



THE LIONS CLUB OF AMBERLEY AND DISTRICT

MARCH 2021 BULLETIN

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Monthly Meeting: Our next meeting will be **Monday 12th April** at the Amberley Rugby Clubrooms. Please let Treasurer Gill know by 5pm Thursday **8th April** 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 19th April** 7.30pm in the Ravensdown staffroom.



**Out and About
in Amberley**

Dinner Meeting: President Pam welcomed members and introduced this month's visitors, David Hall, Zone Chairman and Marty Lane as a prospective member.



David presented Lions Geoff Shier and Lindsay Eves with certificates in recognition of their 10 year membership of, and contributions to, the Amberley District Lions! David also gave a brief outline of Oxford Lion's initiative in supporting local food banks by growing and supplying fresh veggies to them. Maybe something for we in Amberley to consider.

Thanks again to our caterers for a great meal. This is another way we can support local community groups to raise funds for their organisations.

Upcoming Events:

ANZAC Day: **Sunday April 25th**

Berwick Outdoor Camp **7th - 15th May**

Partners Outing **T.B.A**

Recent Events:

Golf Tournament: The day dawned warm and sunny. Perfect for our annual golf. No hiccups this year. Last year was cancelled because of Covid and the year before postponed because of the weather.

Numbers were slightly down as some other golf events happened to coincide. However, it was a very enjoyable and successful day with the money raised going to current youth projects in our community. Thanks to Lion George and his team.



Golfers gathering at the Clubhouse



At No.10 . Shame it wasn't a hole in one prize !



Lunch is served. Thanks catering team.



Prizes and vouchers donated



Community Support/Projects

Firewood: Status at present - 3 loads of wood left and soon to be delivered. This is the end of the stored wood. Two truck and trailer loads have been delivered to be ringed up. A truck and trailer load of blue gum yet to be ordered.

Farming Calendar: This project is coming together with all the months sold to sponsors. The cost of printing has been agreed to and will go ahead soon. Lion Sally has guided this project to completion. We need to get behind her and support the selling of these calendars that showcase the Hurunui District.

Anzac Day: Together with the RSA, commemorations this year will feature the winning entries in the digital presentation challenge from last year which was postponed because of Covid. They will be shown to as a tribute to local people's wartime experiences. Members are encouraged to attend to help the organising committee.

Aviary: Jenny Dunbar-Fox sent a report on the Chamberlain Park aviary, setting out its future, ongoing maintenance and food needs. In the past we have supported the aviary in several ways. Lion Yvette is our representative and she will be our liaison person regarding future support the club can give to this community facility.

Easter : Our usual dinner meeting coincided with the Easter break this year, so an informal gathering was held at the Leithfield Historic Pub for those who could make it. Great food, lots of laughs and shared stories! Thanks Pam for organising that!

President Pam's Piece:

Here we are in April already – where did March go?

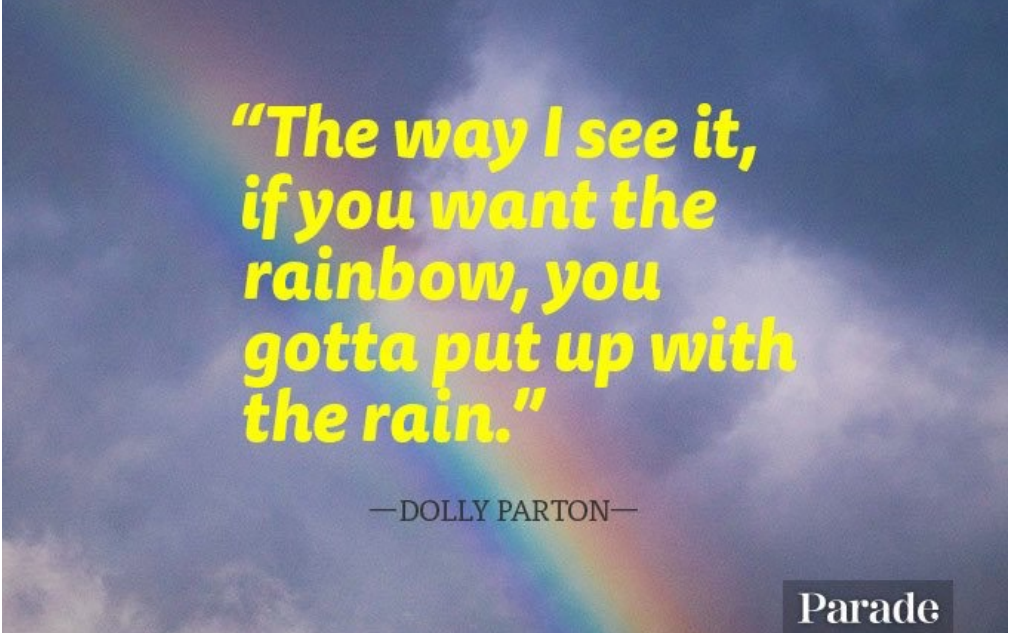
Amongst other events written about above, I was privileged to represent the club at Convention over at Ellesmere, where Town Meets Country. A very well-run weekend, with lots of variety. After a creative Opening on the Friday night, the Saturday AGM went through (mostly!) smoothly, the dinner was superb and the evening entertainment was lots of fun. The Sunday Remembrance Service was very moving, especially with our two late members (Jack Stanton and Len Smith) being honoured by their Valedictories being read out and the presentation of a kowhai tree for each of them.

In the Awards ceremony, I felt proud to accept, on behalf of the club, the past District Governor's award for Best Bulletin from the 2019/2020 Lions year.

Events such as Conventions give us the chance to lift our eyes from club level to a wider horizon and a look at how service happens at the District level and beyond. Next year's 202E Convention will be held in Richmond, Nelson, and I look forward to a good-sized contingent going up from this area.

I was also pleased to be invited to Broomfield School Assembly last week to receive a Thank You card from the senior classes, acknowledging the significant donation we made to their enrolling in the William Pike Challenge for this year. Programmes like this, which involve a community service element, as well as sports, academic and cultural components, set a variety of challenges for students and push them out of their comfort zone at times. Along with our support of the recreational area for the senior classes at Amberley School, it is great to form this partnership with our local schools and give their students wider experiences and opportunities for development.

Some of these local school children will also be involved in our combined Lions/RSA Anzac Day Commemoration on April 25th. Keep watching this space.



**"The way I see it,
if you want the
rainbow, you
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the rain."**

—DOLLY PARTON—

Parade

Can't you just hear that wonderful southern drawl!

Reminder: This months dinner Meeting **12th April**