

**LIONS CLUB  
OF  
WAIKANAE**



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND  
CHANGEOVER OF OFFICERS**

**24 JUNE 2023**

**SOUTHWARDS CAR MUSEUM**

**PARAPARAUMU**

The President  
and Members of the  
Lions Club of Waikanae  
extend a warm welcome  
to all our special guests, past  
members, visitors and friends.

We hope you have a very enjoyable  
evening



# PROGRAMME

**MC Noel Morgan**

Drinks and Canapés in Ground Floor Foyer	(RNZAF Ensemble)
Call to Order	Noel Morgan
Welcome and Apologies	Noel Morgan
Invocation	Val Bennett
Loyal Toast	Ian Imray
Dinner	
Toast to Lions Club of Waikanae	Murray Pringle
Toast to Lions Club International	Simon Williams
Response	DG David Skjellerup
Reflections On Waikanae Lions Club	Peter Russell
Cutting of Anniversary Cake	David Gibbons & Ann Ryder
Dessert	
Tea, Coffee & Anniversary Cake	
Outgoing President's Reports & Awards	Leon Downes
Changeover of Officers	Peter Cresswell
Incoming President's Address	Jeremy Carter
Presentation to Outgoing President	Jeremy Carter
Raffle Draw	James Lower
Meeting Closes, followed by Socialising	Noel Morgan

# Message From The International President Of Lions Club International Brian E. Sheehan



Dear Lions,

Congratulations on your club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! This anniversary is an opportunity for your club to celebrate the incredible work you have accomplished, like the \$1.5 million in fundraising for your community, the Waikanae Garden Trail, the garage sales, the foodbank collections and so much more.

It's also an opportunity to focus on the new opportunities ahead — to the next 50 years.

Your commitment to kindness has made your club a vital and vibrant part of your community, and has helped Lions Clubs International remain the global leader in service for more than a century.

When your club was chartered in July of 1973, it was by caring people who understood that when we work together, there are no limits to what we can accomplish.

And today, your dedication ensures that your club will continue to grow, thrive and deliver kindness wherever there is a need.

You understand that Together We Can achieve greater things. And thanks to you, we will continue to make our communities—and the world—a better place for everyone.

Congratulations again on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I look forward to your many years of continued service.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan  
**International President**

# Message From The Mayor Of Kapiti

## Janet Holborow



I would like to congratulate the Waikanae Lions Club on reaching this important milestone.

We're proud to have such a longstanding and successful club in our district.

The Waikanae Club was chartered in July 1973 and with over 50 members is one of the largest Lions clubs in New Zealand.

The range of projects and activities undertaken by the club over the years has generated in excess of \$1.5 million in fundraising for charities that provide vital support services for the local community. This work is so important, and also provides a range of events for the community to enjoy.

With recent weather events across the country hitting some areas hard, we appreciate all the more how organisations like the Lions Club contribute to the resilience of our communities, with the Lions supporting each other and the community across affected areas.

So, thank you for the ongoing work that you do, but even more for the comfort you bring as a steady and supportive presence within our community. We so need that in these challenging times.

Congratulations on 50 incredible years!

Janet Holborow

**Mayor Kāpiti Coast District**

# Message From Waikanae Lion's President Leon Downes



Dear Fellow Waikanae Lions,

It is with great pleasure that I offer my warmest congratulations on behalf of the club and the entire community on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee.

This is a truly momentous milestone for our organisation, and it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all those who have contributed to the Waikanae Lions Club's mission over the past five decades.

Throughout the years, the Waikanae Lions Club has been an invaluable asset to our community, working tirelessly to improve the lives of those in need and make a positive impact on our society. From providing assistance to families in crisis, to supporting local education and cultural programs, our organisation has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to the betterment of our community.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that the Waikanae Lions Club has accomplished. Our steadfast dedication to service, compassion, and generosity is an inspiration to us all, and I am confident that we will continue to make a profound difference in the lives of those around us for many years to come.

Once again, congratulations on this tremendous achievement. I wish all our members the very best as we continue our important work in our local community.

Sincerely,

Leon Downes

**50<sup>th</sup> President for Waikanae Lions Club**

# Past Presidents

1973/74	Peter Jarrett	1974/75	Dudley Golding
1975/76	Colin Smith	1976/77	Tony Dalzell
1977/78	Richard Darling	1978/79	David Gibbons
1979/80	John Jamieson	1980/81	Mike Brewer
1981/82	Peter Russell	1982/83	Dennis Smith
1983/84	Ian Upton	1984/85	Dennis Stringer
1985/86	Jim Rimmer	1986/87	Richard Vidulich
1987/88	Leo Rakich	1988/89	Tony Cannon
1989/90	Alan Froggatt	1990/91	Keith Wood
1991/92	Ron Blackmore	1992/93	Alan Tosland
1993/94	Colin Smith	1994/95	John Rodger
1995/96	Gary Wearne	1996/97	David Funnel
1997/98	Ted Hinde	1998/99	Dennis Stringer
1999/20	Bob Stevens	2000/01	David Archer
2001/02	Val Bennett	2002/03	John Rowse
2003/04	Graeme Clarke	2004/05	Jim Blackford
2005/06	Jim Lush	2006/07	John Todd
2007/08	Roger Papps	2008/09	Bryan Kilmister
2009/10	Alan Froggatt	2010/11	Terry White
2011/12	Jim Randall	2012/13	Noel Morgan
2013/14	Bob Ewing	2014/15	Neil Tunncliffe
2015/16	Terry Burch	2016/17	Paul Bevan
2017/18	Dave Archer	2018/19	Kevin Woodley
2019/20	Mick Smith	2020/21	Kevin Sheppard
2021/22	James Lower	2022/23	Leon Downes

# **Recognition**

## **Charter Member**

David Gibbons

## **Melvin Jones Fellow**

Dennis Smith, Dennis Stringer, John Todd, John Rowse,  
Neil Tunncliffe David Gibbons, Noel Morgan,  
Murray Pringle, Rex Bullard

## **Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust**

### **Life Membership**

John Rowse, John Todd, Noel Morgan, David Gibbons,  
Terry Burch, Simon Williams, Rex Bullard, Murray Pringle

## **Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust**

### **Honoured Membership**

Frank Torrance, Don Liddle, Keith Wood, John Todd, Dave Archer, Michael Brice, Tony Dalzell, David Gibbons, Bryan Kilmister, Jim Lush, Eric Osboldstone, Roger Papps, John Plimmer, Leo Rakich, Rob Thornton, Terry White, Kevin Woodley, Peter Russell, Roger Waldegrave, Paul Bevan, Mick Smith, Terry Burch, Rob McNay, Matt O'Brien, Kevin Sheppard, Mike Baker, Rex Bullard, Murray Pringle, Simon Williams

## **Life Members of Lions International**

Ian Pratt, John Todd

# Current Members

Warwick Allen	Mike Baker	Val Bennett
Robin Bloor	Rex Bullard	Terry Burch
Jeremy Carter	Alf Clear	David Donald
Leon Downes	Lyndsay Evans	Greg Fernandez
Alan Gibbs	David Gibbons	Jim Gordon
Jim Henry	Ian Imray	Charlie Ives
Noel Kelly	Stuart Lankshear	Tony Lester
James Lower	Suzette McArtney	Graeme McLeod
Robert McNay	Glenn McGregor	Noel Morgan
Dennis Morgan	Bob Noble-Beasley	Matt O'Brien
John Plimmer	Ian Pratt	Murray Pringle
Graeme Roberts	Peter Russell	Ann Ryder
Steve Sallis	Jeremy Seamark	Kevin Sheppard
Bernie Shiell	Mick Smith	Peter Smith
Gordon Stewart	Rob Thornton	Peter Turnbull
John Todd	Simon Williams	Laurie Wilson
Kevin Woodley	Owen Woodman	

# Incoming Board Board Of Directors And Officers

President

Jeremy Carter

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Charlie Ives

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

James Lower

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Ann Ryder

Immediate Past President

Leon Downes

Secretary

John Todd

Treasurer

Alan Gibbs

## **Directors:**

Projects

Ian Imray

Community & Youth

Kevin Sheppard

Programme & Social

Ann Ryder

Membership & Wellbeing

Leon Downes

Tail Twister

Ian Imray

Lion Tamers

John Plimmer

Warwick Allan

Gordon Stewart

## **Other Club Duties:**

Almoner

Peter Russell

Bulletin Editor

Terry Burch

Bar

Bernie Shiell

Raffles

James Lower

Garden Trail Convenor

Charlie Ives

# Our History

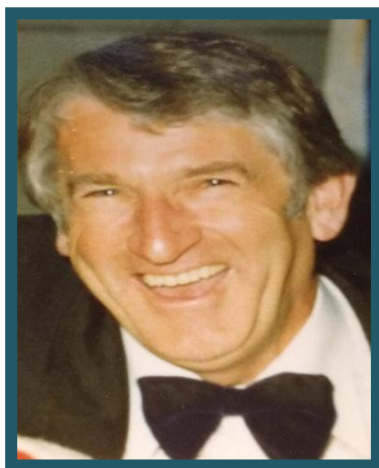
## Waikanae Lions Club

The idea of a Lions Club in Waikanae began in early 1973, 18 years after Lions was first introduced to New Zealand. The Kapiti Lions Club (who at that time had five Waikanae residents) thought there may be interest in forming a club in Waikanae.

The Kapiti and Otaki Lions Clubs actively promoted the idea of a club in Waikanae and initiated a number of meetings within Waikanae. Interest grew to the stage where it was possible to officially form the Lions Club of Waikanae. Kapiti Lions Club became the sponsoring and guiding club for Waikanae.

On 12 July 1973 the club was chartered, and shortly after, 41 charter members were inducted at the Charter Dinner held in the Waikanae Hall, where the Club received its Charter from Lions Club International.

More than 100 people were present at the dinner, including representatives from other Lions Clubs and service clubs, family and friends.



The Charter members of the Lions Club of Waikanae were:

**President:** Peter Jarrett (pictured)  
**Vice Presidents:** Dudley Golding, Colin Smith and Tony Dalzell  
**Secretary:** Kevin Schollum  
**Treasurer:** Derek Grainger  
**Tail Twister:** Noel Best  
**Directors:** Bob Sammons, Stephen Long, Ron Kielland, Rick Goodman

### **Lions:**

Harry Adkins	Dennis Antrobus	Stan Bills	Chas Chard
Eddie Codyre	Richard Darling	Larry Ellison	David Funnell
Ernie Gates	David Gibbons	Rex Golding	Bob Gunderson
John Hawkins	John Hunt	Mike Johns	Noel Jones
Joe Koot	Dick McHerron	Bruce McKenzie	Doug McLeod
Roy March	Dennis Monk	Hughey Port	John Port
Laurie Richards	Frank Robertson	Bob Rutherford	Dave Samuels
Harry Shaw	Pete Smith.		

Waikanae became the 279<sup>th</sup> Lions Club in New Zealand. The southern and northern boundaries defined for the charter were set as being from Peka Peka Road to Waikanae River and from Tararua Ranges including Reikorangi to the sea coast line, a little different to today where we have a number of members who reside outside this area.

The first Board meeting was held on 25 June 1973 and the first club meeting was held on 12 July 1973. The club membership fee was set at \$15. Meeting venues varied over the years and in the early days were held at a bar of the Waikanae hotel and there are tales of Lions' fellowship extending a wee bit after the meetings ended.

Club membership over the years has been consistent with average annual membership being in the early to middle 40s. Today, membership currently sits at over 50 being one of the larger clubs in our District 202M. Like other service clubs in 1970s, Lions at that time was a men's only club. The constitution was later changed and our first lady member, Ann Ryder, was inducted in 2022.

The first club project was in October 1973 being a raffle for a children's playhouse (built by one of the Lions) raised \$250 (probably equivalent to over \$3,000 in today's money) which was donated to the Waikanae Swimming Baths Appeal.

Raising of funds has been diverse and varied: Selling of Lions Mints and Christmas Cakes, collection of aluminium wine bottle tops and tabs for recycling, manning gates and vehicle parking at various public activities, including the Waikanae show and market days, delivery of telephone directories, and for over 40 years assisting the Waikanae Volunteer Fire Brigade with their annual fire hydrant inspections, firewood chopping and delivery to the elderly, collection of used spectacles for recycling, a telephone appeal which raised funds for an ambulance to be stationed in Waikanae, Monster Garage Sale, Spring Fertiliser sales, the very popular annual Air Force Band concerts, first held at the Waikanae Memorial Hall and later years at Southwards Car Museum, that continues to this day. And in 1991, something a little different the club organised a fashion parade at the Memorial Hall.

Of worthy note is the club was instrumental in having the Waikanae Memorial Hall built and helped towards its cost. The Super Garden Trail which began in 1991 has been a major fundraiser for the club. Another large fundraiser has been the Kapiti Combined Lions Clubs Annual Monster Book Fairs, which began in 1998 and have raised around \$800,000, shared between the clubs for their respective charities.

Through fundraising and the hard work of members over the years, the Waikanae Lions Club has been able to provide much support on a local, regional and national level.

Funding has been provided to: the Waikanae Rugby Club building project, Wellington Free Ambulance towards the cost of a support vehicle, Life Flight Trust, Mary Potter Trust; Waikanae Volunteer Fire Brigade, Waikanae Life Boat, Capital and Coast District Nurses, Defibrillators in Waikanae, street collections for Red Puppy Day, Cancer Society and other volunteer groups - these being just some of the many recipients.

We have always been involved in youth, with support to local schools and Paraparaumu College, sponsoring the District's Young Speechmaker contest, sponsoring and hosting Youth Exchange for overseas students, donations to boy scouts and girl guides, youth and school camps, and sponsorship to Outward Bound. In 2016 Waikanae Lions provided substantial funding over a five year period to the establishment of the Zeal Youth Development Centre in Paraparaumu, and more recently in 2023 the Kapiti Youth Services benefited from our garden trail proceeds.

Other projects which have been more labour intensive are: demolition of the old Waikanae Medical Surgery (formerly sited in the current carpark area near the Shoreline Cinema) in 1980, in 1975 the removal of 1000 timber partitions from the Hope Gibbons offices in Wellington, painting fences at the Waikanae Cemetery, painting of the Arts Centre, tree planting at the Waikanae School and Waikanae Park, annual Foodbank Appeal. And in 1981 the production of a Waikanae telephone directory compiled by Lion Leo Rakich from the main Wellington directory (well before Yellow Pages produced a District directory).

Over the years the Club has been involved in many events in the community and it is estimated that this Club has donated over \$1.5 million since 1973. As well as raising funds for particular projects the club has also been active in arranging fun events such as a Bush Walk, Waikanae River Raft Race, 1982 Run for Fun for Diabetes Research, and 1978 Vintage Fair.

We proudly supported our District 202M with some members serving on Cabinet and filling Zone Chairperson and other project positions within the district and zone.

The Club had an earlier association with Paekakariki born Lloyd Morgan (pictured on next page), International President of Lions International (the first New Zealander to hold this position), who visited the Waikanae Lions Club on a number of occasions, one of which was the installation of Peter Russell as President.

Acknowledging our club's relationship with Lloyd, some Waikanae members also travelled at their own expense to Montreal, Canada in 1979 for the induction of Lloyd as the International President.



Members have also attended and participated in many District and Multiple District Conventions as well as International Conventions. They have also enjoyed many social trips away and club visitations over the years.

In recognition of service to Lions International and Waikanae Lions, our club and other clubs bestowed awards on a number of our members, and a list of all recipients appears earlier in this booklet.

It is appropriate that we acknowledge the contribution of the wives and partners of the Lions, who have always given valuable support whenever required, and their assistance has not gone unnoticed, in particular the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch and catering for the after concert function of the annual RNZAF Band. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL.

We also very much appreciate the help given by businesses and individuals in the Waikanae community who have helped out with sponsorship and project overheads, of note are Don Liddle, Gus and Glenys Evans, the many garden owners who have allowed their gardens to be viewed during the Super Garden Trails, and Ray White Waikanae for recent sponsorship of the garden trails.

Aside from project and fundraising work, members also have enjoyed the social side. Waikanae Lions and their partners have enjoyed fellowship with Christmas functions, Ladies Nights, Champagne breakfasts, Garden Trail BBQs and Changeover functions, car rallies, 10 pin bowling and outdoor bowls. The social event "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" has been enjoyed by many and given a great opportunity for members and partners to mix.

Many long standing friendships have developed through fellowship and working together on projects.

The history of the Lions Club of Waikanae has been kept brief here. It does, however, give some indication of the dedication of the members and their involvement over 50 years of service to the local community and other areas of need.

# The Charter 1973

*1<sup>st</sup> President  
Peter Jarrett  
receiving the Charter*



The  
*International Association*  
OF  
*Lions Clubs*  
CHARTER

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:  
GREETING


**R**now Ye that The International Association of Lions Clubs has granted, and by these presents does grant to the Members, whose names are hereunto affixed, and to all regularly elected members and their successors, this Charter, fully constituting them a Local Club, under the name and title of

THE LIONS CLUB OF  
*Waihanae*

*Located at Waihanae New Zealand with all the rights and privileges given to members of The International Association of Lions Clubs, according to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and By-Laws of The International Association now in force, or hereinafter enacted.*

*This Charter shall be in full force and effect from the day of the date hereof, and for such time as the Members of the Local Club shall conform to the laws and rules of The International Association. Otherwise this Charter shall be revoked.*

*In Witness Whereof The International Association of Lions Clubs has authorized its President and Secretary to affix their signatures, and caused the seal of the Association to be hereunto affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1973*



*Roy Schwartzel*  
SECRETARY

*Peter Jarrett*  
PRESIDENT

Charter Members

Adkins Harry.	Funnell, David.	Jones, Noel.
Antrobus Dennis.	Gates, Ernie.	Rielland, Ron.
Best, Noel.	Gibbons, David.	Koot, Joe.
Bills, Stan.	Golding, Dudley.	Long, Stephen.
Charl, Chas.	Golding, Rex.	McCarron, Dick.
Codgre, Eddie.	Goodman, Riek.	McLeod, Doug.
Dalzell, Gony.	Grainger, Derek.	March, Roy.
Darling, Richard.	Gunderson, Bob.	Monk, Dennis.
Ellison, Larry.	Hunt, John.	Port, Hughey.
	Jarrett, Peter.	Port, John.
	Johns, Mike.	Richards, Laurie.
		Hawkins, John.
		Robertson, Frank.
		Rutherford, Bob.
		Sammons, Bob.
		Samuels, Dave.
		Schollum, Kevin.
		Shaw, Harry.
		Smith, Colin.
		Smith, Pete.
		MacKenzie, Bruce.

# Blasts from the Past



**DEMOLITION OF OLD WAIKANAE MEDICAL CENTRE (Opposite Shoreline Cinema)**



**VINTAGE FAIR**



***RAFT RACE WAIKANAE RIVER***



***FASHION PARADE MEMORIAL HALL***



***FIRST GARAGE SALES HELD AT A LION'S HOME***



**NEWSPAPER ITEM: GARDEN TRAIL PROCEEDS 2001 - \$35,000 TO MALAGHAN INSTITUTE (A HUGE SUM OF MONEY THEN)**



***EARLY AIR FORCE BAND CONCERTS IN MEMORIAL HALL***



***1994 LABOUR WEEKEND LION'S TRAIN RIDE: PALMERSTON NORTH, WAIKANAЕ, PARAPARAUMU, WAIKANAЕ, PALMERSTON NORTH***



**ENJOYING THEMSELVES DAVID & SUE GIBBONS, JUDITH & VAL BENNETT**



***RUN FOR FUN***



***CAR RALLY***



**TRIP TO KAPITI ISLAND**

# RECENT TIMES

***THE BAND CONCERTS @ SOUTHWARDS***





***BAND CONCERT PROCEEDS TO WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE***

## Helping Out - Street Appeals, Fairs and Christmas Cakes





**CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE AND WAIKANAE FAIR**

**Garage Sales  
& Bookfairs**

**CLEAN UP STORAGE  
SPACE FOR GARAGE  
SALE ITEMS AND  
GARAGE SALES**





***1<sup>ST</sup> GARAGE SALE DURING PANDEMIC***



***THE BOOK FAIRS***



***SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH INCL SANTA AND HELPERS!***



**TELEPHONE BOOK DELIVERY**



**FOODBANK APPEAL**



**HELPING OUT KAPITI YOUTH - PARTNERSHIP WITH ZEAL**



**FERTILISER SALES**



**GARDEN TRAILS**



**AND MORE RECENTLY HELP TO CYCLONE  
GABRIELLE WITH DONATED GOODS TO HAWKES BAY**

**Having Fun - Bowls, BBQS, Christmas Cheer and  
Bubbles & Brekkie!**



**COOKS & CLEANUP @ CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST**



**CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST**



**10 PIN BOWLING & CHAMPS**



**LAWN BOWLS ABOVE & CHRISTMAS CHEER BELOW**





***PRESIDENT LEON AND 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT JEREMY HELPING AT THE KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL'S TREE PLANTING EVENT AT FERNDALE RESERVE, WAIKANAĒ, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III.***

**Another job well done by:**



**Serving our Community for 50 years**  
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