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EDITORIAL

Kia Ora Fellow Lions!

We are stronger together.

Hard times are testing us again. With the current global situation we need more togetherness than ever. It is time we look after each other to keep everyone on their feet. Challenging journeys are less exhausting when we have good and strong companionship so let's walk this hard bit, holding each other closer and with our lion spirit.

Positivity, support, love and compassion are key to sailing safely in such troubled waters. Togetherness makes everything complete, and hope lights our pathway. Being lions at heart, we are already halfway there.

Let's be the change we wish upon the world. Remember. Sometimes the smallest act of kindness is the most effective. Be kind to everyone. We all need it. Lions!

Hard times shall pass, but the bond we create, lives we inspire, and friendships we form will be for a lifetime. We are stronger together as fearless lions.

We wish you more power and willpower. Together we will make a better world as lions community.

#WE SERVE





GREETINGS FELLOW LIONS

The first month of the Lions Year has flown by. It has been fantastic visiting clubs as part of the District Governor visits. The clubs have made me feel welcomed and have been positive about the message from the International President Brian Sheehan and our District Governor team. I am excited because of the amazing work our clubs are doing in their communities and what being a Lion means to our members. I am also pleased to hear from my fellow lions about their concerns about the future of Lions and their clubs. This means the members are truly concerned about Lions and their communities. Your District Cabinet team would love to support you and your clubs.

Please talk to your Zone Chairmen about what support your District Cabinet team can provide you as well as about our Build A Vision program and how you can be a part of it. We had our first District Cabinet meeting in Waiuku, organised by Zone Chairman Ivy Tapsel and the Lions Club of Waiuku. Thank you Ivy and members of the Lions Club of Waiuku for organising the weekend. Thank you to

all the clubs in the District for providing your reports and concerns to your Zone Chairmen so they could include this in their Zone reports. We had a fantastic meeting with some really good discussions. Your Zone Chairmen will provide you with the information and updates at your Zone meetings. International President Brian Sheehan said at the International Convention “this is a really exciting time to be a Lion”.

He is so right, our communities and our members need our support more than ever. As Lions our motto is “We Serve”. Peter, Dave and I would love to hear from you when we visit your clubs as part of our District Governor visits what excites you about being a Lion and any concerns you may have. We are really excited and looking forward to visiting your clubs.

Ricky Singh
202K District Governor 2022-2023

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

ART EXPO 2022



Following the success of the first Art Expo in 2021 (despite Covid), a committee of the Whitianga Lions Club embarked with enthusiasm on planning an event to be held on Queen's Birthday weekend in the Whitianga Town Hall over 4 days. Artists from the 2021 event were contacted and others who had seen the success of the event were approached and asked to participate, and indeed they did. Over 80 artists had entries, some with just one item and others up to 30+. The opening night on Friday offered wine and nibbles and the displays were open Saturday and Sunday and half day on Monday.

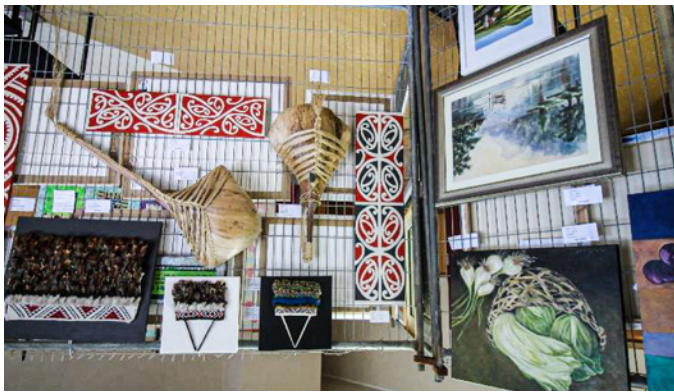
Events such as these cannot exist without the support of sponsors, and fortunately individuals and companies were most generous, some with money, some with donation of items for auction and others with publicity and promotion. Financial donations came from Ockham Residential, Richardsons Real Estate and Whitianga Waterways. We had publicity from The Informer newspaper and CFM Coromandel who also had their caravan present for 2 days. Further donations and sponsorship came from Tis The season, Coromandel Lifestyle Centre, Guthrie Bowron Whitianga, Blonde n Brunette Hair Salon, Claire Bryers, Ron Morgan, Sunflower Glass, & Carl Gubb Electrical. The displays could not have

happened without Richard Vetter of Peninsula Roofing & Scaffolding supplying the frames for the art works to be displayed on.

Finally, none of the would have happened without the time and dedication of our club members under the direction of Ian Robbie who I am surprised that he had any hair left after the event. Whilst I am hesitant to mention club names as all assisted in some way, I feel some went above and indeed further and they were: Jeanette Russell who got so much sponsorship, John Pedersen for spending hours typing then cutting labels for the hundreds of items displayed and Mike Brown for assisting him. Muriel Pedersen (not a Lion) for assisting with food on Friday evening. Robert Denning-Kemp and Steve Tutty running the bar on Friday evening. Manisha Matthews and Gilly & Colin Needham for organising and running the kitchen. Graeme & Manisha Matthews for approaching Ockham Residential for the donation and Graeme for finally sorting out the problem in acquiring an EftPos machine. Again, I must reiterate, ALL members assisted in making the event a success and resulted in us making a donation of \$7,000 for the Community Pool Trust.

Planning is already underway for 2023 and the Town Hall booked for Mataraki Weekend 14-16 July.

A SELECTION OF DISPLAYS FROM ART EXPO 2022



LAP THE MAP FOR DIABETES



This World Diabetes Month, November 2022, we are calling all New Zealanders to 'Lap the Map' for diabetes prevention. Can you help us walk a combined distance surpassing the perimeter of the New Zealand coastline (15,000km).

Lions Clubs across the country are encouraged to host family friendly walks and community events to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of diabetes in New Zealand.

It doesn't matter how far you walk or run, it's about being involved, getting active and moving together.

All funds raised will go towards diabetes awareness and prevention.

Clubs can check out ideas and resources from <https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/services/diabetes> which are being progressively updated.



TAKE A LOOK AT THESE WONDERFUL HELPERS

On the 16th July, yet another successful sausage sizzle was held in front of the Bunnings shop in Silverdale.

A huge thanks must go out to those who helped, and you can view those wonderful people in the photos below. Again a fabulous amount of cash, \$567.00 in total was raised.

As Jack (our organiser extraordinaire) said “ Thanks to all who helped and thanks must also go to Nigel and Debs who arranged sponsorship from Pak n Save, and cheerfully, or is that tearfully chopped up the 6 kg of onions ready for the day”



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE BEING A LION. WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. AND EVEN THOUGH LIONS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME GIVING, THEY ALSO GET SO MUCH IN RETURN.

BUCKLANDS BEACH LEO CLUB

Meet at **3.30pm to 4:30pm** each Monday Christine Ford - Leo Liaison
Are you 13-18 years old? Interest in joining a group?
Want to give back to the community?

Additional information and confirmation of attendance please email:
bucklandsbachleosclub@gmail.com

Meetings in Anita's Classroom (Room 23) at the
Bucklands Beach Intermediate School.

11 of the 12 members attended the first meeting this year – 2 of the members are from BBI while 10 are from Macleans College. As a Project they are planning to visit the Highlands Retirement Village to meet with the residents. They are also knitting squares to make blankets.

This Club has now been officially Chartered and a formal Charter Celebration took place on **13th June** with an afternoon tea at BBI.



Members of the new Bucklands Beach Leo Club with their Charter

SPECIAL CLUB AWARDS

Lions have always been innovators. And a little thinking outside the box goes a long way toward making a bigger impact in our communities.

Here are two ways that we're recognizing innovation and the clubs that are changing the way we serve:

KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD

Get the recognition your club deserves for an outstanding project in one of our global cause areas. Have your club service chairperson submit your nomination by **August 15th** to qualify.

MARKETING AWARD

Showcase your club's innovative marketing and be recognized for your creativity. Application materials are due by **December 31st**, so get your great campaign ready to share.

Let's give each other a chance to think bigger about service because our work will always change lives.



STEWART ISLAND TRIP



Having seen the Lion magazine article about the Lions Club of Stewart Island, Lion Roger suggested that a group of us take a trip south and visit Stewart island, Lion Rosemary and her husband David, Lion Bruce and his wife Estelle and Lions Roger and Karen had a meal together. We made travel and accommodation arrangements over a curry dinner. We flew to Invercargill on Friday, picked up a rental vehicle and headed for a delightful Air BnB with fantastic views in Riverton.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, so we contacted the President of the Lions Club of Stewart Island and arranged to meet with members of their club later in the day. After a smooth trip on the ferry, we spent a glorious day mooching around the island shops and the museum and had a superb lunch sitting

outside the hotel. As planned, we met with Stewart Island Lions and enjoyed an hour of conversation and exchanging ideas. The visit ended with the presentation of a bag of kumara and a Kaipara Tea towel as Lion Roger had noted the sad state of their teatowel in the article !! We finished the day eating oysters in Bluff. Sunday was wet and miserable but did not stop us from enjoying ourselves. The men enjoyed the Motorbike and Fire engine museum, and the women investigated Riverton with its delightful café, galleries, market and second-hand shops.

We all had an utterly memorable time and have started to plan our next little adventure.

Rosemary Webb
Lions Club of Ruawai

JUNE SPEAKER

Our June speaker was local businessman and well-known identity Dennis Sparksman, himself an ex-Mangonui Lion. Dennis is the founder of and current chairman of Mangonui Haulage, one of the largest employers in the Far North.

Dennis held everyone's attention as he gave a run-down of his firm, which currently supports 50 staff running 35 trucks (having recently stepped back from 65 trucks and 80 staff when they sold the logging enterprise in order to concentrate on other ventures).

The figures Dennis mentioned were impressive, including 600+ tyres on the road every day, and 7 stock and 7 freight trucks continually busy. Their newest enterprise are the ready-mix trucks, with 10 currently and more being built. Expansion from one concrete plant in Mangonui to a further one in Kerikeri shows Mangonui Haulage's belief in the growth of the Far North.

Dennis was introduced by Lion Tony, and thanked by Lion Mike.

Following his talk, President Graham presented Dennis with a plaque of appreciation for all the support he has extended our Mangonui Lions over the past decades.

Somewhat appropriate it was Dennis who won the evening's meat raffle.



Ex-Lion Dennis Sparksman kept us all enthralled at June's dinner.



Dennis shows off his Plaque of Appreciation whilst flanked by President Graham, Lion (and a Past President) Tony, and Immediate Past President Brian.



Bev Wilson looks suitably dubious as Lion Brian expounds his view on something important.

NEW ZEALAND LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

December 27th 2022 – 6th January 2023
Hosted by Lions District 202L

NGAMUWAHINE OUTDOOR EDUCATION LODGE TAURANGA – NEW ZEALAND

CAMP PURPOSE

To further the first object of Lionism
"TO CREATE AND FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD"

The Youth camp applications open 1st July 2022
Youths between 17 to 21 years old. Cost NZ \$ 750.00
For information please contact - Camp Co-ordinator PDG Myra Davey
or Camp Director Jonno Davy

International Camp Director Jonno Davy
welcomes all applications, to view the camp site go to
Youtube Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Centre | Aerial Flyover

Camp Director – Jonno Davy
Ph. 021 033 9064
Email – 202l.intyouthcampdir@lionsclubs.org.nz

Please send applications to
Camp Co-ordinator – PDG Myra Davey
16 Harlech Glen, Bethlehem, Tauranga 3110



New Zealand
Ph. 07 579 1535 or 021 343 899
Email – 202l.intyouthcamp@lionsclubs.org.nz



CAMP QUALITY

FUNDRAISING ART EXHIBITION



Camp Quality held a fundraising art exhibition at St Cuthbert's College on 6th-7th August. There was some amazing art, a bake sale, sausage sizzle, (beef or vegan), silent auctions, and face painting, CQ merchandise and so much more! A joint effort of several Auckland Lions clubs saw us showing our usual support for this amazing organisation manning the BBQ all weekend for them. Thank you to all those who came along to support this.

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS WANT FROM JOINING US? SOME THOUGHTS FROM LYNDA HALVERSON 202K GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR.

LCI data shows us that it is not new members that are our issue but the retention of the ones we have. The answer to this could be a long complex one but let's start getting less complex and start looking at some basic steps on what we could do to attract and keep Lions.

So often we are so busy thinking about we need we don't think about what our volunteers need. So here's a list to think about.

I struggle so much when I hear about the requirements so many clubs put on members, when they come entirely from the club point of view not the volunteer point of view

VOLUNTEERS WANT TO BE CONNECTED

Research has shown that what people want is an opportunity to connect with others. What do we do as a club to ensure that our members feel connected to our club, to have a sense of belonging? It is not about a place we belong to, but a group that we feel we belong to.

VOLUNTEERS WANT LESS FORMALITY, LESS HIERARCHY

Do we spend so much time focussed on what we have always done, following traditions, doing things the right way that we have forgotten to be responsive? What are we doing to create a less formal, user friendly atmosphere? Are we keeping politics and managing disagreements, and keeping them out of our meetings? Are we so busy establishing who is the boss, and using top down speak, that we have forgotten that we are all here for the same reason?

Do we really need top tables, all the formality that has been our tradition?

VOLUNTEERS WANT SOMETHING THAT IS FAMILY FRIENDLY

Does your club actively create a family friendly atmosphere? This could be your children, your grandchildren, or any other child. How else do you think younger Lions members can attend?

How else do our young ones see community service in action? Do you plan service projects that could include the children?

VOLUNTEERS WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, A SENSE OF PURPOSE

It's not 'Come do what we do', it's 'What do you want to do? It is not about what we can do in the future, but what we can do now. Are we organised enough to be able to offer that experience now, are we prepared for our volunteers, so that they feel that sense of purpose immediately, so that they will feel valued? It is that sense that makes them a real Lions member not the piece of paper they signed and the induction they agreed to. It is also about recognising our volunteers whenever we can.

For all of this to happen, volunteers, our members, need to feel connected, not be caught up in hierarchy and formal meetings, feel they can include families, and make a difference right from the beginning. To continue making a difference they need to know their role and be able to see personal growth which comes not only from the doing, but by attending workshops to learn and network.

So let's be the awesome Lions service clubs we have always been, ensure we are aware of current trends and needs and march out there and make a difference.

Research quoted from Michael brand and Joanne Fritz

ZOOM WORKSHOPS



SERVICE POST COVID ZOOM WORKSHOP

A chance to get some ideas and thoughts on service projects that you could do with your club.

DATE : 28TH AUG (NB THE CHANGE OF DATE)

TIME : 1PM-3PM

MARKETING AND PROMOTING LIONS ZOOM WORKSHOP

We have a commercial marketer introducing some concepts, and some Lions members from around the country who have successfully promoted Lions within their districts.

DATE : 11TH SEP / TIME : 1PM-3PM

MacBook Pro

For both workshops register your interest at 202.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz

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