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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

NEWSLETTER

March 2026

REGISTER TODAY

Welcome to the March ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter

Planning for the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026 is well underway, and our programme team is working incredibly hard behind the scenes to create an inspiring and engaging experience for everyone attending. This year's Forum will focus on our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact, and we are excited about the range of topics and speakers being lined up to bring these ideas to life.

Delegates can look forward to a programme filled with fresh thinking, meaningful conversations, and practical ideas that will help us strengthen our clubs and our service in our communities. Whether it's innovative approaches to service, creating more inclusive clubs, or sharing stories of real impact, the programme is shaping up to be something truly special.

We are also pleased to see registrations coming in quickly, which shows the strong interest in this year's Forum. If you are planning to attend, we encourage you to secure your place soon to avoid disappointment.

Everything is coming together nicely, and we are excited about what lies ahead. We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland this August for a Forum that celebrates Innovation, Inclusion and Impact, and most importantly, the incredible difference Lions make in our communities.

See you in August!



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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM 2026 COMMITTEE

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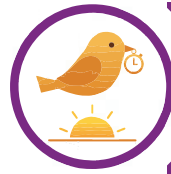
If you have never been to an ANZI Pacific Forum, this is your opportunity to go.

- Informative Sessions
- Networking - meet like-minded people.
- Meet our International leaders.

Don't miss this!



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: larissa.patea@ihg.com 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

If you wish to book accommodation outside of the default dates in the Group Link, please contact the Holiday Inn reservations team direct via email: reservations.hiaucklandairport@ihg.com
Just a reminder to advise them that you are attending the Lions ANZI Pacific Forum and wish to access the Group Rates LC2/LC3.



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Still Deciding? Here's Why You Should Join US

If you are still sitting on the fence about attending the ANZI Pacific Forum 2026, you're not alone. Many Lions take a moment to consider whether the time and travel are worth it. Those who have attended in the past will tell you that the experience is well worth it.

The Forum is more than just a conference, it is a chance to connect with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific, Indonesia and further abroad, share ideas, and return home with renewed energy for service. It's where friendships are strengthened, new ideas are born, and inspiration is found.

Here are just a few things you can look forward to:

- Inspiring keynote speakers sharing fresh ideas and perspectives
- Interactive sessions and workshops that focus on leadership, membership growth and service innovation
- Real stories of impact from Lions making a difference in their communities
- Networking opportunities with fellow Lions from across the ANZI region
- New ideas you can take back to your club to help it grow and thrive

This year's Forum will highlight our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact, exploring how we can think differently, welcome more people into our organisation, and increase the positive difference Lions make in our communities.

Many delegates say they return from the Forum feeling energised, inspired and better connected to the wider Lions family.

If you've been wondering whether to come along, we hope this helps you decide. Why not take the opportunity to be part of something special?

We truly hope to see you at the ANZI Pacific Forum in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland this August.

Register Now!

Click [HERE](#) to Register

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UPDATES

From the Registration Team...



Registrations Update

We're still over five months out from the ANZI forum, but already have over 100 registrations. With only 250 spots up for grabs, don't wait around. Make sure that you get in early to secure your place!

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.



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WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ANZI PACIFIC FORUM!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear all about...



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A Bit of This and That

Meet The Team...



Liz Murray

For the past 19 years, I have been an active Lions member of West Otago Lions, a strong, rural mixed club where the emphasis is not only on service but also on fellowship and having fun. During my 19 years as a Lion, I have held a variety of club positions, was District Governor in 2017/18 and since then, I have been the 202F District secretary.

I retired from fulltime teaching at the end of 2024, and now enjoy doing the odd day relieving and driving the school bus to events. My husband, Bruce and I own a beef and sheep property very close to Tapanui, so often I can be found out on the farm, in the cattle yards, doing the farm paperwork, involved in Lions activities or with my family and grandchildren. I enjoy being involved in my local rural community and helping to make it a better place. I believe in giving back to my community and district and Lions is the perfect organisation to be able to do this. The Lions organisation also provides a wide range of opportunities to grow and develop oneself, hence me taking up the opportunity to be the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum committee secretary.

Looking forward to this year's ANZI Pacific Forum.

Nga mihi nui

Liz

Liz Murray PDG



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