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The Official Bulletin of
Lions Clubs International 202F District

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Together we serve as...one
Together We Can



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Message from Jeroen Shuurmans

District Governor 202F District

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i all Lions,

As I write this update, we are on holiday in the north while the stormy “Cyclone Gabrielle” is heading our way over. We will wait for what is still to come. We had the first District Convention 202K, and we will attend the 202L Convention in Hamilton this coming Friday.

The message that came across in the last couple of days was the future of the Lions in general. The lion’s clubs in the district should get the feelers out about what your community needs, and ask what they like to see happening. For Lions is it important at the moment to keep your projects current and relevant. And come up with new ideas.

A really good example has been the “Toot for Tucker” by several clubs now taking this idea have run with this. And exercised it. another good example that has resulted in great success is the “fun Day” in Clyde

Maybe you can reflect on things like when and how you became a Lion, even if you joined Lions years or months before. There must be a project or an event that touched you and made you feel like a real Lion. The same thing we want other people to experience, in becoming a Lion.

Convention For our district 202F

Five weeks to go for our convention in Winton
“**From the Heart**”, hopefully, you all have registered. The Winton Lions Club has put in a lot of preparation for this weekend. Please, JOIN US.



WINTON 17th till 19th March 2023

Be Creative

We do have a brilliant guest speaker Paddy O Brien an ex-Referee and author. Speaking about TEAM building and his life experience.



This is only one of the things on the agenda, We also are going to celebrate our achievements for the year, meet old and new friends share ideas, and not forget the people that went before us. And to keep our promise of rededication to the Lions and lions international.

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So come along to Winton and enjoy our fellowship.

In April is the Multi-District Convention in our backyard, Invercargill.

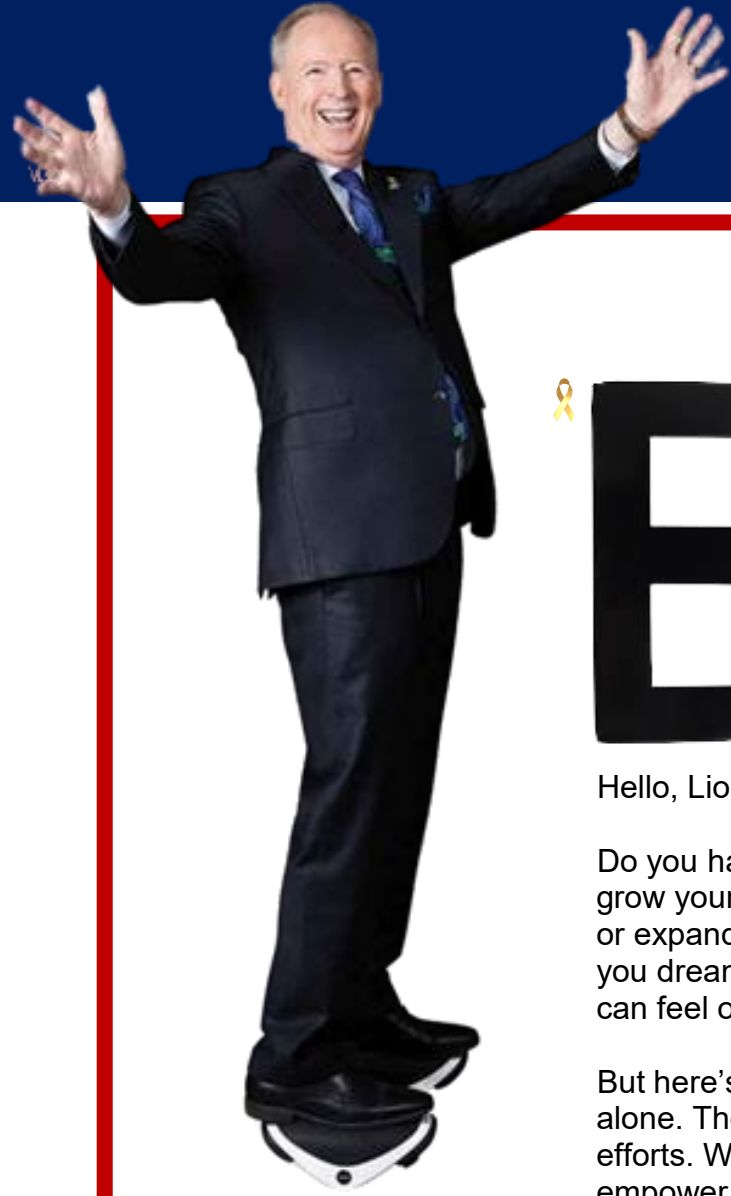
“The Great Trip South” from the 28th to the 30th of April 2023.



**We remember with great respect and appreciation
the Life and Services of
Christopher Miller of Cromwell Lions**



Together we can with
Brian Sheehan
Lions International President



 **B**uilding the Future We Want to See

Hello, Lions!

Do you have big dreams for your club? Do you want to grow your membership, get young people more involved, or expand the kinds of service projects you do? When you dream big—and I know Lions like to dream big—it can feel overwhelming and hard to know where to start.

But here's the big secret of Lions—you don't have to do it alone. The Global Action Team can help energize your efforts. We have a global foundation, LCIF, that's here to empower you with financial support. And there are more than 48,000 clubs around the world who are trying to do exactly what you are—build the club of their dreams. So go to local conventions and meet the Lions in your district. Trade ideas, get phone numbers, make connections.

The Seal Beach Lions Club in California didn't become North America's largest club by accident. They recognized they wanted to grow, and they wanted a membership that reflected their community—a diverse range of ages and life experiences. But rather than begin a heavy recruitment plan, they focused on building the kind of club that others would want to join. And it worked. You can do it, too.

Decide what is important to your club and then go after it. Build it. The results will come.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Lions Clubs International President





Global Service Team Corner

Sue Evans

REFLECTION:



Clubs are now just getting back into the swing of things for this coming year. One of the major concerns facing District 202F is the falling membership. While we can all acknowledge some of the reasons for this such as an ageing membership, for Lions to survive we need to be pro-active in making Lions attractive to others. REVIVE has not taken off as expected in our District. The question now facing all of us is how we adapt the GMA in its current form to suit US. At the Cabinet Meeting held on 28th January a steering committee has been established to look at how we move forward. From my perspective, Service is the key. Without Service we cannot promote Lions. Without Members we do not have Clubs. If people see a project they are interested in they will become involved. Recently I was reading about Lions in the British Isles:

Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and support good causes throughout the British Isles.

Globally we have more volunteers in more places than any other service club organisation, and love to help others and make things happen.

Wherever you live, work or travel throughout the British Isles, you are likely to come across Lions members and the projects we support.

Every Lions Club supports a range of good causes and projects in its local community. Because we are local, we serve the unique needs of the communities in which we live. As we are global, we can address community challenges wherever they occur.

Every day Lions are having fun by organising remarkable and memorable fundraising activities.

Every year in Europe alone, Lions volunteer around 6 million hours of service and raise £88 million to support the needs of local communities.

When I reflect on the above, it radiates to me this is what Lions do here in New Zealand as well. One of the keys to new membership from my perspective is that personal invitation, by acknowledging the attributes and skills each person would bring to Lions and acknowledging the worth of that person.

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TOP CLUB SERVICE PROJECT – FINAL REMINDER (The project must either be completed in this current Lions year or be an ongoing Project). Entry forms are in the **'Between the Lions'** or get in contact with **DG Wendy Goodwin** or myself for a form.

Remember your Project must align with one of the following Lions International cause areas (below)



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood
Cancer



Youth



Humanitarian



Disaster

I need YOUR Project by **15th March 2023** as this gives the Judges time to select a Project entry from our District 202F.

“Service” is our key focus so why don't we tell everyone about what we are doing!

Note: - this must be a Project by an individual Lions Club, not of combined Clubs or a Zone Project and must have been entered into MyLion (Service Reporting) for reference.

WHAT IS COMING UP?



CHILD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH is happening in February.

Also the International Childhood Cancer Day is being held on 15th February 2023.

WARREN ERICKSON OF THE CLINTON LIONS CLUB is biking from Cape Reinga to Bluff to raise funds for the IHC at the end of February. He has a Give a Little page if anyone wishes to donate. Warren would be most grateful if anyone can offer accommodation in the North or South Island.

There are lots of different biking fundraising projects happening at the moment. It is up to Clubs to decide if they support them or not.

ROWING FOR LIFE:

In November / December 2023 there will be a Stewart Island promotional row. The actual NZ row will take place late January/ early February 2024.

Consideration is to be given to host a celebrity type fundraising dinner in Invercargill with high



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calibre speakers. Work is being done by Lions Wendy Goodwin and Colin Macdonald to look at how Clubs could support fundraisers.

The Charities are • **Surf Life Saving NZ** • **Child Cancer Foundation NZ** • **Starship** • **Lions Clubs Mobile Skin Cancer Screening Service** • **Chalky Carr Trust** – **Supporting people impacted by cancer who are going to benefit**



GST Corner
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SERVICE REPORTING:

This is something that I mention a lot in my Report but I thought this month I would take a different tact by using an example from the Lawrence Lions Club:

A huge community project got underway to form a committee and plans to replace the existing Lawrence main street playground that is way past its best with some apparatus being red stickered. But first the perimeter fence needed replacing and Lions joined the cause offering labour and an application to the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust for financial assistance with the installation cost which we were successful in getting. After many delays due to Covid causing product shortages as well as rising costs, finally work began on the 19th of Dec 2022. The old wooden fence was chained sawed into manageable lengths, because none of us are young anymore, then loaded onto the back of Lion member's trucks and taken away. Serious muscle was needed to work a jack hammer to try and dislodge old concrete footings with a mini digger being brought in to do the job. The fence was all down and the site tidied, ready for the workmen to start marking out the posts for the new fence. Two days later all was completed and the new fence certainly makes a statement.

The above is reinforcing the importance of Service Reporting and getting out message out to our communities and further afield.

Kind regards
Sue Evans
Services Team Coordinator
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Cell phone: 027 738 2962 | Home: 03 213 0329

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*Where there is love,
there is life*

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~~Mahatma Gandhi~~





SAJITHA FERRY

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Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

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~~Martin Luther King Jr~~

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n this article, let's look into the cross cultural differences in the eye contact and respect to elders.

In many cultures, including some Asian and Middle Eastern, **indirect eye contact is generally favoured** over direct eye contact. Eye contact between members of the same gender is a sign of trust while direct eye contact between a man and a woman is considered inappropriate and flirtatious. When conversing with an unfamiliar elder, one may lower their head to lower their gaze. This is a sign of respect.

Similarly, among some Asian groups, eye contact between strangers could be considered shameful.

On the contrary, eye contact is expected **in Western culture**, it is a basic essential to a social interaction which **shows a person's interest and engagement with your conversation**. In Western cultures eyes are considered to show the central point of a person's focus.

In one of my early days in New Zealand, I saw an elder man carrying a bunch of bags head towards the car park of a super market. I politely offered my help to carry the bags to the car. He replied, "No thanks. I am good. I'm not as old as you think I am."

I was surprised as well as embarrassed at his response. I thought he would have been pleased with my offer of help. In my culture, my action would have been treated as a sign of respect and would have been appreciated the gesture. Instead, it appeared as if I offended him, doing the opposite of what I intended to do.

Few tips from the American Psychological Association to be more culturally aware:

Think beyond race and ethnicity....

Learn by asking. ...

Pay attention to non-verbal behaviors. ...

Exchange stories.....



2024 LIONS Out and About

CLYDE AND DISTRICTS

CLYDE FAMILY FUN DAY

On the 28th January Lions Club of Clyde & Districts hosted a Clyde Family Fun day at the Clyde Village Green between 10.30 until it got too hot at 2.00pm.

Despite the day reaching 31°C degrees families flocked onto the Green to have picnics or purchase food and drinks and just relax. The free activities available to everyone were bouncy castles, face painting, bubble making, fire engine fun, 4 wheel quad trailer rides and good old fashioned sack, three legged and egg and spoon races. There was also live music by Kathy Stanton and Grant Olds.



About 400 people attended across the day and Club members were out in force spreading their energy joy and happiness. Some funding for this event was given by Promote Dunstan. Thank you to everyone that supported us including Alexandra Lions Club, Clyde Fire Service, Mr Whippy, Rob's Daily Grind The News and of course our fun

loving members and visitors.



Warren Erickson and his family have been a part of IHC in New Zealand for the last 35 years ever since their eldest daughter was born with downs syndrome. Warrens daughter has received an immense amount of support from IHC in New Zealand and Warren thought it was only appropriate to try and pay some of this back. So, over the years Warren has held various board positions for his local branch and completed countless volunteer hours with IHC, but it still wasn't enough...



Warren has now decided he is going to cycle the length of New Zealand (Cape Reinga to Bluff) in order to raise funds for IHC in New Zealand. This approximately 2200km journey will be taking place in February 2023 and you can follow updates on the Facebook page.

Warrens motivation and passion for what he is doing for IHC New Zealand keeps him going. With the belief that everyone knows someone that

is affected by intellectual disability so donating is a way that everyone can do their little part.

Please follow the link below to support:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/cycling-top-to-bottom-for-ihc>



202 F L I O N S O u t a n d A b o u t

CROMWELL

FROM WYNDHAM RACES



PR & Communications Calendar

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| February | | LCI Childhood Cancer Awareness Month |
| | 15th | International Childhood Cancer Day |
| March | First Sunday | Children's Day |
| | 8th | International Women's Day |
| | 11th | Lions Day with the United Nations |
| April | | Leo Club Awareness Month |
| | | Environmental Awareness Month |
| | | Family and Friends Month |
| | 30th | Lions worldwide Induction Day |



THE GREAT TRIP SOUTH



INVERCARGILL or INVERRRCARRRGILL

to some people. With parks, motor museums, golf courses, walks, and our brand new city centre with our super new mall.

Invercargill is flat, has plenty of car parks, and is easy to navigate.



Waihopai City Lions Club of 18 members, assisted by neighbouring clubs of Invercargill Host, Invercargill Central, Waikiwi and Makarewa are getting fully geared up to host the 202 Multiple District Convention on 28-30 April 2023. Being delayed 12 months due to covid we have prepared a programme and venue that will be enjoyed by all Lions attending. The Ascot Park Hotel venue has quality rooms and motels with plenty of car parking. Along state highway 1 (Tay Street) there is plenty of other suitable motels and downtown is the new "Langlands" hotel which is top notch.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION:

Registrations : [Convention Registration](#)

Apologies : [Apologies](#)

Stall Request : [Request for stall](#)

From March each year we have our famous Bluff wild oysters available so if you like them this will be great for you.

If motoring down to Invercargill, plan to go through Central Otago and/or the Mackenzie Country as the autumn colours are spectacular every autumn and a well worth a look.

We have the enthusiasm, the knowledge, and the experience to host a great convention, so a great convention you will have.



THE GREAT TRIP SOUTH



Make the Great Trip South to a MD Convention to remember.

Direct Air NZ flights from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPOINTMENT



We look forward to hosting you at the

MD Convention

in Invercargill

On April 28 - 30, 2023





MD202 Convention

The Great Trip South

Invercargill | 28 - 30 April 2023

Explore what Southland and Fiordland has to offer during your Great Trip South. There's something for everyone!



**Bill Richardson
Transport World**
With over 300 vehicle displays and more, there's something to captivate everyone.



**Seriously Good
Chocolate
Company**
Southern-made chocolate, seriously good!



E Hayes & Sons
Stand in the presence of a legend, view over 100 pieces of memorabilia from Burt Munro's legacy.



Stirling Point
Located at the beginning (or end) of New Zealand's State Highway 1, Bluff.



Stewart Island
The perfect base for both the adventurous and those looking to relax.



Te Anau
Home to lakes carved by ancient glacier, majestic fiords and spectacular high-sided valleys.



Gore
Famous for its country music, illicit whisky making and brown trout fishing.



The Catlins
Rugged beauty with wild beaches, roaring waterfalls and home to the amazing Cathedral Caves.

Convention Chair
Maree Hayes
021 644 293

Walhopa City Lions
PO Box 1283
Invercargill

Convention Secretary
Rodger Millar
021 135 0626

For more information contact MD202.convention2023@lionsclubs.org.nz

MD202F CONVENTION

Winton 17 - 19 March 2023

District Governor Jeroen Schuurmans

along with

Winton Lions Club

are proud to invite you to the

202F District Convention

17th -19th of March 2023 Winton

FROM THE HEART



Saturday theme- "Orange is the new Black"

Venue: Winton Memorial Hall

Convention Chair: John McHugh E: mchugh.winton@gmail.com

To register for our District 202F 2023 Convention in Winton
Follow this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/lynettebatt/district-202f-convention-2023winton>

Convention Registrar: Juon Schoen | juonschoen@gmail.com



MD202F CONVENTION

Winton 17 - 19 March 2023



Winton, the Heart of Central Southland

District Governor Jeroen Schuurmans
And the Lions Club of Winton
Invite you to the
District 202F – 2023 Convention

FROM THE HEART



We love to see you there



Come and visit Winton. A lovely rural town and the heart of the Central Southland District. A place where values still matter. Where people stop to talk to each other in the street. Where we don't have parking meters and the weather is so much better than in Invercargill.

Come and join us and enjoy real country hospitality, meet up with old friends and leave having made new ones. Our Convention is a celebration of our District 202F and about what it means to be Lions.

DG Jerry and the Lions Club of Winton are looking forward to your company on this weekend. We are looking forward for all of us to have a great time and enjoy ourselves.

See you in Winton
Registrations are open now



MD202F CONVENTION

Winton 17 - 19 March 2023



We Serve

CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION

17TH - 19TH MARCH 2023

Winton Commercial Hotel (Top Pub)

327 Great North Road Winton
Phone 03 236 7769
Email tonknz@xtra.co.nz

\$ 125.00 Ensuite per night
\$ 115.00 Ordinary per night
Total 10 Double and 1 Single room

Central Southland Lodge LTD (Middle Pub)

232 Great North Road Winton
Phone 03 236 8413
Email www.middlepub.co.nz

\$ 110.00 double per night
\$ 115.00 Single per night
Total 9 rooms

Belvedere (Bed & Breakfast)

133 Great North Road Winton
Phone 03 236 9770
Email stay@belvedere.co.nz

1 Queen suite
\$ 150.00 double per night
\$ 130.00 Single per night
Breakfast included

113 on Park (Bed & Breakfast)

113 Park Street Winton
Phone 03 236 0443 or 0212968700
Email www.113onpark.com

Breakfast included
Total 2 Suites

Winton Golf Course

Substation Road Winton (2.8 Km from the center)
Phone 03 236 8422

6 Power points
Bathroom @ Cooking Facilities
\$10.00 Per Person Per Night

Old Railway Site

No power points
Dump station

Only Fully contained RVs &
Caravans

Winton Lifestyle

54 Church Street Winton 9720
Phone 03 236 0033
Email wintonlifestylemanager@gmail.com

Studio 1 Bedroom
2 Bedroom + Cottages
Plus, use of commercial area

Or there are further options further afield like Invercargill of course,

but do bring a rain coat





CO-OPTED TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Lions Clubs New Zealand
Child Mobility Foundation

The Lions Clubs New Zealand Child Mobility Foundation was established in 2011 to operate, protect, manage and promote the MD 202 Hart Walker Project and since then the Trustees have expanded their horizons to investigate and advise NZ Lions on other suitable equipment for disabled children.

The Foundation's purposes are wholly charitable and include benefiting the community by being sensitive to the physical, mental and emotional needs of children within New Zealand with a disability that limits mobility. The Trust Deed offers Trustees the widest powers to undertake their duties and to offer guidance and assistance. Trustees receive total indemnity from the Trust Fund with the term of office being 3 years, with reappointment permissible.

A Co-Opted Trustee vacancy has arisen and therefore the Foundation invites applicants from our Lions family to provide their reasons for seeking the position, along with a concise CV outlining the attributes that they would bring to the Foundation.

Applications (electronic), marked confidential, should be emailed to the CMF Secretary, Alan Gray by **28th February 2023** and the successful applicant will be advised by 10th March 2023

The successful applicant would be expected to attend the CMF meetings in Invercargill on Friday 28th April 2023.

A copy of our Trust Deed is available on request or is available on-line.

Send applications to:

The Lions Clubs NZ Child Mobility Foundation,
Secretary Alan Gray mail@graynz.com

PDG Rodger Millar (Chairman)
321 Crinan Street, Invercargill 9812. Email jollyrodger@outlook.co.nz





LIONS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE

16 - 21 APRIL 2023

FIORDLAND

**MULTI-DAY TRAMP
ABSEILING
ROCK CLIMBING
KAYAKING
CAVING
TEAM BUILDING**

Join us for six days of adventure based at Borland Lodge, in beautiful Fiordland. The course covers a range of adventure activities, including rock climbing, kayaking and caving, as well as a multi-day journey through Fiordland National Park. If you're aged between 16 – 19 years, and looking to push your limits to build valuable skills, then get in touch!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP PLEASE
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB**

**COURSE COST
\$800**



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N O T I C E

Street Appeal
10 - 11 March 2023



Volunteer as a team to support tamariki with cancer



Adopt a collection site for a day

We need volunteers to collect funds in your local area and we would love your organisation to help out by adopting a collection site for a day.

What you'll need to do:

- Get a group of colleagues, friends or students to volunteer to collect
- Contact us and we will find you a collection site
- Be there on the day to collect lots of funds to help children with cancer and their families

It's that easy!

We will organise the collection buckets, stickers and bibs for your organisation and provide other support you need.

Why we need your help

Every week in New Zealand, three Kiwi families are told the heartbreaking news that their child has cancer. Child Cancer Foundation is dedicated to supporting them every step of the way.

We need to raise \$6 million each year to continue providing vital support to tamariki and their families. We don't receive any direct government funding, so we rely on the generosity of people like you to help them.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we'd love your organisation to take over a collection site for a day to collect much-needed donations!



Keen to adopt a site?

Contact our Street Appeal team:
appeal.coordinator@childcancer.org.nz
childcancer.org.nz

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