



BETWEEN THE LIONS

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NSW Bush Fires Appeal



Back in 2007 – 2008 Victoria experienced disastrous bush fires that are now recalled as 'Black Tuesday' and where 600+ homes were destroyed and 9 people lost their lives. In all some 200 million acres of forest and bush were lost to the fires. Now it is the turn of New South Wales where, fortunately to date, no deaths have been reported as a direct response of the fires. As at yesterday 1000 firefighters appear to have the upper hand in the worst affected areas immediately west of Sydney and where the fire perimeter reaches a staggering 1,600 kms.

During the 'Black Tuesday' fires Lions Clubs International, through LCIF, donated many hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist devastated families with their personal recovery and where Insurance monies do not reach. Our own Lions family here in New Zealand raised close to \$80,000 which was handed over to our Australian colleagues by then Council Chairman Neil Blake at the Lions National Conventional in Australia that year.

Today, Lions throughout Australia are putting into motion their network of assistance to those families who, quite literally, have lost everything. Our Council of District Governors here in New Zealand wishes to help and have launched a nation-wide appeal among our 390 Lions Clubs where a request for a donation to assist these broken families now goes out.

Club Presidents – would you please raise this request to your members at your next club meeting and send your Charitable Trust or project account cheque direct to your District Treasurer who will collate all donations.

Multiple District Credit Card Payment Option



We have established a credit card facility on our Lions Clubs New Zealand website www.lionsclubs.org.nz . It is available for the use of VISA and MASTERCARD credit cards only and is available to any District or Club if it wishes to offer payment by credit card for receiving payment for (say) district conventions or projects that may benefit from this method of payment.

In this day of electronic transactions it is important that clubs and districts may take advantage of such a system. An application form is on our website and the terms and conditions of use are fully described.

Lions Club Web Pages

How is your club getting on developing its internet link to both future members and your community? Congratulations to those clubs who are well advanced and have a website detailing their meeting dates and projects. For others who may be struggling in this area – don't panic as help is at hand. Our webmaster team have produced a 'Simpletons Guide' for club members to follow the step-by-step procedures to open your club to the world. Lion Rex Bullard (Strategic Advisor to our Webmaster Team) is willing to assist you to develop your site and to guide you through the steps.

Contact Rex at - Rexbullard@xtra.co.nz or on 04 570 0118 Res

COMMUNICATIONS

Club Presidents or Secretaries who receive Between the Lions are asked to pass this on to their club bulletin editors or to their members at the next club meeting.

Feedback and comment are welcome – email executiveofficer@lionsclubs.org.nz.

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