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Zone Meeting Dates

One	TBA
Two	TBA
Three	March 22
Four	March 15
Five	March 23
Six	March 16



DG Jules for J

Earthquakes and floods

There is so much that Lions can do. You are each needed, both in your communities and by the wider world. What you do changes lives.

The natural disasters in New Zealand, Turkey, and Syria have cost lives and destroyed communities. Our thoughts are with the families of those who have died.

Already Lions Clubs International have given emergency funds and started considering what next. You make that possible in the work you do and the funds you raise. Please, please keep your work going. Consider today what you can give to the Foundation. Remember, every cent raised is used for funding relief; NO funds are used to administer the Foundation. The administration is funded by your dues.

The world knows what we in J do because all thirty-three clubs and two Leos clubs have reported a service project online. Past International Director Tony Benbow congratulated J when he spoke at the Convention in Auckland. To date, we are the only District in ANZI to have achieved this.

Currently we have reported completing 603 service activities, undertaken 20,172 hours service, served 87,702 people. We have raised \$240,000 and donated \$55,000. These are remarkable figures for six months work, thanks to each of you along with the fifty new members who have taken seriously our pledge 'together we serve' and to continue to be the biggest humanitarian organisation ever.

See you all in Fairlie when we will be celebrating all we have achieved.

Together we're changing lives.

DG Jules

International President Brian Sheehan



2022/2023



Together We Can



District 202J Convention Newsletter

**Mackenzie Community Centre, Main Street, Fairlie
Friday 31 March, Saturday 1 April & Sunday 2 April 2023**

Fairlie Lions, in collaboration with Mackenzie College PTA and students, are proud to be hosting 202J Convention23. Our theme Back to the 70's is a Celebration of 50 years of Lions' service in Fairlie.

Friday 31 March 5-7pm. Meet and Greet (Early Registration) at Silverstream Hotel, Kimbell (5 minutes west of Fairlie.) Minivan leaves the Green near the railway carriage Main Street, Fairlie at 5.00, 5.20 and 5.40pm.

Come and enjoy the nostalgia of a country pub and beer garden. Enjoy 70's themed grazing fare. 70's country pub casual. Arrange your own party for dinner, head back into Fairlie for a meal at one of the local eateries or stay on at Kimbell. We suggest you make a booking if you want to dine at Carnegies in Fairlie, or at Silverstream after the Meet and Greet.

Saturday 1 April 8am

We have something different planned for our Saturday programme with the Flag ceremony, Guest speaker and AGM in the morning. Registration opens at 8am with the action kicking off at 8.30am. No separate partners' programme, everyone is included in an outing and picnic lunch for the afternoon. (Smart casual for the day and sturdy footwear and warm jacket.)

During the AGM, non Lion partners will have time to wander in Fairlie Village for a coffee and look around the boutique shops or head North towards Geraldine to the Lookout, near the Farmbarn Cafe, and take in the views.

Saturday night 6pm

Social, Dinner and Entertainment by local identities, a poet, lifeguards, a story teller and maybe a flower arranger! Rock those 70's threads...(If you need somewhere to get changed, the restrooms at the venue are suitable).

Sunday 10.30am

Remembrance and Rededication Service followed by a finger food lunch.

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Reminder District 202J Convention

Nominations.....

◆ Nomination and seconder for:

- District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- Second Vice District Governor

to be received by Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge
before **Wednesday 1 March 2023**



Note: District Governor candidates must have been a Vice District Governor in this District.

Eulogies please

- ♣ for recognition of the service of these Lions at our Convention Remembrance Service
- ♣ Send:
 - name & a good quality photo of deceased club members (do not downsize the photo for emailing)
 - accompanied by their eulogies (150 - 200 words)
 - to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge ASAP
(at latest by **Wednesday 1 March 2023**)

A burglar took my calendar. They have bad news... Next weekend, they have to go to my mother-in-law's birthday celebration.



Focus on Youth

National Youth Camp:

The Council of Governors have given permission to proceed with another camp.

The venue this year is the Foxton Bible Camp in Foxton for the week of 1st to 7th October 2023.

This is the 2nd week of the 3rd term school holidays. The programme is still being finalised and the organisers hope to keep the fee at \$500.

Final information should be available by end of February.

We are asking that those flying are required to fly to Palmerston North, and we will get them from Palmerston North to camp.

Clubs can apply to Heads up for Kids for funding for part of the costs.

International Camp in Australia:

There is also an International Camp in Australia, and New Zealand has been extended an invitation open to New Zealand youth aged 15 to 18 years to attend their Camp in Proserpine Queensland, Australia from 1st to 8th July 2023.

There is also an opportunity for hosting before or after Camp.

Youth would need to fly to Brisbane and then to Proserpine for the camp.

The Camp cost is \$AU890 and works out to be just over \$NZ1000.

Please advise if you have anyone interested in attending and the Youth Exchange team will make the appropriate arrangements.

*Jenni Mattingly
Youth Activities Chairman 202J*

There will be a cake auction at Convention with the proceeds going to Camp Quality.

The theme for decorated cakes will be the 70s happy, hippy, flower power. There are some Australian Women's Weekly books, from back in the day, with some good ideas in them.

Jenni Mattingly



Public Relations & Communications Calendar

Month	Date	Event
March	First Sunday	Children's Day
	8th	International Women's Day
	11th	Lions Day with the United Nations
April	Month	Leo Club Awareness Month
	Month	Environmental Awareness Month
	Month	Family and Friends Month
	30th	Lions Worldwide Induction Day

Gift to IP Brian & Lion Lori from Timaru Suburban Lions Club during July 2022 visit

In recognition of the visit by Lions International President Brian Sheehan and wife Lion Lori to 202J District, and knowing the fondness our IP has of penguins, the Lions Club of Timaru Suburban donated to the Katiki Point Penguin Refuge Charitable Trust.

With this donation the club was able to sponsor two Yellow Eyed, or Hoiho, penguin chicks from the 2022/23 breeding season, and named them “Brian” and “Lori”. We also donated towards the microchipping of the two chicks so they can be traced when they return to land in the years ahead.

Brian and Lori hatched on the 2nd of November 2022 and will soon be heading out to sea as juvenile Hoiho. It is a dangerous world for these penguins with a high mortality rate; if Brian and Lori survive their first year at sea we can expect them to come back as breeding birds in 2 - 4 years.

Congratulations!
You are the sponsor of two rare Yellow-eyed penguin chicks called Brian and Lori!

Brian and Lori were laid as eggs on 16 and 21 September 2022 and hatched on 2 November in the yellow-eyed penguin colony cared for by Penguin Rescue volunteers at Moeraki, North Otago.

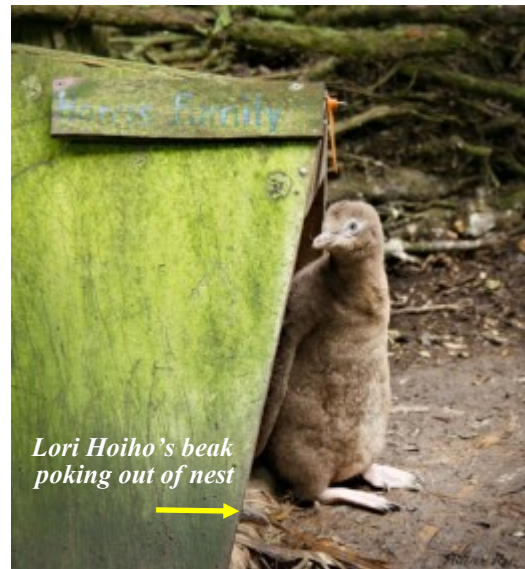
Brian and Lori's father is called Mr Puddles and was hatched in the same colony in 2006 whose mother's ancestry includes penguin royalty. Your chicks' great great great grandparents were Diesel Dick and Sweetpea, the founders of one of the colonies at Moeraki. They fledged 29 chicks, together and your chick has many cousins and other relations still to date at Moeraki. The grandfather of your chick was hatched on the Otago Peninsula where his parents were marked as adults.

Brian and Lori's mother is called Meghan, and she is Bruce and Chick's chick. Both also have Diesel Dick and Sweetpea as their ancestors and on Meghan's mother's side we can trace her ancestry back to the Otago Peninsula where one of your chicks' great great great great grandparent was hatched in 1978. The other ones in that generation were all marked as adults in 1983.

Regular updates:
 News about your sponsored penguin will be posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Penguin-Rescue>
 Or you can check us out here
 (Katiki Point Penguin Charitable Trust aka Penguin Rescue): <http://www.penguinrescue.nz/facebook-arena>

Thank you for your support!

Birth Certificate



Above: Brian Hoiho



Left:
IP Brian's reaction on learning of penguin namesakes. He said it was "the best gift ever".

Source:
Timaru Suburban Lions Club



Focus on Zone 5 News

It appears that clubs are catching up on lost time caused by Covid as there is a distinct enthusiasm and “busyness” towards projects, fund raising and activities, as reported at the Zone meeting in November.

♣ **Balmacewen:**

Held a wonderful end of year meeting where Dunedin South and Port Chalmers Lions were invited as well as representatives of organisations they have donated to in 2022. After a short Christmas break they will be back into their very active programme.

♣ **Dunedin South:**

Had a busy end of year, and the start of the New Year is going to start with tremendous enthusiasm as well.

♣ **Dunedin Host:**

Raised a large sum of money from two very successful projects. They have other activities on the go as well, all ready for 2023.

♣ **Otago Peninsula:**

Held a very successful quiz night where they hope to gain some new members.

♣ **Port Chalmers & District:**

Have been extremely busy with a range of projects leading into Christmas. This enthusiasm is planned to continue for the start of this year as well.

David Bond
Zone 5 Chairman

Directory Update

District 202J & MD202 Directories 2022/2023

♣ **Dunedin Host Lions Club**

have changed the venue for their business meetings.

Still the 4th Tuesday of the month 7.00pm

Catholic Social Services, 42 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, Dunedin

Clubs, please advise any directory corrections so that these can be published.

Port Chalmers & District Lions Club Christmas Raffles:



Winner Annette - pictured in the middle - of our 2022 Christmas Toy (Pedal Tractor) Raffles being presented with the "pedal tractor".

Proceeds from Port Chalmers & District Lions Club Christmas raffles are going to the Port Chalmers Fire & Emergency Service First Response Vehicle Fundraising effort.

Source:
Port Chalmers & District Lions Club



Focus on Zone 6 News

As with 2022 Covid is still having a residual impact on the zone, however it is great to see our clubs back up and running. It was great to be able to run training sessions at our last Zone meeting and a big thanks to Jim Pine and Ken Whitcombe for their input. We intend to run another one in the new year

♣ Green Island:

Continues to be strong in their service and catered the Lap the Map in November with proceeds to Diabetes. Other activities have included Green Island Market Day, Hospice Charity Car Cruise – donation from proceeds to be made to Otago Hospice and taking down Green Island Art Club Exhibition in Meridian Mall.

♣ Mosgiel District:

Continue to be out there assisting community people. Activities have included Fertiliser Drive, Fashion Parade, Knitting for NICU prem babies, Meals on Wheels and Birthday Calendars.

♣ Taieri:

Continue to be a very strong club. It was sad to hear that Harry Cuttance, a long-standing

member, had died. Activities have included doing a BBQ Taieri College, BBQ Vintage Car Club, BBQ Outram Community Fun day, Manure stall and Cash for Vans

♣ Strath Taieri:

Have shown positive growth. They also have lots of firewood orders, and activities such as Bike Trail Ride, Rock and Pillar Post, Lap the Map for Diabetes walk and catering for the Middlemarch Fire Brigade awards night.

♣ Milton:

Is still active in community projects with activities such as the manure stall and regular bag ups to support the sales. They also were part of the Calder Stewart Christmas function in the form of catering. Also assisting at the Lake to Sea Trail Ride and a well-run Christmas function organised by Lion Louise Scoles. Other activities have been catering for Milton Market Day, Matauranga Night, Tokoiti School Fair, St Mary's school and installing a ramp for disability access. We welcomed a new member Lion Lynda Sheridan.

Paul Black
Zone 6 Chairman

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Focus on SVDG

Coming changes:

Right now this article is aimed mainly at Secretaries, although all Board and Cabinet members need to be actively in the loop as it will affect all members.

LCI is rolling out a new platform powered by Salesforce.

The new platform will merge MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights with access from the same home page.

Right now is the time for secretaries to check that the email address for each and every member is accurate in every aspect. (spelling, punctuation etc) WHY???

An individual/personal email will be the only Lion ID possible. International are adamant that Lions sharing the same email does not work. Also those who currently sign in using a phone number (that's me) or member number will have to change, so will their password.

It would be a feather in clubs caps if this can be completed before the beginning of June 2023. Secretaries, I have faith in you.

More information; go to the sign in page (no need to sign in) scroll down and you will come to "We are evolving our digital tools" click on the "Get the News".

WE NEED YOU

Every Lions club is stacked with leaders and leaders in waiting.

Every club needs these Lions to successfully lead their club into the challenges within their communities. Remember your club is a community.

Our organization needs upfront dedicated leaders.

Ask the question how can I help? What can I do to further my leadership skills? Leadership has rewards, sure some of them are inward facing, but then we all enjoy knowing and seeing our team's pride in the success of a completed project.

Put your hand up! accept the challenges that go with expanded leadership. Make the statement, "I can do that!"

Leadership is not confined to a club.

Our District needs leaders as well. Many hands make light work. Offer today. Take the next step on your leadership journey.

Cabinet and clubs all have Lions willing to answer questions and mentor fellow Lions.

SVDG Derek Wardell
dwork47@outlook.com
021 033 9123

Reminder

- ◆ Club board nominations are made in March and elections held in April.
- ◆ Board positions must be reported on MyLCI by 15 May.
- ◆ Please update all members details on MyLCI before reporting board positions for 2023/2024

To update member information on MyLCI:

- ◆ Log in to the current member portal with your Lion Account credentials
- ◆ Navigate to MyLCI
- ◆ Select "My Lions Club"
- ◆ Select "Members"
- ◆ Click on the member whose information you need to update.
- ◆ Select "Edit Member" to enter in their revised email address and other updated information.

Dates to Diary

March 1:

- ◆ Deadline for nominations to be received by Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge
- ◆ Deadline for eulogies to be received by Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge

March 15:

- ◆ Deadline to return Top Service Project entries to GST Coordinator Mike Wingfield mblawingfield@gmail.com (email with entry form was sent to clubs on February 20)

March 27:

- ◆ Deadline to return the Attendance Registration form for family / club members attending the Remembrance & Rededication Service & Lunch at the Fairlie Convention on Sunday 2nd April 2023.
Return form to: Registration Secretary secflcinc@outlook.com

March 31 - April 2:

- ◆ 202J Convention, Fairlie
Please register ASAP & preferably by a week before.

May 15:

- ◆ Deadline for updating all club members details on MyLCI
- ◆ Deadline for reporting 2023/2024 club officers on MyLCI

Used Hearing Aids & Batteries Collection

Updated details



- ◆ We collect all un-needed fully charged unused batteries (i.e. ones from old hearing aids that don't fit new hearing aids) and old earpieces.



Add un-needed fully charged unused batteries & old hearing aids to your collection of spectacles for delivery to PDG Andy Andrews in Cromwell 57 Horace St, Cromwell (ph: (03) 445 3112 / 021 842 346)



Andy has arranged for a transport company to collect them in Dunedin and if they come to PDG Ella she can arrange for them to get to Cromwell. (Design & Garden Landscapes, 205 St Andrew St, Dunedin).

Oamaru: hearing aids, unused batteries (and spectacles) can also be delivered to SVDG Derek Wardell 7 Girvan St, Oamaru for delivery to Andy.

- ◆ OLD used, flat batteries are safely disposed of through Bay Audiology or Triton Hearing – take your used hearing aid batteries to them.



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>.



Used Spectacles Collection

- ◆ The **Cromwell** Lions clubs have taken over the Ferrymead equipment for eyeglasses. **Do not send spectacles to the Ferrymead Lions Club.**
- ◆ Spectacles can be sent through directly to Lion Andy Andrews, 57 Horace St, Cromwell (ph: 03 445 3112 / 021 842 346) or they can still be delivered to PDG Ella's office and she will organise delivery to Cromwell.
- ◆ Oamaru: There is now a collection point at the Resource Recovery Park on the counter in "The Get Sorted Shop" in Chelmer Street. The container has the Lions emblem on it & all spectacles collected go to Lions.
- ◆ Also collect them from Specsavers and keep doing what clubs have been doing up to now with collecting eyeglasses. PDG Ella will collect them at her office (Design & Garden Landscapes, 205 St Andrew St, Dunedin).
- ◆ The cases in good condition go to Genny Hanning - see page 13.



Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids



- ◆ *Kidney Kids NZ is a non-profit organisation established in 1990 to support children and their families and whānau with kidney disease and/or urinary tract disorders nationwide.*
- ◆ *We provide support and information to all children and young adults between the ages of 0-21 who have any type of Kidney or Urinary Tract Disease. Our services include: hospital support; home visits; financial assistance; advocacy; youth development; education programmes; community education; events.*
- ◆ **Sell your collected aluminium to a recycler:**
Wine bottle tops - remove any wire. Tear tabs, clean crushed aluminium cans, aluminium trays, aluminium cat food containers, tea light candle holders
 - other metals: e.g. **steel** - use a magnet to identify & remove these
 - some medication packaging is not pure aluminium &/or contains plastic - do not include
- ◆ Forward the proceeds to the District Treasurer
(tag it as Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids).



Heads Up For Kids/Kantabs contact/drop off:

- ◆ Malcolm Lill: zones 1, 2, 3. (03) 693 7667 or 021 361 380
- ◆ Anne Stratford: zones, 4, 5, 6 021 0247 9803

Keep Your Eye Out!

Recycle old spectacles (without their cases - cases are not needed for the Pacific Islands) by dropping them off to any Specsavers shop. Then select the cases in good condition from the discarded cases for a new fundraising life.

Get them to Genny Hanning at:
Green Island Gallery
194A Main South Road
Green Island Dunedin 9018.

Genny will get a team together to paint or decorate them for sale as trinket or earring boxes with the funds going to worthy Lions' projects.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

**DISASTER
DEVASTATION
DESPERATION**

Never has there been a greater need for Lions Clubs and individual Lions around the world to rise up and support the call from IPP Douglas Alexander, Chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation, to donate to our Foundation Disaster Relief fund for the recent devastating Turkey and Syria earthquakes. Within two days of the event, our Foundation made an initial grant of US\$200,000 to help provide for the immediate needs of the victims, but there is a much greater need going forward.

The scale of loss and suffering, and the needs of the surviving people remains massive. As of 22 February there have been over 47,000 recorded deaths, thousands injured with many still unaccounted for.

Hundreds of thousands of people in both countries have been left homeless in the middle of freezing winter temperatures. In the city of Kahramanmaraş 40% of all buildings have been damaged. The death toll across both countries surpasses the 17,000 killed in 1999 when a similar earthquake hit northwestern Turkey.

We have seen the TV news coverage and have all shared our thoughts of sympathy for the families affected, but the people of these countries need more than that, they need the necessities of life and YOU AS A LION AND YOUR CLUB can help by donating to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund. **Remember that 100% of what you donate goes to the cause, nothing is taken for administration purposes.** (*Unlike the vast majority of other organisations*).

Donating is simple:

As an **INDIVIDUAL LION** you can deposit funds into the Westpac International Association of Lions Westpac account no: 03-0502-0081103-00.

The CODE is your **Lions Membership ID number**

Reference – your name

Particulars – DR (for Disaster Relief) Turkey/Syria

For **CLUBS** – the same bank account as above

CODE is your **Club ID number**

Reference – Club name

Particulars – DR (for Disaster Relief) Turkey/Syria

A couple of heart-breaking stories:

"In Northern Syria a baby was pulled alive from a collapsed building with her umbilical cord still attached. She was the only member of her family to survive, with doctors saying her mother died shortly after giving birth". She has an uncle who is going to look after her.

"A father was captured sitting in debris holding the hand of his daughter whose body lay on a bed beneath slabs of concrete, glass and bricks". What a tragedy.

Whilst offering peace to the souls of those who have died, we need to unite with Lions from around the world, showing **EMPATHY, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS** as we provide service to the living.

The people of Turkey and Syria, through LCIF would greatly appreciate your support at this time.

NZ Floods

As at 19th February, Emergency LCIF Grants have been applied for, for those Districts affected by the recent North Island's devastating cyclone and floods. All 202J clubs are encouraged to consider donating to this disaster.

Clubs and individual Lions can donate to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund tagged NZ floods. 100% of what you donate goes to the cause and the club or individual Lion will receive MJF credits also.

***PDG Les Box QSM
LCIF District Coordinator***

LCIF Lions Share Programme

Individual Lions, please donate to LCIF for disaster relief or empowering service by purchasing a Lions Share Supporters pin.

Also, if you wish, donations can still be made to the Ukraine Refugee and Displaced Persons Fund.

All donations are eligible for LCIF credits.

One Star \$75



Two Star \$150



Three Star \$300.



Deposit to:

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions | 03-0502-0081103-00

Code: Member ID # | Reference: Your Name

Particulars: LShare (or RD for Ukraine)

2023-2024 Peace Poster Contest

The theme is “Dare to Dream”

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire - it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work.

So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.



- ◆ Info at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/services/youth/international-peace-poster-contest>
- ◆ Kits available from 15 January - one kit per Lions club is available from the Multiple District office. Follow up with schools directly to give schools plenty of time to include it in their activities.



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Please donate to LCIF so they can respond to worldwide need.

New Zealand has received more funds from LCIF after natural disasters & in times of crisis than New Zealand contributes to LCIF.

A Warm Welcome to New Members.....



Ashburton:

Jillian Mitchell (Stuart) (sponsor Leah Thomson)

Ashburton Pakeke:

Neil Gibbs (Jessie) (sponsor Robert Crean)

Richard Mabon (Christine) (sponsor James Young)

Geraldine:

Karen Grubb (Tony) (sponsor Keith Bradley)

Rakaia:

Diane Horton (Jason) (sponsor Tonya Williams)

Jason Horton (Diane) (sponsor Marv Pangborn)

Waianakarua:

Neil Melton (sponsor Robert McMillan)

We Honour the Life and Service of.....

Colin Jowers Ashburton (19 years' service)

Noel Tresize Geraldine (31 years' service)

202J Administrator

If anyone has trouble logging in to MyLCI or MyLion please let Jan Stonyer know, and she can hopefully sort it out. 202j.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

MJF or Life Membership Applications

Deposit to:

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions | 03-0502-0081103-00

Code: Recipient's Membership number

Reference: MJF MBR / LIFE MBR

International Youth Camp

...a participant's experience

On the 27th of December I had the privilege of attending the Lions Club International Youth Camp New Zealand which was held in Tauranga across ten transformative days at the Ngamuwahine Lodge. I made a myriad of special connections, memories and moments, all of which I will treasure forever.

Day One was such a special day as we were all settling in and getting to know each other. We pinned-up the flags of the clubs of past youth campers and played a game of volleyball. We finished the evening with team events and a swim in the river.



Day Two consisted of driving to the beautiful Mount Maunganui where we met President of the Mount Maunganui Lions Club, David Peart, who pointed out a number of things for us to look out for whilst going on our hike. Majority vote was to climb to the top of the Mount (instead of around the base) and we were so grateful to have done so. We then cooled off at the beach and dined with the Papamoa Lions Club where they taught us all about the history of the area. It was really special to share a classic Kiwi tea of chips and hotdogs with them after such a lovely day.



Grace: middle of middle row with cap & long ponytail.

On Day Three, we volunteered at the Lions Tree Grove doing ground prep by clearing some of the harakeke bushes in preparation to replace them with remembrance trees of past Lions club members. It took a lot of mahi but it was filled with lots of laughs. We then drove to the Skyline rides

and the Gondolas in Rotorua before attending the Mitai Maori Village tour. We watched a cultural performance with a waka filled with tribal warriors where we learnt all about traditional Māori culture. We finished the night with a delicious hangi and watching the glow worms.

On Day Four, we stayed at the camp, participating in a heated game of paintball before climbing the high ropes and using the flying fox. Gerry Hart and Wayne Smith from the Ngamuwahine Education Trust led us through this wonderfully as many of the campers were facing their fears and trying new things. Whaea Linda Cousins, our wonderful cook, taught us how to make flowers out of harakeke. We then got stuck into preparing for our New Year's Eve celebrations by making pizzas and our Australian campers taught us how to make damper. We spent the rest of the evening singing, dancing and celebrating, wearing white as our Brazilian camper showed us her Brazilian tradition of wearing white on the New Year to symbolise peace. We slept outside under the stars...covered in bug spray!

International Youth Camp (cont'd)

On Day Five, we hiked the Kaimai Ranges to feed Henry the Eel. Many of us had a quick (chilly) dip in the water before we hiked back to camp.

In the afternoon, we came across a lone, very friendly goat who followed us the whole way back to camp. We named her Leo and she watched us play a very heated game of volleyball. In the evening, Lions Club member Sarah Cross from Sarah C's Bees gave a presentation all about the life of bees. She was very passionate about them, and she voted on which team flag she liked the best.



On Day Six, we stopped at the award-winning Southern Cross bathrooms in Tokoroa on our way to Taupo. We saw the beautiful Huka Falls and visited the Huka honey hive for some ice cream. We then met the Taupo Pakeke Lions to ride on their fundraising train that runs along the park. The money that is collected is donated back to the community. We then swam at the hot water Otumuheke stream, which was a new experience for many of us, before eating dinner at the Taupo Lakeland Lions Club.

We started Day Seven off by viewing the Otorohanga Kiwi House with the Otorohanga Lions Club. It was so special to see the Kiwis as most of us had never seen them before. We spent the afternoon black water rafting. We were in tubes floating along the water in caves. This was an unmatched experience, floating in the dark watching the glow worms with our friends. We then drove to a sheep shearing presentation where we met two of the top world record holders for shearing at the Glenburn farm. We all got in there and had a go shearing the sheep. It was an experience full of laughs, fun and great music. We then visited the Sir Colin Meads Statue in Te Kuiti and ate dinner with the Te Kuiti Lions Club.

The weather took a turn on Day Eight so we had to cancel our water sports day, but instead spent the day rehearsing for our cultural concerts. We were revising our haka and waiatas as well as coming up with some skits. The evening was spent enjoying a quiz night led by Tokoroa City Lion Club member John Welch. Yet another evening filled with lots of laughs and friendly competition.

On Day Nine was our Country of Origin concert day. We taught each other and attending Lions club members all about the countries we were from. We learnt all about Kiwi, Australian, Italian, Malaysian and Brazilian traditions. It was really special hearing everybody speak about their home countries with so much passion and love. We also presented our haka and our waiata that we had taught ourselves throughout the camp while also sharing lots of kai. We finished the evening with a movie night.

Day Ten was a really difficult day for us as we had all connected so strongly, much stronger than we ever could have imagined, and now was the time that we had to say goodbye. It was filled with lots of tears, hugs, exchanging of details and reminiscing on the wonderful memories we had all made with one another. The gratitude we were feeling as a collective was so deep and so strong.

I am beyond grateful to have attended this camp; I have met so many wonderful people: campers, team leaders and Lions alike and have learnt so much about myself by being around such empathetic, fun and inspiring people. I am particularly thankful to the Dunedin Host Lions Club for making me aware of this opportunity and encouraging me to apply. I cannot recommend this camp enough.

Grace Johnston

Message from Michele

Burns Night at Ashburton Pakeke Lions

It has been an absolute privilege and pleasure to have accompanied Jules on his official club visits. Our last visit was to Ashburton Pakeke for a Robbie Burns birthday celebration on 23 January. What a memorable night! We, along with two new members and their wives, were piped into dinner with President Jim Young and Diane. We were treated to highland dancing, an address to the haggis, and a singalong of favourite Scottish ballads. Ashburton Hotel served up the best Lasagne I've ever eaten, not quite with the theme, but a real treat none the less! Every detail was taken care of to make this a very special night for the new inductees and their partners.

Each and every club we have visited has given us a warm welcome, we've shared wonderful meals

and great conversations and heard some brilliant speakers. Thank you, I'm in awe of every thing you do. (Jules still raves about the pot luck dinner; must have reminded him of home!) You all can be rightfully proud.

In the words of Robbie Burns:
'We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne'

Michele Blakemore

My ancestors arrived in Dunedin from Scotland on the SS Bombay on 23 January 1884 and settled in Airedale, in North Otago. I've just realised the significance of the dates, no wonder my heart was touched!



DG Jules in his Hawaiian shirt at 202L's "Hamilton Happening Convention" over the 17-19 February weekend in Hamilton.

The Saturday night theme was "Come dressed in anything with the "H" theme".



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Coming Lions Club Events
 where your support would be appreciated

Lions Club	Date	Details
Fairlie	31 March - 2 April	202J Convention: Mackenzie Community Centre, Main Road, Fairlie Saturday night theme: Back to the 70's

Deadline for the April 2023 issue is 15 March 2023.
Please send details to Editor Beryl well in advance.



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- ◆ ANZI Pacific Forum NZ Standing Representative: 3 year term, start 1/7/23
- ◆ MD GMT Coordinator: 1 year term, start 1/7/23
- ◆ MD GLT Coordinator: 1 year term, start 1/7/23
- ◆ MD GST Coordinator: 1 year term, start 1/7/23
- ◆ Council Advisory Board Member: 3 year term, start 1/7/23

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