

LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS SEPTEMBER 2023

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ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB TEA MEETING

THE ROCK ROLLESTON

06 SEPTEMBER 2023

MEET & GREET - 6.00 pm MEAL - 6.30 pm

DUTIES FOR TEA MEETING

GREETER ROBIN JONES

GRACE/INVOCATION .. ALASTAIR JUDD

RAFFLE CHRIS LOGAN

CASHIER MARTIN DYER

TABLE WAITERS TONY CONDON, REX GREENWOOD, RON

McNICHOLL

SPEAKER BELLA LAMMERS, whom our Club supported financially to attend and compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin last June. Bella is 21 years old with Down Syndrome and was one of only four swimmers selected to represent New Zealand at these games.

Barbara Williams the Zone 8 Chairperson - SHIRLEY McNICHOLL

INTRODUCE SPEAKER .. ALISTER LEGAT

THANK SPEAKER .. HEATHER KISSELL

PLEASE NOTE: The meal price has increased. Mains now \$22 and Desserts \$6

Please have the right change for Martin on the night

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BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023
AT THE MENZ SHED

PRESIDENT SHIRLEY

I've been impressed this month with how our VPs and members have been getting involved with initiatives. This should be reflected in their own reports.

I visited Rolleston Primary School and they are going to let me know when their children are taking part in the Schools Music Festival.

Barbara Williams the Zone 8 Chairperson will be visiting us on Wednesday 6th Septembers Tea meeting. This is part of her duties in this capacity, and she will give a short talk.

There is concern, naturally, for the Phone book project. All members should have by now expressed their personal opinion to Brian who is convener of this project.

Have attended Tea, Board, Trustee and Zone meetings, helped collect for the Cancer Society and arranged a roster to collect for MS/PD next Saturday, almost forgot!! Rock Raffle on Friday night with Nola.

"It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of our friend and fellow Lion Lex Cockburn last Thursday."

Regards Shirley

1ST VP DAVE AUTON

The Christmas function is well into the planning stage now , it will be a lot cheaper and more fun , at a local address we have all been to a few times .Date is confirmed as the 2^{nd} of December that Robin Jones is organising .I will have a bigger report about the A N Z I conference next meeting . We have to have a date for cleaning out the container , re organising it and doing a comprenshive stocktake with a list of equipment on to my list and another inside the container, before the Fireworks night

Regards Dave

2ND VP MIKE

We have spent \$100.00 on firewood for Ashley 5 Tawaki street, Burnham as a top up. It was delivered today Friday 25th Aug.



3RD VP JOHN

Selwyn Lions club have agreed to support us in our involvement in the upcoming Lincoln Vintage Festival, in September. They have offered to provide the people to run the arrivals desk through the event and support the car marshalling, which will leave us free to do our food tent. Three of us went Rakaia on Monday, and collected 96 bags of Lilies (bulbs). We have set up the old produce stall at John Neville's place, where they will be sold through an honesty box. Roadside signage has also been installed, and an ad placed in the Rolleston Face Book Marketplace page. We can get the bulbs at a very low price and sell them for 3 times or more than they the cost. A small team of people will be required to go to Rakaia once a month or so, to pack the bulbs, ready for shipment. Anyone interested in helping pack these bulbs, please contact me.

Regards John

MARCOM NEWS - Heather Power

ROLLESTON Lions are going to be out and about over the next month with lots of opportunities to market our brand! First weekend in September we will be collecting for MS and Parkinson's with our sign out displaying who we are.

On September 23rd some members will be helping at the Vintage Fest at Lincoln events centre, on the door, cooking sausages and candy floss.

On September 24th we will be on deck at Volunteering Canterbury's Newcomers Expo where we will have a display promoting Lions in general and our club in particular.

Each Friday evening we are in the bar at the Rock selling our famous meat raffles and these are so popular we are having to start selling earlier at 5:30pm.

Why do we do these things we are sometimes asked? The response is our motto We Serve and the people we serve are mainly the local Community. These activities allow us to fundraise and donate to worthy causes, people in need, young people's activities, Diabetes NZ, Child Cancer, Sight First etc.

Where there is a need, there is a Lion!

Heather P

ALMONER

Please get in touch with ALASTAIR JUDD
Please everyone let me know asap if a member is sick, hospitalised, family deaths
etc as I live out of the area.
Phone 03 339 8106 or 021 124 8226

It is very sad to hear that Lion Lex Cockburn passed away a couple of days ago.

Our sincere condolences to all the family. RIP Lex

Christchurch Town Hall - 31st October - 3rd November 2023

All Clubs in the catchment area for the more than 4000 primary school children are invited to become part of the sponsorship project for this amazing annual musical event. Schools come from Zone 1 area, Zone 4 (excluding Kaikōura) and Zones 5, 6, 7 and 8. Lions have again been granted naming rights sponsorship, with the amount of \$10,000 being agreed to by Cabinet, and advised to the Festival Association. Where will this amount come from?

From the Clubs in the areas outlined above and will be needed by September.

When your Club makes a donation, please send it to 202E District Treasurer, stipulating it is for the Music Festival, and please also advise the Lions Liaison team at ian.marion@xtra.co.nz or 202e.musicfestival@lionsclubs.org.nz of the date paid and the amount.

We would be happy to visit your Club if you need to find out more or just email us with your questions.

Lions Music Festival Liaison Team - PDG Marion McWha and VDGE Pam Harvey 6

LION CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES

TO ORGANISE charter and supervise Service Clubs to be know 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

SEPTEMBER

JACKIE CODYRE 8TH SHIRLEY McNICHOLL - 15TH SONIA FLETCHER - 15TH

NOLA WATSON - 17TH

VIRGO ZODIAC SIGN - Date Range: 21 August - 20 September

V for virtuous
I for intelligent
R for responsible
G for generous
O for optimistic

Element: Earth

Colour: Grey, Beige, Pale-Yellow

Day: Wednesday Ruler: Mercury

Lucky Numbers: 5, 14, 15, 23, 32 **Flowers**: Gladiolus, Sunflower, Marigold

Lucky Gem: Peridot

Strengths: Loyal, analytical, kind, hardworking, practical

Weaknesses: Shyness, worry, overly critical of self and others, all work and no play

Virgo likes: Animals, healthy food, books, nature, cleanliness **Virgo dislikes:** Rudeness, asking for help, taking center stage

Virgos are always paying attention to the smallest details and their deep sense of humanity makes them one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. Their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance, and although they are often tender, their heart might be closed for the outer world.

The 5 Top Reasons to Love Being a Virgo

Your Instagram feed is #goals. Although you're the first to admit that looks can be deceiving, your ability to stage a beautiful life can boost your mood.

A hard worker, you get things done every boss wants someone like you on his or her team.

You're kind and always willing to lend a hand to those who need it.

You're funny. You don't always let your humour shine through, but anyone who knows you well is totally aware that you can make people collapse in laughter. Your wry sense of humour and sharp observation

skills can't be beat.







FATHERS DAY SUNDAY 3RD September

Wishing all the Dads & Grandads a great Fathers Day hope you all get thoroughly spoilt

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting. Around the world it is celebrated on a variety of dates in New Zealand its always the first Sunday in September

Father's Day is not a federal holiday in most countries, with exception to Thailand because it falls on the same day as the King's Birthday, which is a public holiday. For other countries, Father's Day is on a Sunday, so public offices are closed on this day and very few organizations are open for business. There are some suggestions that the idea of Father's Day may originate in pagan sun worship. Some branches of paganism see the Sun as the father of the universe. The June solstice occurs around the same time of year as Father's Day so some people see a link between the two.

The idea of a special day to honour fathers and celebrate fatherhood was introduced from the United States. There, a woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the American Mother's Day celebrations to plan a day to honour fathers. In the USA, Father's Day has been celebrated in June since 1910. The celebrations in the United Kingdom and other countries are thought to have been inspired by the American custom of Father's Day.



Is Chickweed Really a Weed? words and images supplied by Ruth Bagrie

Chickweed (Stellaria media) is commonly seen at this time of the year. It is lush and green when some of your other plants need cutting back and or pulling out. Some people feed it to their chickens, as they love eating it. However, it is an important food for humans too. It is free and usually easy to find. Chickweed is high in nutrients and is very alkalinizing for the body.

It is helpful for bronchial conditions as it's soothing and

nourishing to the lungs and other mucous membranes while helping the body to get rid of bacteria and toxins from the body through the bowel and kidneys.

It's surprisingly tasty with a mild flavour so goes nicely with tomatoes, avocadoes and other salad greens.

Eat only young, fresh tender plants picked from a clean and unsprayed area. You need to chop it finely so you don't get any stringy bits. It is great as a pesto, or added to soup, juices, stir-fries and of course yummy salad.

It helps with inflammation, eczema, swelling and itchy skin. The good thing is you can use it in vour own balms.

A natural way to help eczema is to make a strong cup of tea with chickweed and wash the affected area with it regularly.

This herb can be dried and stored for use when not in season for a tea, tincture and balm. It is always important to identify plants correctly.

- It has tiny little white flowers only at the top of the plant.
- These have five petals but look more like 10 as each petal is split almost all the way to the bottom

of the flower.

- If you look closely at the top of the aerial parts of the plant it has tiny little hairs.
- It has a circular stem.
- It is easy to pull out with a small root structure.

Chickweed has a few look alike plants. One is scarlet pimpernel (Anagallis arvensis). Its types are arvensis (orange flower) and caerulea (blue flower). It has no hairs and has a "squared" stem. It can sometimes also have little brown spots on the underside of the leaf.

Another, which is dangerous to eat, is the "young" Euphorbia peplus, milkweed. It has green flowers and when you break a stem of this plant it will leak out white sap. This is a herb and has medicinal uses. However, it is to be used with great caution, especially around eyes. Euphorbias are #3 on the top 10 poisonous plants list in NZ.

Some people treat chickweed as a weed but in fact it is a useful plant for both chickens and us too!





ROCK RAFFLE ROSTER

- AUG 04 JOHN KNOWLES, VAL KNOWLES
 - 11 HEATHER KISSELL, CHRIS LOGAN
 - 18 GRAHAM PYE, SEAN LLOYD
 - 25 JACKIE CODYRE, MARTIN DYER
- SEPT 01 NOLA WATSON, SHIRLEY MCNICHOLL
 - 08 BRUCE MCDOWELL, JOHN NEVILLE
 - 15 JOHN JONES, SEAN LLOYD
 - 22 CHRIS LOGAN, LEO SLATTERY
 - 29 RON MCNICHOLL, CHRIS LOGAN

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

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

Harold came home one night and was met by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "The Chemist. He insulted me this morning on the phone. I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone." Harold drove down to confront the Chemist to demand an apology. Before he could say more than a word or two, the Chemist said "Now, just a minute, Mate, hear my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late. Without breakfast I hurried out to the car to realise I'd locked the house with the car and house keys inside. I Had to break a window to get my keys.." Driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. About three streets from the store, I had a flat tyre." "When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open up. I started waiting on these people. All the time the damn phone never stopped ringing!!! Then I had to break open a bag of one and two dollar coins against the cash register drawer to give change and they spilled all over the floor I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up them up and the phone was still ringing. When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer which made me stagger back against a showcase with bottles of expensive perfumes on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke. Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, And I finally got to answer it. It was your wife, Harold. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer. And believe me, mate, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her!!



What is a Hearing Dog?

When the dogs hear a sound (they have incredible hearing) they gently paw their companion to let them know they've heard something and then lead them there.

They can learn to recognize and alert their person to sounds like:

Smoke / Fire Alarms

Alarm Clocks

Door Knock / Door Bell

Telephone Ringing / Text Message

Portable Timer

Baby Monitor

Other sounds specific to their person's environment

How does it work?

Deafness is an 'invisible' disability. It continues to be surrounded by misunderstanding. As a result, many deaf and hearing impaired people often experience feelings of isolation, loneliness and frustration. Apart from alerting the person to the sounds there are many other tangible benefits of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Enhanced self-confidence, self esteem and sense of well-being

Companionship

Greater independence

Increased security

Reduced stress

Social interaction

New interest and responsibilities

Moderate, regular exercise

Public Rights Access

Please make Hearing Dogs welcome

Hearing Dogs have special privileges including public rights access.

Many people who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired use a Hearing Dog to alert them to the everyday sounds we hearing people take for granted. Hearing Dogs go everywhere with their recipient as part of this important partnership.

It is against the law for shopkeepers, restaurant staff and other businesses to refuse access to a Hearing Dog. Hearing Dogs have special privileges (see legislation that follows).

Because of their unique and important job, Hearing Dogs are legally allowed into any public place with their handler. This includes food outlets, restaurants, shops, theatres, on public transport – virtually everywhere their handler goes.

Hearing Dogs are specially trained to behave appropriately in a range of situations, including eating and toileting on command. The next time someone comes into your shop or business with a Hearing Dog, please make them welcome.

How to spot a Hearing Dog

Hearing Dogs come in all shapes and sizes. There are no one specific breed or type of dog. Look out for the yellow jacket with our logo on it.

Legislation

Hearing Dogs have rights of public access under the Dog Control Act 1996 and are protected from discrimination through other important legislation such as the Human Rights Act 1993.

This legislation collectively entitles Hearing Dogs to go into any public place and on any public vehicle including: restaurants, doctors, dentists, shops, beaches, cinemas, hotel, buses, ferries, domestic and international flights, ships, taxis, trains, etc.

Denying access to a person with a Hearing Dog is considered a serious offence.

Public Rights Access

SOME LAUGHS & PONDER ABOUT....

Understanding Engineers 1

Two engineering students were riding bicycles across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get the great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fitted you anyway."

Understanding Engineers 2

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers 3

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We've been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't think I've ever seen such inept golf!"

The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George,

What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!"

The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, "That's so sad. I'll say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'll contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if here's anything she can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Understanding Engineers 4

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?

Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers 5

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with a Commerce degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with an Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?

Understanding Engineers 6

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it isn't sufficiently complex yet.

Understanding Engineers 7

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess."

He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week."

The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket.

The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want."

Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What's the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend. But a talking frog - now that's cool."

And Finally

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing

"We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Sven, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a spanner from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement, announced, "6.5 metres," and walked away. One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

Both engineers have since guit their engineering jobs and have been elected to Parliament......



President's Message
Changing the World with
International President
Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

Changing the World begins with us, but we're not supposed do it alone. Collaboration is the key to delivering meaningful and lasting outcomes in your community. That's why inviting more great members just like you can help your club and community reach their full potential.

Let's start with planning ambitious service that addresses the biggest challenges facing our communities. Then, let's bring in new members to help us make an even bigger impact.

You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there..

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there



NATURAL DISASTERS KNOW NO BORDERS. THERES NO TELLING WHEN ONE COULD STRIKE

Devastating natural disasters have recently struck across the globe, including:

- Ravaging wildfires in the United States, Greece and Tunisia
- Catastrophic flooding in Bangladesh, Colombia, India, Japan, Korea, Slovenia and the United States
- Destructive hurricanes and typhoons in Bangladesh, Brazil, China and Philippines

When humanitarian crises of this magnitude strike, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. Since July 1, 2023, LCIF has awarded more than 45 disaster relief grants totaling more than US\$485,000.

Your donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund helps ensure LCIF responds quickly and supports Lions' efforts to provide help and hope where it is needed most.

I WANT TO GIVE* 🖸

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.

*100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.









Join us for an exclusive art event at the new Canterbury Cancer Centre

From Blank to Vibrant is a unique art event, curated by renowned local artist Min Kim. The aim of this exciting event is to raise funds to fill up the blank walls of the new Canterbury Cancer Centre here in Christchurch with beautiful and inspiring artworks that will uplift the spirits of families who need to visit or stay at the centre.

From Blank to Vibrant is a rare opportunity for art-lovers to view and purchase a selection of artworks by talented New Zealand artists. You can choose to purchase artwork to add to your own collection or donate the artworks to the Cancer Society to add the finishing touches to the new Canterbury Cancer Centre and help us create a true home away from home. Either way you will be supporting families with cancer and artists from around Aotearoa.

Event details:

When: Thursday 14th September from 6.30 to 8.30pm

Where: Canterbury Cancer Centre, 74 Langdons Road, Papanui

Tickets: \$50

As well as being able to view and purchase unique artworks and limited edition pieces,

those attending the event will also be able to enjoy:

A live art demonstration by Min Kim

Canapes and beverages

Live music

A tour of the new Canterbury Cancer Centre



John & Val Knowles are going to this dinner if anyone else is interested. It is supporting the Cancer Bus

Tickets sell fast. Contact Val & John on 0276 189 668





During spring, New Zealand bursts with new life. Colourful flowers bloom, lambs are born and waterfalls burst with springs rains. The fresh, happy atmosphere during spring makes this an inspiring time of year to visit.

When does spring officially start in NZ? It's complicated

Whether you're a September 1 or 21 kind of person when it comes to the official start of spring, rest assured the weather won't necessarily go along with either.

The seasons will unfold as they will, paying no attention to our efforts to constrain them for convenience.

One of the best-known seasonal rules is we have three months of each – with a sudden change, not far short of miraculous, to the next season on the first days of September, December, March and June.

The blooming of the first daffodils in Christchurch's Hagley Park is not always the best sign of the arrival of spring.

But we all know that doesn't work and that spring is often the most tempestuous of the seasons. The start of spring, and of all the seasons, is more to do with the length of daylight and average temperatures than just the weather.

As a long and skinny country – more than 1600 kilometres from end-to-end in a straight line or 2033km along State Highway 1 – New Zealand straddles more than 12 degrees of latitude, which affects the length of daylight at different times of the year.

That New Zealand also lies roughly northeast-southwest means we also cover more than 12 degrees of longitude, markedly affecting sunrise and sunset times between the northernmost and southern parts of the country at North Cape and Southland's Slope Point respectively, and between the most eastern and western points at East Cape and near Dusky Sound.

However, what is consistent across New Zealand is the increase in the length of daylight each day reaches a peak at the spring equinox (when daylight and night are of equal length).

That rate of change flattens out at the equinox – September 23 this year – and then the daily increase in daylight hours starts reducing towards the summer solstice and longest day, December 22.

Many northern hemisphere countries choose March 21 as the start of their spring, around the equinox and a later date that probably reflects their longer winters.

Astronomical dates – based around the equinox and solstice, so nominally September 21. Meteorological dates – the tidy three-month division of the year into seasons, so September 1. The solar winter – the three "darkest" months with the June 21-22 winter solstice in the middle, so about August 8.

"The meteorological seasons have been used for a long time, since the 1780s, so any weather data recorded about the seasons from then on can be easily compared with recent data."

BULLETIN MARG'S DRIBBLE

Hi Everyone

Spring has sprung but I admit I'm a bit confused after reading the article above about spring. We've had some cracker days lately but the chilly wind occasionally and the snow still thick on the mountains need to go. Things are drying out though thank goodness.

I've put a list of all the lillies that are for sale so work out what you want and get in touch with a member of the Club

Catch up with you all on the 6th



Rolleston Lions Club Bulletin Editor Marg Gerken

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Please send me photos, news of the Club and other Interesting articles to share with Members

Remember it is your bulletin and I need to hear from you!!!

Phone 021 349 069

DATES OF IMPORTANCE - PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR

01	September	FIRST DAY OF SPRING	YYYAAAHHH!!!
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01 September Rock Raffles
03 September Fathers Day
06 September Our Tea Meeting
08 September Rock Raffles
13 September Wig Wednesday
15 September Rock Raffles

20 September Our Board Meeting

22 September Rock Raffles

22 September Start of School Holidays

23 September Spring Equinox

24 September Daylight Saving starts

25 Septembers South Canterbury Anniversary

04 October Our tea meeting 06 October Rock Raffles

09 October Kids back to school

13 October Rock Raffles

18 October Our board meeting

20 October Rock Raffles
23 October Labour Day
27 October Rock Raffles
31 October HALLOWEEN!



ROLLESTON LIONS LILLIES 2023 - Oriental Lillies Bag of 4 \$15







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White Tonado