

Minutes of Lions Club of Rangiora Tea meeting

Wai-Mana, Rangiora, 1st July 2021

Premeeting-

Treasurer John Lovell

Meet and Greet- Tini Lawry and Simon Tavener.

6.45. call people to the tables:-

Meeting

7pm **Welcome** president Tini Lawry to

- the 2021 change over meeting of the Lions Club of Rangiora, which is the 58th annual meeting,
- our two transferred members: IPDG Dave Saunders and his wife Ann Saunders
- A special welcome to all spouses and partners of our members.
- our very own Leos – VP Tayla Mellish and Lucy Johnston, and Rachel Bloomfield
- and Denise Hider from our newest Rangiora club, Lions Lioness Club
- Philip Bay, Geoff Rountree and Neville Major-Johnson from Oxford Lions
- Pam Harvey and Helen Lodge from Amberley Lions
- Allison McCall, and Pam Sollitt, friends of Lions.
- Guests Speaker, Dalice and Dean Stewart
- Mellisa, Philippa and Diane McGowan.

Apologies: Rob Duggan, Brian and Trunie Kennedy, Ray Norris, John Wright, Moved Tini Lawry/Wayne Paulin- carried

Toast to Lions Club International conducted by PDG Vern McAllister

Reply to Toast IPP Simon Tavener who outlined activities the Rangiora club had been involved in recently.

Invocation- PDG Mike Cousins

Dinner- Who's the Caterer

Between meals jokes- Bernie Walls and Peter Lawry.

Introduction of speaker by Aaron Clark.

Speaker Dalice Stewart, supported by Dean Stewart. Dalice spoke on her experience at the Berwick Outdoor Experience camp which the Rangiora lions club sponsored her to attend. The camp was established by the Lions Club of Tairei. The experience was very much appreciated by Dalice with heartfelt thanks to the Lions.

Vote of thanks to speaker by Mike Clemens

Presentation to caterer- Maureen Hampton presented our Caterer, Nelson, with a card and petrol voucher and passed on the clubs thanks for his wonderful catering over the year.

Table fun. Quentin distributed puzzles to tables, prizes of chocolates were given to tables who were first to compete.

Special Awards- John Lovell presided over a presentation to two very special members of the Club. Robin Smith and John Hodgson were presented with Life membership of Lions to recognize there 50 years of service to Lions. Their daughters Melissa and Philippa presented the 50 year Chevrons. The letter received From LCI regarding the Life membership award was read to the club. Club upstanding to acknowledge their achievement.

President's report presented by President Tini Lawry. A formal report is attached to these minutes.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this Lions' year. We've coped with challenges but we have been kind and considerate to each other.

This is the evening that we honor the office bearers.

I like to thank ALL of you, for being part of the club's activities. Be it doing the hard work at the projects, helping others, meeting fellow Lions or just wearing your Lions' cap or polo shirt. This resulted in \$ 26,000 being donated to 30 recipients and many more were helped by us through our labours.

I would have liked to call all of you Lions up here, but there isn't time for that. But, as you know, I didn't want to reserve all my thank-you's for this meeting, so have given certificates and honoured some members at tea meetings throughout the year.

Nevertheless, I have for every one of you a personal thank you. You all made Lions an exciting and fun year. (Wayne and Andrea handed out personalized thankyou notes from P Tini Lawry)

Thank you so much to the board for giving me exceptional support. It wasn't always easy to squeeze everything into the committee meetings with only seconds to spare to bring items into the board meeting. But you did it.

Could you stand:

Simon Tavener – Past President and Secretary

Mike Clemens – 1st Vice President

Kirstyn Barnett – 2nd Vice President, Leo representative and marketing guru.

Maureen Hampton – 3rd Vice President

John Lovell – Treasurer

Rob McLeod, Aaron Clark, Karen McWha – Directors.

Thank you so much for your time and skills you brought to the board.

Thank you to the Lions who have led key projects and filled special roles this past year.

Quentin Thank you so much for producing the Rambler for all these years. Your wit and humour are 2nd to none.

And I like to thank Peter. For all the things you've seen him do for Lions. But most of all for supporting and encouraging me. For proof reading all the words flowing from my pen. And the many hours he has been patiently waiting for me to leave the laptop and join him. Thank you so much and I hope I can lean on you another year.

I wish the new board and appointees all the best for the new Lions year.

Installation of new Board- conducted by IPDG Dave Saunders

Lion Simon Tavener, as secretary, confirmed that all the officers to be installed as members of the Board, been properly elected to their respective offices

The following officers were installed.

Simon Tavener as *Director*
Karen McWha as *Director*
Aaron Clark as *Director*
Rob McLeod as *Director*
John Lovell as *Treasurer*
Dene Cook as *Secretary*
Bernie Walls as *3rd Vice President*
Andrew Cook as *2nd Vice President*
Maureen Hampton as *1st Vice President*
Tini Lawry as *President*

Tini, accepted the role as President of the Club, and agreed to perform the duties assigned to the best of her ability .

Members who have been elected or appointed to roles, not part of the Board, came forward, these being

Peter Lawry, (backed up by Bernie Walls) – *Tail Twister*
Ray Twist – *Lion Tamer*
Ann Saunders - *Bulletin Editor*
Kirstyn Barnett - *Marketing & Communication Chairperson, Leos Advisor*
Howard Fowler - *Welfare Officer*
Bernie Walls - *LCIF Coordinator*
Rob McLeod - *Safety Coordinator*

All members, agreed to support your Board and the club in any way you can and when requested by your President, serve on a committee, and to perform your duties as a member of a Lions club?

IPDG Dave Saunders declared these Lions duly installed into the respective offices to which they have been elected or appointed.
The **minutes of last year's AGM**, 2nd of July 2020, were tabled. Moved Tini Lawry/Wayne Paulin.
Carried.

There were no matters arising

Guidebooks were available that give all members' contact details; and has the meeting dates for the year as well. The guide book is of course on our website, and always kept up to date.

Kitchen duties Rob McLeod and Andrew Cook

Tail twisters: Peter Lawry and Bernie Walls.

Raffle Draw:

Leos draw delete. Gift baskets won by P Tini Lawry and Amberley Lion Helen Lodge

Meat Raffle draw- won by Pam Harvey (Amberley Lions) and Helen Lodge, Helen requested be redrawn given her previous success and was won by Alison McCall.

Closing thought Roger Alexander.

Meeting closed at:9:40pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (1 JULY 2021)

Last year July I had one really important wish: I wanted *everyone* to feel part of our Club and find a way of being involved.

Looking back over the past Lions' year and what we have done, I don't think there is a Lion who hasn't been part of something and having fun. Not least because we put the emphasis on FUN, in all of our Tea Meetings.

The September "new projects brain-storming" meeting was a really enjoyable evening, and also resulted in several fresh and exciting ideas being executed and completed, including the "Whispers of Gold" movie afternoon for 97 vulnerable members of our community, the famous Mask Auction on TradeMe to benefit Blind Low Vision, the internal club Car Rally, and the instigation of our monthly, Wednesday daytime social gatherings.

We've been wearing our club polo shirts now for a year (with pride!) giving us a slick look, and higher visibility, whenever we're out among the public: we're deliberately raising the profile of our club's existence. We've appeared in lots of newspaper articles, FB posts, and we've documented our activities well, with photos. We've been interviewed multiple times on Compass FM and have talked to a class at New Life School.

The storage container on the BMX grounds has been put to good use and we entered a float in the Rangiora Christmas parade – a heap of fun! We sold toilet rolls, Christmas cakes and gave away to members of the community filled toilet bags, toys, random bags of kindness, and have made our presence known with the market stalls.

We ended last season's Pig and Horse manure sales very well, and have started these projects again in May this year, now adding the Kindling project to this.

We boosted the admin account with the firewood cutting and sale within the club, and marshalling for the Bridge-to-Bridge races.

The Ashley River Ramble got cancelled at the ninth hour, with a Covid level change, but still involved a number of club members – and gave us a good amount of money to donate.

And that gets me to the fact that we were able to donate \$25,500 to 30 recipients. Among them Rangiora St John, Waikuku Boardriders, Hope Community Gardens, Rangiora Community Patrol, Blind Low Vision and Southern Cochlear Implant Programme.

We have been helping others: Rachel's House garage sale, marshalling and parking, street collections, Oxford Big Day Out, Cancer Society Relay for Life, planting with the Leos, Toot 4 Tucker and Anzac Parade.

We've supported our Leos in their pursuits and the Lionesses' conversion to Lions Club of Rangiora Lioness.

Our membership stood at 36 at the start and – with a few leaving and more joining us this year – we sign off the year with a membership of 40. We looked out for each other when our usual good health left something to be desired and mishaps happened (bikes haven't been the safest mode of transport for some!), leaving us with stitches, bandages and moon boots.

Thank you to all of you, who have been part of this amazing year. The Rangiora Lions and Leo Clubs are alive and well – and the many hours of work put in by everyone has paid off. So many benefitted and we've put Rangiora Lions Club "on the map" once again this year!

Your president Tini.