



LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS JULY 2021

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ROLLESTON LIONS COMMITTEES 2020 - 2021

1st VP Bruce Tomlinson – LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, TRAINING, ORIENTATION, PROGRAMMES –

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Heather Kissell (Colour Run, Fire Works), John Neville (Firewood), Bill Pickering (Christmas trees), Leo Slattery (Phone Books), Ron McNicholl (Lion Mints), Dave Auton, John Paton, Martin Bogue, Lex Cockburn, Joanne Head, Mike Judd, Sean Lloyd, Viv Mathews, Bruce McDowell, Barry Bernard

FINANCE – Chris Logan, Brian Whittington, Lex Cockburn, Heather Kissell, Bruce Tomlinson, President Heather Power

MEMBERSHIP – Brian Whittington, John Benefield, John Knowles, Heather Power

The President is ex officio member of all committees. Each committee should have a written report for the Board Meeting each month and this report should be published in the Club Bulletin each month

ROLLESTON LIONS CHANGE OVER NIGHT
FRIDAY 9 JULY 2021
6-30 PM FELLOWSHIP - 7 PM MEAL



WEEDONS COUNTRY CLUB
WEEDONS ROSS RD/MCCLELLAND RD
\$30PP BAR AVAILABLE

DUTIES FOR TEA MEETING

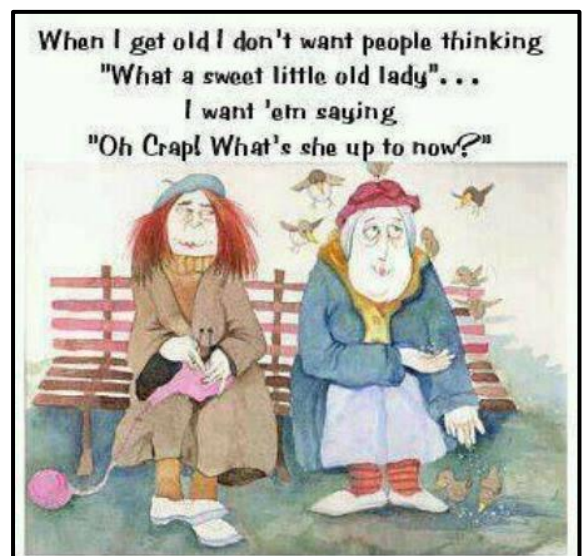
TABLE WAITERS BRIAN WHITTINGTON, GRAHAM PYE, RON McNICHOLL
JOHN KNOWLES

Lions unable to do duties allocated PLEASE arrange your own substitute

BOARD MEETING

MENS SHED

21 JULY @ 7.30pm



PRESIDENT HEATHER

Herewith the final report!!

Well here we are with the last President's report from me. It has been an interesting two years and I have learned a lot. During the last two years we have coped with a whole new vocabulary consisting of such words as COVID. Lockdown, Levels 1-4, MIQ, Zoom meetings and travel bubbles!

However we in New Zealand have got off lightly compared with some other parts of the world even if many of our family members are living overseas and we can only "visit" on line.

I would like to thank all those who have assisted me in so many ways during the past two years, especially the Board members who have taken on responsibilities willingly and who have ensured that our club runs smoothly. I think we have a real presence in the Rolleston area now.

All the best to Bruce and his new Board as we look forward to the next Lions year.

See you all at Changeover!

.Payment of \$30 for the dinner can be made on the night by cash or eftpos or by direct credit to the BNZ account. Rolleston Lions account no 02 1266 0007669 00

On Tuesday Last week Denis had a stroke and is currently in hospital. He can speak but cannot move his left leg and his left arm only slightly. This has been a huge shock for us both but at least he waited till my role as President is nearly over! He will be recovering and rehabilitating at Burwood from this week onward.

President Heather

1ST VP BRUCE'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the YFC Competitions.

We are still working through the processes of finding someone to fill the 1st VP position in the new Lions year.

See you all at Changeover.

**Many Thanks,
Bruce, 1st VP.**

2ND VP VAL KNOWLES (interim)

No report but the following is something I put in the Geraldine Lions Bulletin

A report on the "Railton" and to recap on the progress.

About 40yrs ago it was driven up the drive on a trailer for "her indoors" to remark on. Inside were boxes marked "spare parts" and I said it should be taken to the tip. I was privately glad when it was pushed into a shed out of site.

However 3 shifts later and this property being called "semi retirement" and hopefully more time for the owner to do the restoration. It's motor is now restored, its fittings upholstered, and it has it's makeup on.

I must say it is now a gleaming sight of black and a lovely metallic blue. But until an expert fixes it's wiring it is classed as "brain dead"

It comes with a glorious reputation. 1 to 50kms per hour in 15 seconds with a maximum speed of 160kms per hour, and no seat belts. I was told it had been raced in the past.

"Her indoors" may even sit in the passenger seat at the Newyear day Rally. I think I'm just dreamin.

The Railton is a 1935 post vintage car. It was designed to compete with Bentley in car racing. It was raced around the wharf area in Dunedin. There are only 4 in N.Z.

**Regards
Val.**

3ND VP ALISTER'S REPORT

The Annual toot for tucker was had in June in Rolleston instead of Lincoln due to events beyond our control.

All the goods collected go the local food banks to support our community

Thank you for supporting this with your time and effort it is greatly appreciated.

There was over two ton of food delivered to the food banks

The next event is the Young Farmers completion on the 2nd July at Templeton providing hot food for the finals for breakfast until 2pm

This will be a great opportunity as a fund raiser and lift our awareness in the farming community.

Then on Friday 9th July we have the change over dinner

I would like to thank all the members that have helped and supported me as 3rd VP in the past 12 months.

It has been a enjoyable experience

Thank you

Yours in lions

Alister Legat

PARTING THOUGHTS:

Keep your temper no one else wants it

Worry is like a rocking chair, it keeps you busy, but gets you no where

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places

Every Oak tree started out as a couple of nuts who stood their ground.

FINALLY...THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES!

A blonde woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a woman police officer, who was also a blonde.

The blonde cop asked to see the blonde driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated.

'What does it look like?' she finally asked. The policewoman replied, 'It's square and it has your picture on it.'

The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. 'Here it is,' she said.

The blonde officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "OK, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop..."





CRANKY OLD MAN



What do you see nurses? ..	..	..	What do you see?
What are you thinking ..	..	..	when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man, ...	..	..	not very wise,
Uncertain of habit ..	..	..	with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food ..	..	..	and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice ..	..	..	'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice ..	..	..	the things that you do.
And forever is losing ..	..	..	A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not ..	..	..	lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding ....	..	..	The long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?..	..	..	Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse ..	..	..	you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am ..	..	..	As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, ..	..	..	as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten ..	..	..	with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters ..	..	..	who love one another
A young boy of Sixteen ..	..	..	with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now ..	..	..	a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twenty ..	..	..	my heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vows . ..	..	..	that I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, now ..	..	..	I have young of my own.
Who need me to guide ..	..	..	And a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty ..	..	..	My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other ..	..	..	With ties that should last.
At Forty, ..	..	..	my young sons grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me ..	..	..	to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more ..	..	..	Babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children ..	..	..	My loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me ..	..	..	My wife is now dead.
I look at the future ...	..	..	I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing ..	..	..	young of their own.
And I think of the years ..	..	..	And the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man ..	..	..	and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age ..	..	..	look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles ..	..	..	grace and vigour, depart.
There is now a stone ..	..	..	where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass ..	..	..	A young man still dwells,
And now and again ..	..	..	my battered heart swells
I remember the joys ..	..	..	I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living ..	..	..	life over again.
I think of the years, all too few ..	..	..	gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact ...	..	..	that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people ..	..	..	open and see.
Not a cranky old man .			
Look closer ....	..	see ..	ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within. We will all, one day, be there, too!

ALMONER

It was with great sadness that we heard of Martin Bogues wife Janet passing away. A short time with a deadly disease. Sympathy to Martyn and family.

Denis Power is in hospital after a stroke. More on that from Heathers report.

We hope John Paton is coping with this bad weather.

Spotted Paul Kissell at a local watering hole recently. Looking much better.

The elusive Alister Legat is still on the recovery list. We all hope you are coming right Alister.

Shirley the bringer of good and bad tidings, the last for my year.

**Please get in touch with SHIRLEY
If someone is sick, hospitalised, family deaths etc**

Phone 03 347 9475 or 021 0247 3377

The Pearly Gates Entrance Exam.....

It was getting a little crowded in Heaven, so God decided to change the admittance policy. The new law was that in order to get into Heaven, you had to have a really bad day on the day that you died. The policy would go into effect at noon the next day.

So, the next day at 12:01 the first person came to the gates of Heaven.

The Angel at the gate, remembering the new policy, promptly asked the man, "Before I let you in, I need you to tell me how your day was going when you died." "No Problem," the man said. "I came home to my 25th-floor apartment on my lunch hour and caught my wife having an affair. But her lover was nowhere in sight. I immediately began searching for him. My wife was half naked and yelling at me as I searched the entire apartment. Just as I was about to give up, I happened to glance out onto the balcony and noticed that there was a man hanging off the edge by his fingertips! The nerve of that guy!

I ran out onto the balcony and stomped on his fingers until he fell to the ground. But wouldn't you know it, he landed in some trees and bushes that broke his fall and he didn't die. In a rage, the first thing I thought of was the refrigerator. I pushed it out onto the balcony and tipped it over the side. It plummeted 25 stories and crushed him! The excitement of the moment was so great that I had a heart attack and died almost instantly."

The Angel sat back and thought a moment. Technically, the guy did have a bad day. It was a crime of passion. So, the Angel announced, "OK, sir. Welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven," and let him in.

Then the next guy came up. "Hi there. Before I can let you in, I need to hear about what your day was like when you died."

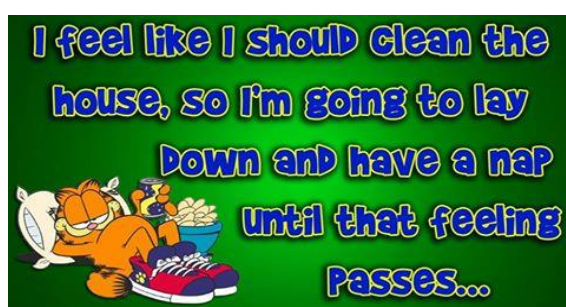
The guy sighs and says: "No problem. But you're not going to believe this. I was on the balcony of my 26th floor apartment doing my daily exercises. I had been under a lot of pressure so I was really pushing hard to relieve my stress. I guess I got a little carried away, slipped, and accidentally fell over the side! Luckily, I was able to catch myself by the fingertips on the balcony below mine.

Then this crazy man comes running out of his apartment, starts cussing, and stomps on my fingers. Well, of course I fell. I hit some trees and bushes at the bottom, which broke my fall, so I didn't die right away. As I'm lying there face up on the ground, unable to move and in excruciating pain, I see this guy push his refrigerator, of all things, off the balcony. It falls 25 floors and lands on top of me, killing me instantly."

The Angel is quietly laughing to himself as the man finishes his story. "I could get used to this new policy," he thinks to himself. "very well," the Angel announces. "Welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven," and he lets him enter.

A few seconds later, a third guy comes up to the gate. Finally he says, "And what was YOUR day like?"

The guy says, "**OK, picture this. I'm naked, inside a refrigerator..**



Transforming Vision Care Through Comprehensive Eye Health Solutions

Since 2002, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has partnered with Johnson & Johnson Vision to implement the largest-known, school-based eye health program, Sight for Kids. The program mobilizes Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in low-income schools, currently in four countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe. The program provides teachers with training to deliver eye health education, perform a visual acuity test, and screen for common eye conditions. Students identified with potential vision impairment or eye ailments are referred to health care providers for evaluation.

Real Impact: By the Numbers

This program has created tremendous impact in communities worldwide. Today, LCIF and our partners at Johnson & Johnson Vision have proudly achieved multiple successes, including:

37 MILLION students screened around the world

3 MILLION students reached annually

500 THOUSAND pairs of eyeglasses provided to children in need

575 THOUSAND students treated

190 THOUSAND teachers engaged

Responding to a Need

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 312 million children under the age of 19 have myopia (nearsightedness), and half of these cases remain undetected and untreated. Furthermore, nearly 19 million children worldwide have visual impairments that cannot be corrected by corrective lenses. Three quarters of these children live in the most underserved regions of Asia and Africa, where there is a lack of access to treatment for preventable or treatable conditions. Children without access to eye health services run the risk of difficulty in school, lower quality of life, and even blindness.

**WORLD POPULATION DAY JULY 11**

World Population Day aims to increase people's awareness on various population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.

Its international level awareness campaign being celebrated all over the world to call people on stage to know the reason of this exploding population year by year as well as solve the big mistake of whole human fraternity. This great awareness event is to bring a population revolution globally as well as breaking sleep of all the deeply slept people to pay their full attention and help in combating this population issue.

World Population Day History

It was first started in the year 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It was exalted by the interest of the public when the global population became near about five billion at 11th of July in the year 1987.

It was the huge challenge for the development when the population on the earth has reached to around 7 billion in the year 2011. According to the decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in the year 1989, it was recommended that 11th of July every year should be noticed by the community globally and celebrated in order to raise the awareness among common public and find out the real solutions to combat with the population issues. It was started to focus the required attention of people towards the importance of population issues.

The aim of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is paying great attention towards the reproductive health problems of the community people as it is the leading cause of the ill health as well as the death of the pregnant women worldwide. It has been distinguished that around 800 women are dying daily in the procedure of giving birth to a baby.

According to the statistics, it is noted that the world population on 1st of January 2021 has been reached to 7.9 Million.

Through this great awareness celebration, people are encouraged to take part in the event to know about population issues like importance of family planning towards the increasing population, gender equality, maternal and baby health, poverty, human rights, right to health, sexuality education, use of contraceptives and safety measures like condoms, reproductive health, adolescent pregnancy, girl child education, child marriage, sexually transmitted infections and so many.

Sexuality related issues are very necessary to get solved among youths especially between 15 to 19 years of age as according to the statistics it is noted that around 15 million women of this age give birth every year as well as around 4 million go through for abortion.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**United in Kindness and Diversity
with International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

This is a year that we will never forget. Because more than any other, this is the year that you showed the world the true depth of a Lion's courage. Your conviction to stand for others, to inspire hope and to serve has been the difference for so many people in your community and around the world.

I'm so proud to have been a part of this extraordinary year of kindness, innovation and safe service. As we move forward, we will continue to meet this global challenge together. Because we are Lions. In good times or times of great need—at all times and in all places—where there is need, we will be there.

Thank you for your bravery and commitment to making our world a better place for all people. It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve you.

**Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President**



WOMEN'S REFUGE

JULY AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL COLLECTIVE OF INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S REFUGES INC.
Ngā Whare Whakaruruhau o Aotearoa

We are a women's organisation for women and their children, here to help prevent and stop family violence in New Zealand.

If you are experiencing any form of abuse in your family or your relationship, or know someone who is, there are many ways we can help you – for free, and confidentially.

We'd love to help whether you have children or not. Women's Refuge can: talk to you if you're worried about your safety in your relationship and help you make a Safety Plan

provide a safe place to go to if you need help urgently help you stand up for your needs whether or not you are thinking about leaving.

We are an independent, bicultural community organisation and have support services designed especially for children, young people, Māori women, Pasifika women and migrant and refugee women. We also assist lesbian women, older women and women with disabilities.

Domestic violence is a pervasive, life-threatening crime that impacts on thousands of New Zealanders with serious physical, psychological and economic effects.

Crime and injury statistics show how significant a problem domestic violence is in our country. It is one of the leading causes of injury and death to women, and also leads to short and long-term health problems such as mental illness, and problems with sexual and reproductive health.

Dr Fanslow says the most worrying aspect is that intimate partner violence, even if it occurred in the past, is significantly associated with present physical and mental health problems including depression, sleep problems and suicide attempts.

The economic cost of domestic violence on the individual, family, community and country as a whole is considerable. For example, in 1996 economist Suzanne Snively estimated the cost of domestic violence in New Zealand to be between \$1.2 and \$5.8 billion per annum. In today's terms, that's up to about \$8 billion each year.

New Zealand domestic violence statistics

One in three women experience psychological or physical abuse from their partners in their lifetime

On average 14 women, six men and 10 children are killed by a member of their family every year

Police are called to around 200 domestic violence situations a day – that's one every seven minutes on average

Police estimate only 18% of domestic violence incidents are reported

At least 74,785 children and young people aged under 17 were present at domestic violence situations attended by police 84% of those arrested for domestic violence are men; 16% are women

For most New Zealanders, when we need an escape we simply jump online and book a getaway. But for some that isn't an option. Every night in this country, over 167 women and children are too afraid to stay at home because of family violence. Women's Refuge is able to provide them with a safe place to stay, but it's becoming increasingly difficult to meet the financial needs of this essential service.

We undertake original research projects on domestic violence issues in New Zealand.

Domestic violence impacts on a number of sectors. These include housing, employment, welfare, police, education, disability issues, drugs and alcohol, health, corrections and the justice sector.

Our research investigates domestic violence and issues related to these sectors. On an ad hoc basis, we undertake various projects to help us find ways to improve the safety and well being of New Zealand women and children.

Here is the current research that Women's Refuge has undertaken.

Kids in the Middle

Women's Refuge has released a first of its kind research report into what children need to feel safe after family violence. Nineteen children aged 5-13 were interviewed by specialist researchers about their experiences of finding safety and support. All of the kids that took part in the research were forthcoming with their thoughts, feelings, and memories of being in Women's Refuge safe houses or programmes. The children's reflections of their time at Refuge prompted us to think differently about how kids cope with the aftermath of violence.

Intimate Partner Stalking

Women's Refuge has released research that examines stalking in the context of an intimate partner relationship or intimate partner stalking (IPS). Over 700 respondents answered the survey and the research also looked at Women's Refuge internal statistics and found that stalking was part of the pattern of violence for over 70% of our client pre-separation, and over 60% post-separation.

Pet Abuse Report

For many women living with intimate partners who use abuse to exercise power and control over them, animals represent both a source of comfort and a source of vulnerability. Pets and farm animals can represent some of the most meaningful relationships in victims' lives, and for many, these constitute family relationships. Unfortunately, many victims are forced to bear witness to the same brutality towards their pets that they are subjected to themselves, as the person who abuses them also threatens, frightens, harms, and even kills the animals that they care for.

Reproductive Coercion

Reproductive coercion is a form of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) that involves controlling access and tampering with contraceptives, pregnancy coercion, attempting to cause miscarriage, and intentional exposure to sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The study also looked at partner behaviours during different points of pregnancy and around the termination of a pregnancy. In addition it addressed the monitoring of sexuality as a form of control, and as a way to facilitate reproductive coercion.

Economic abuse report

In recognition of the minimal available literature on economic abuse in the context of intimate partner violence, Women's Refuge conducted a survey of 445 women who considered themselves to have been victims or potential victims of economic abuse by partners. The aim of this research was to explore women's experiences of being victimised through economic abuse, and in particular, how this impacted their social, employment, and housing situations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

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JULY

Denis Power 22nd Heather Clouston 23rd Leo Slattery 23rd

LEO ZODIAC SIGN - Date range: July 23 - August 22

L for leaders

E for energetic

O for optimistic

Element: Fire

Colour: Gold, Yellow, Orange

Day: Sunday

Ruler: Sun

Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 10, 19

Flowers: Sunflower, Marigold

Lucky Gem: Carnelian

Strengths: Creative, passionate, generous, warm-hearted, cheerful, humorous

Weaknesses: Arrogant, stubborn, self-centered, lazy, inflexible

Leo likes: Theater, taking holidays, being admired, expensive things, bright colors, fun with friends

Leo dislikes: Being ignored, facing difficult reality, not being treated like a king or queen

People born under the sign of Leo are natural born leaders. They are dramatic, creative, self-confident, dominant and extremely difficult to resist, able to achieve anything they want to in any area of life they commit to. There is a specific strength to a Leo and their "king of the jungle" status. Leo often has many friends for they are generous and loyal. Self-confident and attractive, this is a Sun sign capable of uniting different groups of people and leading them as one towards a shared cause, and their healthy sense of humour makes collaboration with other people even easier.

ROCK RAFFLE ROSTER:

02 July	..	..	..	Bill Pickering, Ron McNicoll
9 July ..	..	..	..	John Benefield, Margaret Gerken
16 July ..	..	..	..	John Knowles, Val Knowles
23 July..	..	..	..	John Benefield, John Jones
30 July	..	..	..	John Neville, Tony Condon
06 August	..	..	..	Martin Dyer, Brian Fennessey
13 August	..	..	..	Sean Lloyd, Heather Clouston
20 August	..	..	..	Chris Logan, Graham Pye

Please remember to contact the other person you are rostered with. If unable to do duty please arrange a replacement.

Please also leave \$40 in the Raffle container for the following Friday night

Co-ordinator John Benefield 027 227 6075

A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER THAT READ:

"We will heel you
We will save your sole
We will even dye for you."

In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels.";

On a Septic Tank Truck:

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an Optometrist's Office:

"If you don't see what you're looking for,
You've come to the right place.";

On a Plumber's truck :

"We repair what your husband fixed.";

On another Plumber's truck:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.";

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee :

"Invite us to your next blowout.";

On an Electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts.";

In a Non-smoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on
fire and will take appropriate action.";

On a Maternity Room door:

"Push. Push. Push.";

At a Car Dealership:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss
a car payment.";

Outside a Muffler Shop:"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.";

CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's. To be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy

LION CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES

TO ORGANISE charter and supervise Service Clubs to be known as Lions Clubs
TO CO-ORDINATE the activities and standardise the administration of Lions Clubs
TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world
TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship
TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community
TO UNITE the Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding
TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members
TO ENCOURAGE service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

2021/2022 LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON AND DISTRICTS INC; OFFICERS.

Club President;.....Bruce Tomlinson
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BULLETIN MARG'S DRIBBLE

Hi Everyone

This bulletin is finally finished. It's taken a lot longer cause I was unwell for most of it.....but now it's been put to bed and now I'll think about August's one.

I hope Denis keeps improving and will be home soon.

See you all at the Changeover on Friday

Marg 😊



Matariki - the Māori New Year - 2 JULY 2021

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades. Traditionally for Māori when it appeared just before dawn in late May or early June, it signalled the start of the Māori New Year. For some tribes, the rising of Puanga (Rigel in Orion) signals the start of the New Year. In the early

2000s Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission), the Ministry of Education and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, became involved in the revival of Matariki celebrations.

When is Matariki?

Different tribes celebrated Matariki at different times. For some it was when Matariki rose in May/June. For others it was celebrated at the first new moon, or full moon, following the rising of Matariki. In the 21st century it is the new moon following the rising of Matariki that signals the New Year.

For many iwi the appearance of Puanga (Rigel in Orion) in the night sky signalled the start of winter.

Puanga was said to be one of the parents of the climbing plant puawānanga.

Matariki is officially celebrated on 6 June 2016. Celebrations can last up to 3 days.

What does Matariki mean?

Matariki has two meanings, both of which refer to the cluster of stars. Mata Riki means Tiny Eyes, and Mata Ariki means Eyes of God. The Matariki new moon happens sometime in June.

Why is Matariki important?

In years gone by, Matariki was thought to determine your crop for the coming season, and therefore it was important to recognise the part it played in nature's cycle. The disappearance of Matariki in Autumn, signalled the time to gather and preserve crops, and so was an important marker in the harvest calendar. Nowadays, Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate the earth, and show respect for the land on which we live.

How is Matariki celebrated?

Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by gathering with whanau (family) and reflecting on the past. The festival's connection to the stars provided an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away to the heavens. Offerings were made to land-based gods who would help provide good crops, and new trees were planted to signal new beginnings.

The Prime Minister says June 24 will be a public holiday in 2022 to celebrate Ngā Mata o te Ariki, more commonly known as Matariki, which traditionally heralds the start of a new year for Māori.

The Government has also asked the Matariki Advisory Group to advise on future dates, as the exact timing of Matariki shifts each year, but these are expected to always fall on a Monday or Friday.

"Matariki will be a distinctly New Zealand holiday; a time for reflection and celebration, and our first public holiday that recognises Te Ao Māori," Ardern said in her speech at Waitangi's upper marae on Thursday.

"It's great to have the date locked in for next year. This will be a day to acknowledge our nation's unique, shared identity, and the importance of tikanga Māori. It's going to be something very special, and something uniquely New Zealand," she said.

"It will also break up the lag between public holidays that currently exists between Queen's Birthday in early June and Labour Day in late October."

Should children witness childbirth?

Here is your answer.

Due to a power outage only one paramedic responded to the call.

The house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen a 3-year old to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby.

Very diligently Kathleen did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed and after a little while, Connor was born.

The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom and Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-year old what she thought about what she had just witnessed.

Kathleen quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place - - Smack his butt again!"

DATES OF IMPORTANCE - PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR

- 9 July** - Changeover Night Weedons Golf Club
- 9 July** - School Holidays begin
- 19 July** - Schools back
- 21 July** - Our Board Meeting
- 30 July** - International Friendship Day

ROCK RAFFLES EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ROCK

- 4 August** - Our Tea meeting at the Rock
- 12 August** - International Youth day
- 13 August** - Left handers day
- 18 August** - Our board meeting
- 19 August** - World Humanitarian Day
- 27 August** - Cancer Society Daffodil day

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- 3 November** - VDG Hughs Visit

CIGARETTE:

A pinch of tobacco rolled in paper with fire at one end and a fool at the other!

MARRIAGE:

It's an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelors degree and a woman gains her masters

LECTURE:

An art of transmitting Information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either

CONFERENCE:

The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present

COMPROMISE:

The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece

TEARS:

The hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine water-power!

CONFERENCE ROOM:

A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on

ECSTASY:

A feeling when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before

CLASSIC:

A book which people praise, but never read

SMILE:

A curve