



Two Lions told us they were at a Scrap metal working bee



**Lions Club of KAIKOURA**



**Chartered August 1964**

**April 2021**







# Lions Club of KAIKOURA DIARY



Monday 5th - **Board Meeting - 6:30pm** - Kevin's  
4 Miromiro Drive

Tuesday 20th - **Supper Meeting - 5:30pm** Social  
Kaikoura Food Comp.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Our very own Sir Bob ... Ealam of course - a world renowned yacht skipper, a Policeman, a hospital orderly hunter and tramper.



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

**April**

Tuesday 20th **Partners Tea - 5:30pm - Thai Siam** (time on when men start)  
Barb 7568 barbteen@gmail.com x Sunday prior

7th & 21st April - every 2nd Wednes. Groper - Social Catchup - 5pm - if the dates are wrong - meet me there anyway!

**Working Bees** will be emailed through by our Secretary as required. If you are the Convenor, please ensure all working bees are opened up to all members - that's why they joined!



**May**

1st May - Book Fair 10am - 4pm (2nd if wet.)

3rd May - Monday Board Meeting 7pm

18th May - Tuesday - Supper meeting - 5:30pm - Food company

**June**

7th June Monday Board Meeting 7pm (Digby's)

15th June Tuesday CHANGEOVER

**July**

5th July Monday Board Meeting 7pm ( and my birthday.)

20th July Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

**August**

2nd August Monday Board Meeting 7pm

17th August Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

**September**

6th September Monday Board Meeting 7pm

21st September Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

**October**

4th October Monday Board Meeting 7pm

19th October Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm

**November**

1st November Monday Board Meeting 7pm

16th November Tuesday Supper Meeting 6pm







## **Club Membership - How do we stack up?**

### **Overview**

**We bring Melvin Jones' dream to life - that every need can be met by a Lion or Leo. By bringing new members into our club, not only will we develop new friendships, but we will ensure our club will have stronger foundation to serve our community and the world. We will impact lives!**

### **Actions for Success**

- **Collaborate with the district Global Action Team on membership initiatives, and participate in relevant district, region and zone meetings and events.**
- **Develop and lead a membership committee to help implement action plans to achieve the club's membership goals and to positively increase the member experience.**
- **Encourage all members to participate in membership growth by inviting prospective members to the club. Follow up with prospective members promptly.**
- **Promote a harmonious club atmosphere by listening to and addressing, with the support of the club board of directors, concerns that prevent a positive member experience. This may include a survey or other opportunities for feedback.**
- **Engage new members in activities that are of interest to the member.**
- **Collaborate with the club service chairperson as well as other club committee to promote membership opportunities.**
- **Understand the different membership types and programs offered and promote membership programs to club members.**
- **Ensure that new members are provided with an effective orientation so new members understand how the club operates within its district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International, with the support of the Club 1st Vice President/Club Leadership Chair.**
- **Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate.**

### **Measuring Success**

- **Conducts at least one more membership drive in the community than the prior year.**
- **Contacts a minimum of two former members about returning to the club.**
- **Increases total membership over the previous fiscal year.**
- **Retains 100% of members.**
- **New members participate in new member orientation.**
- **Passionate about Lions and is invested in the club's future.**
- **Leads by example; actively sponsoring new members.**
- **Strong project management, public speaking, and presentation skills.**
- **Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media).**

**Have you brought names of prospective members to the Board?**

**Look through the phone directory?**

**What about your work mates?**

**What about your Bowling mates?**

**..... the list is endless the gains countless.**

**Just Ask**

# LIONS CLUB OF KAIKOURA

## OFFICERS FOR 2020 ~ 2021 YEAR



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**2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** Alan Gulleford

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**TAIL TWISTER:** Ian Bradshaw

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Almoner - Bob Ealam

Safety Officer - Alan Gulleford

Lion Tamer - John Trewin



## Guest's Soapbox - Kevin Smith

**Kaikoura Lions** Membership Team and Club Secretary.



As long as I have been a Lion, I have had the passion to share the joy of Serving with others under the Lions banner. Membership - Retention and New - have been for a long time my focus. Looking to the Retention side, my Club has recently carried out a Member Survey and the answers were most enlightening and have spurred our members to be very mindful of looking after each others needs. Do you have a one to one chats - Almoner isn't always for our sick nor is he the only Almoner we all are!

Why did we join Lions? Is there sufficient and 'satisfying' projects for all members? Are we opening all working bees to all members? Are there enough Social events? Are our partners involved enough? This is just a sample of the questionnaire, the answers we are working on now.

Potential New members want to join a positive club with amazing vibes. To meet members willing to listen and evaluate their ideas. Ideas hopefully, from a younger generation with the nurturing of older more experienced Lions who can pass on knowledge and guidance to their various suggestions.

It is a big challenge to get younger members. Today, their family life is much different to when we were young with different family dynamics. How can we make our clubs more family friendly?

Interestingly, in 1964 Kaikoura Lions had people knocking on the door to join AND our average age was 45 - NOW our average age is 73. That is a worrying statistic! Somehow we have to turn this around! How do we attract New Members? How do we attract Younger Members? New members with New Ideas, New Enthusiasm, New Energy AND New Vision. Hopefully our District Membership Team will be able to answer these questions in the next District Bulletin edition.

To be swallowed up into other Districts, to me, is a worrying thought - it can not happen!

Many will say, Oh No Not that Again! Well yes, the challenge continues for us all and gets tougher each year. Now with the changing times, we all have the ability and expertise to approach (put their names to the Board first - sometimes with good reason) and invite those we come into contact with. Use your flag at working bees, use Facebook constantly - the new communication tool - great success with pea straw, scrap metal, membership, social times (we aren't all work) etc.

Let Joe Public see what you are doing in their community and beyond and hopefully they will want to join in, and best and most important - make it fun! I look round clubs in our District and see new members lining up - what are they doing that we aren't? Maybe I know ...

We have to forget that "We have always done it this way." - times change and we have to meet those changing times head on to keep Lions Alive. We don't want to become extinct.

I have hit heads with many who have had, as their key words some of the points - left - and I know that you could add many more!

I look forward to being a part of our Lions Club during it's positive growth.

Our Goal is for every member to

**"Just Ask 1" or 2 or 3 ....**

"It's time to invest in Our Survival - Membership"

- DG Paul

or - what do Lions say to prospective members when asked what Lions do? "Do you mean locally, nationally or internationally?" - Wayne Paulin.

Thank you Lou for 'asking' me to use the 'SoapBox.' Kevin Smith

### How to

#### Kill Ideas



- **Don't be Rediculous**
- **We Tried That Before**
- **It Costs Too Much**
- **It Can't Be Done**
- **That's Too Radical**
- **We don't Have The Time**
- **We Are Too Small To Do That**
- **Is Isn't In The Budget**
- **Let's Form A Committee**
- **That's Too Hard**
- **We've Always Done It This Way**
- **This Has Always Been My Job**



Our mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

A mother stands in the doorway of an eye clinic and cannot help but smile, watching her child see clearly for the first time. Unable to afford eye care, she did not know her daughter was struggling to see. Far too many kids experience a similar struggle, and Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) are committed to making a change.

In underserved areas of Utah, USA, eye care can be inaccessible and unaffordable. Lions, who care deeply about the welfare of their community, recognize the large number of children going without eye care and are working to provide the care they need.

Keeping their mission in mind, Lions of Utah partner with the nonprofit, Eye Care 4 Kids. Founded by optician Joseph Carbone, a Lion member himself, the operation uses a mobile vision-screening clinic to travel to areas around the Utah that need help the most. Using vision-screening cameras, Lions and other trained volunteers screen children for poor eyesight. If a screening indicates a child needs advanced care, the clinic refers them to a local doctor. The screenings have found serious health conditions like tumors and other issues that could have led to permanent vision loss.

In cases where parents cannot afford the appointment and aftercare, the eye care services are provided at no cost. It is a massive relief for parents who once needed to sacrifice vision to put food on the table or pay the bills.

There was a problem though. The van they use was in serious need of repairs and equipment. The volunteers were unable to keep up with the amount of kids they knew might be relying on them as their only source of eye care. Knowing their foundation was there to support them, Lions turned to LCIF for assistance. LCIF awarded the Lions a US\$99,600 grant to repair and remodel the van and acquire additional exam equipment.

Today, the mobile vision screening clinic is back to serving children nearly every day. One special event, Refugee Family Night, opened up eye care to entire families. Utah is home to 60,000 refugees, who have come to the United States in search of a better life. However, poor vision can make this already extremely difficult transition even more challenging.

“These children and adults need these services,” says Joseph Carbone. “A person cannot become self-reliant if they cannot see or read.”

The amount of relief and joy is evident on the faces of the families there that night. Because of caring Lions and LCIF, they are one step closer to their dreams.

Visit [lionsclubs.org/campaign100](https://lionsclubs.org/campaign100) to learn how Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve overall quality of life of those with blindness or visual impairment.





# PROJECT - REPORT

## Scrap Metal

Kaikoura's Happy Scrappies - Alan Gulleford ESQ

Discarded on the scrap-heap of life; no longer relevant, or useful to those around us. Sounds like our typical retired Kiwi in some ways; thank goodness there are Lions to prove otherwise to our community.

What I'm really talking about today is actually Scrap Metal, get it? The tireless team working away on these discarded items is making a difference to many lives. Who is this team? Well first there is KEVIN, placing notices to encourage our public to phone ROSS, with a message to pick-up old batteries etc. Then we have IAN co-ordinating the team AND storing all the piles of scrap on his property. Notice the S on that word scrap!

Now we have the ever changing team of Lions getting grubby but happy, with their hands directly on this irrelevant and discarded, but still somewhat useful scrap. Who are these Titans of Teamwork? They are those fellow Lions you run into every month at least. Nothing to stop you having a go too and seeing what an hour or two of fresh air and a bit of sweat can add to our coffers.

The story isn't finished yet though, there is still VANCE STEWART coming in his truck to load all this ssscrap away for smelting. And where does the cash from this go? That's right, back into the community that supplied the detritus of life in the first place. Who says it's no longer useful now!







*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.  
The more members, the more ideas, the more  
energy and the more ...**

**JUST ASK!**

Hope all who went to the convention had a great time and have bought back much ammunition for our tail twister. I look forward to seeing some photos and hearing some stories.

Speakers Ted and Nikki spoke at the last meeting about the dark sky project, there is a similar concept in the Mackenzie which has been well received by tourists both international and domestic, the Mackenzie Dark Sky's are a Ngai Tahu tourism initiative which is based from the Mount John observatory in Tekapo offering guided tours, telescope viewings and educational events.

Book fair at the tar depot 1st May with a wet weather date of the 2nd - great fund raiser for the club and an opportunity for wives and partners to help. On that note the Social visit to Rodin cars 15th -16th April will be an interesting break. Hopefully Rodin will get at least one order.

We will be sorry to lose Vern McAllister, our loss will be another club's gain and we wish both Sally and Vern the best on their next adventure.

Membership recruitment is on going and essential as we continue to ask as many and as often as possible, new members are the life blood of the club as they bring new ideas and skills for us to utilise in our community projects.

Scrap metal and Pea straw activities going well . We sure keep Ian busy with the scrap metal and should you need to replace a battery this winter - save it for the scrap collection.

Have a great month Darryl

## **Our Causes**

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Whenever Lions club members get together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. Because we help where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - with unmatched integrity and energy.



**Diabetes**



**Child Cancer**



**Environment**



**Hunger**



**Vision**





**Digby we found it!!!!  
Digby went to borrow this exercycle and  
it had mysteriously disappeared.  
And like Moses it reappeared -  
Back from Ian's Gym.**





International President's Message  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



**Dear Lion,**

## **LIONS FUND LAUNCHED TO AID ŌHAU VILLAGE FIRE RECOVERY**

Following the devastating fire at Ōhau Village last October, District 202J has set up a fund to support residents in their recovery.

The fund is being coordinated by the Lake Tekapo and Waiareka Valley clubs and their respective Zone Chairs.

The fire indiscriminately destroyed about half the village's 100 dwellings.

Residents whose houses survived feel the loss their neighbours have experienced and are left with a village that is going to take a long time to recover.

Soon after the fire, Lions determined to work with residents to establish a project that would have long-term benefits for them. Many homes are owned as holiday residences so there is just a small residential population in Lake Ōhau Village. "We have been able to establish a relationship with people who have affiliations with the Ōhau Conservation Trust and with the residents and the ratepayers association," said Waiareka Valley Lion Murray Linwood.

Early discussions led to a project to develop a plant nursery, with a shade house and watering facilities, which will allow villagers to grow on plants propagated off-site for them. This will provide suitable plants for the re-establishment of properties and planting in reserves in the village and areas adjacent to the village and lake by the Ōhau Conservation Trust.

A concept plan for the buildings and surrounds is underway.

Other projects under consideration are the enhancement of the fire siren and the replacement of street lights with light bollards to give a clear night sky view.

Regards,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi





## **KAIKOURA LIONS CLUB - NEEDS YOU!**

Great bunch of blokes volunteering in our Community & Beyond.

We have 5 main causes: Child Cancer, Hunger, Vision, Diabetes & Environment.

**Our philosophy is: Family, Work then Lions.**

Working Bees & Great Social Events. Fellowship, building lasting relationships, satisfaction of volunteering, sense of achievement, leadership & personal development & role modelling to younger generations & New Vision.



Are you searching for a way to serve your community?

As you can see, working bees with Bob & Ian aren't a chore.



**We Serve  
Kia Manaaki**

Contact Kaikoura Lions 021 1426882 or (L) l.k592@xtra.co.nz for more details or follow us on Facebook "Kaikoura Lions Club"

We meet - 3rd Tuesday @ Food Company from 5:30pm - Guest Speakers & great food.

**DID YOU  
SEE THIS  
ON  
FACEBOOK?**

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY & BEYOND SINCE 1964**



**Comrades building a seat at the Oaro Urupa. What tool is John using?**



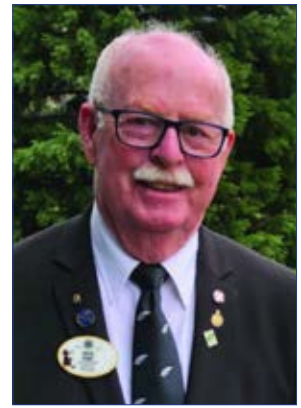


# COUNCIL CHAIR MESSAGE

David Peart

## Dreams for our future

Greetings to you all,



There are two major catalysts for societal change. One is brought about by dreamers who manage to inspire others to help carry out their dreams. We remember the words of Martin Luther King whose great speech used the phrase "I have a dream..." as he set his goals for racial equality. George Bernard Shaw's famous quote has been used by others. "Some look at things that are and ask why, I dream of things and ask why not?" And Walt Disney's "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them". The success of dreamers is their ability to inspire others to work together to achieve them.

The beginning of a new calendar year is a time when most people reflect on the year that has passed and set goals for the future. When we began 2020 "pandemic" was a rarely used word, and "zoom" usually described the rapid movement of a person or vehicle. How that has changed! We had plans on what we would be doing over the next 12 months. In mid-March all those plans went out the window as we entered lockdown. We learned how important it is to rely on community teamwork. Neighbours helped neighbours; people generally obeyed the need for social distancing as they walked, worked or queued in the supermarkets. As I write this it all seems an almost distant memory, but it could all return if we become too complacent. We only have to watch the news and see what is happening elsewhere in the world to be reminded how much more pain there is out there.

So what is in store for 2021? We have the hope of successful vaccinations to control Covid and a possible return to normality, but that will take time. The effects of the pandemic and its economic costs have fallen quite unevenly on individuals and we still don't have the full picture. We have greater need being displayed by the increasing requirements for social housing as homelessness continues to rise. Food banks were well stacked at Christmas, but the need is daily, not just for that day or week. There will continue to be natural disasters. Over the past year I have been inspired by the amazing support clubs have provided in particular to foodbanks and in Australian bushfire relief. I am in awe of members who volunteer daily for other support groups such as Hospice and Riding for the Disabled. My dream is that our numbers will increase so that we can better serve the world. If we don't do it, who will?

Best wishes to you all, enjoy what we have, and share with your community and the world.

"We Serve With Kindness Bringing Help and Hope"

*David Peart*





## **FUNDRAISING & SERVICE PROJECTS:**

**This list is especially for our New Members and a reminder to OLD!**

**Book Fair** - usually held in January over 2 days - funds raised donated to community projects.  
This year May 1st or 2nd if wet. We are collecting Modern Fiction books.

**Book Shelf** - kept stocked at Dolphin Encounter by Lion Ian - very popular.

**Scrap Metal & Vehicle Batteries** - working bees required when donated metal need breaking down for collection. A great little Club money earner.

**Lions Mints** - good wee fundraiser for our Club - have 16 outlets throughout the community and is managed by Lion Paul and Christine Redwood.

**Marathon** - joint effort between Kaikoura Lions and Kaikoura High School - going from strength to strength.

**Family Fishing Contest** - held early January - a popular project, amazing catches, great prizes and a family day out.

**Lions Seats** - our Club has built over 75 seats in Kaikoura, from the top of Mt. Fyffe to the sea and beyond.

### **SERVICE PROJECTS:**

**Meals on Wheels** - we do this service every August, delivering a cooked lunch to our elderly folk by our 'elderly' folk.

**Boardwalks** - from Jimmy Armers to The Point, WhaleWatch and New Beginnings walkway. Regular Working bees held to keep them in good nic.

**Firewood** - working bees during warmer weather. We don't sell firewood, as this would be in direct competition with the community. Latest project was a load for youth to go to a Life Skills Camp - they had to raffle, Police draw, load and unload.

**Youth** - especially conc. on our local kids, with International Youth Camps, Young Speechmaker, Environment, sports teams, etc - our youth our future.

**Over 70's Living Alone Christmas Dinner** - Wednesday 2nd December 2020 - 8:30am full muster of members and your partners also please. We can't do it without you. Kevin and Lou Smith lead the charge here.

**Penguin Predator proof fence** - built as a safety measure for our little blue penguins.

**RSA Cemetary** - cleaning monuments with help of High school students.

**Hospital Heli-pad** - an on-going Bureaucracy Battle to get this project started.

If you have any new ideas for projects please don't hesitate to let 3rd Vice President Digby know. (he's the chief shebang of projects.) AND if you wish to be on any committee just holla!

**As Lions, all money earnt under the Lions umbrella must be returned to the people.**



**RSA - Please remember that many of you have volunteered to put the seats out  
Saturday now 3pm and away Sunday 3pm**



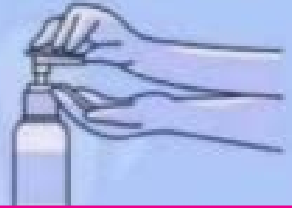
**A warm welcome to our newest member  
Roger Ford,  
Sponsor Kevin Smith and  
Inducted by Past President Ian Bradshaw.**



**Contributed**

**Have faith in the  
Pfizer Vaccine.  
Don't forget they make  
Viagra  
If they can raise the  
dead ...  
They can sure save the  
living.**

**Never in my whole  
life would  
I imagine my hands  
would consume  
more alcohol than  
my mouth!!**



**My stomach is FLAT.  
The L is just silent.**

**Them:** What inspires you to  
get out of bed every morning?

**Me:** My bladder mostly.

**Definition Of Golf  
Golf can best be defined  
as an endless series of  
tragedies obscured by  
the occasional miracle,  
followed by a cold bottle  
of beer.**

**THERE ARE TWO WAYS  
OF ARGUING WITH  
A WOMAN.**

**NEITHER ONE WORKS.**