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**Kia Manaaki - We Serve**

# 202D Contact

## March 2025

**Editor's Comment:**

A much shortened bulletin this month but remember to send your club news and celebrations to me for inclusion in the April bulletin due out first Monday in April.

Megan England, 202d.editor@lionsclubs.org



# District Governor

# Denis Hurcomb

Hello to all my fellow lions in district 202D.

A big thankyou to the great support and attendance I had for our very successful convention in Stratford in the weekend. Right from the start, from Toko's outstanding Friday night to Eltham's Remembrance ceremony everything was brilliant.

The success is all down to the awesome committee that was put together by the Toko, Stratford, Eltham and Kaponga clubs under the chairmanship of PDG Leo Danz.

Wasn't it brilliant to induct four new members which will be the start of the new Broadway Stratford Lions Club Branch. A great big thanks to Megan England and the Stratford Club for getting this club started.

As at the the 5<sup>th</sup> March we have a plus ten membership in the district; this is awesome and I note that all clubs are doing their best to attract more members and indeed we have a number of others waiting to be inducted.

The service recording is still not high; it's currently at 57% - it would be great to get that increased. If you need a hand please reach out as our District / Administrator, Mathew Wellington is only too happy to help. Clubs only need to report one service project to be counted towards our 100% success.

All our clubs are really busy with projects and doing service in their own communities. It makes me proud to be DG of this awesome district.

Once again thanks for participating in our convention, I couldn't be more proud of the whole weekend.

***Make your Mark  
Lions Can Move Mountains***

DG Denis Hurcomb

## **Congratulations to the successful candidates for the 2025-2026 year**

**DGE** - Mike Powell, Bell Block & Districts

**FVDGE** - Chris Pepper, Palmerston North Middle District

**2VDGE** - Graham Robinson, Kairanga



## Exciting News....

At the cabinet meeting on February 28th, it was decided that the district will cover the **New Member joining fee payable to LCI, which is currently \$35 USD**. This support will be available from March 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. However, if a new member resigns within one year, the club will be responsible for reimbursing the membership fee.

Once you receive the invoice from LCI for the new member, please submit it along with a completed Expense Form to the District Treasurer to request reimbursement. The district will then transfer the equivalent NZD amount to your Incorporated Society bank account.

Please note that if the new member does not remain for at least one year, the joining fee must be reimbursed to the district.

## District Award Winners at Convention

- International President's Medal - **Mathew Wellington** (for service as District Cabinet Secretary)
- International President's Certificate of Achievement - **PDG Roy Price** (for service as 202D Trustee on the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust)
- International President's Certificate of Achievement - **Michelle Hoffman** (for service with Camp Quality)

- International President's Certificate of Achievement - **Gordon Kennedy** (for outstanding membership sponsorship over the years -30+ new members)
- Club Excellence - **Inglewood, Kairanga, Opunake, Palmerston North Heartlands, Palmerston North Fitzherbert, Palmerston North Clearview Park, Stratford Clubs**
- Membership – **Palmerston North Clearview Park**
- Youth – Helping Hayley Stand Tall **Kairanga**
- Environment - Traplines on our Taranaki Maunga **Kaponga**
- Community Service Project – Lions Mini Golf **Palmerston North Middle Districts**
- Bulletin – Carol Kelly **Kairanga**
- E-Bulletin – Allan Coburn **Palmerston North Middle Districts**
- Editor – Allan Coburn **Palmerston North Middle Districts**
- Administration – **Palmerston North Fitzherbert**
- Zone Chair Award – Mike Powell (Zone 6)
- Quiet Achiever - Susi Hipp
- Winning Club Dress Up (for the Toilet Seat) - **Toko & District**





## Lions Around the Mountain - Convention

More photos in next month's edition.

**Don't forget DG Denis' challenge** - for those who received a 'Goody Bag' at the  
Convention

Hats / Beanies were knitted by members and friends of the Toko, Eltham & Stratford  
Lions Clubs. If you don't want to keep it for yourselves, pass it on to someone who will  
wear it. Take a photo and send it to the editor.

Some of the hats were gifted to Feilding Host to pass on to those in Ukraine.  
Thank you Marilyn B for organising this. (Photo next month)



## Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

*Thank you*

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**A big thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who have donated to LCIF this lions year.**

**Our LCIF raffle was a great success with over \$3000.00 being forwarded on to LCIF in our District's name.**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Winners were announced at the Convention on Saturday**

# Children of Courage 2025

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

Zone 1-3 Kairanga Community Hall  
Zone 4-6 Avon School, Stratford



**Information has been sent to clubs. If you require more please contact Youth Chairs, Robyn Pedersen or Stephanie Jordan**

*In the meantime, keep your eyes and ears open for those children in your communities who have shown courage in the face of adversity. This year the day has been opened up to include siblings.*

## Volunteer Day - 7th June

**More details to come**

**Save the Day to serve in your community**



**Have you put your new Board together?**

Now is the time to finalise your leadership positions in your Lions Club.

## **Need help?**

**Talk to your Zone Chair or our District GLT coordinator Stephen Barr  
or DG Denis.**

**They will all be able to advise as to who best can support you with what you  
require.**

We have a number of **Guiding Lions** spread throughout our district.

(A full list will be published next month).

*The Guiding Lion Programme is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or  
rebuilding.*

There are also a number of **Past District Governors** who would be only too happy to mentor or  
support as needed.

**Just ask!**



 LIONS INTERNATIONAL

**PEACE**  
**POSTER**

[lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](https://lionsclubs.org/peaceposter)

#peaceposter

**2025/26 Theme**

**“Together As One”**

**When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we’re asking students to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one.**

Peace Poster Kit are available from MD202 Head Office.

Email Tanja @ [office@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:office@lionsclubs.org.nz)



# Around the District

*Please note - inclusion of your club projects, news etc is random based on the Bulletins and photos I am sent as editor. To be specifically included please send content. Share your news and photos - [202d.editor@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202d.editor@lionsclubs.org.nz)*



We are underway with establishing a Stratford Club Branch. Four of the potential members were inducted by International Director Graeme Wilson at the District Convention last Saturday.

Welcome Mikaela, Brooke, Brady & Emily to the Lions family.



Kairanga Lion Ian Roberts was recently honoured with Lions International Life Membership. Lion Ian has been a long serving member since 1978, having served as Club President and various other director roles over his time. He is perhaps most well known as 'Mr Fireworks' or the Palmerston North fireworks guy as he has been commander in chief for Kairanga Lions fireworks displays for approx. 40 years!!



**The Glob is in Taranaki!**

Following the recent purchase of a new caravan by the GLOB Committee, Okato Lions have taken on the responsibility of looking after the original caravan, now known as GLOB 1 for the Taranaki region.

Any clubs who would like it to come along at a Lions Event, Market etc please make contact with Colin Tyler. He would like to see it out and about more often around the Taranaki District.

## Youth Report **Stephanie Jordan**

District Governor Denis and I had the pleasure of attending the New Plymouth Pakeke Lions Luncheon last month where we present 8 girls from New Plymouth Girls High their Young Leader in Service Certificates. Between them all they had almost 700 hrs of service in their community. A great effort by all.

We also had the privilege of listening to 2 boys from Frances Douglas College on their experience of taking part in the Coast to Coast and 9 boys from New Plymouth Boys High about their experience on the Spirit of Adventure. Both groups of boys received sponsorship from the Club. They were all great to listen to and they have all come away from the experience with some good learnings.





### **Books For Babies**

This project has been in the pipeline for a few years now and now with the help of some funding from the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust the Bell Block, Waitara & Okato Clubs are ready to go. All babies born in Taranaki over the next three years will receive a set of three books.





## **LIONS DISTRICT 202D YOUNG SPEECHMAKER CONTEST**

**FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL  
STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULTS**

**AGED 16-21 (as of 30/6/25)**

### **202D District Final**

<b>Date</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Venue</b>	Waverley Primary School.
<b>Time</b>	9.20am for a 10am start
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$125</b> (Sponsored by local Lions Clubs)

### **National Final:**

2<sup>nd</sup> August, Bellblock, New Plymouth

**Now is the time to make contact with Secondary  
Schools in your Area and let them know the date for  
next year's contest.**



You can find more information in Youth Handbooks or

[www.lions202d.co.nz/resources/youthhandbook](http://www.lions202d.co.nz/resources/youthhandbook)



Our thoughts and prayers remain with Zone 4 Chair Hugh Cameron, wife Christine and family as he continues on his journey of recovery.

## Lions Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle Update

### Exciting news!

To date a total of \$500,000 has been raised towards the NZ wide Skin Cancer Screening project. The first vehicle was purchased in early 2024 and is due to be launched in Hanmer Springs on the 29th March 2025 at approximately 10.30am.

We have a number of Sponsors, **Go Bus** being one of the major sponsors, along with the **Lions Clubs International Foundation** who donated over \$100,000.00 towards the vehicle. Noel Leemings have been very generous in providing technology in the form of laptops, printers, phones for the bus.

A huge thank you to all clubs who have contributed to this very worthwhile life saving project.

(photo below indicative of colours - sign writing to be finished)



## MD 202 Convention



Lions Clubs New Zealand      *Kia Manaaki - We Serve*  
Multiple District 202      65th Annual Convention  
New Plymouth      Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Register online <https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/conventions/md-202-convention>



**ORLANDO** **2025**  
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 13-17, 2025**

**Early Bird registrations open until 1 March**

For registration details see the Lions International website - <https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

## ANZI Forum 2025

**13th ANZI PACIFIC FORUM**  
5-7th September 2025

**ANZI PACIFIC FORUM**  
**GOLD COAST**  
AUSTRALIA  
5-7 SEPTEMBER 2025



Gold Coast



Surfers Paradise



Mantra on View

We are getting ready to welcome Lions, Leos and partners to the ANZI Pacific Forum 5th-7th September 2025

It is being held in the superb surroundings of Mantra on View Hotel at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. It is a great venue with everything in one place

Accommodation is readily available and we have struck special rates with the Mantra on View Hotel to enable you all to stay at the venue (No need for cars)

**SEE YOU ON THE GOLD COAST IN 2025**

Registration will open in October 2024. To register your interest email [anzi2025gc@gmail.com](mailto:anzi2025gc@gmail.com) with your Name, District and Club Name. We will send registration details once available.



**Register & Pay by  
31 Dec 24 for your  
chance to win  
One Registration**

[www.lionsanzipacificforum.com](http://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com)





## CLUB BANKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LCI AND MD202

**To pay for**  
**International Dues – LCIF Donations – Lions Share Pins –**  
**MJF or Life Membership Applications – Supplies bought from America**

**Please Use**  
**Westpac, International Assoc of Lions 03-0502-0081103-00**

Please use the below codes & references to identify your payments

**International Dues:**

PARTICULARS: Club Name  
CODE: Club Number  
REFERENCE: Dues

**Payment for Club Supplies from America:**

PARTICULARS: Club Name  
CODE: Club Number  
REFERENCE: Invoice Number

**LCIF Donation from CLUB:**

PARTICULARS: Club Name  
CODE: Club Number  
REFERENCE: LCIF DR (Disaster Relief)  
**or**  
LCIF DR (Specific Event i.e. Ukraine) **or**  
LCIF ES (Empowering Service)

**Payment for Lions Share Pin:**

PARTICULARS: Member Name  
CODE: Recipient Member Number  
REFERENCE: LShare  
(This is a personal donation to LCIF,  
for which you will receive a pin)  
There are three levels of donation; bronze,  
silver and gold, each with a different pin.

**LCIF Donation from INDIVIDUAL:**

PARTICULARS: Member Name  
CODE: Member Number  
REFERENCE: LCIF DR (Disaster Relief)  
**or**  
LCIF DR (Specific Event i.e. Ukraine) **or**  
LCIF ES (Empowering Service)

**Payment for MJF or  
Life Membership Application:**

PARTICULARS: Club Name  
CODE: Recipient Member Number  
REFERENCE: MJF **or** LIFE MBR

**To pay for**  
**Club Supplies bought from Head Office in NZ**

**Please Use**  
**Westpac, New Zealand Lions MD202 | 03-0558-0252696-00**

PARTICULARS: Club Name  
CODE: Club Number  
REFERENCE: Invoice Number

As a friendly reminder - when making payments, please ALWAYS use your Club number and Club name in the references, so our team is able to recognise your payments.

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