

MANGAWHAI LIONS CLUB Aug 2026

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

Entries for our photography contest have now closed and judging is underway. Our photography committee is hard at work preparing for the Prizegiving Event scheduled for 27 August, and excitement is building as we get closer to announcing the winners.

The cans keep coming at the Can Cage, and with two cages to empty each time now, the team is busier than ever. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this project — every can makes a difference.

We also enjoyed a wonderful evening with Waipu Lions as they celebrated 60 years of service to their community. The night finished with some fantastic cameo performances from the recent Stars in Your Eyes event, adding a fun and memorable touch to the celebration. Mangawhai Lion Mandy Hebben was honoured to be the MC for the evening, and we are always proud to support our parent club, Waipu Lions, and the incredible work they do.



Mandy, Sarah, Tony & Clive
at Waipu Lions 60th Anniversary



PROJECT UPLIFT



Any woman understands what life would be like without a bra. It's a garment many of us take for granted – but for women in poorer countries, it's often an item they simply cannot afford.

Project Uplift collects bras from around New Zealand and sends them mainly to Pacific nations including Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Samoa. They also distribute bras to women and girls in need here in New Zealand through health providers, community groups, and high schools in disadvantaged areas.

Mangawhai Lions are excited to support Project Uplift by coordinating bra collection in Mangawhai and the surrounding areas. We will collect, sort, and forward donations to the Project Uplift team.

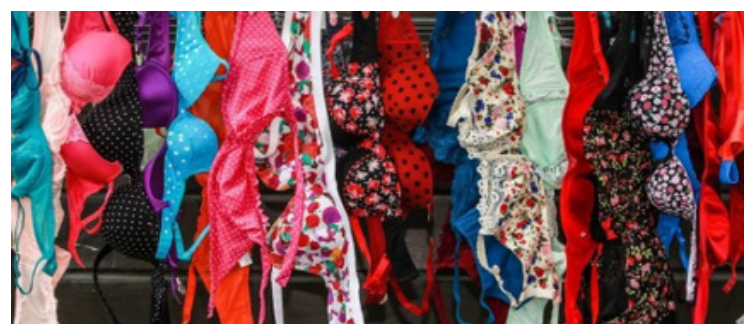


WHAT WE WILL COLLECT

- 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.



BLUELIGHT LEADERSHIP CAMP

Mangawhai Lions are delighted to sponsor two places on the Blue Light Leadership Camp.

This highly sought-after camp, held in Whenuapai, is run in partnership with the NZ Defence Force Youth Development Unit. It is a six-day residential programme designed to help young people grow their leadership potential through hands-on challenges, teamwork, and personal development.

Participants learn and practise key leadership qualities, including:

- Problem-solving
- Vision
- Self-awareness
- Resilience
- Confidence

This sponsorship reflects our commitment to supporting youth in our community and helping the next generation build skills that will serve them for life.



BOOKS FOR MANGAWHAI BEACH SCHOOL

Literacy is one of the most powerful tools for changing a life, a family, and a community – and Lions Clubs around the world have long recognised this. When a person learns to read, they gain confidence, independence, and the ability to participate fully in society. Literacy opens doors to employment, education, health information, and lifelong opportunity.

Mangawhai Lions were delighted to provide Mangawhai Beach School with some extra funds to replace classroom book resources to assist with their reading programs.



CAN CAGES

The Can Cages are going great guns at the Northern MAZ carpark!

Thank you, Mangawhai, for continuing to support this amazing project. Every can counts, and all funds raised go straight back to MAZ to assist with ongoing park maintenance.

Mangawhai's Can Cages will also receive international recognition later this month, with Mangawhai Lion Mandy Hebben giving a TED-style talk on the power of community projects at the Lions of Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia Pacific Forum (ANZI).

It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase how a simple idea — powered by community support — can create real impact.



MANGAWHAI LIONS FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL 2027

The Mangawhai Lions team is already hard at work planning next year's Food & Wine Festival, and we're thrilled to share that preparations are well underway.

This event is one of Mangawhai's favourite annual celebrations — a day where great food, local wine, live entertainment, and community spirit come together in the best possible way.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 6 March, because this is one date you won't want to miss. Whether you're simply someone who enjoys a relaxed day out with friends and family, a foodie, a wine lover, or a music fan, the festival has something for everyone.

Every ticket sold helps us continue the work we do in Mangawhai and beyond. It's a celebration of local talent, local flavours, and local generosity — all wrapped into one unforgettable day.

So grab your diary, circle Saturday, 6 March, and get ready for another fantastic Food & Wine Festival. We can't wait to see you there and share a day full of flavour, fun, and community pride.



REGULAR PROJECTS.

CAN CAGE

We have installed a second can cage at MAZ to meet with HIGH demand for can recycling. Thank you to everyone who brings cans to the cage, monies from this project get donated back to MAZ to assist with park upkeep.



COMMUNITY PANTRY

Got a surplus of home grown fruit or vege? Please drop in our community pantry to share with others who are finding things a bit tough at the moment.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING

Got an old pair of spec's or sunglasses you no longer need? Drop them into Rowena at the Mangawhai Village Hospice Shop or to Mangawhai Optometrists and we will recycle them for those in need in the Pacific Islands.



OLD/FOREIGN CURRENCY

Dig out and donate old decimal and pre-decimal New Zealand currency, and all foreign money. The obsolete cash is then redeemed for New Zealand dollars and used to fund education programmes for young New Zealanders who would otherwise not get the opportunity. You can drop your currency in to Rowena at the Mangawhai Village Hospice Shop.

HEARING AID RECYCLING

Old or new hearing aids and batteries are recycled for use in the Pacific Islands and Africa. Drop them into Bay Audiology Mangawhai.



UPCOMING EVENTS

21st Aug Social Evening

At the Mangawhai Tavern from 5.30pm

Join us for a drink, for dinner, or both!

If you would like to come and meet the Team and find out more about Lions give Shannon a Call on 021 509 482

27 August

Mangawhai Lions Photography Contest Prizegiving

Mangawhai Golf Club from 5pm

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 allowsAttending 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.

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