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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 202F DISTRICT

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To Lions friends and family

After a very busy month, things are starting to slacken off and all thoughts are on the Christmas break before us.

A bonus for us in the last month was the Christmas Tree Display at ILT Stadium in Invercargill. We joined members of Waikiwi Lions for a wander among beautifully decorated Christmas trees. There were several members of Waihopai Lions on duty at the time, so we were able to chat briefly.

We will also have the opportunity to visit Hawea Christmas Wonderland with Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions. This year Christmas is a huge feature for us and usually the only decoration we have is a string of coloured lights across the front window in our campervan.

On Friday 6th December, we visited 3 schools in Southland where several children were being presented with the Children of Courage Certificate and gift pack. Zone 6 organised a wonderful ceremony for those children nominated and a special chair has been made for the child to sit in. Families were there to support their child, and it was so heartwarming to witness each child be recognised for their courage and bravery.



Well done to the committee, Henriët Schuurmans, Winton Lions, Judy Mason, Ohai Nightcaps and Sandy Gillett, Riverton Lions.

I do enjoy reading the club bulletins and notice that you are all very busy with projects.

- ✓ West Otago is organising a Catlins Trip for the Elderly
- ✓ Balfour and Riversdale have a Book Launch in March for “The Waimea Plains Railway and the Waikaia Branch Railway by Alex Glennie
- ✓ Riverton has firewood, a Christmas Raffle and Christmas Cakes
- ✓ Clyde and Districts are working on their Club Garden
- ✓ Waikiwi have recently held a Magic Show
- ✓ Balclutha has a Compost fundraiser
- ✓ Clinton, Toi-Toi Tokanui and Owaka are organising a 2 day 4WD Trek in Feb 2025.



And that is only a few of our clubs. All achieving great things in their communities. I was pleased to see that more clubs are selling Christmas Cakes. Such an easy fundraiser.

This year for the first time we have a Global Extension Team Coordinator. GET. It is their role to organise new clubs and our coordinator, PDG Allan Fleury is looking at a new club in Otautau and another in Queenstown. Well done, Allan.

Spoiler Alert!

Matilda, my Mannequin has gone into hiding. She is dressed in the prototype of my Convention outfit.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

My Family Quote this month:

Family is the ultimate source of strength and resilience. Together, you can overcome any obstacle and achieve greatness.

Elaine Scott

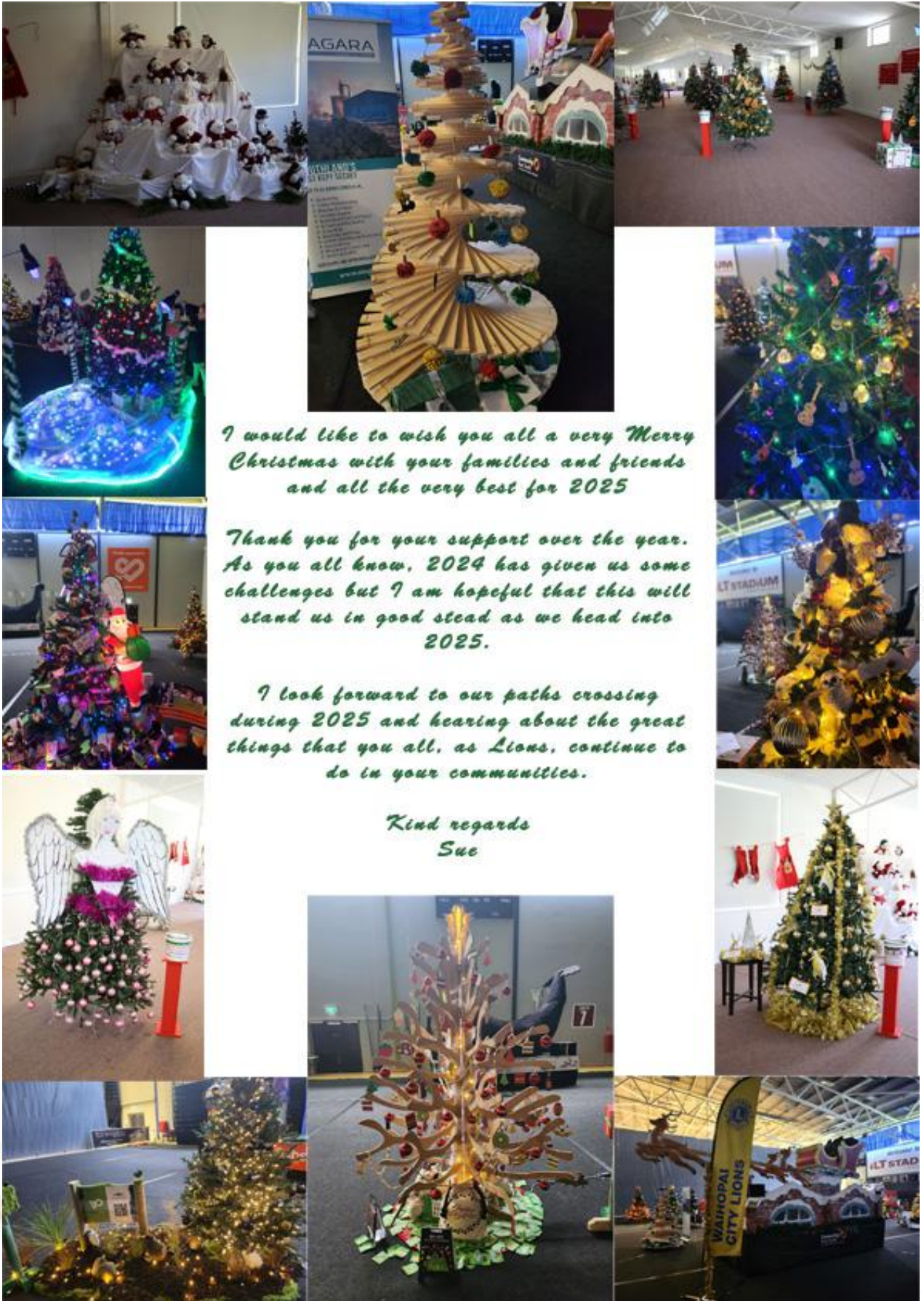
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MESSAGE FROM DG ELAINE SCOTT



GLOBAL SERVICES CORNER DECEMBER 2024



I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas with your families and friends and all the very best for 2025

Thank you for your support over the year. As you all know, 2024 has given us some challenges but I am hopeful that this will stand us in good stead as we head into 2025.

I look forward to our paths crossing during 2025 and hearing about the great things that you all, as Lions, continue to do in your communities.

*Kind regards
Sue*

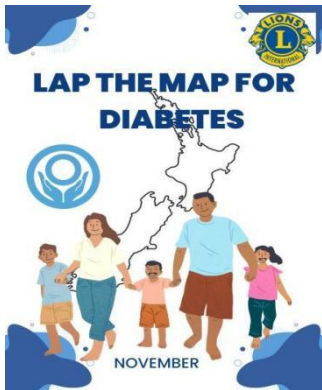
Photo by Sue Estri at the Waikato City Lions Club



Hello everyone,

I am not quite sure where the year has gone to but Christmas is nearly here. Most people I know, are winding down their year but this does not seem to be the case with Lions. At the beginning of my Report are photos from the Cromwell Lakes Dunstan Lions Club and also the Waihopai City Lions Club that are part of their Christmas Events. I wish I could have shown you all the trees but if you go onto their Facebook pages you will see them. Many Clubs have provided Christmas cakes to senior citizens or are putting on a Christmas meal while others have provided items or money to Food Banks in their District. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU** It is really a tough time for many people in our Communities from young families, the elderly and farmers. Remembering others and being able to ‘give’ will in some way help them in their struggles.

Congratulations to those of you who took up the challenge for Lap the Map in November 2024



- Lois Heads Wyndham Pioneers Lions Club 220 km’s
- Maree Hayes Waihopai City Lions 169.6 km’s
- Lesley Sutherland Waihopai City Lions 117.19 km’s
- Robyn Ross Gore River Valley Lions Club 112.91 km’s
- Robert Luke Wanaka & Districts Lions Club 96 km’s

Clubs

- Cromwell Lake Dunstan Lions Club 552.42 km’s
- Invercargill Central Lions Club 294 kms
- Te Anau Kepler Lions Club 159 km’s
- Clyde & Districts Lions Club 68.5 km’s

This was a grand total of 1,789.92 km’s – from Bluff to Picton and return.

Club Bulletins

A massive thanks to all the new Clubs who have sent me through their Bulletins. You are doing some amazing things out there in your communities. I look forward to receiving these during 2025 and hope to see your Projects/Events being reported in Service Reporting in the New Portal.

Your Club’s Calendar of Projects or Events for 2025

Reading the Bulletins that are coming my way, I see that some of you are including a Calendar of Events for 2025. This is a great idea. Not only does it show just how organised your Club is with forward planning, but it can give other Clubs ideas as well. Great to read that there are some Clubs involving other Clubs in their Zone with Club Events and challenging them in this way.



A Reminder

Coming Up -Top Club Service Project - Close off date 15th March 2025



Just a reminder we now have 8 Global Causes for any projects a Club is involved in.

“Service” is our eight Global Causes key focus so why don’t we tell everyone about what we are doing!

I need to have these applications by **15th March 2025**. I have sent out a separate email with the application form attached to all Clubs at the beginning of November. It must be an innovative and inspiring Club Project that has either been completed in this current Lions year or be an on-going project. *Note: - this must be a project by an individual Club and you need to ensure you have entered this into the Lion Portal for reference.*

Every Lions and Leos Club in our District has an opportunity to be recognised by entering their Top Club Service Project.

Having attended some Portal Training which included Zone Meetings it has really highlighted just how many Projects are happening in our District which would meet the criteria for the Top Club Service Award. Please seriously consider putting in your entry.

I will send out another reminder in January and February 2025 and I hope to receive your entry. If you have any queries please get in touch with me.

202f.gst@lionsclubs.org.nz or cell phone 0277 382 962



SOUTHLAND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Congratulations to Italy Wills Evans who was announced their Head Prefect and Nell Johnson as their Deputy Head Prefect at Southland Girls High School in Invercargill for 2025. We wish you both the very best in your new roles.

And last but not least.



Congratulations to our very own 202F Bulletin Editor Sajitha Ferry who has passed her State Exam and is now a Registered Nurse. Sajitha moved from Invercargill with her family in 2023 to enable her to study as a Nurse through the University of Otago in Christchurch. This was a 2 year course and during that time, Sajitha also worked. While working and studying, Sajitha continued to be the Bulletin Editor for 202F. At the moment she is looking for a job and her interests are working in Mental Health or in the Prison system.

Kind regards
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202F GST COORDINATOR SUE EVANS



"If you can't feed a hundred people
then feed just one."

– Mother Teresa

CHILDREN OF COURAGE: 202F ZONE 6

Lions Children of Courage was introduced in 1983 by the late Past District Governor Joe Mason, who saw a need to provide an awards program through which Lions Clubs in Western Australia could recognise a very special group of young Western Australians and their families.

Our District 202F has given themselves the task of setting Children of Courage up here in Otago/Southland. We were pleased to have 6 nominees, in our Lion Zone 6, Makarewa, Riverton, Tuatapere, Ohai-Nightcaps, and Winton for our first year of this presentation of this recognition award.



The Lions Children of Courage Awards recognise an incredibly special group of children and their families. Many awards recognise the achievements of young people, however, children with ‘special needs’ were not catered for. These awards are specially designed to recognise the courage and bravery shown by these children every day. The Lions Children of Courage Awards are not a competition. Every recipient of an award is a “winner” in his or her own right as the recognition of these young people’s achievements will:

Act as an encouragement for their future - Help them to believe in themselves - Help to increase their self-worth.

All Children want to be accepted by others, regardless of any special needs they may have. These awards will portray them as children who have successfully overcome additional barriers that face them in this.

Categories of Awards:

Special Needs

Children with special needs who have shown courage in the face of adversity. Such Children include those who are confined to wheelchairs, who are sight, hearing, or speech impaired, or who have undergone long periods of medical treatment, surgery, or hospitalization, which has perhaps brought pain and trauma to their young lives.

Courageous Act or Deed

A child who without regard for personal safety, has been instrumental in the preservation of life and/or property, has rendered assistance at an accident, or whose concerns for others are worthy of recognition. This category may also include children who have undergone lifesaving surgery, or undergone daily medical treatments i.e., diabetes. A child who acts as a carer for a parent may be recognised under this category.

Sibling recognition

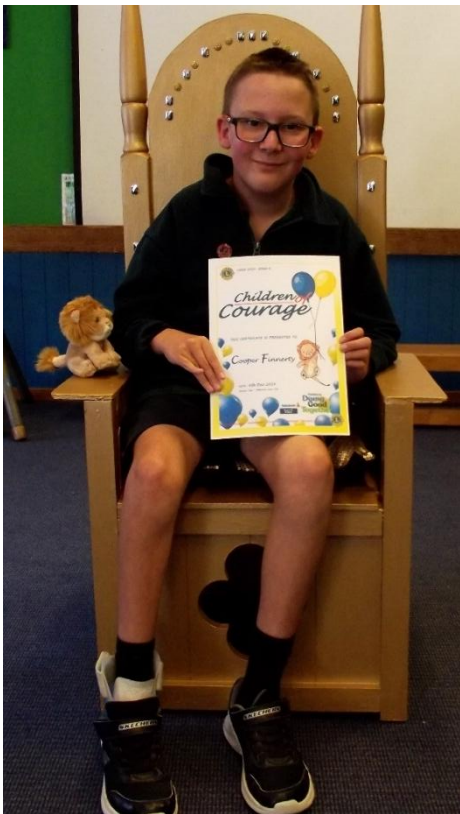
Siblings who actively participate in the daily care for their brother or sister who has faced or is facing a challenge in life.

All children from school aged 5 – school year 13 fall into one of the categories are eligible for nomination.

We recognised the primary school nominees on Friday the 6th of December, and at the prize-giving at Tuatapere School, on the 11th of December 2024.

Zone 6, our nominees are:

Jethro Kelly (left) and Blayne Kenna (right) from Limehills School. Both were nominated by their families. Jethro (5), was just 3 years young when the family found out that he was diabetic type 1 and spent over a week in hospital. Blayne (13), was rushed to the hospital and was in a couple of days in a coma and found out that Blayne had diabetes type 1, 5 years ago. Both youngsters have their insulin pumps now. Their lives have changed in an instant.



Cooper Finnerty (12), from Makarewa School, was nominated by the school, he is a pleasant boy and tries everything, even being a reporter for a day at TV One. Cooper, was born prematurely at 24 weeks, very sick, and in total 18 weeks in hospital as a newborn, and many operations. This young man was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Nystagmus, but it has not stopped Cooper from living his life to its fullest.

Sharlotte (11) and Ayvan (7) Te Maro, two sisters are going to the Riverton Primary School, their lives changed when their little brother was diagnosed with cancer. Sometimes they are going with their parents up to Christchurch, for treatment of their little brother Riely. Often stay with friends or family, and try to live a normal life as it is now. The young girls were nominated by their school principal.



We were happy to meet Tyler Miller (16) from Tuatapere, who was nominated by his family. A bubbly young man who tries everything that life throws at him Tyler was born prematurely with some complications and had a few surgeries during his young life. Around 18 months old, he was diagnosed with Hemiplegia on his left side. With a strong family beside him. Determination has never stopped Tyler from wanting and being accepted by his community.

We like to thank the schools, for giving us the time, to recognise these special children. Also, we like to thank our sponsors, for supporting this “Lions course”, so we could give the children a special gift during our presentation. Fonterra “Doing good Together” for the \$50.00 vouchers, Rabobank donating the Lion plush toys, and Property Brokers publishing this article. A special thanks to Karen from Riverton, who made the chair for our presentation.

Next year, from half of July till the end of September 2025, we welcome nominations again. With all the celebrations done before the Christmas Holidays.

If people like to know more about the Lions see our website [Find a local Lions Club](#). Or for this Lions Children of Courage award, please email this address 202f-zone6couragchild@lionsclubs.org.nz



Lions Children of Courage Awards: Celebrating Bravery in Lions District from 202F – Zone 6



The Lions Children of Courage Awards, established in 1983 by the late Joe Mason in Western Australia, have now debuted in Otago/Southland. This inspiring initiative celebrates children with special needs or exceptional bravery in adversity.

This year, Lions Clubs from District 202F, including Makarewa, Riverton, Tuatapere, Ohai-Nightcaps, and Winton, honoured six nominees in Zone 6. Unlike competitive youth awards, these focus on recognising courage in children facing medical, disability-related, or life challenges, and are designed to boost self-esteem, encourage personal growth, and help these young people believe in themselves.

Award categories include:

- Special Needs: For children with physical or developmental challenges.
- Courageous Act or Deed: For heroic acts or enduring tough medical treatments.
- Sibling Recognition: For siblings providing vital care.

Supported by Property Brokers, the awards aim to boost self-esteem, encourage personal growth, and spotlight the resilience of these young heroes. With community backing, this initiative continues to inspire and celebrate extraordinary children and their families.

CLINTON, TOKANUI AND OWAKA LIONS PRESENT



A TWO DAY

4WD TRIP

WITH
PROCEEDS GOING TO
LOCAL COMMUNITIES

COVERING THE TOKANUI, OWAKA
AND CLINTON AREAS WITH MEAL
AND ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

15-16 FEB
2025

PRICES

\$50 PER PERSON PER DAY +
ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATIONS
EMAIL- CATLINS4WD@GMAIL.COM



CATLINS 4WD TRIP

Welcome!

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

Name	Club	Sponsor
Trevor Dyke	Alexandra	Roger Calverley
Alan Holgate	Alexandra	Donald Lamont
Paul Jennings	Alexandra	Roger Calverley
Dave O'Connell	Alexandra	Gerry McCarthy
Grant Ruffell	Alexandra	Murray Anderson
Catherine Mann	Cromwell Lake Dunstan	Helen Hucklebridge
Joy Gunn	Te Anau Kepler	Stevenson
Rata Smith	Toi Tois	Colin McDonald

ALEXANDRA LIONS CLUB 4WD SAFARI

“BEYOND THE LOCKED GATES”



Sunday 5th January 2025

Plan: - Tour of Earnsclough Station, guided by Station Owner Alistair Campbell.

Registration for this event is essential before **01/01/2025**

We will also take a register of people who would like to go on this tour but have no access to a 4WD vehicle. We will then endeavour to place you in a spare seat in one of the vehicles.

Departure will be from the Ice in Line car park in Alexandra. All participants will need to assemble at 10am and sign a disclaimer and be briefed for departure at 10.30am sharp.

Note: All vehicles must be in a sound roadworthy condition and drivers hold a current drivers licence. * This tour is NOT suitable for 4WD cars.

Payment must be made at time of Registration as numbers are limited and any cancellations after the 1st of January are unable to be refunded.

Costs: Driver \$20.00

Passengers \$40.00

Children u/15 \$20.00

Children u/5 FREE

Minimum cost per vehicle \$100.00

**All profits raised by this event will be donated to:
“Alexandra Volunteer Fire Brigade”**

For Registration forms, please click this link : [4WD Safari Reg Form.docx](#)

Or for more information contact:

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**ALEXANDRA LIONS CLUB
4WD SAFARI
“EARNSCLEUGH STATION TOUR”
REGISTRATION FORM
JANUARY 5TH 2025**

All profits raised by this event will be donated to Alexandra Volunteer Fire Brigade

Registrations must be in before 1ST January 2025

Driver Name

Phone Number

Address

E-mail

Vehicle details

Make / Model:

Registration number

Passenger names (Include children)

Please indicate if you are willing to take extra passengers – How many?

Prices

Driver	\$20.00	_____
Passenger/s	\$40.00	_____
Children u/15	\$20.00	_____
Children u/5	FREE	_____

Total : _____ Note: Min \$100.00 per vehicle

Disclaimer

Your participation in the 4wd Safari is at your own risk. Neither the land owner nor the organiser will accept any responsibility or liability for damages to vehicles, other property or personal injuries suffered. Passengers travel at their own risk. It is the driver's responsibility to inform their passengers of the above disclaimer.

Link to Information Sheet : [W THE ALEXANDRA LIONS CLUB 4WD TOUR.docx](#)

Signature :

Date :

Note: Bring your own lunch and extra warm clothing. All vehicles must carry a minimum of 2 people.

**Payment must be made at time of Registration.
As there is a vehicle limit on this trip, early registration is essential. First in, First served.
Any cancellations after the 1st of January are unable to be refunded.**

B. McCall
Mobile 0274 415902
Event Convener

Bank Account : **02-0916-0022592-010**

Online payments must include **Surname and 4WD** as reference.
(Payment Details must match the driver)

Email : Alexandra.Secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz with confirmation.

Camp Quality Baking

I am just writing to let you know the final times for the collection of baking for Camp Quality.

Saturday 4th January 2025

Invercargill 8am Collection point is Ascot Park carpark opposite the cemetery.

Gore 9.45am Collection point by the big fish.

Lumsden 10am If there is any

Central Otago Monday 6th January 2025

Highlands Motorsport Park Cromwell 11.30am

Te Anau if you have baking can you please get it to Peter Flynn before the 3rd January and he will take for you.

Thanks in advance for all the great baking. Please remember no nuts as some have allergies.

Hope you all have wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sue Fleury
Camp Quality Coordinator
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DISTRICT 202F GMA

Reinventing Your General Meeting.

Ways to make your club meetings more inviting and enjoyable

Every Lions club is different! Below you will find several elements of a typical club meeting with ideas to help customize events to meet the needs of your members and be more appealing to non-members.

Establish Goals: First determine the goals of the meetings. Is it to plan events, enjoy an informative speaker, conduct a service project, enjoy the fellowship of other Lions or to have fun? Maybe all the above! Make sure the objectives are met through planning and they are included on the agenda.

Identify Program Possibilities: If your club decides to have a presentation during general meetings, determine the type of presentations that would interest club members and the amount of time that should be given to the presenter to ensure that the time is well spent.

Determine Frequency: How often do you want to meet? Some clubs meet once a week, while others meet once a month. Determine the amount of time needed to plan, communicate and get your members involved. Could online collaboration or other channels of communication reduce the need for some face-to-face meetings?

Establish Date and Time for the Meeting: Should the gathering have a set date and time or be flexible based on service activities? Some clubs meet at regular scheduled time, but some clubs are choosing to gather for a service project that might vary each month. Dates and times are shared through Facebook, the club webpage, emails and text messages.

Determine Meals and Location: While meeting over a meal is a long-standing tradition, it is not a requirement and often lengthens the meeting and adds to the cost of membership. Consider meeting at a library or another location to reduce time and expense.

Question Traditions: Many clubs open with a song or a pledge, but your club does not have to! Determine the traditions that your members would like to keep and drop the others. Ask your younger members if they enjoy the club's traditions and adjust the activities to appeal to young potential members too!

Examine Protocol: Similar to traditions, the way the meeting room is set up and the way club leaders are addressed can be determined by the club. The club has the authority to continue or eliminate items such as a head table for club leaders and visitors or acknowledging members in the order of importance. Some clubs prefer an atmosphere where everyone is equal.

Determine Dress Code: Clubs might determine that they would like to wear Lions vests, while others might decide to wear Lions polo shirts, dress shirts with matching ties, or perhaps just their favourite Lions apparel. Have fun determining your own dress code.

Consider Family Members: Does your club have (or would like to recruit) young parents or families with children? If so, discuss how the meeting format, location and time might be changed to accommodate family members.

Identify Channels of Communication: There are multiple ways to communicate with members. While announcements during meetings can be exciting and motivating, take advantage of email, text messages, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram your club's website and any other way your members routinely communicate.

Consider Renaming the Event: After assessing club meeting elements and determining which changes your members would welcome, you might introduce the new concepts by renaming the event to reflect the purpose and objective of the event.

In some areas of the world “**meeting**” implies a very structured business centered assembly. If your event is more fun-focused or social minded, you might consider calling the event a **social gathering** or **celebration**. Consider terms such as event, gathering, festivity, or another term that more adequately reflects the intent of the event.

Board meetings: Use the same analysis above to determine how board meetings might be structured. Keep in mind that the purpose of the meeting is to fully inform board members of the issues that are under consideration so the members can approve, deny or amend the items effectively. Consider using technology to keep members better informed and involved.

Phasing in Change: If your members decide that they would like to change the format or any element of the meeting, determine when the change should take place.

If change is radical or members are unsure, try establishing a special meeting once a quarter using a new format to see how members like it.

For example, your club might consider replacing a monthly meeting each quarter with a service project or family friendly event.

Consider hosting a party for disadvantaged children or feed homeless people in a shelter, in place of a meeting.

Or consider more online collaboration for planning an event or approving a program. You might start by choosing the event that club members would like to change the most, which might be the general meeting, board meeting or some other ongoing events.

Lions: WE SERVE your community

Leigh Burford
Global Membership Approach

202F GMA COORDINATOR LEIGH BURFORD



Behind the Chronicles

Dear fellow Lions,

As we enter the festive season, I hope this time of year brings you joy and a chance to reflect on the successes and challenges of the past year. May the warmth and cheer of the season fill your hearts as we look ahead to the opportunities and blessings of the New Year.

I am thrilled to share that after two intense years of study, I have completed my Master of Nursing Science at Otago University, Christchurch, and have officially registered as a nurse. It has been a challenging journey, and I would like to give myself a pat on the back for managing my studies amidst the emotional upheaval of losing my mother in March. I am thankful I had the chance to be with her before she passed, but the lack of closure has been a heavy burden on my heart. My mother would have been the most delighted person to see me achieve this milestone, as she always encouraged her children to pursue knowledge and learning with passion and dedication.

A special thank you to my cabinet team, all the clubs, and, of course, my readers for your immense patience during these times. I know there were delays in issuing the bulletin, the occasional wrong photos in articles, and instances where I failed to get consent before using your photos or missing out on articles or photos you sent. If I did miss anything, my sincere apologies – no one has complained yet, but if I have missed you, please do not hesitate to let me know (or maybe you are just too kind to do so!).

I also want to thank my husband and daughter for being such incredible support during this stressful time. Their constant love, understanding, and encouragement helped me keep going while juggling my studies and grieving the loss of my mother.

Now that my studies, assignments, exams, and placements are behind me, I am excited to bring back a timely and well-prepared bulletin! You can expect the next issue to be published on time – by mid-month, as promised.

Share Your Stories, Photos, and Profiles with Us!

The Southern Chronicles celebrates the achievements, stories, and inspirational moments of our Lions members. We need your contributions to make it truly shine! Whether it is an article, a striking photo, a member profile, or a personal story, your input helps us showcase the amazing work happening across our district.

To ensure file sizes remain manageable, if you would like to include images or photos, please copy them into a Word document (not screenshot) and add captions where applicable. This way, you will not need to worry about sending large attachments across multiple emails.

Please submit your stories, photos, profiles or articles by 10th January to be featured in the upcoming issue. Together, let us continue to connect, uplift, and inspire—building a stronger community with every contribution!

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May the festive season bring you peace, happiness, and all the blessings you deserve.

Warm Regards
Sajitha Ferry
Your Bulletin Editor



We Serve



**Letter from
the President to You
International President
Fabrício Oliveira**

We are driven by a desire to serve. As Lions, we're always thinking about others and the work that needs to be done to help them, both in our communities and around the world. And when we grow our membership, we're also growing the amount of service we can do — and the impact we can make together.

I know we can serve more people than ever before this year, thanks to your service and your support of *MISSION 1.5*. So let's serve and grow to make our mark like only Lions can.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President



MESSAGE FROM FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA

RIVERSDALE LIONS CLUB

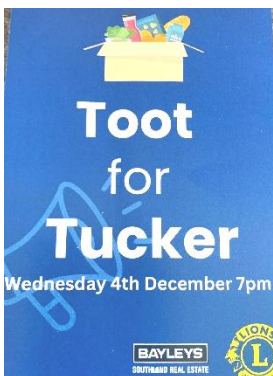
Held their first car boot sale on Saturday, 16 November at the Riversdale Community Centre carpark with 23 stalls participating. Our club, had a Barbeque, Cake Stall, and Spinning Wheel. The funds were being raised for the Youth in our community. It was very successful, and looking into running another one sometime in the future.



WINTON LIONS CLUB

23rd of November 2024


The Fete was interesting for the Lions from Winton this year, with a lot of rain over the last couple of months and the night before. Parking could become an issue. Even though the number of visitors was a bit down from other years, the weather came right during the day. It was a club effort, 23 members of the club were volunteering on the day.



4th of December
the Lions of Winton
With emergency:
St John Ambulance,
Winton Fire brigade, and Police did the food drive through Winton.



Henriet schuurmans | Lions Club Winton President and Bulletin Editor | Chairperson of Children of Courage



**We remember
with great respect and appreciation
the life and services of**

- Catherine Mann of Cromwell Lake Dunstan (just a new member so how very sad)
- Douglas Dixey of Gore Pakeke
- Tom Osborne of Gore Pakeke
- Brian Sinclair of Ohai Nightcaps
and
- Joe Edwards of Waihopai City

**Our thoughts are with their loved ones,
those who are family by blood and
those who they've formed bonds with in
the Lions family.**



202F District Convention
21st – 23rd March 2025
‘Kith and Kin’
 Hosted by Gore River Valley Lions
 Venue: Gore Town and Country Club
 2 Bury Street, Gore 9710



NEWSLETTER # 1

Welcome to the first newsletter for our upcoming district convention. We hope you have the date marked in your 2025 calendar.

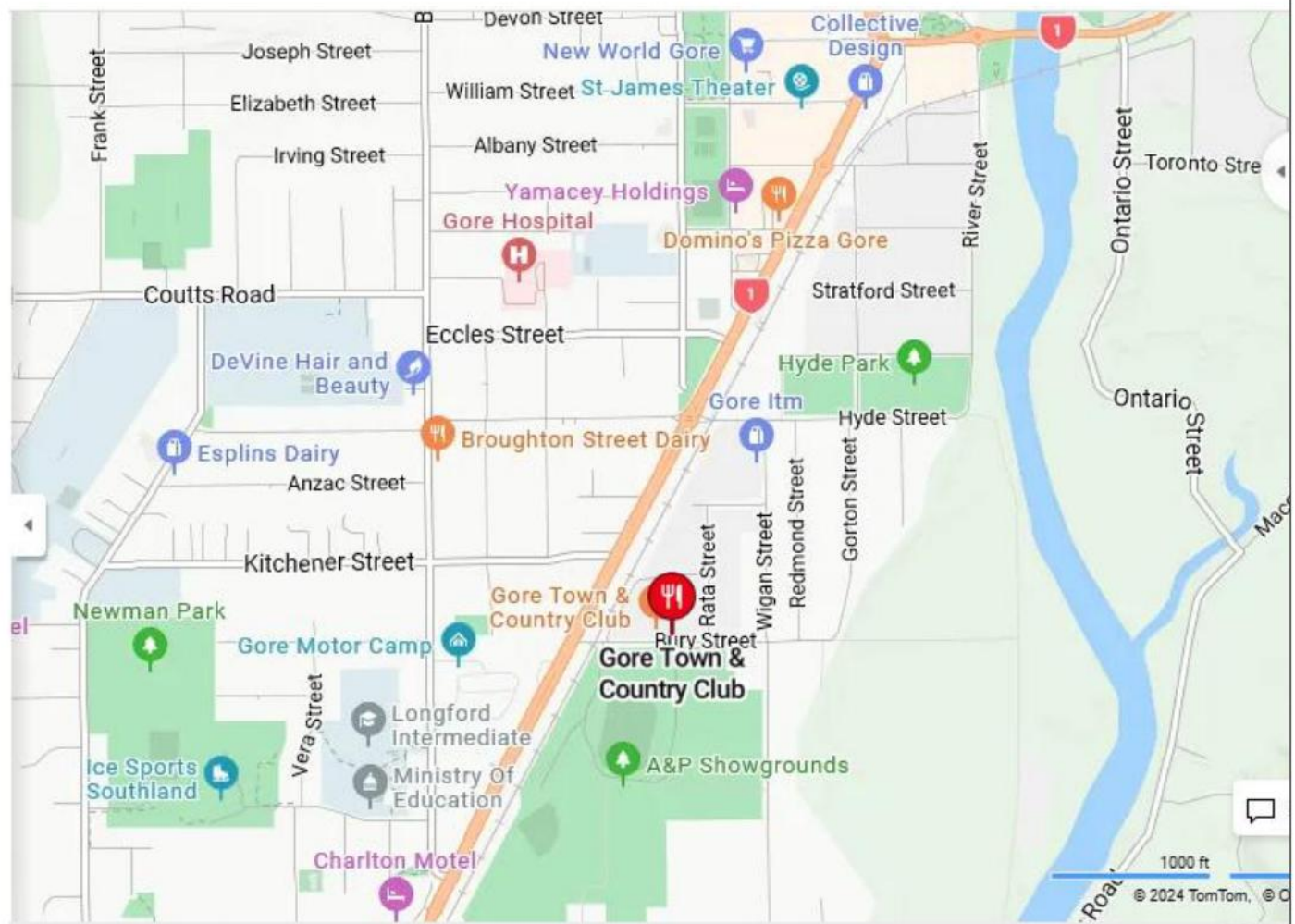
Gore River Valley Lions are proud to be hosting this year’s convention for District Governor Elaine and Graham. We invite you to attend what will be an action-packed few days.

The registration form will be available very soon, but we thought we’d give you some information ahead of time.

Venue	Friday night, Saturday business session, Saturday evening function and Sunday Remembrance and Rededication will all be held in the Gore Town & Country Stadium, 2 Bury Street, Gore.
Friday 6:30pm onwards	Check in for club delegates and other attendees. We will have a guest speaker, to be followed with a light supper. Dress: Club tee-shirts or tidy casual.
Saturday	The business session consists of the flag ceremony, the District’s AGM, Meet-the-Candidates and voting, as well as key-note speakers. Dress: Club tee-shirts or tidy casual.
Alternative Programme	Guests on the alternative programme will be taken to places of interest in the Gore area. Morning tea and lunch will be provided for you to ensure you’ll return to the stadium in time to hear the key-note speakers. Dress: Comfortable clothing but be prepared for possible weather changes.
Saturday evening	This is an evening where you can let your hair down. You’ll be treated to a 2-course meal along with music that will tempt you to dance the night away. It’s also gives you the chance to catch-up with old friends while also making new ones. The theme for the night is ‘A Touch of Scotland’ . Remember, there’s an award for the best-dressed club. Please note: As the T&C Stadium is a non-licenced facility and anyone attending is there as a guest, it’s permissible to have BYO alcohol. Alcohol outlets are the off-licence at the T&C, Super Liquor on Main Street, or Liquorland on Traford Street. Drinks may also be purchased on the night from the T&C bar itself.
Sunday	The Remembrance Service that starts the day is a special time when we remember those of our Lions who have passed since the last convention through until the end of December. Often members of their family come along as our honoured guests. The Re-Dedication Service that follows is the chance for us to remember why we are Lions, what brought us to the organisation in the first place, and to pledge ourselves to continue to serve.

	The convention will conclude with lunch, which is an extra option on the registration form. This is a lovely way to round off the weekend. Dress: Appropriate for the occasion.
Registration Form	This is currently being formatted and will be available within the next few days via your Club Secretary or the district website.
Accommodation	<p>It's strongly recommended that to secure accommodation you book as early as possible. Available motels in Gore are:</p> <p>Charlton Motel, 9 Charlton Road, Phone (03) 208 9733 Croydon Lodge, 100 Waimea Street, Phone (03) 208 9029 Esplanade Motels, 35 Railway Esplanade, Phone 0800 28 50 50 Melody, 71 Hokonui Drive, Phone (027) 320 0732 Oakleigh Motels, 70 Hokonui Drive, Phone 0800 62 55 34 Riverlea Motel, 46-48 Hokonui Drive, Phone 0508 202 780</p> <p>Caravan/Motor Home sites: Gore A & P Showgrounds, Phone the Caretaker, Dawn Ross on (027) 644 9909 Gore T&C, no booking required – first come, first served</p> <p>There may also be available B&B accommodation if you take the time to search.</p>
Further information	If you require further information, please contact PDG Pam Fiveash, 202F Convention Chairperson, 202f.convchair@lionsclubs.org.nz or Donna Terry, 202F Registration Secretary, 202f.convrego@lionsclubs.org.nz

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