



BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Cyclone 'Pam' and Vanuatu (+ our North Island East Coast and the Chatham Islands)



Cyclone Pam at 'Category 5' has been described as one of the most powerful storms ever felt in the Pacific with recorded wind-speeds of over 340km/hour. Over the night of 13 March Cyclone Pam smashed across the numerous islands of Vanuatu, causing widespread devastation. Many deaths have already been recorded as families fled their corrugated and thin wooden houses to crowd into emergency shelters or go to higher ground. As the authorities search the outer Islands, including the most Southern of Tanna & Efate, it is inevitable that further deaths will be advised.

The members of the Lions Club of Port Vila are at the centre of Lions efforts to look after their community. Our **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** has responded quickly by immediately sending an LCIF Emergency Grant of US\$10,000. This initial Emergency Grant will enable the local Lions to distribute bottled water, food, clothes, hygiene packs, baby care, toiletries and medicines to literally hundreds of displaced people. Authorities have also warned of the risk of diseases as the sea covered many small islands and low lying areas disabling freshwater supplies. The 7 Lions Clubs on New Caledonia, who have recently conducted Sight projects on the island of Tanna, are preparing to rebuild that community.

Closer to home, seaside areas to the north of Gisborne were severely battered as were those living on the Chatham Islands and the Lions of Gisborne and Ruatoria are assisting their northern communities.

Our Government is assisting the people of Vanuatu in a significant way with money, supplies and air-force manpower and both Oxfam and UNICEF are in action on the Islands along with Red Cross. Your club donation to the **LCIF Disaster Relief Fund** will enable much needed assistance to be given to those in distress. Make your club contributions as normal by crediting the LCI bank account via your club-encoded Westpac deposit book. Your donation marked as such is eligible to go toward a future Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Those living in Vanuatu may be a small part of the global community but the Lions within Vanuatu are a significant part of Lions Clubs International. They need our support to offer comfort and help to their communities via the assistance of LCIF and the Lions around the world. And remember - 100% of every \$ donated to LCIF goes to the people in need.

MD CONVENTION – NAPIER - 24/26 APRIL 2015



May we suggest that you make 2015 an even happier Year, by joining together with your friends in Lions as we review our success in *Serving* and in making *a difference*, acknowledging the efforts of many in this regard, endorsing plans for continuing this momentum in a world so desperately in need of what we as Lions' have to offer.

We are going to have *fun* in Napier, a wonderful venue, great amenities, tremendous Partners' programme and again the opportunity to meet our longstanding friends from both other New Zealand Districts and from overseas in this wonderful organisation known as 'Lions Clubs International'. Remember that you will be in the Art Deco Capital of the World. This will be most apparent on the Saturday night so get out those dancing shoes, get glammed up and live the '30s.

The 100 year observance of ANZAC day will of course feature prominently over this weekend with the opportunity for Lions to join as a group in the Dawn Parade and march alongside our servicemen and women. Please check the website for further detail. Napier is going to be very busy that weekend with other activities so may we suggest that you book your accommodation now if you have not already done so. The Lions Clubs block booking at the Scenic Te Pania Hotel is opened up to the public from 20 March – so register and book today to secure the 'Lions Rate'.

COME AND JOIN US IN "THE BAY"

Marketing Your Club

How is your visibility to your local community? Have you taken a good look at your **club's signage** at the entry to your town or suburb? How long ago did you give the Lions emblem a good clean?

If your club's visual presence to the public is dowdy or even non-existent then how can you expect to attract new members? Our MD office can supply aluminium backed vinyl **Lions emblem signs** in both 450mm & 700mm sizes. We also stock replacement vinyl emblems to freshen existing signs.



As a one-off, we are offering the following aluminium-backed reflective **emblem signs at special pricing for the month of April:**

- Lions emblem sign (450mm size) at \$110 (normally \$125.60)
- Lions emblem sign (700mm size) at \$195 (normally \$232.10)

Orders, via email, must be received to executiveofficer@lionsclubs.org.nz by 30 April 2015.

LCI ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

The District finalists in LCI's 2014 – 2015 International Environmental Photo Contest were recently judged for the overall Multiple District winner. **Lion Doug Crowther of the Tuakau Lions Club** came up trumps and his winning entry in the 'Animal Life' section has now gone forward to LCI to be judged by all conventioners at the International Convention in Honolulu in June. You can view Doug's photo in the March/April issue of our Lion magazine due out shortly.

For The Record

As at 15 March 2015 Lions membership in New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific had a small net loss of 73 members bringing the total membership to 10,519 in 386 Clubs. To date Lions here in Multiple District 202 have completed in excess of 267,000 man hours to our communities.

There are now 1,393,009 Lions in the world in 46,363 clubs.



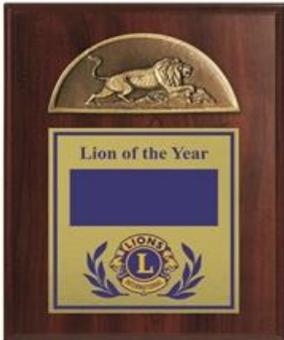
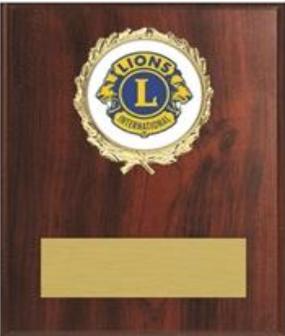
Annual General Meeting

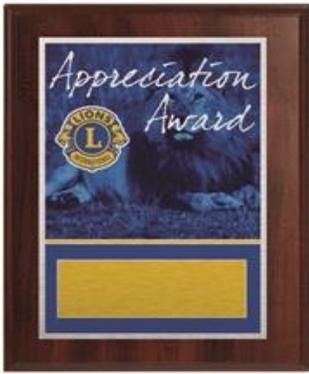
Notice is hereby given that the Foundation's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Board Room, Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, Marine Parade, Napier on Friday 24 April 2015 at 2.00pm. All Lions are welcome.

AGENDA: Welcome & Apologies
 Chairman of Trustees report
 Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet
 Coordinator's report
 General Business Gaylene Lawrence, Chairman

Club Supplies

Should your club wish to make presentations to outgoing Officers or special awards to deserving members now is the time to complete your order. Apart from the usual 100% year tabs, service chevrons and the like our Multiple District office has a vast range of plaques and presentation gift sets with a sample of our range described below:

		
<p>G812 Appreciation Award</p>	<p>G855 Appreciation Award</p>	<p>G858 LOTY Plaque</p>
		
<p>G950 Pres. Appreciation</p>	<p>G1227 Medallion Plaque</p>	<p>G2021 Ribbon Plaque</p>

		
G700S Secretary Award	G2199 Appreciation Award	G700T Treasurer Award

	
TR392 Gavel on Base	G168 Presidents Appreciation Medal

Also in stock are small quantities of G1172, G1307, G1533 & G1461 Lions Pens. Take a look at the 2015 LCI Club Supplies catalogue that your Secretary now holds. Remember that all the 'TRS' plaques require engraving of names & dates by the LCI manufacturer and the time frames for despatch are around 10 weeks.

Our final stock indent has now arrived and orders placed by 30 April 2015 will be despatched in good time for your change of officer functions. After that date we cannot guarantee delivery for specific dates in June. Email executiveofficer@lionsclubs.org.nz with your orders or queries on suitable presentation items.

COMMUNICATIONS

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