



BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Kan Tabs Project – Changes Direction

After almost 13-years and collecting millions-upon-millions of aluminium can tabs and screw-on wine bottle caps to support children with a range of kidney ailments the Ruapehu Lions Club will discontinue their **Kan Tabs for Kidney Kids** Project.

“We have had a good run over the last 13-years,” said Terry Hemmingsen, the President of Ruapehu Lions Club and founder of the Project. *“We have supported the Kidney Kids of New Zealand organisation since the inception of the project and now feel that we need to have a change of direction.”*

During the years that the project has been running the Lions of New Zealand along with many other groups, schools and organisations have helped by collecting huge amounts of aluminium and this, together with the spin-off activities from the Kan Tabs project, has resulted in us being able to send tens-of-thousands of dollars to Kidney Kids NZ. Ruapehu Lions Club members now believe that, after (almost) 13 years, it is time for a change. Kidney Kids of New Zealand has done pretty well out of the Kan Tabs project.

However, the current lack of appreciation by Kidney Kids of New Zealand to all that Lions Clubs in general, and the Ruapehu Lions Club in particular, have contributed to support children with kidney ailments is disappointing and the Ruapehu Lions would now like to be able to share “the love” around with other needy and worthy child health organisations.

Over the last few months, the Lions Club of Ruapehu members have taken some time to consider the way forward for this most worthwhile Lions Project. They have planned to re-brand and to re-launch the kan tabs project again in mid-2012 and use the funds created to support other kids out there who need some help. Full details of the re-branded project will be made available to all Lions Clubs shortly.

Ruapehu Lions Club is asking that the 4-litre paint tins that are currently being used to collect kan tabs and wine bottle caps, and that carry the Kidney Kids logo, [the one with the orange stylised kidney on them] be withdrawn from service, for the moment. Please do not throw them away yet, as we are planning on creating a new wrap-a-round cover (with the approval of Resene Paints) and at some time very soon we would like to have the collection tins put back into service.

The members of the Ruapehu Lions Club would very much like to thank all of you, the Lions of New Zealand, and all those other collectors over the years and to assure them that the project will come back – just in a different form, supporting a different children’s health group in a different way

What we can now tell you now is that following much research we, the members of the Ruapehu Lions Club, have decided that the “**Kan Tabz**” project will continue to support children with serious kidney diseases – ***at least for the next couple of years.***

We are very much aware that there are a great number of children in the towns and cities across New Zealand who, because they live away from the central hub that is Auckland, are missing out on the help and support that they so desperately need. Nowhere was this more aptly displayed than recently in Christchurch, following the devastating earthquakes in that beautiful city.

We want to keep helping these children – to support them and to assist them to lead as normal a life as possible given their circumstances. And no – our planning does not include payment for dialysis. That comes from your tax dollars.

So with your help and your commitment to service, we can continue to support children with chronic kidney disease – using the [*newly branded*] **Kan Tabz 4 Kiwi Kidz** project as the vehicle.

Will you help us to do that?

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Club Excellence & Club Secretary 100% Awards



Club Secretaries & Presidents should not forget to apply for these two prestigious awards. Details of both, together with application forms, are available on the Lions Clubs New Zealand website – www.lionsclubs.org.nz and click on members' area, resources, awards.

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