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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

REGISTER TODAY

Welcome to the May ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter

We are now only three months out from the ANZI Pacific Forum and we are excited at the number of registrations that have already been received. The Forum is a great opportunity to meet some of our Executive Officers as well as enjoy fellowship with Lions members and partners from a number of different countries. Leos from both New Zealand and Australia are also taking part in the Forum.

If you are not one of those who have already registered, please don't delay as we have extended the Earlybird Registration until the end of May. Just a reminder that non-Lion partners and guests can join you for lunch on Saturday and Sunday and for dinner on Saturday night so please select these options when registering.

Go to the Registrations tab on our website:
<https://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com>

The draft programme is almost finalised and will be uploaded shortly. Once available you will be notified and can log in to your account on the Registration link on the website and make your selection for the Breakout Sessions and don't forget to also book for the Group Sessions.

Rooms are filling fast at the Holiday Inn Auckland Airport so book now using the links on the Accommodation tab on the Forum website. For your convenience, all Forum sessions and meals are held onsite at the Holiday Inn starting at 1pm on Friday 21st and finishing by 1.30pm on Sunday 23rd August.

The committee and I look forward to seeing you there.

PDG Wendy Miller
ANZI Committee Chair

ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026 COMMITTEE

Chairman - PDG Wendy Miller
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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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Reservations Manager Larissa Patea: larissa.patea@ihg.com

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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...

Still Thinking About Joining Us in Auckland?

August is getting closer... and so is one of the biggest opportunities to reconnect, recharge, and rediscover what it means to be part of the Lions family across our ANZI region.

If you're still sitting on the fence about attending the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum, here's your little nudge...

This Forum is more than just meetings and presentations. It's about:

- Fresh ideas and innovative thinking
- Hearing inspiring stories of real community impact
- Learning practical membership and leadership strategies
- Making connections with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, Indonesia and beyond
- Sharing laughs, conversations, and memories with people who "get" what Lions is all about

Whether you're a first-time attendee or a seasoned Forum regular, there will be something for everyone. From engaging keynote speakers and interactive sessions to networking opportunities and moments of inspiration, the programme is shaping up to be something truly special.

And let's be honest... sometimes the best part of attending is the conversations in the hallway, over coffee, or at dinner — the ideas and friendships that continue long after the Forum ends.

This year's theme — Innovation, Inclusion & Impact — is more than just words. It reflects where Lions is heading and how together we can continue building stronger clubs, stronger communities, and a stronger future.

So if you've been thinking about it... this is your sign.

Register, book your accommodation, and come be part of the experience. We would love to see you in Auckland this August.

Register Now!
Click [HERE](https://www.lionsanzipacificforum.com) to Register

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UPDATES

From the Registration Team...



The World is Heading Our Way!

We are absolutely thrilled with the response so far—**230 of you** have already secured your spot! This is shaping up to be a truly global gathering, with registrations rolling in from across New Zealand and Australia, as well as our friends throughout Asia and Africa.

Early Bird Extension: More Time to Save!

We've decided to extend the "Early Bird" discount until the end of May.

We know many of our neighbours in Australia and Indonesia are busy with their own conventions this month, and we want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to lock in the best rate after their local events wrap up.

Don't Miss Out

This is your chance to join an incredible international cohort at the best possible price. We are rapidly closing in on our next big milestone of 300 attendees, so be sure to get in quick!

Be part of the energy—register by May 31st and save!



IHG One Rewards Members

If you collecting IHG Rewards, show your card at reception when checking in



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A Bit of This and That

Meet The Team...



ANZI Pacific Forum - Marketing



I'm Tobias Hipp from Hawera, and I have a real passion for both marketing and Lions. Over the years, Lions has provided me with incredible leadership opportunities, including serving as a District Governor and later as Council Chair for Lions Clubs New Zealand. These roles have allowed me to grow personally, develop lifelong friendships, and work alongside amazing people making a real difference in their communities.

With more than 30 years' experience in IT, business, leadership, and marketing, I enjoy finding creative and modern ways to tell our story and showcase the impact Lions have every day. As the Multiple District Marketing Chair, I'm passionate about helping Lions grow through visibility, storytelling, innovation, and inclusion.

I believe marketing is not just about promotion — it's about connecting people to purpose, community, and opportunities to make a difference. I'm excited to be part of the ANZI Pacific Forum team and look forward to helping create an engaging and memorable experience built around our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.



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Programme Teaser

What to expect...



Here we will be introducing topics that you can attend at the ANZI Pacific Forum. We will be adding them as Topics are being confirmed.

Project Tomorrow - A New Perspective



Sharing the Journey of a new way of promoting ourselves and what we do.
The ride along the road to better visibility of our clubs and Districts.

Nurturing Tomorrow - Growing Future Leaders



Finding the Leaders in all of Us

Identifying and recognising key characteristics of Effective Lion Leaders so we can find and grow out tomorrow.



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Timelines (Tentative)

ANZI Timelines



Friday 21st August

Time		Session
1:00pm - 1:15pm		Welcome and Announcements
1:15pm - 2:00pm		General Session
2:00pm - 2:30pm		Afternoon Tea
2:40pm - 3:40pm	60 min	Breakout Sessions
3:50pm - 4:50pm	60 min	Breakout Sessions
5:00pm - 6:45pm		Dinner - Your own arrangement
7:00pm - 9:00pm		Opening Session and Flag ceremony
9:00pm		ANZI Reception Supper





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Saturday 22nd August

Time		Session
8:30am - 9:30am	60 min	Breakout Sessions
9:40am - 10:40am	60 min	Breakout Sessions
10:40am - 11:10am		Morning Tea
11:15am - 12:15pm	60 min	Breakout Sessions
12:20pm - 1:50pm		Lunch and address from IP
2:00pm - 2:45pm	45 min	Breakout Sessions
2:55pm - 3:40pm	45 min	Breakout Sessions
3:40pm - 4:10pm		Afternoon Tea
4:15pm - 5:00pm	45 min	Breakout Sessions
6:30pm - 11:00pm		Gala Dinner

Sunday 23rd August

Time	Session
8:30am - 9:30am	Group Session
9:30am - 10:30am	Group Session
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00am - 12:00pm	Group Session
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Closing Session and Lunch

WHAT TO DO WHEN IN

Auckland

EXPLORE. EXPERIENCE. ENJOY.

From stunning harbours and volcanic landscapes to world-class culture, Auckland has something for everyone. Discover the best of New Zealand's City of Sails.



SHOPPING

- **Queen Street** – Auckland's main shopping precinct with everything from flagship stores to local gems.
- **Britomart** – Stylish boutiques, design stores and great places to eat.
- **Westfield Newmarket** – Auckland's premier shopping destination.
- **Auckland Airport Shopping Centre** – Over 90 stores, dining and services – perfect before or after your flight.



SIGHTSEEING

- **Sky Tower** – Take in 360° views from the Observation Deck or dine in the revolving Orbit Restaurant.
- **Auckland Harbour** – Enjoy a ferry ride or harbour cruise for stunning views of the city and islands.
- **Devonport** – A short ferry ride away for charming village vibes and iconic views.



ADVENTURE

- **AJ Hackett Bungy** – Take the plunge off the historic Auckland Harbour Bridge.
- **Rangitoto Island** – Hike to the summit of this youngest volcano for breathtaking views.
- **Waiheke Island** – Just a 35-minute ferry ride for beaches, walking trails and world-class wineries.



CULTURE

- **Auckland War Memorial Museum** – Explore New Zealand's natural history, Māori and Pacific collections in a stunning heritage building.
- **Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki** – Home to impressive art collections in the heart of the city.
- **Māori Culture** – Experience traditions, stories and kai with a cultural tour or performance.



FAMILY FUN

- **SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium** – Discover amazing marine life up close.
- **Auckland Zoo** – Home to over 140 species and set in beautiful parkland.
- **MOTAT** – The Museum of Transport and Technology – Fun and interactive for all ages.



RELAX & UNWIND

- **Mission Bay** – A perfect spot for a swim, coffee or a seaside stroll.
- **Auckland Domain** – Auckland's oldest park, ideal for a picnic or relaxing walk.
- **Takapuna Beach** – Golden sands, great cafés and a laid-back beachside atmosphere.



GET OUT & EXPLORE

Venture beyond the city to discover stunning islands, beaches and natural wonders.



PIHA BEACH

Iconic black sand beach and wild west coast beauty.



GOAT ISLAND

Marine reserve with snorkelling and crystal clear waters.



WAITAKERE RANGES

Lush rainforest, waterfalls and scenic walking tracks.



WAIHEKE ISLAND

Beaches, art galleries and award-winning wineries.

Top Tip!

Use the AT HOP card for easy travel on buses, trains and ferries around Auckland.

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Vibrant. Welcoming. Unforgettable.

We hope you enjoy everything Auckland has to offer!

