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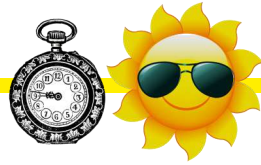
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Club Calendar

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SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 Sizzle @ Bunnings
 Wednesday 4 Dinner Meeting
 Saturday 7 Zone 'roadshow' - Lynda Halverson
 Thursday 12-14 ANZI Forum, Bali
 Wednesday 18 Business Meeting
 Saturday 21 "Keep NZ Beautiful" - beach clean
 Wednesday 25 Combined Clubs DG Dinner @ Bucklands Beach
 Monday 26-28 Lions International President visits NZ
 Sunday 29 Daylight Saving starts



OCTOBER

Wednesday 2 Dinner Meeting @ DMG
 Sunday 6 Sizzle @ Bunnings
 Thursday 10 World SIGHT Day
 Wednesday 16 Business Meeting - World FOOD Day
 Friday 18 Chips @ Star of the Sea (twilight)
 Sunday 20 Rotary Coastal Fun Run (Sizzle?)
 Monday 28 Labour Day



NOVEMBER

Friday 1-3 202K Convention @ Paihia
 Sunday 3 Sizzle @ Bunnings
 Wednesday 6 Dinner Meeting
 Saturday 9 Chips @ Elm Park School - Gossamer Drive
 Friday 15 Howick Christmas Fair (evening) - Christmas Cakes
 Wednesday 20 Business Meeting



DECEMBER

Wednesday 4 Christmas Dinner Meeting
 Sunday 8 Howick Christmas Parade
 Sunday 15 Sizzle @ Bunnings
 Wednesday 18 Business Meeting
 Wednesday 25 Christmas Day



JANUARY 2025

Wednesday 1 No Dinner Meeting
 Monday 13 Melvin Jones' birthday
 Wednesday 15 Business Meeting
 Monday 27 Auckland Anniversary Day

FEBRUARY 2025

Wednesday 5 Dinner meeting
 Thursday 6 Waitangi Day
 Wednesday 19 Business Meeting



Our next Dinner Meeting: - Wednesday, September 4
6:30 for 7pm @ DMG - Pavilion Room
Speaker: Lauren Beech - from 'Spirit of Adventure'
 Introduce Speaker: Judith Korau
 Thanks to speaker: Alan Mead
 Invocation: Tina Singh
 Greeter: Neil Hornblow
 Bar Duty: **PLEASE NOTE; BYO BEVERAGE (until Dec)**



President Gordon writes

I was looking for some divine inspiration to put in my column this month; to no avail. It has been a very quiet month, as one would expect in the throes of winter. Candidates have now been confirmed for the Spirit of Adventure. Thanks to the Youth Committee's sterling job.

Our last dinner meeting was poorly attended by members; we had a very interesting, compelling speaker from the Burn Support Group - Heather Stewart. She spoke candidly about the tragedy in her life and how she coped, recovered and now leads a full and fruitful life. An extraordinary story of courage, tenacity, suffering and finally joy. A great example to us all.

Perhaps it is time we as individuals examine why we are Lions; what we joined for, what did we hope to get out of it, and is it worth the effort and the cost. These I think are valid questions and should be reviewed periodically; it's healthy. Don't be persuaded by what others may think or do. Collectively we Lions want to help and work in our community. Every Lion is important, everyone is needed; let's work together and make a difference. In the 30+ years I've been a Lion I have never met a Lion I didn't like; all have been good people. I'm human and therefore I like some more than others.

WE SERVE. Our simple uncomplicated motto. This is our Club, your Club, what you put in will determine what you get out.



Gordon





David Westwick Served - with Friends

Past District Governor Alan Sheath writes..

David Westwick's service to the Howick and wider community through his involvement with Howick Lions was beyond exceptional. In his over-45 years of membership David was Club Secretary for two terms, Club Treasurer for an unequalled twelve terms and finally he agreed to be President in the Lions Year 2020-2021.

However, these are just numbers and do not give justice to the man. David never wanted to hold high office; he just wanted to get out and serve his community the best way that he could.

David was kind and caring to everyone he met. A man like David is not remembered for his name alone but will be remembered forever by his words and his deeds; by those he touched in his 79 years on this Earth.

David was presented with many awards for his service with the Lions Club of Howick, the pinnacle of which was the presentation of the Lions Clubs International Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2012, the highest individual recognition For Dedicated Humanitarian Service.

Over his 45 years of service with Howick Lions, David performed hundreds of projects but his favourite, and mine, was the cooking and serving of Breakfast at "Camp Quality". Camp Quality is a week-long summer camp for children with life-threatening Cancer. We would arrive as a team at 6.30am at Wesley College and prepare, serve breakfast and wash up for the 100 Children, plus 100 companions, plus staff. This was the most satisfying of projects. David's empathy with the children was amazing.

David's philosophy on cancer, which he bore for eleven years was "It is what it is". In fact, it was David's philosophy on life. In all of my time with David, I never once heard him complain or say 'Why Me'.

My best friend has gone and the void for me is huge, but the memories are fantastic.

To Ruth, Louise and Anais, Karen and I extend our deepest condolences.

David my friend, Rest in Peace

At this meeting we were privileged to host two members of the 'BURN SUPPORT GROUP', Heather Stewart and Michele Henry . Heather gave us a very moving address detailing her personal journey as a burn survivor - a serious burn survivor. The questions & discussion which followed Heather's talk were open, honest & revealing. Heather's courage, recovery and ongoing management of her injury was an inspiration to all present at the table. Thank you Heather. Read more of BSG here... <https://www.burns.org.nz/>



Below is the total of all Lions & Guests at this Howick Lions Club August dinner meeting; (Tina - not shown - arrived, as planned, after our meal had finished).



Guests Michele & Heather (above, on right) with their backs to the camera; Visiting Lion Rebecca seated between Shauna & Gordon.





Our Club Dinner Meeting - Wednesday August 7, 2024 at DMG

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ion Rebecca Bullough, from the Cowies Hill Lions Club in Durban (South Africa) was welcomed back to our Howick Lions club dinner meeting on August 7. Rebecca (club treasurer), has visited us before - catching up with Grandies in Beachlands. Our Shauna also hails from the Durban area in the



Republic, so these two busy Lions had a happy reunion. The Cowies Hill Lions Club will be celebrating their 50 year anniversary next year and currently comprise 20 members. *(Below, see the thatched building where the Cowies Hill Lions meet; it's also the administration entrance to the Paradise Valley Nature Reserve located about 35 minutes drive inland from the Durban beachfront).* Along the Durban beachfront can regularly be seen vibrantly decorated rickshaws (& pullers), entertaining tourists *(since the 1890s)* whilst making a Rand or two for a ride or two.



Note the tall masts soaring above this building. These are lightning rods and can be seen far & wide throughout South Africa. They are crucial for protecting the lovely thatched roofs due to the high risk of fire from fierce, not-infrequent (but often short-lived) electrical storms.





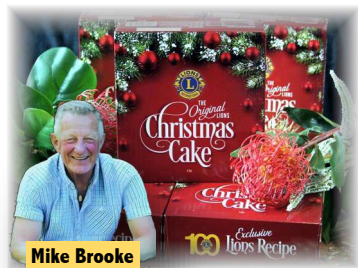
**Howick Lions Club
LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES**

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A Story for a Season



Mike Brooke

The year is 1971 and Mike Brooke, president of the Pukekura Lions Club in New Plymouth is searching for a new fundraiser to support his local community. It's not long until Christmas and he really wants to make a difference to those in need. An Englishman by birth, Christmastime brings back fond memories of his mum's homemade Christmas cake - all moist and filled with fruit. Christmas Cakes? Mike realised he might just have an idea

and he knew the right person to help make it happen. Harry, his wife's uncle, was a baker with his own bakery. Recalls Mike: "I talked to Harry and said, how about making some Christmas cakes for the Lions and we'll sell them, and Harry said, yeah I can do that".

"So we got started. Harry baked about 50 and my wife and I were busy wrapping them with a little scrunchy decoration, and they sold in no time. Then other Lions clubs heard we were selling Christmas cakes and I said, Uncle Harry bakes them: and they said they wouldn't mind some".

Sales in that first year were expected to be 50 yet exploded to 500 potential orders for the following year, much to the shock of Mike's uncle-in-law Harry Wilson who knew 500 Christmas cakes was a bit beyond him. Needing more expertise, Mike formed a committee to brainstorm the idea. Members with marketing experience and other talents agreed there was huge potential and three things were apparent. Bake a good quality cake. Package it with Lions Clubs branding. Distribute it via Lions clubs throughout New Zealand.

Baking tenders were sought and Ernest Adams was selected. Ernest Adams developed their own recipe specifically for Lions Christmas Cakes. The tests it had to undergo were; - being cut to ensure it didn't crumble and it had to last for at least two years.

After 45 years, Christmas Cakes coordinator Mike decided it was time to pass the role to someone else and was thrilled when Palmerston North Middle Districts Lion Nelson Speirs picked up the project in 2015. Nelson says they had to gain the approval of the Lions National Executive. "It had to be registered with Lions International in Chicago. LCI need to know what's going on in the name of Lions Clubs around the world."

Nelson reports the venture involves interacting with over 300 other Lions clubs around NZ with about 150-160 clubs actively participating. At its peak about 130,000 cakes were sold each year and it featured as a major item in NZ Lions 50th year celebrations in 2002.

By 2015 sales had dwindled to around 12,000 a year. Last year though, numbers were restricted to 18,000 as Coupland's picked up the role of baker during an investment of infrastructure at its Christchurch bakery. Nelson says before giving Coupland's the contract they did a lot of research into who would be a good choice going forward. "They've been very helpful and the cakes are now out on the market, and the reaction has been excellent."

With every dollar going to charity, millions of dollars has been raised by Lions Christmas cakes over the years.

Abridged: - With acknowledgement to Cynthia Daly.



Prepared especially for you by
the members of the Howick Lions Club



Hamper Label

Sincere thanks to Howick Lions Club members for filling the 'Hampers' (grocery bags) chock-full of essential household supplies, for Shauna to hand-deliver to local families in need.



OUR SERVICE ROLES FOR 2024 / 2025

Schools Chips Service	Tony Blair	Website Control	Paul, Shauna
Membership	Paul Curtis	Almoner	Neil Homblow
Lion Mints	Neil Homblow	Sausage Sizzles	Judith, Tina, Shauna
Youth Affairs	Judith Korau	Bulletin Editor	Denis McKenna
Club Apparel	Denis McKenna	Social Events	Gordon, Tina, Shauna
Communications/PR	Paul, Tina, Shauna	Lion Tamer	Neil Homblow
Tail Twister	Gordon Myer	Health & Safety	Tony Blair
Community Projects	Paul Curtis	Privacy Officer	Colin Salt
Guest Speakers	Shauna Eldridge	DMG Liaison	Denis McKenna
Leo Advisors: - Howick College	Neil Homblow	Hillary Collegiate	Shauna Eldridge
Photo Comp*	Judith, Paul, Tina, Shauna	Water Safety Picnic	Paul, Shauna
Christmas Cakes	Shauna Eldridge	Specs Recycling	Neil Homblow



September Celebrations

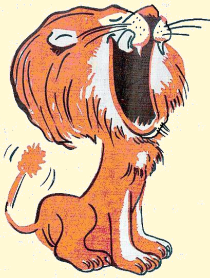
*Happy
Birthday*



**Just Paul
this Month**

and...

**Karen & Alan
celebrate their
Wedding Anniversary**



Members on the Move



LIONS ON THE LAN



**Tony & Shona away 04/08... 20/11
Brian & Gillian away 17/09...14/10
Priscilla & Trevor now back home**





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(click on the URL links for more information)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/howicklionsclub>

2024 President*: **Gordon Myer (President No. 64)**

Immediate Past President*: **Tina Singh**

VP 1*: **Shauna Eldridge**

Secretary*: **Shauna Eldridge**

VP 2*: **Neil Homblow**

Treasurer(s)*: **Shauna Eldridge / Neil Homblow**

LCIF Co-ordinator*: **Tina Singh** Membership Director*: **Paul Curtis**

* Board Member

Trustees: **Neil Homblow; Denis McKenna; Gordon Myer;**

Melvin Jones Fellows:

Tony Blair; Agnes Li; Denis McKenna; Brian Stocking;

Howick Lions Club members are volunteers who meet twice a month; once to socialise for dinner with partners & guests, and once to identify the evolving humanitarian needs within the Howick community and to develop plans to provide Lions Club team support. **We Serve.**

Howick Lions Club members also encourage, mentor and empower local college LEOS (*Junior Lions*) in the role & value of neighbourhood community service.



Lions International Website: www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php

Lions International YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/lionsclubs/videos>

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

This charitable funding facility supports Lions Clubs International, enabling individual Lions Clubs to greatly strengthen their community service with targeted humanitarian support, or when exceptional & devastating disaster strikes their home communities.

LCIF Website: -

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>

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Melvin Jones (1879 - 1961)

founded Lions Clubs in Chicago in 1917.

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