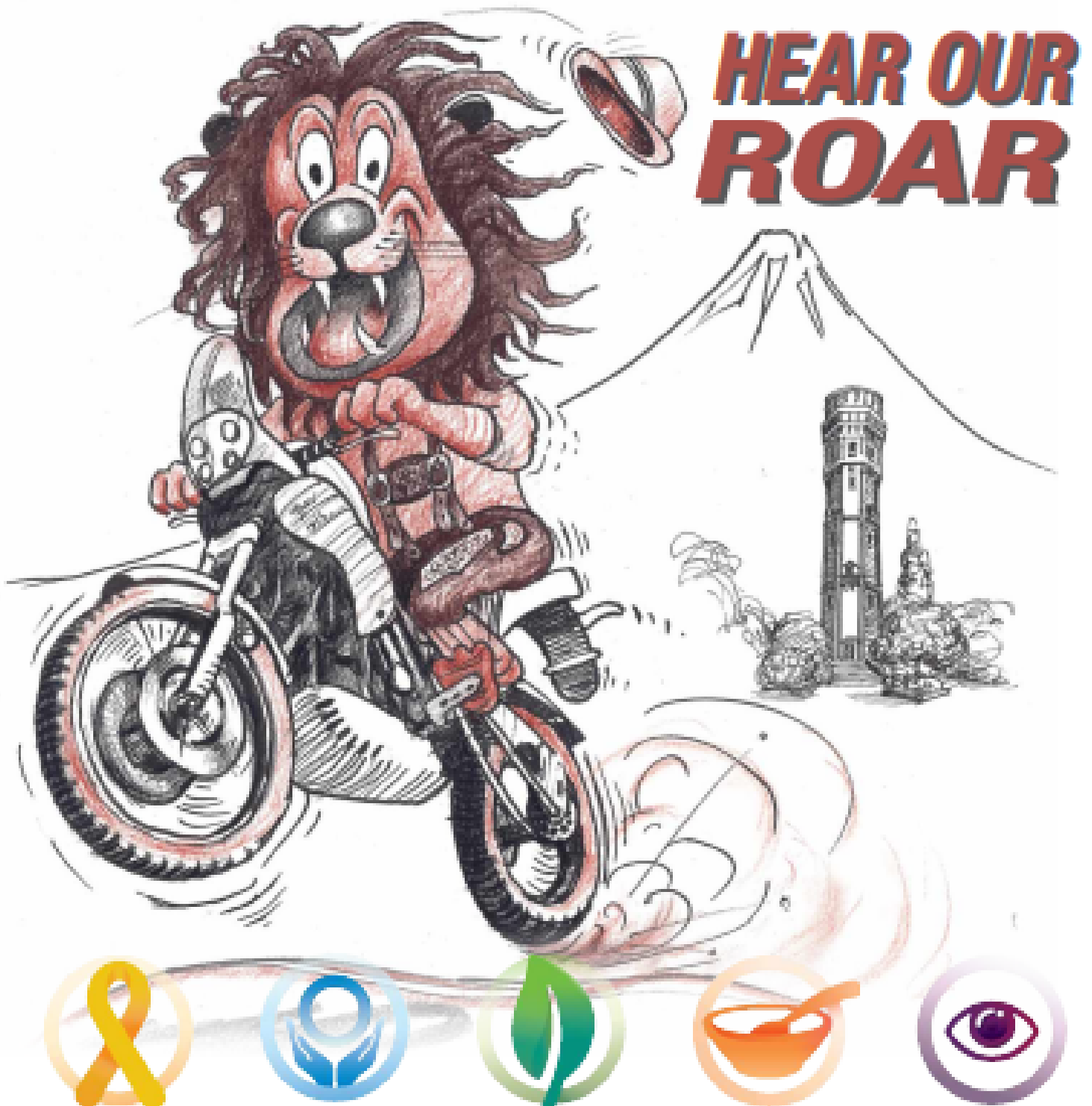


April 2024



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DISTRICT 202D NEWSLETTER





District Governor 202D
Tobias(Tobi)Hipp

April 2024

Hope you are all fine and that you had a lovely Easter break. I had a quiet weekend at home for a change. This was a busy time for me attending back-to-back conventions across the country. It was great to visit the various districts and to meet many great Lions.

We are getting ready for the Multiple Districts Convention in Hamilton 19th to 21st April. I encourage you to go, it is a great experience. It is also an opportunity to vote for our next International Director, this only comes around to New Zealand every 7-8 years. Our District has Megan England as our endorsed candidate and wish her all the best. If you want to support Megan, you know what to do, go to Hamilton and vote. Remember you need to register. For those only attending the AGM, no fees apply. This is covered by your dues. Registration fees are required if you want food and take part in the rest of the weekend. This is there to cover costs.

Incoming Presidents, it is time to get your officers sorted for the new year. We are busy planning the

Officer

training and have chosen the following dates: 11th May for the clubs in the north of the district and 25th May for the clubs in the south. If you can't make one, come to the other. It is important that club officers attend.

The new portal is being launched. We are waiting to see how it goes and will familiarize ourselves with it and then will announce training options.

Please make sure you have your membership and service reporting up to date for this.

Our International convention is being held in Melbourne this year and if you would like to experience what the buzz is all about, go and see. Flights are reasonable and it is being held on our doorstep. Let's support our DGE's and be there at the ceremony when they are sworn in. The convention has lots to offer. Hang a few days on either side of the event and have a bit of a holiday at the same time.

Looking forward to the MD Convention and seeing many of you there.

In friendship and service

Tobi

TobiasHipp

District Governor 202D



International Presidents Message



President's Message Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lions,

There is strength in numbers. Throughout my 34 years of service, I've always been grateful for the close teamwork and friendships that I've experienced volunteering alongside my fellow Lions.

Teamwork generates fresh perspectives and inspires others to join the good work we do—work that would not be possible without your dedication to service, which is shared by Leos and Leo-Lions. When we bring young people into our clubs, everyone benefits. We can learn from one another, help even more people together and strengthen the future of our service.

So collaborate with your Leos, or start a new Leo club. Encourage young people in your circle to become Leos and Lions, so we can grow our clubs and grow together through our service.



Lions Clubs New Zealand
Kia Manaaki | We Serve

March 2024

Fellow Lions

Over the last 2 weeks, we have been very fortunate to have had International 3rd VP Mark Lyon and Lyn visit districts D and M for their conventions. Those that met them couldn't help but enjoy their company, with their easy manner, their ability to relate to everyone they met and their willingness to give things a go.

So, let's have a look at some of the things they did:

The original Patea Maori Club performing Poi E



Using the "talking sick" in Hawera



**Planting Trees
In New Plymouth**



Visiting Clubs



Meeting Leos



Seeing and learning about projects first hand



Inducting new members



Presenting charter to our newest club - Clearview Park



Enjoying Nature Feeling Right at Home





Visiting Wellington Children's Hospital Playscape

It's heartening to know that with people like Mark at the helm, our organization has a clear path to a thriving future. Just like IP Patti Hill last year, Mark embodies the true spirit of the Lions - driven by a genuine desire to help others, not by titles or accolades. Mark's down-to-earth nature shone through in our parting conversation, when he quipped, "The next time I come back to NZ, I'll pack more jeans and less suits!" - a testament to his approachable and genuine leadership style.

Our thanks go to Mark and Lyn. Their visit has made a real impact on the Lions of NZ. We all look forward to meeting them again in Melbourne in June.

Yours in Lions

Stephen Barr

Council Chair (2023-24)

SAVE THE DATES

Club Officer Training

North of the District:

11th May

South of the District:

25th May



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Multiple District 202 | MD 202

2024 Annual Convention

19th-21st April 2024

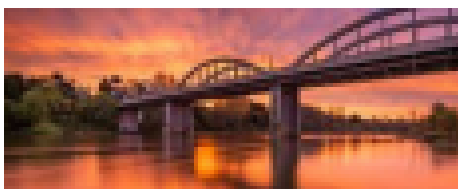
Distinction Hotel & Conference Centre, Hamilton



Saving Our Future

Haere mai, Haere mai,
Nau mai Haere mai ki Waikato kaha,
Welcome, Welcome,
Welcome to the mighty Waikato.

Welcome to Our Great Lions gathering, the Multiple District Convention Hamilton being held at the Distinction Hotel and Conference centre 100 Garnett Road, 19th to 21st April.



If you have not already put these dates into your diary, do it now

Your hosts, The Lions clubs of Hamilton and Waikato are putting on a Convention not to be missed. The convention committee are now in the final of planning the detail.

Friday 19 April

Registrations & Convention
opening ceremony

Flag Ceremony

Leos are taking us on a journey. Their journey acknowledges Lions influence around the Goldy Locks Planet we call Mother Earth. We have an entertaining keynote speaker followed by a lite supper and time to catch up with old acquaintances and make new friends.

Saturday 20 April

Welcome Lions of the Four
Corners of our land and
international guests.

Giving an explanation of our
convention around the theme of
"Saving Our Future".

Overview of the theme
"Saving our future"

Dignitaries including representatives from Lions Clubs International and Area 7 International Director, Tim Irvine, will provide insights into the theme "Saving Our Future."

To align with the theme, around 100 Leos, representing enlightened youth, will be in attendance. Leos are our future. Best we ensure they are equipped to take our organisation into the future of Lions serving communities. Leos have their own conservation project, saving our natural world.

Come and collect your best
Multiple District Club awards.

Email: mdconvention2024@lionsclubs.org.nz

www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/conventions/md-202-convention

My Belief as a Lion...

The Lions' motto, "We Serve," is not just a phrase; it's a way of life. It's a commitment to improving the lives of those less fortunate, a dedication to supporting our communities, and a pledge to make this world a better place for all.

My Lions Service

- Lion since 2006
- Club President
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Secretary
- District 202D Cabinet (GLT / GMT)
- District Governor 202D 2021-22
- Trustee Lions Cancer Trust (Skin Screening)
- Council Chair 2022-23
- Council Advisory Board -current
- CA7 GAT Leader - current

My Personal Life

- Married to Robert and have 4 adult children & one grandchild
- Primary School Principal
- Trustee for E-Town Youth Development Trust



VOTE

PCC MEGAN ENGLAND

CANDIDATE

FOR INTERNATIONAL

DIRECTOR

CA7 2024-2026



We Serve



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE

POSTER

THE 2024-2025 CONTEST

Peace Without Limits

(Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest).

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.



2023-2024 District 202D. **Dare to Dream Winner**
Bella Galloway – Kaponga
Aged 12 years

Lions Club of Rongotea & District

Relay For Life Breakfast



Eleven Rongotea Lions and eight wives and partners arrived at the Hokowhitu Riverside Walkway at 6.00am on Sunday March 24th to begin cooking breakfast for masses of tired and hungry participants in this year's event. There were 104 teams registered to take part this year along with a good number of individuals. We have been cooking breakfast at this fundraiser since 2000 when the first Relay For Life was held in Manawatu. The fundraising goal for Relay for Life and the Cancer Society this year is \$400,000.

There were queues of hungry walkers and runners lined up to be served breakfast by our BBQ team of the usual sausages, bacon, hashbrowns & eggs along with a variety of cereals, fruit salad, yoghurt, bread & milk. The cooking went well and the customers appeared to be very satisfied!



Country Classic Cars

Panel & Paint

Rongotea Rd

Car Show Day

Sunday 14th April 2024

Te Kawau Recreation Centre, Wear St, Rongotea from 10am – 2pm, (Gates Open 9.30am)

All classics, future classics, hot rods, vintage, and veterans etc welcome.

Display entry: \$20/vehicle, or \$10 each for multiple entries

Public entry: \$10 each or \$20/family (Mum, Dad and 2 kids)

Pre-register at: www.rongotealionscarday.co.nz

Prizes and entertainment, food, and drinks for sale.

All proceeds to charity.

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Club Activities

ROKARE RIPPER

The riders took up the challenge and made it around in good time.



Hawera Convention



Rededication Service with Rob being honoured for his 12 years in Lions

Spud Dig 2 March



Time to relax once the hard work's done. Now to arrange sales!



The Evening Dinner and Dance then followed with the Venue decorated in a Lion Safari theme as pictured below.



ACTIVITIES - DIABETES, HEART & STROKE GROUP

The Diabetes, Heart Stroke group welcomed Matire Ropiha back and heard about her new position. Matire also informed us of a visitor, who is a chronic kidney disease [CKD] educator. She is coming to Taranaki in May and Matire is arranging for her to meet a group of people. We



have agreed to fill a couple of cars and go to meet with the Stratford Diabetic Group and hear about CKD.

Welcome New Members of District 202D



KAPONGA (023255) - LIONS CLUB

BEN PRICE (6392022)
STRATFORD
Joined: 03/18/2024
Sponsor: BYRON WEST (5982223)

Total New Members in KAPONGA: 1

OKATO (023263) - LIONS CLUB

STEVE COCHRANE (6375093)
OKATO
RD4
NEW PLYMOUTH 4374
Joined: 03/06/2024
Sponsor: COLIN TYLER (5665877)

Total New Members in OKATO: 1

OPUNAKE (023264) - LIONS CLUB

DOUG PHILIPS (6401626)
RD 31
OPUNAKE 4682
Joined: 03/01/2024
Sponsor: SHANE ARDERN (1391267)

Total New Members in OPUNAKE: 1

PALMERSTON NORTH HEARTLAND (053495) - LIONS CLUB

EMMA ROSE LIND MISS (6391461)
PALMERSTON NORTH 4414
Joined: 03/12/2024
Sponsor: ROBYN PEDERSEN (215046)

SARAH LOUISE SOUTHALL MRS (6391463)
MILSON
PALMERSTON NORTH 4414
Joined: 03/12/2024
Sponsor: ANNE RUSSELL (215042)

BARBARA ANN STEWART MRS (6391467)
TERRACE END
PALMERSTON NORTH 4410
Joined: 03/12/2024
Sponsor: CHRISTINE WOODHOUSE (220410)

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