

The Grape Escape Convention 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Convention Venues:**

All weekend functions will be held at the Marlborough Convention Centre (MCC), 42a Alfred Street and the Clubs of Marlborough (Sunday lunch). These venues are adjacent to each other.



**Car Parking:**

A car parking building is adjacent to the venues and there is no charge over the weekend.

**Accommodation Options:**

Suggested motels are listed on the Lions Convention site

<http://members.lionsclubs.org.nz/Clubs/Conventions/MD202-Convention-Blenheim-2019>

The motels selected are closest to the venues. For others at various prices check on the internet.

**Registration:**

This will be available at the Convention Centre between 2.00pm and 7.00pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and at the same venue between 7.30am and 9.00am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Early bird registration (prize draws) closes on 31 December 2018.

**Acknowledgments and Receipts:**

These will be dispatched by email where possible, so it is important that your email address is written clearly on the registration form.

**Cancellation Rules:**

The Registration Fee is non-refundable. All other refund requests will be considered at the discretion of the Convention Committee and must be made in writing to the Convention Chairman within one week of the Convention. Should the convention be cancelled or re-scheduled, no compensation will be made.

**Friday Evening Convention Opening, Remembrance Acknowledgement and Guest Speaker – 6-30pm start:**

To be held at the MCC with a light supper being provided at the conclusion of the proceedings. Internationally recognised guest speaker, Doug Avery “The Resilient Farmer”

Cash bar and coffee will be available.

**Saturday - Flag Ceremony and AGM Business Session – 8.30am start:**

The Multiple District 202 AGM is open to all Lions at no cost.

Registration for this function includes only the cost of morning tea and lunch. Morning tea will be served prior to the partners tours leaving the Convention Centre at around 10.30am. Morning tea & lunch are also included in the tour packages.

**Partners Tours Departing Marlborough Convention Centre at 10.30am:**

Option 1 – Will include wine tasting at the Wither Hills Winery barrel room (\$10 pay on site) a visit to a boutique shopping, café and craft centre at the Vines Village and also a visit to the Makana Chocolate Factory before returning to the Convention Centre by 3.00pm.

Option 2 – Involves a visit to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, 2 options between \$23 and \$30 (pay on site) Returning to the MCC by 3.00pm. Go to [www.omaka.org.nz](http://www.omaka.org.nz) for more details on these world class displays.

There is also a Classic Cars museum adjacent \$10 (pay on site) Morning tea, a bagged lunch and transport are included with both tours.

**Saturday evenings ‘It’ll be a Barrel of Fun’ Dinner and Dance – 6.30pm:**

To be held at the MCC starting at 6.30pm for a social hour and then dinner commencing at 7.30pm. Music will be provided during the evening to dance and sing along to. Dress-up costumes are at your discretion and powers of imagination. A cash bar will be available.

**Sunday Seminar, Rededication Address and Closing Ceremony – 9.30am:**

The morning will start with a seminar on Club Membership, followed by the rededication address and will include handing over of the flags to the Hikurangi Mountain Lions Club.

This will be followed by lunch at the Clubs of Marlborough from 11.30am onwards.

**HAVE A BARREL OF FUN**

Jim Thomas Convention Chairman

