

**THE THIRD DECADE**  
**The continuing story.1982 to 1991**

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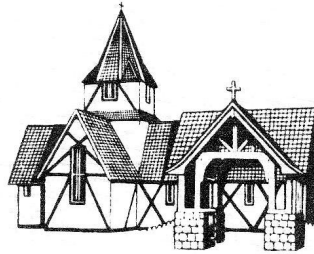


**1982; President Phil Beechey**  
**Combined Service Clubs Dinner.** The inaugural event was held on the initiative of Howick Lions and then President Phil Beechey. This was attended by representatives of 11 (yes, eleven!) Service Clubs in our area. A very enjoyable occasion which also produced a donation of over \$1500.00 to the "Spirit of Adventure".

*Howick Orientation Seminar;* The Club conducted a "Live in" week end orientation seminar at Waharau. This proved highly successful in bringing together a group of qualified presenters covering a wide range of skills and knowledge imparted to a large number of interested and keen Lions wishing to learn more of our organisation.

**All Saints Church (Original).**

Over the period of several weeks we completed the exterior painting of the Church. A good project keeping members in the public eye. (Note expert advice received from Alan La Roche to ensure that the paint colour was true to the original, no easy decision!)



**1983; President Tony Priestley**  
**Jimmy Carter, Past President USA** (and a Past Lions Governor.) Courtesy of Ken Marshall and his charter boat and the cooperation of police and the USA security we hosted Jimmy and Rosalind for a scenic outing on the Waitemata Harbour, an enjoyable experience for an ex US navy submariner.



Dg Lewis      PDG Ian      Jimmy      Owen Ernie Harry Ken  
                     Trish            Jeanette      Rosalyn

A feature proving to be tremendous hit of this years fireworks entertainment was a "Celebrity Soccer Match" "Loosehead Len" and his Radio I mate "Barnsey" organised a team of well known personalities and the regular Mt. Wellington Ladies  
 The Ladies won!.

**1984; President Ted Penney (Life Member)**

**Neighbourhood Support** proved to be one of the largest Service projects carried out by the Club for some years.. It involved a great number of members bringing the club to the attention of the general public and building up considerable goodwill. Brian Stocking co-ordinated a team of Lions covering approximately 60% of the Howick area .involving approximately 1800 homes in just over 4 months from February. In doing this they secured the services of 150 group coordinators to set up individuals streets ensuring the on going “Neighbourhood Watch” in the community.

**International relations:** Hugh Matheson had earlier suggested an International relations activity. His idea was put into practice when six couples from our Club together with members of Bucklands Beach and the Pakeke Club hosted a group of 31 members of the “Golden Gate Geographic Society of San Francisco” who were visiting Auckland. District Governor Peter Sage gave this project his blessing and was encouraging other Clubs to be involved as another way of publicising New Zealand to overseas visitors.



**1985; President Eddie Reddington**

Following several meetings with the Howick Borough Council and with their blessing a major project of the clearing of Hawthornden Reserve in Cook St commenced.

.A well attended **Annual Combined Services** dinner heard an interesting address by the Police Commissioner Ken Thompson and after a successful evening a cheque for \$2500.00 was presented to the New Zealand Police Centennial Trust.

The Neighbourhood Support project Chairmen Brian Stocking reported the formation of a district Neighbourhood Watch Committee consisting of ten Street Coordinators, two other service clubs and one member of the Police. David Moultrie is the Publicity officer and remains the only official Lions representative.

The May dinner meeting proved highly successful with a great number of visitors to celebrate a special meal commencing with a Piper in full regalia piping in the haggis. Tradition required that the President toasted the haggis which was observed with very special bottle of whisky and a Tail Twister fines after the dinner. The dinner was also complemented by Guest Speaker Andy Walker giving a most interesting resume on the life of Robbie Burns and reciting (from memory) many of Burn's poems quote and prose.

**1986; President Peter Snoad**

**Diabetes awareness;** In accordance with the International Presidents programme perhaps quite fortuitously the Club was involved and underwrote the cost of a "School Pack" which was developed by the British Diabetes association and adapted by the Auckland Hospital Board Diabetes Education/Advisory Centre. The Club produced and distributed nationally, 1000 copies of this for parents with diabetic children and is designed in a friendly way, designed to bridge any gap between home and school..

It has been established that the packs contribute greatly to the comfort and safety of the children concerned. *Each pack contains: A child record card, parent advice card, Information/instruction card, Check list of requirements, Individual cards to be carried by the child, Emergency advice card..*

The project was successful with the 1000 cards distributed throughout New Zealand.

On the 18th February 1987 we enjoyed a special dinner meeting hosting the guest speaker, **John Stewart**, the National Activities Manager from Lions Clubs International Chicago USA. Obviously an experience speaker assisted by an Irish-American accent he spoke on combating drugs and other social problems with **Skills for Adolescence Programme**, and setting up of the N.Z. pilot scheme in Christchurch in seven schools.

**1987; President Colin Hunkin**  
**Diabetes Education.** Provided the Auckland Diabetes center with the "Ames Key" educational software package (.costing \$1400.00 ).  
At the August dinner meeting this was



demonstrated by Cheryl Atherfold, Diabetes Nurse Educator together with Dr. Rick Cutfield Medical Director and Susan Peploe, Diagnostic Product Specialist.

Of interest is the fact that the "Keyfacts" lessons were written by Matt Cohen & Paul Zimmet of the Lions International Diabetes Institute of Melbourne and produced by the Institute.

This year the fireworks at Howick College had a great result with \$6000.00 raised.

## **25th ANNIVERSARY REPORT**

In the words of the well known song-  
"WHAT A NIGHT!"

It was this fairly new Lions first taste of such a Lion's function and like all who attended, I was most impressed. Whilst it was apparent that all current members gave their support to such matters as setting up an clearing, the effort of two members was outstanding. Our thanks and congratulations are due to Brian Harris and Ian Packwood. These two members worked quietly and untiringly to make this the polished performance it became.

This member (*Tatler editor Brian Davis*) experienced a great feeling in renewing a friendship with Denis and Lisa McKenna, the only former members I knew. I can imagine how Charter and senior members felt when renewing past friendships. This feeling was apparent by the noise and warmth generated during the social hour. The formal part of the evening went with smooth efficiency, from Brian Harris's opening to the cutting of the cake by Charter President Sir Earl Richardson

President Peter gave a warm, humorous, yet dignified (for him) welcome to all. What a great move in having Peter Clark, the main instigator in the Chartering of Howick, as M.C.. The flow of the evening was kept up by Mayor Morrin Cooper and District Governor Rob Linton.

Past International Director Alex Grieve gave a sincere and challenging address, which was a



nice soft sell for such an evening.

After we were all wined and dined, we were entertained by a revue that was a cross between the Luton Girls Choir and the "Pink Pussy Cat"!! Our thanks are due to those Lions and ladies for a great effort.

The evening was nicely rounded off with 2 hours of dancing and sweet music from the Society Jazz Men.

A GREAT EFFORT HOWICK  
CAN'T WAIT FOR THE 50TH



Brian and Josie Harris with ,Sir Earl and Lady Alison  
Cutting the Anniversary Cake

**1988; President Neil Plows**

This year saw a range of small projects including a continuation of the “Cash for Cans” a recycling activity which generated an average of \$100.00 per week with over \$2000.00 raised over a few months.

We assisted the Pakuranga–Panmure Lionesses with their “Father of the Year” project (History does not record the winner!)

In the May Tatler it is recorded that at the Multiple District Convention held in Rotorua the Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson presented Ian Packwood with a Melvin Jones Fellowship on behalf of District 202A.



Our on-going reputation as a star attraction in the Howick Christmas Parade was firmly established with the “Lions Power” theme.

**1989; President Merv Sharp**

Together with Clubs in our zone we contributed \$500.00 to a project supporting the travelling costs of a group of Diabetic Youth exchangees going on an education trip to the USA.

The November fireworks (Our largest ever, so far) showed a substantial gain returning a Nett \$8450.00 to the project account this year.

1990 was the year of the **Commonwealth Games** which provided opportunities for involvement such as a BBQ entertaining the Irish contingent immediately after the event.

There was also involvement in the Queens Baton Relay with Peter Snoad setting up the welcoming fireworks display. Ian Packwood as the liaison for the Clubs in Multiple District was also responsible for a fund raising event to which Toyota contributed some \$50,000.00. to Camp Quality.



In  
April

The Club was represented at the "Clan 1990" Multiple District Convention in Dunedin by President Merv & Joyce with PDG Ian & Nancy.

The Tatler records that a remit presented by Ian as M.D. Services Activities Chairman on behalf of the MD Council was passed.

*"That all Clubs in MD202 actively support "Diabetes N. Z, Inc. in their endeavors to provide coordination between Research and Relief of Diabetes in New Zealand. In doing so to assist in providing resources and education at National, regional and local level."*

This was the start of a number of years coordinated activity including the major production of education kits distributed nationally and individual projects such as the School Packs funded by Howick last year for children with diabetes..

Merv writes; "A very embarrassed member of our Club, PDG Ian Packwood was presented with International President Woollard's Award for his many services to Lionism. The rider reads, Ian carries out his many services with quiet and unassuming efficiency."

The 1989-90 Year concluded with the long awaited Annual Debate with Bucklands Beach Lions Club on the 13th June held at their Howick Golf Club dinner venue.. History or modesty does not record the result but with the Team led by Peter Snoad the reader may just hazard a guess!.

**1990; President Brian Stocking  
Howick Lioness Club.** ( The 17th to be formed in our District) The Club was formed bringing a new dimension to our Club's activities and an opportunity for the Ladies to join us in service. The initial (Acting) Board was formed with:-



President' Patricia Watkinson  
Secretary, Wendy Smith  
Treasurer, Joy Mann

During their initial few months the Lionesses were actively involved with the their sponsoring Lions in the September Telethon and the November Christmas Parade together with the senior Citizens Christmas luncheon.

They accomplished many projects until recent times and made a valuable contribution in their own inimitable way.

The "*Celebration of Age*" Telethon was a great success with our legendary chips selling well at the Howick Gala day in Picton Street.

The annual **fireworks display** was the best attended to date, some 7000 people and \$12,000.00 raised for local projects. A cheque for \$8000.00 was presented to Howick College to assist with the restoration of amenities lost following an arson attack.



The display has been a major event on Howick Lions calendar raising tens of thousands \$ over the years to support many local and major

projects such as the construction of a playground for the Homai School for the Blind and vehicles for the St. Johns Kidsafe project..

Major events have been staged at the Manukau Velodrome, Ericsson Stadium, and Ellerslie racecourse on the occasion of the Lions Multiple District 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in 2005 and finally at Alexandra Park 2009

Smaller displays have been staged at Weymouth, One Tree Hill for the Commonwealth Games, a couple at Waipuna Basin and the Expo Center at Mangere.

To round off this Lions year we saw a contingent of

Howick Lions departed to the 74th Lions Clubs International Convention held in Brisbane.19th-



Let's not forget the celebrated *Marching Girls* in the Christmas Parade!

22nd June. This would possibly be the first time it has been held in the Southern Hemisphere, and certainly in “Down Under.”

Our team,:

Brian & Josie Harris, & Valerie Hyland,	Keith
Bob & Mary Hughes, & June Kilgour,	Doug
Ken & Jeanette Marshall, Nancy Packwood,	Ian &
Ted & Maureen Penney,	Neil & Lynn Plows,
Merv & Joyce Sharp.	

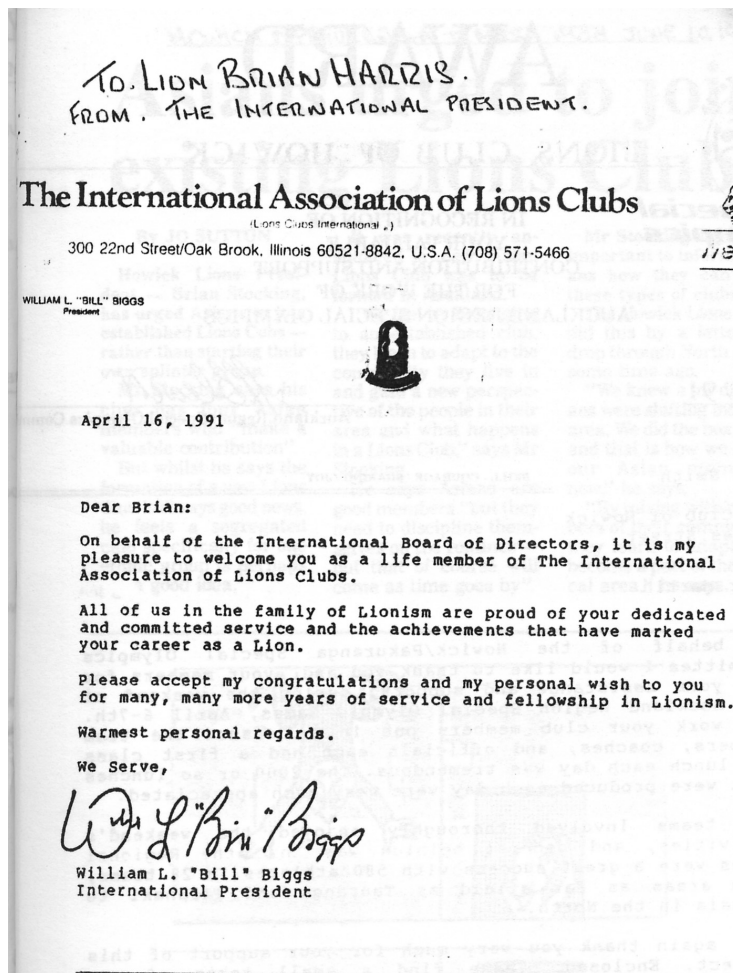


For those attending their 1st International Convention WOW!. Six years of planning took place prior to Brisbane welcoming up to over 30.000 Lions from around the world.

The organisation, transport, accommodation the conduct of the Convention, all were superb.

The parade with more than 12,000 participants from 100 countries, many in National dress, .

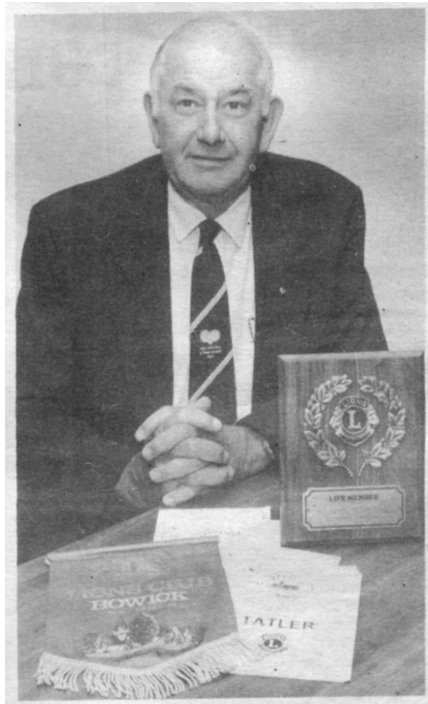
Marching bands and spectacular floats all gave a new meaning to our understanding of Lions *International*. As did the opportunities to meet with a speak with like minded people from countries we may never have the opportunity to visit.



This letter from our International President represents one of the "Red Letter" days in the story of our Club's history. The small tab pictured at the top is a 30year service recognition tab.



This **Life Membership** granted to Brian reflects his dedication to the work of Howick Lions beginning with his role of Charter Year Secretary in 1962 and continuing to serve as President in 1966-67. And in subsequent years virtually taking part in every aspect of our Club's administration and activities. Brian continued his active involvement with 36 years of 100% attendance record. As well he has held the positions of Zone Chairman 67/68 on the District Cabinet and Deputy District Governor in 1968/69. Also as Treasurer for the District in 1976/77.



*Picture: Howick & Pakuranga Times*

**SIR EARL RICHARDSON ( 1921-1990)**

On a Sad note we record the passing of Earl Richardson the Charter President of this Club and our only Life member.

I first met Earl at a meeting in the Cockle bay Playcentre Hall in October 1961 when a group of Howick men met to elect a Board of directors for the Lions club in our community: -an almost abortive meeting the previous month had passed the necessary resolution to establish a club but not sufficient enthusiasm was there to the election of officers

And just as well—Earl wasn't at that 1st meeting and had we proceeded a month earlier we, as a club, may never have had the benefit of the ability, the drive, and the sheer determination of the man who became our President, of nearly 30 years ago. We were all much younger then.-Earl was still in his thirties and when I think about it, Josie and I only had two of our present three daughters.

But what a dynamic personality Earl was! At a relatively young age of 39 he already looked back on a series of achievements; nearly 4 years service overseas during the war (as a young married man and a Naval Officer), a term or two on the then Papatoetoe Borough Council, a respected member of the R.S. A. and a position of management importance in a well established manufacturing company, Holeproof New Zealand Ltd. It was our good fortune that he decide on a shift to Howick in 1960..

Following his presidency of our Howick Lions Club, Earl continued to support the organisation, even though increases in business pressures forced him to take a somewhat of a “back bencher” approach to

the movement. Never the less, following his 1 1/2 years as President he spent a year on cabinet as Membership & Extension Chairman in 1964-64 and I am certain that he had a great deal of influence on overall Club membership in those days. We also remember his Knighthood in 1986. Earls achievements over the past decade have been tinged with sadness, his first wife, June was killed in a motor accident in 1984 but a year later he married another lovely lady, Alison, who provide him with nearly five years of happiness in spite of his deteriorating health.

He was very proud of his achievements, and not the least of these was his elevation to Life membership of our Howick Lions Club.

I know that this was an honour which Earl never expected, but really appreciated. The whole Club should be pleased that we managed to confer this honour on our Charter President during his lifetime—all too often an accolade such as this is considered when it is too late.

I was privileged to know Earl as a businessman, associate and as a friend. He was fiercely competitive as I discovered on the golf course on many occasions. He was a friend who became a friend of my family also.

Earl will be sadly missed by his daughters Beverley and Earlene, his sons-in-law, his grandchildren and his "adopted" daughters from his marriage to Alison

I will miss him too, I am proud to have known him, so will those who like me respect him as a friend , a business associate and a fellow Lion.

*Brian Harris*

**1991; President Keith Hyland**

Two major activities were planned for this our 30th anniversary year, firstly a Garage sale (The first Monster?) and the second an extensive tree planting project.

**Garage Sale.** This was held on Saturday 16th May at Howick Intermediate school and Contributed \$2000.00 to the Salvation Army food bank.

**Tree planting;** Zone Chairman Brian Stocking headed this Zone project on the main highway- and also on Pidgeon Mountain mostly still standing today. The project was supported by 17 Club members together with group from the Pakeke, Lioness and Leo Clubs. The trees planted were specially selected upright Cypress Oaks Which have a form suitable for planting on narrow berms.

**“*Son et Lumiere*”** Also known as the “*Sound and Light Show and the ring of fire*” This was an unusual fund raiser planned to provide a much needed boost for the .Historic Village. The old school house was hired for nibbles and drinks until darkness descended. And then to witness from outside scaffold seating a spectacular rendition of the early Colonial history of Howick.

**“Lions Skills for Adolescence”** Good progress for Teacher training with \$2500.00 donated by the Club & \$1000.00 from the Leos .Disco!