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Lions Clubs International

# **Our January & February Meetings for 2019**

# NEXT DINNER MEETING - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7 DINNER - 6:30PM FOR 7:00PM; \$25PP DANNEMORA GARDENS. BOTANY



### **FEBRUARY DINNER ROSTER**

Guest Speaker: Dawit Arshak; Refugee case worker for NZ Red Cross

Introduce Guest: PDG Ian Packwood Thanks: Neil Hornblow Greeter: Denis McKenna Loyal Toast: Brian Stocking

Cashier: Jean Wigzell Invocation Colin Salt: Bartender: Rex Buckley Beverages: Tony Blair

Dawit Arshak is a refugee from Ethiopia who has been in NZ for 20 years after living in the Sudan for 14 years. He considers his life's work is to help mankind regardless of any differences.

We are pleased to host District Governor Wendy Miller& husband Graeme who are making an informal visit to our club.

At this meeting we will also host our most recent Lions-backed Outward Bound participant, his mother & other individuals who have contributed to his experience, including Youth Aid at Ormiston.

PDG Alan will introduce our guests and President Derek will express our club's appreciation for their involvement & support.

#### **OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETINGS: -**

WEDNESDAYS - JANUARY 16 & FEBRUARY 20 2019 6:45pm for 7:00pm Dannemora Gardens, Botany

#### **CLUB INFORMATION**

# Dinner Meetings Monthly - First Wednesday

6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

Business Meetings Monthly - Third Wednesday 6:45 pm for 7:00 pm

Venue: - Pavilion Room, Dannemora Gardens, 30 Matarangi Rd, Botany Host: Café Manager Paul Johnson; Chef: Warren Woodcock Apologies for all meetings to Secretary Rex by prior Sunday

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DINNER DATE

As Wednesday February 6 is Waitangi Day and a public holiday, the Twin Palms Restaurant at Dannemora Gardens will be closed with no function facilities. The Pavilion room is free the following day, Thursday 7th, when full restaurant service resumes.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 202K (2018- 2019)
WENDY MILLER (Graeme), Eden-Epsom Lions Club
Zone 7 Chair, NEIL HORNBLOW, Howick Lions Club

### **President Derek's New Year comments**

Greetings fellow members

Happy New Year and welcome back for 2019.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break with family and are back rearing to go for the coming year.

I must make a special mention again of the fun time had by all at the December Christmas Dinner Meeting; well done to the social team for putting things together. The highlight for me was the entertainer who had us all up and dancing. Let's do it again next year.

Good to see Rajiv back again and helping out with Camp Quality – both days. He now has plenty of experience cooking sausages!

Next big event to look forward to is the Summer Festival on the 17 February... less than three weeks away. We'll need plenty of hands on deck to make this event a success. Please let Grant know asap, if you haven't already, when you will be available. Tell all your friends about the event and encourage them to tell others.

Thought for the month: -

"Dream Big to make a Big Impact. You have two choices. You can shrink your dream to fit reality. Or you can stretch reality to fit your dreams. Making dreams reality is not magic — you have to work at it."

– Barny J Palmer, Past LCI President.

Can you believe it... we are half way through the 'Lions Year' already.

That's all for now
President Derek
FUN \* SERVICE \* EXPLORE











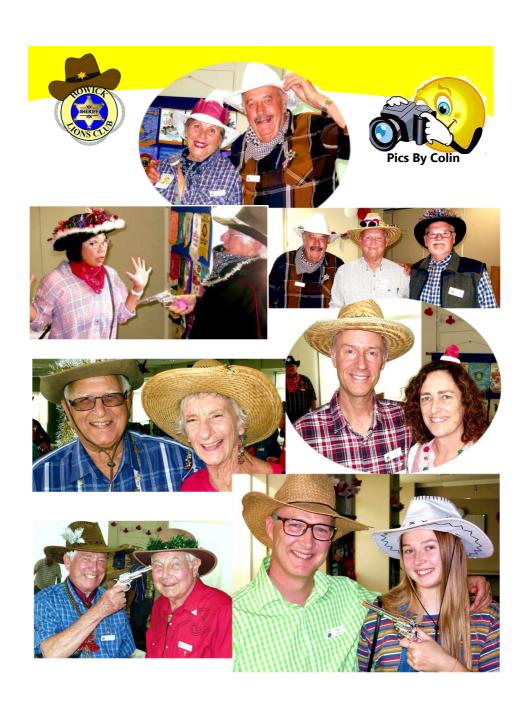
# From our Christmas dinner meeting December 5, 2018

### Pavilion Room @ Dannemora Gardens

The Dannemora Gardens Activity & Restaurant teams had handsomely prepared our first December dinner by putting up their own Christmas tree & decorations in the Pavilion room; it looked very cheery & welcoming, Our dining tables were charmingly festive showcasing Christmas trees & Christmas crackers; (and we were later unexpectedly served scrumptious little Christmas pies). Our club's sincere thanks to DG. Our social committee also added some finishing festive flair with extra little decorated trees, free bubbles on arrival, plus nibbles on the go. Members (mostly) came adorned in suitable "Westmas" outfits and our Christmas dinner setting shimmered with guns & glitter - well done & thank you Lions.

Our delicious dining was All Christmas with traditional turkey followed by yuletide pudding; (some had the dessert option of a Summer Pav) - all very yummy! Another surprise of the evening was guest entertainer Anthony Charles., the 'Flatbush Cowboy', (an Auckland Country Music award winner), bringing his 'Charlie-Pride' sound to entertain us with well-known Christmas songs (and some rock 'n roll), which was so beguiling that dancing became an almost-given after our meal. It was an enjoyable & cheerful Christmas evening for Howick Lions and friends at Dannemora Gardens.











### **Howick Lions' Senior's Christmas Lunch**

# Owairoa School Hall December 1, 2018



Sizeable salutes go to Howick Lions, & Partners, & Friends, & Family, & Entertainers who came to serve our Seniors a Merry Christmas lunch at Owairoa School. The school kitchen was buzzing with busy bee-like activity (& not a little chatter) as the food for lunch was heated, prepared and plated. And around the hall the Christmas tree & other decorations went up to set a festive scene for our guests. The seasonal music was also tuned & tested on the sound system under the guidance of PDG Alan. There were plenty of offers to set up the bar - with the essential juice & water also. Some oldies were coming in before everything was in place, but they were very welcome to sit & watch as Lions continued getting things organised.

The St Andrews Big Band under the baton of Hamish Arthur and featuring soloists Amy & Isabel, was again an audience favourite, as was our long-serving & harmonious songstress trio, The Eno Sisters.

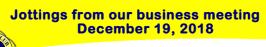
There was a rumour that Rex decided to go looking for Santa (and it was claimed by some that he had actually found him!)



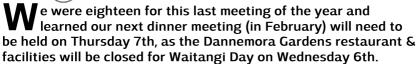












David advised our new subs for the next 6 months will be set at \$100 with no prompt payment discount & should be paid by Jan 15.

We were sorry to learn Dean Henney has resigned and the club wishes him well for the future. Tina Singh is expected to be inducted at our February dinner meeting. Paul is planning a membership strategy meeting early in the new year to develop proposals going forward.

The need for formal 'Health & Safety' procedures for our projects was again emphasised as Very Important and will be urgently reviewed now our Health & Safety Officer Dean has resigned. A new H&S Lion needs to be appointed. Volunteers should phone President Derek.

Brian advised use of the Highbrook Park venue for the Lions/ Rotary Fireworks project has been denied by Goodman management so a new search is to be carried out.

PDG Packy advised on progress with establishing a viable Leo Club @ Howick College. Proposal will be prepared for the new year & supported by PDG Christine Ford of Bucklands Beach Lions (202K Region Chair PI & Past Youth Director and Leo Advisor).

Colin explained the workings of the impressive Mangonui Lions self-contained sausage sizzle trailer & the essential sponsorship of costs (estimated at \$8000). Mangonui Lions would manufacture if Howick Lions obtained financial sponsorship. Secure storage & maintenance in Howick would need to be found. Dave advises our old trailer needs a new floor, & a 'universal' ball & electrics connection would allow more member's cars to tow the trailer.

\$3 for our sausages is not a problem - & we've changed to Leonards brand, which also seem to be quite acceptable to consumers.

The lower-than-normal turn-out for the Senior's Christmas Lunch at Owairoa School was disappointing, so a review will be undertaken; which may include revisiting the Villages to gain valid & workable feedback on the current needs of the elderly in our area & our club's ability to uniquely cater for them at Christmas.

Teams of members volunteered to serve at the Camp

Teams of members volunteered to serve at the Camp Quality days at AUT in Otara on Jan 6 & Wesley College, Paerata

# More Jottings from our business meeting December 19, 2018



on Jan 8. Thank you Lions.

After assessing the Christmas decorations at the Senior's party and many found in shabby condition, Jean has offered to gather then all, sort through & discard, then purchase (within a tight budget) new modern items at the post-Christmas sales. We also agreed our current (builder's) aprons deserve to be in a museum so Faye will look at sourcing up-to-date aprons which can feature our club name & logo.

There was applause for Agnes's efforts in selling all our Lions Christmas Cake consignment for this year, some (73) through promotion online via our website & social media, and most (197) by much footslogging around the Villages & OTC market days one by one (with Rex on hand at times). Agnes hand-delivered the cakes sold online. Very Well Done; and thank you Agnes.

Paul provided an updated analysis on visitors to our website & social media pages.

The Summer Festival project planning continues; the Water Safety project has decided to eliminate the bouncy castle & water slide. Items for the beach treasure hunt are needed - can anyone help?

The physical condition of The Depot is of concern with leaks & rats. Council will be continually reminded of this issue for a remedy.

Our Outward Bound (Ormiston) candidate for the January intake is likely to speak to our dinner meeting in February - TBC.

Our first Christmas dinner meeting at DG went very well with good feedback & congratulations to the social committee for organising.



For a full & detailed account of this business meeting please refer to the official minutes from secretary Rex.







This team of enterprising Sizzlers cheered customers by adding lively-listening music to servings of Leonards superior sausages.

# CHINESE NEW YEAR (SPRING FESTIVAL) BEGINS: - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 > THE YEAR OF THE PIG <

he Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, has more than 4,000 years of history behind it and is based on the Lunar Calendar. (World time runs on the Solar – Gregorian - Calendar). In 2019 the Lunar New Year begins on February 5. The Chinese New Year Festival lasts from 'New Year's Eve' February

4, to February 10, then on to the Lantern Festival on February 19th.

Men born in the Pig year are optimistic and gentle. They are very focused. Once they decide on a goal, they put everything into it.

Women born in the Pig year are full of excitement. They attend social events whenever possible and treat everyone genuinely. Combined with their easy-going personality, they gain everyone's trust.

Recent years of the Pig; 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007



# Jottings from our business meeting January 16, 2019

### @ Dannemora Gardens



Our first business meeting for the new year was short & sweet - which made some 'still-on-holiday' Lions quite grateful.

Our Camp Quality teams for the Family Day & Breakfast detail reported these were very worthwhile activities - even to the point of helping out Bucklands Beach Lions with their sizzle as they had found themselves shorthanded. The 'new' venue at AUT, Otara was considered by our team to be more appropriate for the Family Day event than Sancta Maria.

Thanks to those Howick Lions who crewed the Christmas Lights project - there was good feedback on the display & our club should receive a nice little income envelope in due course.

A 'universal' tow-bar is now on the trailer so it can now be towed by any members' car with any sized tow-ball.

Grant reported the Summer Festival planning is progressing; - 'large' signs to be produced and volunteers are needed to place these around the district. A team meeting is scheduled for Jan 21.

Our club needs a formal, identified 'Health & Safety Officer' now that Dean has resigned; members are asked to consider adopting this role. Thanks to Rex who will fill in temporarily in the meantime.

A guest speaker from 'Predator-Free NZ' may speak to a future club meeting on ways & means of catching & eliminating rats around our homes. (May be useful for The Depot—Ed.)

We will have our sponsored Outward Bound young person attending our February dinner, who will come with his mother & a Youth Liaison Officer from Ormiston Police.

Brian reports Greenmount Reserve (at the end of Guys Rd, Dannemora) may be a possible venue for the combined Rotary/Lions Fireworks project next November.

The need for recording members' club activity make-ups was discussed (for 100% attendance pins). Individual Lions will advise Rex.

Faye will seek to source more up-to-date club-branded aprons as the current ones 'simply don't cut it anymore'. (Old & shabby.)

Thanks to Tony & Shona who have offered their home for a members & families social evening on Feb 24-5pm - finger food.

The meeting noted Botany Community Day (@ BTC) is on March 2 & nearby clubs will be asked if they wish to make up a combined presence.



For a full & detailed account of this business meeting please refer to the official minutes from secretary Rex.





# **Lions Clubs International**

## Our Founder's 140th Birthday Anniversary Melvin Jones 1879 - 1961

elvin Jones was a dreamer, a doer and a pragmatist. He was an energetic, extroverted salesman who in private hours would reread Shakespeare. Jones' impact on Lions has been far-reaching.; he provided the leadership, the organizational ability, the tenacity and the muscle necessary to establish the foundation for Lions Clubs International to become what it is today.



Jones was born on Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, a remote United States Army cavalry post in Arizona where his father Calvin was a scout for the Army. At age 7, the Jones' family transferred 2700km east to Chicago. Gifted with a fine tenor voice, he considered making his career in music; instead, he became an insurance salesman.

By age 34 Jones had established his own insurance agency in Chicago. When he joined a networking lunch club for businessmen in the city, called the Business Circle, he quickly took the lead in recruiting new members

and persuading lapsed members to rejoin. But this club's business-only focus didn't fit with Jones' grander vision for a more humanitarian purpose. "What if these men, who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Jones asked. He foresaw a new kind of association of volunteers committed to helping others.

In 1917 businessmen representing 27 clubs from across America who had declared interest in this compassionate concept convened in Chicago, and on June 7 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL was born. Later that year, at the Lions' inaugural convention in Dallas, Texas, Melvin Jones was elected secretary-treasurer, a title he would hold for many years.

Jones was a prolific writer who could be clear and forceful on occasions, flowery and sentimental the next. His hand can be seen in founding documents like the Lions Clubs Objects and Code of Ethics. His columns in LION Magazine, which are still quoted today, helped articulate our organization's principles and values

Melvin Jones gave up the insurance business in 1926, aged 47, to become LCI's de facto CEO and global goodwill ambassador.

In 1945 Jones represented LCI as a consultant at a UN conference in San Francisco on International Organisation.

Melvin Jones died on June 1, 1961. He was 82.



Sunday, February 17, 2019 11am to 3pm Lloyd Elsmore Park (By Netball Courts)

Fun for all the family







hese two Premier Projects are happening soon & require a good Lions muster to show off our Club to our community. As the Scouts would say, "Be Prepared" to serve with our time & talents. More details to come.

# <u> Howick Lions' Water Safety Picnic</u>



# <u>Sunday, March</u> <u>24,</u> <u>2019</u>





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### Our Service Roles for 2018 - 2019

# The Board of Directors of

The Lions Club of Howick for 2018 - 2019



Treasurer David Westwick
Membership Director Paul Curtis
LCIF Co-ordinator Colin Salt

Tail Twister Grant Taylor

Lion Tamer: Dave Downie, (Depot)

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS** 

1962

**Everything** 

Lions do is

based on

service

to others

Almoner: Ian Packwood Bulletin Editor: Denis McKenna Historian: Ian Packwood Safety Officer: (Rex Buckley)

**COMMITTEES 2018 / 2019** 

Admin;	Derek Miles C)	Rex Buckley, David Westwick
Membership / PR / Website / Media;		Paul Curtis (C), Colin Salt, Gary Liang
Youth / Guest Speakers;		Alan Sheath, Ian Packwood, Ella Curtis, Alan Mead, Sylvia Duan
Projects / Fundraising; Grant Taylor (C)		Neil Hornblow, Gordon Myer, Brian Stocking, Dave Downie
Social;	Tony Blair (C)	Agnes Li, Jean Wigzell, Denis McKenna, Faye Gamble
ттт;	Brian Stocking (C)	Paul Curtis, Derek Miles, Colin Salt, Alan Sheath, Grant Taylor,

**LEAD LIONS** 

**Grant Taylor** Christmas Lights, Senior's Christmas Lunch, Summer Festival,

**Howick Local Board** 

Brian Stocking Christmas Parade, School & Inter-club contact, Camp Quality.

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**Dave Downie** BBQ logistics & organising, The Depot storage management **Tony Blair** Hot Chips logistics & organising

Shona Blair; Seniors' Lunch catering co-ordinator

Rex Buckley Water Safety picnic

Paul Curtis Webmaster, 'Facebook', 'Neighbourly'

Jean Wigzell Entertainment & MC for Seniors' lunch, Coffee time...

Neil Hornblow Zone Chair, Cabinet & Zone clubs liaison, Mints & Candy,

Agnes Li & Faye Gamble Lions Christmas Cake sales

**Colin Salt** Historical Village maintenance liaison, Eyeglass collection





# **BIRTHDAYS** Gordon Myer Rajiv Sondhi

### ANNIVERSARIES

Christine & Derek Miles Rosemary & Rex Buckley Peggy & David Westwick Tina & Jas Singh



### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ella Curtis Agnes Li Tony Blair Gillian Stocking

# ANNIVERSARIES

June & Colin Salt Jennifer & Gary Liang



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# CLUB CALENDAR

Howick

Charter

Presented

March 1962

January 2019 NO Dinner Meeting

CQ Family Day. Chips @ AUT South Campus 8

Camp Quality Camp, Breakfast @ Wesley College

13 Melvin Jones' Birthday (140)

16 Business Meeting

19 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse

28 Auckland Anniversary Day

**February** 

Waitangi Day (Wednesday) Dinner Meeting (Thursday)

17 Howick Lions' Summer Festival

20 Business Meeting



Fet 1945

March

2 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse 2 Botany Community Day @ BTC

6 Dinner Meeting

9 Lions Day with the United Nations

15 Hot Chips @ Point View school, evening

20 Business Meeting

24 Water Safety Picnic

**Dinner Meeting** 

7 Daylight Saving ends

13 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse

17 Business Meeting

19 Good Friday

22 Easter Monday (& Earth Day)

25 ANZAC Day (Thursday)

May

1 Dinner Meeting

15 Business Meeting

25 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse

June

1 Helen Keller Day

3 Queen's Birthday observance

5 Dinner Meeting

7 Lions Clubs International 102 Birthday

19 Business Meeting

\*Feb 24 - Shona says... "Here are some suggestions for finger food. Savoury eggs, sausage rolls, small pikelets with topping, chickens legs/nibbles, French stick slices with avocado and prawns or like, small sandwiches, bacon and egg pie, quiche, cheese rolls, pizza sticks, asparagus rolls; OR any other finger food people can think of. For Dessert - small goodies or cake to cut up. No Utensils Needed!"

Tony and Shona will put together a raffle basket for funds for Administration. Phone Shona if needed 534 8760



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