



**50 Years of Service  
1962–2012**



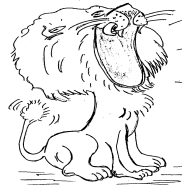
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## INTRODUCTION

How does one do justice to all those good people past and present who have contributed to in so many ways over so many years of their time and talents? The next few pages are a record of just some of our highlights which reflect the culture of fun, fellowship and community service enjoyed by our members.

We try not to take ourselves too seriously but do try to accomplish in a business like manner a wide range of community activities.

These have included involvement in Youth Exchange, the Lions "Skills for adolescents" programmes, tree planting, many individual projects assisting senior citizens, Lions Clubs, Lioness and Leo Club formation, a continuing staging over the years of Annual Fireworks Displays and the Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon. More recently the Annual Howick in the Park has become a major event in our Calendar.

On the lighter side the Club has participated for many years in the annual Howick Christmas Parade and has enjoyed the reputation for our innovative and usually humorous participation.

*Jan Duckwood*

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IN APPRECIATION

We extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors the  
Pakuranga Lions Club, for their interest and Guidance in the  
formation of our Club

Copy of original charter function Charter programme

## THE FIRST DECADE

Following a series of meetings in late 1961, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Howick Bowling Club Pavilion, organised by the then Lions Club of Pakuranga on the 24th October a resolution was passed;

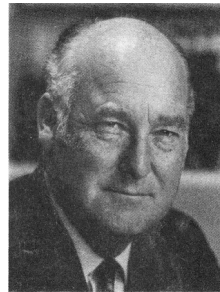
*That a Lions Club be formed in the Howick District.*

We acknowledged with gratitude the invaluable assistance of our sponsoring Club and particularly the commitment of members Peter Clark, Basil Silcock Mark Williams and Peter Gibson together with the help received from International representative Keith Mitchell.

**1962; President Earl Richardson** (later Sir Earl)

Our Charter was presented during a great night on the 12th March at the "Colony" by the "Father" of New Zealand Lions, the first District Governor and later our first International Director, the late Horace Kirk.

In 1962, Lionism in New Zealand was in it's infancy. The 29 original members, some of whom were real characters, fellows with enthusiasm. who enjoyed their efforts to ensure that the Club was firmly established on a sound basis.





Charter member Brian Harris reports on the magnificent “Lion” cake baked by Charter member Neil Ullness who worked for “NZ Bakels a company managed by another Charter member

The fledgling Club was kept busy with activities such as: assistance with the “Miss Auckland Contest,” Tree planting in the Howick Domain and Eastern Beach cleanups, significant involvement in organising and collecting for the Braille Week and I.H. C. collections. Brian Harris recalls that soon after, Charter funds were raised, and contributed to the Howick Sea Rescue to assist the replacement of the then ten year old rescue boat motor.

To those 29 members we owe a debt of gratitude for the foresight and enthusiasm that contributed greatly to the ongoing success of our Club.

**1963; President Bill Williams;**

Bill's opening remarks for the commencement of the club's second year were *"Let us have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our work well so that people will say-"whatever they do- the Lions do well"*.

The first steps were taken with a view to the building of appropriate housing by way of flats for senior citizens of limited means in Howick. A further initiative was a "Mock Court" fund raiser for the projected swimming pool at Pakuranga college.

*Issue 1 of the Tatler appeared in March and the name was derived from the original being founded in 1709 by Richard Steele. (according to "Google!")*

**1964; President Keith Christian**

**Pakuranga College Swimming Pool:**

Notable assistance by way of a Mock Court, (LSD 434.17.0) and Gala functions including the raffle of a Jaguar car (cost in 1964 LSD 2000.0.0.)

This was won by a Jack Lyon who had been the manager of the Olympic Pool in Newmarket and later Swimarama Panmure. The Club also staged a Paddy's



Market in aid of the College gymnasium.

In October the Clubs sponsored a successful Lions Golf tournament at the "Grange" attended by 70 Lions from 10 Clubs. The proceeds going to the NZ Foundation for the Blind.

**1966; President Ron Wood**

**Lions Club of Waiheke:**

Enthusiasm and hard work saw this Club duly chartered with a memorable journey to Waiheke on the SS Kestrel.

Amongst a schedule of minor activities, the 'Westminster' project continued and Austin Martensen received the Presidents Award for his sterling work on the project.

**1966; President Brian Harris (Life Member)**

The Club hosted the **202A District Convention**. And it was voted one of the "best" ever and the forerunner of subsequent successful hosting in 1980, 1992, and 2002.

If that wasn't enough it was a busy and interesting year with participation in the Annual Braille and IHC Collections, Tree planting in the Howick Domain, five local beaches cleaned, a Gala day at Eastern beach, an outing for children from the Our Lady Star of the Sea together with participation in the "Miss Auckland Contest" There was also a golf project and assistance given to preservation of Shamrock cottage.

**1967; President Eric Saunders**

**Westminster Flats.**



The planning and construction of eighteen flats in Pakuranga Road. This would be one of the largest activities of the Club (And perhaps by any Club) undertaken.

Thanks to many willing helpers a significant portion of the costs were at "mates rates"! Our accountant stated that in 1968 dollars the project cost some \$140,000.00.

Whilst it was a 100% involvement project special recognition was made to Bill Williams, Keith Christian, Austin Martensen, and John Sibbes. These four together with other past and then present members contributed many hundreds of hours to the project.



A group of the many visitors present at the formal official opening of "Westminster".



Mayor & Mrs. Blundell, M.P. Bob & Kath Tizard  
Lion President Eric & Patricia Saunders

**1968; President Norm Leese**

Interest in the Westminster Flats continued with all units sold by October and a committee formed to visit the residents and give any support needed.

In those times members were active in street collections for the IHC and the Royal Foundation for the Blind. Also actively supporting community activities, Howick Kindergarten Day, and the Centennial library.

The outing for Seniors together with a large contingent of children from Our Lady Star of the Sea was voted a great success.

### 1969; President Ian Dunn

A “hands on” year with an on-going lawn mowing project for a senior citizen, a project including the purchase of a “mannekin” for life saving activities and painting the Plunket Rooms.

The Stockade Hill welcome sign was a combined Service Club project led by Howick.



### Our Howick Leo Club

was born on the 7th May 1970.

Well remembered were the many meetings and assistance from the Leo Club of Te Atatu and the slow but steady growth and enthusiasm of the founder members. All young adults and many children of the Lion members

This Lions project for young adults aged between 16 and 21yrs proved very worth while and generated a great deal of service and social activities for many years following.



**1970; President, Norm Whitfield**

**19th August**

A significant highlight of the Leo's Club history being the presentation of the Certificate of organisation by then District Governor Charlie Sage. at Longview lounge in Howick to Formation President Earlene Richardson (Earl's daughter) Vice President Andrew Wood together with Treasurer Sally Buchan.



Thanks were given to Formation Chairman Ian Packwood and to Lions Butt-Darral-Milnes-Penney-Smiths-Wilsons and Eric Saunders all of whom showed a very positive interest and support

Thanks also to those enthusiastic Leo members who helped the oldies breach the generation gap There was generally a close relationship between the Clubs.

Being a young Club the membership fluctuated and due the age range of members, membership change or loss was sometimes quite dramatic,

However, there was continuing activity, thanks to the confidence and perseverance of successive Leo advisers, who helped with continuity and liaison with the Lions. The Leos activities reflected their enthusiasm and imagination. Full marks for those great "Drive In Movie" projects.



Lions Family of Earl, Earlene and June.

Other activities and projects continued unabated, working with the Lions at Fireworks, Historic Village, Fishing Contests and many smaller but worthwhile projects of their own. Many of our Lion families were well represented in the Club and carrying on through the years we saw the names, Beechey, Darral, Robinson, Saunders Smith, , Sprosen and Wood.

**1971; President Dr. Arthur Batt  
Neurological Foundation.** A successful social and "Chocolate Box Raffle" enabled the Club to donate \$1000.00 (1968 dollars) to this worthy cause. Footnote: By some strange quirk of fate the "Chocolate Box " proved to quite a sizable one and it contained a Triumph 2000. Wow! The happy winner being Bob Steward of the local Caltex Service station. (In the days when "Service" meant just that.)



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These were the times of sporting activity including the annual cricket match between Howick and our sponsoring Club Pakuranga-Panmure. History records there were 12 wins apiece competing for the "Plonket Shield" between 1962 and 1980 and 1 each "By default!"



Pictured; Howick's Ian Dunn and Gus Lamb of Pakuranga –Panmure. with "The Shield."

A significant activity with Howick Jaycees raised some \$1265.75 being an initial contribution to the proposed formation of a Community Youth centre which morphed into the Recreation Centre as we now know it on the main highway from Pakuranga.

The 10th Anniversary of the Club's Charter Presentation was held on the 26th March 1972 at "Romfords" on Tamaki drive.

This was a "Champagne Ball" attended by then District Governor John Mason and a good friend of the Club "Knocker Wells from Hikurangi. The cost of the evening was the princely sum of \$10.00.

*Quoting President Arthur Batt over page.....*

Before going any further, a word of praise for our ladies. It is probably trite to say that the most important item in Lions' obligations frequently take him from his home, particularly in the higher echelons of Lionism.

*Our ladies to are often called upon to assist at various projects and they never let us down.*

*If a Lady Lion is unfortunate to drive a typewriter then she also becomes an unpaid secretary. for the sometimes alarming proportions of paperwork!*

*So, a toast to our Ladies, "God Bless them!"  
Arthur Batt*



Earlier in November saw us very actively engaged in a project with 17 Lions clearing a section in Colmar Rd, laying some 18 yards of topsoil and lawn.