

LIONS CLUB OF RANGIORA

The Rangiora October 2023 Rambler



We Serve

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October 2023

Dining with
Nelson



TEA MEETING DUTY LIST

Treasurer :	John Whyte
Meet & Greet at 6.15pm-	Alison McCall & Rob McLeod
Theme:	TBA
Invocation:	Quentin de Hamel
Introduction of Speaker	TBA
Guest Speaker:	TBA
Vote of Thanks:	TBA
Closing Thought:	Maureen Hampton
Glass Clean Up:	The Team
Vacuum Duties:	The Team



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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
AI001	Annual Membership Subscription	Qty 1	100.00	100.00

Total: \$100.00
 Amount Paid: \$0.00
AMOUNT DUE: \$100.00
 No GST has been charged

Notes

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 Our Bank A/c No. (with BNZ) is: 02-0876-0022167-000

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- * Your name
- * The Invoice No. (as above)
- * The words: "Sub 20/21"

How to pay



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 Reference: IV00000000405

Subs are reminder Due



President Andrew Cook

Hello fellow Lions.

I hope you have all been enjoying this lovely weather of late apart from this weekend.

It's been a very busy time for our club and myself lately. We attended the rugby tournament that was held at the show grounds and cooked some Burgers and sausages beside Oxford lions on one side off us cooking away in their food caravan and Woodend Pegasus on the other side selling cold drinks, it was good to see other clubs working together and getting the job done and having a laugh.

Its nice to be able to work with other clubs and building that relationship and able to pull the resources together and work as one as lions.

We also had another BBQ down at clearwater cooking up for the Fly-fishing group (I'm sure you will read more about this under 2nd VPs report).

I have heard the pig manure team having been very busy soaking up that nice manure smell and heading out and meeting the people who have ordered the manure for their gardens (them gardens will look fantastic. I would say the best in Rangiora as Rangiora Lions pig manure is the best out their)

The kindling team have finished up and had a end of year get together, I was going to also attend this and thank Simon and his busy team for all the hard work but unfortunately I was stuck on a job site yesterday 23/9/23 over seeing a concrete pour in the city the job started at 2am but I was onsite at 1am to attend a start up pour meeting for the plan etc, Even though I had lots of layers on clothing on that little drizzle of rain slowly gets soaked threw and you have to keep moving to keep warm.

Moving on from the concrete chat (Dene would be enjoying it). As I wrote this report, I attended the Christchurch Breakfasts clubs 21st Birthday. It was amazing to see another club achieving such a wonderful milestones.

This week was mental health awareness week and as I sat back and reflected on a few things happening in my life and people sending kind words and have been supportive it shows we have to look out and look out for each other and check in and ask that important question "Are you okay" and if your not ring a friend to have a chat or go around and see them even if its just sitting their with company, We are Lions and we are family as we all here the same in some way in another as we are here r to serve and give back so as the moto we have on our shirts is "We serve". Now that means we serve the community or communities around us but also, we serve each other.

With that in mind we have two Lions members who have decided to transfer to the Motor Home Lions club that is a branch club to Blenheim Lions. These two members are Ann and Dave Saunders. I would like to thank Ann and Dave for all their hard work that they have done for our club over the last few years. Some things that come to mind is Heads up for Kids, Lions Cubs club, Peace posters, Rambler, Service activity recording and ways to grow membership, plus the Club diary/directory and lastly the Pig Manure project.

They will be sadly missed but I'm sure we will still see them around.

As I mentioned that is was Mental health awareness week
I will leave this message

*"No act of kindness, No matter how small,
Is never wasted"*

Yours Sincerely
Andrew Cook
President



**Happy Birthday wishes for
October**

10th Dene Cook

10th John Hodgson

11th Quentin de Hamel



1st VP Mike

1st VP feedback for September.

So what do we do?

Recently I was reminded that not everyone understands the management of Lions business within our club. The question was asked recently about the function of the 1st VP committee in relation to funding requests.

From the outside it might look like a group members sit around and make arbitrary decisions on where our hard earned money goes and what projects are we supporting. I can assure you this is not the case. The 1st VP committee are tasked with looking at all requests and being the first step in an individual or organisation being granted funds from the Rangiora Lions. There is robust discussion about how the project will support or impact on our community. Once the committee have done their due diligence the 1VP (me) bring a recommendation to the board. At the board more questions are asked and more information maybe requested before it is either passed or if the amount is above the club agreed threshold, it is then tabled at a club tea meeting. During all of these stages questions are asked and information is shared. Only after all of this do the funds get allocated and the recipient is notified.

Humans are relational, survival is dependent on collaboration.

So . . . in the spirit of collaboration we can report.

Woodend Playcentre project update:

At this stage we are waiting for the Playcentre to organise their share of the funds needed. The idea is to work in collaboration with Pegasus - Woodend Lions to raise \$6000. The Playcentre will hopefully raise \$3000. At which point the Lloyd Morgan Trust will be approached to match the amount raised. At that point the Playcentre National Organisation will match the funds raised and get the project over the line. A true example of collaborative funding.

The Club Visit programme is well underway and John Whyte will have a proposed list of our first visit in November and more following in the New Year.

There have been two requests for funds from the community. One will be handed over to the Pegasus-Woodend Clubs as the request is from someone in their community. The other is to support a Portable Defibrillator based in Ashley. There is more information being sought before this request can go to the next stage.

Other requests have been made for support of a Cancer Bus that is being supported by past District members. This is being differed until some questions have been answered.

As a closing comment I would encourage any member to attend a VP meeting or a Board meeting at anytime to see the process in action. If you are interested in coming to one of my meetings then all you have to do is ask. The answer will always be yes.

Nga mihi nui
(Thank you very much)
Mike Clemens
1VP Rangiora Lions.



2nd VP Haydn Murray

Well, what a busy month September has been with the Southbridge Shield event at the Rangiora showgrounds on the 2nd, and double whammy on the 16th with the trout festival and pig poo on the same day, along with our usual Saturday mornings at Taggarts in between.

The Southbridge shield was a great event for camaraderie with fifteen members from Rangiora lions club participating on the day, along with the attendance of two Leos, Oxford Lions team with their food trailer, and Woodend Pegasus alongside us selling drinks. It was wonderful to see so many lions from various clubs at one event, and especially for me, meeting lions from other clubs in the district.

Our Kindling project has come to an end for the season, with an amazing effort from the team totaling xxx hours, and raising \$xxx.xx funds.

The manure drive continues to go well with two huge weeks back to back. Sept 9th we bagged and delivered 367 bags, and Sept 16th 354, totaling 96 hours, and totaling \$5268.00 with one week to go in September.

I would really appreciate it if more of our club could provide some assistance on those mornings that we have big volumes to bag and deliver. I know it's not always possible due to other commitments but 2 hours on a Saturday morning would be an enormous help to the regulars that turn up every week.

Quentin is liaising with the council to coordinate dates and work needs to commence soon at the dog park as it needs to be completed by Christmas.!

Christmas.... 91 days to go (at the time of writing this) where has this year gone?

Regards
Haydn

Cash for Cans	7th October
Rangiora Show	20th & 21st October
Bridge to Bridge	3rd December
Toot for Tucker	5th December
Christmas Party in the Park	10th December
Singing at the Rest Home	12th December

KPI=
Key Performance Indicators

Lions
Help/Teach
People
to lead
in their
Communities!
Are you
missing out?

The New Leadership

KPI

Join Lions!

Keep people interested

Keep people informed

Keep people involved

Keep people inspired

Simons Report



A big thank you to the Kindling Team this season - it's a real team effort, from Alan 'the Pallet King' finding and processing pallets, to the sawing team of 4 (with new MVP John W), boxed by Mike n Vern's team of 10 who enjoy a cuppa at the Shed and then delivered by Alan and me - around 15 people were involved this season.

2023 season (Apr-Aug)

777 units (bags, boxes) sold

\$5130 in sales, \$700 in costs - including a new benchsaw (\$300)

The Kindling Project received \$1000 from the Christchurch Casino Trust for covering 'consumable costs and the purchase of a new benchsaw'

moved to using 5kg 'aerated' plastic bags for New World stock

We advertise the winebox kindling without weight or piece count (varies a bit from 4-5kg and 80-100+ pieces)

Who bought kindling:

About 2/3rds of the \$ sales are to people wanting delivery to their homes (Direct + PickUp + Club); New World takes around 1/3rd of units sold but buys at \$5/bag, so only 1/4 of \$ sales

	Units	% sales by unit	Sales	% sales in \$
NW	250	32.18%	1250	24.37%
Farmlands	42	5.41%	315	6.14%
Club	29	3.73%	145	2.83%
PickUp	48	6.18%	360	7.02%
Direct	408	52.51%	3060	59.65%
	777	100.00%	5130	100.00%

When kindling sold 2023 and comparison with last year:



2023			2023 vs 2022	2022		
APRIL	94	12.10%	Down by 2	APRIL	96	10.90%
MAY	171	22.01%	Down by 5	MAY	176	19.98%
JUNE	152	19.56%	Down by 8	JUNE	160	18.16%
JULY	166	21.36%	Down by 67	JULY	233	26.45%
AUGUST	194	24.97%	Down by 22	AUGUST	216	24.52%
	777	100.00%			881	100.00%



For more statistics check the kindling spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NmxABeSfYmF2AVwOQART9Uag2dj2Akj8v6SOTqUpHps/edit?usp=sharing>

Simon's Report continues

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Reminders:

1. All welcome to help out - there are opportunities in the project for all energy levels and time commitments, so if you know someone in or out of the Club who'd like to help, let me or Mike R know.
2. Ideas / suggestions for the 2024 season - please send them through to me or Mike R. We can always improve the project - and *they don't have* to be related to making more \$\$\$

Ideas received already:

- reduce NW bag size to 3kg but same price (this is in response to the Value line of kindling at NW which sells for basically \$3.50/kg compared to our \$1.80/kg)
- sawing offcuts to go to the Cubs for delivering to people in need over winter
- bigger drops to New World (they can run out within the week, so we miss on restock / sales)

3. 23rd September morning tea get-together

@ Artisan -

All welcome (spouses, friends,
Everyone from the Club, not just Kindling people.)

Thanks and see you on the 23/9,
Cheers

Simon

Rangiora Lions Club website
rangioralions.club

Kindling Project
rangioralions.club/kindling-project

Facebook page
facebook.com/rangioralions



Stand in 3rd VP Maureen Hampton



As you are all aware that I am keeping VP 3 operating while Alison is having treatment for cancer. We all wish you well Alison. Take care.

The manure drive is doing well, trailers unfortunately are always in short supply but there are an amazing bunch of drivers who are really dedicated to getting this much loved product out to our customers. Thank you so much team.

South Bridge Sheild.

Even though this project was a non event due to situations beyond our control.

Never the less we all had a great day. 20 Lions and friends of Lions, 4 Leos, and Olivia who we helped sponsor to get to Outward Bound.

Oxford Lions on one side and Woodend Pegasus on the other. Great to have clubs working together. A good day for club bonding if nothing else.

Oxford have their "Big Day Out" day coming up on 14th October. If you would like to help on the day please be in contact with Wayne Youngman on 021 345 123.

We have been asked to do the decorating of a Christmas tree again. Funds raised will be going to Bid Brothers, Big Sisters North Canterbury.

This will take place from the 4th Dec until 15th December. Viewing of the trees will be from 9am until 4.30pm. Plus open the Santa parade day Sunday 10th December.

We have also been asked if we would like to be in the Santa Parade. Who is willing to help get a float of some type organized.?

This can not be left for Quentin to razzle up something on his own that is not the Lions way!!!!

Christmas Cake time again it was decided that we will support Woodend Pegasus. Look Out for the order form. You will be making direct payment to Woodend Pegasus.

Toot for Tucker is looming up in December so please start collecting an extra item each week.

Thanks all.

VP3

Maureen

Never regret a day in your life
Good days give happiness,
Bad days give experience,
Worst days give lessons,
and the best days
give great memories.



*Alexandra
Blossom
Festival 2023*

*Lions Entry
from
Alexandra
Lions &
Clyde &
Districts Lions
Clubs*

Rangiora High School Leo Club



RHS Leos.

Still 7 members.

The sales of pinecones is finished. Raised \$181.00. Leo Ruby, in charge of project, is giving the club an update on the business plan each meeting. 9 People (2 repeat orders) bought 35 bags (11L, 19M and 5S) from 24 July till 15 September (8 weeks).

Leo Lila has put a lot of work in a presentation and talk she presented at the Leo Forum at ANZI on the Saturday morning. She was one of six presenters. Sadly none of the Leos could join in when the Marlborough Leos were in town nor at the Leo gardening event at the Burnside Lions Den, due to mock exams.

The group has had a few meetings before the September holidays and are deciding on a social outing (Ice Skating) and a 'picking-up rubbish' event in the holidays. Not easy to fix a date with these busy girls.

In the October meetings they will concentrate on getting new members from year 9 and 10 and Lila is getting information from teachers how to go about it. It has been hard to get a slot in assemblies (when they even happen).

Ruby will be updating our social media. FB already active.

Tini Lawry.
RHS Leo advisor.



Every 4th Wednesday of the Month



then

**Want to meet new people?
Come for a cuppa and a chat,
Wed 25th October
10.30am at Espresso Garden Cafe
in McAlpines Mitre 10 MEGA Rangiora.**

**Want to meet new people?
Come for a cuppa and a chat,
Wed 22nd November
10.30am at Espresso Garden Cafe
in McAlpines Mitre 10 MEGA Rangiora.**

OXFORD'S BIG FAMILY FUN DAY OUT!

Oxford A&P Showgrounds

Sat 14 October 2023

9am - 3pm

- *NZ's Longest Bouncy Castle**
- *Wonky Bikes**
- *Animal Farmyard**
- *Horse and Cart Rides**
- *Craft/food stalls**
- *Classic Cars**
- *More games, more fun!**

**TICKETS AT THE GATE
ADULT \$10
LUCKY TICKET DRAW
CHILDREN FREE
(\$5 ACTIVITY BAND)**

Email: stalls.odlc@gmail.com
or secretary.odlc@outlook.com for more information
Organised by Oxford & Districts Lions Club





**The Lions Club of Woodend Pegasus Charitable Trust
Christmas cake Order Form 2023**

Lions Christmas Cakes - \$23.00 each

Number of cakes required _____

Cakes available until sold out

Please circle your preference for payment -

Online OR Cash on delivery.

Bank Account details – Lions Club of Woodend Pegasus Charitable Trust

02 -0876-0271702-02 (BNZ)

Reference (Your name & Xmas cakes)

Please include the following in your order –

Name: _____

Contact phone: _____

Email address: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Orders can be collected or delivered at no extra cost to Rangiora & Kaiapoi. All other areas collection point at New World Ravenswood on selected dates. Tel – (03) 313 6124

Email your order to - secretary.woodendpegasus@lionsclubs.org.nz

Delivery address: _____

**Order early to avoid disappointment.
Thank you kindly for your support.**

Tesla Cars can now diagnose themselves
and pre-order parts if needed.



Imagine checking your bank account to find out
your Car ordered itself New Tires, a Paint job,
a bottle of Jack Daniels and is Paying
Child Support to a Toyota Prius.

Shit Happens
then there's
ALCOHOL

DAD: You should
become a cop.

DAUGHTER: I don't
want to.

DAD: You chase the
same men they do,
might as well get paid
for it.

Better watch the Waiter.....

Next time your eating out you'll be much more observant after you read this... lol.... Last week, we took some friends out to a new restaurant, and noticed that the waiter who took our order carried a spoon in his shirt pocket. It seemed a little strange. When the waiter brought our water and cutlery, I noticed he also had a spoon in his shirt pocket. Then I looked around and saw that all the staff had spoons in their pockets. When the waiter came back to serve our soup I asked, "Why the spoon?" "Well," he explained, "the restaurant's owners hired Andersen Consulting to revamp all our processes. After several months of analysis, they concluded that the spoon was the most frequently dropped piece of cutlery . It represents a drop frequency of approximately 3 spoons per table per hour. If our staff are better prepared, we can reduce the number of trips back to the kitchen and save 15 man-hours per shift." As luck would have it, I dropped my spoon and he was able to replace it with his spare. "I'll get another spoon next time I go to the kitchen instead of making an extra trip to get it right now." I was impressed. →



I also noticed that there was a string hanging out of the waiter's zip on his trousers. Looking around, I noticed that all the waiters had the same string hanging from their flies. So before he walked off, I asked the waiter, "Excuse me, but can you tell me why you have that string right there?"

"Oh, certainly!" Then he lowered his voice. "Not everyone is so observant. That consulting firm I mentioned also found out that we can save time in the rest-room. By tying this string to the tip of you know what, we can pull it out without touching it and eliminate the need to wash our hands, shortening the time spent in the rest-room by 76.39 per cent."

I asked "After you get it out, how do you put it back?"

"Well," he whispered, "I don't know about the others, but I use the spoon."

**MY WIFE ASKED ME IF I
KNEW WHAT HER FAVORITE FLOWER WAS.**

**APPARENTLY "GOLD MEDAL ALL PURPOSE"
WAS NOT THE CORRECT RESPONSE.**

YES, I GET IT, AND I FIND
IT OFFENSIVE.



**Wife: "The car is not
starting. Dashboard
shows the sign of a
person sitting on toilet."
Husband: "What...??
Send me a picture."**

**In every partnership, there
is a person who stacks the
dishwasher like a
Scandinavian architect
and a person who stacks
the dishwasher like a
Florida raccoon on meth.**



**LITTLE MISS
"BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS
DONE IT THIS WAY"**



Nth Canterbury Lion Cubs Club

Meet 2nd Monday in the Month

Next meeting 9th October 3.30-5pm

September meeting:

Learnt to make Key ring by using a easy macrame knot.



Next projects are:



The cans that were collected at the South Bridge Shield need the Kantabs remove and the the cans crushed.

Does anyone have the old fashion cotton reels they do not want. We would like to teach the Cubs to knit on them. This was also called "tomboys" in Southern Australia" or rats tail knitting. We have been told to get a broom stick, cut it into lengths and drill a hole.

A local Lion has offered to paint the child's name on each one.

I was waiting in line for a ride at the airport. When a cab pulled up, the first thing I noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for me.

He handed me a laminated card and said: 'I'm Wasu, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.'

Taken aback, I read the card. It said: Wasu's Mission Statement:

To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest, and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment.

This blew me away. Especially when I noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean!

As he slid behind the wheel, Wasu said, 'Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.'

I said jokingly, 'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.'

Wasu smiled and said, 'No problem. I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, lassi, water, and orange juice.'

Almost stuttering, I said, 'I'll take a lassi since I've never had one before.'

Handing me my drink, Wasu said, 'If you'd like something to read, I have Good Housekeeping magazine, Reader's Digest, The Bible, and a Travel + Leisure magazine.'

As they were pulling away, Wasu handed me another laminated card, 'These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.'

And as if that weren't enough, Wasu told me that he had the heater on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for me.

Then he advised me of the best route to my destination for that time of day. He also let me know that he'd be happy to chat and tell me about some of the sights or, if I preferred, to leave me with my own thoughts.

'Tell me, Wasu,' I was amazed and asked him, 'have you always served customers like this?'

Wasu smiled into the rear view mirror. 'No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard about power of choice one day.'

'Power of choice is that you can be a duck or an eagle.'

'If you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. Stop complaining!'

'Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.'

'That hit me right,' said Wasu. He continued and said, 'It is about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decided to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy. So I decided to make some changes. I put in a few at a time. When my customers responded well, I did more.'

'I take it that has paid off for you,' I said.

'It sure has,' Wasu replied. 'My first year as an eagle, I doubled my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on it.'

Wasu made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like ducks and start soaring like eagles.

Have an eagle life ahead.....

—Adapted

I hope we all decide to soar like an Eagle and not quack like a duck

Final word from the Rambler Editor: This is my very last Bulletin for the Club.

"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. "