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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

NEWSLETTER

June 2026**REGISTER TODAY**

Welcome to the June ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter

Excitement is mounting as the ANZI Pacific Forum is now only two months away.

We are looking forward to welcoming our 2026-2027 Executive Officers International President Mark Lyon and Lyn, First International Vice President Dr Manoj Shah and Jayna, Second Vice President Tony Benbow and Sue, LCIF Chairperson AP Singh and FVDG/DGE Chairperson PID Sangeeta Jatia to Auckland. Also attending are Past International Presidents Brian Sheehan and Barry Palmer and International Director Phillip Johnson along with some staff members from Lions International and LCIF. What a great opportunity to meet and chat with these Lions and others from around our Constitutional Area and further afield.

The programme is looking great with a variety of topics to suit everyone. On Friday we start at 1pm with everyone together as a group followed by a choice of sessions after afternoon tea. On Friday evening we have the official opening and flag ceremony followed by the ANZI Reception supper.

On Saturday we have six different sessions across the day plus an address from International President Mark Lyon at lunchtime. That night it is time to let your hair down at the Gala dinner. On Sunday morning we start with an LCIF session including MJF/PMJF recognitions and after morning tea there is a great session with our guest Lance Burdett. We finish off the Forum with lunch and the closing ceremony.

Have you registered yet? If not, there is still time but don't delay as numbers are reaching capacity. Accommodation at the Holiday Inn is also filling fast so go onto our ANZI Forum website and book your room using the links provided.

PDG Wendy Miller
ANZI Committee Chair

ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026 COMMITTEE

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ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

HOLIDAY INN ROOM RATES

Please click on the Group Links and make your booking for the dates shown. If you wish to change the dates to suit your earlier arrival or later departure please contact the hotel by phone or email.

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Group-link Group Codes: LC2-Room only/LC3-Breakfast for one or two people

[Lions Club \(Group-link Room only\)](#)

[Lions Club \(Group-link Breakfast for 1/2 Adults\)](#)

Note that bookings made through the Group Links do not require pre-payment and are able to be cancelled up to 6pm on the day of arrival. Any bookings made through third party websites do not allow the same flexibility.

Are you an IHG One Rewards member? Show your card or member number when checking in at the hotel.

ROOM RATES from 8 May to 30 June 2026

NZD\$225.00 for a Standard King or Twin Room for room only

NZD\$260.00 includes Full Buffet Breakfast for 1 adult

NZD\$295 includes Full Buffet Breakfast for 2 adults

DINING OPTIONS – HOLIDAY INN

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is available from 5am in the Vapor Restaurant.

If you select the Group Link Breakfast code for one or two people this includes the full buffet breakfast at a discounted rate.

There is also an A'La Carte breakfast menu for those who prefer this option.

RESTAURANT AND BAR FACILITIES

Vapor Restaurant is open for dinner buffet from 6pm to 9pm daily.

Rumpus Bar is open from 11am to 9.30pm for coffee, drinks and light meals including pizza and burgers. Happy Hour 4pm to 6pm daily.

ROOM SERVICE

Available 24 hours for those who prefer to dine in their room.



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Still Deciding?

Let's make it easy...

If you're wondering whether the ANZI Pacific Forum is right for you, you're not alone. Many attendees come for the first time unsure of what to expect and leave with new ideas, new friendships, and renewed enthusiasm for Lions.

Whether you are a club member, district leader, or simply passionate about making a difference, the Forum offers something for everyone. From inspiring speakers and innovative projects to networking with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Pacific and further abroad, this is an opportunity to learn, connect and be inspired.

Don't miss the chance to be part of an event built around Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.

Come for the experience, stay for the friendships, and return home with ideas that can make a real difference in your club and community.

We would love to welcome you to Auckland this August!

Register Now!
Click [HERE](#) to Register

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Programme Teaser

What to expect...



PROUDLY WELCOMES

LANCE BURDETT

Specialist in Mental Fitness & Human Performance

Former NZ Police Lead Crisis Negotiator, bestselling author and internationally recognised speaker helping people perform at their best under pressure.

“ Practical tools and real-world insights to help you perform at your best when it matters most. ”



CRISIS NEGOTIATOR
22 years with NZ Police and lead crisis negotiator



MENTAL FITNESS & RESILIENCE
Practical tools for thriving under pressure



BESTSELLING AUTHOR & SPEAKER
Real-world insights you can apply immediately

Lance Burdett is a former NZ Police lead crisis negotiator of 22 years, described by senior police as “the most qualified and highly skilled negotiator within NZ Police.”

He has worked alongside elite tactical teams – including Police, Fire, Ambulance, Military and the FBI – and has protected Prime Ministers, international dignitaries, and high-risk individuals around the world.

Now a bestselling author and expert in human behaviour, Lance brings powerful, real-world insights into resilience, communication, and managing pressure in today’s complex world.



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Programme (Tentative)

ANZI Pacific Forum Programme



ANZI Pacific Forum Programme Preview

We are delighted to share the latest draft programme for the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum. Our committee has been working hard to create an engaging and inspiring event that reflects our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.

The following pages provide an overview of the sessions and activities currently planned. Please note that this programme is subject to change as we continue to confirm speakers and make final arrangements. While every effort will be made to deliver the programme as published, timings, topics and presenters may be updated to ensure the best possible experience for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland in August and sharing an outstanding Forum with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Forum Session Bookings Opening Soon

Planning for the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum continues to gather momentum, and we're pleased to announce that delegates will soon be able to reserve their preferred Forum sessions.

Session bookings are expected to open from mid-July, giving registered attendees the opportunity to personalise their Forum experience and secure places in the sessions that interest them most. With a wide range of inspiring speakers, innovative topics and interactive discussions on offer, there will be something for everyone.

Keep an eye on your inbox and our communication channels for further details and booking instructions. We encourage delegates to make their selections early, as some sessions may have limited capacity.

Get ready to build your own Forum journey and make the most of everything Auckland 2026 has to offer!

ANZI Pacific Forum – Auckland 21 to 23 August 2026

Draft Programme as at 10/06/2026

Friday Opening - Main conference area

1.00 pm – 1.15 pm Welcome, Health & Safety	PDG Wendy Miller – ANZI Pacific Forum Chair
1.15 pm – 2.00 pm (Session 1)	Jarrold Kreft – AI for Clubs
Afternoon Tea 2.00 pm – 2.30 pm (30 Minutes)	

	Room 1 MEMBERSHIP	Room 2 SERVICE	Room 3 LEADERSHIP	Room 4 MARKETING	Room 5
A Session 2 2.40 pm – 3.40 pm (60 minutes)	Keeping the Pride: Strategies for Member Retention	Maximizing Impact: Making the Most of Lions Service Weeks	Nurturing Tomorrow: Growing Future Leaders Finding the Leader in all of us	Project Tomorrow – A new perspective	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon Meets with District Governors plus GAT CAL/ALs, District GAT, ID
B Session 3 3.50 pm – 4.50 pm (60 Minutes)	Growing the Pride: Your Guide to Recruiting Members in the 21 st Century	Lions Service Platforms: Guide & Inspiring Ideas	On the Path: Engaging Lions in Lifelong Learning	Engage, Connect, Grow: Using Social Media Effectively	Closed session International First Vice President Dr Manoj Shah meets with First Vice District Governors

Dinner – Attendees own arrangement & Cost

6.45 pm – Be seated in the main conference area 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Official opening and Flag Ceremony 9.00 pm ANZI Reception & Supper	MC PID Graeme Wilson Official welcome – PDG Wendy Miller Flag Ceremony – PCC Megan England
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Saturday sessions – Separate Meeting Rooms

C Session 4 8.30 am - 9.30 am (60 Minutes)	Leo to Lions	Building Bridges: Creating Effective Partnerships	Up to date Leadership in Action- Best Practices for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers	Marketing our Brand	Closed Session International Second Vice President Tony Benbow meets with Second Vice District Governors
D Session 5 9.40 am -10.40 am (60 minutes)	Mission 1.5 review and plans	From Ideas to Action: Planning Impactful Community Service	Clarifying Cabinet Responsibilities	Unlocking the Power of the Lions Portal	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon meets with Club Presidents
Morning Tea 10.40 am – 11.10 am (30 MINUTES)					

E Session 6 11.15 am – 12.15 pm (60 Minutes)	Creating clubs attractive to potential members “Securing Our Legacy: Lions Forward”	Engage to Change	LCIF – General Session	Coaching our Youth	
LUNCH 12.20pm to 1.50 pm (90 Minutes) Address from International President Mark Lyon					
F Session 7 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm (45 Minutes)	Meetings that people want to attend Ice Breakers Team Well Being Improving the Member Experience	Innovative Fundraising Strategies	The Art of Club Dialogue for Impact	Identification Theft	Closed Sessions x 2 Mission 1.5 Meeting GAT CAL/ALs, CCs, ID, MD GMTs / GETs
G Session 8 2.55 pm – 3.40 pm (45 Minutes)	Securing our future with new clubs and club branches	LEOS... The Future of Leos	Guiding Lion workshop Features and Benefits... the Value of 😊	Promote Your Impact: Showcasing Your Projects	
Afternoon Tea 3.40 pm – 4.10 pm (30 Minutes)					
H Session 9 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm (45 Minutes)	Members Matter: Recognition and Celebration	Hands-On Brainstorming: Community Project Ideas	Past District Governors – Guiding the future and supporting the present through experience	Canva and other Marketing tools	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon, LCIF Chairperson, IVPs meet with PIPs, PIDs

6.30 pm Social for 7.00 pm – Gala Dinner

Sunday Sessions – Main Conference Area

8.30 am - 9.30am Group Session	LCIF Seminar including Recognition
9.30 am - 10.30 am Group Session	Mission 1.5
Morning Tea 10.30 am to 11.00 am (30 Minutes)	
11.00 am – 12.00 pm Group Session	Lance Burdett - Mental Wellness
12.00 pm to 1.30 pm	Closing Session & Lunch



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Thank you

Sponsor Appreciation



NZ Drinks Ltd in Pokeno have donated more than 300 x 600 ml bottles of their Pure NZ Spring Water to keep us hydrated during the Forum.



Trends from Dunedin have donated an assortment of items including tote bags, pens and notebooks, coffee cups, drink bottles plus a bottle buddy to keep your drinks cool in summer.



We once again have Lion Mints provided no charge for the Forum bags. A great pick me up when the energy levels are waning after lunch.



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What's in the Area

Supermarkets, Shopping and Restaurants



Airport Oaks Shopping Centre - six minutes walk (adjacent to Naumi Hotel)

149 Kirkbride Road, Mangere

Opening Hours 6am/7am – 5pm

Foodmarket, Liquor Centre, Café, Indian Restaurant, Laundromat, Pharmacy, Doctor

Auckland Airport Shopping Centre – six minutes drive

1 John Goulter Drive, Auckland Airport

Opening Hours 7am – 10pm depending on the store

Woolworths Supermarket, Chemist Warehouse, The Warehouse, Postie, and a number of other retail stores and food outlets

Manawa Bay Outlet Centre – six minutes drive

4 Jimmy Ward Cres, Auckland Airport

Opening Hours 10am – 7pm

100+ retail stores plus a number of dining options

Mangere Bridge Village – seven minutes drive

Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge

Supa Value Supermarket plus other shops and cafes

Post Office Public House Gastropub – two minutes drive, fifteen minutes walk

55 Montgomerie Road, Mangere

Monday to Friday 11am – 9pm, Saturday and Sunday 4.30pm - 9pm

Sierra Café - two minutes drive, fourteen minutes walk

64 Richard Pearce Drive, Mangere

Open 6.30am – 3.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

6.30am – 3pm Thursday, Sunday 9am – 2pm, Saturday Closed

Szimpla Gastro Bar – six minutes drive

2 Leonard Isitt Drive, Auckland Airport (under the IBIS Hotel)

Open all day from 7am – 9.30pm

Hotels with Restaurants nearby

Naumi Hotel – cnr Ascot and Kirkbride Roads (across from the Holiday Inn) - 4 minutes walk

Heartland Hotel – 14 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks - 3 minutes drive, 23 minutes walk

Sudima Hotel, 18 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks – 3 minutes drive, 23 minutes walk