Dear Lions Club Members

We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to all District 202M Lions Club members to join us at the 2024 Convention, ‘**Dare To be Different’,** taking place at The Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre in Waipawa. This promises to be an extraordinary event filled with camaraderie, inspiration, and the opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends as well.

**Event Details:**

* **Dates:** Friday, 1 March to Sunday 3 March 2024.
* **Venue:** The Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre, Waipawa
* **Theme for Saturday Dinner:** Art Deco

**Highlights of the Convention:**

* **Friday BBQ:** Come meet other fellow Lions over a BBQ. This is a meet and greet function. There will be a cash bar. Time – **5.30pm**. Entry is FREE.

**International guest speaker**: 3IVP Mark Lyon (There will be an opportunity for a Q & A session)

* **Inspiring Speakers:** Presentations, talks, and insightful comments from other speakers.
* **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with Lions Club members from across the district, fostering new friendships and partnerships.
* **Community Impact:** Explore ways to enhance our collective efforts in serving the community and making a positive difference.

**Saturday AGM: Delegates to be seated by 8.30am.**

**Saturday Dinner: Art Deco Extravaganza** Our Saturday dinner promises to be an exquisite Art Deco affair, where elegance and creativity will come to life. Dress in your finest Art Deco attire and immerse yourself in an evening filled with fine dining, entertainment, and the chance to showcase your own artistic flair. The person with the best outfit will win a prize. There will be a cash bar. Dinner time – 6.30pm for 7pm.

**Remembrance Service:** Sunday, March 3. Time **10.00am**

**Registration link:** [**https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/dc8adf27938f4cab9f6637364a38b073**](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/dc8adf27938f4cab9f6637364a38b073)

**Accommodations:**

Accommodation is limited. Please try the following or you could stay in Hastings, Dannevirke or Havelock North. Enjoy the drive to Waipawa. It will only take you 40 minutes. The Ferguson and Thornton Lodge have been block booked for cabinet members.

* + [Ashcott Homestead](https://ashcotthomestead.com/)
	+ The Vicarage
	+ [Gwavas Garden & Homestead](https://www.gwavasgarden.co.nz/)
	+ [Ludlow Farmstay Bed and Breakfast](https://truenz.co.nz/farmstays/hawkes-bay/ludlow-farmstay-bed-and-breakfast)
	+ [Mangarara Eco Lodge](https://www.mangarara.co.nz/)
	+ [Riverstone Retreat](https://www.riverstonesretreat.co.nz/)
	+ [Thornton Lodge Motel](https://www.thorntonlodge.co.nz/accommodation/)
	+ Leopard Hotel
	+ [Wallingford Homestead](https://www.wallingford.co.nz/)
	+ [Waipukurau Holiday Park](https://wpkhp@xtra.co.nz/)
	+ Pukeora Estate abnb– phone 0212247715

**Raffles**

For only $2 per ticket, there will be raffles with fabulous prizes. The biggest prize, valued at over $800, is a silent auction, two-night stay at a holiday home in Acacia Bay, Taupo. Prize kindly donated by DG Carol McMillan.

**Visits to places of interest within Central Hawke’s Bay**

Spend some time sampling Central Hawke's Bay’s several places of interest - our beaches along the coast, the settler’s museum located in the heart of Waipawa, several vineyards as well as orchards. Pukeora Forest of Memories and many many more.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Waipawa for this, our 2024 District 202M Lions Clubs Convention. Together, let's celebrate our shared Commitment to Service, friendship, and making a positive impact on the world.**

Yours in service

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