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## David's Patter

**M**any thanks to all those who voted for me to be your next DG at our virtual District Convention, and thanks to all those that have agreed to be part of our District's Cabinet.

For those that keep track of which of the three of us will be penning the "DG" page you will note that it should be DG Simon, but as June will be his last we swapped.

Last weekend the MD202 Convention took place, although a hybrid one, which for those that signed in, went without a hitch. Two of 202M's finest, in computer skills, PDG Alice McDonald and PDG Rex Bullard, managed the behind-the-scenes operations.

As I move into the DG role one activity we, the seven DG elects, had to carry out, was to interview the applicants and appoint the incoming Council of Governors Chairperson. We are pleased to announce that 202D DG Megan England, was the successful applicant. I look forward to working with Megan through the Lions year.

As I move into the DG role, I have come to appreciate what a major role the Council Chair is, effectively the head person of Lions New Zealand.

One of the key areas that we will be focusing on in the 2022-2023 year is membership, for the survival of our District it is critical that we attract new Lions members. If we do not, how can we serve the community as effectively as we have done in the past?

This year for all Lions members and incoming officers from Zone Chairs, Club Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries we are holding Development days, somewhat different to what has been held in the past, formerly known as incoming officer training.

The first of these is on May the 14<sup>th</sup> in Johnsonville, the second on 29 May in Hawkes Bay. This will be where you can give input on how we can improve the way our Clubs are operating.

Last but not least Congratulations to Johnsonville Club for being awarded the MD202 Top Service Award for all the fundraising projects they completed raising funds for the Wellington Children's Hospital. Well done.

This award now goes to Constitutional 7's final judging for the C7 Top Service award. Good luck Johnsonville.

Ka Mahi Matou | We Serve

*David Skjellerup*

District Governor (Elect)

## Build Success – People Serving People – South Forum Details & RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> May



**When?** Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 > 9.30am – 3pm

**Where?** Johnsonville Community Centre,  
corner of Frankmoore Avenue and Moorefield Road, Johnsonville.

**What?** Round Table discussions – This is YOUR forum  
+ The Roles of the President and the Secretary

**Who? – You  
&  
Bring your Club!**

**Cost?**

\$15.00 payable to Johnsonville Lions: 03 0525 0037746 000  
Reference club name, last name.  
Please confirm numbers & diet to [202m.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202m.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz) subject=workshops



**YOU are all invited**

Repeat officers    "New" members    Presidents    Secretaries  
"Old" members    **ALL** members    Board members    Past Officers    Cabinet members

YES you are all invited to attend one of these forums.

Choose the one that suits you the best.

and RSVP with numbers and dietary needs by 10th May for Johnsonville

and by 22nd May for Napier.

## Build Success – People Serving People North Forum & Zone Chair Training Details & RSVP by 22<sup>nd</sup> May



**When?** Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 > 9.30am – 3pm

**Where?** Dunvagen House, Napier City Council building, Hastings Street, Napier

**What?** Round Table discussions – This is YOUR forum  
+ The Roles of the President and the Secretary  
+ Zone Chair Training also on this day

**YOU are all invited**

**Who? – Yes You!**

**ALL members**

**Cost?**

\$18.00 payable to Spirit of Napier Lions: 03 1355 0725646 00  
Reference club name, last name.  
Please confirm numbers & dietary needs to [202m.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202m.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz) subject=workshops



"Old" members    "New" members    Cabinet members    Secretaries  
Presidents    Repeat officers    Past Officers    Board members



# Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



The conflict in Ukraine has driven millions of people from their homes, creating a humanitarian crisis that is forcing families to search for safety and security. In this time of great need, Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is awarding grants to make sure Lions are there to help provide immediate relief to those struggling to meet their most basic needs, and Lions around the world are uniting through kindness to help the people who desperately need it.

**Through LCIF's Humanitarian causes programmes Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund**, our global foundation is mobilising funds and awarding grants to enable Lions in neighbouring countries, to help provide for the immediate needs of the Ukrainian refugees.

*Sadly, this humanitarian crisis is only to get much worse before it gets better. Please spare a thought for the victims of this conflict. To quote International President Douglas Alexandra "Serving is both doing and giving from the heart", your **KINDNESS** has never been more needed.*

***Even if you have already donated to LCIF this year, I please ask you to seriously consider making a donation to LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund.*** Your donation to LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons fund will help ensure that Lions are there to help them find the safety and security they desperately need.

28 grants worth US\$854,125 are listed on the website so far, benefiting an estimated 150,445 people. Additionally, many clubs across Europe are funding their own projects, opening their homes to refugees, and/or assisting at the borders. Here are a few examples of Lions led relief efforts, but there is still a long way to go.



***The usual Westpac bank account can also be used for NZD online banking...***

***International Assoc of Lions 03-0502-0081103-00***

***Particulars = RD Ukraine (or RD Refugees) Code = club number Reference = LCIF***  
**100% of your donation will go to the cause.**

All donations (Club and/or personal) will earn Melvin Jones Fellowship credits – please contact me if you need help finding your member or club numbers.

***Thank you***

**to all clubs/members who have  
already donated to LCIF in  
support of this crisis.**



## District REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

When: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
WHERE: Gary Pickering Funeral Home  
1 Waltons Ave, Kuripuni, Masterton  
TIME: Service Starts 11.00 a.m.  
Lunch to Follow

VISITORS: \$20.00 per person for Lunch

Pay by direct credit to: Lions Club of Masterton Holdsworth

Bank Account: 03 0687 0083841 00

Reference: "Name and Club"

Rsvp: Replies 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

To Marie Pickering [marie.graeme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.graeme@xtra.co.nz)

Please advise of any dietary requirements

N.B: Vaccine passes required

Please note the bank account number as I have seen incorrect one in some club bulletins.

### Preparing your PU101's due 15th May

- All Club Officers elected in April, need to have their details sent to LCI - by 15th May.
- Club Secretaries > MyLCI > Sign in - (check Title is Club Secretary if you have more than one position.)

- "My Lions Club" > "Members" > "Edit Member" (right side) to check that all members details are correct - email, phone, address ...
- Home > My Tasks > "Enter Next Years Officers" > "Club President" > add officer (right side) > choose member and Save. > "Go Back to Members" to enter more Officers.
- Have a last minute check that everything is recorded correctly into the 2022 - 2023 club officer's report before saving and submitting.
- ... and an area that I had to find recently, "Change of meeting venue" > "My Lions Club" > "club info" scroll down to meeting locations 1 (& 2) > "clear meeting location" and insert new details > Save.

Copied from District 202E' May Bulletin

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Service From the Heart with  
International President Douglas X. Alexander



Dear Lions,

**Lions are a family, a very big, global family — one in which the only requirement is pure and simple: a heart for service.**

These are the feelings of our 105th International President, Douglas X. Alexander. And who better to lead our international family of service than a decorated Lion of 37 years, who just so happens to have eight siblings of his own? Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, International President Alexander has been serving his community as a member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984. Like many Lions, his love for service began at a young age. Working at a local grocery store, he would help community members before and after his shifts, earning no money but something far more valuable — their appreciation and respect. It was this selfless service that felt the most rewarding, and that led to a belief that he still holds closely today. Service from the heart, selfless and without expectation, offers humanity the greatest gift of all: The opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. His journey from Lion Alexander to International President Alexander in many ways mirrors his success as an international businessman. Beginning his career in finance as a bank teller, he understood that if he was patient, worked hard and let his passion shine through, it would all work out in the end. Decades later, he retired as a vice president of J.P. Morgan Chase. These same qualities — patience, dedication and passion — along with his family-first mentality have made him a remarkable Lion, and the right person to lead our great association forward this coming year.

Yours in Service,

*Douglas X Alexander*

International President

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## From the Desk of the Editor

We are now coming to the business end of the Lions year when having had our club elections, we need to enter the new details on MyLCI so they appear in the NZ Lions directory. See page 6 for help. Ensure the names are spelled correctly and the phone details are correct. It's a pain when they are not.

**Build For Success—People Serving People** This training will be delivered in Johnsonville for the southern clubs of the district and in Napier for the northern ones. See Page 3 for details.

**National Youth Camp** - last few days to put your name forward. Don't miss out!

**Young Speechmaker Contest**—District final will be held in Masterton on 18th June. See page 14 for details. This is a very entertaining and worthwhile way to spend a Saturday.

**District Remembrance Sunday - 12th June** Just another date, but a very important one. We should attend to remember those Lions who have died, many of them having given many years of service to our communities. See page 6 for details regarding numbers catering/dietary requirements. If one of your members is being remembered, ensure there are some of you attending.

**Vacancy— District Editor** Yes this is my penultimate issue of InforM, something I have really enjoyed doing. Do you think you could do this but need to know more about it—contact me and I can enlighten you or contact DG-elect David and he will tell you what his intentions for this role are. Our contact details are in the directory.

Mary Snook  
District Editor





# **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

## **Orientation 101 Our Structure – THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION**

The International Board of Directors is the governing body of the association. Its 34 members, from all parts of the world, meet four times each year to set association policy. The international officers, consisting of the international president, first and second vice presidents, and immediate past president, are charged with implementing policy and serving as inspirational leaders of the world's 1.4 million Lions. The board and officers are assisted by board appointees; distinguished Lions authorized by the board to chair certain committees and carry out specific assignments.

In addition to the governing duties; the board also:

- Monitors ongoing programmes of the association
- Supervises the international officers and committees of the association
- Manages all association business, property, and funds
- Prepares and approves a budget for each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)

International officers and directors are elected by the delegates each year at the international convention. Presidents are elected two years prior to their terms and serve as second vice president, first vice president and then president. Board members are elected to two-year terms and are designated first or second year directors during their service.

### **LIONS VISION STATEMENT**

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

### **LIONS MISSION STATEMENT**

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally and encourage peace and international understanding.

### **LIONS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES**

- TO ORGANISE, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- TO COORDINATE the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.
- TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

Jo Cameron, PCC  
202M GMT





# NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP TARANAKI NEW ZEALAND.



Hosted by District 202D.

Email: [md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**



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## Venue: TSB Topec

Hydro Road off Junction Rd  
PO Box 8859  
New Plymouth.

**Cost: \$500.00**

## 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 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.

**Numbers are limited. So get in quick!!** Age range is 12–16-year-olds.

**Applications close 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

# COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



## Greetings Fellow Lions and Leos,

We are now well into the business end of the Lions year. All of the Districts have now held their Conventions albeit not in the format that their District Governors would have wanted. It was a pity that Club members were not able to meet at Convention, enjoy fellowship, swap success stories and participate in networking opportunities that Conventions usually bring. Despite that the business of the Districts was duly undertaken, and some thoughtful presentations were given.

As you are all aware the Multiple District Convention has also fallen foul of the Omicron variant with that Convention now being held as a Hybrid Virtual Convention on Saturday the 23rd of April. A number of us who will be attending the Council of Governors Meeting, and the District Governor Elects and the First and Second Vice District Governor Elects who will be undertaking training in the week prior to Convention will be able to attend physically. However, anybody else wanting to attend must do so virtually. I urge all Clubs to appoint their delegates, and to register them, at your earliest convenience.

All Clubs should now be thinking about electing your Club Officers for the 2022-2023 Lions year. All Lions have demonstrated that they have leadership potential, simply by joining a Lions club. Don't be afraid to step-up and take a greater leadership role. Clubs cannot carry out their necessary administrative duties without having a fully functional Board. There is plenty of support available to those contemplating standing for a Board position. Districts will shortly be running Incoming Officer training programmes, and you can use your Lion Account log-in credentials to avail yourselves of the Club Officer training located in the Lions Learning Centre where you will get an introductory overview of Club Officer roles and responsibilities, as well as club structure.

Membership is the key to Club success, and with increased membership we are able to offer our communities that much needed service which is needed now more than ever. Endeavour to inspire and motivate not only your new members but also your current members, increase your Club's visibility in the community by increasing the impact of your projects and membership initiatives. Be sure to let your communities know about your service projects and community events - tell your stories. Storytelling is a powerful way to help people understand your Club and all the good that you are doing for those in need, and it will encourage membership growth.

Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) is an exciting global membership celebration held annually on the last Saturday in April and is designed to unite clubs around the world in Lions Clubs New Zealand & Islands of the South Pacific P.O Box 154, Warkworth 0941 Freephone: 0800 546 672 [www.lionsclubs.org.nz](http://www.lionsclubs.org.nz) welcoming new members. While this year has been a year like no other, Clubs have been successful in attracting new members. On 30 April this year Clubs have the opportunity of having Lions Clubs International President Douglas Alexander virtually walk your new members and their sponsors through the Lions oath. Visit the WWID page for resources to help you to prepare for this event.

The conflict in Ukraine is in the forefront of Lions minds throughout the world. The conflict has driven millions of people from their homes and homeland, creating a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions, which is forcing families to search for safety and security. Lions Districts in Europe who are directly serving refugees are able to apply for grant assistance to enable the purchase and distribution of immediate relief items such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies, sleeping bags and medicine. This is helping to provide immediate relief to those struggling to meet their most basic needs, and Lions throughout the world are uniting through kindness to help people who desperately need it. It is not yet clear whether Districts in other parts of the world that are taking Ukrainian refugees in, as New Zealand is doing, will be similarly able to apply for such grants. In the meantime, Clubs wishing to support Ukrainian refugees can do so by making donations to LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund, thereby helping refugees to find the safety and security they desperately need. All donations made to the Fund qualify for limited edition Campaign 100 recognition, and Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive MJFs.

Continue to "Serve With Kindness".

Kia kaha.

*Murray Pringle*

Council Chairman

# District Editor and Communications Vacancy

**There is a vacancy on next year's Cabinet for the role of District Editor and Communications.**

**Have you been the Editor of your Club's bulletin or do you have an interest in desktop publishing?**

**Are you the person who is able to gather information from Clubs and Cabinet members?**

**There are a number of programmes that will enable you to present the district InforM in an imaginative way. The format would be up to you.**

**Applications outlining skills and desktop publishing knowledge are being accepted by DGE David Skjellerup**

**mobile 022 882 2364; email [202m.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202m.vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz)**

**Closing Date - 23rd May 2022**

## Quiz answers and explanations

The fashion industry contributes to all of the above. [Deforestation](#) occurs when land is cleared for grazing animals that produce leather, wool, and other animal products. Deforestation and overgrazing can cause desertification and soil degradation. With this habitat loss and pollution from production, the fashion industry causes a [loss of biodiversity](#) as well.

It takes [3,781 liters](#) of water to make one pair of jeans, from the production of the cotton to the delivery of the finished garment to a store. Textile manufacturing uses 20% of the world's clean water each year.

Less than [1%](#) of clothing is recycled. The repurposing of textiles is often incorrectly referred to as recycling. They are actually reused by being broken down and made into new products, often insulation or stuffing materials.

Greenwashing refers to claims of environmental sustainability by a brand that are false or misleading. The International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network (ICPEN), a global network of consumer protection authorities, recently swept websites for greenwashing. They found that as many as [40%](#) of environmental claims could be misleading customers.

Polyester, along with other synthetic fabrics, releases microplastics when it's washed. It is estimated that textiles produce [35%](#) of the microplastic pollution in the oceans worldwide, which totals over [2 million](#) tons of microfibers that enter the oceans each year.

You will find more EARTH DAY quizzes on this website <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-quizzes/>



You'll all have seen the money boxes in some of the supermarkets collecting your out of date and foreign currency? It's a Lions project started by the Queenstown Lions in July 2020. Two Silverstream Lions Roy Peterson and John Adam receive the money that is delivered to the 'counting house' where it is sorted into denominations and categories and then goes to the various recyclers to exchange for cash which is deposited in the Heads Up for Kids Charitable Trust.

Lions Clubs New Zealand Heads Up for Kids project provides a helping hand for young people to engage in an experience or activity that will enable them to live their dream, establish life goals and reach their full potential within their chosen field.

**To date** Lions have collected over 28.8 tonnes of coins and thousands of banknotes (that's the equivalent weight of 4 elephants, 460 cattle or 6450 cats!) bringing the total raised close to \$612,000. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand estimates that there is \$80 million in old decimal and pre-decimal NZ coins and \$20 million in old banknotes unaccounted for.

#### Coin Collection - 8 months to 28/ 2/ 2022

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Weight     | 915kg   |
| Coins      | 192,128 |
| Bank Notes | 1,407   |

Drop off point is your local [Resene Colorshop](#)

To reduce pressure on our kind courier sponsors Fastway, please send small amounts regularly, not huge amounts rarely.

**Funding assistance** is only available for activities undertaken within New Zealand and does not cover travel or accommodation costs. All applications require support from a New Zealand Lions Club. Though currently considered monthly,

As from 1 July 2022 Grant Applications will be considered quarterly at trust meetings on:-

21 September 2022  
21 December 2022  
15 March 2023  
21 June 2023

.. so get your applications for your supported group in as quickly as you can after identifying a need.

#### Some successful applications from 202M include

\$1300 to the Napier Spirit Lions Club Lions Club Young Ambassador Program.  
\$4760 to the Wellington Host Lions Club in support of College Choir Competition..  
\$1000 to Wellington Host Lions Club in support of Outward Bound trip.  
\$1000 Silverstream Lions club in support of Outward Bound Course.

More Information is available on the [NZ Lions website](#)



# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



## Welcome & Congratulations

Nicky Cooper  
Darryl Gibson  
Mary Winter

Wainuiomata  
Tawa  
Wairoa Lighthouse

*It is a pleasure to welcome you all to our Lions family!*

*You are now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organisation. You have joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of others and the environment we live in.*



Disclaimer: Membership statistics obtained from MyLCI. New members acknowledged as per the MyLCI New Member Report for February 2022. If you have new members who were recently inducted and who do not appear on this list – firstly, my apologies for not acknowledging you; and secondly, please check with your club secretary to ensure all new members are being registered on MyLCI.



# District Speechmaker competition



When: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
WHERE: Ranfurly House  
Chapel St, Masterton  
TIME: Morning Tea 9:30a.m.

**Official Start 10.00 a.m.**

CONTESTANTS: Email entry forms to : [202M.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202M.dg@lionsclubs.org.nz)

Clubs pay \$75.00 per contestant.

Pay by direct credit to: District 202M Treasurer

Bank Account 03 0502 0547903 000

Reference: "Speech"

VISITORS: \$15.00 per person for Morning Tea and Lunch

Pay by direct credit to: Lions Club of Masterton Holdsworth

Bank Account: 03 0687 0083841 00

Reference: "Name and Club"

**Please note the bank account number as I have seen incorrect one in some club bulletins.**

Rsvp: Replies 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

To Marie Pickering [marie.graeme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.graeme@xtra.co.nz)

Please advise of any dietary requirements

N.B: Vaccine passes required.



## 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 covid or just having a down time? Then please let me know.

If your Club is impacted by a bereavement, please would you send me the details including, if possible, the details of the surviving spouse or family members to enable us to offer support.

If your club has been affected by a bereavement in the period from the end of February 2021 until the end of January 2022, would you please send me a separate photo and a eulogy, of about 200 words detailing their Lion's and community service. Often the photo from their Service sheet is suitable. *Any bereavements after the end of January will be recognised next year.*

Multiple District convention will be a virtual event due to covid restrictions and uncertainties. All deceased members names will be recognised with a minutes silence.

Stop Press - A remembrance service will be held in Masterton at the Gary Pickering Funeral home on Sunday 12 June. Family, friends, and club members are all welcome to attend. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Many thanks

*Sandie McIntosh*

PDG Sandie McIntosh

District 202M Almoner

[Bob.sandie.mcintosh@gmail.com](mailto:Bob.sandie.mcintosh@gmail.com)

*(Please use this email address rather than the one listed in the directory)*

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## 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](#).



This year marks the 110th anniversary of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital for Children, which opened in Wellington on 13 March 1912, and has a proud history as New Zealand's first ever children's hospital. It is fitting then that we have just celebrated a major milestone in your new children's hospital journey, as health heroes Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood formally marked the completion of the build by transferring ownership to the Capital & Coast District Health Board.

Mark and Dorothy's unprecedented generosity is deeply appreciated and came at a critical time for our region. Without them, a new hospital would have been many years away and sick children, their families and our hospital's medical teams would have continued to struggle in a building that was broken and unfit for purpose.

We have had some incredibly generous donations, from children, their families, caring corporates, community groups and grant providers to help raise the \$10 million needed to outfit and equip the interior of the new hospital. And we extend our sincerest thanks to you all, because each one, big and small, takes us closer to our goal. And with just over \$8 million raised that goal is now well within reach!

Whether it's your child or the child of someone you know, our paediatric doctors and nurses are here for young patients like Isla, so that they can get kids back to living the childhoods they deserve. But they don't do it alone. When you support Wellington Hospitals Foundation you are supporting patients, their families and excellence in healthcare.

We also wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our tireless and hardworking healthcare workers. They continued to provide the highest possible care amidst surging numbers of community COVID19 cases, and we thank them for their good care of our loved ones during this difficult time. This includes all our allied health staff who kept our healthcare system working under such enormous pressure. Please stay safe and take care of yourselves and your whānau as we head into the winter flu season.

Yours sincerely  
Bill Day, MNZM, JP  
Chair, Wellington Hospitals Foundation





## Child Cancer



**This is one of the 5 Global Causes of Lions Clubs International.**

### **PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LIONS NEW ZEALAND AND CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION**

Below is the acknowledgement of the Memorandum of Understanding alluded to in April InforM taken from the Child Cancer Foundation's website.

We have always been supported generously by [Lions Clubs New Zealand](#), and are thrilled to announce that they have officially come on board as a new business partner.

Lions are ordinary men, women and young people from all walks of life. They are united in their desire to make a difference in their communities through volunteering and fundraising. It is estimated that Lions Clubs contribute more than \$100 million each year for charitable organisations in New Zealand and in the Pacific Islands.

Supporting whānau impacted by childhood cancer is one of Lions Clubs New Zealand's main causes. Individual Lions Clubs around the country have shown their support for Child Cancer Foundation in recent years by enthusiastically taking part in our nationwide fundraising campaigns and collecting donations from the public during our annual Street Appeal.

Now that the national organisation has come on board as a business partner, the support of Lions Clubs New Zealand is only going to grow. We are excited to build on this relationship and to help Lions around Aotearoa make an even bigger difference for tamariki with cancer and their families.

*"The next generation's ability to thrive is closely tied to the supports of the local community. Lions have seen and felt the effects of cancer on children and their families, and continue to bring hope through tangible service and support."*

– Lions Clubs New Zealand



# ENVIRONMENT



*This is one of the 5 Global Causes Lions Clubs International.*

## Sustainable Fashion Quiz

How much do you know about what's in your closet?




The fashion industry is responsible for 8-10% of global greenhouse gas emissions. If it does not accelerate its response to climate change, by 2030 it will produce twice the volume of emissions required to align with Paris Agreement global warming targets.

The answers to the quiz below can be found on the website or elsewhere in this InforM.

<https://www.earthday.org/sustainable-fashion-quiz/>

1. The fashion industry contributes to environmental degradation in which of the following ways?
  - A Deforestation
  - B Desertification and degradation of soil
  - C Loss of biodiversity
  - D All of the above
2. How many litres of water does it take to make 1 pair of jeans?
  - A 52 litres
  - B 476 litres
  - C 1,028 litres
  - D 3,781 litres
3. What percentage of clothing is recycled?
  - A 50%
  - B 33%
  - C Less than 1%
4. What does greenwashing in fashion refer to?
  - A Washing clothing in environmentally friendly ways
  - B Claims of environmental sustainability by a brand that is false or misleading
  - C Using natural fabric dyes
  - D Lying to people around that something you bought was second-hand when it wasn't.
5. Which of the following fabrics releases microplastics when it's washed?
  - A Polyester
  - B Cotton
  - C Linen
  - D Silk

# DISTRICT CALENDAR

| MONTH   | DATE  | DAY  |
|---|---|--|
| May   | Month   | Strengthen Membership Month  |
|   | 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Club Development Workshop - Incoming Officers [Zones 5,6 & 7] in Johnsonville  |
|   | 28 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Morning</b> - Current and Incoming Cabinet Meeting – Hawkes Bay<br><b>Afternoon</b> – Incoming Cabinet Meeting - Napier<br><b>Evening</b> Cabinet Dinner - Hawkes Bay |
|   | 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Club Development Workshop – Build Success [Zone 1,2,3 & 4] Napier; Zone Chair Training – Napier<br>See page 3  |
| June  | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Helen Keller Day   |
|  | 5 <sup>th</sup>   | World Environment / Arbour Day   |
|   | 7 <sup>th</sup><br>12 <sup>th</sup><br>18 <sup>th</sup><br>20 <sup>th</sup> | Lions Clubs International (LCI) Birthday Remembrance Service, Masterton<br>District Speechmakers – Masterton<br>World Refugee Day  |



Sometime around 2001 Rob and his wife Bev (long deceased) moved from Karori to the Kapiti Coast, where he transferred to the Lions Club of Kapiti Pakeke.

Pictured above, he is very proudly holding a certificate recognising 50 years of service in Lions, presented to him at a Kapiti Pakeke Lions Club meeting last year.

Rob followed directly after Anton Clements as President of Karori. Sadly, he passed away less than three weeks after Anton.

## Rob Ward, R.I.P.

### *Some reflections by Trevor Anders*

Recently there was an email notification to members of the passing of Rob Ward on 26th March, 2022.

Robin (Rob) Ward was the sixth President of the Lions Club of Karori, serving in 1974-1975. He joined Karori Lions in 1971 and was active in the club for all the time he was a member, serving on the board in various capacities. Rob was much liked and highly valued by his fellow members, described as a true Lion, and a true gentleman. I valued his good-natured support and cheerful manner.

Rob brought sound administrative experience to the club, and under his direction we formalised the process whereby young people could apply to the club for financial support.

Rob was a champion of environmental care, and was instrumental in involving Karori Lions in the development of the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary (now Zealandia). Outside of his Lions involvement with the Sanctuary, he was also one of the stalwarts of Zealandia's volunteer workers.

# VISION



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



## Keratoconus

Keratoconus is a disorder that causes progressive thinning and the distortion of the cornea. The cornea is the clear dome part in front of the eye, and is the main focus element. The cornea normally has a rounded shape but in Keratoconus the thinner area bulges forward to produce a cone like protrusion which results in progressive distortion and reduces vision to almost blindness.

Keratoconus affects all races and both sexes. Most people develop keratoconus in their teens or early twenties, although it can occur at any age, but really develops after 30. It is a condition that can progress rapidly, although sometimes it can take years to develop. It may effect one eye but more commonly it affects both eyes. The cause of the condition is unknown, but it is likely genetic and environmental factors are involved. Keratoconus can be associated with certain risk factors such as family history, and conditions such as allergies, hayfever, eczema which often results in vigorous eye rubbing.

### Treatment

If the condition is treated in the early stages, vision can often be corrected with glasses, although contact lenses usually give a better result. Advanced cases may require a cornea transplant

Jennie Vowles  
Cabinet Support - Vision

**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

**At this stage International Convention is going ahead**

Registration forms can be found on the website [LCIcon 2022 Montréal Registration and Housing Terms and Conditions](#)

Please notify Rhonda Kaire [md202.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:md202.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz) so you will be on the mailing list for important notices.

# Hart Walker Clinics are GO!!!!

After two years of Covid-dodging-international-border-disruption, this essential programme in aid of Child Mobility is swinging back into action. We have our first clinic arranged for **Friday 13th May, from 10 until 12 in the Johnsonville Scout Hall 37 Ironside Road.**

All interested Lions are more than welcome to pop-in to witness for themselves the procedure and ensuing impact this programme has on the mobility of children unable to stand and get-around on their own. NB it's totally OK to talk to the parents and care-givers to gain an appreciation of what this programme provided for their wider families. (We will of course be taking the usual Covid confinement precautions.)

In essence a **Hart Walker** is a thousand bit mechanical contraption made up of metal rods, buckles and straps, bungy cords, springs and wheels. It forms an external bolt-on "skeleton" to help children who are unable to stand and move around on their own. Recipient children benefit immensely as they are then able to exercise (thus improving heart rate and lung capacity), and to socialise eye-to-eye with other children. The only problem is that children grow, and thus the rods, cords, and straps have to be expertly adjusted every six months to ensure maximum benefit. There was only one problem — Covid. Our professional staff who make the to make the painstaking and precision adjustments fly in from Sydney, and thus the 6 monthly clinics have been severely disrupted. Hopefully that's now in our past!



*Stuart Kerr (our orthotist) from Sydney adjusts Miro's Hart Walker, whilst parents and care-givers enjoy the rare opportunity to socialise together as they await their child's turn*

Ralph Gracie  
Cabinet Support  
202M Child Mobility



*Miro is up and away. Happy as. Watched by Mum Eva*

Orthotics:

"The branch of medical engineering concerned with the design and fitting of devices such as braces in the treatment of orthopaedic disorders"

## Round the Clubs

Carterton

Noeline spoke on behalf of the Rayner Family, sincerely thanking the members of Lions Club of Carterton for their kindness in honouring Mick's memory in this way.

She wasn't too sure how Mick would take having a garden named in his memory, knowing him though, he would more than likely be very embarrassed and then overwhelmed and chuffed.

From the very beginning, Mick was immensely proud of Carterton Lions Club, with it being a huge part of his life and he enjoyed every minute of it. Lions wasn't all about projects, but equally about appreciating the many great friendships formed over the years, while enjoying a meal at tea meetings and the good-humoured hilarity that often followed with tail twisting.



## Mick Rayner's Memorial Garden

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## Round the Clubs

Martinborough

### Easter Treat

51 Packs of homemade shortbread along with Easter eggs and chocolates were made and delivered by members of the Martinborough Lions to elderly members of the community who live alone. These were very much appreciated by the recipients and was a great project for the club.

