

# DG Brian Blog

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
DISTRICT 202 K | NEW ZEALAND



*Invest - Challenge - Encourage*



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## EDITORIAL



Kia Ora to all the Lions out there!

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the first Digital issue of the Lion Magazine for 2020. First and foremost, I would like to pay my respect to every soul in New Zealand, who never backed down until New Zealand became one of the first countries to combat Covid-19 Pandemic successfully.

Proving that not even a pandemic could halt a great Lion, Lion Brian McMillian, the District Governor; continued to fulfill his role in the Lion community and also encouraged fellow Lions to go forth.

This digital magazine is only a reminder to the fellow Lions that even during the most critical times, that Lions would find a way to keep all the Lions connected and never cease to find out ways to reach out to the ones in need.

Hope you would enjoy this Digital issue of Lion Magazine and would love to hear your thoughts on it! Please don't hesitate to share your fantastic stories with the fellow Lions spread across the world.

Stay safe. Stay strong. Stay connected.  
Together we rise!





I am from the Lions Club of Ngatea on the Hauraki Plains nestled at the foot of the fabulous Coromandel Peninsula.

As Lions we are entering a new era, so every Lion and Club have their own unique story to share. This shows we continue to **INVEST** in our communities with continuing service, so we need to **INVEST** in our future. We must invest in our future leaders who show the passion and commitment to bring us all together in a much stronger way.

We are now faced with the **CHALLENGE** to re-build and to unite in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding. It is our **CHALLENGE** to face this challenge head – on and turn these challenges into opportunities to deliver on our core principles.

We need to **ENCOURAGE** every Lion to share their stories of the good work Lions do, which shows kindness and compassion. I do **ENCOURAGE** every Lion to invite compassionate men, women and younger people to serve with us, by getting all our members involved, that they have opportunities to make our communities a better place.

THEME

# INVEST CHALLENGE ENCOURAGE

*Lion Brian McMillan & Marilyn*

## 202K DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Kindness is our story; we are encouraged to embrace the continued support for our communities which ensures our service and kindness never comes to an end.

Let us now, **INVEST, CHALLENGE AND ENCOURAGE** in our future where we can create the experiences that makes us all feel truly part of the movement to make our communities a better place.



# 2020-2021 DG VISITATION

● confirmed ● Unconfirmed

## DG BRIAN

Monday, 27 July	Waiuku	●
Tuesday, 28 July	Tuakau/Pokeno & Districts/Bombay	●
Tuesday, 4 August	East Coast Bays	●
Thursday, 6 August	Whitiangi / Mercury Bay Lioness	●
Tuesday, 18 August	Ngatea / Hauraki Plains Lioness	●
Monday, 24 August	Whangarei - Mid Western	●
Tuesday, 25 August	Henderson - West Auckland	●
Wednesday, 02 September	Coromandel	●
Tuesday, 15 September	Onerahi - Whangarei Heads	●
Wednesday, 16 September	Orewa / Whangaparaoa	●
Tuesday, 22 September	Te Kauwhata Lakeside/Te Kauwhata & Districts	●
Wednesday, 23 September	Pakuranga-Panmure/Howick/Bucklands Beach	●
Monday, 28 September	Warkworth/Wellsford/Kowhai Coast	●
Monday, 05 October	Papakurua/Papakurua Lioness	●
Wednesday, 21 October	Blockhouse Bay - Lynfield	●
Tuesday, 17 November	Devonport	●
Monday, 23 November	Whangamata	●

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG ROGER

Wednesday, 15 July	Kamo	●
Thursday, 16 July	Mangonui/Kaitaia	●
Tuesday, 28 July	Waitangi	●
Tuesday, 11 August	Hikurangi	●
Wednesday, 12 August	Okaihau/Waipapa/Kaikohē	●
Wednesday, 19 August	Point Chevalier	●
Tuesday, 25 August	Mangakahia	●
Thursday, 27 August	Eden - Epsom	●
Wednesday, 09 September	Dargaville/Nthrn Wairoa	●
Wednesday, 16 September	Hillcrest	●
Thursday, 17 September	Ruawai/Paparoa	●
Monday, 28 September	New Lynn	●
Wednesday, 07 October	Glenfield	●
Wednesday, 21 October	Kereikeri	●
Thursday, 19 November	Opononui & Districts	●

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG RICKY

Wednesday, 22 July	Pukekohe/Franklin Lioness	●
Wednesday, 5 August	Whangarei Hatea/Tutukaka Coast/Whangarei	●
Monday, 17 August	Papatoetoe / Manurewa/Clevedon	●
Monday, 24 August	Thames	●
Wednesday, 02 September	Waipu	●
Tuesday, 08 September	Onehunga Ellerslie	●
Monday, 14 September	Avondale	●
Tuesday, 15 September	Huapai - Kumeu/ Auckland Business/Rainui Swanson	●
Tuesday, 22 September	Marsden	●
Monday, 28 September	Waimauku/Helensville	●



*International President*  
**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

In 1977, when Dr Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea joined Busan Jae il Lions Club as a member, he would have never expected later to be elected as the first vice president of Lions Club International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada USA. Although it would not have come as much of a surprise to those who knew the service he has rendered for almost half a decade. Needless to say that as a Lion, he has been bestowed upon the highest honor as an Ambassador of Good Will Awards in addition to the numerous other awards such as the Humanitarian Partnership, Senior Master Key Award, 100% District Governor Award, International President's Leadership Awards, International President's Awards.

Dr. Choi believes in uniting people through embracing diversity. He adheres to his unique style of leadership

which commences with "How can I help you?"; a leadership that gave importance to all and promoted unity through acceptance of diversity.

However, the life of Dr. Choi in general is not different from his life as a Lion. He feeds approximately 600 people weekly through his foundations, donates to foundations, establishes scholarships and makes homes for elderly; because for Dr. Choi providing financial aid is equally important as volunteering.

Dr Choi in a nutshell is a beloved husband, a dear father, a loved grandfather but above all he is a brave Lion who stepped up to the international platform to address global issues, support global foundation; LCIF, inspire kindness through service stories and empower Lions club to serve the world.

# MY LIFE BEFORE LIONS

**Roger Davis**

*1st Vice District Governor*



My working life started as a Turner and Fitter trainee in Hamilton. On moving to Auckland after getting married to Vicky I took on a job as Trainee Distiller for Seagar Evans at Te Atatu where we built our first house. As I approached the grand old age of 30 I thought I had better look at something new or stay in the booze trade. Being the now Head Distiller I worked very closely with Customs.

I was told one day they were looking for new staff to train as ship searchers to combat the influx of cannabis by the Mr Asia syndicate. I thought I might give it a try. For three years I was a member of the Rummage team. Then There was an opening in the newly formed Dog Section for a Dog Handler.

It had been a childhood dream of mine to be a Police Dog Handler, but having sight in only one eye stopped

me dead. I applied for the Customs position and got the job. In two years, I was the top handler both operational and trailing between the Police and Customs. I remained one of the top handlers with my two dogs Toi & Tim until I retired along with Tim from the section in 1994.

I spent the rest of my Customs service mainly in the waterfront section servicing the entering and clearing of commercial and cruise ships. But also during this time I served as a crew member on the Customs launch when required, plus the running of enforcement operations. I served over 40 years on the front-line.

We moved from Te Atatu to Waimauku in 1999 and joined the Huapai-Kumeu Lions in Dec 2000. The rest is History in the making.



# CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD 2019-2020



DID YOUR CLUB ACHIEVE THE  
CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR  
THE CLUB EXCELLENCE  
**AWARD FOR THE  
2019-2020 LIONS YEAR?**

## THE QUALIFYING AREAS ARE

**MEMBERSHIP**

**SERVICE**

**ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION**

More details are included on the application form which must be completed and sent to Past District Governor Judy Allison by 24 August to ensure it can be checked and signed off before being forwarded to LCI by the cut-off date of 31 August 2020.



<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards> 🔍

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Jack Guy/Michael McPherson  
**BEST BULLETIN**



Peter Smith  
**MEMBERSHIP**



Cyril Moore/David Dawick  
**COMMUNITY AWARENESS &  
COMMUNICATION**



John Frogley  
**BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE  
PROJECT AWARD**



Cliff Heywood/Bob Stanic  
**QUIET ACHIEVER**



Jack Guy  
**MOST IMPROVED CLUB**



Bernie Ash  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**



Kelvin Green  
**BEST OVERALL CLUB**



Zoom Meeting ID: 135-159-865

# NEW IDEAS MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

## SESSION TWO

FOLLOWING ON FROM SESSION ONE.

A CHANCE TO  
WORKSHO  
IDEAS FOR  
MEMBERSHIP

- NEW MEMBERS
- NEW CLUBS
- CLUB BRANCHES
- SPECIALTY CLUBS

ALL WELCOME

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Webinar 9 - 11am

The link invite for this to come.

Watch this space for more info on how to join!

Mute

Stop Video

End Meeting



202K district has a Zoom licence and if any Lions would like to use it, please contact **LYNDA HALVERSON** 202K Lions Global Leadership Team Leader [202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202k.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz)

**READY  
SET  
ENGAGE**

HERE IT IS:  
**A NEW  
YEAR**



It is no exaggeration to say that much has happened in the past five months. While the times have been turbulent and dynamic, to say the least, we are learning just how resourceful Kiwis and our Lions Clubs can be.

The United Nations rate us No.1. Worldwide in community service, and worldwide we have proved it once again.

So where to from here, how do we move forward with sustainable service? How could the enforced shut down experience be used? Let's use it as an opportunity to reshape our service with new, creative thinking and new ways to provide service.

There is a growing call for organisations to use this crisis to radically rethink what they are doing. This includes responding to our fragile communities in such a way that we do not create an over-reliance on charity or an unsustainable pressure on our volunteer members.

How can Lions play a key role in community service? Our ethics and our plans talk about direction and leadership. What we do matters. There have been some innovative solutions and services that have come out during Covid. How can we build on these; how can we continue to deliver; how can we capitalise on the action taken already?

As we move forward through the unpredictability of the coming months, we believe there are fantastic opportunities for us all. As an Auckland University professor said "The Future is here we are living it."

Your Global Action team (GAT) are here with the club's and their members in the forefront of our thinking. It has been proven, and we know, that there is a strong link between Membership, Service and Leadership - they all work to complement each other. If we don't have all three working well our clubs are not sustainable. Ultimately, what we want are passionate volunteers, dynamic leaders and innovative service.

We, the Global Action Team (GAT), are committed to providing as much support, resources and inspiration as we can over this year.

Who or what does your Club need right now? A session on Service, Membership or Leadership; ideas of how to serve, how to promote your Club to your community, which community members to connect with; getting great members .... and retaining them.

Please make contact if you need us. We may not always know the answer but can find out if necessary.

Who you gonna call - your GAT team.

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# HIKURANGI MOUNTAIN LIONS WELCOMED

## 100-YEAR-OLD KNOCKER WELLS

It was a pleasure to have in attendance for the 2020/21 Change of Officers ceremony the Founder President of the club PDG (1968/69) Bruce Knocker Wells as guest for night. Knocker celebrated his 100th birthday on Wednesday 8th October. Knocker was accompanied by his daughter in Law Terri Wells and they had a wonderful evening with many memories being revived.

Out going President Colin Twyman welcomed the guests at the beginning evening however inviting long

time member Gordon Campbell to especially welcome Knocker. Gordon has known Knocker for many years while also buying the Hikurangi butchers shop business from Knocker and his brothers. Knocker was accompanied by his daughter in Law Terri Wells and they had a wonderful evening with many memories being revived.

PDG Robyn Walker was present to conduct the Change of Officers ceremony.



Past & Present : PDG Robyn Walker, PDG Knocker Wells and incoming Club President Cyndy Verryt



Knocker with Logan Head, Lion Cub for Hikurangi Lions who accompanied Knocker to cut the 50th Birthday cake Who was a three year old at the time.



# THE WAIUKU COMEDY NIGHT IS BACK



Last year it was so good that it had to be done again.

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Note: R18. Waiuku Town Hall.

Tickets **\$40.00** each

Drinks and nibbles available at the venue.



*The Comedians.*

*Tony Lyall*

*One of New Zealand's most exciting comedians. Having performed up and down the country, Tony's mix of high energy storytelling, surreal joke slinging and general good times vibe shake up any stage he appears on.*

*Tony is a Head Writer and a reporter on the TV3's The Project, and can be heard on The Rock, and was nominated for The Breakthrough Comedian" at the 2019 Comedy Guild Wards.*

*Ruby Ester.*

*A graduate of 2016's Class Comedians, Ruby has gone on to win the 2017 RAW competition and Rest Debut in 2018's NZ International Comedy festival. Ruby brings a new perspective to the world through her mix of storytelling, intelligent observations and her unique musical and poetic talents. She is young and entirely*

# KOWHAI COAST WARKWORTH LIONS

## Squirrels

*The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.*

*At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.*

*The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.*

*But the Catholic church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.*

*Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue; they took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.*



# HORACE BRUCE WELLS (KNOCKER)

Foundation Member Hikurangi Lions Past District Governor 1968/69

CELEBRATING  
**100**  
YEARS

## SOME QUOTES FROM HIS 2017 BOOK (KNOCKERS NOSTALGIA)

“ In 1963 as Chairman of the Hikurangi Businessmens Association he was approached to attend a Lions meeting in Whangarei, and decided a Lions Club was just what Hikurangi needed. ”

“ He then called a meeting of businessmen, got a good response and formed a club with 30 members, while being elected Charter President. ”

“ He attended the International school for Governors in Dallas with one peanut farmer from the USA who he wasn't impressed with but however went on be President of the USA one Jimmy Carter. ”

“ As DG he was responsible for all clubs north of Mercer including Fiji, Samoa and New Caledonia. ”

“ “I'm often asked why it that Lions do not have the profile or the attraction of yesteryear. In 1969 the Auckland club had 140 members. In 2007 they had only 6. Times have certainly changed and society and values are different now from those of twenty years ago. Those that joined lodges, the Lions and rotary Clubs in the 1960s and the 1970s did so, not for just camaraderie, but give something back to their communities. The fact we had fun doing it was just secondary to the ojective.” ”

“ He notes that when the NZ Governors flew into Dallas for the training they bought a dozen bottles of Black Label whiskey to be consumed at the new Zealand Hospitality as part of the social side. However they did not know that Dallas was full of Baptists. So he had to do something to dispose of the upopened bottles, he spoke to someone in Lions Administration who promptly organised a cheque, obviously having no qualms about considering the items legitimite expenses! ”

*A particular poignant quote*



# HEADS UP FOR KIDS

## LIONS DID YOU KNOW?

That your old money and foreign currency can be used to help our kiwi kids?

### “Heads Up for Kids; gives old money new value”

Heads Up for Kids (HU4K) is a unique project which involves the collection of old NZ money and all foreign currency (both old and current) which is then on sold to create revenue to support the youth of New Zealand.

The proceeds raised are used to provide a helping hand for young people to engage in an experience or activity that will assist their academic, physical, creative, and leadership development to enable them to establish life goals, follow their dreams, and reach their full potential.

Activities like: Outward Bound, Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Spirit of Adventure and various other New Zealand based educational and leadership programmes.

For more information please visit our website:  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/foundations/heads-kids>  
or our Facebook page [facebook.com/HeadsUpforkids](https://facebook.com/HeadsUpforkids)  
or contact your district HU4K Coordinator for any questions or queries you may have about this nationwide project.

We would love more Lions to get involved.

**Proudly Supported By:**





# GLENFIELD LIONS

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

*President Lion Graeme Watson*

## WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 LIONS YEAR.

Congratulations to Immediate Past President on his award of Life Membership of the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust. This is a worthy recognition of his leadership as President of our club as well as his input into the firewood project and his participation in most other projects of the Club.

I would also like to recognise the appointments of Michael as Alert & Risk Management Advisor and as Zone Chairman for Zone 4 and Che Delpachitra as Bulletin Editor on the District 202KCabinet. It is good to see their skills and enthusiasm being recognised in this way by our District Governor.

After a virtual hiatus in projects as a result of the COVID 19 epidemic it is pleasing to note the recommencement of one of our main fund-raising means – the sausage sizzle – the first being at Bunnings on the first Saturday of August. This project has been well supported by you all and gives the Club

the opportunity to be in front of the public and hopefully attract new members, both men and women.

Membership is a priority! It is essential to the continued existence of our Club and to the continued assistance to our community. Try and invite a neighbour to assist in one of our projects or to attend one of our meetings.

Yours in Lionism  
President Lion Graeme Watson





ANNETTE BENING

BILL NIGHY

JOSH O'CONNOR

# HOPE GAP

WER WIR SIND  
UND WER WIR WAREN



THE LIONS CLUB OF HOWICK  
PRESENTS

## MOVIE <sup>AT THE</sup> MONTEREY

Thanks to Shona & Tony we have a club booking at the Montetey to watch a movie all together

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM.**

Choose from an *ice cream, popcorn or small drink* with your **\$20** ticket.

There'll be a **'LUCKY NUMBER'** prize draw. Partners, Family & Friends are welcome to join us - *limited seating.* Please pay Tony well in advance..

## HOPE GAP

Staring

Bill Nighy | Annette Bening | Josh O'Conner.

Grace live an idyllic life in a British seaside town, but her world soon comes crashing down when her husband of 29 years tells her he's leaving her for another woman. Through stages of shock, disbelief and anger, and with support from her son, Grace ultimately regains her footing while learning it's never too late to be happy.

The film shot for five weeks across the UK, in Leeds and Doncaster and the eponymous Hope Gap, Seaford in Sussex.







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