



202E District Bulletin
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Selwyn Lions knowing the importance of social get togethers, gathered at a members garden with fellow Lions, partners and potential members.

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Hi Team,

I have listed below items that as a District Team we should discuss.

With April upon us it is timely to begin looking at the officers for the 2024/25 Lions year. While in many clubs the incumbent officers will remain, I challenge new members to step up and put their names forward for positions. Fresh ideas come from new officers and in the aspect of any new officer, new ideas should follow. Being a Lions Club office holder is not an onerous task but normally very enjoyable and satisfying. If you have not been an office holder in your club, I challenge you to step up and contribute. *(reminder 15 May for reporting to LCI.)*

Membership.

My greatest concern here is that we are at **minus 23** for the year up to 10/4/2024. While a number of these have had the reason as a "Lion in good Standing" as I mentioned last month this trend must stop. I have had a look at the drops for the first three months of this year, a total of **44 left**. (no deaths in this time)

After some analysis of those Lions that have left, the following are the results:

0 to 5 years	19	44%
5 to 10 years	9	20%
10 to 15 years	7	16%
15 years and over	9	20%

So, my question is why are so many Lions leaving in the first 5 years? Are we not making them welcome in our clubs? Do they feel that they are not part of the team? Do you have fun in your Club? Did we make these members that have left, feel valued in our club?

New Clubs.

My thanks to John Hobson for his work with the Hornby Club and with Rae Treloar, I am sure this will happen and grow. Also, to John Hobson, Mike Cussons, and the team from Rolleston Club for the work what you are doing in West Melton. With out this happening, we will not grow as a District and remember ...

"the more Lions we have the more service we can provide"



This is particularly important for the next few years and beyond, so we need everyone to accept this MISSION as I have asked every Club to do, so again I ask the District Team to get behind this and start asking people to join Lions. **MISSION 1500 ACCEPTED**

Leadership Training.

Please make sure that you get as many Club members as you can to these, a lot of work has gone into our workshops, and certainly have been run differently to what we have done over the last few years.

Convention Blenheim.

Congratulations to those that have been elected to new positions.

DGE	Pam Harvey
1VDGE	Bernie Walls
2VDGE	Alastair Rankin
District Trustee	John Hobson

You will all be facing challenges in your lives, but the journey is so worthwhile, just put in the work and the results will come.

Thank you to all those that attended the Convention and a BIG thank you to our Convention Committee, it went off so well. Great feedback on the partners tour, thank you Seddon Lions for arranging this.

I am proud to be a Lion, and thank all Lions members and partners for what they do in our community. Truly, where there is a need there is a Lion, and too often what we do is not recognised by our communities, so be sure to share it through whatever media you can.



Kind regards
John Bilderbeck DG



District 202E Officers 2023 - 2024



Secretary Ian



DGE Pam



DG John



VDGE Bernie



Treasurer Ian

Prepare the poshest 'High Tea'.

A Display of what we do.
A ZipLine experience of
how we bond.

Then invite our community
women to participate.

**"We are on a
MISSION to Grow!"**

Kaikoura Seaward Lions



The Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura was chartered in 1991 and has a very high profile in the Kaikoura community, being involved in many service and fundraising projects.





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We're at that time of the year when **club leaders** have (hopefully) been nominated and voted in, and now comes the task of entering these into the Lions International website. Club Secretaries, Administrators, and any others who have the authority to do this type of task, have probably been given official approval to log into the **new Lions Portal**. How are you getting on with that? All the original sites are still there, just a slight difference in how to access them and work within them.

There will be help available with this, and the **new Standard Clubs Constitution**, through a series of **Club Leaders' Workshops** (see elsewhere in this Bulletin) which are being held around the district throughout May and early June. Choose the one in the most appropriate place for you, for **interactive sessions** on leadership roles in each club, learning from each other through discussion and participating in a variety of activities to get to grips with your particular role, whether you are starting out or have already been in the role for a while. Well done to those who have volunteered, or at least agreed, to take on some kind of leadership in your club.

Speaking of taking on roles, the time for changing within various **district roles** is approaching fast, and training is happening in this level as well, for example my training to become District Governor. Another step on this preparation process has been through attending the **Multiple Districts (MD) Convention** recently. Lions from all over the country converged on Hamilton to hear inspiring speakers, such as our International Director Tim Irvine, a noted Rugby League player (Tawera Nikau) and our own Council Chairperson (Steve Barr), all challenging us on topics like positive response to adversity, fixing what is wrong with the way we do things, and recommitting ourselves to service through Lions.

We also dealt collectively with **District business**, with registered delegates voting on behalf of their clubs. A major task this Convention time was the voting to choose an **International Director** to represent our Constitutional Area in the coming 2 Lions' years. The elected candidate for this role is Past Council Chair **Graeme Wilson** from District 202F.

Now it's up to us, in whatever level we are serving, with the support of our fellow Lions, to be the **best that we can be** as we approach a whole new Lions year.

Have a great month *Pam*



In-coming DGs 2024 - 2025 - DGE Pam left.

Thank you all very much for putting trust in me to be your VDG for the coming year; it is a real honour.

The next stage in my training has begun, with the last ever ALLI course just completed in Auckland. Along with Tini Lawry, Katie Townsend and Becca Baynton, we all had a great time and learnt lots. This course has now been incorporated into the 2VDG training, so Alistair Rankin will get the benefits going forward.

Multiple Districts convention will be held in Hamilton on April 19th-21st, so it would be completed by the time you read this month's bulletin.

Thanks again,
Bernie

10 Tips for Growing Membership.

When it comes to growing membership in Lions clubs, who better to offer advice than Lions themselves? See what members from around the world have to say.

"Make sure your club is open to accepting new members and the new ideas they bring." Lion Robin Woolmer, British Columbia, Canada

"Be enthusiastic when you talk about being a Lion. When you're excited, your enthusiasm will transfer to the person you're talking to." Lion Vicky Dulin, Texas, USA

"Invite friends, co-workers and peers to participate in activities and experience the joy of serving your community firsthand. Side effects include bonding, team building, learning and having fun." -Lion Christin Jentzsch, Berlin, Germany

"We do our routine service projects and get the news of those projects published in local newspapers and on social media." -Munish Mehta, Jalandhar, India

"You can never invite enough people or ask them enough times to be a Lion. I've met people who were asked five times before they accepted. They joined when they were ready."

-Lion Dan O'Reilly, Illinois, USA

"A compelling story is our most powerful tool for attracting new members. Incorporate personal stories highlighting the impact of your club's work to connect with potential members and inspire a sense of belonging and purpose."

-Lion Dipendra Aryal, Nawalparasi District, Nepal

"Service, service, service. Your club can grow by engaging prospective members through service."

-Lion Augusto Valera Jr., California, USA

"Celebrating your success is important. Promote the service you provide and the number of people you help.

Tell your stories to make your community aware of everything your club does to improve the lives of others."

-Lion Len Day, Ontario, Canada

"We print lots of trifold brochures (downloaded from the Lions International website and tailor to our club) that include an application on the back. We bring these to every event and hand them out to all interested parties!"

-Lion Carol Jeane Miller Mitchell, Texas, USA

"There are so many people around us who want to join us but may think it's not their thing. ... We all have a duty to make a difference in our communities." -Lion Dans Naturinda, Uganda 4



District Treasurer's Lloyd Morgan Trustee Update

1- CLUB DONATIONS: The total of club donations for the 2023 year from 29 clubs was \$706698. Those 29 clubs represent 890 members out of a total membership at 30/6/23 of 1156, which means that the 69 % of clubs represented 77 % of members. It would have been interesting if more clubs had provided details of donations made, how close our district would have got to \$1M!! This information is very valuable to have as a marketing tool for Lions. I would hope we can get more clubs on board next year.

2- LLOYD MORGAN: As at 31/3/24, 21 clubs had made contributions to Lloyd Morgan. This represents 50% of clubs and in previous years to 31 March, the contribution levels had been; 2022 61%, 2021 71%, 2020 52% and 2019 75%. Thank you to those clubs that have contributed so far and we look forward to other clubs making donations before the end of the year.

3- LLOYD MORGAN GRANTS: TO 31/3/24, grants made of \$99,300 had been made to clubs as well as loans of \$15,000. 4 of these grants and loans had been made to clubs in District E, totalling \$34,000 which shows that our district is active in seeking funding for projects.

4- OUTSTANDING CLUB LEVIES: 2 clubs are overdue in paying their levies. I would appreciate if these were settled promptly or if there are issues, please contact me to discuss.

5- DONATIONS TO DISTRICT FUNDS- Music Festival and Youth Activities: thank you to those clubs that have supported these annual appeals to date and look forward to receiving donations from other clubs shortly. Both of these appeals are important so that the district can continue supporting the annual music festival and provide funding for the range of youth activities undertaken. If we don't get sufficient funding from clubs, programs like peace poster, environment competitions and speechmaker are at risk.

Ian Lennie District Treasurer and Lloyd Morgan Trustee.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion.



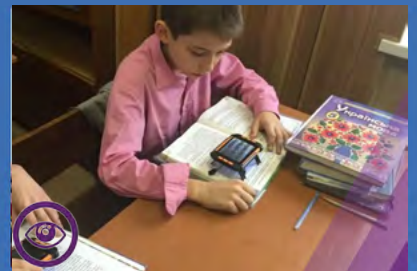
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Diabetes

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Vision

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Youth opportunities

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The Environment

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Childhood Cancer

[Read more](#)

MD Convention - Hamilton April 2024 - Update

Hi Team,

It is with immense pleasure that I report on the MD Convention in Hamilton over last weekend.

This was the biggest convention that has been attended for some time, with three hundred attending at the peak, and 280 at most times.

Friday afternoon I got involved in a discussion group with the Leos lead by Wayne Paulin, along with ID Tim Irvine, CC Stephen Barr, and DG Garth Bateup. Great to see fresh ideas that arose and yes, we can do something about this at a MD level for example having a membership certificate, and a certificate of service, what a great idea. Other concerns were also noted and yes action will be taken, it was great to see all those their being given the chance to speak. Thanks Wayne.

FRIDAY NIGHT

What an opening, Leos doing the flag ceremony so different to what we are used to, only one national anthem the NZ one, the rest been honoured by songs selected by the Leos their interruption of the country. The Leo's did all this them selves from start to finish involved and provided a great inside, let us all be grateful that we have these young people coming up into Lions.

Tawera Nikau

What a great speaker with his inspirational and motivation speech. To talk a bot his time as a league player in Australia, the team, values, and goals that had driven and motivated him and the team to achieve so much in such a brief time. We as Lions can learn a lot from this, setting goals and being accountable to them, lets face it how many of us just write them but are not accountable.

Tawera journey when he lost his leg in 2003 because of a motor bike accident, and the challenges he faced, and the journey. A truly inspirational speaker and well worth listening to.

SATURDAY - The AGM.

Keynote speaker was International Director Tim Irvine, I always enjoy listening to him, his message is clear, he talked about the growth, service, and the need to change.

Election of the MD 202 International Director for 2024-2026, with six candidates standing what a choice, but there can be only one winner which is Graeme Wilson from Invercargill - Congratulation to him.

International Presidential Awards, from our District PDG Richard Norris received one for his training of the incoming DG, congratulations Richard.

Remarkably interesting talk from the MD201 Australian Council Chair about how last year he charted 19 new Clubs in Sydney, a different approach to doing this but his message is getting key people involved.

Remits

The remit from 202E has been tabled so that costings can be done on it, this will be presented again at the MD Convention in New Plymouth 2025.

National Projects has been adopted.

MD Directory was withdrawn, but the recommendations have been agreed to by the COG, so will be done.

Lions Australia Eye Health Programme, this one is well worth having a look at.

Agrecovery recycling of farm plastics, this will be great for earning some money for the clubs, still needs more work but watch this space.

Saturday Night

A wide variety of dress up on the theme of recycling, a great meal and entertainment, I know some stayed extremely late but no names!

SUNDAY

A time to reflect on those Lions that have passed and the service that they have given to their community.

The regression of the flags to New Plymouth.

Overall, I would say that this was one of the best conventions I have attended, the food was the best I have experienced especially on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights.

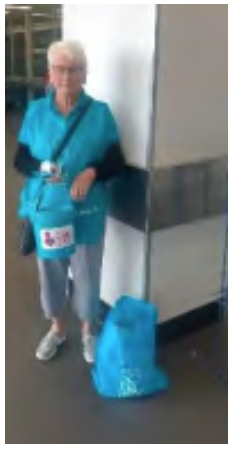
Regards John Bilderbeck D.G



International Directors Past, Present and In-coming.



Our new CA7 International Director Elect PCC Graeme Wilson - District F with his supporters.



Our Lions



Christchurch City Breakfast Lions - Jennifer Daish was presented with her 25 year chevron by ZC Marion. Anita James was part of the Team collecting for Child Cancer appeal. \$907.48 profit raised by operating a "Chocolate Wheel" style raffle and showing the importance of social events - at a BBQ at President Peter's home.



Oxford & District Lions - this is what Satisfy Food Rescue posted on Facebook - "This morning we had the honour of joining the Oxford & Districts Lions Club harvest some fresh spuds! It was so much fun we were gutted to have to leave! Massive thank you to these amazing community heroes! For the last three seasons this team of Lions have grown, harvested and donated over 42 tonnes of fresh, nutritious vegetables! 42 TONNE! These generous donations supports nearly 50 organizations, including food banks and community meal providers, that are helping to feed those in need. Their dedication and kindness makes a world of difference. Thank you for being absolute legends in our community! #OxfordLions #CommunityHeroes #Gratitude" - (what a great contribution to our community Oxford Lions!!!)



AKAROA AND BAYS LIONS NEEDS YOUR STUFF!

We need donations for our annual **Paddy's Market Auction and White Elephant!**

Contact Tony Mason 0274 856 188 or Ken Shearer 021 519 471 to organise collection
Or bring donations to our Drop Off Point on Sunday 18th February between 9am-12noon at Green Point, end of Beach Road past the Britomart Monument

PADDY'S MARKET
Saturday 30th March 2024
10am White Elephant Marquee Opens
10.30am Auction starts

ALL DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE COMMUNITY

Akaroa & Bays Lions - Facebook - "Thank you so much to the crowds that poured in to support our annual Paddys Market, having a hugely successful day. Bargain hunters were smiling, cars and trailers loaded and visitors to the area fascinated with all the action of a rolling auction. The "make an offer" corner was bustling. By mid afternoon Auctioneers had lost their voices and volunteers were still tidying up. A massive day! Thanks again for supporting the Banks Peninsula community. Proceeds from this event are distributed throughout the year and are hugely beneficial to individuals and groups who need them." From President Ian's message - "What a great Paddy's Market and with around \$18,000 net profit. It turned out to be one of our better markets ... This was even after not auctioning items such as beds and lounge furniture these passed to other organisations. ... I understand the interviews carried out by Radio NZ have been broadcasted and also a front-page article by Gary Brittenden in the Akaroa Mail. Very positive result for Lions." (Great Lions media coverage and eye catching poster!)



Global Service Team - GST - 2VDG Bernie Walls

'More Lions = more Service. The equation is simple, but the challenge is bold. MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by July 1, 2027.

It will help us meet the growing needs of our communities. It will help us serve more people than ever before. It will help make our clubs, our communities and our service stronger than ever.'



Important for you to note in MAY:
2nd NZ Sign Language week
Month Strengthen Membership month

Have a great month *Bernie*

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Bernie, Tini, Katie, Becca attended ALLI and I know from experience that they will come back with a renewal of all things Lions :)



ALLI attendees 2024 Auckland.
(Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.)



Kaikoura Lions Kevin and Digby fighting it out for the Meals on Wheels dessert.



Global Leadership Team - GLT - Tini Lawry



Freshly inspired and equipped at ALLI in Auckland I'm finalising the programmes for the Officers' Workshops.

We'll be focussing on leadership, as all officers are leaders and on projects, either service, fundraising or social events, as these are the backbone of a healthy club. Either look for the posters or ask your secretary for the workshop details, and RSVP 10 days before that workshop.

And:

Inviting 2024-2025 Zone Chairs and other Cabinet members to Zone Chair Training on Sunday 26th May '24, 9:00am – 3:30pm

(The day after the 202e Cabinet meeting).

At the same place: Styx Conference Centre (Redwood Tavern), 340 Main Road North, Christchurch.

Although this course is essential for the Lions taking up a Zone Chair position, it is also beneficial for all Lions who have taken up other Cabinet positions.

RSVP by 11 May to Tini: tinilawry@icloud.com

or Pam pamharvey@xtra.co.nz

Lunch will be provided. Please arrive at 8.30am for a prompt start at 9.00am.

Our facilitator is no other than Alice McDonald!

Have a great Lions' month, 202e.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz
Cheers, Tini L. T: 021 188 1560



Tini with LCI Specialist Penny Nielsen (Chicago) sitting next to me at the appreciation dinner.



'Team of 5' - who worked together on pre-assignments and presentations.

WELCOME to our New Lions



April 2024

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
1. Dan Bell	Ellesmere	Bruce Cochrane
2. James Pope	Ellesmere	Ian Vessey
3. Gary Fearnow	Hokitika	Latham Martin
4. Indiana Ward	Hokitika	Latham Martin
5. Jeff Franklin	Hokitika	Latham Martin
6. Carla Mackle	Richmond	Jan Moore
7. Christine Bradley	Rolleston & Districts	Lewis Burn
8. Murray Bradley	Rolleston & Districts	Lewis Burn
9. Bruce Thomson	Rolleston & Districts	Shirley McNicholl
10. Brian Ball	Seddon	Fred Lilley

**Ask 1
Keep 1**
... to reach our Goal of
1,500 members
'+7 by 2027'



Akaroa & Bays Lions - Fishing group and BBQ at the men's shed. (how important is Social bonding to a Club?)



Christchurch Ferrymead Lions welcomed Delwyn Bassett at her induction - with President Ann Newsom and IPDG Hugh Curry.

Marketing & Communications Calendar

April	27	Worldwide Induction Day
May	25	Cabinet meeting - Christchurch
Month		Strengthen Membership Month
June	21-25	Lions Clubs International Convention Melbourne
	21	FVDG/DGE Seminar (Day 4)
	28	Matariki begins
July	01	New Lions Year begins
August	10	MD Final Speech contest - Wainuiomata
	12	International Youth Day

Club Workshops

May	3	Waipara Sports Pavilion	4-8pm
	11	Ferrymead/ Burnside	10-2:30pm
	18	Blenheim	10-2:30pm
	19	Motueka	10-2:30pm
June	8	Greymouth	10-2:30pm

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Our clubs out there doing it!



Christchurch Host Lions - Graeme, Digby, Miles and Rosemary feeding families with their BBQ sausages.



Rangiora High School Leos joined the Ashley Rakahuri Care Group with their mission to create weed free riverbeds in the braided Ashley River for mostly endangered bird species.



Selwyn Lions Easter Bunnies - Barbara Pickering, Helen Allison and Lynne Hitchins visited Woodcote Home to bring Easter cheer.



Nelson Host Lion Peter Vining was presented with his 60th year chevron for Service to Lions from ZC Jillian.



Christchurch South Lions recognise the importance of social get togethers, as here at their recent BBQ.



Picton Lions were out and about with yet another Cruise ship market Friday and Saturday. Grateful to those who pitched in. When they are short of helpers they Just Ask!



Motueka Lions ensuring their community and beyond, remember that they built the shed with outside help.

Akaroa & Bays Lions President Ian Le Page had the pleasure to present 10 year chevrons to Paul de Latour and Ken Shearer.



Talking all things **Youth Opportunities**



It is that time of year again to make contact with all the playcentres, youth groups, Primary, Intermediate and High Schools for our 202e youth competitions! Thank you for making the effort to make contact with the learning centres listed within your zone. Your club and zone chair will have a list of schools that you make contact with each year.

PLEASE READ!! IMPORTANT CHANGE for this year - the information required for the competitions can be found in the following links below, which are located within the Lions Clubs of New Zealand website.

There are only a couple of attachments to this email for the information required for the Environment competition and a flyer for the Peace poster. (Please refer to District Secretary's email Wednesday 27 March)
Please print the attachments off as required and also click on the links below to find the following information.

PEACE ESSAY:

In this link, please scroll to find, download and print off:

- Peace essay contest information
- Past winning essays
- NB: FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS ONLY.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/services/youth/lions-international-essay-contest> (or [Click here](#))

SPEECHMAKER:

In this link, please scroll to find, download and print off:

- Entrant competition rules and criteria
- Entrant application form
- Host club instructions, rules and regulations.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/services/youth/young-speechmaker-contest> (or [Click here](#))

IS THERE AN EAGER CLUB KEEN TO TAKE ON A PROJECT BY HOSTING THE 202E SPEECHMAKER COMPETITION IN JUNE?
Please make contact with me ASAP at 202e.youth@lionsclubs.org.nz

PEACE POSTER:

In this link, please scroll to find, download and print off:

- Rules of entry
- Deadlines for competition - 202e deadline is 31st October.
- Application for entrants
- Also a link to ordering a Peace Poster Kit for 2024/2025
- Also an attachment in this email for the poster theme "Peace without Limits"

<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/services/youth/international-peace-poster-contest> (or [Click here](#))

PEACE POSTER DUE DATE FOR 202E is 31st OCTOBER. We need to have our entries in BEFORE the council meeting in NOVEMBER. This is crucial information. Please ensure this is passed onto your youth coordinators.

ENVIRONMENT SHIELD COMPETITION:

The information to open and print off is in the attachment to this email. (Please refer to District Secretary's email

- Environment Shield information.
- Environment Shield application form.

If you require printed paper copies of the information for all our competitions this year, please send an A4 self-addressed envelope with postage to 25 Hargood Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062 and I will send it out to you immediately.

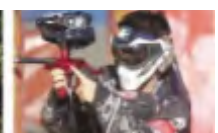
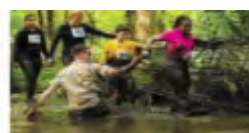
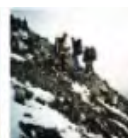
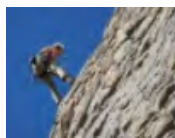
Thank you so much for your encouragement and support. PLEASE reach out to me to ask any questions or for clarification regarding any youth projects.

Kind regards,

Becca Baynton Youth Coordinator 202e 202e.youth@lionsclubs.org.nz

LIONS NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP 2024

- Bethany Park, Kaiteriteri - Hosted by 202E
- 29th September to 5th October
- Youth aged 12-16 years.
- Applications open 1 May



For more information contact Morag
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OMGosh, what were these Shenanigans? - thank you to the contributor :)

Your reporter has been advised of some terrible goings-on that took place during the recent Saturday night activities in Blenheim. A member of Team Tiara (aka Lions Club of New Brighton), who wishes to remain anonymous, told of the awful moment when they realised the recently won Best Presented Club at Convention Social Award was missing!



“We looked all around the table in case it had just been moved”, she said, ‘but soon realised it had been taken by a disappointed losing contestant. The shock and horror was really something to behold”

Help was sought from two members of the local security services who were in attendance and the potential suspects were soon identified. Rigorous questioning took place under the watchful eyes of a member of Team Tiara and the guilty parties confessed to their heinous actions. The Trophy was returned unharmed and the lady from Team Tiara was so overcome with relief she needed to be carried back to her table by a fellow team member.

A spokesperson for Team Tiara said “ We do understand the underlying reasons for these actions and hold no grudge against the perpetrators. We look forward to challenging them again next year.”



Helen Keller Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included [sight programmes](#) aimed at preventable blindness.

In 1925, as an ambassador for the newly formed American Foundation for the Blind, Helen addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Falls Ohio.

“Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today,” Keller asked Lions members packed into the convention hall. “Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence gone.”

“Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?”

She had no idea just how far the association would take her challenge.

Before the convention was over, the association unreservedly dedicated itself to making Keller’s dream a reality. Lions would become Keller’s Knights of the Blind.

Since 1925, hundreds of millions of lives have been changed through the vision-related work of Lions around the world, and today the association is as dedicated as ever to hastening the day when no one should suffer unnecessarily from vision problems. Through eye centres and hospitals, medicines and surgeries, eye glasses and eye banks, Lions are working to end preventable blindness and aid the visually impaired.

Glasses Collection - REMINDER [Click here](#)

Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand collect these unwanted spectacles and send them to our processing centres where they are sorted, checked for scratches, cracks and screws tightened before being washed in an ultrasonic washer and dried. They then have their prescription recorded and are packed for delivery to Volunteer Ophthalmologist Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands.

Wigram Lions President Dave Smith, 151 Roydvale Avenue, Christchurch.

Unit 2, 7 Homersham Place, Burnside - (Airless Spray Farmer NZ to recognise building)

Phone: 027 580 7772

Dave will organise to get them to Cromwell.

 **Change of dropoff address**



New Zealand ↓

Ukraine →



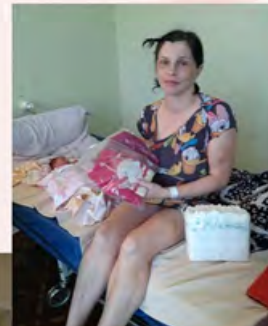
Lions Club of Rangiora Lioness project knitting garments for 0 - 1 year olds in Ukraine.



Knitting for Ukrainian children

An incredibly caring initiative from Rangiora Lionesses with lots of help from amazing knitters across New Zealand. These amazing women knitted warm jumpers and hats for babies and young children, to be distributed in the Ukraine.

A big shipment has been delivered to 2 children's care/ maternity homes in the East of Ukraine, to absolutely delighted mums and staff.



Being a Lion

- Our Lions history is a long one. And a proud one. For over 100 years, we've served with uncommon kindness, putting the needs of our neighbours, our communities and our world first. We look back at our past with pride, but we know it's only the beginning. Every day, we're building on our legacy with the goal of making an even greater impact in the future.

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most. Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we - Lions Christchurch Host have an opportunity to truly change our world.

Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival 2024

2024 theme:

E Tu -- Hand in Hand



Information sent to all 202E Clubs - but read it again to help your Club decide what to do.

As advised in our last District bulletin, and at Convention, the Schools Music Festival Assn has issued Lions with a letter of continuence, meaning that once again, the 2024 Music Festival will be the LIONS Christchurch Schools Music Festival - provided of course that we can come up with the \$10,000 we have offered for the naming rights sponsorship. Where will this \$10,000 come from? Hopefully from you - the Clubs in the areas where participating schools come from - the Greymouth area, and from Cheviot down to the greater Christchurch area but also from Clubs that are outside that area. As we approach the end of this Lions year, many Clubs are deciding what to do with the funds accumulated in their Trust account - hopefully the Clubs in the area outlined will decide that the musical experience of about 4000 young primary aged students, some from your local schools, is worthy of a donation of \$400 or \$500. This can be paid to our District Treasurer, 202E Charitable Trust a/c 03-0703-0036114-00 clearly labelled Music Festival, and your Club name.

The Lions Music Festival team would also appreciate hearing from you, with the date and amount contributed so please email us, so that we can acknowledge you.

Remember - this is YOUR music festival - the Lions name and emblem is on everything that goes out to schools - letters, posters, music books etc.

Lions Schools Music Festival Liaison team Marion McWha (ian.marion@xtra.co.nz) and Pam Harvey (pamharvey@xtra.co.nz) 13

Speaking of New Members!



Sponsoring new members is worth celebrating. Share the tradition and encourage members in your district to invite their family, friends and co-workers to join Lions and help strengthen our organization.

Membership Awards

A strong membership is vital to the success of your club, district and the Lions Clubs International organization worldwide. Without dedicated members, there would be no one to serve those in need. Lions International offers opportunities for all members to receive recognition for the role they play in growing our organization around the world.



What are Membership Key Awards?

Membership Key Awards recognize individual Lions who invite and sponsor new members. A Lion can earn their first membership key by inviting two new members and may earn up to seventeen keys, all of which are shipped directly to the Lion when award requirements are met. Each key is designed to reflect the number of new members a Lion has sponsored.



17 Awards from 2 to 500 N.M.

Only 1 past member holds the 500 key
... from India.

Eligibility and criteria

To receive a Membership Key Award, you must meet the following criteria and eligibility requirements.

- A new member must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key.
- The name of the new member and the sponsor must be reported online, with the sponsor's member number and club number.
- No sponsor shall receive more than one key of the same type.
- Charter, transfer and reinstated members cannot be used as credit for a key.
- Only one sponsor per new member can receive credit for a key.
- Requests for sponsor changes must be received by Lions International Headquarters within 90 days of the new members' join date.
- Key awards will be issued to a sponsor if the new member's club and the sponsor's club are in good standing.

This is part of the Editorial I recently did for Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club bulletin

I haven't had any negative dialogue. 'Aim at nothing and you get there everytime.' *Lou Smith*

MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by July 1, 2027.

Mission 1.5 International, Mission 10K National, Mission 1500 District, AND Mission 50 Kaikoura Seaward Lions Club - currently 32. (that's my personal Challenge and hoping they will run with it!) 50 Members - That is 18 new members or 4+ per year. We can achieve this! 18 new members to join our newest member. Ensure each new/ newish member has a well rounded Mentor who will answer their every query and will aid them on their Lions journey. New Members, New Ideas, New Projects, New Passion - new passion to renew us all.



We want our Club to be strong, we want to grow and that can only be done by the strength of Change. We want our Club to exist in a 100 years from now. Lets join Dr Patti's train and Be The Change!



LCIF District Co-ordinator. PDG Malcolm Williams



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

The need for our LCIF Humanitarian needs just keep on rolling, as the most recent of global disasters was the earthquake in Japan where again LCIF have stepped up and donated USD100,000 to assist with humanitarian needs.

In other countries, for example Ukraine, the demand there is also ongoing with the need to support refugees, plus the tens of thousands in many other countries, where sometimes we are unaware of people's suffering. As mentioned previously, our support goes beyond Disaster Relief, and does include 7 other global causes.

Our own District level of donations is currently USD 13.5k, against our annual goal of USD27.4k. That's only 48.77%!

CAN WE DO BETTER OVER THE LAST QUARTER?

I'm sure we can as only 23 clubs have contributed during this Lions Year -

Is your Club one who have yet to consider supporting our LCIF appeal?

Please expect a letter from myself, asking the non contributing clubs to consider even a nominal donation.

(if we don't help - who will?)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

LCIF and the United Nations Lions International has partnered with the United Nations (UN) for more than 75 years. Like LCIF, the UN seeks to address global and emerging needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations. Several of the most commonly shared goals include:

- *Improved Health and Well being
- *Meeting Childhood Cancer with Hope
- *Strengthening Communities
- *Supporting those in Need
- *Offering Shelter after Significant Disaster.

All so similar to our (LCI) Global Causes.

Malcolm District LCIF Co-ordinator.



Leos pictured at the Entrance archway, ready for their 3 hour shift. Each Leo was assigned to one of 18 sites where they supported and provided relief to the Lion previously assigned to the site. Invariably, the Leos (in pairs) took control of the site for the entire 4-5 hour shift.

Marlborough Boys College Leos

April being International Leo Month has seen the Marlborough Boys College Leos extremely active, with their major fund raising challenge being to raise funds to sponsor 2 of our Leos Skydive, in the support of the Graeme Dingle Foundation which is extremely active in Marl. involving 2300 students over 19 schools. Each of Leo is required to raise over \$1010 before being eligible to jump from 10,000ft. To fund, the Leos have over 3 nights supporting sponsor club (Blenheim Lions) at the Lighting Events by providing promotional Ambassadors for the evening for the estimated 25000 attendees over the 3 nights. Further fundraising has been by way of a wood raffle and another Bunnings BBQ. As with all our project and activities, if 5 Leos are required, we are inundated with offers from the boys wishing to participate. A welcoming challenge to have. Our community service had the 6 Leos (+ parents of one new boy) back at our Marshall Place Reserve caring for the shrubs planted 18 months ago.

Membership is currently 15 with membership growing each month.

Malcolm. MBC Leo Advisor.



Leos, accompanied by co Leo Advisor, Jan Worrall at the Marshall Place scenic reserve where in 2022, the Leos planted 150 native shrubs. This time the project was to weed the plants along the exterior fence. 15

Introducing the New Lions Portal



Lions Portal

The Lion Portal is now available. Get started.

Never logged into Lion Portal?

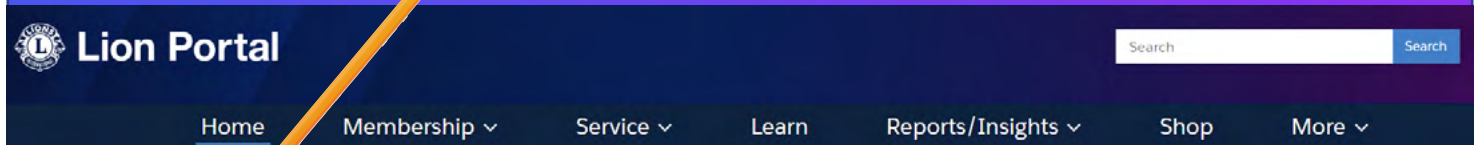
Setup your new Lion Portal account in a few steps using your Lion Account

- 1** Login using your current account
- 2** Review your credentials
- 3** Setup your password
- 4** Start using the Lion Portal

https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/?language=en_US

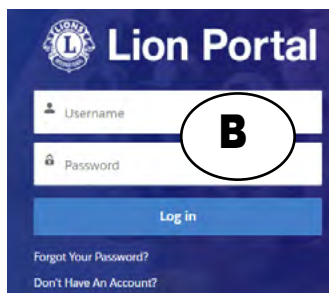
Already logged into Lion Portal?
You are all set!

Register for Lion Portal
New registrations will be accepted shortly after our initial launch period.

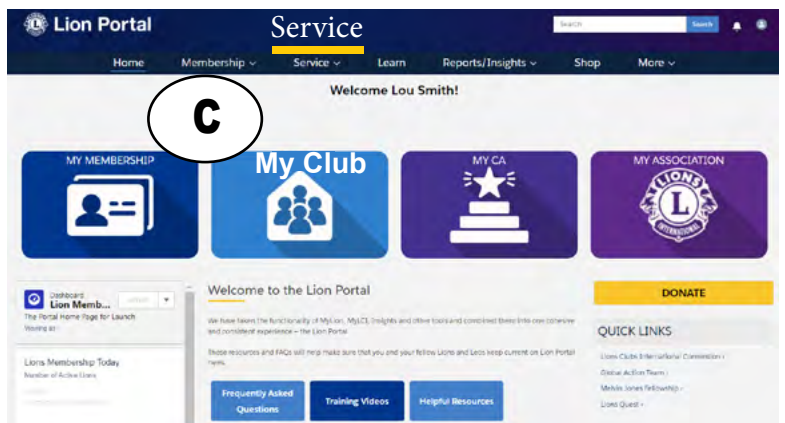


If you like me struggled with this - You have registered - this is how I did it.

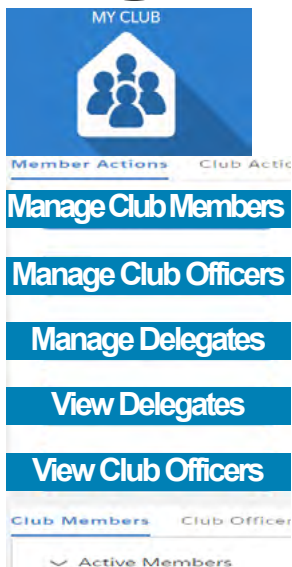
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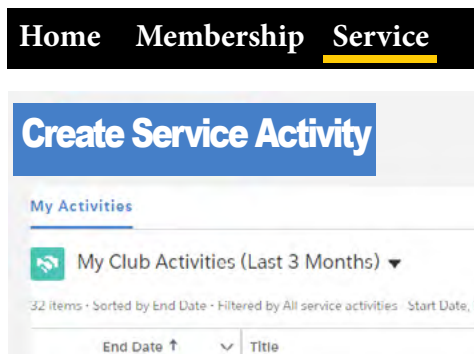


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Report Service Activities



Training Videos

Lion Support



Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill



The Worldwide Lions member number is **1,367,677**.
By June '27 our Goal is to reach 1,500,000 -
OR **132,323** New Lions.

Dear Lions

When you became a Lion, you also became a leader. Lions and Leos lead their communities in service and bring people together to achieve greater outcomes than we can alone. Every time you invite a new member, or we charter a new club, more people are helped, and more communities are served. We are making a tremendous impact all over the world thanks to your leadership.

So, let's continue to grow our impact and share your amazing projects on social media to encourage others to join you. Take an online course to enhance your skills and encourage others to do so, as well. Let's continue to be the leaders that our communities and world need us to be. Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President



Richmond Lions members and President Eric were pleased to welcome on board Katie Greer as a new member.

Our Causes



Child Cancer



Environment



Diabetes



Disaster Relief



Hunger



Vision



Humanitarian Efforts



Youth

Our Leaders

* **LIONS INTERNATIONAL** *
(2023 - 2024)



Dr. Patti Hill
Canada
International President



Fabricio Oliveira
Brazil
1st Vice President



A. P. Singh
India
2nd Vice President



Mark Lyon
U.S.A.
3rd Vice President

Clubs Leaders Workshops 2024 - 2025



Where and When?

- Waipara:** Friday May 3rd – Waipara Sports Pavilion, (4.00pm – 8.00pm)
238 Glenmark Drive, Waipara 7483
- Ferrymead:** Saturday May 11th – Ferrymead Lions Den, (10.00am – 2.30pm)
Heritage Park
- Blenheim:** Saturday May 18th – Wesley Centre, (10.00am – 2.30pm)
3 Henry Street, Blenheim
- Motueka:** Sunday May 19th – Bridge Club, (10.00am – 2.30pm)
Cnr Tudor & Wilkinson Sts, Motueka
- Greymouth:** Saturday June 8th – Karoro Bowling Club, (10.00am – 2.30pm)
Cnr Shelley & Nelson Sts, Greymouth

Each workshop includes a light top-up meal part way through



Who's coming from your club?

Please RSVP ASAP to pamharvey@xtra.co.nz or tinilawry@icloud.com



Melbourne 2024
106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Newsletter #2 Update

- Over 10,500 registrations to date with more to come.
- The top 5 Countries being represented are India, Sri Lanka, USA, Japan, and Australia.
- There is still plenty of opportunity to register.
- The Parade of Nations route is confirmed and will shortly be available on the website.
- Melbourne Airport providing facilities that we need to welcome our guests.
- The on-site service activities are fleece blanket making and packing hygiene kits for the homeless.
- The off-site activities include Vision Australia Braille book assembly, Salvation Army meal, Foodbank etc.
- Lions International Charity Concert Mon 24th June 2024
- Skybus 20% discount - airport to city - buy prior.
- ANZI Pacific Reception: Sunday 23 June, 5.30-7.30pm - cost A\$15 details in Between the Lions.
- Parade uniform: details to Districts from the MD Office.

Register

How Well Does Your Club Use Social Media?

Promote Your Club with ready made Lions info.

- Club & District Bulletins, LION Magazine, Brouchers

These are a great way to showcase the positive impact of Lions in communities in our Communities, Nationally and Internationally.

Here a few ways to use the above free handouts, as a promotional tool for your club:

1. Use as a giveaway at a local event.
2. Offer a copy to visitors to your table or booth, or include in goodie bags.
3. Keep a few on hand when serving. You never know who will approach and want to know more about being a Lion.
4. Inspire people while they wait. Give some copies to your local library. local businesses with waiting rooms e.g. Medical Centre ...

I know that you will be able to think of many more areas to promote with readily available material. Well worth the printing cost.



CLUB OFFICERS 2024-2025 YEAR - Your club officer information will need to be in by 15 May. Also be sure that you appoint and load a Club Administrator as well to have a back up for accessing the system.

Wigram Lions Club - 7 Villa Grove Upper Riccarton 8041

Christchurch South Lions Club have closed their P.O. Box. The address is now c/- Barbara Murray, 1a Bredon Lane, Spreydon 8024.

Photos & Videos

Multiple District 202 is collecting a national resource of still and video images of club service projects. If your club has any please send them directly to your District Marcom using their generic email 202e.marcom@lionsclubs.org.nz.

How does Ellesmere Lions revere their 'older' generation? While enjoy being Lions.

Ellesmere Lions don't just sell peastraw, we also entertain Ellesmere Senior People.

With a grand Garden Party: The Annual Garden Party held at the home of President Neville and Dianne Greenwood, was very well attended with approximately 75 guests, 35 Lions and their wives. We were all entertained by Alex's "Big Band", who were excellent and added to the occasion. The afternoons weather was perfect and the occasion went off well. ... (here personal thanks are needed) - Brian Symes, his wife Judy and his committee for all their organisation, and also to the members wives who provided all the food. Thank you to my wife Dianne for her effort in preparing everything. We both thoroughly enjoyed it and appreciated everybody coming. Pizzas, Chips and a few drinks at the Crate and Barrel capped off a great afternoon. (Neville)



Has your Club thought about Awards for Changeover?

... or been exploring Lions New Zealand Shop. What man doesn't like a Sale.



Accessories, Awards, Badges, Brochures & Advertising, Clothing, Emblems, Stationery & Club Equipment AND On Sale.

More Information

 **District 202E Convention 2024 - "Captain's Table"**

