



## Community service . . . *by Alan Knowsley, consultant, Rainey Collins Lawyers*

Looking back at the year 2024, it has again been a very busy time serving the community through the various charities and not for profits I am involved in, as well as explaining legal issues for *Regional News* readers. Access to the law is a very important part of society and explaining the law in easy-to-follow terms helps in that process.

I am the chair of Camp Quality New Zealand, which looks after kids with cancer. Bringing some magic into the kids' lives through regular summer and winter camps and putting smiles on their faces is a wonderful experience. The camps rely on the support of volunteers and donations to run and fund them in five regions throughout New Zealand. I have volunteered at

over 20 camps now and am looking forward to the next one in January. If you can offer support, please get in touch.

I am now in my 25<sup>th</sup> year as honorary legal counsel for Lions Clubs New Zealand, in addition to my 36<sup>th</sup> year as a member of a Lions Club serving our national and local communities. I am also involved as a committee member and director of the Australian New Zealand Education Law Association, which brings together people from all parts of the education sector to talk through legal issues for the benefit of all the kids and others involved in education.

I look forward to providing more helpful legal information each month. Have a great 2025, everyone.