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David's Patter

At my last Club meeting, we had an address from Friends of Taupo Swamp, one of the few wetlands left in the lower North Island. Taupo Swamp is threatened by new subdivisions, the state highway on one side and the main railway line on the other. Also, with climate change, we are getting heavier rainfall, which in turn creates slips, which in turn deposits more sediment into the swamp.

This got me thinking about climate change and an article I read recently.

'Freiderike Otto, a climatologist, of Imperial College London, has made a plea 'To stop blaming climate for disasters'.

Otto, while determined to call out climate change where it contributes to disaster, cautions that 'disasters occur when hazards (such as climate change) meet vulnerability'.

An example where this false attribution has occurred, is Lake Chad in West Africa, which has dramatically shrunk over the final quarter of the 20th century, depriving local fishers, farmers, and herders of the water that sustained their livelihoods. The resulting poverty and collapse in society has driven an exodus of over two million refugees to Europe.

Nigeria's President has blamed climate change, and the African Development Bank has called Lake Chad a living example of the devastation climate change is wreaking on Africa.

But the other explanation is that the rivers out of Cameroon, Chad, and Nigeria, that feed the Lake, have been diverted by government agencies to irrigate often inefficient rice farms.'

Driving from Christchurch to Kaikoura the other week amongst severe flooding surrounding the highway, I pondered the degree this was nature – climate change perhaps - or the diversion of rivers, deforestation, creation of infrastructure, and intensification of farming by us over the centuries.

Of course the Environment is one of Lions International's Global Causes. My question to you, fellow Lion, is, are we giving it the attention it deserves?

Our second virtual Convention which will take place next weekend 5th March and your delegates will elect new Officers to run your District for 2022-2023 and onwards.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to an article on page ???? of this InForM, which will bring you up to speed on the progress of the Wellington Children's Hospital.

Ka Mahi Matou | We Serve

David Skjellerup

District Governor (Elect)



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Orientation 101 Our Structure – THE LIONS CLUB

You may be surprised to know that you are not technically a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs! You are a member of your local club, and the club is a member of the association. This is as it should be.

The Lions club is the fundamental unit of Lionism. It is the structure upon which all else is built. The clubs are where the work gets done. It is clubs that make a difference in their communities. The association exists to serve and support your club and the 45,000 like it around the world.

As you know, Lions clubs are made up of men and women who want to improve their communities and are committed to the work that will make that happen. Our volunteers serve their communities and communities around the world with unmatched integrity and enthusiasm. That is why wherever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller, and communities get better.

You have every reason to be proud to be a Lion. Lions club membership is by invitation only, open to persons of legal majority, of good moral character and good reputation in the community. As a Lion, you have become an active volunteer in a respected international organisation. You are a leader in your community and a friend to people in need.

As a chartered member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, your club has pledged to abide by the International Constitution and Bylaws. It is important to familiarise yourself with this document which may be downloaded at the Lions Clubs International Web site.

The officers of your club are elected annually for a term coinciding with the association's fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Most work in Lions clubs is done in committees appointed by the president. In many clubs, every member is assigned to a committee. Your committee assignment is an important part of your membership and deserves your best effort.

Administrative committees may include attendance, constitution and by-laws, convention, finance, Lions information, membership, programs, public relations, greeter and leadership development. Activity committees generally conform to the major Lion activities.

Each club, district, and multiple district set its own annual dues to cover administrative costs. In addition, the club collects international dues to cover member benefits.

Money raised from the public must never be used to defray administrative expenses. Every dollar raised by Lions goes directly back into the community.

Jo Cameron - GMT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Service From the Heart with
International President Douglas X. Alexander



Dear Lions,

Our Lions family brings together peoples 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. Lets never forget to celebrate who we are, what makes each 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

From the Editor's Desk

Club Excellence Award - Outlined on page 18 are the criteria for this award, one which every president aspires to. It is a good checklist of how your club is faring in these tough times. Our projects may have changed this past couple of years but LCI are still very interested in what we are doing in our communities and look forward to receiving your monthly reports which include your club's membership

LCICon - International Convention in Montreal Canada 24—28 June 2022

Last year our International Convention was a zoom meeting organised from LCI HQ in Oak Brook, Illinois because Covid 19 prevented any travel to Singapore.

At tis stage 2022 LCICon Montreal is going ahead and there is information regarding tours associated with this on the website www.lionsclubs.org These are organised by LCI and usually come discounted and are outlined on page 19.

Camp Taranaki - This has been a long time in the planning stages and now it is time for us to sell it to our young people in the schools in our area with whom we already have contact through our contact with Young Speechmaker. This is an amazing opportunity which deserves our support. Read all about it on pages 8 and 9.

Editor Mary Snook



COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all Lions and Leos of MD 202.

I trust that you all managed to have a restful break over the Christmas/New Year period and that you all managed to enjoy some quality family time. You all certainly deserved to have a well-earned break given the challenges thrown up by the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly for those of you who endured lengthy lockdowns.

We are now moving into the second half of the Lions year and we all looked forward to a new start as we moved into the traffic light regime for managing life under the pandemic. With most of the Multiple District, initially, at the orange setting we looked forward to new opportunities arising for the provision of service to our communities.

Sadly, with the introduction of the Omicron variant into New Zealand the ravages of the pandemic are not yet behind us. As Government put us straight back into the red setting many of our hopes and aspirations for the rest of the Lions years have been put to the test. It is with a heavy heart that I have to advise that all of the District Conventions scheduled for February and March have had to be cancelled and will now be replaced by Virtual Conventions. Your District Governors will shortly be in touch with you to confirm the format of your District's Virtual Convention.

The District Conventions have not been the only casualty. This year's Multiple District Convention, to have been held over the weekend of the 22nd to the 24th of April has also had to be cancelled. That Convention will now become a Hybrid Convention. It is intended that the Council Advisory Board Meeting and the Council of Governors Meeting will continue as physical meetings at the Angus Inn in Lower Hutt as planned, as well as the training sessions for the District Governors Elect and the First Vice District Governors Elect. The Convention itself, however, will become a Hybrid Virtual Meeting. Those attending the meetings during the week prior to the Virtual Convention will also be able to physically attend but any other attendees will need to zoom in. It is intended that an International Presidents Dinner be held at the Angus Inn to which those attending the physical meetings will be invited, along with the Past International Directors, so that we can honour the Council Chair Elect.

It is intended to limit the Virtual Convention to 2 to 2 ½ hours so much of what is contained in a usual Multiple District programme will need to be curtailed. It is hoped that PID Tony Benbow will be able to provide an International President's Welcome, along with a Rededication Address. A Flag Ceremony and Remembrance Service, of sorts, is also hoped to be incorporated, and, of course, the usual business of the Multiple District will need to be conducted.

The red-light setting is also causing problems at Club level with many Clubs feeling uncomfortable about formally meeting, or simply being unable to do so because of venue requirements. Issues are also arising for those members who do not hold Vaccination Passes, and, of course, our ability to carry out service activities in our communities are also compromised. These issues will likely raise membership issues but I urge all Clubs to endeavour to steer the course, meet as usual if you feel you are able to, look at alternative ways of meeting if you cannot physically meet, look after one another and be kind to one another.

Our thoughts go to our neighbours in Tonga who are suffering terribly following the volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami. District K are keeping a close watch on things and will provide us with updates as to any support that might be needed.

I wish all of you the very best as we navigate these troubled waters as best we are able.

Kia Kaha

Murray Pringle

Council Chairman



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



Melvin Jones Fellowship recognitions...

are an ideal way to recognise a Lion or non-Lion's service to Lions and/or the community. The application form (fillable PDF) is available on the LCI website, or I can send you one. The donation level required per Fellowship is US\$1,000. This can be a one-off donation, or the accumulation of smaller donations (recorded as tagged funds).

Most clubs already have some tagged funds available for use towards a fellowship recognition. ***Please contact me for your club's tagged funds balance.*** While some clubs have US\$1,000 (or more) in tagged funds, other clubs will need to make a further donation to reach the US\$1,000 threshold.

Applications are submitted via email, and I am happy to assist with the application process. Please allow up to 6 weeks from the time of application to receipt of plaque/pin. You receive a plaque and pin for a MJF and a new pin in recognition of each PMJF.

Melvin Jones Fellowship Facts

- *The Fellowship was established in 1973 and the Progressive programme began in 1986 in response to Lions' request for a way to extend their commitment to LCIF.*
- *Donations through Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) provide 75 percent of the Foundation's annual revenue.*
- *There are 54 levels in the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) programme.*
- *There are 440,000+ MJF recipients and 89,000+ PMJF recipients worldwide.*
- *All Melvin Jones Fellows are invited to the annual luncheon held at the convention (ticket purchase required). The MJF luncheon began in 1984 and has been held at each convention since then.*
- *The names of MJFs are displayed on a computer in the LCIF Room at the International Headquarters.*

Thank you for your ongoing support of OUR foundation.

PCC Jo Cameron
202M LCIF Coordinator
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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions We Thank You

Camp Quality and the Lions Clubs of New Zealand have a rich and storied history. In fact, it was Lions that founded Camp Quality in New Zealand almost forty years ago. Throughout that past four decades, it is this partnership that has enabled thousands of children living with cancer to enjoy two weeks of fun, hope and happiness at a Camp Quality camp. So when COVID-19 hit, it was Lions that stepped in and made sure we could still be there for our children. During the past 2 years, Lions has consistently been there for Camp Quality providing critical funding and support. Without this practical support, we might not have survived.

As the pandemic evolved and the Delta variant emerged, we had to make the hard decision to cancel our Summer Camp programme. It was in fact the first time we'd ever cancelled our Summer Camp programme. However the safety and wellbeing of the children we work with is always our number one priority and so the call was made to cancel our camps. After almost 2 years of reduced or cancelled camps, we were determined to be there for our children in some form and so the Camp-in-a-Box concept was born. If children can't come to camp then we were going to bring the spirit of camp to them. More than 320 boxes filled with games, toys, resources, activities, and fun were packed up by our dedicated volunteers and delivered to each child who had registered to come to Summer Camp. Each box also contained Buddy, the new Camp Quality mascot. And so during what would have been their week at camp, the children explored the wonders of their Camp-in-a-Box, took Buddy on adventures, connected with their Companions and fellow Campers via FaceBook and Instagram and took part in online activities, competitions and games. Camp-in-a-Box has been a huge success with universally positive feedback from children and their families. We even managed to have a story feature of One News with a Camper and her family talking about their experiences.

Camp-in-a-Box represents a significant pivot for Camp Quality and an innovative response to the realities of the COVID-19 world. Our volunteers, regional committees, parents and above all our Campers embraced the new initiative. However, in a very real practical sense this would simply not have been possible without the steadfast support of Lions clubs across the country. It was their funding and support that meant we could reach every child and give them a box full of fun, hope and happiness. I want to pass along my personal thanks for this support but also more importantly, the thanks of every child living with cancer who's life was made just that little bit brighter thanks to you.

Alan Knowsley
Deputy Chair
Camp Quality New Zealand

CAMP TARANAKI INFORMATION:

CAMP RULES:

Camp rules apply in accordance with Lions Youth Exchange policies.
Internet reception is not available @ camp but will be available during days activities at times.

CAMP LOCATION: Topec – Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre.

"TOPEC is located on the banks of the Waiwhakaiho River, just outside of New Plymouth, and is situated in an area that allows us to make the most of the sea, rivers, bush and our mounnga. Our staff are amongst the most experienced, committed, and competent outdoor enthusiasts. The location, facilities, and specialist equipment here at TSB TOPEC allow for us to provide experiences that exceed expectations." Although only 8kms from the centre of New Plymouth, the picturesque setting and distance from main roads gives it an atmosphere of isolation and tranquillity. On site or within easy travelling distance are a variety of suitable environments for rock climbing, tramping and water sport pursuits. As a registered Private Training Establishment (PTE), TSB TOPEC employs qualified teachers, alongside highly qualified, passionate instructors. This combination provides the best learning programmes for the needs of students. Students participate in life-affirming experiences and realise they can influence their life in a positive way.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING: A gear list will be provided on acceptance of application.

APPLICATION & REGISTRATIONS:

- Forms must be signed by sponsored Club and District Youth Chair and send directly to NZ Internal Youth Exchange Coordinator by 7th May 2022.
- Camp Taranaki accepts youth aged between 12-16 years @ 1st July 2022.
- Once application has been accepted into the Camp a letter of confirmation will be sent. And Sponsored Club invoiced for Camp fee.
- Forms must be handwritten clearly in **Black** pen and a clear head photo must also accompany the application.

Would be great to have a Lion Member from each District attend.

Any enquiries must be sent to: md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz

We look forward to your attendance at Camp Taranaki 2022.

Remember Applications close 7th May 2022.

POSSIBLE CAMP OUTCOMES:

To provide opportunities for participants to explore new outdoor activities and challenges in a safe and supportive environment

To boost self-esteem, personal motivation, and resilience

To develop tolerance amongst group members and to recognise the strengths of all

To be involved in personal and group decision making

To encourage an awareness and respect for the outdoor environment, flora, and fauna

To enjoy the outdoors and feel positive about self and group achievements

For youth to experience what another part of Aotearoa, New Zealand has to offer.



ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE COOKING AND CLEANING DUTIES DURING THE WEEK.



NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP TARANAKI NEW ZEALAND.



Hosted by District 202D.

Email: md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz

Come and make friends with young people from around Aotearoa, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. Experience what Taranaki has to offer youth from Mountain, land, and sea.

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th July 2022.



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TSB Topec (Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre)
Hydro Road off Junction Road
PO Box 8859
New Plymouth.

Cost: \$500.00

Numbers are limited. Get in quick. Age range is 12–16-year-olds.

Applications close 7th May 2022

NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP - from 10 to 16 July at TOPEC (Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre) in Taranaki. The camp is for youth 12 to 16 years of Age. Applications close 7 May. Poster, Application and Health Declaration are available [here](#). Any questions contact Stephanie Jordan at md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz. (Ctrl + Click to access)



16 February 2022

Simon Williams District Governor Lions District 202M 76 Regent Drive Paraparaumu 5032

Dear Simon,

NEW WELLINGTON REGIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – UPDATE It was so good to catch up with you and Murray on Monday.

It is a shame that your convention like so many things now days has had to be changed to cater for COVID. Shona and I were looking forward to coming up to Gisborne to be with you and update you and your members on the Playscape.

We are pleased to provide an update for you.

PLAYSCAPE

- Work on the Playscape is continuing with base work in place for much of the structures and equipment.
- The walkway from the new hospital to the Playscape is nearing completion.
- All going to plan, completion is expected in two months.
- However, we must advise completion is subject to supply of materials, with supply issues (as the result of COVID) an unknown factor.
- We have pleasure in attaching updated photos of the Playscape and a couple of other updated construction photos for your records.

NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – TE WAO NUI

- With external cladding and glazing now complete, the construction team is progressing with the internal fit-out. This includes internal lining of rooms, carpeting, vinyl and wall finishes.
- Family friendly wayfinding signage with Kaitiaki character theming has been created and tested with key groups.
- The link bridge into the main hospital has progressed.
- Mark Dunajtschik is planning to hand over the Hospital building to the DHB at the end of March. This means that he has completed the building to the agreed levels.
- The DHB will then undertake additional works to the building to maximise the opportunities presented by lessons learned from COVID-19, and changes in clinical practice. These works – particularly those in relation to air-handling – will enhance our ability to care for children with RSV, COVID-19, or other respiratory-type illnesses and will make us more resilient for future outbreaks. It will also give us greater flexibility in the use of physical space to care for the children of our region.
- When completed, there will be a final operational commissioning phase to allow the Child Health Service to move into the new building.

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- This will delay the official opening for a few more months with opening date yet to be confirmed. But in this day and age it pays to have everything right.

SIGNAGE / PLAQUE

We will be in touch with you shortly regarding signage and Lions recognition once we are advised by the DHB as to the overall signage concepts. The Playscape will be clearly signposted including the entrance from the hospital building to the Playscape.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

We acknowledge you have a report to complete for the LCIF 'Matching Grant' and are happy to assist in answering some of the questions over the coming weeks. As discussed, the updates provided in this letter will enable you to provide an interim report to LCIF to advise them of progress to date.

SUMMARY

The Foundation continues to work towards the fundraising goal of \$10million and we are confident we will achieve that by September.

Prior to the hospital being fully operational we hopefully look forward to arranging a suitable function, when COVID levels permit, for us and hospital staff to thank Lions Clubs International Foundation and The Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Charitable Trust.

As we mentioned to you the Playscape will be included in the handover by Mark Dunajtschik and we understand it will be completed by that date with perhaps some follow up things being need which the DHB will undertake. Also, as discussed, there has been a cost increase to this project due to the strengthening of the total area and increased costs requiring the DHB and the Foundation to fund almost an additional \$500,000. But it would not be happening without Lions support so we and everyone is so grateful for Lions support.

Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to this project. We remain incredibly grateful to Lions Club International Foundation and The Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Charitable Trust for their outstanding support and have enjoyed meeting and working with so many wonderful members.

We will catch up soon. Yours sincerely



Bill Day, MNZM, JP Chair

cc: Keith Kenderdine Foundation Trustees Shona Brunton





ENVIRONMENT



[This is one of the 5 Global Causes Lions Clubs International.](#)

Last month I highlighted the opportunity to commence some longer term planning for New Zealand Clean Up Week 2022, kicking off on World Clean Up Day – Saturday 17 September. If you haven't already commenced planning, I'd like to suggest that now is the time to start.

There is another opportunity much nearer to today, and that is Earth Day on 22nd April. You may have received an email direct from our International President, Douglas X. Alexander, including his invitation to Lions to participate. I'm going to repeat some of what he said below.

"Our world is a part of what makes us so unique as Lions. And it's up to us to protect it.

*When Lions come together, we create lasting solutions. So this **Earth Day on April 22**, let's do our part to protect, restore and advocate for the environment in our community and around the world.*

Support the cause – The environment is one of our global causes, so learn how Lions are caring for the environment. Download one of our project planners to help your club make a difference in your community."

Quite possibly April will still be a challenging time in New Zealand with Covid. But fingers crossed, we may have a more comfortable "new normal" by September. If we are unable to get out and be physical, we can use our advocacy to promote the importance of the environment, and concepts such as "reduce, reuse, recycle", anti-littering, etc.

The following project planner for planting trees with school children contains a sound approach and good ideas. It is from the LCI website, in which there are many similar useful resources. It is easily adapted for the New Zealand environment.

[LCI Services Environment SchoolTreePlanting 01f \(1\).pdf](#) (Ctrl+ click to access)

I've previously noted what a good idea it is to engage with schools to stimulate interest in the environment and get some useful work done. At the same time as enthusing the children, you will be engaging with a range of others – teachers, parents, local Council officers, providers, etc. Maybe Sunday afternoons will be a good time to organise planting bees. Create incentives – provide publicity, recognition, prizes. Make it a fun event. There's scope for all sorts of approaches.

As always, I invite you to let me know, so that I can let all of us know via this column, about the good things you are doing for the environment.

Thanks for caring about the environment – a legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Trevor Anders

LCI 202M Cabinet Support - Environment

Lions Club of Karori

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***** Please share details of your environmental plans and projects *****



Child Cancer



[This is one of the 5 Global Causes of Lions Clubs International.](#)

As Lions and as Clubs we can all do something to support this cause.

Childhood Cancer Research Results and Study Updates

(from NIH National Cancer Institute – USA)

[Test Detects Early Signs of Remaining Cancer in Kids Treated for Medulloblastoma](#)

Posted: December 8, 2021

A new test could potentially be used to identify children treated for medulloblastoma who are at high risk of their cancer returning. The test detects evidence of remaining cancer in DNA shed from medulloblastoma tumour cells into cerebrospinal fluid.

[Drug combination helps children with acute promyelocytic leukaemia avoid conventional chemotherapy](#) *Posted: November 11, 2021*

A Children's Oncology Group trial shows that the combination of all-trans retinoic acid and arsenic trioxide is highly effective in children with acute promyelocytic leukaemia. The therapy avoids or minimizes the use of conventional chemotherapy.

[Seeing a Promising Future for Progress against Childhood Cancer](#) *Posted: September 16, 2021*

NCI Director Dr Ned Sharpless discusses progress against childhood cancers, like CAR T-cell therapy and collecting more comprehensive data on children and adolescents with cancer, and the need to better address disparities in childhood cancer.

[FDA Approval of Rylaze Will Address Drug Shortage for Childhood ALL](#) *Posted: July 29, 2021*

FDA has approved a new form of asparaginase called Rylaze. The drug was developed to help alleviate shortages of Erwinia asparaginase, a key part of treatment for children and adults with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

What can we as Lions do to support early childhood cancer research?

One thought is to look at the work of our Cancer Research Trust NZ.....

What makes Cancer Research Trust NZ different from other cancer charities in New Zealand?

Every cent of every donated dollar is applied to the work of the Trust, overheads are met from investment income.

Cancer Research Trust funds research and professional development across the cancer control spectrum: from prevention, through detection, diagnosis and treatment to end of life care (palliative or hospice care). No other NZ cancer charity can claim this.

Cancer Research Trust NZ funds research into all types of cancer.

Cancer Research Trust NZ funds clinical and research professionals across the spectrum: nurses, social workers, counsellors, medical physicists, clinical oncologists and radiologists, surgeons, biomedical and clinical researchers, postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows. No other NZ cancer charity can claim this.

Approximately 60% of the Cancer Research Trust NZ budget is applied to hypothesis-based clinical and biomedical research. The remainder is spent on education (PhD scholarships and training fellowships) and professional development.

Beth Anders
LCI 202M Cabinet Support
Child Cancer



VISION



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Foods & Vitamins For Healthy Eyes

The 9 Most Important Vitamins for Eye Health

Vitamin A.
Vitamin E
Vitamin C.
Vitamins B6, B9 and B12.
Riboflavin.
Niacin.
Lutein and Zeaxanthin.
Omega-3 Fatty Acids.

10 Foods That Are Good for Your Eyes

Raw Red Peppers
Sunflower Seeds and Nuts
Dark, Leafy Greens
Salmon
Sweet Potatoes
Lean Meat and Poultry
Beans and Legumes
Eggs

Jennie Vowles



Back in the ol den days - no rubber matting here to guard against grazes.

Update on Pins and their availability

PDG Brian Grounds

PDG BRIAN GROUNDS, 66A Cutten Street, South Dunedin, 9012, Dunedin
Pin Co-Ordinator, LMLCCT.
17 February 2022

Afternoon Liens, *D.G. Simon*

The effect on pins availability over the last few years has been severely effected by Covid with cancelled conventions, District, MD & International.

Pins for the now postponed Wellington Convention have been made and are now available for purchase from me.... next year's Invercargill pin is also available as a series starter.

Council Chairman Murray has authorised the sale of the pins. The cost is \$8 each which includes postage. (Bulk discounts for over 10 can be arranged).

Attached is a photo of the last 7 years MD pins. Pins pre 2019-20 are \$5 a pin or possible negotiation. Remember all income goes to the LMLCCT. (Please note that the small centennial pin was a NZ Pin Trading Pin and is available to all).





Any used or old pins are welcome to add to the possible sales to collectors, mainly overseas.

MY CONTACT: briangpins@xtra.co.nz 027 4328182

Yours in Lions Brian Grounds



DISTRICT CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	DAY
March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8th	International Women's Day
	15th	World Sleep Day
	20th	Lions Day with the United Nations
 April	Month	Leo Club Awareness month Environmental month Family and Friends month
	22nd	Earth Day
	25th	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
 May	Month	Strengthen Membership month
June	1st	Helen Keller Day
	5th	World Environment / Arbour Day
	7th	Lions Clubs International Birthday
	20th	World Refugee Day

Round the Cl ubs

Wellington Host



Cabinet Secretary and Wellington Host
Cub member, Graham, presenting awards
to former President, Morris



Morris with his pin and the Club Excellence
Award

Congratulations Past President Morris Rees and to your club Wellington Host



Almoner request

In 202M we care about the members
of our Lions family.

Do you have a member in your Club who is recovering from recent surgery or is unwell, maybe they've been significantly affected by the challenges of this pandemic or just having a down time? Then please let me know.

Has your Club has been impacted by a bereavement? If so, please would you send me the details including, if possible, the details of the surviving spouse or family members to enable us to offer them some support.

All deceased members will be recognised at the district remembrance service.

As convention will now be a virtual event due to covid restrictions and uncertainties details are still being finalised for the remembrance service and will be circulated to you.

If your club has been impacted by a bereavement since the end of February 2021, would you please send me a photo and a eulogy, of about 200 words detailing their Lion's and community service. Often the photo from their Service sheet is suitable. Please would you send it to me no later than the 18 February.

Many thanks

Sandie McIntosh

PDG Sandie McIntosh

Club Excellence Award Criteria

Membership

Requirements Achieve a net growth or chartered a new Lions club, Leo club or Club Branch in the current fiscal year.

Service

Requirements Contributed to LCIF
Started a new service project *Consider on of our Global Causes!*
Reported at least Three service projects/events to LCI

Leadership & Organizational Excellence

Requirements Club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension: district dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.
Reported club officers to LCI
Key officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events
District
Multiple District
International
[Lions Learning Center](#) (to access Ctrl + click)

Improvement opportunities can be identified with tools such as the *Club Quality Initiative*, *Your Club, Your Way!* and *Plan for Your Club's Success*.

Marketing & Communications

Requirements The club has published its service activities through local media and social media.

Tools for success

[Brand resources](#) are available to help you craft promotions as well as best practices on how to use [social media](#).



Tension is building as weigh in day draws near!

Drs Cherry and Keating may be injecting steroids to enhance their crops.



Has John Rose got the biggest or has he just got a little tiddler.

Perhaps Councillors Deller and Cretney have been siphoning the good stuff from the towns overflowing waste water plant??



One thing is for sure the main ingredient for a good crop is water and we have had an abundance of that fall naturally, so I do predict the food bank will not be buying potatoes for quite some time!

Weigh in day is Sunday April 3rd...good luck and may the best potato win. Cheers. John Fauvel

International Convention - Montreal Canada 24 - 28 June 2022



Tours and Attractions - Lions Clubs International is excited to offer Lions, Leos and their guests some incredible tour options — both small excursions around Montréal during the convention, and full day trips around the region before and after LCIcon including local LCIcon tours, bus tours, morning, afternoon and evening walking tours and full day tours.

At this stage International Convention is going ahead

Dear Lions,

It is with regret that I write to advise, PDG Jack Hayes has resigned as being MD202 Young Speechmakers / Peace Poster Coordinator. This in turn flows through to his resignation of District 202M Youth Chair. Jacks resignation is effective immediately.

I would like to thank both PDG Jack and Lion Sandy for the energy and support, they have contributed to this role, for District 202M, over recent years. It is a role they have both been very enthusiastic and passionate about. They have a strong belief, that “ Youth is Our Future”.

At this stage a replacement for PDG Jack has not been considered. Jack has very kindly offered to assist and offer support with the handover process.

Jack and Sandy are both continuing as valuable Lions members, working within their club and zone.

As District Governor, and a Lion, I extend my thanks and Best Wishes to them both.

Simon

DG Simon Williams