



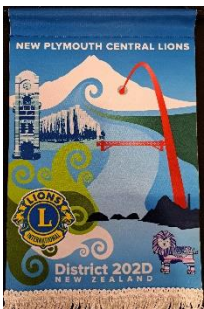
Lions Clubs New Zealand
Multiple District 202
New Plymouth

Kia Manaaki - We Serve
2025 Annual Convention
Friday 25th - Sunday 27th April 2025



MD Convention News

December 2024



New Plymouth Central Lions welcome all Lions, Leos and partners to New Plymouth, the Energy Centre of New Zealand. There's so much to see and do - arrive early leave late!

New Plymouth is easily accessed by air from Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. Your Convention Hosts will arrange arrival airport pick-up and drop-off at your hotel if you prebook it with us!

New Plymouth

Partners Program



Partners will have many visiting options following morning tea at the Devon Hotel on Saturday. Reflect on the shining mirror façade of the Len Lye Centre, explore the latest contemporary exhibition in the adjoining Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and the eclectic gift store.

Pukeariki is close by and there are many galleries and street art installations in the CBD.



No visit to new Plymouth is complete without a visit to Pukekura Park and the "Fernery", the gardeners among us will be inspired!

Boutique Breweries, "Juno Gin", Café Culture and more!

Port Taranaki: Walk to the end of Lee Breakwater and watch the Port in action; you may get a close up of a ship entering port with a swift turn to unload cargo or load logs!

Venue & Accommodation:

Convention venue is The Devon Hotel, with the largest convention space in New Plymouth. Hilary Connel is a very experienced event manager with a great team; the hotel has hosted Lions Conventions before! The Rocks Bar is a great place to relax and Marbles Buffet has a great range of dishes. The hotel is close to the city centre and has good access to the foreshore walkway.



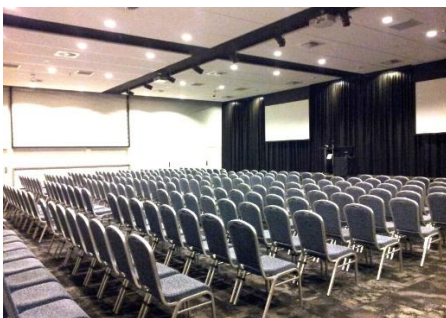
Accommodation bookings are open NOW! Ask for the special Lions rate!

Address: 390 Devon St East, New Plymouth

Website: www.devonhotel.co.nz

Phone: 0800 843 338 or 06 75 99 099

Bookings: Quote Lions Convention 2025 for special rate



Anzac Day

Friday 25th April

Join local Lions for the 6am Dawn Parade at the Cenotaph, or the 10am Civic Service at the Cenotaph. Lay a wreath on behalf of Lions of New Zealand!

Please let the Convention Committee know if you wish to participate so that they can arrange group transport.

Friday Night

PDG Lynette Batt is arranging the PDGs function for 4-6pm at the Devon Hotel, more information to follow from Lynette. The bar will be open for all Conventioneers from 6pm, then the Opening Ceremony follows at 7pm. The Flag ceremony will be conducted by PCC Megan England following a welcome by New Plymouth Mayor, Neil Holdom. Other local representatives and sponsors may also attend. We have a very interesting guest speaker with International Military experience including front line action in Afghanistan, and service with Police in Australia and New Zealand. He currently volunteers with NZ police. Registering for Friday night includes a canape supper which will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

Saturday Night

Theme Sun, Surf, Sea, Service!

Dress Code "S"

Swing the night away to the "Sounds" of Mid Life Crisis, our Band lead by Ray Hopkinson. The boys can play anything from 70's onwards; all the popular dance tunes and singalongs you will remember!

Dress to impress and win! Sun, Swim, Surf, Sooooo! many dress-up ideas begin with "S" - Let your imagination loose! How about Saint or Sinner, Superman or Super Star!

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Sunday Rededication Service:

The service will begin at 10am and an early light lunch will be served at the conclusion of the service. Venue: The Eagers Chapel is within Te Henui Cemetery, close to Devon Hotel Convention centre, a short walk or drive. Te Henui is the resting place of many of New Plymouth's founding families and is a tranquil yet spectacular garden included in the world renowned Centuria Garden Festival, adjacent to Te Henui Stream Walkway linking with the Coastal Walkway. Arrive early and take a stroll among the headstones, native trees and plantings!

Afterwards you may get the opportunity to take part in a Local Lions Project!!! More to Come!!!!

Arrive early - Stay late!

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