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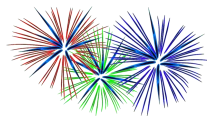
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of the Howick Lions Club**

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Our November 2019 Club Meetings



NEXT DINNER MEETING - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6

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

DANNEMORA GARDENS, BOTANY

NOVEMBER DINNER ROSTER

Zone 7
District 202K

Guest Speaker: Sonja Weilbach; CEO of "I'm Enough" charity

Introduce Speaker: Tina Singh

Thanks: Derek Miles

Greeter: Neil Hornblow

Loyal Toast: Ella Curtis

Cashier: Jean Wigzell

Invocation: Brian Stocking

Bartender: Denis McKenna

Beverages: Tony Blair



"I'm Enough" is a New Zealand registered charitable trust focusing on developing coping strategies for young people and those who care about them.

"Depression has been overtaken by anxiety as the most common cause for teens to seek mental health help. More and more, we see Social Media's prevalence is pressuring and shaping society. With digital tools impacting so directly on our social lives, there appears to be a direct link between social media and our emotional well being."

OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: -

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 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: Paul Johnson Chef: Mary Intalan

Email address for all club correspondence: -

info@howicklions.org.nz

International Club No. 3766 - 023112

Depot (LEP) keys held by: -

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

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

Apologies for all meetings to Secretary Rajiv by prior Sunday



President Paul Comments...



Dear fellow Lions,

As I mentioned in last month's Tatler, we made the difficult decision to cancel the Howick Lions Summer Festival 2020 for financial reasons (read, Auckland Council's reduced funding offer making the Festival not financially viable). Not to be cowed, at the October Business Meeting we dedicated more than an hour to brainstorming ideas for service and fundraising activities. I'd like to thank all our members who attended the meeting for participating in such a positive manner and for the vibrant energy you brought to the meeting.

Over 30 ideas were floated and discussed, which means my challenge is not a lack of ideas, but rather working out how to prioritise such a range of fantastic ideas!

But fear not! I have a plan, and at the November Dinner Meeting I'll give a brief overview of how I'd like to proceed.

In October I had the privilege of attending the Howick College and Botany College performing arts awards nights with PDG Lion Ian Packwood, and presenting the Derek Wigzell Award for Excellence in



President Paul Continues...



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Drama on behalf of our club. The level of talent at these schools is breath-taking, and I can also attest (in case there was ever any doubt), that the Derek Wigzell Award is genuinely prized by both the schools and the deserving recipients.

This month will be all go, with a hot chips event at Wakaaranga School on the 2nd, followed by our regular sausage sizzle outside The Warehouse in Botany on the 9th, and manning the Christmas Lights tent at Midnight Madness on the 22nd. Many hands make light work, so please be sure to put your hand up for at least one of these projects.

Yours in Lions
Paul Curtis
Club President



A Special Thank-You to: -

- * Tina Singh's husband 'Jas' for the gratis Eftpos machine, courtesy of RABTOR Technology.
- * Brian Stocking for dressing every dinner meeting with our Lions regalia.
- * Jean Wigzell for donating our recent raffle basket.
- * Colin Salt for Howick Lions' local news publicity



**SPECIAL
EVENT**

Seniors' Christmas Lunch
Saturday Dec 7, 2019

**Howick Lions invite
Howick Senior Citizens
to Owairoa Primary School
Nelson St, Howick
for free refreshments & entertainment
11:00 am - 1:30 pm**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7



Calling all Howick Lions to this joyful project. Members' transport volunteers are needed to pick up our local Seniors from their various Village Rest Homes & return them after our function.

Additionally, all Lions hands will be required early to dress the Owairoa School Hall to provide a truly Christmas atmosphere for our guests, and then to serve their needs during the party. All the while the kitchen crew will be preparing scrumptious Christmas cuisine. More information and detail at our November business meeting.



Jottings from our Dinner Meeting, October 2, 2019



@ DMG Botany

It was a VIP meeting for our club this month as we received a visit from District Governor Judy Allison's representative, Second Vice DG Roger Davis from the Huapai-Kumeu Lions club.

However, before we heard from 2VDC Roger, President Paul gave an AV presentation on a fund-raising idea from his Dad's Lions club (Kenilworth) in the UK - a DUCKLING DERBY no less.

It goes something like this: -

Each Boxing Day a strange ritual takes place in a creek in a field south of the city of Coventry (UK). At noon the local town mayor launches 1500 bright little yellow plastic ducks into a gently flowing stream, and after a bracing paddle of about 200 metres these tiny yellow plastic ducklings cross the finishing line in the town's Abbey Fields. Each of these intrepid little flightless babies have numbers painted on their little bottoms and the first four across the line are awarded prizes of £100 (NZ\$195), £75 (NZ\$145), £50 and £25 respectively. (These ever-willing



pocket-sized participants are carefully retrieved, cleaned up & prepared for next year's contest.) This annual duck race has now been running for over 25 years and attracts thousands of enthusiastic punters from all around

the area. Over the 25 years the Kenilworth Lions club has raised almost \$NZ160,000 to help with local charitable needs. Raffle tickets go on sale beforehand from more than a dozen retail outlets around the Kenilworth shopping district.

President Paul has planted yet another fund-raising seed for us to think about & perhaps massage to our conditions.

Our VIP visitor, 2VDC Roger Davis, began his



More Jottings from our Dinner Meeting, October 2, 2019



@ DMG Botany

address by being particularly complimentary about our club's activities & news bulletin – it was pleasing to hear our Lions work was being noticed.

As the official representative of District Governor Judy, Roger expanded on our DG's theme of *'together—we can, we do, we serve'*. Roger restated an oft-heard expression in Lions circles – membership; the recruitment of willing locals, and the retention of current members is one of the most challenging missions many service clubs face in these times. And one way to assist with this objective, suggested



Roger, is regular 'participation & inclusion' of all members.

2VDG Roger also endorsed the focus of our international president Dr. Jung-Yul Choi by embracing diversity and serving together as one. Roger reminded us of the support our club can give to LCIF and the benefits Lions clubs the world over can receive in return; and he promoted the up-coming 202K convention in Mangonui in the Far North. in November.

To conclude, Roger & President Paul exchanged banners. And then, to put icing on the VIP cake, 2VDG Roger WON THE RAFFLE – a fine basket of delicacies prepared by Jean Wigzell.

Thank you Roger for coming all the way from the north-west to visit us 'out east'.



✿ Footnote re the "DUCKLING DERBY"; The Tamworth Lions Club (NSW-Australia) has 1495 surplus little yellow plastic quackers for sale at a cost of A\$750. Previously competitors in the club's "Great Country Music Duck Race", they are now tired and retired, but keen to travel to new streams for new owners. Expressions of interest welcome.



**Our International President
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi comments**



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**"To Lead,
we must first ask how
we can serve"**

Greetings Lions!

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Have you heard this saying? This is supposed to speak to the limits of persuading people to do things that may be good for them.

But I see this differently.

I say, maybe the horse wasn't thirsty.

Maybe the horse was hungry. Or tired. Or maybe he had a sore tooth that needed treatment. Often, when we assume we know what is best for someone, we are wrong.

Good leaders do not just lead people to water. They ask them what they need and bring it to them. I call this servant leadership.

As Lions, we are all leaders. And it's our responsibility to listen to those we serve and do everything in our power to get them the tools they need so that they can in turn serve the cause. In my year as leader of Lions, I will be continually asking those I meet how I can help them to be better Lions. I ask you to do the same.

If you are a district governor, ask your club presidents what they need to bring in more members. If you are a club president, ask your members how you can help them have the best experience as a Lion. And if you are a Lion, reach out to the community. Ask them what they need. And then bring it to them.

That is how we all become leaders in change for the world.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President,
Lions Clubs International



WORLD DIABETES DAY, November 14



A timely and welcome partnership

At 'Lions Day with the United Nations' in New York on March 24, 2018, then Lions International President Naresh Aggarwal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with International Diabetes Federation (IDF) President Professor Nam H. Cho to establish a cooperative alliance in the global fight against diabetes.

The two organisations came together to help prevent diabetes and improve the quality of life for those living with diabetes worldwide.

Working together to achieve a common goal

The signing of the MOU established a partnership that operates at national, regional and global levels. The two organisations agreed to cooperate in good faith to achieve common goals.

IDF President Prof. Nam H. Cho said, "Diabetes is fast becoming a global health emergency. Lions Clubs International is a dynamic movement with a vast and influential network. Our organisations are ideally placed to collaborate and make a difference for the many millions now living with diabetes and all those at risk."

Our dinner cost explained

At a regular dinner meeting members pay \$28 for the two course meal prepared by the DMG kitchen. This figure is established as follows: -

The current net DMG cost of the main & dessert table-served to our Howick Lions members is \$18.70 pp. Add GST to this & the gross cost for our meal is \$21.50 pp.

We then factor in a fixed cost of \$60 for the rental of the Pavilion room for the two meetings we hold each month at Dannemora Gardens (January excepted). This rental fee includes tablecloths, carafes & glasses, crockery & cutlery (supply & clean-up), the urn with hot water, tea, coffee, milk & sugar, the use of all furniture & the AV system, all electricity, limited storage facility, & staff. Assuming a complement of 20 active members, \$3 per Lion per month is levied to cover the space & supplies hire. The meal charge at this point is \$24.50 pp. Our club then adds \$3.50 for visitors, 'incidentals & invisibles' which goes into our administration account; the total now is \$28.00 pp. per month.

Also included in our room rent is the urn, hot water, crockery, tea, coffee, milk & sugar etc at our business meetings; the biscuits are no cost to the club - they are a regular Lion member donation.





Jottings from our business meeting October 16, 2019

@ DMG Botany



We were 17 Lions to this meeting - most coming with ideas & concepts for raising funds, so our Lions club can better serve specific, needy sectors of our community. These ideas of possible action were outlined by each Lion at the end of the meeting & recorded by President Paul. The list was a mix of both new & familiar, and contributors are to be thanked & congratulated for giving effort to this ever-present club issue.

Our club will again approach the Ormiston Station to seek a suitable candidate for an Outward Bound intake next January; a slot for this month has been booked..

Our club Christmas Dinner is in the planning phase & \$100 has been allocated to provide for entertainment.

The Senior's Christmas Lunch is planned for Saturday December 7 and up to \$60 is approved for raffle prizes. Tony is asking for members with suitable vehicles to volunteer to collect guests from various Villages and return them home again. Denis will produce the invitation posters which will go up in the Villages around early/mid November.

Grant advised on the Christmas Lights program. The display will open for one night at 'Midnight Madness' on Friday November 22,, then reopen again from December 13 until December 24. A permit has been applied for and Lions are asked to let Grant know who can volunteer for attending during the open display period. A schedule will then be drawn up. One of our gazebos needs repair. There were questions on the role of the members of the Howick Village Association, not only helping with erecting & dismantling the marquee and display, but also assisting with staffing throughout the opening hours. This was not resolved.. With the loss of storage space in the old library building there is concern for finding new space for the tent, Christmas toys & display items.

The meeting was pleased to vote \$250 for LCIF.

Flowers were sent to Karen Sheath with the club's best wishes for a return to good health. And Rex was also noted with best wishes for an improving health status.

A letter received from past member Kersie Khambatta regarding assigning book royalties to Lions in return for converting his recently written children's books to blind facility media will be referred to LCIF.



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



Our Service Roles for 2019 - 2020



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

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LCIF Co-ordinator
Membership Director

Paul Curtis
Derek Miles
Grant Taylor
Rajiv Sondhi
Neil Hornblow
Derek Miles
Colin Salt



OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Tail Twister: Grant Taylor
Almoner: Ian Packwood
Historian: Ian Packwood

Lion Tamer: Dave Downie
Health & Safety Officer: Tony Blair
Bulletin Editor: Denis McKenna

COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

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

MEMBERSHIP: Colin Salt (C)

YOUTH & CHILDREN: Ella 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; Judith Korau (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

Lions Leadership Development Opportunity **"Pathways to Leadership"**



Lions Clubs New Zealand

Kia Manaaki / We Serve

Would you like to learn more about Lions & Lions Leadership?
Here is your chance.

From 1pm on Saturday November 30, until Sunday December 1 (2pm) a Lions Leadership Seminar will be held at Pinewoods Motor Camp, Red Beach, Orewa.

The cost is \$60, which will be paid by our club, and includes the evening meal, breakfast, lunch & accommodation.

Here is an opportunity to meet other progressive Lions, form new Lion networks, and grow a deeper understanding of our world-renowned community service organisation.

Please contact Denis McKenna ASAP if you are interested.



Our Lions Legacy

For over 100 years, Lions have served.

Year by year, country by country, we have increased our global impact, saving lives and helping millions more. We have become the largest service club organisation in the world because of people like us: - Lion leaders and visionaries who have come together to serve.

The spirit of service binds us not only to each other, but to our communities and the world around us.

The world needs us now more than ever.

In our first century of service, Lions addressed issues such as poverty, hunger, vision, disability and disasters, which impacted the lives of millions.

We will continue to serve these areas in our second century of service.

But there are even more ways we can serve.

New challenges like climate change, refugee crises and infectious diseases present problems that demand decisive action.

**Lions will be part of the solution
in a world filled with uncertainty**



*To Karen
Our Very
Best Wishes*

*From All Your Friends at the
Howick Lions Club*



*We are thinking of you with the hope
you will soon come and meet with us again.
And we are also thinking of Rex*



MERRY
CHRISTMAS **TO OURSELVES**
DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**SEE YOU
THERE!**

Again, your Social Team has plans for our own
Christmas Dinner Party at Dannemora Gardens.
Due to intense public demand we have again booked 'Anthony
the Urban Cowboy' for your exclusive entertainment.
On arrival please enjoy a gratis glass of bubbles and some nibbles.

Please Note: -

**The Theme for the evening will be RED;
(It may be costly for anyone not wearing something RED)**

**As per last year, would everyone please bring a gift-wrapped
inexpensive gift to include in our fundraiser Christmas raffles.**

**The price of our festive meal has yet to be sorted
but we anticipate similar to last year - \$30pp.**



Empowering Our Service

**Together, We Can.
Together, We Will.**



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Changing the world. It's why we become Lions. It's also why Lions Clubs International Foundation – our foundation – is empowering our service through its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history.

Empowering Our Service

There's a world in need, and caring Lions are ready to change it. But comfort and compassion alone can't heal those suffering. It takes funding. It takes *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*.

The Foundation of Service

LCIF is the grant-making body enabling Lions to positively impact communities near and far. One hundred percent of our donations to LCIF fuels grants and programs supporting Lions compassionate service and benefiting those in need of a more promising future.

Investing in Our Future

With every Lion worldwide both doing and giving, we're **INCREASING** our service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; **FIGHTING** the global diabetes epidemic; and **EXPANDING** our causes to childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment. Our club's donation is part of LCIF's historic US\$300 million effort to benefit those who desperately need help.

LCIF Impact around the World

LCIF's reach spans the globe, supporting the efforts of Lions and their clubs delivering care and compassion to world citizens in need.

For decades, Lions Clubs International Foundation has contributed to Lions' efforts in the focus areas of vision, disaster relief, youth and humanitarian causes. Campaign 100 helps Lions increase their impact on these areas while expanding reach through Lions' new global missions.



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CONGRATULATIONS!



Birthdays & Anniversaries in November

Gary Liang Grant Taylor
Dee Downie

Tony & Shona Blair

Rajiv & Jyoti Sondhi

Grant & Annette Taylor



The 5th Wave

By Rich Tennant

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"I got this through one of those mail-order PC companies that let you design your own system."

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CLUB CALENDAR

November

- 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)
- 30 Christmas Cakes @ Rice's Mall
- 30-Dec 1 Lions 'Pathways to Leadership' (Training)



December



- 4 **Christmas Dinner Meeting**
- 6 Christmas Cakes @ Highlands Rest Home
- 7 Senior's Christmas Lunch
- 13 Christmas Lights reopen until Dec 24
- 14 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse
- 18 Business Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day (Wednesday)
- 26 Boxing Day
- 27 - Jan 5; Camp Quality Int'l Youth Camp, Tauranga



January 2020

- No Dinner meeting**
- 13 Melvin Jones' birthday
- 14 Camp Quality Breakfast @ Wesley College (TBC)
- 15 Business Meeting
- 25 Chinese New Year (Year of the Rat)
- 27 Auckland Anniversary Day



February

- 2 **'Guiding Lion' Training (Session 1)**
- 5 Dinner meeting
- 6 Waitangi Day (Thursday)
- 19 Business Meeting
- ~~23 Howick Lions' 'Summer Festival' (Cancelled)~~
- 29 Leap Day (Saturday)

March

- 4 Dinner meeting
- 7 42nd Annual Lions Day with the United Nations
- 18 Business Meeting
- 21 Hot Chips @ Cockle Bay school

April

- 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)



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