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DG ELAINE



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# MESSAGE FROM DG ELAINE SCOTT



To members of the lion's family,

Well, my first month has flown by and I am amazed at just how much can be fitted in to 30 days. I am building a new relationship with my phone, computer and yes even Facebook.

To assist our Office Manager Tanya, District Governors are responding to emails which concern their area. This will free up Tanya for more important duties. I do enjoy reading your Bulletins, and often find myself having a quiet laugh about some of the jokes. Bulletins are such a great way to express what clubs are achieving in any month. Using photos and graphics is a great asset.

Our visit to Invercargill Central was a lot of fun with a mystery bottle theme. Some of the bottles were well disguised to hide the contents and it was great to see what everyone got when they opened their purchases.

Makarewa Lions made us feel very welcome and we heard about their firewood project, which sounds very professional. A highlight was presenting Murray Thomas with a 45-year chevron. Well done, Murray.

There was an awesome speaker at Riversdale Lions, from Cardrona Distillery. He gave us small samples to try of Vodka, Gin, 2 Liqueurs and Whisky, and told us all about the process. A visit to the Distillery is in the planning.

Attending Waihopai City Lions 10th Anniversary was a memorable day filled with reminiscence, celebration, and the presentation of a Lloyd Morgan to Maree Hayes. Well done, Maree. And I was thrilled to induct a new member. Such positive growth going on.

Coming up is Clyde & Districts 10th Anniversary, Clutha Valley and Wyndham Pioneer. And in the middle of the month there is a Council Meeting in Wellington.

## **Humanitarian Award**

Both Matura and Clyde & Districts Lions have recently done a citrus fruit community project, where they bag the fruit and then gift it to the community. I was lucky enough to be asked to help at Matura and as this project fits my Humanitarian theme, I am sending a huge bunch of virtual flowers to you both.







### Biodiversity

And another huge bunch of virtual flowers to Tuatapere Lions who held a Bioblitz to count as many different species in a specified area and detected the sound of the critically endangered long tailed bat, foraging for insects. Tuatapere Lions will also help remove pest plants from your property. That is so impressive.



If you have any unusual projects do let me know.

At the end of August, I will be attending a training in Sydney for Mission 1.5. This will be full on training for 2 days, but I am keen to learn all I can as we go into this growth phase. The more resources and knowledge we can gather will benefit our District in the next few years.

And to finish, a family quote:

“The bond that links your true family is not one of blood but of respect and joy in each other’s life.” Richard Bach



**FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING**

- CONNECT**  
TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED
- Give**  
Your time, your words, your presence
- TAKE NOTICE**  
REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY
- KEEP LEARNING**  
EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF
- BE ACTIVE**  
DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR HOOD

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

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**202F**

**ONE BIG FAMILY**

# MESSAGE FROM VDG SHONA COOK



Hello Fellow Lions,

It gives me much pleasure to write this piece for the Southern Chronicles as we start to move through the next Lions Year. I am looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know you all and visit some more clubs in the district. It is always such a pleasure seeing what everyone are getting up to their communities and all the brilliant work that you are all doing.

It was a great experience to be able to go to recent International Convention in Melbourne and it was great to see so many people there from 202F. It was so hard to imagine that many Lions all in the same place and from so many different nationalities. Some of the electioneering that went on was a real eye opener. It was also really awesome also to see our very own candidate from 202f get elected as an International Director.

Our training for the upcoming year is just starting to get underway but I am looking forward to the road ahead and all the new information that will be coming my way. As I sit and write this the Olympic are on the TV and it never ceases to amaze me at the quality of the athletes that we have representing New Zealand and I marvel at all the energy and dedication that they put into to get to that level.

Take care everyone and stay warm as we are still have some very cold days at the moment.

Shona Cook  
1st VDG



# GLOBAL SERVICE CORNER GST COORDINATOR SUE EVANS



Hello to you all.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to hold the role of the Global Services Co-ordinator for District 202F. My name is Sue Evans and I am a member of the Waihopai City Lions Club having recently transferred to this Club with the winding up of the Lions Club of Invercargill Host. I have held the position of the Global Services Coordinator for our District in previous years and look forward to working with you all again.

Firstly I must express a very special thank you to PDG Wendy Goodwin who has done such fantastic work in the position of our Global Services Coordinator and she is certainly a very hard act to follow. Wendy is so passionate about SERVICE and I do have to agree that SERVICE is the ‘bones of any Club’.

**My focus this month is *The Service Journey*. Without SERVICE we do not have MEMBERS and without MEMBERS WE CANNOT PROVIDE SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. So with this in mind, let’s start our Service Journey together. Did you know that Lions International now recognise 8 Causes – previously we had five.**

## *The Service Journey*

**The Service Journey** is an approach to living and serving well, making a real difference people can see and feel. It encompasses four simple phases: Learn, Discover, Act, and Celebrate. These words transcend organizational formulas. They have no borders. They are the essence of Lions and Leos.

If the past 100 years have taught us anything, it’s that as we serve, we grow. And we were never meant to stop. *Service is our journey. Let’s explore it together.*

Insight is often more valuable than instinct: if we aren’t informed about what’s happening around us, our impact may fall short. So, we cultivate an awareness of local needs and how they connect to a larger global narrative. We seek new information and turn it into insight. Learning positions us to be effective.

## **A Reminder of our Global Causes:**







***Childhood Cancer***

We provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer

***Diabetes***

We work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes

***Disaster relief***

We take steps to meet immediate needs and provide long-term support for communities devastated by natural disasters

***Environment***

We find ways to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world

***Humanitarian***

We identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most

***Hunger***

We strive to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.

***Vision***

We help prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired

***Youth***

We support young people so they can make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives and become the next generation of service leaders

**Who Can Report Service**

**BUT and there is a BIG BUT. There is no use doing SERVICE unless your Club reports this in the new Portal. If you are having problems with reporting, please let me know as reporting is the key to our success and also to attracting new Members.**

It's important for your Club to know who is responsible for Service Reporting, so your Club receives the benefits. In Lions Clubs, many Clubs choose to have the club secretary or club president report. In Leo Clubs, the president, secretary or Leo Club Advisor can report Service. Your Club can also appoint an administrator to handle Service Reporting or your district can appoint an IT chairperson.

To see all the titles with reporting access, check out the Access and Officer Permissions resource on the Lions International Website





When we consider a Project or an Event, this will now be a lot easier with the 8 Causes. One of the biggest problems we have all experienced when it came to Service Reporting, was trying to ‘fit’ our Project into one of the existing Causes, especially families and youth. So now let’s get out there into our communities and promote Lions in such a way that it will become the organisation people want to be involved with now and in the future.

**REMINDER: DAFFODIL DAY FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2024**

The Cancer Society of New Zealand’s Daffodil Day symbolises hope for every New Zealander affected by Cancer. Since 1990, this iconic event has inspired people like us to come together in the fight against cancer to raise awareness and to support the Cancer Society’s work.

Daffodils are a sign of hope and new life. They come with warmer days and longer daylight hours. For many people, they are a sign that they have survived. For others, they represent a symbol of hope and remembrance

Unfortunately, we all know many people who have been affected by Cancer and as a Service Organisation, Lion Members are known for the support they give not only with funds but with practical support to families. Is your Club supporting Daffodil Day? If so, please let me know so your information can be shared with others.



**What is Coming Up?**

**Lions Service Calendar**

MONTH	DATE	DAY
August	12th	International Youth Day
	19th	World Humanitarian Day
	30th	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
September	Month	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
	5 <sup>th</sup>	International Day of Charity
	Week	Mental Health Awareness week
	Week	Alzheimer’s Cuppa for a cause
	Month	Vision Awareness Month
October	1 <sup>st</sup>	International Day of the Older Person
		8 <sup>th</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup>		World Sight Day
Month		Child Mobility Walktober







**COMING UP:**

**Child Cancer Month is approaching fast. It's all happening in September.**



**Have are some suggestions you may like to consider:**

- ✓ Provide craft materials, puzzles, books & games to children receiving treatment
- ✓ Donate petrol or food gift cards to families living with a child with cancer
- ✓ Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school
- ✓ Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centres
- ✓ Sponsor a child to attend a Camp
- ✓ Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography
- ✓ Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer
- ✓ Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns
- ✓ Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry
- ✓ Hold a crazy wig day

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST:**

Please keep sending in your Bulletins. There is some fabulous things happening throughout our District and it would great to promote your work in the Southern Chronicles. No stories this time but I certainly want to change this commencing in September.

Kind regards

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“

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it

— Maya Angelou

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# MEET THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR GRAEME WILSON



## **Graeme Wilson, International Director 2024-2026 Constitutional Area VII**

I have lived in Invercargill for 21 years, after previously living in Dunedin. Family is important to me and I was happily married until nearly six years ago when I lost my wife, Chanel, to cancer.

Chanel was my strongest cheerleader and she always supported me on my Lions journey. The loss of Chanel was tragic and has made me more aware that you have to make the most of every day, and to never pass up opportunities when they come your way.

My adult children are Daniel, who is a lighting tech based in Wellington and Stephanie, who is a café barista/manager here in Invercargill.

Professionally, I have worked for New Zealand Post and now Kiwibank for 41 years, where I am a bank manager.

When I am not working, I love catching up with family, gardening and I enjoy walking and going to the gym on a regular basis. I am also chairman of a parish council.

Like many who have joined Lions, I have had a transformative journey and a commitment of 19 years in Lions. Over the years, I have held various leadership positions within my Lions club, District 202F. Including serving as club president, club secretary, zone chair, LMLCCT trustee, right through to District Governor. On a Multiple District level, I was fortunate enough to be voted as Council Chairman and then a member of the Council Advisory Board. These experiences have allowed me to witness firsthand the impact Lions clubs have on communities around the world. I have also had the privilege of attending international conventions in Fukuoka (Japan), Chicago, Milan and Melbourne. Throughout my Lions journey, I have gained the following recognitions; several International Presidents medals, several International presidents certificates. LMLCCT honoured recognition, LMLCCT life membership, the leadership certificate (advanced lions leadership institute). I am also a certified instructor for Lions Clubs International.

I can honestly say that with becoming a Lions member, I have not only experienced helping members in the community that require assistance, but I have also gained self-development, which goes hand in hand with my role as a bank manager and I have also gained so much confidence. When I first became a member of my Lions club, I could hardly say boo to anyone. Now I am an International Director and am experiencing talking to large groups.

Thanks Lions International for giving me so many opportunities.





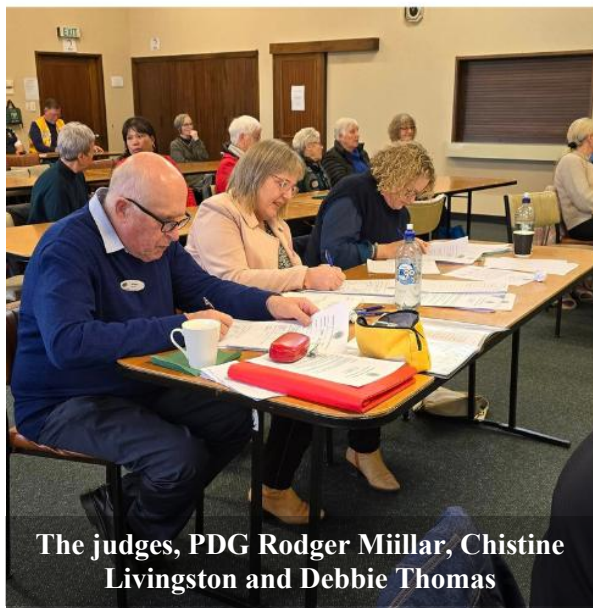
# YOUNG SPEECH MAKER WINNERS 2024



The winner, Liam Calder, Verdon College, sponsored by Waikiwi Lions Club



2nd placegetter, James Watson, Mt Aspiring College, sponsored by Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions



The judges, PDG Rodger Miillar, Chistine Livingston and Debbie Thomas



The Gore River Valley Lions catering team

Few photos from young speech makers competition



DG Allan with the very deserving placegetters





**YOUNG SPEECH MAKER  
WINNERS 2024**



PDG Pam Fiveash District 202F Young Speechmaker Coordinator



3rd Placegetter, Samantha Marsh of St Peter's College, Gore, sponsored by Gore Hokonui Lions



Waiting for their turn



Our International visitors from Texas DG Woody and Lion Marica Mathews with DG Allan.



DG Woody all the way from Texas USA gave some words of wisdom to the entrants



Contestants in Young Speechmaker 2024





The new members in our 202F District for May and June 2024 along with their respective clubs and sponsors:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Jared Ruru	Alexandra	Donald Lamont
Mark Mexted	Cromwell	Garry Morton
Mark Prattley	Riversdale	Graeme Davidson
Steven Shearing	Riverton	Wayne Fleck
Michael Wright	Roxburgh & District	Owen Johnston
Glenda Burford	Winton	Leigh Burford
Mark Marnane	Winton	Doris Schoen

### **CORRECTION**

Misprint in the July 2024 edition

Les Dickie	Gore Pakeke	Henry McFadzien
Douglas Dixey	Pakeke Lions	
Don Davis	Winton Lions	Alastair McLees
Matthaus Woolard	Alexandra	David Whitney



# LAWRENCE LIONS CLUB

## Change over

Mid-winter blues were sent packing when Lawrence Lions held their Beach Party themed 2024 changeover.

Members were tasked with inviting 1 or more friends to join us for the evening and they delivered with 60 people attending.

Fun and games started from the early evening with a quiz challenge, hoola hoop race, tie breakers and much more. Olivia kept the crowd entertained and the night flowing. Special mention must go to the honours given out on the night. IPP Alison Joyce handed out 2 president's appreciation awards to Haidee McRae and Petrina Davey. Alison also had the very great



pleasure of presenting new president Wendy Haywood with her well deserved Lloyd Morgan Honoured Recognition Award. President Wendy then presented Alison with a Distinguished Service Award. Both members were very humbled by the recognition.

The night continued with many more laughs and hi-jinks. Plans for changeover 2025 are underway!!





**WAIHOPAI  
LIONS CLUB**

**Tenth  
Anniversary**



*Congratulations to our Lions family in the Lions Club of Waihopai City, on reaching 10 years of serving your community! Well done!*

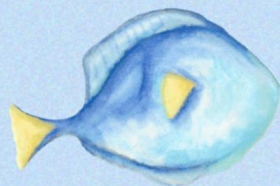
*Congratulations to Maree Hayes on her Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust Honoured Recognition Award—very well deserved.*

*Congratulations also to CA7 International Director Graeme Wilson—the first International Director to come from a 202F Club!*



# CLYDE & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB

## Change over



### CHANGE-OVER EVENING

*Well Done Bill and Lynette*



# 202F LIONS OUT AND ABOUT





# GORE HOKONUI LIONS CLUB

## Supporting St John ambulance



# 202F LIONS OUT AND ABOUT





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## WANAKA & DISTRICTS

### 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee



## Wanaka and Districts Lions Club 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Wanaka and Districts Lions Club will celebrate  
50 Years Service to the community at the end of October 2024.

We propose to hold our celebration on the weekend of  
18th - 20th October 2024.

Calling all past and present members to register their interest in  
attending our celebration by sending an email to  
[wanakalions50th@gmail.com](mailto:wanakalions50th@gmail.com).

We are keen to find any old photographs of Lions Members, Projects,  
Presentations etc.

*Was someone in your family a member of Wanaka Lions Club? Please get in  
touch and let us know of their whereabouts.*

## HONOURING LIVES OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION



We remember  
with great  
respect and  
appreciation  
the Lives and  
Services of  
Ian Baldwin  
from  
Cromwell  
Lions  
&  
Keith Cooper  
from Winton  
Lions



**202F LIONS  
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**MD202  
NATIONAL  
YOUTH CAMP  
2024  
HOSTED BY 202E  
BETHANY PARK - KAITERITERI  
APPLICATIONS OPEN 1/5/24**

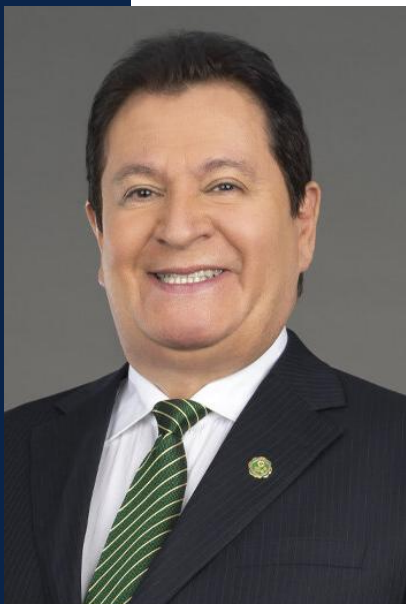
Ages 12-16  
\$500.00

September 29-October 5 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT STEPHANIE JORDON-022 0540515  
MD202.INTERYOUTHEXC@LIONSCLUBS.ORG.NZ OR DISTRICT YOUTH CHAIRS







Dear Lion,

Growing up in Brazil as part of an entrepreneurial family, I learned how important it was to have a vision and a plan to achieve it. I also learned the power of community. Community has always been the bedrock of my journey, and the deep sense of belonging and the desire to strengthen it ignited my passion for service.

That's the spark that led me to Lions. I saw something special in this organization — an opportunity to give back to the community that had been so good to me. And I have as a Lion, just as you have in your own community.

When we serve, we make a lasting impression on the lives of the people we serve. It's the mark of compassion. It's the mark of kindness. It's the mark of a Lion. That's why my presidential message for this year is "Make Your Mark."

Let's make our mark by inviting others to join our clubs, opening the doors to new friendships and new ideas. Let's make our mark by increasing our impact and serving more people than ever before.

Each Lion has a story to tell. I hope the stories in this issue will inspire you, motivate you and encourage you to share your own stories with your community.

It is my deepest honor to serve as your international president. Together, we will make our mark, every time and everywhere we serve.

At your service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fabício Oliveira', written over a horizontal line.

**Fabício Oliveira**

International President, Lions Clubs International

## MAKE YOUR MARK





Photo Diane Dowle

# TRAMPING EXPO

Saturday 7th September, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Waikiwi Rugby Club Rooms, Bainfield Rd,  
Invercargill

**FREE ADMISSION**

Displays and hints to start your tramping experience. Tea, coffee and snacks available.



Organised by Borland Lodge Adventure and Education Trust. Proudly supported by Waihopai City Lions Club.

**Contacts: Grant Hubber 027 340 3704 or Nick Perham 021 0290 6313**





## Vacancy Notice for MD202 Multiple District Secretary

Lions Clubs New Zealand is calling for expressions of interest for the role of Multiple District Secretary, to fill the vacancy created by Rhonda's resignation.

We are seeking a highly motivated senior Lion with exceptional administrative skills, competent computer literacy, and confident leadership skills. Strong oral and written communication skills, a pleasant manner, positive attitude, and an eye for detail are a must.

Our successful applicant will be a strategic thinker with excellent analytical, problem solving and reporting skills. The preferred applicant will have had previous Council of Governors experience and also be familiar with accounting software.

This is a permanent part-time position, commencement date and remuneration to be negotiated.

Preferred commencement as soon as practical following the August Council Meeting (17th – 18th of August).

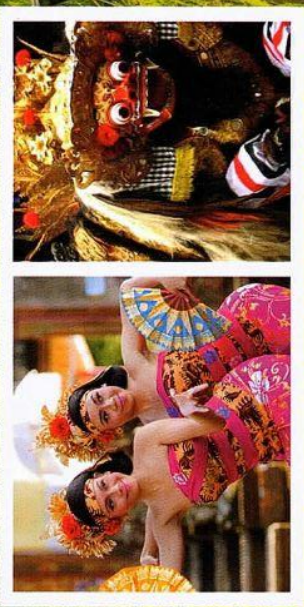
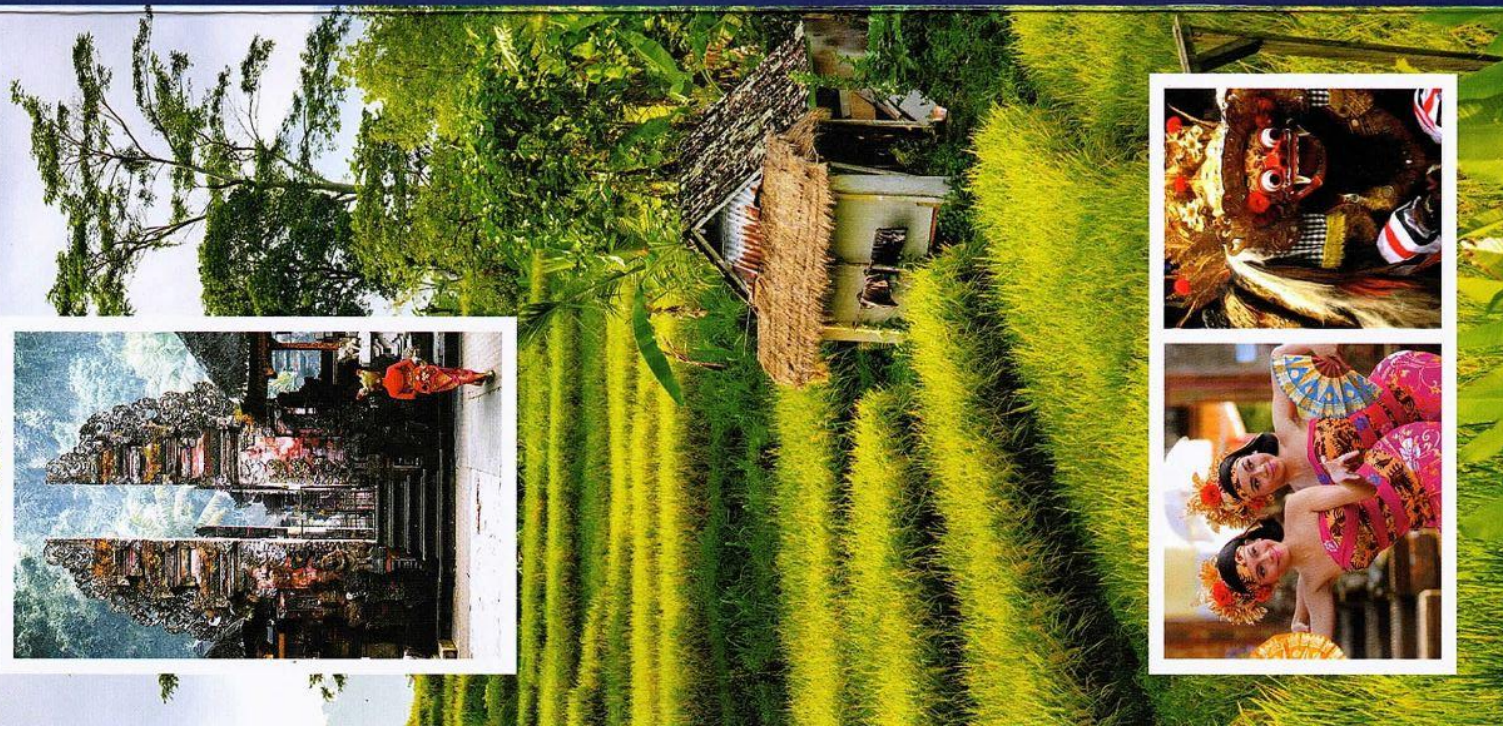
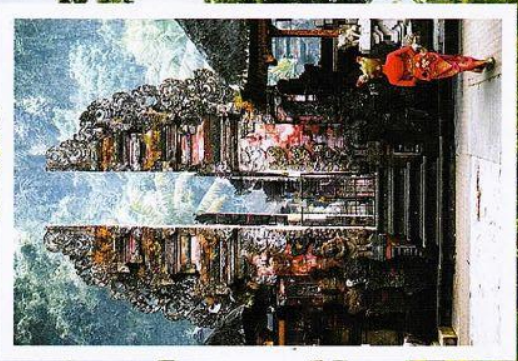
The Head Office is currently located in Warkworth with a Full Time Business Manager; however, your place of work would be negotiable, either working from the Warkworth Office, or remotely as appropriate to where you reside.

Please email your expression of interest to [treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@lionsclubs.org.nz) as soon as possible.

This position is only being advertised within the July edition of Between the Lions as a senior Lion with Multiple District level experience is considered to be the best fit for the role.

Deadline for receipt of applications including a cover letter and CV is 5pm on Wednesday 31st July 2024.





For more information please contact :

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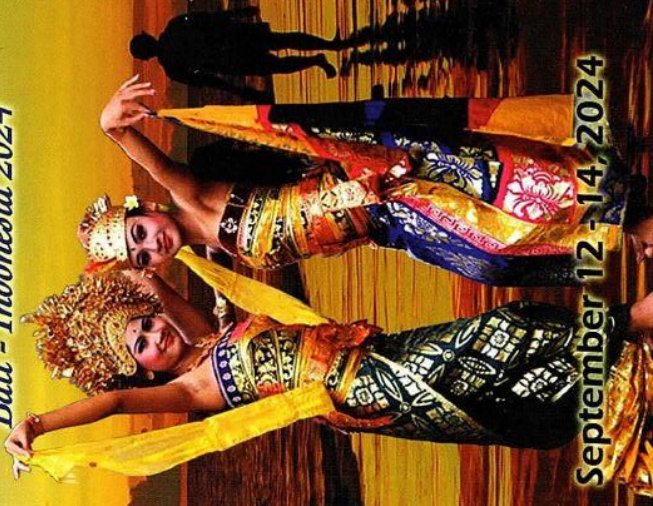
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