



Every extra set of hands means the more we can do for our community, if you want to know more about volunteering with us read on....

Christmas wishes to all from the Mangawhai Lions

As 2025 comes to a close we reflect on the year that has been and look forward to the year ahead.

It's been a great year for our Club, we transitioned from a branch Club of Waipu Lions to a fully fledged Club in our own right in August.

We now have 30 members and have been very active in the community hosting large events - Food & Wine Festival, helping out at community bbqs, providing picnic tables and storage sheds and donating towards much needed equipment at Hospice and raising funds for cancer and hunger as well as recycling cans and eyeglasses.

We can't wait to see what 2026 will bring !



2025 Mangawhai Santa Parade

Community Food Pantry

It's been a tough year for many and we wanted to provide some practical assistance to those in need.

The creation of a second Community Food Pantry located at the Heads was a joint project with the Mangawhai Shed who designed and constructed the pantry. Luckily a number of our Lions are also Shed members!

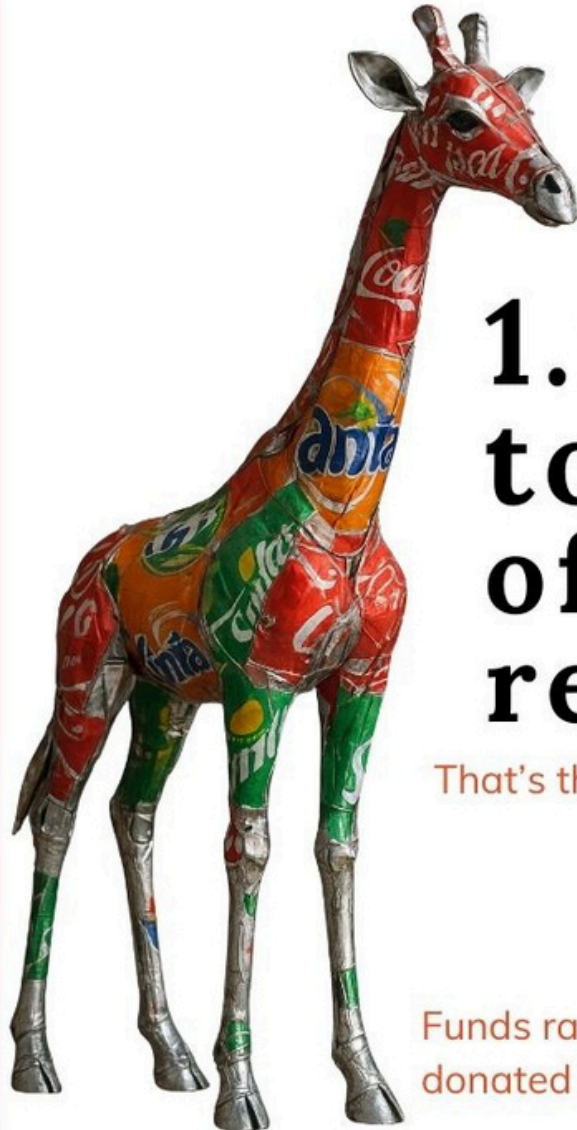
This project was completed with funds raised from the 2025 Mangawhai Lions Food & Wine Festival.

We still have some signage to install but within hours of it being erected donations were being dropped off which was fantastic to see!

LOCATION - Molesworth Drive beside Golf Course between Greenview Dr and Wood Street



THANK YOU



**1.847
tonnes
of cans
recycled**

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That's the weight of an adult giraffe!

Funds raised from this project are
donated to MAZ

That's over 300,000 cans!

During 2025 the can cage has kept us very busy we typically empty it every 1 to 1 ½ weeks. Over the Xmas period this will probably increase to twice a week.

We couldn't do this project without our partners, Marsden Metals - who uplift the collected can's and pay us for the aluminum and Mangawhai ITM who allow us to store the cans awaiting collection.

The funds raised from this project are donated back to MAZ each month to assist with their general running costs for the park.

SANDSATIONAL

Sunday 25 Jan 2026

We are looking forward to another great Sandsational Event in January.

Tickets are on sale NOW - **Proceeds to Mangawhai Junior Surf Livesaving for NEW Equipment**

We have the GREAT Golf Ball Drop Raffle \$5 per ticket

Golf ball nearest bullseye wins \$500, 2nd place \$300
3rd place \$200

Get your tickets on-line mangawhailionsclub.flicket.co.nz
or come see us at our pop up stall at Bunnings on the weekends.



SANDSATIONAL EVENT
Sunday, 25 January 2026
10.00am - 3.00pm
Mangawhai Heads Surf Beach

BARFOOT THOMPSON & Mangawhai

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

Two divisions
Juniors under 14 yrs
or Adult / Mixed

1st \$500
2nd \$300
3rd \$200

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Entry tickets for the Sand Sculpture competition are on sale too, you can pre-purchase or buy on the day \$5 per ticket and also tickets for the Dog and Owner Fancy Dress competition \$5 per ticket, amazing prizes from Mangawhai Vets.

Mangawhai Lions Food & Wine Festival

Tickets on sale NOW

R18 ONLY - no babies - no children

General Admission

Private Gazebo plus 6 x General Admission tickets

VIP Table of 10, bigger marquee, private VIP Bar, dedicated portaloos, platters, VIP entry

Mangawhai Lions Food & Wine Festival
Sat March 21st 2026
2-7pm



Platinum Sponsor



Mangawhai



Main beneficiary



Tickets on Sale NOW

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We could not run without the help of our amazing sponsors, please support them where you can.

New World Mangawhai, Mangawhai Central, GJ Gardener, Barfoot & Thompson, JG Civil, Smith Construction, CHR Builders, Plant House, Parker Lime, Smooth FM, Fenceworx, Hireworks Mangawhai

THANK YOU



**376 pairs of
glasses donated
for recycling**



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If you have used eyeglasses, you no longer need, you can donate them now - drop off at the Hospice Shop in the village or to Mangawhai Optometrists.

We accept prescription and reading glasses and sunglasses. Children's glasses are especially needed.

We send the glasses to our processing centres where they are sorted, checked for scratches, cracks and screws tightened before being washed in an ultrasonic washer and dried. They then have their prescription recorded and are packed for delivery to Volunteer Ophthalmologist Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands.

Type 2 Diabetes is common in the Islands and is the main cause of blindness. Lions Clubs in the Islands receive the glasses and distribute them to visiting volunteer Optometrists who test patients and fit them with the recycled glasses at no cost.

Picnic Table at the Library Hall

We were approached by the Library Hall Committee to see if we could put a picnic table at the Library Hall similar to the ones we did at Alamar Ave the year before.

Both Mangawhai Lions Club and the Library Hall committee donated funds to make this happen and we also received a top up grant from the KDC MELA fund to get the project over the line.

We were delighted to get this project completed before the end of the year and it's been great to see it getting a lot of use from parents waiting for the school walking bus and for those partaking in the food truck fare.





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 are NOT compulsoryAttending 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 Clive a ring on 021 802 532.