



## **We Serve**

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Charitable Trust Inc.

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**Howick**

## **THE TATLER**

**Since 1963**

**News bulletin  
of the Howick Lions Club**

**OCTOBER 2019**



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## Our October 2019 Club Meetings



### NEXT DINNER MEETING - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

DINNER - 6:30PM FOR 7:00pm; \$28pp

DANNEMORA GARDENS, BOTANY

### OCTOBER DINNER ROSTER

Zone 7  
District 202K

Guest Speaker:	2nd Vice District Governor Roger Davis		
Introduce Speaker:	President Paul	Thanks:	PDG Ian Packwood
Greeter / Raffle:	Denis McKenna	Loyal Toast:	Derek Miles
Cashier:	Jean Wigzell	Invocation:	Colin Salt
Bartender:	Neil Hornblow	Beverages:	Tony Blair

### OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: -

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 16 2019

6:45pm for 7:00pm Dannemora Gardens, Botany



### October is Vision Awareness Month



The efforts of Lions in the field of vision are expansive and well documented. Our SightFirst program has played a key role in reducing global blindness - building comprehensive and sustainable eye-care systems, including projects that deliver eye-care services, build or strengthen eye-care facilities, train professionals and build awareness about eye health in under-served communities.

### CLUB INFORMATION

#### Dinner Meetings

Monthly - First Wednesday

6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

Venue: - Pavilion Room, Dannemora Gardens, 30 Matarangi Rd, Botany

Host: Paul Johnson Chef: (TBA)

Email address for all club correspondence: -

[info@howicklions.org.nz](mailto:info@howicklions.org.nz)

International Club No. 3766 - 023112

Depot (LEP) keys held by: -

Tony Blair; Dave Downie; Brian Stocking; Colin Salt;

Online Banking - ANZ Highbrook

Administration Account 01-0215-0073362-00

Community a/c- 01; Summer Festival a/c- 02; Convention a/c- 03

Apologies for all meetings to Secretary Rajiv by prior Sunday



#### Business Meetings

Monthly - Third Wednesday

6:45 pm for 7:00 pm



## President Paul Comments...



Dear fellow Lions

As we enter into the warmer months, our School Gala chip cooking season is getting into full swing. Last month we had Shelly Park and Owairoa, and this month we'll have Our Lady Star of the Sea, followed by Wakaaranga School in November. These are not only significant fund raising activities for our club, but also important for our profile.

There's no better publicity than being seen to be active in the heart of our communities.

On the subject of fundraising; after the last Business Meeting I reported that we made the difficult decision to cancel the Howick Lions Summer Festival 2020. We had applied to Auckland Council for \$26,000 to cover the operational and marketing costs, but have only been granted \$15,000. In previous years we had been awarded \$25,000. Sadly, it just doesn't make it financially viable to continue with the Festival and it would put the club at financial risk if we were to do so. Most of us have been involved in various incarnations of the Festival in previous years in some way, but I would particularly like to thank Grant Taylor for his leadership of the re-branded event and David Westwick and Colin Salt who worked hard to put together the funding application.

However, we are not beaten down! There was a strong desire from members at the Business Meeting to look at new ways of raising funds for our community. With that in mind, it was agreed each person would come to the October Business Meeting with at least one fundraising idea. This will mean a change to the meeting structure - but more on that later!

Online sales of our Beeswax Foodwraps have been disappointing, despite the page on our club's website attracting a large number of visits.



## President Paul Continues...



### We Serve

However, there was a high level of enthusiasm at the last Business Meeting for a local leaflet drop, which Denis McKenna has in hand. Two other initiatives that have received much support, in principal, from our club are a men's health evening, and a tree planting day at Motuihe island. Both are in the planning stages, but are likely to happen. Watch this space!

At the last Business Meeting I also reported that Rex Buckley has, quite rightly, made the decision to step down as Secretary and to go 'at large' which he concentrates on his treatment and getting better. On behalf of our club, I send Rex our very best wishes.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming our 2nd Vice District Governor Roger Davies to our October Dinner Meeting.

Yours in Lions

Paul Curtis  
Club President

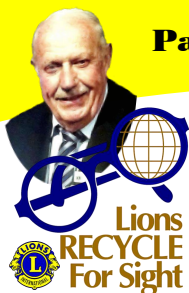


There will be a nice & fancy raffle basket at our next dinner meeting - tickets only \$1.

Please come prepared...

## All in a Day's Service

In truth, a seemingly simple act of service can take days, weeks or even months of planning. But often the end result is a great day of selfless giving and joyful receiving. Even when not handing over a tangible item, Lions always leave a little something behind; a glad heart, a revived spirit, or a precious memory of being cared about.



## Past President Colin Writes...

### Vision Awareness Month



### We Serve

Fellow members; a short note on how our club recycles secondhand eyeglasses for further use by needy, poor-sighted folks.

Howick Lions have been collecting used eye glasses / spectacles for a long period of time. Over the recent years I have managed to organise with some retail opticians in Auckland East to place their client's used eye-glasses in Howick Lions' marked pickup boxes. These opticians then sort the glasses first and those 'not fit for purpose' are disposed of by them. Because of more shipping space available we can now also collect sunglasses and spectacle cases.

I do the rounds of the various pick-up points every month usually on our club's business meeting day. I take a boot-load to the meeting and Lion Gordon then takes them to the Papakura Lions receiving station,. From there they are cleaned & graded & packed, and sent up to the Pacific Island nations as part of the LCI 'Recycle for Sight' program..

Sometimes there's a breakdown in this system and an optician will contact our website to advise they have a large number of used spectacles. The website sends that message to me but it appears to other Lions as well. So my request to my fellow members is; please ignore these messages and let me collect them. Last month a Lion was rung from an old contact list, and clearly with the best of intentions, went and picked up from SpecSavers. Two days later I spent time going to get them during my normal run around the suburbs. That Lion did not realize that there are also two other opticians as well as that particular SpecSaver store. So nothing was gained helping me out. It has taken a while to get other branch stores to send their glasses to my pick up stations each month.

I now collect from quite a few suburbs and have a good rapport with the opticians.

Yours, Lion Colin

Spectacle Collection Organiser.





## Jottings from our Dinner Meeting, September 4, 2019



@ DMG Botany

Our Lions club meets for these monthly evening meals primarily to share informal & leisurely social time and to glean matters of interest from a guest speaker. We also like to share with our



partners, other family, & sometimes close friends something of our Lions' aims, activities and culture. *(A little Lions business is also conducted at dinners.)*

For this particular meeting Tony Blair brought along..... three bottles of his son Duncan's Home Brew! Of the three different craft ales 'on tap' for this special Lions' tasting session, the first-prize-winning thirst-quencher, 'Capt. Cook Manuka Lager' was greatly appreciated by our club's expert tasters.

Duncan Blair won this accolade for this handmade brew at the 'Beervana' festival held in Wellington last month. Since 2002 the annual Beervana celebration has brought together NZ's congregation of craft beer devotees to taste, appraise, and explore the hoppy drop in all its glory. Tony proudly poured & explained at each froth-topped serving.



Our guest speaker this evening



was Jim

Hainey, a high-profile member of 'Speakers NZ', former CEO of DRAKE Personnel, and an Auckland (Downtown) Rotarian. Jim Hainey's address to our members (with a slight OZ accent) was friendly, relaxed, humorous & gently inspiring. We heard of ways to live a more positive life, build in more humour, have more self-confidence & value ourselves more highly. We learned the

## More Jottings from our Dinner Meeting, September 4, 2019



### @ DMG Botany

two mental mindsets of 'respect' & 'trust' are central to dealing with others as well as our inner selves. Thank you Jim, for awakening us to many aspects of 'motivation'.

All members are aware that our Lions Club's current income stream via the public purse is relatively small, and therefore we lack the ability to fully satisfy some of the needs of our community which we would be keen to fulfil. Our entrepreneurial president is clearly doing what he can to introduce ideas to boost this particular revenue line; *"with more, we can do more"*. The recent Beeswax Eco-Wrap fund-raising project is now proposed to be joined by an idea called "Pies for Eyes".



This fund-raising concept originated in the 'Lions Club of Scales of Justice' in San Jose, California to support vision care, and it may be an opportunity for Howick Lions to emulate. In broad terms, the USA "Pies for Eyes" project requires Lions to onsell frozen fruit pies, obtained at a favourable wholesale price, direct to the local community, with the profits used to provide eye screening for children, and to support local vision treatment centres. The frequency of these California sales are twice a year (around Independence Day and Thanksgiving) with all goods pre-ordered, so no stock is held by Lions. Clearly all such (degradable) goods must move through the supply chain very quickly, meaning sharp action will be required by Lions. The 'pies' item is just a way of building a mnemonic to emphasise 'eyes' & funding for vision care, but for NZ maybe an exclusive 'Kiwi pie' could be sourced for the Howick project. Further discussion will be required, so members' ideas will be welcome.



Lions International Vision Care Logo

### Editor's Footnote: -

It may be hoped this higher-level public exposure for a Howick Lions Club community activity will encourage more local folks to re-consider us for support or donation.







TONY & SHONA ARRANGED  
AN ENJOYABLE SOCIAL  
EVENING FOR US AT *THE*  
MOVIES. AND IT WAS A  
SUPER GET-TOGETHER.  
OUR THANKS TO YOU BOTH.



WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS WE WATCHED.....

**DOWNTON ABBEY**

**OPENING NIGHT**







## Jottings from our business meeting September 18, 2019

@ DMG Botany



**W**e learned tonight Rex wishes to step down as our Secretary, so it was with sincere thanks with acclamation the meeting received this news. Howick Lions wish Rex well & hope we will see him back at our meetings very soon. Rajiv will now undertake the secretary role but will be going to India soon and will be away for four weeks. Denis has agreed to look after this administrative job for the period Rajiv is away.

Thanks to Judith who has been busy contacting lapsed members - with mixed results. Not a straightforward job, as the contact details are not very robust and excuses for not showing interest are varied & many.

With a universal show of hands, and the majority 'against', President Paul decreed our "Summer Festival" project would be cancelled for 2020. This decision is primarily due to the Local Board/Council reducing our club funding application to a point where it could no longer remain viable, and now with not enough time in our planning window to confirm support participants. Members are asked to bring any alternate fund-raising ideas for evaluation at the next business meeting.

It appears the Lions' 'Young Speechmaker' contest may not be operational for this current year; our HC Leos are now on school recess for the time being; follow-up action is required to progress the 'Peace Poster' project through local Secondary schools & the 'Children of Courage' project through local Primary schools.

An Outward Bound candidate, sponsored by Howick Lions, is to be selected via the Ormiston Station for a 'Young Adult' course next February. Decision on candidate & intake booking needed very soon.

The Howick Christmas Lights begins with 'Midnight Madness' on Friday night November 22 and our club is committed to providing "person power" attendance for the duration of the Lights display - 12 days before Christmas. Members need to plan for being available during this period.

And talking of club operations, our club is asking members to give full support to our Hot Chips & Hot Sausage assignments, as these activities are our major source of income for supporting our community.

Planning for a Prostate Awareness event is ongoing - need to ensure an appropriate speaker is engaged (CEO of Prostate NZ?) , and a suitable venue is booked (Botany College?) ASAP.



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



## Our Service Roles for 2019 - 2020



### The Board of Directors of The Lions Club of Howick for 2019 / 2020

President	Paul Curtis
Immediate Past President	Derek Miles
1st Vice President	Grant Taylor
Secretary	Rajiv Sondhi
Treasurer	Neil Hornblow
LCIF Co-ordinator	Derek Miles
Membership Director	Colin Salt



### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Tail Twister:	Grant Taylor	Lion Tamer:	Dave Downie
Almoner:	Ian Packwood	Health & Safety Officer:	Tony Blair
Historian:	Ian Packwood	Bulletin Editor:	Denis McKenna

### COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE: Paul Curtis (C), Derek Miles, Neil Hornblow, Rajiv Sondhi

MEMBERSHIP: Colin Salt (C)

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Elle Curtis (C)

COMMUNITY & PROGRAMS: Tony Blair (C)

PR & Communications: Colin Salt (C), Denis McKenna, Paul Curtis

Regulatory & Donations: Grant Taylor (C),

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS (Showing Lead Lions)

Howick Christmas Lights; Grant Taylor, Neil Hornblow

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch; Tony Blair

Howick Lions Summer Festival; (*Project cancelled, 18/09/19*)

Howick Santa Parade; Brian Stocking

Water Safety Picnic; (TBC)

Joint Fireworks Display; Brian Stocking

Sausage Sizzles; Dave Downie [temp] (Logistics), Brian Stocking (Bookings)

School Hot Chips Service; Tony Blair

Lion Mints Sales & Distribution; Neil Hornblow

Lions Christmas Cakes Sales & Distribution; Agnes Li, Paul Curtis

Beeswax Eco-Wraps; Denis McKenna

# **Say Goodbye to Fiddly Plastic Cling-Film... ...For Charity**



**The Howick Lions Club...**

**...has this outstanding offer**

## **NEW... Beeswax Eco-Wrap**

**The Howick Lions Club has partnered with 'Honeywrap NZ' to  
onsell this extraordinary NZ-made food wrapping material  
to raise funds for Howick Lions' youth & poverty programs**

**Created from beeswax, tree resin & jojoba oil  
infused in certified organic cotton, this unique,  
remarkable blend produces a wrapping material  
which can easily & firmly be shaped  
around food & dishes.**

**Reusable, washable, Beeswax Eco-Wrap  
keeps lunches and picnic food fresh & tidy,  
sealing in goodness, reducing waste &  
safeguarding the environment.**

**Each Eco-Wrap carries a design by a NZ artist  
which reflects NZ's unmatched environment.  
Profit from the sales of Eco-Wrap go fully to  
support the needy in our Howick community.**

**Scan this QR code  
to go directly to the online order form**



**Or to also order online, visit: -**

**<https://howicklions.org.nz/events/beeswax-wraps>**



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**Above - Draft of flyer for the Beeswax letterbox drop**

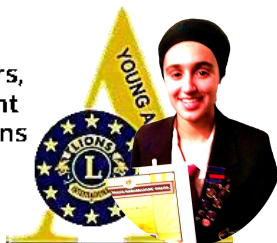


## Past President Neil Writes...



**O**n Wednesday evening September 4th I attended the regional final for the 'Young Ambassadors' function at the Bucklands Beach yacht club, hosted by Bucklands Beach Lions. This year there were 5 young students, (4 females and 1 male), who had provided their CVs, with an interview with the judges, followed by a speech in front of Lions and guests. The standard once again, was very high. It was unfortunate that one other female student was unable to attend as she was in quarantine because of the measles outbreak.

One of our new Howick College Leo members, year 13 student Harsimran Hundal, did an excellent job with her speech, but sadly did not win. All Lions 'Young Ambassador' applicants received a \$50 book voucher.



This Lions' program is excellent and I was pleased to see Lions from Remuera, Papatoetoe, Onehunga-Ellerslie, Pakuranga-Panmure, & Bucklands Beach in attendance with several parents also.



The three judges comprised a member from Toastmasters, a teacher and a staff member of the BNZ. The 'Young Ambassador' winner on this occasion, was Nandini Singh from Ormiston Senior College, who received a \$1,000 cheque sponsored by the BNZ.

## Lionhearted



Howick Lions' HHV Painting Team 21-9-2019

Historical Village manager, Kerry Powell had this to say: -  
*"Hi Colin, It was lovely seeing you all today. Thank you so much for all your hard work and the joy you bring to the village".*





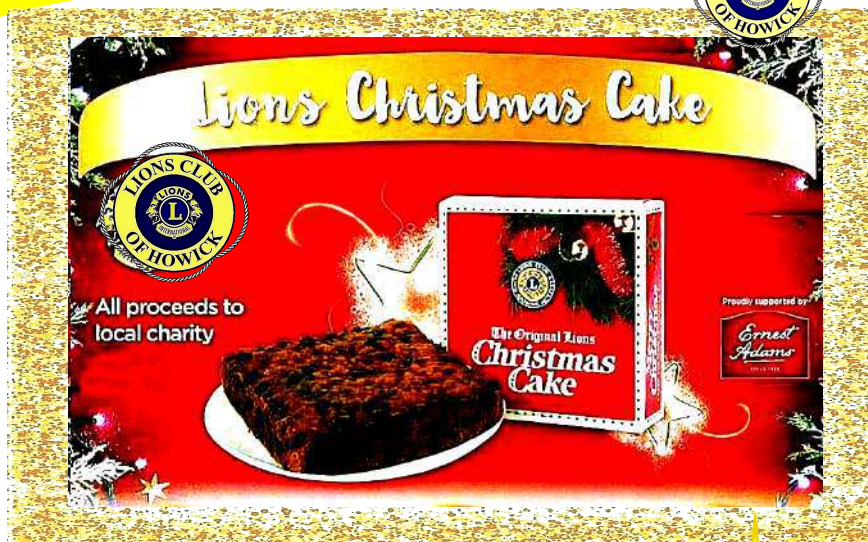
**Howick Lions  
are  
Happy Lions ...  
... especially when  
cooking Chips,  
and Hot Dogs,  
and Chicken  
Nuggets...  
... and when the  
Sausage Marquee  
blows down!!  
ALL ON THE  
SAME DAY**



**WELL  
DONE**

**Where there's a need there's a LION**

**Our Lions Christmas Cake supplies  
are now held by Agnes  
Please advise your requirements ASAP**



**L**ions Christmas Cakes are a nice little money-spinner for our Howick Lions club funds, so our 'Cake Queen' Agnes is ready & waiting for our orders. Agnes has been managing our Christmas Cake sales for a number of years, and it's not a straightforward role. Stock needs to be ordered & stored, sales need to be accurately recorded so it all balances at the end of the year, (ideally with NIL stock on hand). We owe Agnes a mighty chunk of gratitude. Thank you our Cake Queen.



Millions of dollars have been raised over more than 45 years - and it's all gone back to the clubs and the community projects Lions service & support. This year's cakes sell for \$20.00.



- **Over 50% Fruit - full and fruity**
- **Full of flavour - not crumbly**
- **Large 1.2kg cake - 18 x 18 x 5 cms - plenty to share with family & friends**
- **Minimum 2-year shelf life**





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with the hottest celebs and sound totally awesome  
on all news clips, chat shows and Q & A".**

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## CLUB CALENDAR

<b>October</b>		
	2	<b>Dinner Meeting; 2VDG Roger Davis official visit</b>
	5	Historical Village painting team
	10	World Sight Day
	16	Business Meeting
	19	Hot Chips @ 'Star of the Sea' school
	28	Labour Day
<b>November</b>		
	2	Hot Chips @ Wakaaranga school
	6	Dinner Meeting
	9	Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse
	14	World Diabetes Day
	20	Business Meeting
	22	'Midnight Madness' (Christmas Lights)
<b>December</b>		
	4	<b>Christmas Dinner Meeting</b>
	7	Senior's Christmas Lunch
	14	Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse
	18	Business Meeting
	25	Christmas Day (Wednesday)
	26	Boxing Day
<b>January 2020</b>		
		<b>No Dinner meeting</b>
	14	Camp Quality Breakfast @ Wesley College
	15	Business Meeting
	25	Chinese New Year (Year of the Rat)
	27	Auckland Anniversary Day
<b>February</b>		
	5	Dinner meeting
	6	Waitangi Day (Thursday)
	19	Business Meeting
	23	<del>Howick Lions' 'Summer Festival' (Cancelled)</del>
	29	Leap Day (Saturday)
<b>March</b>		
	4	Dinner meeting
	18	Business Meeting
<b>April</b>		
	1	Dinner meeting
	5	Daylight Saving Ends
	10	Easter - Good Friday
	13	Easter - Easter Monday
	15	Business Meeting
	27	ANZAC DAY (Mondayised from Saturday 25th)
<b>May</b>		
	6	Dinner meeting
	20	Business Meeting
<b>June</b>		
	1	Queens Birthday Observance
	3	Dinner meeting
	17	Business Meeting



### CONVENTION DATES

District 202K	Mangonui Lions Club, November 8-10, 2019
MULTI-DISTRICT 202	Whangarei, May 1-3, 2020
INTERNATIONAL	Singapore, June 26-30, 2020