MANGAWHAI LIONS CLUB Sep 2026

Despite the miserable cold winter weather, Mangawhai Lions have been keeping busy!

We had a fantastic day supporting the Heart Place Hospital Ambrose Golf Tournament at Omaha Beach, running the BBQ and serving hot sausages to hungry golfers.
What an incredible event — amazing sponsors, enthusiastic golfers, and more than 30 volunteers all coming together to raise funds for a wonderful charity that does so much to support our frontline healthcare workers.









More BBQing outside Bunnings on a bitter, wet day... but despite the weather, sales were strong. Thank you, Mangawhai, for your amazing support and thank you Bunnings Mangawhai for the venue and equipment.
Funds raised will go towards local community initiatives.







PROJECT UPLIFT

Over 500 bras have now been sorted, sized, and packed ready for distribution to women in need across the Pacific — and also here at home. Thank you for the incredible generosity shown so far.
This is an ongoing project, so please continue to drop off any unwanted bras at one of our collection points: Mangawhai Hospice ShopWaipu Hospice ShopMangawhai Heads Community Op Shop
Your donations make a real difference.







WHAT WE WILL COLLECT

• Bras - all sizes Any cup size — the bigger the better. Good condition preferred, but don't worry if wires are protruding or wonky; we can remove them and still recycle the bra. If a bra is too worn to use, cut off the hooks and eyes and send those instead — they can be turned into bra extenders.
• Sports bras and crop tops
• Nursing bras If it will catch a leak, it's better than nothing. Reusable nursing pads are also appreciated.
• Mastectomy bras and breast forms (prostheses) If possible, please send the box with the breast form/prosthesis and place the relevant bras under the plastic mould inside the box. These are given to hospitals for distribution. If sending bras only (without prostheses), please include a note so they are sorted correctly.
• Swimwear - any size Many women fish or dive for their livelihood.
• Underpants - new or nearly new In some places, a girl without underpants does not attend school during her period.
• Fabric nappies - second-hand or new

DROP-OFF POINT

Please deliver your donations to our
collection point at:
the Hospice Shop, Mangawhai Village, Op Shop Mangawhai Heads,
or the Hospice Shop in Waipu.

Photography Competition & 2027 Calendar

Pictures from our Photography Competition Prizegiving evening. The photos were outstanding and the winners pics will go on to feature in new artwork for the Boardwalk and also feature in our 2027 Calendar, proceeds of which will go to the Mangawhai Shed. Calendars will be on sale soon, watch our FB page for details.



Thank you to our amazing sponsor Shelley Boyed from Mangawhai Barfoot & Thompson who was also our lovely MC.

Thanks also to our Prize sponsors, Bunnings Mangawhai, Bennetts and The Local.



Prizes awarded as follows:

Nature

1st Kathy Mountain / The Godwits

2nd Jan Chambers / Munching Monarch Caterpillar

3rd Adrian Field / Spoonbills

Junior

Highly Commended: Isla Jones / Wax Eye





Landscape

1st Amie Wintle/ Solo Surfer

2nd Amie Wintle/ Night Sky

3rd Stephen Mckay / Misty Landscape

Heritage

1st Amie Wintle / The Daring

2nd Rachel Sinclair / The Tavern

3rd Grant Crowe / Tara Road School



Beach Fun

1st Clive Hebben / Girls at the beach

2nd Amie Wintle / Sunrise Surfers

3rd Piper Wallace / Swimmers by the Rocks

Overall Winner : Kathy Mountain / The Godwits

XMAS CAKES



Our scrumptious Lions Christmas Cakes will be on sale soon!
watch our FB page for details
We'll have large un-iced cakes for $25 and small iced cakes for $10.

If you'd like to pre-order, please email mangawhailions@gmail.com

These cakes are great for staff Xmas presents, useful for unexpected visitors and last minute gifts!

About the Cake

- Rich, fruity, and full of flavour
- Moist 1kg cake (15 × 15 × 5 cm) — perfect for sharing with family and friends
- Minimum 2-year shelf life
- Excellent value — premium quality at a great price
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Funds raised from Christmas Cake sales go directly towards supporting the Mangawhai community.



SANDSATIONAL

Sansational is coming! Join us for our annual sand sculpture competition — with great prizes to be won and entry just $5.

There's plenty happening on the day:

- Kids' treasure hunt
- Tug of war
- Dog & Owner Dress-Up Competition
- Sand Sculpture (Adult and Junior sections)
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We'll also be running the popular Golf Ball Drop raffle — tickets are just $5, and all proceeds from the day will go towards the fit-out of the Cancer Society Northland Lodge. Keep an eye on FB for our pop up ticket sales.

Come along for a fun day out and help us support this amazing new resource for all Northlanders requiring cancer care.



HALO – Headline Act for the Mangawhai Food & Wine Festival

We're excited to announce that HALO, one of Auckland's premier professional bands, will be headlining this year's Mangawhai Food & Wine Festival.

HALO is a dynamic 5–7 piece band featuring three dedicated lead vocalists and a powerhouse live ensemble. Their versatility, energy, and ability to cover a wide range of musical genres make them the perfect fit for our festival stage.

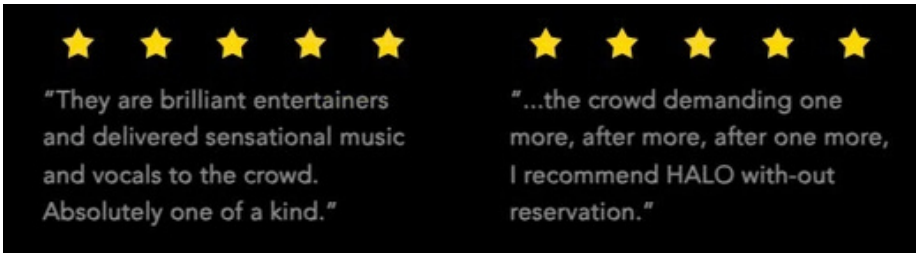
With more than a decade of experience performing across New Zealand and internationally, HALO has entertained corporate and private audiences with high-impact shows tailored to suit any event theme. Members of the band have appeared in major television events and theatre productions, including:

• Christmas in the Park • New Zealand Idol • Rise Up Telethon for Christchurch • Fight for Life (2003–2007) • McDonald's Circus X and Cirque Rocks • Sing Like a Super Star • Big Night In Telethon • Starlight Express • Grease • Rent

We're thrilled to have HALO bringing their talent, energy, and show-stopping performance to Mangawhai. Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of live music at the Food & Wine Festival.

Early Bird tickets will be on sale Mid November







♻️ Community Recycling – Small Actions, Big Impact

Our Lions team continues to make a difference through everyday recycling! Each item collected helps someone in need and supports vital causes across New Zealand and beyond.

Coins for Heads Up for Kids – spare change helps fund youth development and leadership opportunities.

Eyeglass Recycling – donated glasses are cleaned, graded, and sent to restore sight for those who can't afford vision care.

Can Recycling – every can contributes to environmental sustainability and raises funds for local projects.

Bras for Project Uplift – gently used bras are distributed to women in communities where these essentials are scarce.

Hearing Aids – refurbished devices bring the gift of sound to people who otherwise couldn't access hearing support.

Together, these initiatives show how simple acts of recycling can transform lives. Drop your items at our collection points and help us keep the cycle of kindness turning! contact mangawhailions@gmail.com for drop off locations

Want to know more?

If you are interested in volunteering we would love to have you join our team.

Peoples number one question is **HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE???**
The answer is - As much as you wish to give.
Meetings, come when your schedule allows .....Attending every project is NOT compulsory, You give what you can when you can.

As well as doing local projects we are also a SAFE social group,
Lions is a fantastic way to make new friends.
We have a social get together once a month and if you want to know more and meet the team we'd love to invite you along.

We have a mixed club that includes families, kids and grand-kids are welcome too!
All ages all abilities, everyone has something to give and can be included.

If you want to find out more about Lions please give Shannon a ring on 021 509 482.









