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Jeroen Schuurmans
Together we serve as...one
Together We Can





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ello Lions and Friends,

Thank you District 202F, over the last 12 months I have met a lot of people, from different backgrounds, lifestyles, jobs, semi-retirement, or retired. All with one vision/goal “to Serve”.

Some are in the spotlight, while others quietly work in the background and follow their hearts.

In our Lions organisation, we do need leaders to make decisions and drive to push forward.

Some are better Leaders than others but we all bring something to the table. And this is why we need new blood to come through and bring new ideas.

So don't feel like you are not contributing. Just take the opportunity and help out and “serve” as a Leader. (Get out of your comfort zone as I did).

A big community Award was well received and deserved in Lawrence. Lawrence won the project of the year from our convention in Winton. But also, from multiple districts, the Club has been awarded the “Ron Usmar Community” award for 2022-2023.



I do encourage clubs to enter the district awards, It is an Awesome way to motivate your club as well as it is a great achievement.

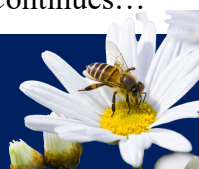
On Tuesday the 13th of June, the ladies from the Invercargill Central Lions Club celebrated their 40th anniversary.



Five charter members cutting the cake, Lion Margaret, Lion Gaye, Lion Valerie, Lion Judy, and Lion Daphne

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Message from Jeroen Shuurmans District Governor 202F District





I like to congratulate the following Lions clubs, Te Anau Kepler 30 years and next month Gore Host will be celebrating their 60th anniversary.

I also dropped off the Photos that were made during the flag ceremony at the Multiple District, our Leo's from James Hargest High School and Girls High School.

Unfortunately, there weren't many students present due to the Teachers being on "strike"



Our training day on the 21st of May by the Incoming DGE Allan Fleury was a success, there were about 50 +lions club members, from our district.

To learn more about bookkeeping, a video link with Steven Bannet from 202K with tips on how to reduce our Lions Admin subs in the near future.

Thank you DGE Allan, PDG Seu Fleury, PDG Liz, and PDG Wendy. Thank you, west Otago Lions Club, for the hospitality and the lunch.



Thank you, Lion, Clubs of 202F, for the hospitality, and friendship, and to let Me and Henriette have a snapshot look, at how the running is of your club. It was a most enjoyable time.

For me, this will be my last message to you as District Governor of 202F, it was a privilege and a pleasure, and an honor to serve in the role.

Thank you also to those who helped me in this journey and offered their support. And not to forget those who have held a position in cabinet in the running of our district.



Thank you.

To the incoming DGE Allan The handover of the Bell.

Allan will be on his way to Boston in a few days to be inducted as our new DG.





Together we can with
Brian Sheehan
Lions International President



celebrate success

Hello, Lions!

I can't believe my year as your international president is already coming to a close. But when I look back at the places I visited and the many faces I saw, I am humbled by the sheer scale of the work we do as Lions. We've had such incredible success!

As we bring this Lion year to a close, let's take a moment to reflect on our year and all the good work that we did.

Remember, success can take many different forms. Yes, success is when you complete a meaningful service project or raise the required amount of funds to keep things rolling next year.

But when you are a Lion, success is also the smile you get from the girl entering kindergarten with a new backpack she got from Lions. Success is when the city council sees your tent up at the local fair and thinks of reaching out for help with a cleanup project at the park. Success is the young professional who finds a way to give back and found a welcoming home in a new city.

While it's our instinct to notice the things that need help, it's our duty to notice the things that need service. Here's to you, Lions. Serving as your international president, I encourage you to continue to make a difference.

Brian E. Sheehan

Make a great day,



We Serve.





Global Service Team Corner

Sue Evans



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ational Volunteer Week 20 – 26 June 2023

Thank you to our Lions Clubs members for all you do in your community. Perhaps you may want to host a volunteering opportunity during national volunteer week to encourage others to join you.

Hello everyone

Winter is well and truly with us and as I write my spiel for the GST Corner I am thinking about the pending National Volunteer Week. The questions are of course what is a Volunteer? What can you expect to gain from the volunteer experience? Well all of you who are Lions know the answers to the above questions. Otherwise why are you a Lion? But the question to you all is how are you celebrating this week in your community? Have you contacted the local media and given them a story about the great work you have been doing? If not, why not? Who better but yourselves to get the message of Lions out there? Who knows, it may just attract a new Member to come and join your Club? **The key motivator for Volunteers is contributing to their community.**



Kindness Matters Award



It's that time of year again for Clubs to consider an entry for the Kindness Matters Awards. This Award is given annually to Lions and Leos Clubs for their outstanding services project around one of our global cause areas. Nominated at Club level, the Kindness Matters Service Award is a challenge for Lions and Leos to develop an **innovative and creative service**

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project with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their community.

Multiple Districts Kindness Matters Award

Many of you will be aware that the Cromwell Lions Club won the Kindness **The Nomination timeline for 2022-2023 is:**

For clubs to be considered, please adhere to the following timeline. These are guiding deadlines to help the nomination process at the local level. Any nominations submitted to Lions International beyond October 31 will be disqualified.

Please note that all nominations should be submitted electronically. Lions International will not accept physical applications.

- **July 1 to October 31:** Nominations are open
- **August 15:** Deadline for club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents to electronically send one nomination to the district global service team Coordinator (District 202F PDG Wendy Goodwin)
- **September 15:** Deadline for District 202F Coordinator PDG Wendy Goodwin to electronically send one nomination to the multiple district (MD) GST coordinator
- **October 31:** Deadline for MD GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to Lions International and copy the multiple council chairperson
- **January:** Winners are selected by the Lions International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee; winning clubs notified
- **March:** Winning clubs to receive their award from Lions International

What's coming up in the months of June July and August

- **20th June World Refugee day**
- **20th to 26th June New Zealand National Volunteer week**
- **14th July Matariki begins**
- **12th August Multiple Districts Speech Competition Finals**
- **12th August International Youth Day**
- **25th August New Zealand Cancer Society Daffodil Day**

It is time to say goodbye

When I look back over the past two years it has gone so quickly. The first year was one of a huge learning curve and I was so lucky to have Wendy Goodwin so close at hand who always gave me great advice and put me on the right track. To add to this was a tremendous team on our Cabinet who were so supportive. But more importantly were the Members of the 42 Clubs in our District. Whether this was as an individual or as part of their Club team, they were my teachers and I have learnt so much from so many of you. Covid of course decided to hit our shores but what this showed me, was the strength of our Clubs through Kindness Matters – from one Club knitting socks for children who went to school in gumboots, to picking up a past Member from her residential home and taking her out for a cuppa. Members rallied around and provided meals, firewood – the list goes on and on but it is one of humility and kindness. Another highlight was the Cromwell Lions Club winning the Kindness Matters Constitutional Area 7 Award for their Tongan Project. On

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15th January 2022 a submarine volcano erupted in the Tongan islands, causing loss of life and severe damage due to tsunamis and ash fallout. Three Tongan families living in Cromwell approached the Cromwell Lions Club to help them fill a 20ft container with food and everyday essentials for their friends and families in the outer Islands of Tonga. 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.

Child Cancer is always well supported by Clubs in our District but this was expanded to include women living with Cancer and men with Prostate Cancer. Members saw people living in their own communities and found ways of supporting them and their families.

Borland Lodge Trustees put a call out for funds to help with their new water system and general upkeep and administration. Due to Covid, students were not using this facility and this was having a significant impact on Borland Lodge being able to remain viable. Many Clubs within District 202F donated funds to help the Trust to remain open and in October 2022 Borland Lodge celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Over the last two years there have been a number of heli-pads being built in Gore and Rural Southland. What a fantastic asset to your communities. Members just got behind these projects and gave a helping hand which is what Lions is all about.

Then there have been the bigger Projects such as we saw in Cromwell with this Club combining with Rotary to build a house with the proceeds going to the St John's Hub. With the funds left over Lions and Rotary distributed this back into their community.

For many of our Members in some of our Clubs, your work is not recognised through Service Reporting which is a shame as this is the final chapter of the work you have completed. I hope in the future that this changes as it is a way of acknowledging YOU for what you have done.

There have been so many Projects and Fundraisers along with donations to your communities to mention but I would like to acknowledge each one and all of you for what you are doing to make your community a better place to live.

Without Members we cannot do Service and without Service we will have no Members. I hear so often that it is not only Lions who are struggling to maintain members but other Service Clubs as well, so the challenge to us all is how do we attract people to see that Lions can and do make a difference and they want to be part of our great organisation. Some of the reasons is continuing as we are now but also looking for new and exciting challenges that will serve our communities and also bring in new Members. It is time to look at National Projects such as the Row for Life and the Cancer Screening Bus. While there may be some initial resistance from Members, please think seriously about this as it is the way we communicate our message that is critical for these Projects to be successful.

And lastly, District 202F will be welcoming PDG Wendy Goodwin as their new GST Co-ordinator for the 2023-24 year. All the very best Wendy. Our District is so lucky to have someone of your calibre taking on this role.

Kind regards

Sue Evans

Global Services Team Coordinator

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Lions Clubs Cancer Trust NOTICE



The Lions Clubs Skin Cancer Screening Service

Update 1 June 2023

The trust is moving forward with fundraising and the investigation of the type of vehicle most suited to the proposed service. We have had donations to the Trust, towards the \$160,000 we need to apply for the LCIF grant. It was encouraging at the Multiple District Convention in Invercargill that we raised \$1200 from the raffle and another \$767 in donations.

Recently the Australian Cancer bus Business Development Manager Garry Irvine outlined the service they deliver in 4 states in Australia to the NZ Melnet (Melanoma). Melnet was impressed with what had been achieved in Australia and they now understand better what we here in New Zealand are wanting to achieve and are fully in support of the service.

Lions Clubs New Zealand now has its own Cancer trust, so let's get in behind it, and get our education and Skin Cancer screening service off the ground and into your town helping find those people who need attention for their skin worries. The Skin Cancer Trust is one of the charities chosen for the "Rowing for Life NZ "starting in February 2024 rowing Bluff to Cape Reinga.

The trustees are now in possession of the Cancer Trust tear drop flags which can be used by clubs during fundraising activities, you just need to contact your District Trustee.

To those clubs that have already donated to the trust, thank you, the Trustees appreciate the ongoing support.

Lions Clubs Cancer Trust

Westpac a/c 03-0674-0280918-00.

Please enter the club name

in the reference area for receipts.

Personal donations welcome.

Wendy Goodwin PDG

District 202f Trustee

Mobile 0272811803

202f.Cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz

Charitable Trust #CC59838





DRINKERS, FRIENDS & YOU

A reminder from the TEAM at 'one of' the *tops / tabs / glasses / hearring aids / old [&new] money* Co ordination centre. This is applicable to all Zones et als good enough to gather and sort said items.

WE the team at our, and their centres would value your contribution so much more if you could sort into *bottle tops - rtd - tear tops - tear tabs - wine bottle tops*. Even better should you be so inclined to remove inners [card board] of those wine bottle tops. Feel free to discard that cardboard.

Thank you to all you who have and do complete part, or all of the above. It's not practical for this to happen at the bar obviously. Tis a chance for you to show some of those indoors that you can multi task, yep passed the test.....

Best bet is 5 buckets / boxes adjacent to your favourite chair knowing that while imbibing you're positively contributing to a Lions community cause. Surely deserves support at your place. Not necessarily here!!

STOPPRESS----- thank you but the BREAD TAG division is now closed.






The key motivator for volunteers is contributing to the community.

Ngā mihi nui
Big thanks volunteers!



PR CALANDER

May	Month	Strengthen Membership Month
	2 nd	NZ Sign Language week
June	5 th	World Environment / Arbor Day
	7 th	Lions Clubs International birthday
	18 th – 24 th	NZ National Volunteer Week
	20 th	World Refugee Day
July	14 th	Matariki begins
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**WE'RE
HIRING**



MULTIPLE DISTRICT VACANCIES

JOB POSITION

MD FUNDRAISER



**ANZI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NZ
STANDING REPRESENTATIVE**

MD TRAINER FVDG

MD SPEECHMAKER COORDINATOR

JOIN OUR TEAM

[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG.NZ/MEMBERS/MULTIPLE-DISTRICT-VACANT-POSITIONS](https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/multiple-district-vacant-positions)





2022-2023

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date:

Club Name: Club Number: District:

2022-2023 Club President's Name:

Member Number: Email Address:

1. MEMBERSHIP

Maintained club membership count (closed the year with the same number of members as the start of the year or have a positive membership growth)

or Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch

Name of Lions Club, Leo Club or Branch:

2. SERVICE

Contributed to LCIF

Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*

List Three service activities your club participated in that were reported in MyLion or your regional reporting system:

1.

2.

3.

3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Club is in Good Standing; Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

Reported Club Officers to LCI

Key Officers participate in club officer training

4. MARKETING

The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.

2022-2023 District Governor Signature*: _____ District: _____

Member Number: _____ Date: _____

Due by: August 31, 2023

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org

Awards Mailed to: 2023-2024 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



Lions Clubs International

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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



