

June 2023



CONTACT

DISTRICT 202D
NEWSLETTER



...just do it!



Feel The Buzz!

What a great feeling we had for both club officer training sessions this month!

This time last year, when we met to talk about the important issues we were facing in our clubs, number 1 was the lack of enthusiasm.

Twelve months on, we had over double the number of people at training, and the rooms were buzzing with energy both in the discussion sessions and every time we had a break. If you are feeling this in your club, well done as this sets you up for a great start next year. If you aren't quite there yet, have a think about these things that seem to have made a difference:

- Get together with other clubs, especially those that have the buzz. Positive vibes are infectious so getting Lions together always lifts everyone.
- Focus on things that get your club working together and make sure everyone has a great time. Having fun is a key foundation.
- Look after your club members first. These friends are your family.
- Look for new ways to help your communities. New ideas usually bring in new people.
- Look for ways to involve non-Lions in what you do. Doing more with people outside Lions will inevitably help us to grow. Let them feel the buzz too!

This is my last article as your District Governor. The next Contact will come out in late July when Tobi returns from Boston after being inducted. He has my best wishes for the next year, and I am sure that he will continue to lead the reinvigoration of our Lions District.

I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship over the last year. I have tried to do some things a bit differently. I really appreciated your support for our revamped President's dinner and enjoyed the fun we all had at our District Convention. And when we personally needed help, we were blown away by the support we received from you all. Thank you again. Some days its great to be a Lion!

Our district cabinet has worked very hard this year and I thank them all for the effort they have put in. We have a committed team who have been brave enough to try new ideas. I really appreciated being presented with a Melvin Jones fellowship at our last meeting, but this really reflects the way the whole team has worked together.

Thank you to all clubs for welcoming me when I have visited you. It has been inspiring to see all the work you are doing around your communities. My message about the need to change to meet the challenges of the future has generally been well received, though we all understand that this is about evolution, not revolution.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best for next year and hope you continue to meet new challenges and *Just Do It!* I also hope that you *Feel the buzz!*

Yours in Lions
Stephen Barr
District Governor 202D

After two years the Contact Editor, this is my last one for the year. I will be handing over to Abraham Godsell-Slade. I am sure he will be producing a great Contact for you.

Congratulation DG Steve on your Melvin Jones Fellowship, just a small recognition for all the work you do. Well deserved.

The next Contact will be coming out a little later as we need to get distribution email groups set up and I need to give Abraham a hand with that. It will be somewhere mid July.

Thank you all for the kind words and contributions over the last two years. I enjoyed the role as editor tremendously.

I am looking forward to being your Distric Governor for 2023-24 and would like to thank Steve for handing over a buzzing District

Until next time, keep up the good work

Tobi
Editor and DGE 202D

Update your Lion Account information

Make sure your Lion Account information is correct and up to date in MyLCI or your regional reporting system. Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

If you're a club president, secretary or administrator, updating member information is simple:

- 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.



My name is Denis Hurcomb and I have been nominated and accepted as the Vice District Governor for District 202d for 2023/2024.

Married to Barbara, I have been married for 52 years, with two daughters and eight busy grandchildren spread between Hamilton and Invercargill.

Before retiring to Hawera, Barbara and I started out farming in Auroa where we leased 90 acres. This led us to 50/50 share milking at Awatuna and eventually purchasing our own dairy farm in the Kaponga district where we lived for 30 odd years.

I joined Kaponga Lions in 1976 when a good friend took me along. Since then, I have held many Directors Positions including the honour of being President on two occasions in 1998 and 2020. This year, I am the Zone 5 chairperson, a position that has been a highlight.

In 2016, I was privileged to be awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from my Kaponga Club. This is something I remain very grateful for.

Outside of Lions, I enjoy golf and fishing, spending time with family, and supporting Barbara with the Hawera food bank.

I am a proud Lions member and enjoy meeting new people and learning about their experiences. As such, I am looking forward to being Vice District Governor for the next Lions year and District Governor the year after, as this is an opportunity to visit Clubs and meet with Members throughout the district. I am also keen to further contribute to the hard work and leadership that has already been established.

Lions has been a big part of my life; from working bees, to fund raising and to social activities with the Kaponga Club, Zone, and District. For me, one of the most satisfying parts of being a Lions member is seeing the help and support given to others, whether it's through labour, or through financial support. I am a big supporter of clubs working together socially and on Zone projects. Not only is this a positive and rewarding experience for club members but the positive publicity received from opportunities like this illustrates Lionism to the fullest and can only be a draw card for new members.

I wish Tobi all the best for his District Governor year and look forward to working with him.

Yours in Lionism
Denis Hurcomb



Brian Sheehan
International President

June 2023
EDITION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Making a difference in your community takes time, creativity and a whole lot of hard work. But most importantly, it takes leadership. And for more than a century, Lions have been the leaders that communities all over the world have counted on to get the job done.

Our clubs are so much more than a home for community volunteers. They are a training ground for community leaders. So take advantage of the training available to you as a Lion. Find opportunities to put your leadership in action. And be sure to invite the people around you to serve so they can help lead the change in your community. We are leading the way forward, every day we serve, every time we give.

Make a great day,

Brian Sheehan
International President

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Douglas X. Alexander
LCIF Chairperson

June 2023
EDITION

From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

As we approach the end of another Lion year next month, I am thrilled to announce that LCIF is well on its way to achieving this year's fundraising goal. This accomplishment is made possible by the generosity of Lions and Leos like you, who continue to recognize the need to support the foundation that helps lead our global service. While we are getting very close to our goal, we need your help to cross the finish line. Every donation brings us one step closer while enhancing Lions' service impact in communities worldwide. As Lions, we always achieve our goals, and I am confident we will succeed. I'm so confident, in fact, that I recently announced a stretch goal, and challenged Lions and Leos around the world to help LCIF not only meet this year's US\$50 million goal but exceed it by 10 percent and raise US\$55 million. I have no doubt that we can achieve this together. Thank you to everyone who has made a personal contribution to LCIF this year. Funds raised are already making a difference to those in need.



Lions Clubs International
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With LCIF Support, Lions Always Answer

LCIF is the only foundation to empower the compassionate service of Lions across the globe. With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, your continued support of LCIF magnifies hope for a world in need.

[MAKE A DONATION](#)

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Club Officer Training took place this month and we had around 120 members attend. It was a great turnout. There was plenty of discussion and this continued over the breaks. The day session seems to be preferred and we had great feedback from those who attended. There are a few tweaks for the future that came from conversations, at least we know it was enjoyed by most.

Thanks you to all of you who led the sessions, your contribution is valued.

Also, a huge thank you to our caterers. You did a great job. Plenty of food to go around.

Thank you Robert for organising the Feilding venue and Megan for making the school available.

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Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



To all our Lions Clubs in District 202D,

A message from LCIF Chairperson Douglas X Alexandar celebrating our success as Lions International foundation.



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2022-2023

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LCIF Chairperson Douglas X Alexandar

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Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

With your continued support to LCIF, this inspires other clubs to give. It enables our global foundation to award life changing grants and programmes. Thank you for your donations to LCIF this year. I encourage you all to continue with your donations into our new Lions year 2023-2024.

It has been an honour to serve you. Let us continue to bring hope to a world in need.

Adrienne Christensen 202D LCIF District co-ordinator

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We need

YOU!



Our District needs YOU!

Currently our District 202D is without a 2nd Vice District Governor for the coming Lions Year. We are aware of the time commitment that comes with these roles. Therefore we have come up with a plan to make this more manageable.

How can we help you?

- Help with Club Visits
- Financial Assistance (if needed)
- Fantastic Training
- Effective mentoring

What's in it for you?

- Leadership skills
- Join a positive team
- Make a real difference to your communities
- Opportunity to grow yourself

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Get ready for the

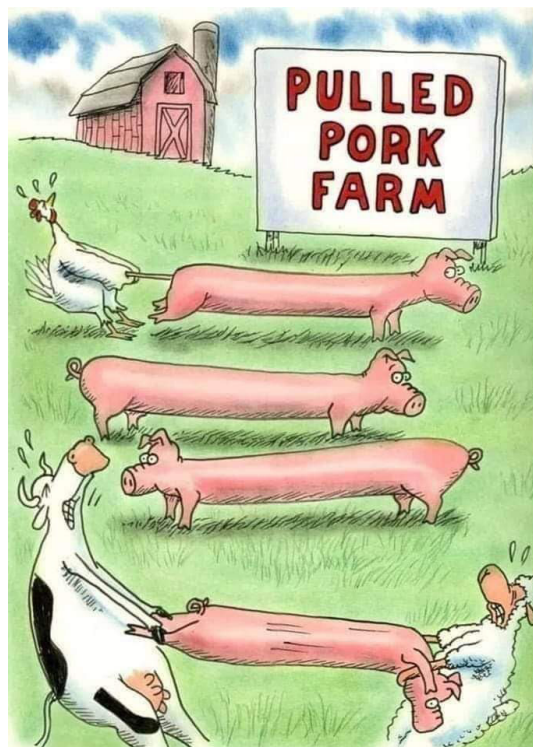


Lion Portal

In a few months, we'll be combining MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, along with some additional tools and functionality, into a unified mobile-friendly experience called the Lion Portal.

Help ensure a smooth transition. Make sure your **Lion Account information** is correct in MyLCI or your regional reporting system and has a **unique, unshared email address**.

Learn more here: lionsclubs.org/portal-updates.



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Lions NZ Skin Cancer Screening Trust

Skin cancers are the most common cancers diagnosed in New Zealand and melanoma of the skin is the most serious of the three types of skin cancers.

The three most common types of skin cancer are:

- **BCC - basal cell cancer**

(The most common, usually pink and may bleed or itch / the growth is confined locally, potentially more dangerous on the face).

- **SCC - squamous cell cancer**

(More serious, as they can spread to the lymph glands / often arises from sunspots / are usually scaly and may be tender).

- **Melanoma**

(The most serious, as they can spread via the blood stream throughout the body / can arise anywhere on the body, including areas that have never seen the sun / can be raised or flat, fast or slow growing and rarely, can be pink in colour).

You should regularly check your skin, including skin not normally exposed to the sun, so that you will be aware of any changes.

The most effective way to increase survival from skin cancer is early detection and adequate treatment. Early detection saves lives!

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust is well on it's way to getting the screening bus up and running. Our Lions Clubs Skin Cancer Screening service is modelled on the Australian Lions Clubs Cancer Institute which has been operating for 30 years. We are not starting something untried and tested. Since our Council of Governors approving this as a National project in 2021 a lot of work has been undertaken by the trustees who represent each District in NZ. A business plan has been developed so we can show outside organisations that this project has been thoroughly worked through. A Trust with Charity Services has been established. All this has taken time but we are now at the next stage of sourcing the vehicle and getting it fitted out, fit for purpose.

Your club may be in a position to fund a specific part of the vehicle or make a general donation towards the cost of purchase.

As your district trustee I am available to talk to clubs about this worthwhile project. It's a project with potential to save lives!

Lions clubs working together on a National Project – a Lions Skin Cancer Screening vehicle that is available and accessible by all New Zealanders.

Megan England
202D Trustee, Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust

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Lions Clubs Cancer Trust Board



The trust has been formed so it is now time to start fundraising for the skin screening service to:
Find and train suitable people
Purchase a vehicle and equipment

This project will assist your community .

In 2021 it was noted that if at least two thirds of the Lions clubs in MD 202 donated \$2,480 in the first year the service would be up and running.

To Donate: Bank account Details

A/C Name: Lions Clubs Cancer Trust

Account Number: 03-0674-0280918-00

Ref: Lions Club name Particulars: Lions Club Number

Personal donations will be accepted and are eligible for tax refunds.

Contact Paul LCCT.coordinator@gmail.com for more information

Registration number CC59838

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BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Payments to Lions Clubs District 202D and Lions Clubs International (LCI)

Lions Club International District 202D

Please pay your club dues into the Administration Account

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Invoice Number** REFERENCE: **Dues**

Administration:	03-0791-0232608-000
Trust Account:	03-0791-0232608-001
Diabetes Account:	03-0791-0232608-002
Youth Account:	03-0791-0232608-005
My Health Check:	03-0791-0232608-008



Lions Clubs International Dues 03-0502-0081103-000

Payment of International Dues Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Club Number** REFERENCE: **Dues**

LCIF Donations 03-0502-0081103-000

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Member Name** CODE: **Member Number** REFERENCE: **DR (for disaster relief) or RD (Ukraine) or ES (empowering service)**

*If your donation is to be registered against your personal name change the Code to your membership number rather than the club number as below. **Please note:** the MD office requires email notification of any deposits to the LCIF bank account (with details of the purpose) to assist us with our reconciliation of the account*

Melvin Jones Fellowships and Life Memberships

03-0502-0081103-000

Payment of MJF or Life Membership Applications Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Recipients Membership Number** REFERENCE: **MJF MBR or LIFE MBR**

NZ Club Supplies

New Zealand Lions MD202 03-0558-0252696-00

Payment of Purchases of Club Supplies Westpac, International Assoc of Lions

PARTICULARS: **Club Name** CODE: **Club Number** REFERENCE: **Invoice Number**

LMLCCT 02-0528-0038410-000

LMLCCT form can be downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org.nz

Child Cancer Foundation CCF 12-3191-0041879-01

Please feel free to contact me if you have any problems
District 202D Treasurer: Anne Russell 202d.treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz

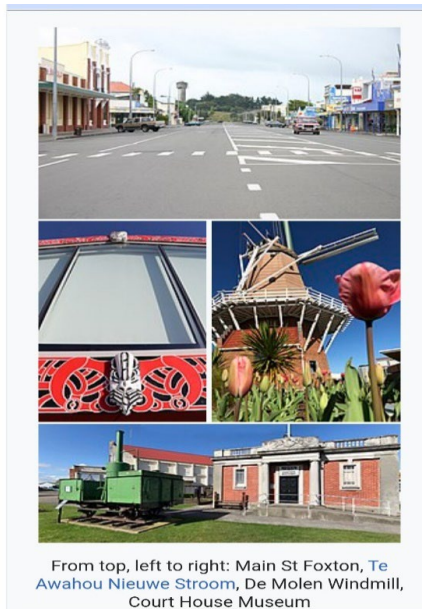


LIONS NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP 2023 FOXTON

Hosted by 202D.



Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th October



From top, left to right: Main St Foxton, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, De Molen Windmill, Court House Museum

Cost: \$500.00

(Applicants to be endorsed by Local Lions Clubs)
Limited to 40

Youth aged 12-16 years as of 1st September 23.

Applications open 1st May closes 19th August 2023

Held at the Foxton Bible Camp

17 Te Awa Street
Foxton Beach 4815

Stephanie Jordan.

022 054 0515

Email: md202.interyouthexc@lionsclubs.org.nz

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FOXTON CAMP PROGRAMME:

This following is a sample program. This is the first camp in Foxton, so program may be altered to suit time of the year.

Sunday 1st October:	Day: Arrival/Registration/Orientation Night: Official Welcome Dinner
Monday 2nd October:	Day: Foxton: Windmill/Flax Museum/ Wildlife base/beach Night: Guest Speaker
Tuesday 3rd October:	Day: PN: Wildbase Recovery/Mini Golf/Rugby Museum/Leo's activity Night: Games night
Wednesday 4th October:	Day: Ruapehu: Carrot Park/Tangiwai/ Army Museum Night: Games night
Thursday 5th October:	Day: Whanganui: Kowhai Park/ Marton Night: Talent Show
Friday 6th October:	Day: Sanson/Feilding: Blokarts/Mini Golf/ Night: Celebration.

Whaia e Kie Ki te iti Kahurangi,
ki te tuohu koe, me maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly:
if you bow your head,
let it be to a lofty mountain.

...just do it!

CAMP FOXTON INFORMATION:

Foxton (Te Awahou) is a town in the Manawatu-Whanganui region of New Zealand – on the lower west coast of the North Island, in the Horowhenua district, 30km southwest of Palmerston North and just north of Levin. The town is located close to the banks of the Manawatu River, it is situated on State Highway 1, roughly in the middle of Tongariro National Park and Wellington.

Foxton has a population of 3,360 as of June 2022. Foxton has preserved its heritage both Maori and Pakeha – through its parks, heritage buildings and four museums. The Manawatu River Loop and estuary creates an environment that features walkways and Ramsar wetlands with 93 species of birds and is home to the Foxton Fizz drinks.

Foxton Bible Camp was established in 1961 primarily to facilitate an annual Family Camp. Since then, the camp has been continually modernised and expanded. It operates as a popular location for conferences, family camps and youth camps. It is a particularly safe site for families and has amenities suitable for all ages, including dormitories for young people and a central lounge and kitchen. The ocean beach is less than a half hour walk (3 km) from Camp and the river estuary only minutes away. The Manawatu River Estuary draws visitors keen to see the 2000 birds and up to 58 species known to flock there over the northern winter and is a stopover for many rare and migratory birds. It is also one of the best places to watch the unique Wrybill and the magnificent Royal Spoonbill.

PEACE POSTER
CONTEST 2023/24

'DARE TO DREAM'

Entry eligibility 11 – 13 years
As of 15th November 2023



2022/23 District Winner - Ella Ogden
Hawera Intermediate/Normanby & Districts

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 dreams of a peaceful world into reality.

Clubs are asked to order a Peace Poster Kit from Rhonda at our New Zealand Head Office. Please ensure that every club entering has a kit and the form inside is filled in correctly and attached to the back of the Clubs winning poster before sending in to be judged. 1 entry from each School or Club to be forwarded to District Youth Chairs for Judging. See Youth Manual for rules.

Closing Date is 20th October 2023. Judging will take place on Wednesday 1st November. Entries will be displayed at the Junior Speechmakers Contest on Sunday 5th November and the top 3 winners announced.

Youth North Chair
Stephanie Jordan
46 Fairfield Road
Hawera 4610
022 054 0515

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LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS



This award recognises youth aged from 12 years old for their commitment to community service over a ten-month period from February 1st to November 30th.

There are two awards available:
50 hours of community service
100 hours of community service

Types of service could be:

Community groups, religious agencies, or institutions
Service through a school-based group or courses
Individual efforts to help others. E.g., Coaching or refereeing of sports
Scouting groups
St John

Why not invite your children/ grandchildren along to help in your club's service activities and get them involved with Lions now?

All you must do is supply applicants with a Service Tracking record form. These are available from your Youth Chairman so that progress can be monitored.

The forms must be collected before the closing date of **November 30th** of each year and returned to your District Youth Chairman. The certificate will arrive directly to your club. You will need to organise a time to present the certificate to your applicant, perhaps at a club meeting would be suitable.

The District Youth Chairperson would like to attend a presentation where possible.

This can be a steppingstone to further youth activities both within your club and for the youth involved.



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Young Speechmakers Contest 2023:

What an awesome Sunday we had at Cullinane College in Whanganui on Sunday 28th May. We had 6 Youth participant in the Contest. 3 Youth from New Plymouth and 3 from Whanganui. We could say a battle of the North and South LOL.

We were very much entertained by their speeches which were a range of topic from The Food Bank to Democracy or Co-Governance to The miseducation of Excellence to The importance of communication to Poop in the pool dilemma to Time for Change. All 6 Youth did very well, each so passionate about their topic. After a short recess we had the impromptu Speech and it the first time that all finalises managed the topic and time very well. The topic was "What are the benefits of your favourite electronic device.

It was a very wonderful surprise when we got the results. It is for the first time that I am aware of that the contestant that got 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the prepared speech also got 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for the impromptu speech as well. Therefore, the overall winners were the same. As I said above it certainly proved to a battle of the North and South with the South taking out 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Congratulations to 1st Sophia Bedwell from Whanganui High, 2nd Daniel Horoti from Cullinane College and 3rd Alice Quigley from Whanganui High. All sponsored by the Whanganui Club. Well done.

Thanks to Whanganui Club for organising the venue and providing morning tea and lunch. Robyn Pederson for all that you did for the day.

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A lawyer boarded an aeroplane in Dublin with a box of frozen crabs and asked a blonde stewardess to take care of them for him.

She took the box and promised to put it in the crew's fridge.

He advised her that he was holding her personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in a very haughty manner that he was a lawyer, and proceeded to rant at her about what would happen if she let them thaw out.

Needless to say, she was annoyed by his behavior.

Shortly before landing in London, she used the intercom to announce to the entire cabin, "Would the lawyer who gave me the crabs in Dublin, please raise your hand?"

Not one hand went up.... So she took them home and ate them.

Two lessons here:

1. Lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are.
2. Blondes aren't as dumb as most folk think

Welcome to the family of



Lions Clubs International

Hey!
WELCOME
We're very
GLAD
you're here!

ELTHAM (023247) - LIONS CLUB

LIZ WAKELING (6121723)
8 DERBY STREET, ELTHAM 4353
Joined: 05/09/2023
Sponsor: LOUISE CORSTON (1972537)

NEW PLYMOUTH CENTRAL (141620) - LIONS CLUB

KEVIN RICHARDS MR (6122138)
54 MILL ROAD, VOGELTOWN
NEW PLYMOUTH 4310
Joined: 05/09/2023
Sponsor: GRAHAM DODUNSKI (751890)

NORMANBY & DISTRICTS L C (036405) - LIONS CLUB

ROBERT O'BRIEN (6132451)
32A DISRAELI STREET, HAWERA 4610
Joined: 06/01/2023
Sponsor: MARTIN BERRY (3928654)

PALMERSTON NORTH HEARTLAND (053495) - LIONS CLUB

MARY E BARR (6126120)
186 TAONUI ROAD, RD 5, FEILDING 4775
Joined: 05/23/2023
Sponsor: ADRIENNE CHRISTENSEN (4032471)

PN CLEARVIEW PARK CLUB BRANCH

GRANT POWELL (6133560)
VILLA 33,28 DOGWOOD WAY
PALMERSTON NORTH 4414
Joined: 05/17/2023
Sponsor: GERALD GREGORY (2554861)

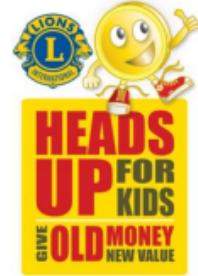
KAYE WEBBER (6133567)
76 ARGYLE AVENUE,
PALMERSTON NORTH 4410
Joined: 04/01/2023
Sponsor: JOANNE ISLES (5700034)

TOKO & DISTRICTS L C (034690) - LIONS CLUB

CATHERINE LANG (6122687)
597 BEACONSFIELD ROAD, RD 24
STRATFORD
Joined: 05/15/2023
Sponsor: BARRY WHITTINGTON (1055493)

PETER LANG (6122688)
597 BEACONSFIELD ROAD, RD 24
STRATFORD
Joined: 05/15/2023
Sponsor: BARRY WHITTINGTON (1055493)

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Heads Up for Kids | Sorting Instructions

It is important that coins and banknotes are sorted following these guidelines.

You will need 10 plastic bags at any given time.

Any sort of plastic bag will do, but plastic bank bags or grip lock bags are best.

Send them regularly to Resene HQ no matter the amount. Fill multiple bags if necessary.

You **do not need to count** the money, but it is **important to sort** into the following categories:

Bag One: All NZ copper 1 & 2 cent coins can be put in the same bag together.

Bag Two: Silver NZ 5 cent

Bag Three: Silver NZ10 cent

Bag Four: Silver NZ 20 cent

Bag Five: Silver NZ50 cent.

Bag Six: All old New Zealand Banknotes together

Bag Seven: Current New Zealand coins and banknotes.

Bag Eight: Old Pre decimal NZ pounds, shillings and pence (in separate bags if possible)

Bag Nine: All foreign coins

Bag Ten: All foreign banknotes (laid flat if possible)

When you have sorted all collected bank notes and coins, please package all bags together into a sturdy bag or box and **label 'Heads Up for Kids' with your club name and contact details inside.**

Do not send back in Heads Up for Kids Collection Cans – keep these for collections.

Take your sorted and securely packaged parcel of collected monies to your local Resene store, from there it will be couriered to Resene HQ. Alternatively if there is not a store near you send direct to Resene Paints, 32 Vogel Street, Naenae, Lower Hutt.

To reduce pressure on our kind courier sponsors Fastway, please send small amounts regularly, not huge amounts rarely.

Thank you!

All questions please, contact

Sorting House: Roy Peterson roy.p@xtra.co.nz

MD202 Project Manager: hu4k@lionsclubs.org.nz

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GROOVY

**Feilding Host Lions
Luncheon**

Where:

St Johns Anglican Parish Hall
16 Camden Street. Feilding.

Date:

Sunday 25th June 2023

Time :

11 am - 2pm

70s Themed dress

(Optional)

RSVP 3232410

By 16th June 2023

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Attention All Treasurers

Steve Bennet, our MD Treasurer is coming to Palmerston North for a Treasurer/Charitable Trust forum on the 26th of August. This is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions.

Email Mat Wellington mat_wellington@yahoo.co.nz

- Thursday 15th June Kairanga Lions 50th Anniversary (since chartering). Could it be clever to put a few key anniversary milestones on this to help keep them on all our radars?
- Saturday 24th June Guiding Lions Training - TBC - Leo Danz's House, Kaponga, Time TBC
- Saturday 22nd July - 1st Cabinet Meeting - Hawera
- Saturday 5th August - President's Dinner - Hawera Bowling Club, Hawera, Time TBC
- Saturday 11th November - 2nd Cabinet Meeting - Feilding
- Monday 5th February 2024 - Zone 2 Meeting - 7pm - Addis House, 135 Ruahine Street, Roslyn, Palmerston North
- Friday 23rd February 2024 - 3rd Cabinet Meeting - Hawera
- Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th February 2024 - 202D Convention - Hawera
- Friday 19th to Sunday 21st April 2024 - MD 202 Convention-Distinction Hamilton Hotel & Conference Centre, Hamilton (email: mdconvention2024@lionsclubs.org.nz, Chairman: PCC Arvind Raman, Ph 021 047 2866)
- Monday 6th May - Zone 2 Meeting - 7pm - Addis House, 135 Ruahine Street, Roslyn, Palmerston North (venue may change)
- Saturday 18th May 2024 - 4th Cabinet Meeting - Palmerston North

CONGRATULATIONS



District Governor Steve Barr received a Melvin Jones Fellowship at our May Cabinet get together. Well deserved, Steve. Steve has managed to create a “BUZZ” in our District. Thanks for all your hours of hard work dedicated to our Lions Organisation. Thanks to Steve’s club, Colyton-Bunnythorpe, who has made the recognition possible by donating to credits.



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PAKEKE LIONS AND KAPONGA LIONS

got together at Graham McElroy's home on the afternoon of 12TH MAY 2023

To CELEBRATE his 100TH

BIRTHDAY

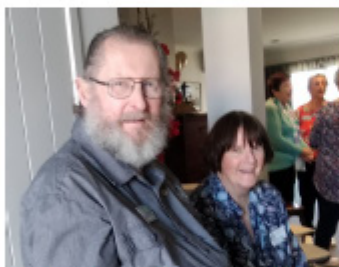
What a wonderful achievement and a great celebration. There were Lions from our club that have worked alongside Graham and there were Lions from Kaponga where he spent a large number of years. Along with others awards, he was presented with a Distinguished Service Award in June 2021.



Graham with his birthday message from the King.



His family were very involved and his son-in-law is a member of Kaponga Lions



A lovely welcome at the door from our President Justin, and Janet. Thanks to Graham's family for hosting us at his lovely home.



Old friends enjoyed getting together.



Hawera Mt. View and Opunake Lakeside - Club Visit



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New Plymouth Central



Friday 2nd June: Our Club took over looking after the Founders Plantation, originally a project of the Merrilands Lions Club, to celebrate New Plymouth's 150 years. In 1991 Native trees were planted with 1991 locals purchasing them for \$40 each. 30 years later most trees are doing well but the undergrowth of self-seeded trees and weeds like ivy growing up trees needed to be cleared to make the domain more accessible. Rain in the lead up to the working bee meant the ground underfoot was very muddy in places. One of our newest members, Steve Kujacz, offered a team of 7 from his workplace, Methanex NZ Ltd, for a day of working in the community. They arrived with plenty of garden tools, gloves, and loads of energy and enthusiasm to join some of the New Plymouth Central Lions members to begin the clean-up which had the backing of New Plymouth District Council. Not only did we have to hack down weeds and clear them from the area, but we also had to drag the debris up to the roadside for easier access for the Council woodchipper truck. There was loads of friendly banter during the day, the rain held off and the sun came out. A sumptuous morning tea supplied by two Lions Club ladies and two very kind partners of members soon disappeared and the team were back in action. Even President Charles turned up to lend a hand only 6 weeks after a knee replacement operation. The pile of branches at the roadside got bigger, the track up the grassy bank got muddier, the heavy fadges filled with huge amounts of weeds were dragged up to join the branches and the allocated area started to look like it was no longer neglected. A late BBQ lunch courtesy the Methanex team was soon underway and the Lions had a well-earned rest in the few chairs we had brought while the younger men cooked and then all devoured the food. Just when we thought our helpers would have had enough, gloves were on again and they picked up their tools and were back on the job. A great day's work for our Club and big thanks to the Methanex team.



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Rongotea & Districts Lions.

Car Show Day



There was a huge response from car enthusiasts to our car show in April, as approximately 250 vintage, veteran, classic and newer vehicles from near and far went on show. There was also a great crowd of on-lookers from the local area and beyond, who came to view the cars and utes on show. Most of the vehicles on show were in immaculate condition, highly polished and

obviously the pride of their owners.



Our two Lion organisers, David and Bernard did a fabulous job organising the show, putting alot of work into preparation, and sourcing donated prizes and ensuring the show was a success. They were supported by Lions and their ladies as helpers on the day. We extend our thanks to the vehicle owners who attended, as well as the Feilding, Palmerston North and local businesses for donating prizes and for supporting the show.



The Arohanui Hospice was selected as the recipient for the money raised on the day and \$5,000 will be presented to the Hospice at our tea meeting.

There's a good chance we will arrange another car show in 2024.

TOKO AND DISTRICTS



The Pig On A Spit Crew hard at work at Baldrick's Big Day Out

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Normanby and Districts



A relaxing evening Guessing Who's Coming to Dinner.



Heartlands LC - Bra Artz



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Lions Young Speechmaker Contest

This event is a Lions signature Youth development projects.

The Lions Club of Wanganui had the privilege of hosting this event on the 28th May 2023 at Cullinane College Whanganui.

Toastmasters provided a judging team of 4 under the guidance of Tony Sissons.

Six entrants applied and were asked to present a prepared speech with a duration of between 5 and 6 minutes followed by an impromptu reply to a scenario set by the judges. This was limited to 2 minutes. An enjoyable lunch was consumed whilst the Judges deliberated.

Unfortunately, there can only be so many place getters but all worthy of recognition. So without further ado:

3rd place, Alice Quigley, Whanganui High School

2nd place, Daniel Horiti, Cullinane College

1st place, Sophia Bedwell, Wanganui High School

Three other contestants were

Owain Bridge, Francis Douglas New Plymouth

Daniel Lewis, Francis Douglas New Plymouth

Jerry Wei, New Plymouth Boys High School

A special mention to all the contestants, their families and support teachers. This couldn't happen without the enthusiasm of Stephanie Jordan and Robyn Pedersen. Thank you to Principal Tony McBride of Cullinane College for supporting us with use of college facilities. Wanganui Lions and Lions Ladies for the catering and background support.

Last but not least for DG Stephen and VDG Tobi for being present.

Terry Carmody - Whanganui Lions Club

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Palmerston North Clearview Park Lions Club
Branch of Middle Districts Lions Club
SPECIAL NEWSLETTER - **We Serve**



June 2023

Riding For The Disabled (Manawatu) benefit from Fashion Parade

Yet another very successful event staged by the Ladies of Clearview Park Lions Club where some members showed off a large range of Ballentynes' Fashion Central (Palmerston North) striking new range of clothing, and footwear.

The guest's entry contributed toward a donation to the great work of Riding For The Disabled (Manawatu) to which was added the raffle sales.

Club President Ron Rowe, when thanking all involved, noted that as with a number of planned events this one had to be rescheduled due to COVID (yes, still with us) and it was great to see all here to support Riding For The Disabled even having to alter their personal plans. This added a fair degree of change and extra work both to the project organiser, Margaret Gregory, the Club's fashion Ladies, and the Ballentynes' team.

Nicky Birch, Manawatu RDA President, accompanied by Lyn Jensen Treasurer of RDA, outlined the various client groups they worked with adding that it was so very special to see the progress made and potential being brought to the fore of these people. Nicky also spoke warmly of their coaches who are invaluable and a the large number of volunteers who are there to do their riding sessions. The volunteers are also treasured alongside the coaching and other essential team members.

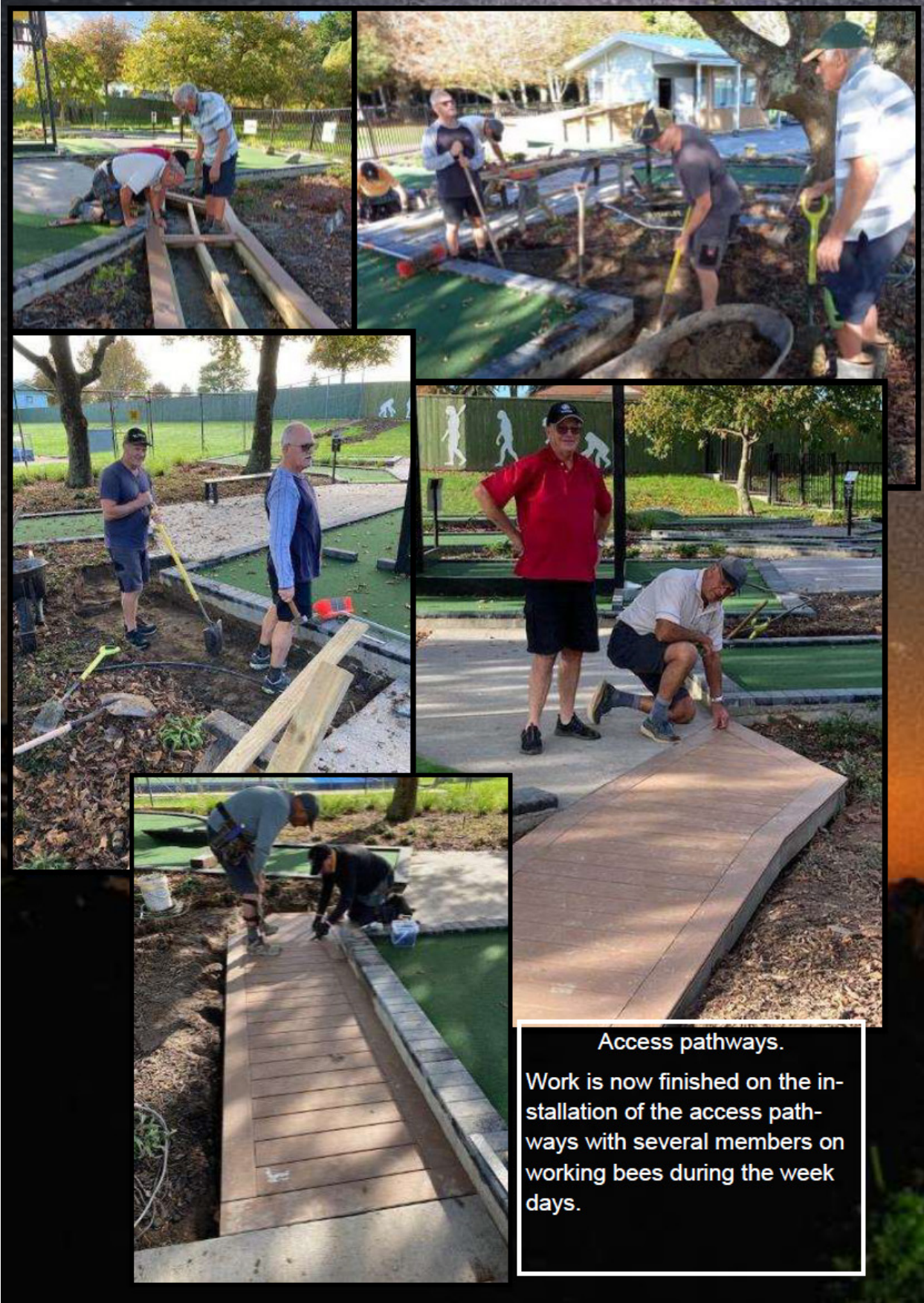
The fashion parade followed hard on the heels of another successful Pink Ribbon breakfast held in support of Breast Cancer funding organised by the Ladies of the club. Been busy yet rewarding days.

The photos which follow were provided by Peter Joe and Chrissy Thompson..



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Lions Club of Middle Districts



Access pathways.
Work is now finished on the installation of the access pathways with several members on working bees during the week days.

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A man ran home from work, pulled his wife into the bedroom, threw her on the bed, and pulled the blankets over them. She was shocked- he hadn't been like this for 20 years. Then her husband said: "Look! My new watch glows in the dark" 🤔

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KAPONGA LIONS



The wooden building is the new Shelter at Victoria Park that we have built as our 50th Charter project (not completed yet) the firewood photos are members hard at work with our main fundraiser and the group photos are of our recent Club trip to the Bridge to Somewhere.

**THINK YOU'RE GOING
CRAZY? GREAT! WHEN YOU
GET THERE LOOK ME UP AND
I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND.**



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Opunake Lakeside

Three carloads arrived from Hawera with the lovely members of the Mt View Lions. An hilarious evening with lots of laughter as jokes rolled off their tongues. Stephanie and Daphne shared fun times from the MD Convention in Invercargill. It was lovely to share an evening with another Club.



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