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The Oamaru Lions Club
cordially invite you to
attend the District 202J
convention

4th to 6th APRIL 2025



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We Serve



DG Derek's Discourse

Somewhere in my life I have heard that "time flies fast when you're having fun". Well, right now I'm not so sure, with 4 months of my term left and so many things still to achieve, I appear to be in the same trap as so many clubs. Reporting. For myself a missed report is in your face! How come no DG report in the J Times this month; the DG welcome and DG report missing from the Convention booklet or having to give a verbal at Cabinet.

This is an issue in all seven districts, so why do we report and who uses the data captured?

The data gathered are what forms the foundations of partnerships between Lions and a variety of other organizations. Partnerships in New Zealand have, or still do, involve Red Cross, Diabetes, Hearing Dogs, the Liver Transplant House, Cancer Lodge (Hamilton), Camp Quality are but a few. Locally the Berwick Experience and Child Mobility are two partnerships.

Reporting is how LCI and LCIF prepare their annual reports (both to Lions and their legally required financial reporting). The numbers gathered determine promotional material, and where to go to source partners. The best example in our own backyard is vision. Through the reporting of both the time spent, the number of units gathered, screened then dispensed to the Pacific Islands and beyond was the catalyst for Johnson and Johnson (yes, the baby powder/kitchen cleaning outfit) to come on board and sponsor lenses/frames and eyesight drugs.

I have included an LCI summary relating to a number of partnerships at international level.

Much of this relates to sight and considering Lions have embraced this cause since Helen Keller's challenge in June 1925 reporting has guided the programme structures, encouraged sponsors, leading to improved health outcomes for hundreds of people.

How about clubs reporting full stop. Report ALL your club activities, not just sight but club meetings, BBQs, firewood etc, also the donations made and not simply in June but now monthly. In the remaining 4 months can we lift the reporting from 44% to 64%? Of course we can!!!

For those who are unsure or do not know the process, help is always close at hand. Just Ask.

Currently along with Christine we are in the convention cycle and at the time of writing we have just returned from Mt Maunganui ("L") and about to attend "D" in Stratford.

Membership numbers and projects are major topics. Many clubs appear to have no difficulty in talking to younger contacts but getting that final commitment is proving hard. District "J" is performing well in the new member arena and in most age groups.

Our +16 net is a fantastic gain (with more in the wings) you are Proud Lions. Thankyou.

DG Derek

Wanted!

Club activity action photos for:

- ◆ **the District 202J photographic competition (URGENT—by 2 March)
See details of where to send on page 28.**
- ◆ **the front cover of J-Times -Send photos to DG Derek**

Lions Clubs International Foundation - Partners, affiliates and technical partners

LCIF's partnerships, affiliations and technical partnerships provide opportunities to share critical knowledge, inspiration and financial support and resources to advance large and promising projects, and to accelerate meaningful change globally.

Our partners Organizations that provided LCIF with funding.



Our affiliates Executing partners that utilized funds provided by LCIF.



Our technical partners Organizations with which LCIF convened to ensure sustainable, impactful projects.



LCIF and the United Nations - Lions International has partnered with the United Nations (UN) for more than 75 years. Like LCIF, the UN seeks to address global and emerging needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations. In 2015, UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change. The collection of interlinked global objectives is designed to foster a better, more sustainable future. LCIF's cause areas reflect the spirit of these goals.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/

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Johnson & Johnson - Since 2002, LCIF has partnered with Johnson & Johnson to implement the largest-known school-based eye health program, **Sight For Kids**, screening more than 48 million children around the world. For more than 20 years, SFK has mobilized Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in select sites in low-income schools, bringing equal access to these services and helping children everywhere reach their full potential. **UN Goal Alignment:** Good Health and Well-Being; Reduced Inequalities; Partnerships for the Goals

Expanding **Sight For Kids** Programming to Egypt **LCIF and Johnson & Johnson** expanded the Sight For Kids program to schools in Egypt. During its first campaign, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Lions conducted a comprehensive screening for eye disorders in 273 schools in the Ashmun and Menouf districts of the Menoufia Governorate. By the end of October 2023, more than 250,000 students were examined. This year, LCIF and Johnson & Johnson proudly announced that the Sight For Kids program has impacted more than 50 million children worldwide. **UN Goal Alignment:** Good Health and Well-Being, Partnerships for the Goals, Reduced Inequalities

Bringing Comprehensive Vision Care to Zambia Through a new partnership with the **Lavelle Fund for the Blind**, a large-scale comprehensive eye health project will launch in the Western Province of Zambia, implemented by Lions Aid Zambia. The project provides service delivery in five underserved, rural districts of the Western Province. A robust screening and training program will be at the heart of the project, resulting in over 25,000 people screened and ophthalmic staff members trained in cataract operations. **UN Goal Alignment:** Good Health and Well-Being, Partnerships for the Goals, Reduced Inequalities

Supporting School Meals in Four Countries World **Food Program USA and LCIF** began a US\$4 million partnership to provide school meals in four countries through the United Nations World Food Programme. Each organization will contribute US\$2 million to this joint effort, ensuring school children in Ecuador, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Uganda have access to nutrient-rich food. **UN Goal Alignment:** Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Partnerships for the Goals, Reduced Inequalities

Uniting to Fight Hunger in India **LCIF** and Lions of MD-322 **partnered with Norisys Technology Private Unlimited**, to provide roti to the citizens of Siliguri who do not have access to sufficient food. The flatbread, vegetable curry and pickles were delivered via 10 vans driving around the community. It is estimated that the project will provide 5,000 meals to people in need each day, helping ease hunger and malnutrition in India. **UN Goal Alignment:** Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Partnerships for the Goals, Reduced Inequalities

Special Olympics – Promoting a More Inclusive World For more than 20 years, LCIF and Special Olympics have proudly partnered to create tremendous impact worldwide. Through the Mission: Inclusion partnership, LCIF has awarded more than US\$28 million to Special Olympics for activities that include Opening Eyes, Family Health Forums, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles, and inclusive sports. During the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany, Lions and Leos joined more than 7,000 athletes, more than 20,000 volunteers, and hundreds of thousands of spectators, guests, supporters, and more to celebrate the ways in which Special Olympics partners with global organizations like LCIF. **UN Goal Alignment:** Partnerships for the Goals; Reduced Inequalities

The Lions-Carter Center SightFirst partnership is among the most important and long-lasting relationships between the SightFirst program and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). From 1994 to 2018, the partnership resulted in more than 236 million treatments to eliminate river blindness and over 177 million treatments to halt the blinding effects of trachoma. Over 799,000 sight-saving surgeries to reverse the advanced stage of trachoma have been performed, and more than 3.2 million latrines have been built to reduce transmission of infection.

The Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Partnership programs are among the world's most ambitious and successful sight initiatives and have led to measurable change for many throughout Africa and the Americas.

As a result of this partnership, the World Health Organization has verified four countries in the Americas as free of river blindness (Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala). River blindness transmission also has been interrupted and mass drug administration halted in significant areas of Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, and Ethiopia. Further to this, the Amhara Region of Ethiopia, which suffers from the worst known trachoma prevalence in the world, has witnessed over 5 million people no longer requiring mass drug administration to prevent the disease, and the backlog of patients requiring surgery dwindle exponentially each year. Millions are free from these diseases thanks to this partnership and Lions support. These accomplishments would not have occurred without LCIF's early investments, and the constant support and advocacy of Lions Clubs in each country.

The World Health Organization validated Mali's elimination of trachoma as a public health problem. This bacterial eye infection causes blindness that is preventable and treatable. The milestone achievement follows many years of hard work led by the national government, with support from international partners, including LCIF's SightFirst partnership with The Carter Center.

The Carter Center has pledged its unwavering support to ensure countries reach their river blindness and trachoma elimination goals. Lions International and LCIF have been full partners with The Carter Center throughout the 30+ year span of our work. **UN Goal Alignment:** Good Health and Well-Being; Reduced Inequalities; Partnerships for the Goals

World Health Organisation – For over 30 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has partnered with the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations specialized agency for health and well-being. This partnership runs several global initiatives in the area of eye care service development to prevent irreversible vision loss.

LCIF and the WHO collaborate in the areas of blindness prevention, visual impairment treatment, and the prevention and control of diabetes, with emphasis on diabetic eye disease. In this collaboration, the WHO is responsible for activity implementation and technical oversight, while LCIF is responsible for providing funding, publicity and local Lions involvement.

Since 2001, LCIF and the WHO have partnered on the “Lions-WHO Project for the Elimination of Childhood Blindness”. Through this project, LCIF has given nearly US\$7 million in grants to establish tertiary paediatric eye care centres throughout the six WHO regions.

To-date, 73 centres have been established in 30 countries. Three new centres are being created in Kenya, Chad and Madagascar.

These child friendly eye care centres are identified using available evidence in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Lions Clubs, and the WHO; the support this partnership offers includes infrastructure improvement (not creation), paediatric ophthalmology equipment purchase and human resources training on-site with world-class international experts. The presence of a trained paediatric eye professional is a necessary prerequisite. Through this project, professionals will receive additional training and/or refresher courses by renowned paediatric eye specialists.

Support is also provided for primary level education, referral system development, family awareness and advanced service provision at the community level.

One Shot, One life: Lions Measles Initiative The Measles Initiative and the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** approach LCIF with a partnership idea that would engage Lions worldwide in the fight against measles. Now known as the Measles & Rubella Initiative (M&RI), the initiative is a coalition of international partners dedicated to the elimination of measles and rubella. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation focus areas include the delivery of interventions that reduce under-five and maternal mortality, limit the spread of vaccine-preventable disease, and promote more equitable health outcomes within countries and globally. Lions and LCIF receive an initial grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2010 to help fight measles in four specific regions: Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria. Lions involved in this pilot initiative focus their efforts in three main areas:

(1) advocacy at the local, regional and national levels (2) direct involvement in social marketing and mobilization (3) financial support.

The efforts by Lions and partners are tremendously successful, resulting in 41 million children vaccinated within these four countries.

Due to the success of the pilot initiative and the role Lions serve within communities around the world, the Gates Foundation awards LCIF a US\$5 million challenge grant. Lions and LCIF are asked to exceed this funding with US\$10 million – providing a total of US\$15 million for the fight against measles.

Lions meet the Gates Foundation challenge in October 2012, and the funds help purchase measles vaccines that reach more than 15 million children. In addition to financial support, Lions provide hands-on involvement in measles vaccination campaigns. With the help of LCIF, Lions continue their advocacy efforts and actively begin planning for upcoming campaigns.

Gavi Partnership - LCIF partners with **Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance** to protect tens of millions of children living in the world's poorest countries. LCIF completes their commitment to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance by raising US\$30 million. The Gavi Matching Fund matches LCIF's contributions dollar for dollar, bringing the total amount raised to US\$60 million. In addition to the financial contribution, Lions worldwide provide advocacy and social mobilization activities aimed at increasing awareness of and participation in vaccination campaigns. The results are tremendous.

In 2018, LCIF enters Phase II of its partnership with Gavi, focusing on Lions' social mobilization and advocacy activities. Lions are in their communities talking with parents, schools, local governments, and other community leaders. Lions volunteer at vaccination centres, dispel common misconceptions about the measles and the measles vaccine, and spread the word about why it is important for every child to be immunized from measles. Gavi and LCIF collaborate to provide educational materials and financial support to Lions' social mobilization efforts in Uganda, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

The Choose Kindness Alliance –Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is proud to be a founding member of The Choose Kindness Alliance, a coalition of the nation's leading nonprofit organizations championing bullying prevention, intentional inclusion, and youth mental wellness. The Choose Kindness Project is dedicated to inspiring a more inclusive world where all young people feel empowered to be themselves and feel safe to create the futures they imagine.

The Choose Kindness Project is an initiative, guided by the 20+ members of the alliance and supported by ABC, ESPN, and the Walton Family Foundation, dedicated to inspiring a more inclusive world where all young people feel empowered to be themselves and safe to create the futures they imagine.

Lions Quest, LCIF's signature youth education program, is a social emotional learning (SEL) program which gives students the skills to navigate life and prevent bullying and substance abuse. For over 30 years, Lions Quest has impacted more than 20 million children across the globe by providing students and educators with the skills necessary to celebrate diversity and establish positive relationships.

Students who participate in SEL showed improved classroom behaviour, reduced rates of stress and depression, and improved attitudes towards their school, their peers, and their own self-image. SEL programs like Lions Quest increased students' academic performance by up to 11 percent.

Effects of SEL programs like Lions Quest are long lasting. Kindergarteners who participate in SEL programs and have stronger SEL skills are more likely to graduate high school, go to college/university, and obtain stable employment as young adults.

Including SEL and character development is critical for educating the whole child. This approach can help bridge the achievement gap between students from high- and low-income settings and improve economic mobility for disadvantaged students.

Schools with positive school climate practices like Lions Quest have lower rates of bullying and absenteeism. Students in schools with positive school climate practices were more motivated to learn and had higher achievement scores over both the short and long term.

Bullying in schools harms all students – not just those immediately impacted. A study of student achievement scores across 30 countries found a direct correlation between bullying and student reading scores.

Research from Harvard University found that students participating in Lions Quest reported significantly improved perception of the school climate as a whole, and improved perceptions of physical and emotional safety.

Since 2014, LCIF has partnered with the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** (UNODC) to implement Lions Quest in communities across the globe. As an evidence-based program for drug prevention, Lions Quest builds social and emotional competencies and supports in families, schools, and communities to ensure that youth grow and stay healthy and safe into adulthood.

[In 2015, UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change.](#) LCIF's and UNODC's joint collaboration on Lions Quest works toward realizing Goal 3: to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, by tackling Target 3.5 to "strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol."

As a result of the Lions-UNODC partnership, LCIF has granted more than US\$1.4 million to pilot Lions Quest in Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Ivory Coast; UNODC has mobilized a similar amount. Together, the two organizations disseminated the data collected from the project at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World

Drug Problem in 2016. One outcome of the session was a recommendation to “increase the availability, coverage and quality of scientific evidence-based prevention measures and tools that target relevant age and risk groups in multiple settings” such as Lions Quest.

Elevance Health - Lions International has partnered with Elevance Health since 2015 to provide volunteer engagement opportunities for Elevance Health employees within their local communities. Each office engages in projects that capture company and employee values to produce meaningful change in communities where Elevance Health employees live and work.

Latter-day Saint Charities - LCIF and Latter-day Saint Charities have partnered since 2018 to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness for underserved populations in Africa, South America, and the Middle East. Together, we work to create sustainable eye care systems by improving existing infrastructure and training local personnel to provide cost-effective services.

Sirva and Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) partnership collaboration with Under One Sky, helps to support and serve the street homeless communities in London. In this time of great need, Sirva and LCIF are uniting and activating our efforts to serve those communities and people in need through Under One Sky. Together, Sirva and LCIF can impact real change for homeless populations in and around London.

SIRVA BGRS Worldwide, Inc. India and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) India have officially launched their very first CSR partnership project in Bangalore, India. Together, this collaboration will construct clean drinking water facilities at four government schools across Bangalore – with more to follow – impacting thousands of students. Moreover, this CSR partnership will support four of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals – including (3) Good Health and Well-Being, (4) Quality Education, (6) Clean Water and Sanitation, and (17) Partnering for the Goals – which helped to guide the implementation of this program.

As an example of this wonderful collaboration, SIRVA BGRS India and LCIF India officials came together to inaugurate this partnership at the Government Higher Primary School in Bileshwale, Bangalore which is in a severely underserved community. School administrators applauded SIRVA BGRS India's support and vision for helping sustainable communities. Together we can impact the lives of the next generation – one bottle of water at a time. **UN Goal Alignment:** Good Health and Well-Being; Quality Education; Clean Water and Sanitation; Partnerships for the Goals

Building an Ophthalmology Wing at Bhakti Vendanta Hospital (BVH) In a densely populated suburb of Mumbai, India, BVH is a full-service hospital that also provides cataract surgeries and a variety of other eye care services for the region. Lions in India recognized that as the population increased, so did the need for quality eye care. To increase BVH's cataract surgical output, as well as strengthen the range of eye care provided in the region, the Lions utilized a US\$700,958 grant, to construct and equip the Lions Juhu **Aruna Abhey Oswal Super Specialty Eye Care Centre**, a new ophthalmology wing at BVH. More than 18,000 people received outpatient consultations in the new wing, more than 3,200 cataract cases were diagnosed, and more than 3,000 cataract surgeries were performed. Additional services provided include screenings and treatment for diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and uncorrected refractive errors. **UN Goal Alignment:** Good Health and Well-Being; Partnerships for the Goals

Since 2019, LCIF has partnered with **Texas Children's Hospital & Texas Children's Cancer and Haematology Center Global HOPE program** to help address the heartbreaking outcomes from childhood cancer in sub-Saharan Africa.

Since 2007, children with cancer in Botswana could receive a diagnosis and treatment through Texas Children's Hospital's Global Haematology/Oncology Paediatric Excellence (HOPE) initiative, in partnership with several organizations fiercely dedicated to stemming the wrath of childhood cancers in Botswana: the Government of Botswana, Botswana-Baylor Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence Trust, Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor International Paediatric AIDS Initiative at Texas Children's Hospital, and Baylor College of Medicine.

Unpacking the acronym, HOPE stands for Haematology-Oncology Paediatric Excellence, exactly what those affected by childhood cancer need – hope. Lions in Botswana are among those helping families see the possibilities, the hope, for a healthier future.

In 2017, a blog about Childhood Cancer Awareness Month caught the attention of the Lions Club of Phakalane, one of Botswana's 15 Lions clubs. Since 2019, representatives of Texas Children's have engaged with LCIF and with Lions throughout Botswana and also participated in Lions' events in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Lions, with support from LCIF, are committed and eager to bring about progress in the childhood cancer arena. Lions are raising awareness through Lions-sponsored health fairs; volunteering with Global HOPE's Thrive program, to engage with hospitalized children and their families; participating with Leos in training sessions about paediatric cancer; speaking about childhood cancer at national and regional Lions events; and working together for our annual Survivor Party.

One of Lions' most significant contributions is the Bell of Bravery. During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Lions of Phakalane generously donated the bell, the ringing of which signifies the end of long courses of cancer treatment and is now a tradition in many places.

We are blessed to see the Bell of Bravery in action, particularly in Botswana – a part of the world where children do not always have access to cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Not every child will ring the Bell of Bravery, but with support from a community comprising Texas Children's, Botswana-Baylor, Lions and LCIF, young patients have hope for brighter, healthier tomorrows.

Situations Vacant - Your District Needs You!

◆ **J-Times Editor(s) for 2025/2026 onwards.**

Please contact FVDG Mike Wingfield

◆ **Heads Up For Kids contact person, Zones 1,2,3 (Malcolm Lill willing to assist)**

Please contact DG Derek if you can help District 202J in these roles - or any other - District roles.

Photos & Videos

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

A Warm Welcome to New Members.....



Dunedin Host:

Peter Forman (Christine)	<i>(sponsor Trevor Mattingly)</i>
Christine Forman (Peter)	<i>(sponsor Trevor Mattingly)</i>
Hannah Merceanu	<i>(sponsor Jenni Mattingly)</i>
Isabella Merceanu	<i>(sponsor Jenni Mattingly)</i>

Geraldine:

Michelle Robertson (Grant)	<i>(sponsor Chrissy Gardner)</i>
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Timaru Suburban:

Alisha Martin (Adam)	<i>(sponsor Teresa May)</i>
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Waiareka Valley:

David Barkman (Sue Woodward)	<i>(sponsor Barry Meikle)</i>
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We Honour the Life and Service of.....

Avis Kingsland	Ashburton County (27.5 years' service)
Barbara Gillies	Dunedin Host (26 years' service)
Bill Corbett	Methven (58 years' service)
Margaret Perry	Timaru Suburban (almost 2 years' service)



Lion Portal

202J Administrator

- ◆ If anyone has trouble with the Lion Portal please let Jan Stonyer know, and she can hopefully help. 027 631 3454
- ◆ Clubs reporting can now add photos to go with their service/project activities; it has just become available on the Lions Portal.

When you go to add a service activity or project there is a tab on the right of the screen to upload photos.

**Incoming emails to any club member are incoming correspondence
- to be taken to your club meetings**

Record incoming & outgoing correspondence in your minutes





202J District Convention

4th - 6th April 2025
Hosted by Lions Club of Oamaru
Venue: Oamaru Club,
32 Severn Street, Oamaru
Newsletter



Registration Forms:

202j.convention@lionsclubs.org.nz

Registrations & Payments close 20th March 2025

Venues:

Friday Night Meet & Greet: Venue to be confirmed
Saturday Convention: [Oamaru Club, 32 Severn St, Oamaru](#)
Saturday Dine & Dance: Loan & Mercantile, 14 Harbour St, Oamaru
Sunday Remembrance: Oamaru Club, 32 Severn St, Oamaru

Registration Desk:

Friday: Meet & Greet Times & venue to be advised
Saturday: Oamaru Club Times to be advised

Program:

Friday: Meet & Greet, a chance to meet up with fellow delegates and complete registration. Time and venue to be confirmed.

Saturday: Oamaru Club. All seated by 8.20am for the official opening flag ceremony, guest speakers, and AGM.

Entries in the Best Decorated Cake auction will be on display along with displays of Lions Projects. There will also be a raffle.

At the conclusion of the business session there will be an opportunity to join a guided tour of Parkside quarry, which is the last Oamaru Stone quarry operating in the Otago region. Transport to and from the site will be provided but numbers are limited so register early if you want visit this site.

Partners Tour. A walking tour of Oamaru's historic precinct and harbour area with opportunity to explore the interesting shops and galleries in the area.

Dine & Dance. Don your glad rags and join us in the heart of the historic precinct for the Dine & Dance at the Loan and Merc, with live music. The Loan and Merc was built in 1882 as a grain storage warehouse and is now a popular wedding reception and events venue.

Sunday: Oamaru Club.
Remembrance/Dedication Service. All seated by 10.20am.
This will be followed by the transfer of flags and a light lunch.

Conference Accommodation:

Please note that there are other events on in Oamaru at the same time as our convention. We strongly recommend that you book your accommodation in Oamaru now. There are a lot of motels and short-term accommodation (Air BnB) options. Below is just a selection of motel options. Some operators are holding rooms so we recommend that you contact them now by phone to make your booking as some held rooms will not show as available on the internet.

- ◆ The Mews 03 434 3437
- ◆ AAA Thames Court Motel 03 434 6963
- ◆ Asure Ambassador Motor Lodge 03 437 2146
- ◆ Bella Vista Motel 03 434 2400
- ◆ Colonial Lodge Motel & Apartments 03 437 0999
- ◆ Midway Motel 03 434 5388
- ◆ Mariner Suites 03 434 7788
- ◆ Northstar Motels 03 437 1191 extension 2
- ◆ Oamaru Motor Lodge Their preference is for you to email them at info@oamarumotorlodge.co.nz

Parkside Quarry

Limestone has been quarried in the Otago Region since the 1860's. The sole remaining quarry is at Parkside farm Weston. The first limestone block was extracted from Parkside farm (now known as Parkside Quarry) in 1906. Originally, a large steam driven chainsaw mounted on rails was used to cut the 2-ton blocks of stone from the quarry floor. The limestone is now cut by a 3 metre, tungsten tipped circular saw blade.



Loan & Mercantile Building

The Loan & Merc is located at 14 Harbour Street in the heart of the historic precinct. Built as a grain store in 1882 for NZ Loan and Mercantile when it was the largest stock and station agency in New Zealand. The three-story building was designed to hold 100,000 sacks of grain. It is now a popular wedding reception and events venue.





202J District Convention

4th - 6th April 2025

Hosted by Lions Club of Oamaru
Venue: Oamaru Club,
32 Severn Street, Oamaru

REGISTRATION



Note: An online version of this form is available https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/about/districts/central-south-island-east-coast/202j-district-convention						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click download to be able to type. Or Print and hand write your details. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Then print, scan, and send to: 202j.convention@lionsclubs.org.nz 			
Surname		First Name				
Club		District				
Lion	Leo	Office Held				
Partner's Surname		First Name				
Postal Address		Post Code				
Email		Phone				
REGISTRATION AND FUNCTIONS			COST(\$)	LION	PARTNER	TOTAL(\$)
Convention Registration: Lion (Compulsory/non-refundable)			25.00		N/A	
Convention Registration: Non-Lion Partner (Compulsory/non-refundable)			25.00	N/A		
Friday Night Meet & Greet			0			
Saturday Morning tea and lunch			30.00			
Partner's Tour includes Morning tea and lunch			30.00			
Oamaru Stone Quarry Tour Limited numbers			20.00			
Saturday Evening meal, entertainment and live music Theme: White Stone			75.00			
Sunday Rededication/Remembrance Service with light lunch			25.00			
Late registration fee (after 21 nd to 28 th March 2025)			20.00			
Convention Pins			15.00			
TOTAL TO PAY \$						
Dietary Requirements						
Gluten Free		Vegetarian		Dairy Free		Other ?

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT OPTIONS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20th March 2025

Payment is by way of Internet Banking please.

Internet Banking Details:

Account Name: Lions Club of Oamaru Convention AC

Account Number: 06-0941-0035301-02

Particulars: Member's Name; Code: Club Name; Reference: Registration

Date Internet Banking Completed: ___/___/____ (D/M/Y)

Particulars: Member's Name; Code: Club Name; Reference: Registration

(Registrations will be confirmed once the internet banking is received)

EMAIL: Attach your scanned form and send to: 202j.convention@lionsclubs.org.nz
POST: Registrations, Lions 202J Convention, C/- Geoff Brown, 109 Springhill Rd, RD30, Cormacks, Oamaru 9495

Decorated Cake Competition.....

for Camp Quality South

2025 theme: "White Stone"

Who can enter?

- ◆ Any Lion or person with a connection to a Lion (friends and family can assist) through a sponsoring Lions club (clubs can sponsor more than one entry)
- ◆ This is only open to amateur decorators; any professionally decorated cakes are not eligible to be put in for the best decorated cake trophy
- professionally decorated cakes need to be declared, to make judging fair for all.

When?

Cakes to be displayed at the 4th – 6th April Convention in Oamaru. Voting is done throughout Saturday right up until the auction by placing a gold coin (or notes) in the container supplied for each cake.

How are donations made?

- ◆ Via gold coin (or notes)
- ◆ Via auction: how about clubs donating many \$\$\$\$ as their contribution instead of individuals bidding small amounts? Get permission from your club beforehand for the donation amount.

Suggested cake size?

Approximately the dimensions of a Lions Christmas cake - approx. 8x8 inches / 20 x20cm (you can use a Lions one if you like as the cake is not judged)

Judging?

- ◆ Done on the decoration only, not the cake

Trophies?

- ◆ Best decorated cake (independently judged by someone appointed by the District Governor)
– Lorna Inch Trophy. Most popular cake by vote
- ◆ – Ella Butson Trophy. Each cake will be voted on by way of coin donations.
- ◆ Highest winning bid at auction – Genny Hanning Trophy. All cakes will be auctioned off at the Saturday night function. The auctioneer will be appointed by the convention committee.



Reminder District 202J Convention

Nominations.....

◆ Nomination and seconder for:

- District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- Second Vice District Governor

to be received by Cabinet Secretary PCC Graham Edge
before Tuesday 4 March 2025



Note: District Governor candidates must have been a Vice District Governor in this District.

Eulogies please

- ♣ for recognition of the service of these Lions at our Convention Remembrance Service
 - ♣ send:
 - name & a good quality photo of deceased club members (do not downsize the photo for emailing)
 - accompanied by their eulogies (150 - 200 words)
- to Cabinet Secretary PCC Graham Edge ASAP
(at latest by **Tuesday 4 March 2025**)

At the 202J AGM being held in Oamaru on the 5th of April 2025, there will be a Remit and the New District 202J Constitution presented for consideration of the voting delegates.

These documents will be circulated to all Clubs for consideration of the voting delegates prior to Convention



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Lions New Initiative Mental Health and Wellbeing

The World Health Organization estimates that 700,000 people lose their lives to suicide each year, a heart-wrenching statistic. Lions have stepped up with a new HEALTH AND WELLBEING initiative aimed at raising awareness about mental health, educating and supporting communities, and advocating for positive change.

Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide, affecting over 300 million people. In high-income countries, approximately 23% of cases receive adequate treatment for depression, compared with only 3% in lower middle-income countries, highlighting a significant difference in access to mental health care.

Individuals who experience adverse circumstances such as poverty, violence, disability, and inequality are at a greater risk of

developing mental health conditions. More than 80% of people with mental health disorders reside in low and middle-income countries, where the relationship between mental health and poverty is especially pronounced.

Since 2020, the rates of depression and anxiety have risen by 25%. Among youth aged 10-19, one in seven experiences mental health conditions, while 14% of adults aged 60 and above live with a mental health disorder. Unfortunately, 20 countries worldwide still criminalize attempted suicide.

Where there's need there's a Lion

For Lions' service ideas related to Mental Health and Wellbeing, visit lionsclubs.org/mental_health

**PDG Les Box, QSM
202J LCIF District Coordinator**

LCIF Presidential Supporter Pins

International President's Pins are still available to all Lions members by making a personal donation of NZ\$75, \$150 or \$300 to one of LCIF's causes of your choice, in return you will receive an appropriate Bronze, Silver or Gold 2024/25 Presidential Supporters pin and also dollar credits in your name towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-foundation/recognition-programs/presidential-lcif-recognition>

Contact PDG Les Box: landjbox@outlook.com



Bronze \$NZ75



Silver \$NZ\$150



Gold \$NZ300



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

MJF or Life Membership Applications

Deposit to:

Westpac, International Assoc of Lions | 03-0502-0081103-00

Code: Recipient's Membership number

Reference: MJF MBR / LIFE MBR



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Please donate to LCIF so they can respond to worldwide need.
New Zealand has received more funds from LCIF after natural disasters & in times of crisis than New Zealand contributes to LCIF.



- ◆ Lions Clubs International Foundation: 03 0502 0081103 00
- ◆ Please email Les Box at landjbox@outlook.com with the detail of every LCIF banking



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Focus on Zone 2 News

In the last three months Zone membership has increased by two, with a large number of prospective members listed as well.

♣ **Lake Tekapo:**

Cutting, splitting and selling firewood continuing throughout 2025. The food truck will be at many events over the next few months. The club has also made grants from the Bill Apes scholarship fund.

♣ **Temuka District:**

The club recently held a social BBQ, a Church service and also their 40th anniversary lunch. They will be continuing reading at two local schools this year, are holding an Autumn/ Winter fashion parade in April. Had a social outing during November visiting Candles by Lyn.



♣ **Geraldine:**

Their BBQ trailer will be at six events during March and April, and club members on gate duty, parking and erecting tents at various events. The club will be selling bales of straw. The annual Multi Challenge walking and running club signature event is in March.



♣ **Geraldine Lioness Lions:**

Have an Antiques Road Show planned for March. Ongoing community service projects are gentle exercise classes, Meals on Wheels and knitting for the Neo Natal Unit. Later in the year the club is holding a garden expo.

♣ **Fairlie:**

Continuing with walking track development and maintenance, firewood splitting and selling is also ongoing. The club is running charity golf days in February and March. Work is progressing on the new heli-pad.

♣ **Temuka:**

Their new food trailer will be at several events, firewood cutting and splitting is a continuing activity, as is fertiliser sales at their kiosk.



Cleaned up the garden areas around the Fresh Choice car park.



They are also looking for a project to mark their 50th year of community service.

**Keith Bradley,
Zone 2 Chairman**



Focus on Zone 6 News

I want to start my report wishing a belated Merry Christmas & Happy New Year everyone. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Thank you everyone for all your efforts over the last Lions Year; you all do an amazing job.

- ♣ **Green Island:** The secretary does an amazing job keeping the Portal up to date for the club; I understand what a mission that is.

They are one of the lucky clubs - with a whole lot of sweat & tears they managed to buy a food caravan which gets lots of use.

With all their projects they get an amazing number of people volunteering, the diary is slowly filling up for this coming Lions year.

Food caravan catered at Green Island Market Day

Club regularly collects Can Tabs & Cans for Kidney Kids

Caters each year at the Otago Community Hospice Charity Car Rally

Involved in Food Bank Drive

Have a nice number of Lion Mints

Regular donations to youth

Busy keeping their sawdust stall stocked



- ♣ **Milton:** The club recently purchased a food trailer which I'm sure they are going to get a great amount of use from. The secretary keeps the club up to date on the Portal. Busy keeping their fertiliser stall stocked over summer Regularly cut & split firewood



Catered at Milton A&P Show

With all their projects they get an amazing number of people volunteering, the diary slowly filling up for this coming Lions year.

- ♣ **Taieri:** The club has just received a loan to help purchase a BBQ trailer; I can imagine this club is going to get some great use out of it. Fertiliser stall going well Club regularly collects Can Tabs & Cans for Kidney Kids Food Bank drive was very successful Regular social activities

- ♣ **Strath Taieri:** For such a small out of the way club they do some awesome events and regular projects and have a real community base at heart Having their top three chairs occupied by women it is great to see This club has all, if not most club members jumping into projects boots & all. Firewood has been a great regular project Involved in Market Days

Andrew Lawrence, Zone 6 Chairman

Used Hearing Aids & Unused (New) Batteries Collection

Updated details



- ◆ We collect all un-needed fully charged unused (new) hearing aid batteries (e.g. ones from old hearing aids that don't fit new hearing aids) and also collect old earpieces.



Add un-needed fully charged unused (new) batteries & old hearing aids to your collection of spectacles for delivery to PDG Andy Andrews in Cromwell - 57 Horace St, Cromwell (ph: (03) 445 3112 / 021 842 346)



Andy has arranged for a transport company to collect them in Dunedin and if they come to PDG Ella she can arrange for them to get to Cromwell. (Design & Garden Landscapes, 205 St Andrew St, Dunedin).

Oamaru: old hearing aids, unused (new) hearing aid batteries, (and spectacles) can also be delivered to DG Derek Wardell 7 Girvan St, Oamaru for delivery to Andy.

- ◆ OLD used, flat batteries are safely disposed of through Bay Audiology or Triton Hearing – take your used (flat) hearing aid batteries to them.



Mobile Phone Recycling

- ◆ Drop off at 2 degrees, Spark & Vodafone shops for the RE:MOBILE scheme which is accredited by the Ministry for the Environment. Sustainable Coastlines benefits.



Used Spectacles Collection

- ◆ The **Cromwell** Lions clubs have taken over the Ferrymead equipment for eyeglasses. **Do not** send spectacles to the Ferrymead Lions Club.
- ◆ Spectacles can be sent through directly to Lion Andy Andrews, 57 Horace St, Cromwell (ph: 03 445 3112 / 021 842 346) or they can still be delivered to PDG Ella's office and she will organise delivery to Cromwell.
- ◆ Oamaru: There is now a collection point at the Resource Recovery Park on the counter in "The Get Sorted Shop" in Chelmer Street. The container has the Lions emblem on it & all spectacles collected go to Lions.
- ◆ Also collect them from Specsavers and keep doing what clubs have been doing up to now with collecting eyeglasses. PDG Ella will collect them at her office (Design & Garden Landscapes, 205 St Andrew St, Dunedin).
- ◆ Zones 4,5 & 6: drop off to Anne Stratford, 021 0247 9803, who delivers spectacles to Andy.
- ◆ The cases in good condition go to Genny Hanning - see "Keep Your Eye Out" page 22.



Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids



- ◆ Kidney Kids NZ is a non-profit organisation established in 1990 to support children and their families and whānau with kidney disease and/or urinary tract disorders nationwide.
- ◆ We provide support and information to all children and young adults between the ages of 0-21 who have any type of Kidney or Urinary Tract Disease. Our services include hospital support; home visits; financial assistance; advocacy; youth development; education programmes; community education; events.
- ◆ **Sell your collected aluminium to a recycler:**
Wine bottle tops - remove any wire. Tear tabs, clean crushed aluminium cans, aluminium trays, aluminium cat food containers, tea light candle holders
 - other metals: e.g. **steel** - use a magnet to identify & remove these
 - some medication packaging is not pure aluminium &/or contains plastic - do not include
- ◆ Bank proceeds into:
Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids: 12 - 3114 - 0046019 – 001

Keep Your Eye Out!

Recycle old spectacles (without their cases - cases are not needed for the Pacific Islands) by dropping spectacles off at: *see page 21*
Then select the cases in good condition from the discarded cases for a new fundraising life.

Get cases to Genny Hanning at:
Green Island Gallery
194A Main South Road
Green Island Dunedin 9018.

Genny will get a team together to paint or decorate them for sale as trinket or earring boxes with the funds going to worthy Lions' projects.



Zone Meeting Dates

One	TBA	Four	TBA
Two	11th June	Five	26th June
Three	TBA	Six	24th June

Berwick Outdoor Experience

9th – 17th May 2025

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2025 Marketing & Communications Calendar

Month	Date	Event
March	2	Universal Children's Day (Theme: Promote Inclusivity)
	8	International Women's Day (Theme:: Accelerate Action)
	21	Lions Day with UN (LDUN)



Clubs are responsible for collecting the coins left at Resene shops (and other places where HU4K cans have been left.)
- **Resene** is just a drop off point for the public.

Clubs then sort the coins (sorting instructions are on the HU4K website:
https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/application/files/3416/8603/8948/Heads_Up_for_Kids_Sorting_Instructions_2304.pdf

After sorting send them via the courier Aramex (a no charge mailing label is available on the HU4K website) to the counting house in Lower Hutt.

Contact Malcolm Lill if you need help.
202j.hu4k@lionsclubs.org.nz

Heads Up For Kids/Kantabs contact/drop off:

- ◆ Malcolm Lill: zones 1, 2, 3. (03) 693 7667 or 021 361 380 (see Wanted below)
- ◆ PDG Kevin Bryson zones, 4, 5, 6 (03) 489 2475 or 027 642 1949

Wanted!

HU4K Contact / Drop off person for Zones 1,2,3.

Please contact DG Derek Wardell if you can help.

021 0339 123 dwok47@outlook.com

Spot the Typos Competition

Those eagled eyed readers who correctly identify the deliberate typo (or any other unintended typos) each month & advise editor Beryl of typo, are all eligible for a chocolate fish **if they are present at the 2025 202J Convention.**



Dates to Diary

2 March 2025:

Deadline for PDG Garth Bateup to receive photo competition entries

4 March 2025:

Deadline for nominations & eulogies to be sent to Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge

20 March 2025:

Convention registrations close

4 - 6 April 2025:

202J White Stone Convention, Oamaru



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Club bulletins - Please send your club bulletin to:

- ◆ Your Zone Chairman:
 - Zone 1: Rab McDowell (rab.mcdowell@outlook.co.nz)
 - Zone 2: Keith Bradley (margaret.keith@xtra.co.nz)
 - Zone 3: Teressa May (202j.zone3@lionsclubs.org.nz)
 - Zone 4: Eileen Birtwistle (eileenbir842@gmail.com)
 - Zone 5: Yoshi Isoyama (transla@xtra.co.nz)
 - Zone 6: Andrew Lawrence (seeque@hotmail.co.nz)
- ◆ all the other clubs in your zone
- ◆ DG Derek Wardell (dwok47@outlook.com)
- ◆ 1st VDG Mike Wingfield (mblwingfield@gmail.com)
- ◆ 2nd VDG Paul Black (202j.2vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz) (don't use the gmt email for club bulletins)
- ◆ Cabinet Secretary Graham Edge (202j.secretary@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- ◆ GLT Coordinator Judy Phillips (judy_malcolm@hotmail.com, 202j.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- ◆ GST Coordinator Gerald Burgess (giburgess@xtra.co.nz)
- ◆ GET & Marcom Support: PDG Christine Stewart (chrisstewart196@gmail.com)
(Global Extension Team)
- ◆ Admin: Jan Stonyer (202j.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz, jan.stonyer@gmail.com)
- ◆ Marketing, Communications & Media Janet Hadley (hadleyjb@gmail.com)
- ◆ Youth Activities & Mobility Jenni Mattingly (mattinglys@outlook.co.nz)
- ◆ Leo Lions Advisor PDG Brian Grounds (briangpins@xtra.co.nz)
- ◆ J-Times editor Beryl Naismith (202j.editor@lionsclubs.org.nz)
- ◆ Lion magazine editor Tony Fawcett (editor@lionsclubs.org.nz)

Update Your Club Bulletin Distribution

- ◆ **Update your email distribution groups to the 2024/2025 Cabinet members & their current roles.**
- ◆ Update Lions generic email addresses for each Cabinet member so they match their role.
- ◆ Note: some Cabinet members do not use their generic Lions address. Use email addresses listed above.



Focus on.....
Coming Lions Club Events
 where your support would be appreciated

Club	Date	Details
Geraldine Lioness Lions Club	Saturday 1st March 2025 10 am to 4 pm	Antiques Roadshow St Andrews Hall, Wilson St, Geraldine Entry fee gold coin donation Parking available at rear of hall. Wheelchair accessible Professional appraisals of your items and jewellery - no furniture (\$5 per item) Antiques and collectables stalls. All net proceeds to local charities
All 202J clubs	Ongoing	Rowing for Life Aotearoa: Fundraising needed: ♦ public events ♦ Personal / club donations
All 202J clubs	Friday 4 April - Sunday 6 April	202J Convention, Oamaru Plan to be there – it's your District's AGM with opportunities for fun & fellowship
Taieri	9 th – 17 th May	Berwick Outdoor Experience: ♦ Participants needed – recruit now

Deadline for the April 2025 issue is 15 March 2025.
Please send details to Editor Beryl well in advance.



Young Speechmaker Competition:



- ♦ Regional competition to be held in Oamaru Sunday 29th June.
- ♦ National final to be held in Palmerston North, Saturday 2nd August.
- ♦ Please try to get entries and please clubs come along and support these amazing young people.
- ♦ Unfortunately, this looks like the last ever Young Speechmaker competition.
- ♦ Closing date of entries is Sunday 15th June.

Any enquiries please contact Jenni Mattingly @ mattinglys@outlook.co.nz or 027 4558 201

Thanks, Jenni, Youth Chairman

District 202J Photo Competition.....



URGENT - Wanted!

A photo of your club doing a project or fundraiser during the 2023/2024 Lions year (PDG Garth Bateup's year)

- 📷 Submit an A4 sized photo illustrating your Lions participating in a club project or fundraiser that your club has done in the previous Lions year (2023/2024) - one photo entry per club
- 📷 Email your photo entry to PDG Garth Bateup: garthfb@xtra.co.nz & Janet Hadley: hadleyjb@gmail.com
to be received by 2 March 2025
- 📷 Send your printed club entry to Past District Governor Garth Bateup, 48 Kelvin Crescent, Ashburton 7700 ASAP. (post well ahead to allow sufficient time for snail mail to arrive in time for Convention).
- 📷 The photo can be printed on ordinary photocopy paper - it doesn't have to be photo quality paper
- 📷 Attach a suitable caption and your club name
- 📷 Enter the type of photo that would be suitable for publishing in newspapers / Lion magazine - **a photo that tells a story**
- 📷 The photos will be displayed during the District 202J Convention at Oamaru – with the winning club announced during Convention

Our First Three Sunflowers

(from ID Graeme Wilson's seeds distributed during MD Convention in Hamilton, 2024)

taken in the early evening



taken in full sun



2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest

The theme is “Together As One”



- ◆ Info at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#contest>
- ◆ Kits available from 15 January - Every club competition requires a Peace Poster pack. There is now an option via the LCI website to order a digital kit (which doesn't incur postage)
- ◆ Physical kits are still available - Multiple District 202 has ordered a limited number.
- ◆ To order yours from Multiple District 202 contact orders@lionsclubs.org.nz.
- ◆ one kit per Lions club
- ◆ Contact schools directly to give schools plenty of time to include it in their activities.



Reminder

- ◆ Club board nominations are made in March and elections held in April.
- ◆ Board positions must be reported on the Lion Portal ASAP after elections.

Build a Great Team

"Great things in business are never done by one person; they're done by a team of people."
– Steve Jobs

"My model for business is The Beatles. They were four guys who kept each other's kind of negative tendencies in check. They balanced each other, and the total was greater than the sum of the parts."
– Steve Jobs, Co-founder, and former CEO of Apple Inc.

Importance of unity:

- ◆ Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a progress. Working together is success.
- Henry Ford (emphasizes the need for a cohesive team dynamic.)

Emphasis on collaboration:

- ◆ "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" (Helen Keller)
- ◆ "If you can laugh together, you can work together" (Robert Orben). Encourages a positive and supportive team environment.
- ◆ "Strategy is not a solo sport, even if you're the CEO." – Max McKeown (an English writer, consultant, and researcher specialising in innovation strategy, leadership and culture)
- ◆ Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."
– Andrew Carnegie
- ◆ "WE is better than ME."
- ◆ "Collaboration has no hierarchy. The Sun collaborates with soil to bring flowers on the earth."
– Dr Amit Ray Indian author)
- ◆ "Collaboration begins with mutual understanding and respect." – Mori Taheripour (author)

Have a good, enthusiastic attitude. Use a positive outlook to build people up and communicate openly. Make sure your vision for the team is simple, direct, and clearly expressed among all members.

"The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side."
- Margaret Carty (author)

Great communication begins with connection." – Oprah Winfrey

All Lions are all volunteers & all Lions need to be treated with respect at all times.
VDG Mike Wingfield

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." – Rudyard Kipling



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