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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

NEWSLETTER

April 2026

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Welcome to the April ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter

As we move further into the year, preparations for the **ANZI Pacific Forum 2026** continue to gain great momentum. There is a real sense of excitement building as more details come together and we edge closer to what promises to be a fantastic event in Auckland this August.

Our programme is taking shape nicely, with a strong focus on our theme of **Innovation, Inclusion and Impact**. The team is working hard to ensure a mix of engaging speakers, practical sessions, and opportunities to connect and share ideas with fellow Lions from across the ANZI region.

Registrations continue to come in, and it's encouraging to see so many already committed to attending. For those still considering, now is a great time to secure your place and be part of an event that will inspire, challenge and connect.

There is plenty more to share in this edition, and we invite you to read on as we bring you the latest updates and insights from the team.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland this August.

PDG Wendy Miller
ANZI Committee Chair



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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026 COMMITTEE

Chairman - PDG Wendy Miller
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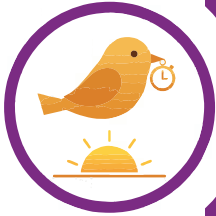


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ACCOMMODATION



Early Bird Room Rates



We have negotiated a special room rate at the Holiday Inn for Forum attendees. This is the venue where the forum will be held.

If you are wanting to take advantage of these special rates, you will need to make contact directly with the Holiday Inn, using the following links, to make your own reservation. You will need to pay the Holiday Inn directly for your accommodation.

The special rates have been arranged from the 20th until 23rd August 2026. The room rates are NZD\$205.00 for a Standard King or Twin Room for room only. Full Buffet Breakfast for 1 adult is NZD\$240.00 or Full Buffet Breakfast for 2 adults is NZD\$275.00 for a Standard King/Twin Room.

Group Link: Once you click on the link this will take you to the Holiday Inn landing page. Please click on "view prices" in the top right-hand corner to proceed. Select dates, i.e. "check-in 20th and check-out 23rd August 2026". Select the drop-down box "Rate Preference" under "Group Code" type your three-letter code "LC2/LC3". Select "Search" and proceed with the next steps of completing your booking reservation.

Group-link Group Code: LC2-Room only/LC3-Breakfast for 1/2

Group Link:

Lions Club (Group-link Room only)

Lions Club (Group-link Breakfast for 1/2 Adults)

If delegates experience issues with the link, please contact the reservations manager, Larissa Patea via email or by phoning the hotel direct.

These rates are only valid until 30th April 2026 with the expectation of rates to increase from then.

Larissa Patea

Reservations Manager

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Room only



Room with Breakfast



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Still Deciding?

Let's make it easy...

If you're still weighing up whether to attend the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026, here's something to consider — this isn't just another event, it's an investment in yourself, your club, and the future of Lions.

The Forum brings together passionate people who all share one thing in common: the desire to make a greater Impact. Over a few short days, you'll be exposed to new ideas, different ways of thinking, and practical tools you can take straight back to your club.

You'll experience:

- Innovation through fresh approaches to service, leadership and membership
- Inclusion by connecting with Lions from diverse backgrounds across the ANZI region
- Impact through real stories that remind us why we do what we do

Beyond the sessions, it's the conversations in between that often matter most, the shared experiences, the laughter, and the connections that continue long after the Forum ends.

Many who attend say they leave with renewed energy, new friendships, and a clearer vision for what's possible.

So if you're still unsure, ask yourself: Can I afford to miss out on this opportunity?

We hope this helps you make the decision, and 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...



“I” is for International: A Global Stage in Auckland

In just four months, the ANZI Forum will transform Auckland into a global hub for service and leadership. Our theme has truly come to life—we aren’t just gathering; we are growing.

We are thrilled to welcome a diverse line-up of delegates from Australia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, American Samoa, Nigeria, and the USA. This is a rare opportunity to step onto a truly international stage, giving you the chance to rub shoulders with—and learn from—the very best in our organisation.

With over 50% of registrations already claimed, the window to join this powerhouse of ideas is closing fast. Secure your place in Auckland today for an event that promises to be as inspiring as it is international.

Friendly Reminder – Early Bird Registration

Thank you to everyone who has already registered for the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026. We’re excited to see registrations coming in and look forward to welcoming you to Auckland this August.

If you have registered but not yet completed your payment, this is a friendly reminder to please do so before 30 April to qualify for the Early Bird discount.

After this date, registrations will move to the standard rate, so don’t miss out.

We look forward to seeing you at a fantastic Forum focused on Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.



IHG One Rewards Members

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A Bit of This and That

Meet The Team...



Nau Mai Haere Mai

Greetings from Te Aroha. I am a lion of 20+ years and passionate about learning and growing. I have spent quite a few years on cabinet in the Role as GLT. I love to see when members "Get It!!" and sometimes changing their thought path/World.

When I was invited onto the committee to work with DG Lynda Halverson (Long time Friend), I felt this was a positive avenue in the Lions learning and Growth for NZ and further afield...

Married to Paul (LMLCCT Trustee 202L) with a blended family and 9 (Growing up really fast) Grandies. Paul and I both work for Mitre 10, 3 days a week (In different Stores) and enjoy a busy life.

Kia ora ANZI attendees,

I am delighted to introduce myself. I am a proud mum and grandmother, with family high on my list of priorities, and I work part-time at my local community centre. These roles keep me grounded and give me a strong, practical focus in my Lions role.

I am trained and have worked in the Social Services field with the last years of that profession as a lecturer at the Auckland/Manukau Polytechnic. I then went on to train and work in the events administration field.

I am a committed Lion who truly believes in servant leadership and in the idea that we are all on a learning journey—whether we realise it or not. Encouraging Lions to recognise their own learning pathways and to grow their skills is a real passion of mine. Alongside PDG Suez Reid, I am very much looking forward to delivering a programme filled with relevant, engaging, and exciting topics.

Nga mihi nui
202K District Governor Lynda Halverson



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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.

Nurturing Tomorrow: Growing Future Leaders



Objective:

Participants will identify emerging leaders and design a step-by-step plan to guide their leadership development journey.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify the key characteristics of effective Lion leaders and how they reflect the values of Service, Integrity, and Collaboration.
- Recognize emerging leaders within their club or district and assess their strengths and interests.
- Describe practical strategies for mentoring, coaching, and encouraging new and younger Lions.
- Develop at least one intentional action to engage future leaders in meaningful service or leadership roles.
- Commit to creating a leadership pipeline that ensures continuity and sustainability within their club or district.
- Finding the leader in all of us
- Connect Leadership development to Lions future
- Understand why it matters



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Timelines (Tentative)

ANZI Timelines



Friday 21st August

Time		Session
1:00 - 1:15 pm		Welcome and Health & Safety
1:15 - 2:00 pm		General session
2:00 - 2:30 pm		Afternoon Tea
2:35 - 3:35 pm	60 min	Breakout sessions
3:45 - 4:45 pm	60 min	Breakout Sessions
5:00 - 4:45 pm		Dinner - Your own arrangement
7:00 - 9:00 pm		Evening General Session and Flag ceremony
9:00 pm		Supper





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Saturday 22nd August

Time		Session
8:30 - 9:30 am	60 min	Breakout session
9:40 - 10:25 am	45 min	Breakout session
10:25 - 10:55 am		Morning Tea
11:00 - 12:00 pm	60 min	Breakout sessions
12:00 - 1:30 pm		Lunch with address from IP
1:30 - 2:30 pm	60 min	Breakout session
2:45 - 3:30 pm	45 min	Breakout session
3:30 - 4:00 pm		Afternoon Tea
4:00 - 5:00 pm	60 min	Breakout session
6:30 - 11:00 pm		Gala Dinner - Dine and Dance

Sunday 23rd August

Time	Session
9:00 - 10:00 am	General session
10:00 - 10:30 am	Morning Tea
10:30 - 11:30 am	General session
11:35 - 12:35 pm	Closing session