



THE LIONS CLUB OF AMBERLEY AND DISTRICT

DECEMBER 2020 BULLETIN

2020/2021 Board Members:

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Monthly Meeting: Our next meeting will be **Monday 1st February** at the Amberley Rugby Clubrooms. Please let Treasurer Gill know by Thursday 28th Jan if you are unable to come. Any later than that and you will be charged for your meal.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held **Monday 18th January** at 7.30pm in the Ravensdown staffroom.

Dinner Meeting : This months meeting was also our end of year function. It was held at the Amberley Bowling Club. Members were able try their hand at the game under the tutorage of Lion Stephen Doak and experienced players were able to demonstrate their skills! A fun night was had by all.

The annual 'Spud in a Bucket 'competition, (always fiercely competed for) was jointly won by Lions Lindsay Eves and Gill Loomes.

Thanks to our caterers for a delicious Christmas themed dinner.

2nd VP Robbie Bruerton awarded President Pam, 1st VP Simon and Leo Katie their certificates for attending the recent ELLI course in Wellington.



Out and about in Amberley
Chamberlain Park Festive
Lights

A collection of snapshots from the night's activities!



Barrie, Elaine & Faye looking confident.



Bowls 101. Thanks for the tips Steven!



Spud in the Bucket judging.



The Spud in a Bucket joint winner Lindsay receiving his prize from Privileged member Mort.



Tucking into festive fare

Upcoming Events:

Big Kev's Big Dig: Sunday 27th December

Fishing Competition: Sunday 24th January.

Golf Tournament: Sunday 21st March.

Recent Events:

Community Support/Projects

Food Banks: "Toot for Tucker" was held on Tuesday 1st December. It was a very successful first time project for this initiative in the Hurunui District. The local Fire Brigade supported 12 cars collecting donations of food in and around Amberley. Lots of noise of horns and sirens to announce our presence. Hence the title ! Our thanks to Bev Wright for her help in setting this up and steering us in the right direction. Our local food banks were hugely grateful for the contribution in preparation for their busy run- up to Christmas.



Farming Calendar: Lion Sally is working on this. If you have a special photo taken in the Hurunui District submit it to (email to secretary.amberley@lionsclubs.org.nz) to go into the draw for the best 12. Photos can be anything to do with the Hurunui District (people, scenery, sports, nature, etc)

Potential photos will be displayed at the February 1st meeting for members to make choices.

Over 65's Christmas Function: 12th December saw a host of people gathering at the Amberley Tin Shed.! Father Christmas, several elves, a brass band, a bagpiper, the D Day Darlings and lots of over 65's who were entertained and provided with afternoon tea by our club. Lots of laughs and everyone having a great time! Magic!



The D Day Darlings leading the sing along



Santa presenting the raffle prizes



Santa's helper Julie, taking a break!



Rangiora Brass Band leading the carols

Inspire Church Community Christmas Dinner : was held **December 20.** President Pam and Secretary Helen attended and distributed gifts.

Camp Quality: A big thanks to Lions Yvette, Brent, Pam, Julie and Al who have volunteered to work at the camp on January 9th. delivering the evening meal.

President Pam's Piece:

Phew, we've accomplished just about everything on our To Do List for November and first half of December! As we can see earlier in the Bulletin, there were the events we carried out in conjunction with other groups in our community, like the Toot for Tucker food collection with Property Brokers, Hurunui District Council Welfare team, Glenmark Lions, Amberley FENZ team and students from Amberley School; the AmberleyNZ Christmas Market, where we provided People Power; the Inspire Church pre-Christmas Community Dinner where our representatives gave out Christmas gifts to those present.

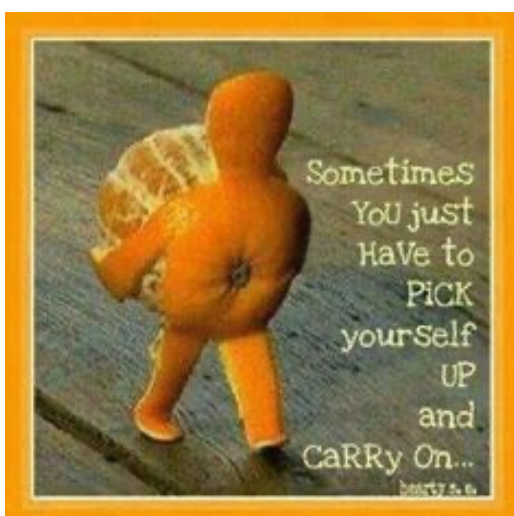
Then there were the events we organised and carried out ourselves, like the Christmas Party for Senior Citizens; the purchase and delivery of presents for local schools, to be given to children identified by the schools; our own End-of-Year Meeting and Dinner, with partners; and our final Board meeting for the year. Add to that the ongoing efforts with firewood, where we can now take a break while the firewood completes the drying process, and it's no wonder we were gasping for breath in the final run to Christmas. Well done to all!

In amongst all of this, 1st Vice-President Simon and I attended a 3-day Emerging Lions Leadership Institute training course in Wellington. This was time (and club money) well spent and we can highly recommend it to any members who are looking at finding out more about Lions and how they function in clubs and further afield. We met a diverse group of people as there were about 30 Lions clubs represented.

As this is being written, we have had to postpone the Big Dig to 2nd January (the ground at Leithfield Beach recreation area can only hold so much rain water!). And later in January will be the Surfcasting Competition.

An amazing year behind us, and now a new year to look ahead to, with lots of exciting possibilities.

Very best wishes to all for the remainder of the Christmas season and a great year ahead in 2021.



Reminder:

Have a great holiday break!

Keep safe and well.

Look onward to 2021 with positive thoughts!

