

THE FIFTH DECADE
The continuing story.2002 to 2012

- 2002 Howick's202A Convention
40years Anniversary**
- 2003 Camp Quality**
- 2004 Making a Difference**
- 2005 Howick in the Park**
- 2006 S. A. Health Burns**
- 2007 S. A. Health Birthing**
- 2008 7 members inducted**
- 2009 Sydney International
Convention**
- 2010 Accent on Youth**
- 2011 Living Legends**
- 2012 A Final Word**

2002; President, Tony Gregory

We celebrate 40 years and Alan Sheath takes on the office of our **District Governor** in this calendar year.

Members took the opportunity to learn about the activities and fellowship of other clubs when accompanying D.G. Alan on his exhausting round of visits to the 58 Clubs in our District and to appreciate the efforts Alan made to the furthering of our Lions Objects.

His commitment: *“To make a Better Tomorrow”*

The 40th year proved rewarding with another “first” with Howick in the Park and a major Fireworks event held at Alexandra Park. This enabled a donation of \$20,000.00 to Camp Quality.

November was a very special month as Howick



Hosted the District 202A Convention for the fourth time. On this occasion at St. Kentigern College.

PDG Sarolta Bernhardt presented the Club with the **Best Bulletin Award** for the 2001-02 TATLER



Not to mention Howick Lions featuring "Howick Lions keeping Howick beautiful" and winning the Howick Christmas Parade "Humorous" award for the umpteenth time. The notes below, another example of the



President Tony supervising Frank Hughes and Denis McKenna at the Seniors Christmas lunch.

opportunities we have for positive involvement with the younger members of our community:-

We received a request from the parents of a local student who had the opportunity of Student Exchange in Germany for 6Months.. Jullianne Frith was just 15 Yrs. And since the age of 9 studied the German language under the Rudolf Steiner Waldorf .System. Being the 6th child in a family of 7children,the family circumstances are such that



some financial assistance was needed. One of her elder brothers , Robert, an ex Leo club member of Howick Leos in1992 and recently returned from United Nations peace keeping duties in east Timor has contributed \$1000.00 towards the cost , the remainder from other family recourses.

We happily provided a grant of \$500.00 and this donation enabled Jullianne to depart on time to attend school in Germany for 5 months, living every day life in this language before returning home.

And to conclude Tony's year the announcement greeted with a hearty round of applause"

Lion Of the Year:-Frank Hughes and John Bay Alan Sheath is presented with a **Melvin Jones Fellowship** for his service to the Club and District.

2003; President, Ian Brassfield

\$1200.00 from the Garage sale proceeds was donated to the Howick Sea Rescue”.

Again the Fireworks produced a great display and importantly a great result with \$20,000.00 for Camp Quality.

To cap it all in the same month, what was a team of Belly Dancers doing in the Christmas Parade?



“Just like old times” someone commented with “hands on” involvement assisting Bucklands Beach Lions with the firewood splitting project over a few week ends...”whew!!”

At the May dinner meeting it was refreshing to hear from two young folk who had received a modicum of support from the Club on a youth exchange activity, Julianne Frith and Zac Nothling. To hear at first hand of their experiences gave us the impression that they were two excellent ambassadors for New Zealand.

And whilst on the subject of Youth activities our candidate Lara was the winner of the Lions Young Speech Makers Contest.

2004; President, Clive Brummer

Youth activities received some attention with significant grants enabling Martin Peat to participate in an International Orienteering event and a young lad to a scholastic event in the USA.

Also funding to keep an Aspergers child at a special clinic for another term.



Early in the our new marquee had it's first outing at the National Cycling Champs' with gourmet chips galore!

Happily the annual fireworks was a success and appeared on Maori Television with a 10 minute slot. And Camp Quality was the recipient of \$30,000.00 from the proceeds.

Howick Lions were recognised again, this time with the inaugural **Rotary Community Services Award** to **PDG Ian Packwood** who was also the recipient of **Lion of the Year Award**.

To **Les Burr** a **Special Appreciation Award** for Outstanding work distributing Lion Mints over many years.



“Our lady Star of the Sea” Chip Cook” Nice comments were made that Howick Lions with their new tents and matching polo shirts are looking very slick and professional.

Sausage Sizzle X 6 at the Botany Town Centre
There were lots of laughs and camaraderie at this South Africa Day event in February and organiser George Oosthuizen very generous to Howick Lions for the days work.

The 2004-2005 financial report made great reading with total grants of \$42,984.80 made. Including the \$30K to Camp Quality, \$1000.00 for the Young Ambassador Award and \$2950.00 to the Outward Bound Trust.

Other community activities for this year small and large which “Made a difference” included :-

- ⇒ “ Hands on’ distribution of *Glaucoma N. Z.* Awareness information
 - ⇒ Set up of a base in Picton St. for the Annual “*Guide Dog Appeal.*”
 - ⇒ Support of the new Botany College *Adopt a Tree* project.
 - ⇒ Seats were purchased and installed outside a Selwyn Road retirement home.
 - ⇒ Diabetes Awareness leaflets purchased from the *N.Z. Save Sight Society* for local distribution..
 - ⇒ Assistance given to the *Howick Winter festival* and to the Howick Camera club who were hosting a National event.
 - ◇ **Membership.** This was a year of note having 100% retention of members.
 - ◇ A growth of 19% in active members.
 - ◇ Our first women members were inducted.
- All of the above auguring well for the future.

Finishing the year with the FIRST Mid Winter Dip!



2005; President John Bay

Will be remembered for the superb effort of Dennis McKenna and Leigh Dixon for their efforts in the now termed Premier Event"-**Howick in the Park** at Lloyd Elsmore for the first time.



At the Whangamata District Convention the Club was privileged to receive both the **Membership and Retention Cup** and the **Best Club Award**. (Wow! That's something to live up to!)

Fireworks again produced an



excellent result with \$25,000.00 raised for the South Auckland Health Foundation **Burns Unit**.

The professionalism of our Fireworks Team was recognised with members gaining the necessary



“ Approved Handler certificate for Pyrotechnics” Issued by ER-MA (Previously OSH)

Tony Blair, Dave Downie, Leigh Dixon, Trent Dixon, Dave Greenwood, Neil Lewis, Ian Packwood, and Alan Sheath.

Lion of the Year: -
Alan
Sheath, and David Westwick

2006; President Rex Buckley

Our 45th Anniversary year in which we recorded the successful fireworks display at Alexandra Park all of which resulted in a donation of \$35,000.00 to the South Auckland Health Foundation **Birthing Unit**.



*For the first time
This featured using radio remote control for
together with trailer mounted mortars-whoopie!)*

Following Dave Greenwood's initiative last year the Mid-winter dip has become an annual event and fund raiser for the Howick Sea Rescue.



With assistance from the Lions Clubs Lloyd Morgan Charitable trust we were able to provide a local boy with an insulin pump costing some \$7312.00.



Howick in the Park goes from strength to strength



On a sad note we record the passing of Ernie Roff.

An American, he served with Howick Lions from 1966 with just two years absence in the late 70's. He was our President in 1974-75. This was a very good Lions year with a successful Boat raffle, and

a Club first with the holding of a successful Bier Fest.

In 1976 Ernie played a leading role in the formation of the Bucklands Beach Lions Club and as their "Guiding Lion" soon was affectionately designated their "father". During the following years he served in virtually every position in the Club and his qualities were recognised by the highest honour a Club can bestow, a "Melvin Jones Fellowship" He was truly described as "One of Nature's Gentlemen

Community Stalwarts Recognised for service
Headline in H& K Times Monday 18th December.

At a Manukau City new initiative a number community minded people were recipients of special recognition certificates from Mayor Sir Barry Curtis. Howick Lions receiving these were:-

- ◆ Hugh Brown
- ◆ Frank Hughes
- ◆ Ian Packwood
- ◆ Derek Wigzell

2007; President Tom Owen

The Mid -Winter Dip continued with increased attendance again enabling useful donations being made to the Howick Volunteer Coast Guard.

“Young Speechmakers Contest

We enjoyed participation with contestants in the Lions “Young Speechmakers” Our representative Dan Cullum a **winner** who went on the greater heights at the national level and further



Once again the Fireworks display was well received and we were able to contribute \$15,000.00 to the **South Auckland Health Foundation Eye Service.**



Howick's Madcap Melody Makers!

Again, on a sad note we have to record the passing on January 19th of Frank Hughes a long serving and greatly respected member of our Club. As an active Lion he enjoyed 15 years of 100% attendance since joining serving as President in 1997-98.



His contribution to Lions Service was recognised with "Lion of the Year" Award and as a Life member of the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust..



Gillian Clover MB. CHB. PhD.

The Tatler of December 2007 records the presentation of a **Melvin Jones Fellowship** to Gillian Clover in recognition of her long term association with Lions Sight conservation and blindness prevention activities.

Then Chairman Ian Packwood of the Lions Diabetes Eye Clinic project in Fiji stated that without Dr. Clover's support and advice the establishment of the project would not have been possible.

Additionally her work has been recognised widely by others involved in eye/vision care throughout the Pacific who call on her for advice and recommendations.

2008; President, Brian Stocking.

In recognition and appreciation of his services as a member of the Club and Lions Clubs International **Past District Governor Alan Sheath** was awarded a **“Life Membership”**

This reflects Alan’s commitment to our Lions activities and his outstanding record within the Club and the District over the past 21 years and since.

A word from Alan's' sponsor;

“I first met Alan at a church conference in June 1986 where Karen and Alan were in the same discussion group. . Alan was at that time extremely shy, (believe it or not)

”We became friends over the coming months and I invited him along to dinner meeting later that year, and then came along to our annual Lions Christmas party, which he and Karen enjoyed. in February 1987 he became a member.

I am certain that all members will agree that Alan has shown himself as an outstanding Lion he has served in many capacities, in both club and the wider Lions community, his achievements and awards are detailed elsewhere in this publication. I think the most important contribution to Lions, that I have made, was introducing Alan to the organisation.

Alan has proved himself to be an enduring friend, as evidenced by suffering my sense of

humour for over a quarter of a century, and he has made countless other friends in Lions. I am sure that every member of our Club is the better for knowing Alan.

David Westwick

In October the then Membership Committee reported on the proposal to conduct an information evening. This was the fore-runner of an extended membership strengthening programme leading to the induction of 7 new members in April 2009.



A memorable occasion!

Back row; Martin Dealy, Nigel Oliver, Carel Sietses, Elsbeth Bloem, Justin Goh, Agnes & Jackie Phiri, Clive Brummer.

Front row; PDG Ian Packwood, President Brian Stocking, PID Cliff Heywood, PDG Alan Sheath, Helen Heywood.

Derek Wigzell 1935-2009

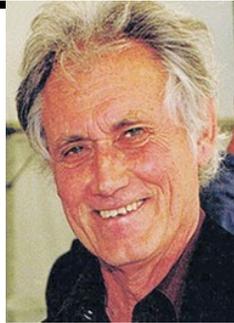
A very special person and a very special Lion who contributed so much to the fellowship and activities of our Club.

For nearly 20 years we were privileged to have Jean share him with us!

He contributed in a special way his talents for performing and encouraging members to take part in a way that became a joy for all.

He was not a person to seek high office but one whose contributions were absolutely constant and always invaluable.

Our lasting memory of Derek as an example of dedication and commitment to any task in hand will be his legacy to us.



Howick Primary School at a function attended by the press presented their initial 15kg collection of can tabs (KanTab) . This was the fore runner of a continuing activity which contributes greatly to the funding of the “Kidney Kids” organisation.

Thanks to the efforts of Hugh Brown and Kersie Khambatta the Leo Club of Howick Intermediate came into being.

2008-09 Lion of the Year Leigh Dixon

2009; President Brian Stocking

The March Howick in the Park was the most successful yet with a great attendance and over \$8000.00 raised for the community fund.



Daniel Cullum was a well deserved Runner Up placing in the Young Speech Makers Competition; a sign of things to come!



Martin. David's (3!) Tyler, Brian. Ian, Clive, Noeline
Gordon, Glynis, Sharon, Rex
The "A T.E.A.M" Camp Quality 25th Anniversary January

In June 2010 a group from the Club attended the opening ceremony of the new Ophthalmology unit at the South Auckland Super Clinic to inspect the new Auto refractor purchased with \$8000.00 raised at the previous fireworks display.



Lion of the Year Ian Packwood 2009-10

2010; President, Glynis Brummer.

This is a notable year being the occasion of our first woman President.

The Club continued the very successful membership promotion resulting in strengthening from 32 to 52 active members.

The Mid Winter Dip was again well supported resulting with a donation of \$750.00 to the coast-guard.

Ten members of the Club attended the International Convention in Sydney



The Howick Lions Team in convention mode in the park a Sydney June 2010.

There must have been something special about 2010 as at the District Convention the Club received not one but three Awards for the 2009/10 Lions year:-

- 1) The David Dawick Award for the Club with the Highest Profile.
- 2) The John Frogley Award in recognition of the great work done in Howick in the Park.
- 3) And the Kelvin Green Shield for the Best Overall Club.



With more accent on youth, Just one of the many delightful memories of 2010-11. The Howick Intermediate Leo Club members.

In response to an appeal from the Cystic Fibrosis organisation the Club funded to the amount of \$1565.00 the provision of a number of small refrigerators for the use of patients in the Auckland Hospital.

We also saw the presentation of the inaugural “**Derek Wigzell Awards** for Excellence in Drama” to **Linda Zheng** at Botany Downs Secondary College in October. This was followed in November with the award to **Nyla Joaquin** of Howick



Included in our donations of \$9890.00 for the year was \$2500.00 towards the Lions Christchurch Earthquake appeal.

And in October the Tatler went electronic with first distribution by email.

The year's activities concluded with activity at Botany Downs “Santa Soup” event, not to mention the “Trinidad Steel Band in the Howick Christmas Parade and another entertaining Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon.

Lion of the year:- Dave Downie and Tony Blair

2011 President Alan Sheath



Holly Osborne.
Botany Downs College



Priya Sharma
Howick College

Two outstanding young winners of the Award.



On a Saturday in September a jolly group from Howick Lions joined with over 400 others on the ferry to Motuihe Island for a mass tree planting project under the auspices of the "Living Legends" ex All Black Brian Williams... A great day!

President Glynis presenting the KanTab Appreciation certificate at Beachlands Primary School. The pupils have been extraordinarily active. Or the drinkers have!

The KanTab project has since inception has nationally generated well in excess of \$105.00.00.



The Christchurch earthquake appeal continued with a good turnout of members at the Botany Town Centre assisting the Howick & Pakuranga Times fund raiser and raising some \$9000.00.



President Alan fronts the TEAM and brings the party to a close.

.A Final Word.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Lions Club of Howick, is a very special milestone.

It has been my privilege to serve as President in this our fiftieth year.

I would like to take the opportunity to mark this milestone, which is indeed an extraordinary accomplishment and epitomizes the will, determination and lasting success of an organisation that has worked tirelessly towards serving the community of Howick and beyond, by acknowledging current and past members.

A club is only as good as its members and throughout the last fifty years we have been blessed with individuals, Lions and spouses, who gave of their time and skills to make a difference for those less fortunate than themselves.

To my mind however, it is the willingness to rise to new challenges that has kept us at the heart of the Howick community over the past five decades. As we are all aware, Howick has changed dramatically over the past fifty years. From what was once a small village, a Borough, to a Ward of Manukau.. We are part of a confident, forward-looking community

Few could have imaged in 1962, the impact that the Lions Club of Howick has made. Hundreds of thousands of dollars raised and countless man-hours worked.

The Lions Club of Howick has had many great members over the last fifty years, however there are two members who stand out from the crowd and they need to be recognised.

Firstly Charter Secretary Brian Harris. Brian is a Life Member and Melvin Jones Fellow. He has been an inspiration to me and to many members over the years. His knowledge of the club is second to none.

Secondly Past District Governor and Past Council Chairman Ian Packwood. Ian is also a Life Member and Melvin Jones Fellow. Ian is known as a 'Lions', Lion.. His workload is amazing, he is always one of the first to volunteer for a project and is always there to assist established and new Lions.

These two exceptional Lions have been and continue to be the heart of our Lions Club.

Our club commits itself to the motto of "We Serve" as did our foundation members.. We carry out similar projects, supporting Youth; the Elderly and Infirm; work for the Deaf and Blind; Local, District, National and International projects.

Our Club has evolved and changed over the years. Once a male only bastion, the club is now of mixed gender as is right and proper in the twenty first century.

We have several couples as members and the nature of many of our projects has changed from very hands on to a more managerial nature.

Helen Keller once said "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". This is certainly true in our club. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

This booklet represents significant examples of the activities that the Lions Club of Howick has carried out over the last five decades.

Alan Sheath

President 2011-2012



Past District Governors Ian Packwood and Alan Sheath, getting down and dirty planting Trees on Motuihe