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Together We Can



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ello Lions and friends,

For 202F Convention fever is over, as well the district and Multiple.

We have great positive feedback, from the district as well as the multiple districts. We can be proud on the Leadership and the workmen ship as lions and the result of what we have achieved.

We hope that everyone got some interesting information from it to bring back to your club.

At the MD202 convention, PDG Wendy Goodwin and PDG Rodger Miller were presented with an international Presidential Medal by Council Chair Megan England.

Cromwell Lions Club was awarded the “Kindness Matter Award”, for the community effort, for filling a 20th-foot container for Tonga, after the volcano eruption.

Also, Lawrence Lions Club with the Helipad project was awarded the “Ron Usmar Community” award.

From the 202F district, Rodger Miller got a Melvin Jones award, for his long-time leadership and passion for “Child Mobility Foundation”. Congratulations to all on those achievements.

Over the last couple of years, it has really come to our attention that we have to do more to rebrand and sell Lions to the public. There are so many options, you don’t have to see it as the traditional members that follow the monthly tea meeting. Even when you feel it is very important to keep going with the fellowship of Lions. There is so much more out there, as our International President Brian Sheehan says, think “outside the box”.

Look around in your community, and ask what is needed, what the community wants us to do, and what you can do to help or give other community groups an idea or a taste of what Lions is all about. If you can’t help directly, for example, a group that brought a special idea to life, ask if they want to become a “specialty” or “a branch” club in your community Lions club.

They can follow Lion’s meeting protocol, or set up their own way of communication, and get all the information and support from your Lion Club, Lions Club resources, courses and development programs, and Lions International. Even if the group comes together 6 months of the year, to make their special project a success.

And there are the traditional friends of Lions, often family members or friends that always turn up when you need them.

We should be open to inviting them to our club, regardless of their sex or gender. You have to put your difference aside; they are willing to be a lion and be there for the same reason as you.

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Message from Jeroen Shuurmans District Governor 202F District





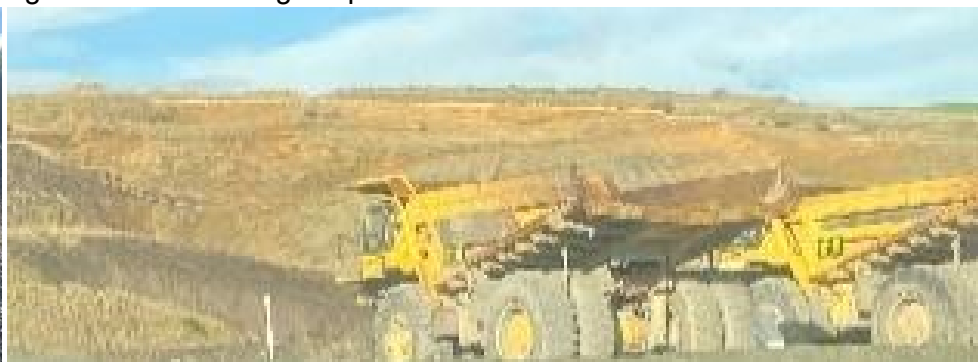
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Look on the website or ask your local membership person or 202F Membership district coordinator. We are a big organization serving people in need, and every service we put into our community or district gives us a wonderful feeling. And please showcase Lions banners, teardrops, and flags it is so important to show that there is a Lions club.

If people see what you are doing, they will talk to you, or show interest. Publish in your local newspaper what your club is up to and what your club is planning to do in the near future. Every club in our district is special, every club has its own project and service ideas, over the last two conventions in our 202F district I hope that gave enough information to keep you going for another positive Lions year.

My fourth and last Cabinet was held in Nightcaps on the 13th of May. I like to thank my own club Ohai-Nightcaps for being an excellent host for the whole day, with morning tea and lunch, and dinner after the meeting. And the partners have enjoyed the special features of Nightcaps "The Swamp" camping ground and museum and a grand tour of the Nightcaps Coal Mine.



Training Day on the 21st of May, at the school of Tapanui.

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"On behalf of Pene and myself, I would like to express our thanks for a wonderful weekend at the MD202 Convention in Invercargill. The convention was excellently chaired by Council Chair Megan England whose confident and relaxed manner was respected by all. It was a very enjoyable and friendly convention and I hope that all who attended gained a greater knowledge of Lions and your various projects.

There were many highlights including a very memorable flag ceremony where you not only recognised Lions contribution but also to some of those other organisations who support your community and whom Lions have developed strong working relationships with. The remembrance and rededication were also particularly moving and I will always remember PID Sheryl Jensen's story of Johnny and his thoughtful messages to his customers.

The Saturday night function was also a highlight and it was great to relax and let loose on the dance floor and I have since been looking for "Goodbye pork pie" on YouTube. My congratulations go out to your Council Chair elect Steve Barr and Mary both of whom will do an excellent job next year. A very big thank you to the organising committee and members of District 202F for showcasing all that Invercargill has to offer. We look forward to Hamilton next year."

Regards,
Tim



As this was our first trip to New Zealand. Dori and I and our two traveling friends Brian and Ellen were a little apprehensive as to what to expect when we arrived in Winton. We drove to the Paramount Motel and we were greeted by Jerry and Henriette. After settling into our room other DGs arrived and we then went to the Railway Hotel for a late lunch. The service was great and we soon understood the friendly people of Winton who go the extra mile to provide service. In particular, the Cook was due to take a break but stayed on so that we could all be fed. Having a tour of the Winton Lion's Den and learning about the recent history and ownership of the hotel.

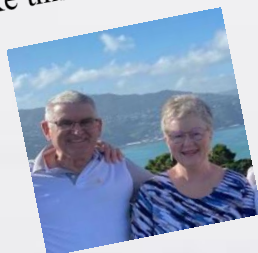
Then we went for a meet and greet at the Memorial Hall. Great venue for a conference. What impressed us immediately were the young men volunteering their time to provide the audio-visuals as required, Unsung heroes.

The Lions of the District welcomed us and we heard of many stories and achievements. Conferences are often judged on the venue and the food. Both were excellent. Thank you to the Firefighters who volunteered to man the bar!

Saturday was a fun-filled day. The partners were treated to a day of activities and the Lion business was very well handled with the MC and Jerry capably supported by Henriette in the background. The AGM meeting was efficient and kept basically to the timetable. I especially like the way presentations were part of the program and gave very informative the display of candles and obituaries. I found the Memorial/Rededication very moving and I will always remember the New Black was a great hit. Costumes were many and you could see the time and effort the Lions put into this event. Lots of fun was had by all. I should also include my congratulations to the incoming DG and his team for the 2023-24 Year DGE Allan Fleury, VDGs Elaine Scott, and Shona Cook. Congratulations to all those award recipients especially for the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, International Leadership Medal, and International President's Medal amongst others.

Congratulations to the Winton Lions Clubs and all those who helped to make this event so successful. Many hands make light work!

Steve & Dori Somerset



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with
Brian Sheehan
Lions International President



Leaders Show the Way

Hello, Lions!

Learning how to lead is one of the perks of being a Lion. We invest in our Lions to ensure that you have all the opportunities you need to become effective leaders in service, in your communities, and in life.

But don't mistake having a title for being a leader. You could be president of the world and still not be an effective leader. Leaders show the way through their actions. They inspire others by being the type of person others can look up to. Real leaders show up. They recognize what needs to be done. And they do it.

Lions are leaders in their communities every day. In Turkey, in Ukraine, in communities around the world, Lions are showing up.

So, while it's important to gain the skills needed for advanced leadership, don't forget that real leadership is in the doing. It's in the service. And it's what Lions do every day.

Make a great day,

Lions Clubs International President

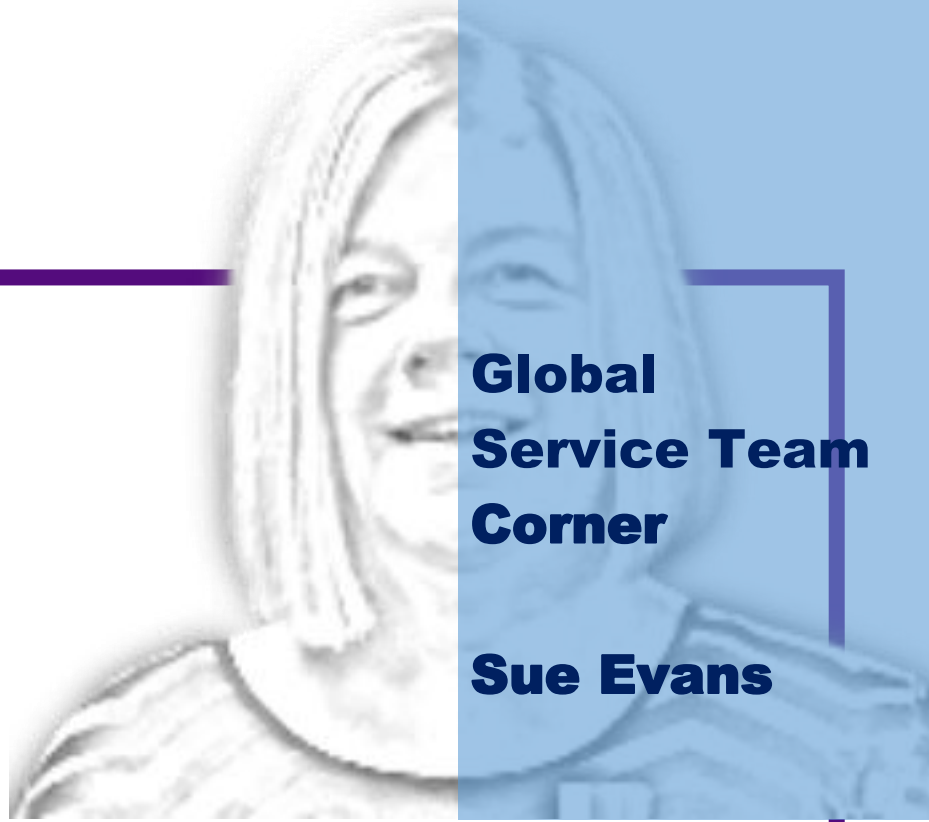
Brian E. Sheehan

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International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve.





Global Service Team Corner

Sue Evans

Multiple District Convention held in Invercargill 28th, 29th and 30th April 2023

For those of you who attended the Multiple District Convention held in Invercargill, I am sure you would all agree with me what a fabulous job the local Convention Committee did in pulling this all together. For me as someone looking on, it ran like clockwork and the hours you all put in as Committee Members to make this such an amazing event is a credit to you all. Thank you.

The flag ceremony was so impressive and the flag bearers from Southland Girls High School Leo Club and the James Hargest College Leo Club did their Clubs and Schools proud. The Remembrance and Re-dedication Service on the Sunday morning was very moving and I know it impacted on many people there.

Congratulations!



I would like to mention that our very own MD Global Services Team Coordinator Wendy Goodwin received an Award in recognition of the work she has done in her role as our Multiple Districts Coordinator. This Award was so well deserved for Wendy and I know you will all wish her the very best in her future endeavours not only in Lions but in her other chosen areas of her life.

Wendy is a strong advocate for Lions and she has a passion for Service. So many of us hear the words from Wendy "Without Members we cannot do Service and without Service we will have no Members". We are indeed fortunate that while Wendy is stepping down from the MD GST role she will still be actively involved in her work with Lions throughout District 202F.

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Multiple Districts Kindness Matters Award

Many of you will be aware that the Cromwell Lions Club won the Kindness Matters Award from the entries received throughout the Districts in New Zealand. Now, they have also won the MD Kindness Matters Award which was judged against entries from throughout New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific.

It was such an amazing experience to watch this presentation at the Convention in Invercargill and witnessing the Cromwell Lions Club receiving the MD Kindness Matters Award for this current year. Their project of supporting Tongans living in the outer islands of Tonga after the January 2022 submarine volcano erupted in the Tongan Islands, causing loss of life and severe damage due to tsunamis and ash fallout was a really strong project of community involvement in their own area as well as the Tongan Communities. This Club worked alongside the Clyde & Districts Lions Club and the Queenstown Lions Club who made a significant financial contribution while the Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions donated goods and also helped sort and pack donations, along with businesses in their local area, schools and the media.



Members of the Lions Clubs in the District with some of the Tongan families living in the Cromwell Community

Watching many of the presentations at the MD Convention just reiterated how Lions throughout our communities, throughout New Zealand and around the World can have such a strong and moving impact on others. Regardless of how big or small our Projects are, they all help others to have a better quality of life and is a strong reminder as to why we choose to be Lions.

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In the end only
KINDNESS
matters.....



A few things to consider if you are having a speaker at your Meetings who is asking for funds:

- Are they a registered charity?
- Do their values align with Lions?
- Is their funding staying within NZ?
- Check the Charitable Deeds for Lions Clubs and make sure they are not in breach of their Deeds.

GST Corner

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What is coming up in the months of May and June

- **May- Strengthen Membership Month- encourage great service projects and invite the public to help**
- **June 1st Helen Keller Day**
- **June 5th World Environment day (Arbor Day)**
- **20th June World Refugee day**
- **20-26th June New Zealand National Volunteer week**

Kind regards

Sue Evans

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Welcome



- Catherine Kelland, Ohai Nightcaps Lions, sponsored by Judy Mason
- Jan Marie Mead, Ohai Nightcaps Lions, sponsored by Dean Barakat
- Terry Bartlett, Owaka Lions, sponsored by Paul Corboy
- Lyndon McKenzie, Owaka Lions, sponsored by Wayne Hollows
- Hayden Blacktopp, Riversdale Lions, sponsored by Rhys Houghton
- Alistair Mann, Riversdale Lions, sponsored by Scott Nicholson
- Nichola Gaines, Waihopai City Lions, sponsored by Matalaoa Fraitto
- Monique Taito, Waihopai City Lions



202 F L I O N S Out and About

MATAURA

Mataura Lions have installed a Lilliput Library in Kana St Mataura. The library has books for all ages to be borrowed and added to by community members. This was part of a Gore District Council initiative to install them around the district. The library's were made by members of the Blokes shed and Gore High School Art students decorated them. Mataura Lion's will be stocking and looking after the library. Lions Diego Berrio and President Mike Whale attached the Lions logo to the fence underneath.



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Out and About

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL



LIONS CLUB INVERCARGILL CENTRAL
(PREVIOUSLY LIONESSE CLUB OF SOUTHLAND SOUTH)
1983 – 2023

**Invitation to celebrate the Clubs 40th
Anniversary/Change-over night**

When: Tuesday 13th June 2023
Where: Club Southland, 115 Leet St, Invercargill
Time: Meet 6.00pm
Buffet meal \$42.00 per person

RSVP by 29th May with numbers plus dietary requirements
Contact: Marilyn Dockerty (Secretary- dockerty@xtra.co.nz)

Money to be paid on booking to the following bank account
Invercargill Lions Club Central
A/c 03 1746 0058713 00
Ref: Your Name
By 29th May 2023



FROM MD202 CONVENTION



PDG Roger receiving a Progressive Melvin Jones Pin from Waihopai City Lions, District 202F and Child Mobility Foundation.

PCC Ian Keelty receiving on behalf of the Cromwell Lions club the Lions International Kindness Matters award from International Director Tim Irvine and MDGST PDG Wendy Goodwin.



Congratulations!



FROM MD202 CONVENTION

Multiple District Service coordinator PDG Wendy Goodwin receiving a International Presidents certificate of appreciation from International Director Tim Irvine (Right)



PDG Rodger Millar receiving a International Presidents certificate of appreciation from International Director Tim Irvine (Left)

**We remember with great respect
and appreciation
the life and services of
Colin McColl, Cromwell Lions
Steve Ioane, Ohai Nightcaps Lions
Toni Spykerbosch, Queenstown Lions**





Lions District 202F

Presents

COMPUTER CAPERS 2023



This year's topic

Together we serve/work as one

This competition has two sections

- Junior Years 4, 5 & 6
- Senior Years 7 & 8

Prizes kindly sponsored by:

PDG Wendy Goodwin

\$200 Prize money in each section:
1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30, 3rd place \$20
plus \$100 to the winning student's school.

Rules and conditions attached.

Competition closes 30 June 2023

