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MERRY CHRISTMAS



**DECEMBER
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Our December 2019 Club Meetings



CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4

6:00PM FOR 7:00pm; \$30 pp
DANNEMORA GARDENS, BOTANY



Zone 7
District 202K

DECEMBER DINNER ROSTER

Guest Entertainer "The Flatbush Cowboy"; Anthony Charles

Greeter / Raffle; Jean Wigzell

Loyal Toast: Tina Singh

Cashier: Denis McKenna

Invocation: Gordon Myer

Bartenders: Alan Mead & Rajiv Sondhi Beverages: Tony Blair



Anthony Charles (aka "The Flatbush Cowboy"), won the 2016 Veteran Section at the Auckland Country Music Awards. He is a singer/musician who performs easy-listening numbers in the style of Hank Williams, Charlie Pride, Johnny Cash, Bellamy Brothers, Kenny Rogers, Merle Haggard and

others. Our club had the good fortune to host him for our 2018 Christmas dinner, and he was so popular we have asked him to join us again for our 2019 dinner.



OUR DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING: -

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 18 2019

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

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: Mary Intalan

Email address for all club correspondence: -

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International Club No. 3766 - 023112

Depot (LEP) keys held by: -

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

Online Banking - ANZ Highbrook

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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



Business Meetings

Monthly - Third Wednesday

6:45 pm for 7:00 pm



President Paul's Christmas Message



Dear Fellow Lions

Thank you one and all for all your hard work this year; from the Summer Festival and Water Safety Picnic at the start of the year, through the school gala chip cooking season, our six-weekly sausage sizzles and now into our Christmas Cake sales and finishing the year with the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on the 7th December.

Looking ahead to next year, we're booked in to help at Camp Quality on Sunday 12th January to cook hot chips at AUT in Manukau, and then serving breakfast on Tuesday 14th January at Wesley College, Paerata. Camp Quality are dedicated to bringing fun, hope and happiness to the lives of children aged 5 to 16 living with cancer, their families and communities. For more information about Camp Quality, click [here](https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/partnerships/our-partners/camp-quality). (<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/partnerships/our-partners/camp-quality>) This is a wonderful 'feel good' event and I encourage anyone who will be around in Auckland at the time to come and help out.

Looking slightly further ahead, our Water Safety Picnic should be going ahead on the 15th March, in collaboration with our local Scout groups and our Howick Volunteer Coastguard.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and safe and relaxing summer holidays!

Yours in Lions

Paul Curtis, Club President



MERRY CHRISTMAS



TO OURSELVES OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Your Social Team has prepared our club's
Christmas Dinner Party at Dannemora Gardens.

6pm for 7pm

On arrival, please enjoy a gratis glass of bubbles,
and some nibbles. Please Note: -

Your fashion theme for the evening must include RED:
(There may be fines for Lions not wearing visible RED)

Due to Lions' intensive demand we have again booked
the 'Flatbush Cowboy' for your musical entertainment.

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

There is likely to be four raffle prizes - three tickets for \$5.

The price of our festive meal will be the same as last year...

... two courses for \$30pp.



Footnote

At our Dinner
Meeting in
November

President Paul
presented a summary of
the ideas & suggestions
for Club Projects & Fund-
raising put forward by
Lions at a prior Business
Meeting.

These will be assessed at
a future Business
Meeting.

SITUATION VACANT



Responsibilities: To fill the critical role of Vice-
President for a period of 6 months as a
forerunner to assuming the most senior rank
in a local office of a well-respected and
substantially organised international
organisation.

Requirements: The successful candidate will
have broad-based life-skills experience,
administration competences, knowledge &
proficiency in local dialects, an auctioneer's
background, the ability to resolve artless
conflict, a penchant for ceremony, and aged
between 35 & 95.

Remuneration: The successful candidate will
enjoy a market-based package for this
coveted & revered community position, with
sundry opportunities to promote his/her
personal profile through local media, as the
prime representative of the local organisation.
Further perquisites may not be discussed at
interview.



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 - 1:00 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. Call Tony to help...



Additionally, all Lions are required from 8:30am to start dressing the Owairoa School Hall, to provide a truly Christmas atmosphere for our guests, and then to serve their needs during the lunch party. All the while the kitchen crew will be preparing scrumptious Christmas cuisine. Please come with a plate of sweet 'finger-food', and wear your Lions Club polo (if you have one) & a Santa Hat.



Notes taken at our Dinner Meeting, November 6, 2019

@ DMG Botany



Our guest speaker at this dinner meeting showed Howick Lions a different perspective on 'serving the community'. Our global organisation has a mission to serve, and Lions clubs find different ways to achieve this objective; Lions perhaps could be classed as 'generalists' when it comes to community service. But our speaker, from the *"I'm Enough Charitable Trust"*, demonstrated to us how a 'specialist' in community service could also make a real difference. With powerful expression Sonja Wellbach addressed our meeting on the issue of *'Digital Coping Strategies for Young People'*. We were asked "WHAT IS DIGITAL ANXIETY?"



We were then given a comprehensive and polished audio-visual presentation on the mission & methods of the *'I'm Enough'* charity to provide the tools to support folks being harshly influenced by personal postings through our contemporary social media. Online harassment is always present - instantly - and affects everyone, especially young girls, with peer pressure "to measure up" a significant problem. Our guest's organisation clearly has a good handle on the impact, both positive & negative, social media can have on all people, those engaged directly, and also those connected but on 'the outside'.

The *'I'm Enough'* charity's messages of hope & support work through a range of media - cell phone, website, workshops, and the charity links with professional experts in a range of different fields to address the mental, emotional, physical, social & spiritual health of individuals connected in digital conversations.

With modern digital connectivity significantly influencing our social lives there would appear to be a solid link between social media activity and our emotional well-being. The *'I'm Enough'* charity has chosen to serve the needs of teens, particularly, so they can firmly believe "they are enough".

Thank you to Tina, for arranging this thought-provoking speaker, and also for helping with the AV presentation.



BEACH'n Bling

In the Fabulous Far North



District 202K Convention, November 8-10, 2019

202K

PP Colin Salt visits 'old stamping grounds', and writes for us...

Hosts were Mangonui and Kaitia Lions attended by Brian & Gillian Stocking and Colin & June Salt from Howick. Neil and Packy were also planning to attend but both had ailments preventing them from going. I was disappointed that more Howick Lions could not attend; "you missed a great experience; especially with the big turnout from other Lions clubs".

It was a fun convention - *Far North style* We all went up on the Thursday, and Friday was spent with us (C&J) showing Gillian & Brian all the local sights - many off the beaten track. The convention was well run to a tightly organised schedule and there were many laughs. Partners went off for the day to a Car and Agricultural Museum and then to the famous Whaling Museum.



At the convention Howick won the '*Community Awareness & Communication Award*' for successfully achieving photographic publicity in local newspapers and in the Lion Magazine. Our President Paul, won the *Award for the Cyber-club, Facebook, Website and Internet Presence*. Howick Lions Club was the runner-up for our newsletter (Tatler) bulletin, '*Most Improved Club*, and also for '*Community Projects*', (like HHV Painting and the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch).

Saturday Night was outstanding fun with everyone dressed to the Beach 'n Bling Theme. (*Many blackmail photos were taken*). Entertainment, apart from the live-wire band, was by a Croatian Orchestra and Dancers, who were stunning.

On Sunday morning there was a lovely service, with Lions who had passed away during the year being honoured. Their partners received a tree to plant. This included remembering the steadfast service of our own Doug Kilgour.

After this ceremony the Salts took the Stockings to a vineyard for lunch then to some Far North beaches. It was a great fun weekend and a well run convention.





202K

Our Howick Conventioneers Enjoy Gathering with Fellow Lions

**Mangonui & Kaitaia Lions District 202K
Convention November 8 - 10, 2019**

**Incriminating evidence recorded at
Taipa Area School & Te Ahu Centre, Kaitaia**





202K Convention 2019

202K



Our good friend
Ricky Singh



Our good friend
Ricky Singh





Jottings from our business meeting November 20, 2019

@ DMG Botany



It's now getting closer to Christmas and members could be beginning to focus elsewhere, but Howick Lions still have some serving to do before a holiday, especially those members who are at the core of any Lions event organising. E.g. Our club Christmas dinner is coming up on December 4 & arrangements are almost in place; entertainment, decorations, theme, the menu has yet to be announced; we're expecting a good attendance. The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch is also 'in plan'. It was suggested we use our Lions Christmas cakes as raffle prizes, but these are considered too large & we can easily source smaller, cheaper gifts with better variety. We will also refurbish the hall decorations, as many we have are past their use-by date. This will be done on the day.

Our club's commitment to Camp Quality will mean two dates to help with the children; one for breakfast at the Paerata Camp & one to cook hot chips at the Family Day at the AUT Camp (see club calendar for dates & times).

It seems our Lions Club Christmas cakes are not moving as quickly as we would prefer; members are asked to give more support to Agnes who has given this project her full & committed attention.

Grant reviewed the 'Christmas Lights' project. The cancellation was nothing to do with Howick Lions, with decisions outside our control. Auckland Council evicted everything & everyone from the 'old library' building stating it was unhealthy & unsafe. This included all the Christmas Lights decorations, which went temporarily to the RSA. But they were in such a disorderly state there was no prospect of setting up a quality display in the time, especially when the manpower to do that was limited mostly to a few keen & active Lions club members. Our club is sincerely disappointed with the decision by the HVA Lights Trust to cancel. Grant was applauded for his long-term efforts with this project.

There are also sausages to sizzle through December & January.

We declined the opportunity to go out West and cook hot chips for Waterlea school, and have reluctantly been unable to put a 'team & theme' together to march in the Howick Santa Parade. Maybe next year.

Our club's Water Safety Picnic project is awaiting confirmation of the high tide date at Cockle Bay (at about 11am) in March; the scouts will pick the best tide time & date and we



Jottings from November 20, 2019 continued...



can then plan our contribution.



President Paul reviewed the Fund-Raising & Project suggestions put forward by members in a previous meeting, and member Lions will be asked to rank these ideas by categories in priority order of need & practicality.

The club's trailer, currently being housed by Dave Downie, will need to find a new (permanent & secure) home by the end of January; Dave won't be able to keep it at his place after this date.

President Paul is asking all member Lions to seriously consider accepting a senior role in the management of our Lions club in the coming Lions year (July 2020-June 2021). We will need a new President, Vice-President & Secretary to be identified by our March business meeting; formally elected in April. (Grant will be unable to accept next year's presidential position as he will be on extended leave for 4 months.) These positions carry a prominent level of status across our Lions District and also provide good conditions for personal leadership growth.

PDG Ian Packwood will be in hospital (Mercy) for a few days for an operation. We wish our Packy a speedy recovery.



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



PP Neil presents Hot Chips income donations



To 'Star of the Sea' Principal
Louise Campbell



To Wakaaranga School Principal
Brent Jenkins



WE SERVE

The first Camp Quality was established by founder Vera Entwistle in 1983 in Sydney, Australia. English-born Vera (1933-2009) was responsible for introducing Camp Quality to seventeen countries worldwide, including New Zealand. The name 'Camp Quality' is believed to have come from a motto statement attributed to founder Vera: - *"No-one can do much about the quantity of anyone else's life, but everyone can do something about the quality."*

The mission of Camp Quality is to provide children living with cancer and their families with a support network.



Camp Quality (NZ) Inc. is a Charitable Trust established in 1985, with the first camp held in West Auckland and attended by 22 children from throughout New Zealand. CQ (NZ) is dedicated to bringing fun, hope and happiness to the lives of children aged 5 to 16 living with cancer, their families & communities, through the provision of high quality recreational experiences. The hot air balloon in the logo symbolises the ability to rise

above life's challenges. Each year Camp Quality runs week-long residential programs in five locations throughout New Zealand which strive to provide a safe and secure environment involving one-on-one support from Companions, and by the provision of committed, well-trained staff on all camping activities. Each year about 300 children attend one of the camps. As a volunteer organisation Camp Quality has a number of supporters both small and large and receives financial support, help in kind, and physical assistance.

Lions Clubs of New Zealand are Friends & Supporters of Camp Quality with senior Lions sometimes occupying positions on local administrative boards. Each January CQ (Auckland/Northland) asks for extra volunteers from District 202K Lions clubs to help with chores during the camps at Wesley College & Family Fun Days. It has long been a tradition for Howick Lions to pitch in with these CQ activities with "our sleeves rolled up".



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	(vacant)
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: 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



Howick Lions serve Camp Quality Summer Camps

Message received by Rex
from Debbie Laidlaw, CQ
(abridged)



Good afternoon Rex,

Our CQ camp will be running from Saturday 11th to Friday 17th of January. We are expecting to be feeding approximately 68 campers; with all their companions and other staff we will be topping 200 this year.

We are looking forward to having your Howick Lions team come and help us. Our address is Wesley College 801 Paerata Road, Paerata.

We have booked your team in for two (2) sessions.

1. Sunday 12th* from 9.30 to approximately 2pm. We will be at the AUT campus in Manukau. The address is 640 Great South Road, Manukau. We are not sure on numbers of attendees yet; when I find out I will let you know.

2. Tuesday 14th* from 7am till approximately 10 am at Wesley College, Paerata.

We have health and safety rules that must be followed for the safety of the campers and ourselves. Please bring these to the attention of your team (Aroha or myself will go over them again at your induction briefing when you arrive).

* Helpers can have no recent illnesses, such as a cold or the flu. (Some children may have low immunity and can easily catch viruses).

* Everyone must wear covered shoes, so no sandals or jandals. If you do come with this kind of footwear you will have to be found jobs outside the kitchen area itself; e.g. in the dining room or helping elsewhere in camp where open toed shoes are accepted.

* no smoking or vaping is permitted on site.

* No alcohol is permitted on site.

* no photos to be taken while on site. Photos of your team will be taken by the Camp photographer or myself. If I take any of your team I will forward them to your secretary.

* Please leave your mobile phones in your car or bag. (We will have a safe area for your personal belongings).

* No entering the campers' dormitories.

We will need about five or six of you to be helpers this year. If you do bring more, that is fine, but please be aware that they may end up in areas not associated with the kitchen. I.e. crafts, laundry etc.

Please report to the kitchen when you arrive as we need to have everyone sign in, do our on-site Health and Safety talk, catch up with what everyone has been doing over the year and give you the all-important visitor badge before we hit the ground running.





CONGRATULATIONS!



Birthdays in December



Brian Harris Neil Hornblow
Sarah Curtis Jasvinder Singh
June Kilgour




CAMP QUALITY



Thank you so much for volunteering again this year. We could not hope to run our camp to such a high standard without your friendly, hardworking and go-to Howick Lions team attitude. If you have any questions please contact me and I will, hopefully, be able to answer them.

Regards, **Debbie Laidlaw**
Catering Coordinator
Camp Quality Auckland/
Northland



***SUNDAY, JAN 12 - Hot Chips**
@ AUT South Campus
9:00am - 2:30pm

***TUESDAY, JAN 14 - Breakfast**
@ Wesley College, Paerata
7:00am - 10:00am



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CLUB CALENDAR

December



- 4 Christmas Dinner Meeting**
- 6 Christmas Cakes @ Highlands Rest Home
- 7 Senior's Christmas Lunch
- ~~13 Christmas Lights re-open until Dec 24 (Cancelled)~~
- 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
- 12 Hot Chips @ CQ Family Day, AUT, (9am)**
- 13 Melvin Jones' birthday
- 14 Camp Quality Breakfast @ Wesley College (7am)**
- 15 Business Meeting
- 18 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse (TBC)
- 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
- 15 Water Safety Picnic (TBC)
- 18 Business Meeting - Nomination of Club Officers**
- 21 Hot Chips @ Cockle Bay school
- 28 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse (TBC)

April



- 1 Dinner meeting
- 5 Daylight Saving Ends
- 10 Easter - Good Friday
- 13 Easter - Easter Monday
- 15 Business Meeting - Election of Club Officers**
- 27 ANZAC DAY (Mondayised from Saturday 25th)



CONVENTION DATES

MULTI-DISTRICT 202 HIKURANGI (Whangarei), May 1 - 3, 2020
INTERNATIONAL SINGAPORE, June 26 - 30, 2020
District 202K WAIPU, Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2020

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