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FROM THE DG 202F

ALLAN FLEURY



Welcome to the May Southern Chronicle

May has seen me complete my final District Meeting, which was hosted by the Alexandra club. Once again, this meeting was full day with real good discussions from those present.

Today we attended the Clyde & Districts pink ribbon morning tea. What a great effort everything pink there were over 60 people there and was enjoyed by everyone. It was great to see other clubs in District also holding pink ribbon events.

It is still encouraging to see more and more clubs promoting their service projects either in print media or social media. Just today on Facebook there was a great post from Matura Lions working with the Gore District Council and the Matura Primary School doing an environmental project planting trees. How important it is to promote great service like this. Well done Matura on ticking off two of my challenges promotion and environment using the youth. Another one I have seen is Wanaka & Districts giving \$10k to the Otago rescue helicopter from there firewood proceeds, well done team. I am sure there are a lot more clubs doing equally great projects that I have not seen, keep up the good work and remember promotion equals new members.

Please support and encourage your future leaders to attend the District Training Day in Tapanui on the 9th of June. This is a great chance to learn about your role in the club and also get help with the new Lions Portal. Please remember that this is not only open to officer bearers but all Lions members. Also Barbara from Camp Quality will be there to share information about last years camp. Please make up a carload and join us there.

For those members attending the International Convention in Melbourne. Please enjoy your time there, meet lots of new people and fellow lions and embrace the chance to converse with them and understand the different things they do for lions and who knows you may come back with a gem that will work for your club.

I am looking forward to attending the 60th anniversary of the Maniototo Lions next month and as I will have fellow District Governor staying with me from America on his way to Melbourne I hope to take him there as well and show him a Lions club in New Zealand.

Stay warm and I hope to catch up with you in Melbourne remember service without fun is just work

Allan Fleury

District Governor 202F

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Service Report May 2024

Rowing for life

Rowing for life has been and is nearly done in our district. Ian is working on a re-start date, now the team affected by covid are ready to go again. He is contacting rowers and support personnel to coordinate the dates. They will start with District E from Sumner beach then go onto the North Island by the end of June. At the end of the row, they will return and row the Bluff to Curio Bay stage with a possible celebration to signify the end of the adventure.

I was told at the Multiple Districts convention that the clubs of the North Island are ready to receive the team and add to the fundraising. Council Chair Steve promoted the row with the song written by Roger Lusby and a video of the journey so far. On both Friday night and Saturday morning of the MD convention the Rowing for life song was played with the audience joining in on the chorus. It was well received.

To-date Lions have deposited nearly \$50k in the Lions trust account. Moves are underway to have an updating total of Lions fundraising on the Row for life site beside the give- a- little total. I will be keeping everyone informed when the new rowing schedule is released by Ian. Please encourage district Lions clubs to continue supporting the 4 Charities by continuing with their fundraising and banking to the Lions Charitable trust.

LCNZCT- 03-0162-01100296-003

Ref Lions Club name

Particulars – Lions Club number. By using the Lions trust account to bank funds into, the 5% admin fee by give- a -little is bypassed so the charities receive all the amount raised.

Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust

The plans for the mobile screening vehicle are moving forward quickly. The layout is nearly finalized, and progress has been made on the date for the fitting out of the unit.

We have been offered several sponsorships or reduced costs for the fit out including a donation of 2x 360deg cameras for safer backing and parking.

At our next monthly meeting we are discussing a possible partnership which will be a huge bonus for the whole project. The Trustees have formulated questions for the meeting. If successful, the information will be released in a Cancer Trust bulletin.

I am attending along with Trust chair Paul O Connor a Melanoma seminar in Christchurch on May 11th. Should be an interesting day and I'm sure we will make connections and have a better understanding of this terrible disease.

GLOBAL SERVICE CORNER

WENDY GOODWIN



Diabetes

Professor Ben Wheeler of Edgar Diabetes and Obesity Research Otago presented his findings at the District F convention. It was a very interesting presentation, and it was mentioned that Lions have played a huge part in saving lives of those in the trial and with the hope of prospective government funding will make a huge difference to many other lives.

Bens Concluding Comments

Ongoing advocacy for national funding

Need research to explore full artificial pancreas options

Current study hybrid

Study younger children.

How to reach those we are still not reaching.....

Study in children when diagnosed (no delays)

Pregnancy / older ages / type 2 diabetes

Explore models of care to roll out training nationally

Improve equity of access to those who need it

Overall study and the Lions funding:

Profoundly improved the diabetes health of participants

Profoundly improved the burden they experience from diabetes

We are making case that this is the new “gold standard” of therapy for those who are failing conventional therapy

Gaining considerable international attention.

Key symposium talk – ADA meeting Orlando June 2024

The Edgar Diabetes and Obesity trust is extremely grateful to District 202F for the donation and as I have already stated we the Lions have been part of saving the lives of young people with diabetes. Well done all Lions clubs.

Service

The new portal training courses will be delivered to a few officers, who will be able to help clubs on a one to one if needed basis. I expect quite a drop of service to be recorded over the next month or two as the clubs get used to the new way of reporting. At the end of April, the district was at 79% reporting.

Please encourage your officers and members to attend the training day at Tapanui in June 9th where they will be able to learn all about the portal and the team will be able to answer any questions. Great day with great food and always very informative. This training day can make the Lions year run more efficiently and smoothly. Open to every Lions member.

Clubs are continuing with amazing service to their community but please share your projects from the club - Facebook pages and to #LionsclubsNewZealand-district 202F and remember to share to personal stories so we spread the word to the public not just

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to Lions clubs. There will be a very informative session on Facebook usage at the district training. All questions will be answered, and we will even help get your club up and running with facebook.

Whatsapp is a brilliant way to be connected to your club or board. Instant message so less time waiting on reply's through email.

Lions emails

Please consider using a Lions email address for your club. This makes the transition to a new officer so much easier, just hand over or change the password and all club information and records are with the email. There is much less chance of being pestered by scammers. Contact the National post MD202.postmaster@lionsclubs.org.nz. He will issue the club with a custom email address and supply the password. The emails can be copied to your personal address if needed.

District 202F Awards

Congratulations to any Lions club or individual who was successful in the District 202F awards. The Millar Leadership award started for 2024-2025 with the attendance at the District Convention followed by zone meeting attendance. I require the attendance names, clubs, and titles for recording. Lions' clubs who have their officers recorded by the correct date will be given points and the officers attending the training in June. Filing of MMRs are automatically calculated so the worry of forgetting to file these is a past point now.

The Keelty Youth award will also be assigned points from the District Convention. Support of students at Borland lodge has already been sent to me followed by speech maker sponsorship and Youth exchange. Peace poster will follow.

Any service projects from this Lions year are eligible for District Convention 2025, Entries will open on July 1st also any bulletins from this Lions year enter 2 x different months. Nothing to lose in entering these as I do see some wonderful work by club editors, that is certainly up to entry standard. This award was not presented at the recent convention as there were no entries. Please let's change this. Any questions I'm happy to help.

Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust

I would like to thank the District 202f Lions clubs who showed their trust and confidence in me to vote me as the District 202F Lloyd Morgan trustee position.

I promise to be available when required by Lions clubs with information and resources on the grants and loans so clubs can finalize their community projects.

Thank you.
Wendy Goodwin PDG

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YOUNG SPEECHMAKER COMPETITION 2024

District 202F Contest will be held at the
Senior Citizens Rooms, Gore, on Sunday, June 16

FREE ENTRY
FULLY SPONSORED BY LIONS CLUBS THROUGHOUT NZ

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
Pam Fiveash, 202f.speechmakers@lionsclubs.org.nz

District competition of the Lions Young Speechmaker Competition to be held at the Senior Citizens Rooms, Ardwick Street, Gore on Sunday, June 16, 2024. Clubs are asked to contact their respective schools and pass on the application form and the rules and guidelines that has already been shared with them. And if anyone has any questions, either from a club or from another organisation, they are free to either email me at 202f.speechmakers@lionsclubs.org.nz or by phone on 027-543-9094.

○ **Cut-off
date for
entries is
Friday, 31
May**

Winton Outlook

May 2024

www.winton.co.nz

Winton Lions Club members massive fundraiser effort for the Emergency Helipad

Their trip started at Cape Reinga on the 24th of February with the destination of Bluff. Cyclists Wim & Jeanet Overgaauw and Inge de Kruijf are members of the Winton Lions Club, aiming to raise money for the Emergency Helipad project in Winton. Their friend Jose van der Poel also joined in for the first two weeks and the last three days at the end.

They were guided by the Tour Aotearoa. A tour set out by the Kenneth brothers, you can order booklets online or download an app with the route. Sometimes they had to adjust because of poor weather conditions or ferry availability, but followed most of the tour from the booklet.

The places visited are too many to mention, but some of the highlights of the trip were 90-mile beach, Waikato River Trail, Timber Trail, Westcoast Wilderness Trail and Walter Peak Station towards Mavora Lakes.

Most of the tour went through the countryside, but one other highlight was biking to Mount Eden in Auckland, right through the CBD. They met a lot of people that were so friendly. Their accommodation varied from Airbnb's, cabins, motels and hotels. It was great to experience "kiwi" hospitality. One of their hosts requested not to pay the accommodation to him, but put the money towards the helipad because he said "I will be pleased if I can save one life". Every day of the trip was amazing, especially due to the beautiful scenery of this great country. They were very lucky with the weather, only on three occasions they needed wet weather gear.

They overcame many challenges along the way, muddy and slippery tracks and very big hills. Also going over swing bridges above deep valleys or rivers was an amazing experience. One of the river crossings was over the Maramatah River with the highest and longest swing bridge in the country (141 m long). Also going through the Spooner Tunnel, which is 1.5 Kilometres long was a great experience. Luckily at the end of every day their support team were waiting with cold drinks, cheese and crackers and a lovely meal.



After 40 days they reached their final destination of Bluff.

They would like to thank everyone who donated, sponsored, prayed and hosted them. It was great to see a crowd at South Hillend and Winton supporting them nearing the finish. The coffee cart at the last morning in Winton and with an extra six people biking alongside them from Winton to Bluff, helped them to manage that last leg with ease.

The donations are still coming in, at this point they have raised over \$16,000. Please, consider donating and supporting this project for our wider Winton community.

Donations are welcome to:
Lions Club of Winton: 03-0960-0180213-00

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Inge de Kruijf and Wim & Jeanet Overgaauw



FROM THE LCIF PRESIDENT

DR PATTI HILL



Dear Lion,

We're almost at the end of the Lion year, and I've been so fortunate to meet many of you during my travels. I experienced first-hand one of our association's greatest strengths—the diversity of our membership and service.

For more than 100 years, Lions have opened their arms to the world and embraced new people, projects and ideas. We provide eyeglasses to those with low vision, welcome displaced people to our communities, care for the elderly and so much more.

As Lions, we don't just accept the status quo—we innovate to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities. Let's continue to find new ways of supporting all people who need us and inviting all people who want to join us in service.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



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**HAY & BALAGE
COMPETITION & SALE**
2pm FRIDAY 14th JUNE

AT Northern Southland Transport's Yard

Contact John Hayman 0278974477 or Doug Ramsay 0276805677

Celebrating Graeme Wilson: A New Chapter for Lions Club Leadership

Graeme Wilson from the Waihopai City Lions Club in Invercargill has achieved a significant milestone by being elected Lions Club International Director for New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific Islands, Indonesia, and New Caledonia. This prestigious role marks a remarkable achievement for Wilson and the 202F Lions community.



Wilson's journey to this position was both challenging and inspiring. Over six months, he competed against five other contenders, delivering speeches at seven conventions nationwide. His unwavering dedication and passion for the Lions Club were instrumental in his success. Wilson's humility and ability to connect with grassroots members resonated deeply with voters, leading to his election.

Wilson's homecoming was a heartwarming celebration. Upon his arrival at Invercargill Airport on Sunday, he was greeted by up to 20 Lions Club members with cheers, clapping, and placards. The enthusiastic reception was a testament to the support he received from his fellow members throughout the process. "It really blew me away," Wilson said, highlighting the collective effort and camaraderie within the club.

In his new role, Wilson will serve as the top representative for his designated regions, bringing their issues and ideas to the attention of Lions world leaders. Over the next two years, he will attend conventions in various countries, sharing his insights and experiences. Additionally, Wilson will become an inspirational speaker, driving efforts to increase membership and engagement within the Lions Club.

Wilson's election is a testament to his exceptional leadership and commitment to the Lions Club's mission of service. His ability to relate to members personally and his dedication to fostering community spirit have distinguished him as a true leader. As he embarks on this new chapter, the Lions Club community can look forward to Wilson's inspirational guidance and efforts to enhance the organisation's global impact.

Congratulations to Graeme Wilson on this well-deserved honour. His achievement is a source of pride for our 202F District and a beacon of inspiration for Lions Club members everywhere. We wish him the very best as he takes on this pivotal role, confident that he will lead with the same passion and dedication that has characterised his journey thus far.

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Welcome

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

Name	Club	Sponsor
Grant Jefcoate	Alexandra Lions	Donald Lamont
Alan McLean	Alexandra Lions	Stephen Battrick
Natalia Panferova	Clyde & Districts	Chris Page
Judith Thornbury	Cromwell	Murray Sheppard
Pamela Attwood	Gore River Valley	Adele Moore
Stephen Keyte	Owaka	Wayne Hollows
Dean Saunders	Tuatapere	Shawn Kollat
Susan Jiwan	Waihopai City	Deborah McKenzie
Joel Corry	Wanaka & Districts	
Florence Meyer	Wanaka Upper Clutha	Colleen Carr
Russell Kerr	West Otago	Bruce Murray

Life member Father Morris Whyte



LION Father Morris Whyte

Celebration mass was held on the 17th May 2024,

at the Calvary Hospital - Rest Home for

Lion Father Morris Whyte.

For 60 years being a Priest

In the 202F District.

Many priests from the

The Diocese of Dunedin was present.

As for the Winton Lions,

John and Nancy McHugh,

Jeff Munro, and Henriët Schuurmans

60 YEARS





WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

JUNE 5TH

MEMBERS MATTER

MD 202 Membership Newsletter



May 2024

Issue Three

RETENTION

What is the Definition of Retention: **The act of retaining something.**

Synonyms: holding, keeping.

Types: withholding. the act of holding back or keeping within your possession or control.

Six Retention strategies:

- Offer benefits to club members e.g. social as well as service
- Ensure your onboarding process is sound.
- Develop a club culture members want to be a part of.
- Encourage communication.
- Offer training opportunities.
- Provide flexible work schedules.

What is the opposite of Retention? **Attrition**

A reduction or decrease in numbers, size, or strength:

Our club has had a high rate of attrition because so many members have moved away.

A wearing down or weakening of resistance, especially as a result of continuous pressure or harassment.



With so much effort being spent on bringing in new members, it can be easy to overlook the importance of retention. Growth can't happen if Lions are leaving as fast as new members are being inducted. Some clubs and districts believe they have to choose between recruiting or retaining. Top-performing clubs and districts realize they can and must do both.

The three main reasons why Lions drop their membership are

- a) Conflict within the club.
- b) A lack of feeling of belonging in their club.
- c) And scheduling conflicts.

All these problems have one thing in common: ***we have the power to solve them.***

- a) We can deal with conflict fairly.
- b) We can make our members feel like they are an important part of their club.
- c) We can be more flexible in scheduling meetings by allowing members to participate virtually.

Do You really know how your members are feeling?

The best way to measure membership satisfaction is by conducting a **membership survey**. (survey resource is attached)

Remember, happy Lions don't drop. They become more involved in leading their clubs and performing more service. They invite their friends and family to join their clubs. This is how we will reach the target for **MISSION 10k** and become the organization our communities need us to be.

Clubs cannot do anything about members who move away from the area - **But keep these members as Lions by making sure they TRANSFER to another club.** While your club will lose the member another club can pick them up and they will remain within the Lions family. Get your President to contact the Zone Chair for the area they are moving to and make sure an introduction is made to their new club - they will appreciate your efforts, as they will be given the opportunity to meet new people in their new town/city.

Make sure your current members are happy with where your club is at -

DO THE SURVEY!!!!!!!!!!



It is an honour for your club to be able to induct a new member - make them feel special but **DO NOT** pressure them into taking on leadership roles too early in their Lions service. Clubs have lost valuable people through this tactic. It is a proven fact that new members will leave within the first 2 years of being a member of the club if they are not happy. Clubs need to think outside the square sometimes. Don't be afraid to try new things if that is what your members want. e.g.

(a club of 55 members is having trouble filling the role of Vice President for the coming year. Two members have come forward who are willing to fill the role in a joint capacity. The club has taken this on board and are thankful they have 2 enthusiastic members willing to do the job)

It is part of your membership chair's role to regularly check up on meeting apologies. A common fault with clubs is members making apologies for meetings every month, and it becomes very easy to then resign, as the connection with the club has been lost. Follow up these members quickly - someone offers to pick them up and bring them along to the meetings.

Some clubs have two dinner meetings a month - is this necessary? With the times the way they are, this could be an un-necessary burden the club is placing on their members. Why not review it - again the membership survey will address this.

Exceeding Expectations

A club guide to providing positive membership experiences.



Member Survey Form

Your club has decided to conduct a member experience assessment to identify strengths and challenges through a short member survey. Responses to this survey will be used by your club's leaders to create or maintain a club culture that meets or exceeds the expectations of its members.

Please complete the short survey below and return to your club membership chairperson or survey administrator by the due date noted below. Comments are optional. Your responses will be anonymous unless you choose to put your name at the bottom.

Return to club membership chairperson administrator by: _____

Topic	I Strongly agree	I Agree	I Disagree	I Strongly disagree
Club Operations				
Meeting times are convenient				
Comments {optional):				
Meetings are engaging and productive				
Comments:				
Club officers are open to new ideas from members				
Comments:				
Club fees/ dues are appropriate and Spent effectively				
Service opportunities fit my personal interests and passions				
Comments:				

Topic	I Strongly agree	I Agree	I Disagree	I Strongly disagree
Social / Relationships				
My relationships with club members are positive				
Comments {optional):				

My relationships with club and district leadership are positive and equitable				
Comments:				
I feel a strong sense of belonging in my club				
Comments:				
I socialize with the members of my club outside of scheduled club activities				
Comments:				

<i>Topic</i>	I <i>Strongly agree</i>	I <i>Agree</i>	I <i>Disagree</i>	I <i>Strongly disagree</i>
Club/ Association Culture				
New member Invitations <i>are</i> encouraged				
Comments:				
Professional growth and leadership opportunities are encouraged				
Comments:				
My club sparks positivity and creativity				
Comments:				

<i>Topic</i>	I <i>Strongly agree</i>	I <i>Agree</i>	I <i>Disagree</i>	I <i>Strongly disagree</i>
Overall Opinion of Club				
My club is headed in the right direction				
Comments:				
I plan to remain a member of my club for the foreseeable future				
Comments:				

Your name(optional): _____

Thank you for your input. Please return this form to the survey administrator by the due date shown above.



Matariki

The Matariki Festival marks the Māori New Year in Tāmaki Makaurau, celebrating te ao Māori. It fosters a community environment where people can gather to learn, reflect, and celebrate the special season of Matariki.

There is still time to register!

www.melbourne2024.org.au

Event Speakers Announced:



International President
Dr. Patti Hill



LCIF Chairperson
Brian Sheehan



First Vice President
Fabrício Oliveira

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend an International Convention while it is in our region.

MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA



Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Event Details

Host City . Melbourne Australia

Date Friday 21st June 2024 – Tuesday 25th June 2024

Venue Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

Registration Link

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/registration-information/individual-registration/>

Registration QRCode




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