



## **LIONS CLUB OF MANA INC.**

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# **NEWSBRIEF December 2018**





## President's Christmas Message

It is amazing that a project such as the Battle Hill BBQ can do so much good for this Club.

I have heard nothing but positive words for this project.

This has been achieved by the excellent leadership of Stu Bryant and Brian McNamara, plus the group of Lions members who have toiled away digging post holes, pouring concrete, constructing the shelter, and attending to the paperwork. Well done everyone.

I'm looking forward to the first sausages to be cooked on it.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels, as we have ED&BC looming up on us on **26 January 2019**.

All indications are that it will be just as big as last year, so please keep this date free, as we will need as many of you and your partners as possible to help on the day.

If available please pass your name on to Bruce Collins.

Well Christmas is nearly upon us again, the Lions' Christmas Cakes have been distributed, Christmas parties attended, and the menus for Christmas day planned.

Carol-Anne and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, whether you are spending it with family and/or friends, but we hope not on your own.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Merry Christmas

David Skjellerup  
President

MERRY CHRISTMAS



# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Are you?

Our Annual Lions Christmas function is being held on  
Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cost this year is \$5 for members and \$30 for non-  
members.

From 6pm for social time, sitting down at 7pm.  
Greg Christensen will be playing so there may be dancing  
after the meal.

## The big news?

This year we have reserved the downstairs of Mana  
Cruising Club so there are no stairs to climb.

To avoid confusion, please confirm with Bruce Collins to  
confirm numbers attending, or to lodge an apology, by end  
of day Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

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## ADMINISTRATION

### Club Calendar

(Items in **Bold** are Board sanctioned Club activities at the time of publication).

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>Dec 5</b>  | <b>Board Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Dec 12</b> | <b>Ladies Night and Christmas Tea Meeting</b>                          |
| <b>Dec 16</b> | <b>Senior Citizens Christmas Function (Wayne Bruce)</b>                |
| <b>Jan 26</b> | <b>Eat Drink and Be Crafty Fair at Battle Hill (Roger Watkin)</b>      |
| Jan 27        | (Lay Day for the Fair in case of bad weather on the 26 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| <b>Feb 6</b>  | <b>Board Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Feb 13</b> | <b>Club Business and Tea Meeting</b>                                   |
| <b>Feb 26</b> | <b>Proposed Interclub visit to North Wellington (at Thistle Inn)</b>   |
| <b>Feb 27</b> | <b>Club Tea Meeting – debrief of Focus Groups</b>                      |
| <b>March</b>  | <b>Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament</b>                   |

## MEMBERSHIP

### December 2018 and January 2019 anniversaries of service to our Lions Club, and the Community:

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Murray Opie   | 46 years |
| Rex Flowers   | 41       |
| Peter Geale   | 14       |
| David Garside | 9        |

### October and November Birthdays:

Congratulations to the following members who are due to celebrate birthdays over the next two months:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>December</u> | <u>January</u>   |
| Stu Bryant      | Wayne Bruce      |
|                 | Bruce Collins    |
|                 | John Liddell     |
|                 | David Skjellerup |
|                 | Euan Thomson     |
|                 | Roger Watkin     |

### Focus Groups

The focus group meetings have now concluded.

29 members had an input, and the Membership Committee is now analysing the information that came out of those meetings to present back to the Club at our second Club meeting in February. After that meeting, and any further analysis that might be needed, the information gathered will go to the Board.

## WELFARE

### **Senior Citizens Christmas Function.**

Don't forget our next major project is on shortly – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Te Raparaha Arena. I understand that drivers and servers will be required as usual. Wayne Bruce is organising.

### **Sailability Wellington**

The following from Welfare Director Wayne Bruce:

"It was a great pleasure to attend the opening of Sailability's new jetty on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Onepoto. Bruce Collins and John Wilson were also in attendance.

The jetty has been named "The Duncan Renouf Jetty".

Duncan was the son of the late Dick Renouf, a long term member of Mana Lions.

Sailability provides the opportunity to sail for people with disabilities.

They now have three venues in the Wellington area - Evans Bay, Seaview and now Onepoto. Earlier in the year we donated \$1,500 to Sailability to enable them to purchase 15 life jackets.

It is indeed a pleasure to support this valuable charity."

Wayne

Editor

To mark the opening of the new jetty, Lynne Renouf donated a seat in memory of her late son Duncan, and late husband Dick. This seat is situated at the jetty site in Onepoto.

A photograph of Lynne and the memorial seat is shown later in this Newsbrief, together with a pic of members John Wilson and Wayne Bruce at the opening, with the America's Cup that was on display that day in the background.

## PROJECTS

### **Eat Drink and Be Crafty Fair**

From Project Leader Roger Watkin:

"ED and BC is going well.

Thanks to those who have responded to the request for manpower for the event, including wives and partners, the numbers have risen greatly.

The convenors for the event are: Traffic - Greg Brown, Parking - David Skjellerup, Collections - Pat Liddell, Health and Safety - Bruce Collins.

The first three of these activities is where most of the manpower is needed.

Sponsorship gained to date is around the \$6250 mark which a great effort, and we have 89 stallholders registered so far.

Overall, the Event is coming together nicely.

My thanks to all that are making it happen."

Roger

ED and BC Team

### Lions Christmas Cakes

Project Organiser Paul Calogaras has sold most of the cakes we purchased this year, but some remain for sale. Price \$20.  
Please contact Paul if you wish to put in an order.

### PICS TAKEN AT RECENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



*Lynne Renouf and the memorial seat she donated.*



*John Wilson and Wayne Bruce at the opening of the new **Duncan Renouf** jetty.*





*Very happy chaps!  
Project construction bosses Stu Bryant and Brian McNamara at the roof topping ceremony -  
Battle Hill Centenary BBQ site.*



*More happy chaps demonstrating that blokes can cook!*

*Noel Marker and Bruce Walter sitting down to dinner at the hired house after the Lake Taupo  
Cycle race last weekend. Meal cooked by Barry Simmo' who was in the original team with David  
Mayer and the late Ray Morris somewhere around 2001.*



**From the editorial team I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.**



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Contributions are welcome on any subject that might be of interest to members.

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