



### We Serve

**The Lions Club of Howick  
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Where there's a need there's a LION



## **THE TATLER**

**Since 1963**

**News bulletin  
of the Howick Lions Club**

**April 2020**



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**Lions Clubs International**  
**Kindness matters**  
**At home and around the world**

## Howick Lions Club Meetings @ DMG...\*



Zone 7  
District 202K

### OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING - WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

6:30PM FOR 7:00pm. \$28pp

DANNEMORA GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE, BOTANY

APRIL DINNER

Guest Speaker:

Introduce Speaker:

Loyal Toast:

Beverages:

Cashier:



OUR APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

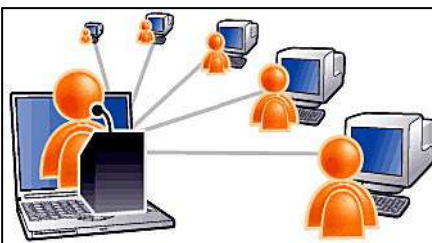
6:45pm for 7:00pm Dannemora Gardens, Botany

\*As a consequence of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, all Howick Lions Club meetings at Dannemora Gardens Retirement Village (DMG-30 Matarangi Rd), have been suspended until further notice. The current policy for The Lions Club of Howick to continue to serve our neighbourhood and maintain member liaison

is as follows:-

**'No formal, physical club meetings will take place until the COVID-19 virus status allows it. Current Howick Lions Club communications amongst members should be conducted via remote electronic systems / applications.'**

**NOTE:** A plan is presently being prepared to set up an online WEBINAR for Howick Lions Club members to come together for virtual business meetings, via internet hosting provider 'Zoom'. The technical conditions & user procedures required to enable this proposal to be successfully realised are in the early planning stages. Members will be advised on club communication developments.





## **President Paul's April Message**

*Dear Lions*

*When I wrote my piece for last month's Tatler, the world was a very different place, and now, more than ever in recent history, Lions are needed in our communities. Our motto is 'We Serve', and I believe that should be our focus for the foreseeable future. Our challenge is to figure out how we as club members will continue to communicate with each other, and serve our community, during this period of lockdown and beyond.*

*We've made a great start, and we have about half the club happily chatting away in our WhatsApp group. Hopefully you've also checked that your details are correct in the new online Membership Directory in the members area of our website. Please use these tools to look out for each other, and share ideas for how we can best serve our community. For example, we know there will be a need for the basics such as food and toiletries. We could reach out to our two local clubs to see if we can pool our resources to order online for people facing genuine hardship.*



*We may not be able to meet, but the strength of our club is not about a venue, or the food, it's in our ability to leverage*



## President Paul Continues...



*the network of Lions across the country. Modern technology enables us to talk with each other, and serve, without leaving the house. We just have to get creative.*

*Please, share your ideas, stay safe,  
and wash your hands :-)*

*Your in Lions*

*Paul Curtis*

*Club President*



## Lions Clubs International



**The Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International has voted to cancel the 2020 International Convention in Singapore due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.**

**We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.**

**Regards,**

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

**International President**



## Notes from our Dinner Meeting, March 4, 2020

@ DMG Botany



**W**e were privileged this evening to have two senior Lions join us from our 202K District Cabinet. i.e. Lynda Halverson (Papakura Lions) & Ricky Singh (Pakuranga-Panmure Lions). These two steadfast Lions gave their time to present to us the development history, current organisational structure and specific mission of our 'parent association', Lions Clubs International (LCI). (Accompanied by a PowerPoint screening with PC on the PC - laptop). It was an enlightening address for our newer members and a welcome refresher for our longer-serving Lions.



Lions Lynda & Ricky took us from the days of Melvin Jones who, in 1917 created our organisation from a number of varying US mens associations, to form one forceful entity of individuals focused on serving the needy and improving communities. We were reminded of Lions Clubs International (LCI) milestone moments: e.g. creating our name (LIONS); Helen Keller's inspiring speech and (later) LCI's introduction of the White Cane for the blind, with blindness to become a major LCI service focus; being a privileged party to the signing of the UN Charter; going international (*Lions are now in more than 200 countries with 47000 clubs*); including women into membership; the creation of LEOS, and our Foundation (LCIF). The role of LCIF was highlighted by our speakers with impressive examples; more...

The presentation was relaxed & interactive, with prompt cards distributed around the room to emphasise points being made. Lynda & Ricky also looked a little into the future by noting Lions' mission now trending toward enhancing our planet's environment and promoting a caring & more compassionate mankind. (*The maintenance & retention of club membership is regarded as a core function of all modern Lions clubs, recognising the 'competitive community service' options provided by a number of charitable organisations operating in our local neighbourhoods*).

Our own Brian Stocking then gave a fine presentation of the history & achievements of our Howick Lions Club, with screen slides & added humour. Again, it was a good study for both newer & older members. (*President Paul later placed Brian's address on our club website*).







Pics By Colin



## **Howick Lions' Water Safety Picnic Sunday, March 15, Cockle Bay Beach**

**I**t was a superb Autumn Day, down at Cockle Bay, for our annual Lions 'Water Safety Picnic' project supporting Scouts & Coastguard.

About 300 participants & spectators relished the warm sun & water fun. With Howick Lions organising the entertainment & fast food, beside them along the beach were the Scouts, Rafts, Coastguard, Fisheries Officers, Water Safe & Drowning Prevention volunteers, Kayaks; all uniting to create a seaside spectacular of competition and excitement for children & adults alike to enjoy.









## Howick Lions Volunteer for Red Puppy Appeal March 13, 2020



**We Serve**

The Red Puppy street collection on Friday 13 March will help breed and train more guide dogs. These special dogs can bring freedom, confidence and independence to New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision.

"Our work wouldn't be possible without the amazing people who support us every day. Thousands of volunteers rack up an incredible 269,000 hours of their time every year, helping Kiwis with sight loss in a range of ways. Our generous supporters help us raise the \$28 million needed to provide services and support for New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision".

**Blind  
Low Vision NZ**

Formerly Blind Foundation



*Thank You*







## 60th Multi District Convention Whangarei May 1 - 3



MD 202



The 60th Multi District Convention is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new connections within the Lions family. There will be a review of what has been accomplished in the Multiple District over the past year, a welcome to new leaders and a setting of direction for the future. This Convention will celebrate Lions achievements and recognize key contributors, as well as provide speakers and time for information sharing. There will be a street parade, social events, and entertainment organised to ensure a memorable weekend is enjoyed by all.

Lions are ordinary men, women and young people from all walks of life. They are united in their desire to make a difference by contributing personal time and talents to help other people. Lions bridge political, economic, religious and social boundaries.

Lions Clubs motto is "We Serve".

In New Zealand 9,500 members belong to 350 Clubs in seven districts. There are Mixed Clubs, Men's Clubs and Women's Clubs (including Lioness), also Cyber Clubs and Special Interest Clubs. There's a Lions Club to suit everyone.

**\* The Council of Governors has made the decision to cancel the Multiple District Convention scheduled to be held in Whangarei 1st – 3rd May 2020. This unprecedented step is taken in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak in New Zealand and the desire to take all precautions necessary to protect our members, employees and members of the public.**

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, especially to those who have already registered. The Council, with guidance from the Council Advisory Board and Past International Directors, are considering the next steps to be taken.

**Council Chair Helen Williams**

## 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;** 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 Santa Parade; Brian Stocking

Water Safety Picnic; (TBA)

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



## Jottings from our business meeting March 18, 2020

Held at Highland Park Community House,  
Aviemore Drive  
for COVID-19 virus health & safety reasons



**B**ecause of the current COVID-19 virus pandemic the venue for all our meetings at Dannemora Gardens (Metlifecare) has become off-limits. Metlifecare (with more than 5000 residents) has cancelled all open days at its villages, suspended personal access to its restaurants & bar facilities and is asking external groups not to visit until further notice. We await advice from DMG regarding resuming our club meetings there.

Thanks to Rajiv for arranging this business meeting in the Monet Room at the Highland Park Community House; (*Raj is a past treasurer for this entity*). 17 of us squeezed in (in the friendliest manner of course) and there were lots of laughs during the meeting. Despite the current virus disorder it was a cheerful Lions get-together.

President Paul clarified the (Govt.) health conditions under which we were gathering this evening, with the opportunity for anyone to leave if they felt they didn't meet the new, strict meeting criteria. No one left.

During the evening there was frequent reference to the possible impact of COVID-19 on the various projects under discussion. A consensus of those present agreed to forego all physical Howick Lions Club meetings until further notice. President Paul will plan to maintain Lions business online via a video conferencing facility. Dinner meetings will not take place anywhere in the meantime.

Some Lions District meetings have been cancelled (including, later, the MD Convention); one school (so far) has cancelled their Gala which means our Hot Chips service there cannot take place; more may follow. Bunnings have vetoed Sausage Sizzles outside their stores & we have yet to learn whether The Warehouse will follow suit. If that occurs it will mean the cancellation of our SS schedule outside The Botany Warehouse. We decided the planned 'Men's Health Seminar' should also be shelved.

The Water Safety Picnic was considered a first-class success, with particular thanks to Grant, Tony, Judith & Tina, and all Howick Lions who beavered away on the hot day.

A request for the Howick Lions Club to host a DGs Cabinet Meeting (over three days) was declined - with thanks.



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





**Lions Clubs International President  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
comments on COVID - 19**

Dear Lion,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing the way we travel, congregate and serve in communities around the world. We care about every member, and the people we serve, which is why we all need to put health and safety first in this challenging time for the world. We have received requests for suggestions on how to minimize the risk to Lions, clubs and communities when serving. Here are some recommendations on how you can keep yourself and your community healthy:

Consult local authorities and guidelines governing group events and large gatherings when considering Lions events.

Put health and safety first as you consider new meetings, projects and any other club activities.

Wash your hands frequently, avoid nonessential travel and crowds, especially if you live in an area where there's an outbreak.

Check the recommendations from health experts such as the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your local government for any new updates, since this remains an evolving situation.

For questions regarding your district (single, sub- and multiple) conventions, please contact your district leadership for guidance. Remember, individuals over 60 and those with serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk of getting very sick from this illness.

A comprehensive list of ways to protect yourself and your club can be found on the [WHO website](#).

Lions have served for more than one hundred years. We have been there for our communities during countless challenges to the world. Let's consider ways we can safely help, such as providing meals to low-income students whose schools are closing due to the virus. Let's check in on family, friends and neighbours. Let's continue to put our kindness in action while keeping health and safety in mind.

Now more than ever, it is important that we stand together as local communities, as a global community, and as Lions. Thank you for serving your community and the world.

Regards

*Jung-Yul Choi*

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President





## Howick Lions Were There

March 8, 2020



**O**n Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Howick Historical Village (HHV) 112 invited guests celebrated the Village's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including a team from the Lions Club of Howick.

Guests were welcomed by HHV President Marin Burgess, followed by patron Sir Barry Curtis recalling the background of the village and how it was established in Lloyd Elsmore Park. Sir Barry unveiled a plaque on the wall of Whites Homestead (now the visitors centre & café) to commemorate this anniversary event.



Alan La Roche explained how the Howick Colonial Village had progressed from its beginnings to its current well-known situation today, and how the many cottages were obtained and moved from different sites within the eastern area of Auckland.



Guests gathered in the Old Pakuranga School (1880) for further speeches, and the presentation of a certificate to Alan La Roche for many years of dedicated service developing the village to its current high standard. A presentation was also given to Mrs Pam Taylor for her 40 years of long, loyal service to the village.

The logo of the 40<sup>th</sup> Year commemoration, framed and mounted on silk, was presented by Board Secretary Chao Yu, for display in the village.

Guests moved to Bell House (1851) for refreshments to take part in the cutting of the birthday cake (a replica of Ford's Cottage) which had been specially baked for the occasion.

This celebration will be followed by a VIP event on March 15 at the village when local MP's and other dignitaries will mark the occasion to further commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> year of our renowned living museum.



Original report submitted by HHV Board Member Lion Brian R Stocking



**Nominated Officers  
for the Lions Club of Howick  
for the 2020 - 2021 Lions Year**



*Thank You*

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
President	David Westwick	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Immediate Past President	Paul Curtis	David Westwick	Alan Sheath
Secretary	Alan Sheath	Paul Curtis	David Westwick
Treasurer	Neil Hornblow	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
1st Vice President	Judith Korau	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
2nd Vice President	Neil Hornblow	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Lion Tamer(s)	Dave Downie/ Brian Stocking	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Tail Twister	Gordon Myer	Paul Curtis	Alan Sheath
Membership Director	Colin Salt	David Westwick	Alan Sheath
LCiF Coordinator	Paul Curtis	David Westwick	Alan Sheath

The above members' roles in our club will be confirmed on Wednesday April 15.  
Additional club responsibilities will be advised in due course.



PP Colin advises; *"the Howick Historical Village is now closed to the public and all volunteers. They will only have a few skeleton staff there".*



**Lions' best service is often  
when it's personal and  
close to home, and when it  
enriches our relationship  
with our neighbours**



# 'Congratulations!

## Birthdays in April

David Westwick; Jennifer Liang;



DURING THESE STRANGE DAYS, SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE STUCK AT HOME SELF-ISOLATING..





**Please Note  
Scheduled  
Lions  
events in  
our  
calendar  
will be  
dependant  
upon  
pertaining  
COVID-19  
Lockdown  
conditions.  
Check  
status just  
prior to the  
date.**



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## CLUB CALENDAR

### April

- ~~4~~ 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*)



### May

- 2 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- ~~6~~ Dinner meeting
- ~~7~~ Mens Health Meeting @ Howick Bowling Club
- 17 Lions 'New Ideas' Workshop @ Ardmore TBC
- ~~20~~ Business Meeting

### June

- 1 Queens Birthday Observance (Monday)
- 3 Dinner meeting TBC
- 13 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- 13-14 New Officer Training Day TBC
- 17 Business Meeting TBC

### July

- 1 Dinner meeting; Change of Club Officers TBC
- 15 Business Meeting TBC
- 25 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC

### August

- 5 Dinner meeting TBC
- 13 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- 19 Business Meeting TBC

### September

- 2 Dinner meeting TBC
- 5 Sausage Sizzle @ The Warehouse TBC
- 16 Business Meeting TBC
- 19 General Election Day
- 26 Hot Chips @ Owairoa School TBC
- 27 Daylight Saving begins

### 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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