. Just to make myself be seen as well a get to know the district better; so far, I've been to Zone 3, Ben Miller, Zone 5, Elaine Scott, Zone 6, Juon Schoen, and Zone 7, Shona Cook. I still hope to visit zones 1, 2, and 4.

On the training front it is going well, on Saturday I'm meeting with group 25 again to prepare for my Virtual training in March with my own group of VDG's.

Stay safe and mask up
From VDG Jeroen Schuurmans



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Global Services Team Coordinator's Corner



Message from GST Coordinator Sue Evans

I have a feeling that everyone is over Covid/Omicron and how this is putting our lives on hold at the moment. Who would have thought a couple of years ago that we would be in this situation – that a virus would threaten our way of looking after ourselves. This virus is very effective at undermining our lives, our well-being, our routines and our ability to lead meaningful lives. It causes us to worry and our anxiety levels to rise. We start to think more and sometimes this leads to negative thoughts. Sometimes it helps to try and get this Covid thing into perspective and remind yourself how you have coped in difficult situations before. There are things you can do to make life a little easier:

- Limit the amount of time you spend looking at Covid-19 news
- Do something nice for yourself
- Continue to do the 'normal' good things that are good for your mental wellbeing
- When you find yourself thinking about all the negative things that have happened in your life since Covid happened, try to remember about all the good things that have happened in your life and reflect on the balance
- And lastly but not least engage in those **Acts of Kindness** that Lions are so well known for by expressing positive feelings to other people. Doing this is really good for us.

JUST A HANDS UP. Kindness Matters

Over the next month I will be speaking with our Zone Chairs in our District who in turn will be getting in touch with your Club. Now that Covid/Omicron is in our communities it is getting harder to do the Projects and Events that Lions are so well known for and we need to think of other ways of keeping in touch with each other. Even our monthly meetings are going to change with perhaps more zoom meetings rather than face to face meetings. I certainly don't want to see Covid/Omicron having such an impact on Lions and our membership that people start to leave their Clubs or worse still, Clubs choose to close down. Our focus is changing and we are ramping up **Kindness Matters**. I know there has been some

wonderful opportunities in the past where Lions have given a helping hand and we need to hear all about these. So what I am hoping is that as a District we can share our ideas of keeping Lions alive. Whether it is by a face to face meeting, a zoom meeting, having coffee or a beer while chatting on zoom, having a telephone tree or continuing to run Events in a safe environment, please be ready to share your ideas with your Zone Chair and once all the information is back to me then I can collate it and send it out to you all.

TOP CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

Just a reminder that I need any Projects by the beginning on March 2022 as this gives me time to judge Projects within our District 202F and then submit this to the judges at a District level. So far I have one Project but I know there has been some fantastic work done and would love to have more Projects. It is not too late so please speak to your Clubs and if you need a hand, get back to me.

UPDATES:

Row for Life:

This Event has been postponed until March 2023. It would be great if Clubs still continued to work on their ideas and fundraisers. What we need to consider is setting up a committee or team to work on this and formulate a plan with our Zone Chairs. If anyone is interested please let me know. We now have the All Blacks on board (Chalkie Trust) and a Website is pending.

Child Cancer Foundation:

Did you know that Lions NZ now have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Child

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Global Membership Team Corner

Message from

GMT Coordinator Juon Schoen

After my "inspirational message" last month as GMT, enthusing everyone not to get all despondent about the Clubs financial situation and to focus on simple community projects, this month a very brief message.

(collective sigh of relief by the membership)



Project REVIVE is a collaborative approach to increase our membership that will come into play June this year. It will be a Team approach focussing on four different areas.

- New Clubs
- New Members
- Member Satisfaction
- Leadership Support

REVIVE is following a concept called the Global Membership Approach, a template designed for every District worldwide to support Clubs and reverse our negative membership trend.

Being part of the **REVIVE TEAM** of 17 only requires a tonne of enthusiasm and huge belief that Lions is an amazing organisation to part off.

If this is you, give me ring or email me please.

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Stay Safe, wear a mask

Juon



GST Coordinator's Corner

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Cancer Foundation? This means you will see our logo on their website promoting the support they receive from Lions.

GAT Success Stories:

Recently the GAT submitted a success story about the Leadership Courses that are held at Borland Lodge and also how several Lions Clubs supported the Lodge with funds during Covid. The outcome of this story was we were given funds to help with leadership training.

Please look at the LCIF grants (available on the NZ Lions website) for service projects as this is a way of re-connecting your members with others in their communities and will help to boost motivation and enthusiasm with members.

MMR and Service Reporting:

PDG Sue Fleury is putting a short article in her Report in this issue of the Southern Chronicles about entering MMR and Service Reporting. Just a reminder that MMR and Service Reporting does not need to be entered by your Club Secretary but can be done by another member of your Club. There is an excellent Tutorial available that goes through this step by step and once this month's Southern Chronicles is out I will then ask our District Secretary Liz Murray to forward this onto all Clubs.

Kind regards
Sue Evans
Global Services Team Coordinator
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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR

February	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	15 th	International Childhood Cancer Day
March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8 th	International Women's Day
	15 th	World Sleep Day
	20 th	Lions Day with the United Nations
April	Month	Leo Club Awareness month
	Month	Environmental Awareness month
	Month	Family & Friends month
	22 nd	Earth Day
	24 th	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	Month	Strengthen Membership Month

World Sleep Day

MARCH 18, 2022

QUALITY SLEEP | SOUND MIND | HAPPY WORLD



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HIRING NOW MD VOLUNTARY POSITIONS

MD FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

**COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD
MEMBER**

**MD YOUTH EXCHANGE CHIEF
COORDINATOR**

MD ALERT COORDINATOR

MD HEADS UP 4 KIDS PROJECT MANAGER

All roles are for a three year term commencing 1 July 2022.
For more information and to apply please go to our [website](#).





ZONE 5

Wyndham Lions

The Speaker is Malcolm Peacey, Environmental Manager, Fonterra Edendale. Malcolm will be talking to us about the "environmental footprint" of the Edendale Plant and it will be interesting to hear about how the changed Land and Water rules will affect Fonterra.

We have a half day wood split coming up. Also, haymaking at Steve Dyer's.

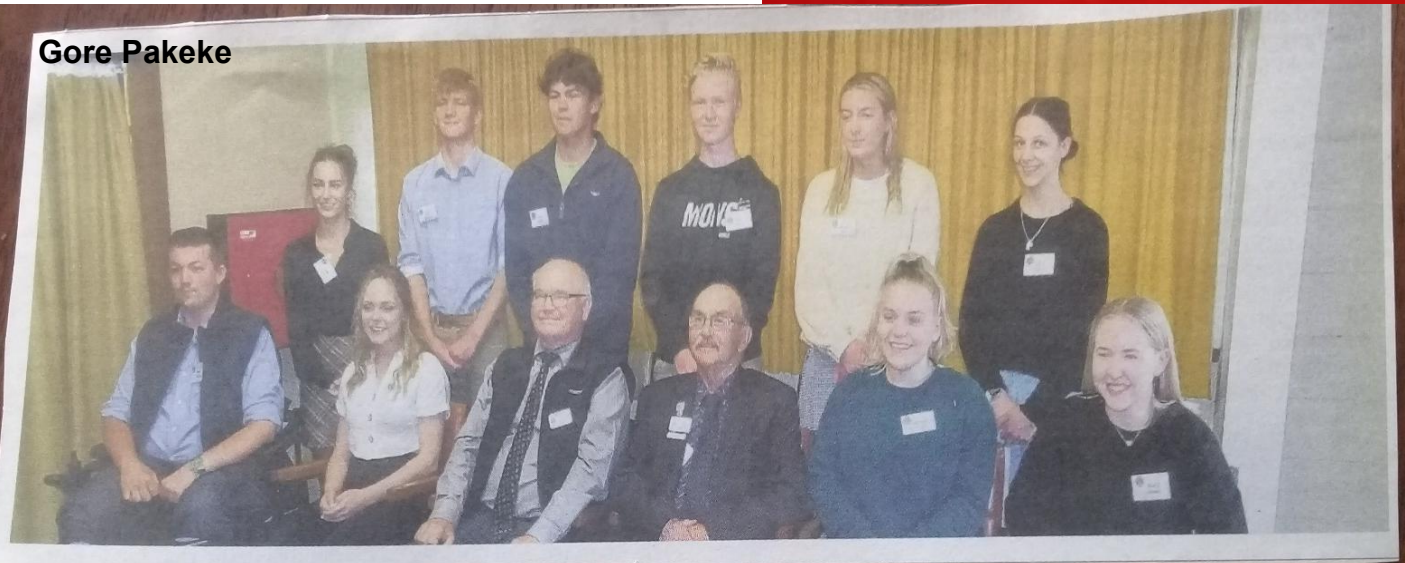
#Was agreed that we award a Tertiary Education Scholarship and that Applications for this should be Published at the end of January.

Gore Hokonui

President Linda Best, left, being presented with her Membership Badge by Zone 5 Chair, Elaine Scott



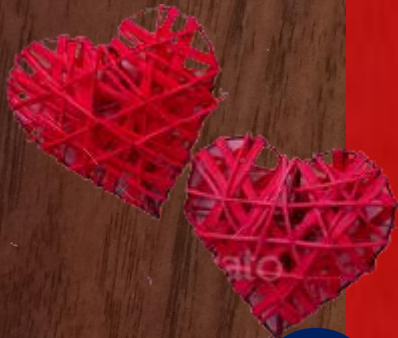
Gore Pakeke



Lions scholarship winners announced

Gore Pakeke Lions scholarship winners attended a dinner with Lions club members on Thursday. They are (back row from left) Libby McChery, Joel Wallace, John Steeghs, Eligh Chalmers, Rose Perkins, Katie Kelly, (front from left) Ryan O'Rourke, Kieralee Gibson, scholarship committee convener Wes Gentle, club president Herbie Clement, Hannah Crowley and Alice Napier. The recipients received \$1500 each.

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WELCOME



Newest Members from January 2022

Name	Club	Sponsor
Pauline Copland	Cromwell Club	Robyn Fraser
Shirley Knight	Mataura Club Club	

**We remember with great respect and appreciation
the Life and Services of**

Lion Thomas Landreth

from Cromwell Lions Club



Dear Fellow Lions,
Please continue to send your articles/write-ups, success stories with photos (if possible) or anything which you find interesting to go to our Chronicles by 10th of March (Monthly) in order to be included in the next edition which would be published by 15th of March.
Thanks again for your patience and contribution.

Sajitha Ferry (202F Editor)



LEO NEWS

MyLCI Access:

Leo and Leo-Lion Leaders (cabinet/council liaisons) can now access MyLCI. If you should have access to this area and you don't currently, contact your District Governor via the District Secretary to arrange this.

NZ Leo Video Contest:

The MD202 Lions Video Contest closing date has been extended to 31 March 2022. Read the flyer to see what is required and how to enter.

Photos of Leo Club Activities and Events still needed:

Send your photos through to Ann Saunders at annylaurie49@gmail.com. Ann is collecting these as a resource for LEO posters and flyers.

Leo Clubs and their members along with the youth of our Multiple District are our future. Please support our Leo clubs in their service activities.

YOUTH PROJECTS

PEACE POSTER/SPEECHMAKER: It is time to get your Youth competitions started. The MD Speechmaker/Peace Poster Team is arranging for emails to be sent to all schools letting them know about the competition and clubs will then need to follow up and contact the schools directly.

Young Speechmaker Contest: The final for this years National Competition will be in Palmerston North Saturday 13 August 2022.

Peace Poster: This years theme is "Lead with Compassion". Get your club involved, check out the NZ Lions website for more information. Peace Poster kits are available from the MD office and can be ordered online here.

Peace Poster Essay: This year the Essay contest will be provided for students who are assessed as "Low Vision" by the NZ Ministry of Education. More information on this competition will be provided by the Peace Poster team shortly.

NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP: This year there is to be a National Youth Camp from 10 to 16 July at TOPEC in Taranaki. The camp is for youth 12 to 16 years of Age. Applications close 7 May. Poster, Application and Health Declaration are available on our website. Any questions contact Stephanie Jordan at md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz.

TONGA - DISASTER RELIEF

Following the Volcanic Eruption and subsequent Tsunami District 202K has been working with their contacts in Tonga and with LCIF on a possible response and when a potential project has been finalised clubs will be updated.

If you wish to make a donation to support Tonga you can pay it directly to LCIF tagged - "Disaster Relief - Tonga" or to District 202K.

Our thoughts are with the people of Tonga at this difficult time.



Photo from: **CONSULATE OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA/TWITTER**

Notices from MD202



OFFICE MOVE:

We are now based at 20 Baxter Street in Warkworth. Please make a note of our new contact details which are:

PO Box 154, Warkworth, 0941

Ph 09 422 2021

Our freephone number 0800 546 672 remains the same as do our email addresses.

MD202 VACANCIES:

We have several Multiple District (MD) vacancies available. One of which is a new position, MD Youth Chair. Have a read through the roles on our website to find out how you can take on a meaningful role at the MD level and assist Lions with the benefit of your skills and experience. Applications close 1 April 2022.

LCI DIRECT DEBIT:

The next direct debit is due on the 20th of August. Those clubs that have signed up for direct debits should receive an email from LCI confirming the amount to be deducted before that date.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The COVID-19 rules are regularly changing. Please keep an eye on the Ministry of Health website for updates. Copies of documents circulated by our MD Alert Coordinator are available on our website under member resources-health.

FACE MASK FILTERS:

We have sourced Helix.iso+ Double Protection filters from Lanaco. These filters can be cut to shape to fit our Lions Clubs NZ Mask and are sold in packs of 20. To find out more or order see our clubs supplies store.

FUNDRAISING:

Does your Club run book sales or sell Firewood or Fertilizer? We often get enquiries about these sales. If you would like the details recorded on our NZ Lion Website please contact our Web Administrator Alan Gray on md202.webadmin@lionsclubs.org.nz.

SCAMS:

There have been a round of phone and email scams occurring quoting club president names asking for items to be purchased or funds given. Other scams may ask you to click on links which will download a virus. If receiving an email you can check the email address by checking the email header. You may also read up on protecting yourself from scams on the CERT website.

LCI are also aware of an increasing number of LCIF scams. Information on what to watch for has been provided by LCI.

HEADS UP FOR KIDS

Copper trails, brass razors and gold sovereigns are all part of Lions Clubs New Zealand's unusual campaign Heads Up for Kids.

Launched in July 2010, Heads Up for Kids is a unique project which asks Kiwis and visitors to dig out and donate old decimal and pre-decimal New Zealand currency, plus all foreign money. More information is available on our website..

Funding Applications

Grants applications for the Heads up for Kids Program are currently considered monthly at the Lions Clubs New Zealand Charitable Trust meetings 11 times a year.

From the new Lions year (1 July 2022) grant applications will be considered quarterly at the Trust meetings on the following dates; 21 September 2022, 21 December 2022, 15 March 2023 and 21 June 2023.

Grant applications will need to be received one week before the date of the meeting.





Message from

**International President
Douglas X. Alexander**



2022



Dear Lion,

Our Lions family brings together people of all ages, experiences, cultures and character, and we are united by a common passion—service. What makes you special and unique is also what makes you exactly the right person your community depends on to make a difference every day.

By embracing our diversity, we're celebrating how our kindness transcends borders and our service is without exception. And when we give every member the opportunity to lead, grow and pursue their passions, our service will be without limits. Let's never forget to celebrate who we are, what makes each of us so special, and how we can accomplish anything together when we let our passion for service shine through.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



Invercargill Host Lions Club
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St John Invercargill
February 13 at 5:50 AM · 🌐

Hundreds of these cute little fellas are currently crossing the ocean and making their way to Invercargill to be given out to patients in our ambulances 🚑 Mega thanks to [Invercargill Host Lions Club](#) for yet again supplying these fabulous soft toy Lions - look how cute they are in their wee tee-shirts 🧡

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