

Editorial Comment: Where has the year gone!

Last week Americans, and others around the world celebrated Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving began in the USA in the mid 17th Century, becoming a national holiday in 1789. The purpose of Thanksgiving is to pause and reflect on the blessings and good things in life. For many American

families, the tradition they observe is to sit at their Thanksgiving dinner table and one by one share the things for which they are grateful.

In New Zealand, while we do not embrace Thanksgiving for its historical origins, many see it as a chance to pause, reflect and express gratitude. It serves as a reminder to appreciate the people, moments and the opportunities that enrich our lives. Whether through shared meals, kind gestures or quiet introspection, this celebration of thankfulness serves to connect and cultivate a spirit of community and appreciation. In our busy, fast paced lives, taking time to reflect is a tradition worth making our own.

Wishing you all time to pause and give thanks. May you enjoy a relaxing, peaceful Christmas season, with family and friends.

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District Governor Denis Hurcomb

Seasons Greetings to Fellow Lions

Summer is approaching and the days are lengthening. It has been another busy month with club visits, a Cabinet meeting, a Council of Governors meeting and the first of the District Conventions with 202k Convention in Waitangi.

It still amazes me, on my club visits to hear what clubs are achieving in projects and humanitarian events to support their communities. The Alzheimer's walk in Palmerston North is one such event; what a brilliant event to hold and for Lions to be a part of. I was way out in the beautiful village of Pohangina looking at the old school and there was a brand new square of concrete which has just laid. Later I learned that it was a Lions project with local Lions who had done it. The places where Lions Clubs just do service for our communities with no accolades is unbelievable; as a PDG recently said, "Just do it!" The Christmas Parades have started and I don't think there is a Lions Club in our district that doesn't help or run one.

Every Lions member that I talk to, and indeed every club, has the same focus to serve their communities and to help the less fortunate within them.

Lions sure can move mountains and are sure making their mark!

The District Cabinet met early November, at Addis House. It was a great success, with good attendance of cabinet officers and a large amount of topics for discussion.

A committee was set up to administer and prioritise how we can use the US\$10000.00 that the district was lucky enough to receive at International Convention. It has certain criteria around it which will be worked through but I am sure we can find some great projects to support.

I also want to thank the brand new Club Branch of BOS (Bulls - Ohakea - Sanson) for catering for the Cabinet lunch. I have a feeling it was their first project and we appreciated the top job they did. Thank you so much.

The Council of Governors meeting was held at the Life Flight headquarters in Wellington. What a place it is and what a job those dedicated pilots and medical staff do. We were granted a guided tour. They have two planes but we couldn't get to see one close up as they are never still for long, constantly flying all around New Zealand saving lives. We did manage to get close to the helicopter but it also had to leave to go on a mission while we were there. Lions, led by District 202M are fundraising to support this great organization. They have received \$50,000 from the Loyd Morgan Trust, and have applied for \$150000 from LCIF as well as fundraising from Lions Clubs. All districts but ours has had clubs donate to this worthy cause. They are \$5000 short and wouldn't it be great if our clubs could pitch in and make it happen.

The 202K Convention in Waitangi was a great event once again showing what Lions Clubs and members are doing in other parts of the country.

The organization of our 202D Convention being held in Stratford on the Friday 28th Feb to Sunday 2nd March is well under way and is going to be an exciting and very reasonably priced event. This is down to the amazing committee that was put together with members from Toko, Stratford, Eltham and Kaponga Clubs. The sponsorship obtained has been amazing which has enabled us to keep costs very low. I just can't thank them enough.

It sure makes one so proud to belong to the largest service organisation in the world! I say to you all, be proud of what you achieve because you sure need to be and make sure we tell the world -Shout it out! Lions sure can move mountains

Barbara and I would like to wish you all a great time with family and loved ones this festive season

Have a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to reconnecting in the New Year.

DG Denis Hurcomb

District 202D Convention and Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the District 202D 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention celebrations to be held in Stratford at the War Memorial Hall, on the weekend of 28 February to 2nd March 2025 with the Business session to commence at 8.45am on Saturday 1 March.

Nominations are now called for -

- 1st Vice District Governor (FVDG)
- 2nd Vice District Governor (2VDG)
- Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust Trustee (2 year role)

As provided in the Constitution an election will be held during the Business session of the District Convention on Saturday 1 March for the above positions.

Each nominee must be moved by a Club and seconded by another Club with nomination letters emailed to the Cabinet Secretary, Mathew Wellington 202d.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz to be received no later than 2nd Feb 2025

District Governor. **Denis Hurcomb**



















LCIF

(Lions Clubs International Fund)

The conditions for grant applications have changed over the last two years. If your club is thinking about approaching LCIF for support with funding, please make contact with our district LCIF Coordinators, Andrew, Phil or NZ Coordinator, Leo first to get support and to ensure that you are following the right process and meeting all the conditions.

Across 202D there is currently one application for a matching grant from clubs in Zone 5 for the Tutaki Youth project to help with the purchase of a van.

Across MD202 there are three applications being processed.

There is still a substantial amount of money available to support the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery. This is being looked at to support ongoing projects within Districts 202K and 202M.

We currently have a LCIF Raffle available across the District which will be drawn at the close of our business session at Convention in Stratford 1 March 2025. All proceeds will be donated to LCIF in the name of our District.

We have had great support from sponsors which has meant we can have 6 very generous prizes (6 draws).

- Draw 1: Meteor Homestead portable BBQ plus 4kg LPG bottle & BBQ spice kit
- Draw 2: Betacraft Jacket, Kaiwaka thermal tshirt, \$50 Mitre10 voucher
- Draw 3: Swandri Jacket, Kitchen Aid Grill Pan, mini vacuum cleaner, Kaiwaka thermal tshirt, \$50 Mitre10 voucher

- Draw 4: 'Bee & Flow' Honey pack, Cheese board, Car cleaning cloths, Kaiwaka thermal tshirt, \$50 Mitre10 voucher
- Draw 5: Swandri Jacket, Mini Waffle Maker, 5L Garden sprayer, Kaiwaka thermal tshirt, \$50 Mitre10 voucher
- Draw 6: \$300 Mitre10 Vouchers

Tickets are \$5 and will be circulated to clubs via LCIF Coordinators as / if needed Contact Andrew Gibson or Phil Theobald for more information or tickets

Please consider giving to LCIF as part of your club's annual donations.

For those people who would like to give a personal donation, the Presidential LCIF support pin share is available to purchase Gold \$300.00, Silver \$150.00, Bronze \$75.00 (NZ\$)





Dear Lions and Leos,

Each time I witness or hear about a service project made possible through an LCIF grant, I am inspired and filled with immense pride because of the innovative ways Lions and Leos across the globe make a difference in our communities. I encourage you to learn more about <u>LCIF</u> grant opportunities to see if there is a grant that can enhance your club's or district's impact in your communities, including a new Vision Grant opportunity that I hope you will explore.

Each and every one of your <u>gifts</u> to the foundation enables LCIF to offer these life-changing grants. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our global foundation, and thank you as well for sharing your stories of service with the world. You are all an important part of our success.

Yours in service.

Dr. Patti Hill

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Are you interested in representing our District by being a Trustee on the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust? Nominations are now being called and must be registered with the Cabinet Secretary, 202d.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz by the 2nd February 2025 with an election taking place at the Business session of the District Convention on 1 March 2025.

LLOYD MORGAN O.B.E.



20 January 1918 — 24 August 2001

The story...

Lloyd Morgan, an outstanding New Zealand Lion, served as International President during the 1979/80 Lions Year. It is customary for the Multiple District to make a presentation to their retiring President, in recognition of their service. In most cases, the presentations take the form of a substantial personal gift, such as a luxury motor car. Lloyd Morgan made it known to the New Zealand Lions clearly and firmly that he would not accept a personal gift. Nevertheless, there were Lions within our Multiple District who were determined that Lloyd's year would receive permanent and lasting recognition.

Several senior Lions travelling together and discussing the situation came up with the idea of a Lions national charitable trust, and it all followed on from there. The idea was put to the Multiple District and capital funds were sought from Lions Clubs. The Lions family rose to the occasion and the upshot of it all was that during the International Convention that marked the end of Lloyd's year, the MD202 Council Chairman of the day, Pat Ryan, presented Lloyd with the newly formed Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust, established with a seeding capital of \$36,000. In those days, that amount of money would have bought about three luxury motor cars, and this and the concept the trust represented caused quite a stir in some quarters.

The Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust (LMLCCT) is unique in the world of Lionism, and has gone from strength to strength. The Trust holds a prominent place of respect and value in Multiple District 202. Lloyd was Patron of the Trust for his lifetime, and took a keen interest inTrust affairs, particularly in his capacity as a member of the Grants and Loans Committee.

Children of Courage 2025

The date has been set for Sunday 13th April with the day being celebrated at both ends of the district. Please mark this date in your diaries.

Information will be sent to clubs early February.

In the meantime, keep your eyes and ears open for those children in your communities who have shown courage in the face of adversity.



Get Your Club the Recognition It Deserves

Calling for entries for District Awards...

Entries due to IPDG / CC Tobi Hipp by Friday 31 January 2025 Look back over the past year and put together your entry to show the rest of the District what you have been up to!

- Waverley Award to recognise community service
- Environmental Award what has your club done to support the environment?
- Youth Award a project benefitting youth as defined up to 19 years of age
- District Bulletin Award automatic entry for those who forward their bulletins to DG & Editor
- Administration Award automatic entry for those clubs who have regular reporting of service and membership updates
- Website automatic entry for those clubs with websites and social media profiles

All information is contained in the President's Manual. Please reach out to GST Coordinator Graham Robinson (202d.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz) for support if needed.

Important Information! Please read on...

Bringing a New Member into Your Club

Congratulations on identifying a potential new Lion! To ensure a positive and lasting experience, you should consider following these steps:

Introduction and Involvement

- Invite to Service Projects: Engage them in hands-on activities to showcase your club's impact and provide opportunities for interaction.
- Attend Meetings and Social Events: Invite them to club meetings and social gatherings to learn about your club's culture and values.

Understanding the Lions World

Before induction, have a conversation to clarify expectations:

- Benefits: Highlight the social, service, and learning opportunities.
- Lions Structure: Explain the hierarchy from your club to Lions Clubs International.
- Meetings: Discuss frequency, format, and time commitment.
- Costs: Outline club dues, international fees, and potential event expenses.

Nurturing your New Lion

The first year is crucial for a new member's integration. Consider these tips:

- Welcome and Mentorship: Make them feel valued and assign a mentor to provide quidance.
- Project Involvement: Include them in various projects to foster a sense of belonging.
- Orientation: Provide a comprehensive orientation to Lions and your club's operations.
- Board Exposure: Offer opportunities to attend board meetings to gain insights into club governance.

Continued Growth

Continue to nurture your new member's growth over the next few years:

- Ongoing Mentorship: Maintain a supportive relationship with the mentor.
- Leadership Opportunities: Encourage them to take on leadership roles within projects or committees.
- Board Involvement: Explore potential board positions to further their engagement.

By following these guidelines, you can ensure a smooth transition for new members and cultivate a vibrant, thriving club.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

What's Been Going on Around the District...

Lions Club of Rongotea & District

Manawatu Cancer Kids Christmas Party

Another fantastic day with the Manawatu Cancer Kids happened on Sunday. It was another action- packed day with the children taking part in the big variety of entertainment provided. The children had a great time riding the Rongotea fire engine, the Manchester Lions barrel train, a couple of vintage cars, two huge trucks and various other vehicles. They jumped on a bouncy castle and did other indoor activities. The highlight of the day was probably the arrival of Father Christmas in an RNZAF helicopter. It was great to watch the landing and the eventual appearance of Father Christmas. The helicopter crew were only too happy to mix and mingle with the guests; it was great to see. Our Lions and ladies were once again very much moved by the joy and excitement each child experienced- it was a day of happiness and at times emotional for our members. A big thank you to all the people who helped out on the day with special activities and entertainment, and lots of thanks and appreciation to our Lions' ladies who assisted our Lions with the preparations, cooking and serving. You are awesome! Well done everyone.











The weather was mostly kind for the Rongotea Christmas Parade and a number of locals and visitors turned up to watch the floats, husky dog team, pipe band and vintage vehicles. Father Christmas made a special appearance on the back of a vintage truck.

Congratulations to Stratford Lion Raewyn McDonald who was honoured as one of the 100 recipients nationwide to receive a KiwiBank Local Hero Medal.

From the Stratford Press write up: "Raewyn McDonald loves to serve her community. From putting together parcels for Pregnancy help and organising raffles for Stratford Daffodil Day, to her role in Stratford Lions, everything she does is to help people."

Raewyn was nominated by Pregnancy Help for the award.



Spotted in the Manawatu Standard, and featuring in their monthly Bulletin our very own 202D Legal Advisor and member of **Palmerston Middle Districts Lions Club**....



And the Christmas Parades around the district...

So many of our Lions Clubs are involved in organising or supporting the Christmas Parades in their communities, some have been and some are still to come.



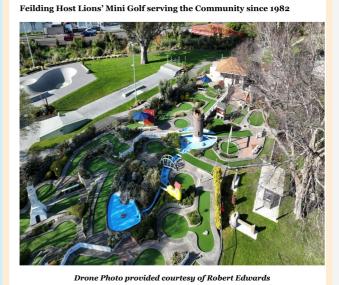




And I heard there was a giant replica of a Lions Christmas Cake featured in the New Plymouth parade.



Showing the importance of fun. **Colyton Bunnythorpe Lions** - enjoying each others company and probably a 'tall tale' or two!



From the Bulletin of Papaioea Rose City Lions



Club President & new Bulletin Editor with DG Denis





Presenting a Community

Certificate of Appreciation

Opunake Lions Club

NEXANS FUN RUN

The Nexans "Fun Run/Walk" was held at the Sinclair Events Centre. There were 184 people entered in the event. The age range was from very young children to the 60 plus. The distances were 2, 5 and 10 kilometres for both runners and walkers. The Opunake Lions Clubs acted as administrators, marshals and barbecue operators. The Event went reasonably smoothly apart from the administrators being given the wrong list of entrants and a small hiccup when it came to the prize giving. The children seemed to be given preference over the adults when it came to the distribution prizes. However it all ended in smiles.





A fundraising opportunity for Toko Lions with a paddock ride raising over \$2000.

From **Heartlands...** joining with others for the Memory Walk for Alzheimers Manawatu.



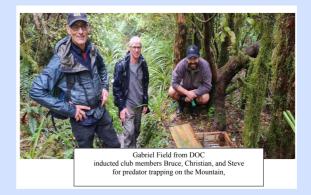
New Plymouth Central

Lions of the Month, Andy and Stephen who organised the Fertilizer Drive



Environmental project for Kaponga Lions





A busy time for the **Normanby & Districts Lions Club**... **Sharing our Lions Motto of 'We Serve'**

- Town Flags: Changing as requested by Biz Link with new ones up and flying.
- Sales of Grunt ongoing
- Hawera Performing Arts Competitions we supported with trophy sponsorship.
- Assisted the Dog Obedience Club to fix up a boundary fence at their Normanby "home", now completed.
- District Junior Speechmaker Competitions for Year 7/8 students
- Firewood sales more trees have been felled.
- Provided prizes for the St Josephs students re winners of the Peace Poster competition.
- Provided cooks for a local Barbeque
- Provided sponsorship to a student to attend athletics events in the South Island

With plenty of activities coming up in the near future or on-going including:

TOPEC Cabin painting and curtain renewal, Normanby Section clearing, Firewood chopping, Nowell's Lake gorse control project, Marshalling at the Hawera Xmas Parade, Marshalling / security at the Carols in The Park function

Many clubs will be supporting their communities with FoodBank drives this month. In the South Island they call them 'Toot for Tucker'.

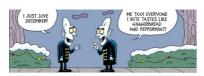
Hawera Mt View Club got in early with their donations, pictured with Hawera Foodbank coordinator Barbara (who happens to be DG Denis' wife!)



Please note - inclusion of your club projects, news etc is random based on the Bulletins and photos I am sent as editor. To be specifically included please send your Club Bulletins and share your news and photos - 202d.editor@lionsclubs.org.nz

Laughing on the inside!

















What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him? The cold shoulder.

Why is everyone thirsty at the North Pole? No well.







What do you call an old snowman? Water.

District Junior SpeechMakers



Thank you to all the clubs that supported this contest again this year. A big thank you to Youth South Chair, Robyn Pederson, members of Kaponga, Normanby and

Districts and Hawera Mt View Lions Clubs for all the assistance on the day.

We had 2 judges from Naumai Toastmasters and 2 English teachers from Stratford High School.

Sadly, we only had 26 entries this year which is down quite a bit from previous years. However, it was still a great event with listening to some great speeches and interesting subjects. They all did very well and should all consider themselves as winners. 1st place:

Stella Alcala, Midhirst Primary, Sponsored by Toko **Ruakere Mathieson-Julian**, Norfolk, Sponsored by Inglewood 2nd Place:

William Podjursky, St Joseph's Hawera, Sponsored by Hawera Mt View

Charlotte Hale, Kaimata , Sponsored by Inglewood 3rd Place:

Lucah Marton, Kairanga, Sponsored by Rongatea **Izzy Webb**, Auroa School, Sponsored by Kaponga







Peace Poster

This years theme was 'Peace without limits'. We received entries through the Inglewood, Kaponga, Normanby and Districts, Hawera Mt View, Whanganui and Marton Lions Clubs.

The winning poster was then forwarded to compete with the entries from the other districts for the National prize.

1st Prize - Hollie Fowler, St Joseph's Hawera, sponsored by Hawera Mt View

2nd Prize - Adelaide Sunman, Auroa School, Sponsored by Kaponga

3rd Prize – Shaylahn-Kaye Taputoro-Garrett, Te Paepae O Aotea, Sponsored by Normanby and Districts

Below: The winning poster for MD202 created by 13 year old Daranay Heng from Pukekoe, 202K



202D CONVENTION 28 Feb - 2 March 2025







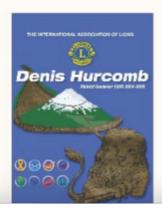
Come Join Us.... 202D Convention

Friday 28 Feb - Sun 2 March 2025

Lions Around the Mountain

STRATFORD WAR MEMORIAL HALL







District 202D Convention
28 Feb - 2 March
STRATFORD - War Memorial Hall

Join DG Denis and Lions from around the district in Stratford **Feb 28 - March 2nd** for our annual Convention.

Online Registration: https://form.jotform.com/243356224021849

(You may need to copy the link into your browser)

Programme Guide:

Friday 28th - Registrations open mid afternoon

Evening Mix & Mingle - 'Pig on a Spit' - Toko - \$10

Cash bar operating

Saturday 1st - Business session AGM - no charge.

(Sponsored morning tea & lunch included)

Partner programme \$10 (extra cost depending on programme choice)

Evening - Dine & Dance - \$50 per person

Bar operating

Theme: Lions Around the Mountain

Sunday 2nd - Remembrance Service (No charge)

(Sponsored morning tea)

We have been fortunate to have had generous financial support from many local businesses so costs will be minimal but **registrations** are **essential for catering purposes**.

 Option to bring a can (for donation to Foodbank) or a pair of new, clean socks for distribution to PARS (Prisoner Aide Rehabilitation Society) based in New Plymouth as entry to our AGM

Accommodation is tight for this weekend due to a large national Kapa Haka festival in NP. We have a number of Lions who have opened their homes as hosts for the weekend as well as a small number of holiday homes / AirBnBs available. Camper van sites have been secured as well. Local Lions have offered 'chill out & change' options if you are staying on for the evening function but not the night.

Contact Jo Corlett (corglen.ftp@xtra.co.nz) if you require support with finding accommodation or wish to be hosted.

Convention Chair: Leo Danz (danz24@xtra.co.nz)

Convention Secretary: Megan England, (202d.convsec@lionsclubs.org.nz)

Convention Treasurer: Mike Weren (202d.convtreas@lionsclubs.org.nz)



202D CONVENTION



Stratford 28th February – 2nd March 2025 REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT: Each Lion must complete a separate registration form

Last Name:					First Name:					
Club:										
Lion Lions Title:						Delegate (select one)		Yes	No	
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Address Dietary Requirements:					Phone	Mobile:				
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e.g. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free										
Non-Lion Spouse / Partner: Last Name:						First Name:				
						Mobile:				
REGISTRATION &										
FUNCTIONS						Each	Number	Total Cost		
Registration Fee - Nil						N/C		\$0.00		
Friday Night – includes meal										
Casual mix & mingle						\$10		\$		
Saturday Business - AGM						N/C		\$0.00		
Includes morning tea & lunch										
Partners Program - Includes bus, tours & lunch (some extra cost										
may apply depending on choices)						\$10		\$		
Saturday Evening Dine & Dance "Around the										
Mountain" Includes meal and entertainment						\$50		\$		
Sunday remembrance & rededication (Includes morning tea)										
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Total to Pay:								\$		
Registrations for Catering close: Friday 21st February										
Online registration link: https://form.jotform.com/243356224021849										
							Eltham Lions Events			
Internet Banking:				TSB 15 3951 0397692-03			Account			
Or - Post Registration form to: 202D Convention 2025, c/- Eltham Lions PO Box 95 Eltham 4353										
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Mike Weren 0275693736

Registrations Contact: 202d.convtreas@lionsclubs.org.nz

MD 202 Convention



Lions Clubs New Zealand Kia Manaaki – We Serve

Multiple District 202 65th Annual Convention

New Plymouth Friday 25th – Sunday 27th April 2025



From the MD Office

If you think you have the skills, the energy, the passion then please consider applying for one of the Multiple District Volunteer roles.

MD Vacancies Notice

** indicates that the incumbents may reapply.

Alert Coordinator
Council Advisory Board member **
Diabetes Liaison
Global Extension Team Coordinator (GET)
Hearing Preservation Advisor **
Lions Transplant House Trust Lions Trustee
Marcom Chairperson
Youth Exchange Chief Coordinator **
Website Administrator **

The positions listed above are all for a 3 year term commencing 1 July 2025 through to 30 June 2028.

The Council of Governors invites applications from Lions, in good standing, for the above positions.

The successful applicant will possess some knowledge (and possibly experience) in the role/s applied for, be reasonably up to date in the world of Lions and have a desire to provide the best possible service to our Association.

Applicants are invited to provide their reasons for seeking these positions along with a concise CV (no more than 3 -4 pages) outlining the attributes that they would bring to the roles.

Applications may include the following:

Personal details including employment/occupational history.

- Achievements and skills
- Lions' involvement (and history)
- Key strengths towards the role
- 1 or 2 referees/references

Position Descriptions are available on request.

Applications (marked confidential) are to be emailed to the Multiple District Secretary:

Jo Cameron: <u>council.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz</u> by 5pm on Friday 14th March 2025.

The Council of Governors will make the appointments during the April 2025 Council meeting and all applicants will be notified as to whether they have been successful or not following the meeting and before any announcements are made during the MD Convention.

The successful applicant will be provided with assistance to settle into the role.

BETWEEN THE LIONS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST MULTIPLE DISTRICT TREASURER



Many of you may have heard that our long-serving MD Treasurer is moving on and pursuing the District Governor path. This presents an opportunity for any of our members who are looking to pursue a different but rewarding Lions role.

The role is being vacated from 1 July 2025. Steve and his team will provide training into the role. The role puts you on the National stage and presents a rare opportunity to participate in financial management, policy setting and member training through a key support position to the Council of Governors and National office.

Think this is you or want to know more? You can talk direct to Steve or Council Chair, Tobi, over the role.

Get involved and take up the challenge - it's worth it.

Please send your EOI by 5pm February 12th 2025 to each of the following:

MD Treasurer Steve Bennett: treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz

CAB Chair PCC Murray Pringle: md202.cabchair@lionsclubs.org.nz

Council Secretary PCC Jo Cameron: council.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz



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