

## THE FOURTH DECADE

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| 1992 | 202A Convention                   |
| 1993 | Commencement Sight First Campaign |
| 1994 | Manukau Fireworks                 |
| 1995 | Journey for Sight                 |
| 1996 | FADE multi seat Cycle             |
| 1997 | Young Speechmaker                 |
| 1998 | Ericsson Fireworks                |
| 1999 | America's Cup                     |
| 2000 | Ericsson Fireworks                |
| 2001 | Mens Health Evening               |



**1992;**

**President Alan Sheath**

**District Convention**, Yet again we hosted the District 202A Convention 1992 which will be long remembered and this time held in it's entirety at St. Kentigern College.

It was a well attended and enjoyable feature of the Lions year featuring Howick Hospitality.

**Brian Harris** conducted the colorful opening Flag Ceremony with seemingly never ending parade of flags. which as always tends to set the tone of the Convention.

It was very appropriate that on this occasion Brian's length of service and his commitment to Howick Lions was recognised by the presentation of a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**. (A nice accompaniment to his earlier "Life membership"!)



Saturdays Business session gave us a splendid insight into the world of the blind and also of the practical application of "Lions Skills for Adolescence" programmes.

The Saturday evening again will be long remembered for the hilarious entertainment "par excellence by Jean Wigzell and her team of strolling players.

Not to mention the performance of the “Whistling Hats”!



*No prizes for guessing identity of the whistlers!!*

Another perhaps serious note during the evening was the presentation of **Life Membership** to PDG Ian Packwood. This recognised his service as Chairman of the M.D. Council of Governors, National Lions Convener of several Telethons, National Eye Bank Journey for Sight, National and “Queens Baton Relay Chairman (6years) for National Service Activities. a recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship and three International Presidents Awards.

“Alan’s year” was full on with “*Lions Serving Our Community*” involvement in so many ways, cash for cans, SightFirst Walkathon, Combined Service Clubs dinner, Monster Car Boot Sale, Telethon, Casino Evening, Senior Citizens Luncheon, the list goes on...!!!

**1993; President, Hugh Brown**

Commencement of Campaign SightFirst, Howick was well involved in the major International fund raising project directed towards sight conservation and blindness prevention, as will be seen below.

Activities commenced in November with a Howick Little Theatre Project and a sum from the Fireworks show, a Car Rally in the New Year and of course one of Howick's legendary Sausage sizzles!

Working bees at the Historic Village again and collections for I.H.C., Braille, Diabetes Youth and rounded off with assistance for the "Red Nose" collection for prevention of cot deaths.

With a target of \$5000.00 thanks to Brian Stocking's persistence, a great effort from the Club the final figure with this years amount of \$6600.00 came to a total of some eight thousand dollars.

There was a wide range of donations during the year with \$1480.00 to the National Eye Bank appeal resulting in a grand total of approx' \$10,800.00

And let's not forget the first prize AGAIN for the Howick Christmas Parade



**1994; President, Tony Gollin.**

This year was busy one for the Club. It marked the introduction of a formal and detailed business plan, a concept that has been retained and also adopted by other Clubs. (Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!). And still being put to good use in 2012.

The year started with donation of \$6000.00 to the *Lions Guy Latham Liver Transplant Appeal* .

(This included \$5000.000 from the LMLCC Trust).

Lionesses and Leos joined forces to donate further \$1250.00 from their fundraising activities.

In a new venture for the Club The Mayoral Concert featuring the *Smiths Locksmiths Howick Brass Band* resulted in a presentation of \$6000.00 to the South Auckland Hospice.



President Tony hands over the new fax to the Salvation Army Area Captain Rod Ellis with Brian Harris and Brian Stocking looking on. (H& P Times picture)

After 15 successful years at Howick college, this was the first year for the Fireworks family event to be held at the Manukau Velodrome. It was with assistance of the Manukau City Council and radio MoreFM. A very successful result with \$8955.00 raised.

The nominated principal beneficiaries being:- *South Auckland Hospice* and the *King George V1 Children's Health Camp*.

Donations for the year amounting to \$12,140.66.

Additionally to Club involvement individual members were also active with Hugh Brown 202A Zone Chairman and Brian Stocking the District Leadership Chairman. Alan Sheath assisted Brian organising a substantial visiting campaign promoting the Waiheke 202A Convention and . Ian Packwood as MD National Service Activities Chairman organising the "Journey for Sight"



Yet again we won the Christmas Parade prize with our performing Cheer Leaders!



In President Tony's Annual report he commented “Another feature of the 1994/95 Business plan was an assessment of the Club’s relative strengths weaknesses , opportunities and threats (typically referred to as a “SWOT “ Analysis) based on Club self assessment by members. This exercise provide a useful back drop to many of the Club activities” For example:-:

- \* All members were drawn into activities through a combination of roistered and volunteer activity.
- \* We found a new venue with adequate storage.
- \* We made a successful transition to the Manukau Velodrome for the Annual fireworks display

**1995;                    President, Doug Kilgour**

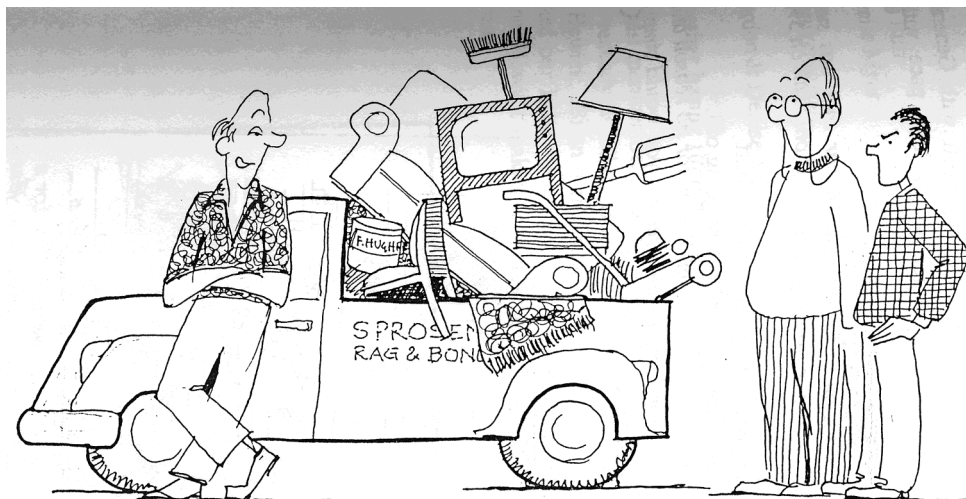
**Lions Journey for Sight** We enjoyed an involvement in a major National Sight Conservation activity in support of the *New Zealand National Eye Bank*. Convened by Ian Packwood the project raised over \$100,000.

Thanks to the efforts of Brian Stocking the Howick Club was also featured as one of the "Top Five Clubs" in the "**SightFirst**" fund raising program. Howick contributed \$6600.00.

Successful working bees helped the Salvation Army and the Historic village.

It was also the first time that Tony Gregory's developed electric firing system was employed completely eliminating any potential dangers of manual fuse light in the past.

**Monster Garage sale** Also mentioned in dispatches for their unstinting assistance;-Brian & Josie, Bill & Kit, Hugh & Ailsa and of course not forgetting Harry Sprosen and his legendary truck.



"AN ARTISTIC MASTERPIECE, BRIAN AND BRIAN.  
..... NOW DO IT PROPERLY."



## 1996—President, Malcolm Pascoe

It was a good year for small projects, some 21 reported by the Community Committee alone. Together with Fireworks at Waipuna for New Years Eve and \$12,476.00 expended on projects including \$4000.00 to FADE.

Noted from various Board meetings; \$800.00 donated to the Star Ship “Radio Lollypop”

*\$630.00 raised by Chip Sales at Howick Primary*

Provided smoke detectors to needy Senior Citizens \$1040.00.

*New Zealand National Eye bank \$400.00*

Outward Bound sponsorship \$50.00.

Gee, This year the “*Tatler*” was again No. 1!

President Malcolm initiated the award of “**Lion of the Year**” with a presentation to Brian Stocking recognising his example of commitment to many tasks successfully carried out.



Our St. Trinians Girls perform in the Christmas Parade.

1997;

President Frank Hughes



Malcolm Pascoe \* Frank Hughes

Congratulations and Welcome!

**Historical Note:** This year Lions and Rotarians joined in to "*Proclaim the Spirit of Volunteerism*"

The mottos of "Service Above Self" and "We Serve" demonstrate that volunteerism has become the cornerstone for the health and well being of communities world wide.

International President Augustine Solvia was the Key Note speaker at the Rotary International Convention.

And in the spirit of "*to create and foster a sprit of understanding amongst the peoples of the world*" Alan & Karen hosted two young Japanese students, Eriko Koyama 16yrs and Ikumi Kataoka 16rs sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Tokyo

Asakusa and Kyoto Rakuto respectively.

We had the privilege of an all too brief meeting with these delightful girls at our August Business meeting and Alan reports that there were a few tearful farewells when the their time came to leave. And on the subject of youth it is recorded that our "**Young Speechmaker**" contestant **Avril Sim** was an outstanding winner of the Nationals. This was featured in May 20 issue of the H & P Times.

On the 31st January the Club enjoyed a very successful day at "Howick in the Park" held in the Howick Domain (raising approximately \$800.00)

At that time Frank reports, "This appears as if it will be an on going event and we have been asked to support this. I will be attending a meeting within the next month to form an organising committee to ensure the event continues.

**Fireworks 1998** The question was raised concerning the viability of continuing at the Velodrome. The main aspects being security, labour intensive, financial risk (absence of sponsorship), capacity limitations, increasing costs imposed by Manukau City and is it time for a change?.

A colorful presentation with sound effects was made by John Miller and Tony backgrounding the concept of an enlarged event at Ericsson Stadium. After considerable discussion it was resolved that a committee be set up to bring forward a business plan with firm support from potential sponsors be and report back to the June business meeting. More of this later!

**1998; President, Alan Sheath**

This year Alan stepped up for the second time “in the chair” to assist in maintaining our Clubs momentum.....Thanks Alan.

At the Change of Officers evening Brian Harris & Josie presented the Club with a splendid “Honours Board” depicting the Presidents and Secretaries through the years..

**“Lion of the Year; ” Leigh Dixon.**

**Monster Garage Sale** 11th July, the first project for the year netting \$2550.00.

Again some useful working projects including painting at the Historic Village and more painting at All Saints Church with Tony Blair rising to the heights!



A successful “Trivial Pursuits” evening proved enjoyable for members and friends with a financial outcome of \$1000.00 raised.

A donation of \$2000,00 was presented to FADE.

At our March Dinner meeting there was focus on youth with three young guest speakers.

The first two were **Outward Bound** participants we had supported,. Who could not be impressed by these examples of our youth today and the cooperation and understanding between them and Lions.

**Nicholas Sprosen** spoke of his experiences, 22 days of “watches”, up at 5am, learning new skills, making lifelong friends and accepting and overcoming challenges.



**Allanah Chamberlin** followed with her thoughts of a young woman and whilst the physical challenges were different they were challenges! The many learning experience gave her the incentive to look forward and they also brought home awareness of the need to help those less fortunate.

In introducing **Avril Sim** our Speechmaker winner Tony Gregory quite rightly noted that she represents the epitome of our youth activities.

She spoke of her prize winning trip to the UK as an Ambassador for New Zealand. Her overall impression was one of learning to live with others , to believe in the goodness of humanity as evidenced by the welcome she received by many total strangers.

Overleaf a copy of the report of our first venture into Ericsson Stadium

For this occasion the Club was fortunate in securing significant sponsorship without which an event of this size would not be viable. A key factor being to keep the cost of admission down to a level suitable for family entertainment and to encourage a large attendance.

Excellent cooperation was received from the Ericsson staff, Auckland City Promotions, Fire Service, St Johns Ambulance, Security Personnel, and many others, all keen to help “the Lions.”

A feature for this years event was introducing a Halloween theme and a competition for schools concluding with entertainment and fireworks.

Commencing at 4.30pm were lots of activities, a Halloween mask competition, entertainment, including Dancing, cultural groups .and the Police dogs display Every one was treated to a great performance by the ever popular Susanne Prentice.

The pyrotechnics display combined with a laser show was, in the words of the "Herald:"--"Colourful, loud and anything but a fizzer, for the children and adults alike, lighting up the lives of 12,000 at the Stadium".

The highlight of the evening for Howick was the presentation by Club President Alan Sheath of a cheque for **\$30,000.00** to the **Royal New Zealand Foundation** for the Blind as the Club's contribution to the national Braille Week appeal.



**1999; President, John Miller**

We sure did something right (**Jack Guy Trophy**) for the Top Club under the leadership of Alan Sheath, We had some fun collecting citrus fruit to help Auckland's Sunshine going south, an activity greatly appreciated by the many recipients as far away as Invercargill..

**Fireworks1999.**

Once again the Club benefited greatly by the very professional support from Gary Troup.

The Halloween theme was a success with the competitors organised by Denis and Lisa McKenna. Also receiving favorable comment was the fireworks team led By Ian Packwood and Tony Gregory. (Both of also featured on a TV2 broadcast!)

Also the many unsung heroes working in the background on the day.. The Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind received \$15,000.00.

**December 1999- President, Gordon Myer**

We supported the Skills for Adolescence project at Howick Primary School with \$1000.00, and also Elm Park School with a \$250.00 contribution towards teacher training in the Lions-Quest "Skills for Growing" project. (The entire staff is participating in this workshop.)

We also supported our own Past President Alan Sheath who we were nominating for the position of Vice District Governor.

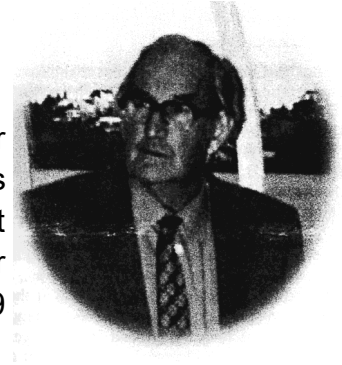
The Tatler described this as a walkabout. Gives a new meaning to walkabout! We were on the run!

This is a very necessary exercise being a two way operation for the prospective Governor to get to know more of the District and for District floor members to get to know their future Governor

In March It was sadly recorded the passing of Owen Spalding.

Owen Joined our Club in the Charter year of 1962 and was an enthusiastic and extremely active member. Despite his busy life operating a large Electrical contracting business he could always be relied upon to be a “hands on” help with projects. Who would ever forget the masses of cable, which he organised and assembled for our early fireworks days and the historic Convention hosted at St. Kentigern in 1991.

Owen served in almost every Club office, and as our President in 1975/76. He and Nona enjoyed their “Lions Life” attending numerous District and Multi District functions. We have many happy recollections of their company at the Hawaii 1976 and Montreal 1979 International Conventions



Owens achievements over a long period of time were recognised with the “Melvin Jones” fellowship Award.

Those who new him will long remember a wonderful member and friend, and those of who knew him will long remember the significant contributions Owen made to the work and fellowship of the Club. And through that to our community.

**Fireworks 2000** Were again to be held at Ericson, but were cancelled at the last minute due to inclement weather. Fortuitously we were insured and following negotiations **St. Johns Ambulance** who were this years beneficiary and thanks to insurance cover the despite the wash out we were able to contribute \$22,000.00 towards the provision of a vehicle dedicated to the Kidz Safe project.

Members were also encouraged to keep fit with walks (?) around Rangitoto and the Waitakeres.

Believe it or not, this actually happened at one time or another and the occasions were enjoyed by all concerned!

2001;

President Leigh Dixon

The year started well with a large painting team at the Historic Village led by Dave Greenwood Also thanks to Tony Blair's Lions Sign boards members wont be mistaken for PD workers when they take on another project in the village!



And it's high time we featured the traditional Christmas luncheon and entertainment which has been a regular feature for over 40 years. And an acknowledgement to the Lions and bouquets to their ladies!

**Men's Health Evening.** Thanks to the initiative of David Westwick and Alan Sheath this new initiative proved a success and an encouragement for a repeat in the future.





Fireworks; a double banger with a spectacular display in November, Attendance was down due to the weather but the beneficiary St. Johns received a donation of \$3000.00. This was followed by a small display at the Kingz Soccer event the later raising \$2000.00

Notably our first involvement with organising Howick in the Park. Thanks to John Bay, David Lu and their hard working band of helpers who made this project both profitable and worthwhile.

A very good and active year all round ; particularly the occasion of a night to remember, our 40th Anniversary in March 2002. A huge vote of thanks to Clive Brummer and his team for a successful event

which did the Club proud.!