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EDITORIAL

Kia Ora Fellow Lions,

Remembrance of harder times makes us stronger for future!

It feels fitting with the Anzac Day held in this week to talk about remembering. As we remember and thank the people who has sacrificed so much for the betterment of our future, I can't help but thankfully dwell in the memories of all the great things our lions have done.

Our lions always prove that the greatest responsibility of ours as humans to be 'humane' to everyone and make other people's lives better. Companionship, helping everyone in need, and spreading love is considered in the highest regard between our lions.

So, as you pass this month of remembrance, lest not forget but also remember to spread the idea of peace.

Happy Anzac Day and month of remembrance lions!

#WE SERVE





WAR TO END ALL WARS

I have just returned from Lowe Hutt after attending my last face to face Council of Governors meeting plus our MD Virtual Convention.

My fellow DG Megan England from the Eltham Lions Club was confirmed as our next Council Chairman to take over from CC Murray Pringle. I was joined in Lower Hutt by our districts incoming District Governor Ricky and his VDGs Peter and David for their training seasons. Now as I arrived home, I realised it was almost Anzac Day. Rear Admiral Carey Reeve of the USA Navy wrote; "And this I find the greatest mystery of all, the instinct in man to sacrifice himself that others might live." So, at this time I think of my grandfather who passed away 3 days after the armistice was signed ending the 'war to end all wars' and is now at rest in the Terlincthun Cemetery in France. It is so sad that man still can not live-in peace and harmony and so many more innocent people will still go on having to perish.

Roger Davis,
202K District Governor 2021 - 2022



The Fascinating History of Easter

On Easter Sunday, a bunny will deliver chocolate eggs to many households across New Zealand.

Have you ever wondered how this seemingly bizarre tradition came to be?

Well, it turns out Easter actually began as a pagan festival celebrating spring in the Northern Hemisphere, long before the advent of Christianity.

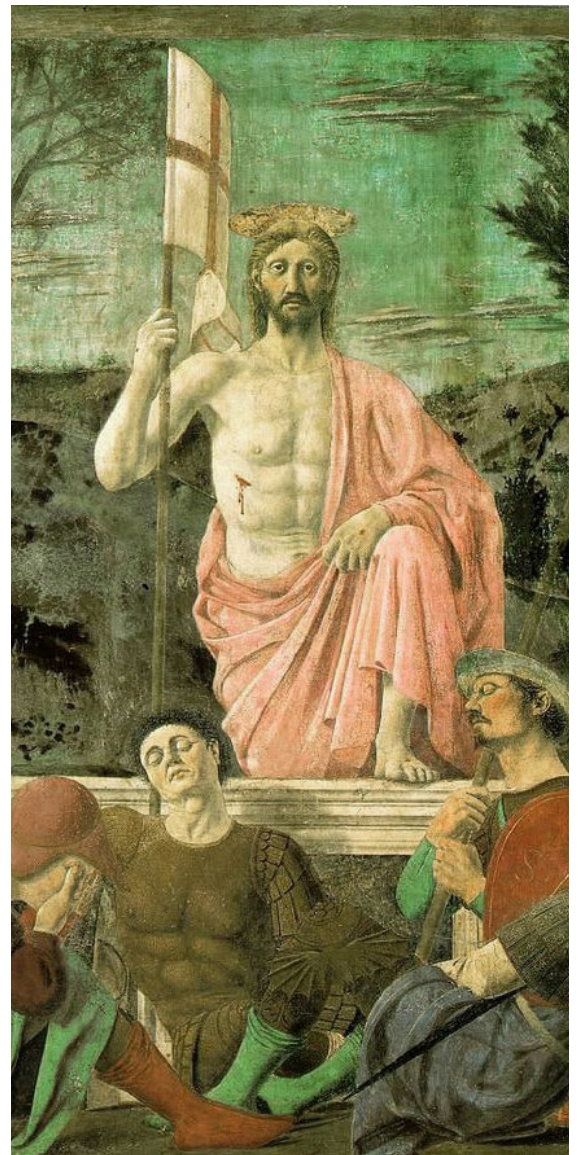
“Since pre-historic times, people have celebrated the equinoxes and the solstices as sacred times,” University of Sydney Professor Carole Cusack said.

“The spring equinox is a day where the amount of dark and the amount of daylight is exactly identical, so you can tell that you’re emerging from winter because the daylight and the dark have come back into balance.”

“People mapped their whole life according to the patterns of nature.”

Following the advent of Christianity, the Easter period became associated with the resurrection of Christ.

“In the first couple of centuries after Jesus’s life, feast days in the new Christian church were attached to old pagan festivals.” Professor Cusack said.



Piero della Francesca's Resurrection (circa 1463) depicting Christ's triumph over death. (Wikimedia Commons)

“Spring festivals with the theme of new life and relief from the cold of winter became connected explicitly to Jesus having conquered death by being resurrected after the crucifixion.”

Easter’s changing date

In 325AD the first major church council, the Council of Nicaea, determined that Easter should fall on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox.

That is why the date moves and why Easter festivities are often referred to as “moveable feasts.”

“There’s a defined period between March 25 and April 25 on which Easter Sunday must fall, and that’s determined by the movement of the planets and the Sun,” Professor Cusack said.

Ostara (1901) by Johannes Gehrts. Spring feasts were held to honour the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre/Ostara. (Wikimedia Commons)



Pascha, Easter and the goddess of spring

In most countries in Europe, the name for Easter is derived from the Jewish festival of Passover.

“So in Greek the feast is called Pascha, in Italian Pasqua, in Danish it is Paaske, and in French it is Paques.” Professor Cusack said.

But in English-speaking countries, and in Germany, Easter takes its name from a pagan goddess from Anglo-Saxon England who was described in a book by the eighth-century English monk Bede.

“Eostre was a goddess of spring or renewal and that’s why her feast is attached to the vernal equinox.” Professor Cusack said.

“In Germany the festival is called Ostern, and the goddess is called Ostara.”

Rabbits and eggs as ancient symbols of new life

Many of the pagan customs associated with the celebration of spring eventually became absorbed within Christianity as symbols of the resurrection of Jesus.

“Eggs, as a symbol of new life, became a common people’s explanation of the resurrection; after the chill of the winter months, nature was coming to life again.” Professor Cusack said.



Decorating eggs is still a popular folk custom in eastern Europe. (Flickr: Vladimir Kud)

During the Middle Ages, people began decorating eggs and eating them as a treat following mass on Easter Sunday after fasting through Lent.

“This is actually something that still happens, especially in eastern European countries like Poland.” Professor Cusack said.

“The custom of decorating hard-boiled eggs or blown eggs is still a very popular folk custom.”

Rabbits and hares are also associated with fertility and were symbols linked to the goddess Eostre.

The first association of the rabbit with Easter, according to Professor Cusack, was a mention of the “Easter hare” in a book by German professor of medicine Georg Franck von Franckenau published in 1722.

“He recalls a folklore that hares would hide the coloured eggs that children hunted for, which suggests to us that as early as the 18th century, decorated eggs were hidden in gardens for egg hunts.” Professor Cusack said.

THE LIONS EMBLEM



Loyalty one's self.
Friends, Country
and integrity of
mind.



Traditional colour of
strength, courage &
tireless dedication to
a cause and sincerity
of purpose, liberty in
judgment, purity of
mind, heart and love
towards fellowmen.

Designed by : MAURICE BLINK

Approved by : International Board on 31st Dec 1921

Motto : We Serve

Slogan : Liberty intelligence our Nation's Safety

Flag : The flag of lionism in golden yellow with
purple border and a size emblem in the
center. Lionism means opportunity for
fellowship and service.

Lets us do humanitarian service while
enjoying fellowship

On 17th July 1917 at the Invitation of Melvin Jones, delegates met in Chicago, the only point of contention was the selection of a name for the New Organization.

Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the New Organization Lions. He was convinced that lions stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name **LIONS** was chosen over several others.

The Lions Emblem

At the 1919 convention, there was a move to change the symbol, but a young attorney from Denver, Colorado rose to speak. His names was Halsted Ritter. The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of a character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: **LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY**



LEOS AND LIONS WORKING TOGETHER



WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LEO



"LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, OPPORTUNITY!"

That's what makes a Leo.
Members of Leo clubs embody the best qualities
of our incredible organization.
They are devoted young people who realize the power of action.

**TOGETHER, LEOS AND LIONS FORM A
POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP**

One of mutual respect where Lions
learn from the innovative insights of Leos,
And where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those
who've successfully served the world for decades."



202K AWARDS (2020 - 2021)

It will be my pleasure when we are able to visit the Clubs awarded these awards in person before the current Lions year ends.

1. **The Jack Guy/Michael McPherson Award** for the Best Bulletin for 2020 – 2021 – this award is recognised for most informative and creative design for their Club bulletin.
The Finalists are:
 - I. The Lions Club of Ruawai
 - II. The Lions Club of Helensville
 - III. The Lions Club of Warkworth

The Jack Guy/ Michael McPherson Award is awarded to The Lions Club of Ruawai

2. **The Cyril Moore/David Darwick Award** for the Community Awareness & Communication Award for 2020 – 2021 – This award is for the Club for the best community awareness and communication which promotes Lions Clubs as a trusted partner in the Community.
The Finalists are:
 - I. The Lions Club of Opononi and Districts
 - II. The Lions Club of Buckland's Beach
 - III. The Lions Club of Warkworth

The Cyril Moore/David Darwick Award is awarded to The Lions Club of Warkworth

3. **The Cliff Heywood/Bob Stanic Award** for the Quiet Lion Achiever for 2020 - 2021 - This award is for the most dedicated Lion who without promoting puts their hand up for anything that is required for the Club.
The Finalists are:
 - I. Peter Shepherd – Lions Club of Waipu
 - II. Khatija Jones – Lions Club of Hillcrest
 - III. Alison Taylor – Lions Club of Kowhai Coast
 - IV. Daniel Gourlay – Lions Club of East Coast Bays
 - V. Agnes Li – Lions Club of Howick
 - VI. John Hartley – Lions Club of Remuera
 - VII. Robert Brown – Lions Club of Warkworth
 - VIII. Tafa Tua – Tuapola – Lions Club of Pago Pago

The Cliff Heywood/ David Darwick Award is awarded to Lion Alison Taylor Lions Club Kowhai Coast

4. **The Bernie Ash Award** for Youth activities 2020 – 2021
This award is for the Lions Club which has promoted all aspects that promotes and participates in youth activities.

The Finalists are:

- I. The Lions Club of Nadi
- II. The Lions Club of Buckland's Beach
- III. The Lions Club of Ngatea

The Bernie Ash Award is awarded to the Lions Club of Nadi

5. **The Peter Smith Award** for Membership 2020 – 2021
This award is awarded to the Lions Club that has shown good membership growth and retention for the Lions year 2020 – 2021.

The Finalists are:

- I. The Lions Club of Te Kauwhata and Districts
- II. The Lions Club of Pago Pago
- III. The Lions Club of Ngatea

The Peter Smith Award is awarded to the Lions Club of Ngatea

6. **The John Frogley Award** for the Most Outstanding Community Project – 2020 – 2021
This award is for the most outstanding Community project which has gained the most community awareness and benefited their local community.

The Finalists are:

- I. The Lions Club of Waipu
- II. The Lions Club of Warkworth
- III. The Lions Club of Orewa

The John Frogley Award is awarded to the Lions of Warkworth

7. **The Jack Guy Award** for the most improved club 2020 – 2021
This award is for the most overall improvement in all aspects in Club growth, resilience, retention, and growth.

The Finalists are:

- I. The Lions Club of Orewa
- II. The Lions Club of Maurewa
- III. The Lions Club of Ngatea

The Jack Guy Award is awarded to the Lions Club of Ngatea

8. **The Kelvin Green Award** for the outstanding club 2020 – 2021
This award is presented to the Lions Club that has promoted its club in all aspects of Lionism and outstanding community awareness and support.

The Finalists are:

- I. The Lions Club of Nadi
- II. The Lions Club of Orewa
- III. The Lions Club of Warkworth

The Kelvin Green Award is awarded to the Lions Club of Warkworth

9. **A Special Award this year – A New Club Recognition Award 2020 – 2021**
This award is a recognition of the clubs who chartered as a Lions Club in the Lions Year 2020 – 2021.

This award is presented to the Lions Club of Mercury Bay and The Lions Club of Pokeno and Districts.



ANZAC DAY

TO THE ANZAC'S

“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives. You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country, therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours.

You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears: your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. Having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well”

Mustafa Ataturk's famous letter to honour Anzac diggers who fought at Gallipoli.

Ehara taku toa i te Toa takitahi, engari He toa takitini

My strength is not that of an individual but that of a collective.



CLYDE AND DISTRICT

“This is what our Lions Club’s generosity looks like - a pallet of rice which is going straight to the people in Tonga who need it the most. When we sell bins - or do any other type of fundraiser - THIS is what it means to people - help until their gardens are reestablished and some type of normalcy is regained. Thanks to all Club members who also donated goods - they also have gone up to be put in the container. And a big thanks to Kate Whyte who has done all the liaison with the Tongan group in Cromwell”

Sue Noble-Adams
Chairperson Clyde & Districts

THANK YOU NOTE FROM TONGAN COMMUNITY

Pellet of rice arrived,
Please find photo attached.

Thank you all so much for your donations.
Please pass on our appreciation to all member
of Clyde Lions Club.

Kind Regards
Lucy and all
Tongan Community



CHARITY FIREWOOD PROJECT

\$125.00

per cube metre (Minimum of two cubic metres)

TO ORDER, PLEASE CALL:

Karen : 027 4844 590

Beverley : 09 431 6364

Rosemary : 027 2102 008

ROGER PRICE

09 431 4590 or 09 431 6620 (work)





ALL PROCEEDS ARE USED TO FUND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

(Due to Covid this year we have had to buy in split firewood from a commercial source so that we can look after our usual customers. It is a good mix of wood)

Free delivery Howick, Pakuranga area

1 Cube Metre **\$120.00**

2 Cube Metre **\$240.00**
(Pictured)

3 Cube Metre **\$360.00**

Contact Roger : 535-8464
Mobile : 027 245 4966
Email : r.robinson@xtra.co.nz





202L SPEECHMAKERS COMPETITION 2022

DISTRICT 202L ARE LOOKING FOR OUR
TOP YOUNG SPEAKERS



29th
MAY 2022



10^{am}



Fraser High School, 72
Ellicott Road, Hamilton

WIN A SCHOLARSHIP

1ST PLACE
\$300

2ND PLACE
\$200

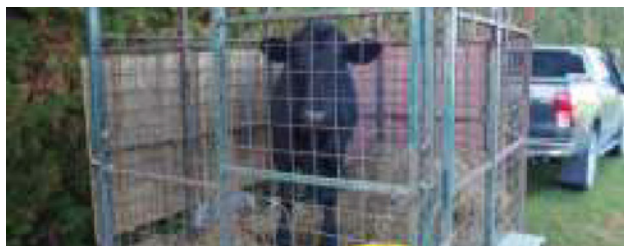
3RD PLACE
\$100

Please email entries by **20th May 2022**.
to Michelle Houghton at 202L.leos@lionsclubs.org.nz

RONGOTEA LIONS BALEAGE PROJECT

On April 2nd, Rongotea Lions Club members held a baleage auction at the Rec Centre in Rongotea, to raise money for local schools and the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter service. The aim was to replace fundraising which our club wasn't able to donate due to no slink collection in 2021. The project was organised by member Graham Lavin and a small team from our club. Everything auctioned was donated by local farmers, and local rural contractors collected and delivered the baleage. We are grateful for the high level of support from local farmers and rural contractors, local businesses, auctioneer Richard Trembath as well as **the Lions Glob Caravan Health team** who carried out health checks on the day. It was a very successful project for our club.

Here are the numbers:
280+ donated baleage, 20 hay bales, 1 Spring calf, 4 bales pea vine, 22 registered bidders, 7 local schools and the PNth Rescue helicopter to receive funds, 15 cartage contractors, 12 health check-ups in the Glob.



A calf was offered for the auction



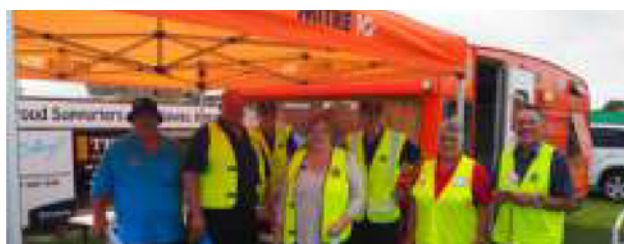
Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter Base Manager Graeme talking with Rongotea Lions baleage project organiser Graham



Trucks loaded with baleage ready for the auction



Richard from NZ Farmers Livestock anawatu was the auctioneer



The Glob Health caravan was in attendance- here's the health team and committee members



Bidders taking part in the auction



Lions waiting for their health check up



MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

Drop off at 2 degrees, Spark & Vodafone shops for the RE:MOBILE scheme which is accredited by the Ministry for the Environment. Sustainable Coastlines benefits.

Autism NZ is teamed up with Swapkit NZ where old mobile phones are swapped for new technology.

See: <https://viberstore.co.nz/autism-nz/autism-nz-recycling>.



PEACE POSTER 2022

2021-22 GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Anja Rožen 13 years old Slovenia

Sponsored by Slovenj Gradec Lions Club

I PRAY FOR A...



***TWO YOUNG BROTHERS WERE SPENDING THE NIGHT AT
THEIR GRANDPARENTS' HOME,
WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR BED, THE TWO BOYS KNELT DOWN
AND BEGAN TO SAY SOME PRAYERS,
SUDDENLY, THE YOUNGER BROTHER STARTED YELLING AT
THE TOP OF HIS VOICE, "I PRAY FOR A
BICYCLE! I PRAY FOR A NEW COMPUTER!
I PRAY FOR A TRIP TO
DISNEYLAND!" AND SO ON...
HIS OLDER BROTHER LEANED OVER AND WHISPERED,
"THERE'S NO NEED TO SHOUT, GOD ISN'T DEAF,"
"I KNOW," SAID THE YOUNGER BROTHER,
"BUT GRANDMA SURE IS!"***



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