

**The continuing story.
1972 to 1981**

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| 1972 | Mellons Bay Steps |
| 1973 | “Speak up” |
| 1974 | Boat Raffle |
| 1975 | Andrew Road house moving |
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| 1978 | Eddie Charlton
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| 1979 | Fireworks @ Howick College |
| 1980 | Hosts District Convention |
| 1981 | Howick Pakeke Lions Club Charter |



1972; President Ian Packwood (Life Member)

Mellons Bay. This decade saw the conclusion of the construction of the pathway from the top car park to the beach, and the provision of seating. The pathway and rails remains today, still well used with



the concrete Lion logos crafted by Ernie Roff still in evidence.

33Years later the steps and seats are still in constant use.

Annual Christmas Outing. Over most of these years children from the “Star of the Sea” together with senior citizens were entertained at the special picture show organised by the Auckland Host Lions followed by the Owairoa School Christmas luncheon. This was always recognised as one of the Clubs most pleasurable functions and much appreciated by the old folks and children alike.

*Trivia ;An Historical note on communications.
 Brian Harris phone 6698
 Ian Packwood phone 7537-5.
 Note for later generations the “-5” refers to a “party
 line”*

1973; President Bevan Markwick“

Speak Up; Notable was the Clubs involvement with this major national campaign and the formation of the first of many neighborhood support groups. David Moultrie took a leading role which continued to his year as president.

In August the Club sponsored a “Zone” Charity Ball held at the University Student Union Hall . The event proved a success with 450 people in attendance raising \$1000.00 for the “YM” Later in the new calendar year the repainting of “All Saints” Church commenced and carried over to 74/75 Lions year.

1974 President Ernie Roff

At the March of 75’ dinner meeting the Club enjoyed the company of the guest speaker Sir Dove Myer Robinson, Mayor “Robbie”.

In those days it seems that raffles were one means of fund raising and in September the Club commenced selling tickets for a runabout resulting in profit of \$1027.82.

1975; President Owen Spalding

The **Andrew Road** house removal project started involving all members on a week end working roster.

Together with a raft of small projects throughout the year. including a training manikin for St. Johns, a Christmas tree project, organising and carrying out the IHC and Braille collections.

At the District Convention in Helensville Ian Packwood was elected as District Governor for the 1976/77 Lions Year.

1976; President David Moultrie

The **Andrew Road Project**, a major house removal job continued eventually providing significant funds;-

(\$4500.00) enabling the Club to assist with landscaping and planting of trees at the then new Community Center in Howick.

Bucklands Beach Lions Club. Great efforts of Ernie Roff, Owen Spalding and Hugh Matheson culminated in the Charter presentation to the new Club by then D. G. Ian in October.

In their turn "Bucklands" later formed the Lioness Club of Bucklands Beach.

At the Rotorua M.D, Convention Ian was elected as the Multiple District Council Chairman for 1977/78.

**1977; President Bob Hughes
Howick St. John Ambulance**

A major telephone appeal organised by Ross Piper and Dr. Bob Hughes helped establish this facility on the Pakuranga Highway.

This was run in conjunction with Bucklands Beach and Pakuranga-Panmure Lions and other Service Clubs, raising some \$45,000.00

This was another “hands on” Year with a number of working Bees assisting with restoration at the **Historic Village** and the major tree planting project at the Community Centre (Now named the Recreation Centre). The initial planting operation developed some new skills for members who quickly learned that it took two to handle a power driven post hole borer!

At one stage this also involved assistance from the fire brigade who supplied hoses and engine for watering.





Surprising what 33yrs growth will achieve!

And just for the record, another successful restoration at the "Village"



1978; President Hugh Matheson

The year commenced with Club involvement in the National Telethon and Ian Packwood in his capacity as outgoing Council Chairman presenting the New Zealand Lions cheque for \$317,909.00 collected. The beneficiary being the Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation of which coincidentally Earl Richardson was the Chairman.

An interesting activity with Bucklands Beach Club was the staging of a an event at Pakuranga College featuring the World Snooker Champion **Eddie Charlton** with Funds raised amounting to \$830.00.

On route to the District Convention in Fiji President Hugh and Ian transported 250Kg of Anti-Histamine drugs destined for treatment of children at Lautoka Hospital. A small problem with the Customs but quickly overcome!

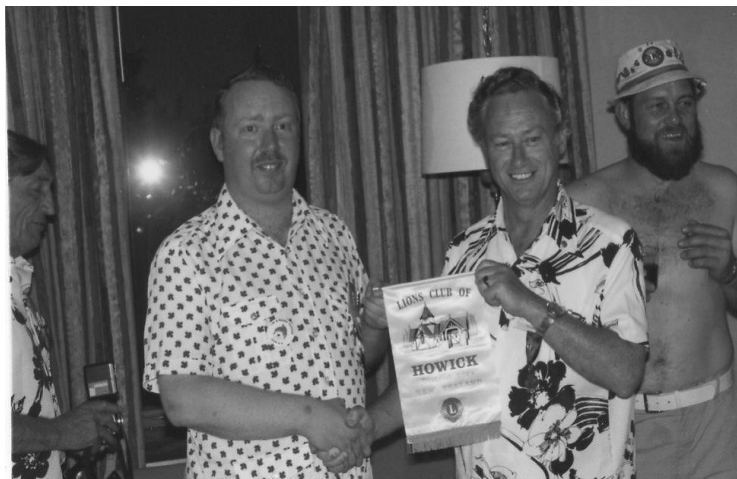
The Leo Club assisted in all these activities including hosting a youth exchangee over the January holiday period, Nicky Theron from Howick Natal. Nicky's father Lion Dr, Pierre Theron also visited Howick a year or two earlier.

A highly successful fishing contest in conjunction with Bucklands beach was staged raising in excess of \$3600.00 in aid of the Howick Sea Rescue boat.. Virtually every member of the Club being involved under the Chairmanship of Ernie Roff assisted by Ted Penney.

A busy Lions year concluded for five couples from the Club with President Hugh and Jeanette, David & Iree Moultrie, Ian & Nancy Packwood, Bob & Yvonne Smith, Owen & Nona Spalding and Gerry Kean attending the Lions International Convention held in Montreal, Canada.

We joined about 600 Kiwis there to celebrate the induction of Lloyd Morgan from Lower Hutt, the first New Zealander to be elected as President of Lions Clubs International.

One of the many highlights of mixing and mingling with representatives of the many Nations of Lions was to meet up with a contingent of Lions from our twin Club of Howick Ontario. Ian & Nancy with Gerry also paid a visit to the "Township" of Howick with Don Coughlin.



Don Coughlin Hugh Matheson

1979 Ross Piper
Fireworks at Howick College

This activity raised \$2529.27 and was the forerunner of many events pioneered by Peter Snoad, Colin Hunkin and a team of enthusiastic pyromaniacs. Over the coming 16 years it remained a "Family" affair at Howick College. It then moved to . the Manukau Velodrome when building constraints dictated a move to a larger venue, then to Ericsson Stadium and finally to Alexander Park.. Smaller displays were staged at Weymouth, One Tree Hill for the Commonwealth Games, a couple at Waipuna Basin on News Eve and the Expo Center at Mangere.

It was a good year for the sale of Lions Christmas cakes with over 1700 sold thanks to the entrepreneurial activities of Peter Russell

27 members, wives and children in three groups visited elderly in local hospitals and rest homes, sang Christmas Carols and distributed small gifts. 21 Christmas hampers were distributed to elderly persons living alone.

Young people were not forgotten with two sponsored in the Wales Bank Youth of the Year Contest, two sponsored on youth exchange to Australia and Japan. Also five Japanese young people were hosted when they visited Auckland

1981; President Martin Collett

1980; President Bob Smith

District Convention: Our second convention hosted by Howick. A memorable opening ceremony at All Saints Church organised by Arthur Batt and the unforgettable Roaring Twenties night at the Recreation Center.

Who will forget the vintage car charging into the venue to the accompaniment of the "Society Jazzmen"? And the star of the night D.G. Ted's wife "Hazel" as the Belle of the Ball". Not to forget the Howick chappies dance routine!



District Governor Ted Cole and Hazel arriving in style.

Another milestone was the Hosting of the District Leo Convention at Green Bay in 1980. As District Leo Chairman for that year Ian could attest to the tremendous amount of organising and work carried out by the club and the guidance of President Anne-Marie Tilyard and Secretary Michelle Fowler. The successful result was a well attended and worthwhile Convention.

The year goes on record as one of member involvement in a wide range of activities. These include the Braille and IHC annual collections.

Indicative of our relations with the then Borough Council His Worship the Mayor of Howick, Morrin Cooper was our guest speaker at the July Dinner and extended an invitation to hold our August Board meeting at the new Howick Borough Council offices, and be the guests of the Council afterwards.

Business of the evening was kept brief. At the informal function that followed two Japanese Youth exchangees currently billeted by members exchanged banners with the Club and received gifts from the Mayor.

The small team of Owen Spalding, Hugh Matheson and Ian Packwood gave an opportunity to a number of elder citizens or retirees to enjoy the fellowship of Lions clubs whilst making a worthwhile contribution to their community with formation of a **“Pakeke Lions Club”**

Following the formation in May last of the new Club their Charter was presented at the Pakuranga Country Club on November 20th.
(Pakeke translates “Respected Elder”)

The success of the club eventuated with the election of Charter President Randall Hewitt being elected to the position of District governor in 1987

A major activity for the year involving ALL members was the restoration of Johnston's Store in the historic village. This was originally built in Parnell as a sweet shop in the 1840's. Moved to the Village to become the Howick Colonial Village Education Centre.

On Saturday 17th October as Howick Lions own project "Johnsons" was formally handed over to President Martin Collett by Alan La Roche Director of the Village.

"Our Clerk of the Works, Earl Richardson was pleased the way his roster was filling without the assistance of the "Press gang".

Members were reminded whenever they had a few hours to spare any Saturday morning, they would be welcomed with a brush or hammer provided.

