

**Lions Club of KAIKOURA
November 2020**



**Photographer:
Lion Kevin Smith**

Lions Club of KAIKOURA DIARY



2nd - Monday **Board Meeting - 6:30?** pm - Kevin's
4 Miromiro Drive



17th - Tuesday **Supper Meeting - 6pm Social**
Kaikoura Food Comp.

GUEST SPEAKER: Danny Smith - Chair of the Governance for
the Kaikoura Marine Project. (at the New wharf)

Apologies to Secretary Kevin 319 5403 (L) l.k592@xtra.co.nz by
Sunday 5pm prior or you will be charged for your meal

November

17th Tuesday **Partners Tea - 6pm - The Pier**

Barb 7568 barbteen@gmail.com x Sunday prior

every 2nd Wednes. Groper - Social Catchup - 5pm
if the dates are wrong - meet me there!



Working Bees will be emailed through by our Secretary

December

2nd Wed. Over 70's Christmas Dinner 8:30am

7th Monday Board Meeting 7pm

15th Tuesday Christmas Dinner (Social Team are organising)

January

10th Sunday - Fishing Contest - 7:30am

?? Sunday Combined Clubs BBQ

February

1st Monday Board Meeting 7pm

16th Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

March

1st Monday Board Meeting 7pm

16th Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

April

5th Monday Board Meeting 7pm

20th Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

May

3rd Monday Board Meeting 7pm

18th Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

June

7th Monday Board Meeting 7pm

15th Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm (ChangeOver)



A Letter from New Zealand (aka my Accountant)

(1) Population - 5,084,300 as at 30 June 2020.

(2) Immigration to New Zealand in year ended 30 June 2020 153,900

Departures from New Zealand in year ended 30 June 2020 74,500

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Net gain 79,400

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(3) Regular smokers - 13.2% (male 7.2% - female 6%).

(4) New Zealand coastline - 14,021 kilometres.

(5) Average age - 38 years.

(6) New Zealand home ownership - 64.6%.

(7) Covid-19 does not in itself wreck businesses - it's the lockdown that wrecks businesses. It is all about the health of the people and economics for the people - it seems to be one or the other – very hard to get a workable balance.

(8) The New Zealand Government debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio has gone from 5% in 2018 to an estimated 54% in 2024 - not off the top though - quite a number of countries are above 54%.

(9) Lockdown around the world has meant a lot of people in many countries have taken a much deeper interest in their own countries' share markets.

(10) A Danish bank now pays borrowers ($\frac{1}{2}\%$) to take out a loan - with no interest payments required.

(11) Many world central banks have an inflation target of 2%, but are struggling to reach it to date.

(12) New Zealand seems to be increasingly reliant upon immigration which then very much contributes to our lack of housing stock - the world is ageing and natural population growth is slowing - the developed world is not replacing itself – there is a much lower working age population in Japan, Europe and China.

(13) In a number of countries, businesses are reluctant to invest. Only two of the ten largest companies in the world in 2009 are still in the top ten in 2020 – that is, Microsoft and Johnson & Johnson - growth is getting harder to achieve.

(14) New Zealand exports to China are 20% - Australia is 30%. We must expect that our New Zealand agricultural exports will struggle somewhat in countries more affected than New Zealand from Covid-19 and lockdown - which is almost every other country we export to.

(15) New Zealand household deposits with banks are surprisingly high - at 31 December 2019, this figure was bank deposits and cash management funds of \$198 billion (\$198,000,000,000) - much of this earning 1% - 1.5% and less than nil after tax and inflation.

(16) New Zealand is small potatoes worldwide:

New Zealand share market capital NZD\$167 Billion

Australia share market capital AUD\$2 Trillion

USA share market capital US\$36 Trillion

New Zealand has 0.2% of the world's share market

Just to make your day!



LIONS CLUB OF KAIKOURA OFFICERS FOR 2020 ~ 2021 YEAR



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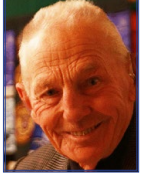
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Kaikoura Lions Club - Officers 2020 - 2021





International President's Message
 Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
 Busan City, Republic of Korea



Dear Lion,

When we serve, it's more than an act of kindness. It's personal. Your dedication enriches the lives of the people you know and strengthens the relationships you share. You are more than a volunteer—you are an essential part of your community. And that connection matters more than ever. As you continue to serve safely, it's so important to focus on building your relationship with the community. Our mission is to serve, but our service inspires and empowers those around us to take action. And when we are united, we have the strength to face new challenges and solve the issues that matter to us most.

Regards, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
 International President



Lion Rusty Arthur - received the International President's certificate for 20 years continuous service.

Kaikoura Lions Club was Chartered 31st August 1964 and Rusty was our first Secretary - Charter Secretary. He had a very small break from Lions so has been a member for many more years than acknowledged in this 20 years continuous. Congrats. Rusty!

**Great News from LCIF Chair
 IPP Gudrun Yngvadottir**

Dear Lion,

What a great time to be a Lion! Now, you may be thinking, being a Lion is tough right now. Adjusting to life with the coronavirus (COVID-19) has been challenging. However, it is during difficult times that Lions shine the brightest. Lions and Leos are finding new ways to serve their communities while staying safe. Leos in New Jersey, USA even put together a virtual concert to raise money for LCIF! In addition, we are celebrating a major milestone for the foundation. I hope you read the August newsletter and feel inspired

In friendship,
 Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson
 Lions Clubs International Foundation



Photos of our combined meeting with Seaward Lions - for our DG Paul's visit.





From President Darryl

New members are waiting to be asked - be it your neighbour, someone in your street, workplace, church, golf club, gym, Our Town.

JUST ASK



It is great to have a combined meeting with our other Kaikoura Lions Club - Seaward.

I would like to acknowledge all the work our members are putting into our projects be they big or small.

Pea straw 2nd load nearly all sold , there should be some good gardens in town this year.

Lions Mints an on going and significant project that runs quietly in the background, as are the bookshelves at Dolphin Encounter and the museum.

Firewood - trailer loads gifted to the Community Shed for a raffle and also a load to the High School boys to sell to go to a Life Skills Camp.

Working Bee. Clearing around planted Native trees - thank you to all who took part.

Roofing iron is being collected to on sell as there seems to be a ready market for this.

Lions Seats over 70 scattered around the district and beyond I believe, and thank you to Tony Davis for the speedy repair on the damaged seat at the lookout.

Waiting on Council permission to commence boardwalk around the peninsula and also the upgrade of the Helipad- both worthwhile & high-profile projects which have been waiting in the wings for 12 months or more.

Membership – How are we going? Have you spoken with those in your network to gauge interest, if you have a name give it to the Membership Team Chair; Vern to OK. Then you can bring them along to our next meeting, one of our working bees or our social get togethers - show them what we do in our community and how we “bond” with our social meets.

Social nights at the Groper every 2nd Wednesday of the month, don't be shy come along for a quite drink and social catch up, don't wait for a reminder, put it in your calendar.

Another social function at Kevin and Lou Smiths last Saturday, celebrating or commiserating with the election results – whatever the results we had a great time.

I, like everyone else here, enjoyed what our District Governor Paul had to say.

Have a great month working for the good of others in our community and beyond.

Darryl

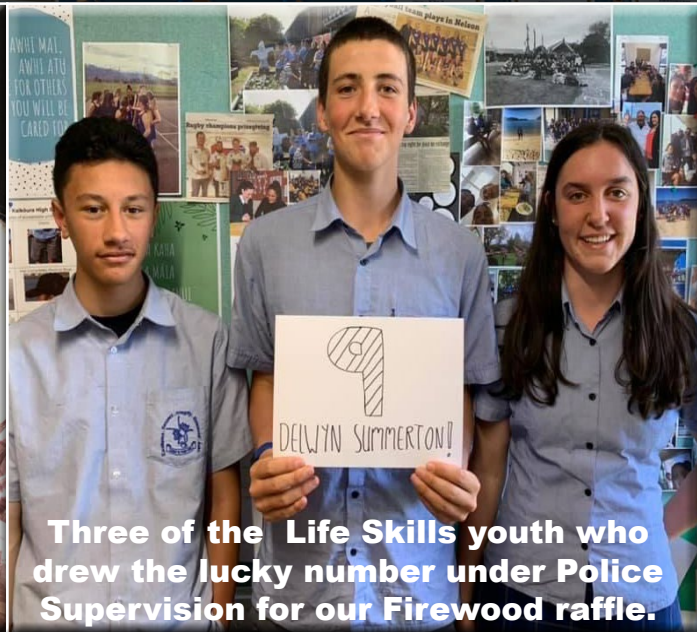


**Have you read the Kaikoura Lions Club Bulletin?
Email me that you have read it. 1.k592@xtra.co.nz
I wonder just how many emails I will get. 0, 1, 2**





What goes on tour stays on tour!
What goes in the Bulletin stays in the Bulletin!



Three of the Life Skills youth who drew the lucky number under Police Supervision for our Firewood raffle.



One worker mssing from all the pics thanks Alan.



HOOKS FOR COVER
USE ONLY

Hillbilly Moms Letter

Dear Son, I'm writing this slow 'cause I know you can't read fast.

We don't live where we did when you left. Your dad read in the paper that most accidents happen within twenty miles of home, so we moved.



Won't be able to send you the address as the last Arkansas family that lived here took the numbers with them for their house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in it, pulled the chain and haven't seen 'em since.

It only rained twice this week, three days the first time and four days the second time.

Your Uncle John fell in the whiskey vat. Some men tried to get him out, but he fought them off playfully, so he drowned. We cremated him and he burned for three days.



The coat you wanted me to send to you, Aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with them heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

We got a bill from the funeral home, and it said if we didn't make the final payment on Grandma's funeral bill, up she comes.

About your sister, she had a baby this morning. I haven't found out whether if it is a boy or girl, so don't know if you are an Aunt or Uncle???

Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving and the other two were in the back. The driver got out. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. The other 2 drowned. They couldn't get the tailgate down.



Not much more news this time. Nothing much happened. If you don't get this letter, please let me know and I will send another one.

Love, Mom



Kaikoura Lions Club
L.C.I.F. Rep: Ian Bradshaw



Every Donation Matters



Lions around the world are united in our spirit of bringing healing and hope to those who are most in need. Through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries are able to turn compassion into action. As the official charitable organization



of Lions Clubs International, LCIF has awarded 12,701 grants totaling more than US\$950 million since its founding in 1968. The generosity of Lions has provided most of this revenue. But, there are still many more people who are counting on Lions' help. Each donation is important to fulfilling LCIF's mission. When you make a donation to LCIF, you can be sure that your contribution is making a difference in the lives of people in need.

Lions' donations have made significant impacts:

- Prevented serious vision loss for more than 30 million people
- Provided vision screening for more than 350,000 Special Olympics athletes from 85 countries
- Engaged more than 13 million students in the youth development program Lions Quest
- Built or expanded 660 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Trained 681,000 eye care specialists
- Conducted more than 20 million vision screenings for children through Sight for Kids
- Mobilized more than US\$415 million through two fundraising campaigns for the SightFirst program



Recognizing Your Generosity

In appreciation of donors making accomplishments like these possible, LCIF has a number of recognition programs.

Recognition varies depending upon level of support, and is available to individuals, clubs, districts and corporations and can include pins, plaques, acknowledgement cards and other forms of appreciation.



We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.

"Before the Mectizan® reached our community, we did not know that this disease (river blindness) was curable...To the people who make this medicine possible – thank you."

– Yanatou, a villager in Makouossap, Cameroon who received one of the 271 million river blindness treatments that Lions have distributed.

There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multimillion-dollar machines. They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work but to no avail. In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past.

The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small "x" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated, "This is where your problem is".

The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly again. The company received a bill for \$50,000 from the engineer for his service. They demanded an itemized account of his charges.

The engineer responded briefly: -
One chalk mark \$1.00
Knowing where to put it \$49,999.
It was paid in full and the engineer retired again in peace.



'YOU'RE DELIBERATELY PUTTING YOURSELF AT RISK OF ILL HEALTH BY BEING OVER 65...'

Husband's Brain



Wife's Brain

