



LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS
MARCH 2024

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**ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB
TEA MEETING**

**THE ROCK
ROLLESTON**

6 MARCH 2024

**MEET & GREET - 6.00 pm
MEAL - 6.30 pm**

DUTIES FOR TEA MEETING

GREETER JOHN NEVILLE

GRACE/INVOCATION .. TONY CONDON

RAFFLE CHRIS LOGAN

CASHIER MARTIN DYER

TABLE WAITERS LEWIS BURNS, DAVID BUTTS, NEIL SONNE

SPEAKER Nicole Schaap. Nichole plays drums in a local band called "MOONFLOWER" and also writes a lot of her own songs. She also teaches drums locally here in Rolleston. We gave her financial assistance to attend the World Championship of the Performing Arts in USA during 2023.

INTRODUCE SPEAKER .. LEO SLATTERY

THANK SPEAKER .. REX GREENWOOD

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**BOARD MEETING
20 MARCH 2024
AT THE MENZ SHED**

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President Shirley with Alastair Judd at the Christchurch South Tea Meeting recently

PRESIDENT SHIRLEY

Our 7th February Tea meeting was attended by 4 Rangiora Lions, hopefully we will have enough room.

Updates; In the absence of an almoner; Alastair has been to the Christchurch South Club. He has to pass his driving test again. I've visited Graham also and he is getting used to his pacemaker.

I contacted our new member Joe, and Marg (his sponsor) and I, went to see him. I took the Orientation information (given to me by Mike C.) to him and he was keen to peruse this.

Another visit was to see Bruce Thompson in Masefield drive. He is still very keen. I had left a brochure about our Club and he doesn't want to give it back yet.

Camp Quality was another good experience, this year. However, a member from my village was required to make up the numbers! Only 4 needed.!

At the time of writing this, we: this club of 40 members on the books: has offers from 6 to do the sausage sizzle when the minimum is 8. Thank you to Martin, Jackie, Robin, Dave, Shirley and Ron. Brian is doing all the setup and John Jones the organising.

My idea for this year is for the Club to march in the Anzac Parade. Thursday 25th April. As mentioned, (in my absence at the Board Meeting)

If we were successful in being accepted, we could hopefully get the younger new members + some mobile older to don the hi viz vests and be noticed.

**Regards
Shirley**

1ST VP DAVE AUTON

The Rock Raffles are a hard sell at the moment due to a lack of patronage with 10 tickets not being sold, a lot of people not having cash, is this something we could address?

I have been looking at uses for our food caravan, when we get it, and found there is a market for small scale sausage sizzle operation where we can be set up in 5 minutes, maybe streamline what we already have as we could be doing the Motukarua races and the Riccarton Sunday markets as no one is sizzling sausages, would need 4 to 5 people for 4 hours, in this year when we don't have a Farm Expo event a few small ones could help out, after all if we don't get it in, we can't give it out.

A big thank you for those from Rolleston Lions who turned up to my friend of 50 years Paul Kissell funeral.

**Regards
Dave**

John was concerned about his elderly wife's hearing, so he decided to test it without telling her.

He went to the corner of the room, a few metres away from her and said, "Honey, can you hear me?"

There was no response.

So, he moved closer to his wife and again said, "Honey, can you hear me?"

Still he got no response. So he leaned over the back of her chair and raised his voice, shouting in her ear, "Honey, can you hear me?"

His wife put down her newspaper and turned towards him saying, "John, I said 'yes' three times already!" (Pinched from Ellesmere Lions)

ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB

Membership Committee

2/26/2024

Membership

ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS				
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
192	39	671	\$3,856	\$5,419
People Served	Service Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated (USD)	Funds Raised (USD)

Members from last report = 40

We have confirmed applications from two new members proposed by Lion Lewis, they will be inducted at the April Tea Meeting.

A meeting was held on 14th February to discuss the formation of a branch club in West Melton.

A steering committee has been appointed and preliminary tasks assigned of which the advertising has been completed. Thanks to Lion Heather for a very well written advertisement.

The next meeting of the steering committee will be a Zoom meeting on 28th February at 19:30

2nd VP

We have received Grant applications from Alice Sunde and Janet Stratford for financial assistance

We have also received a mail from Barry Scott (202E Heads up for Kids co-ordinator wondering if we have Tins in circulation in Rolleston.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines : **October 15**: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

Young Speechmaker contest : The District contest/s are all to be completed by the **30th June** and up to three contestants from each District will come to the National (MD202) Contest in August.

Lions Business Cards : We have decided to create these cards to give each member an initial quota of Ten cards.

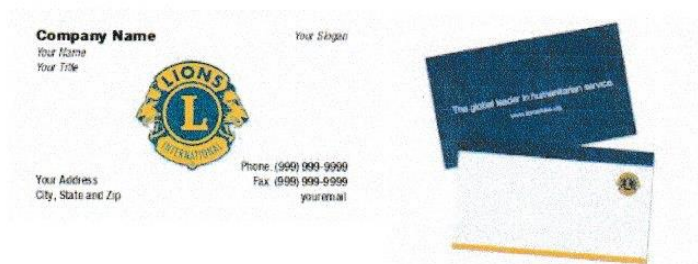


Fig 1

Fig 2

The card will contain the Club Name, Official address and space for members to add their name and contact details.

I will create one of each to be passed around at our next meeting for approval

Mike Cousins (Chair), Brian Whittington, Heather Power, Richard Norris

3rd VP JOHN

We supported the Selwyn Emergency Services Family day, on Sunday 28 January, with a minimum crew. The attendance at the event was much bigger than we expected and planned for, which resulted in some big queues, and some runs to the supermarket for replenishment of stocks. There were some 'learnings' to be taken from the event.

Coming along quickly are two major events, for which we will need good support. The first is the Relay for Life, on Saturday 16 March. This event is at Brookside Park and runs from 10am to 10pm. We will be running a simple menu from the trailer and gazebo, and need 4 people per 2 hour shift, with 6 shifts, plus a few people to help with set-up and take-down of the equipment. The second event, just 5 days later is the Equestrian Event at McLeans Island. There is a big set-up for this four day event, and we need a lot of people to run it. Details of numbers and timings will be issued very soon.

Progress continues with planning for a Rolleston Santa Parade. We have a tentative route, we have a band, we have some 'speciality' vehicles, we have advertising material prepared for launch, we have a bank account, we have identified our costs (we think), we are identifying groups who will help us run the event, and others who will take part. We are intending to make this a big, memorable event.

After visiting and the local manufacturer of food trailers, we have decided what we want and now have a quote for its supply. A request for money from potential funders is being put together for submission.

**Regards
John**

Just a reminder to all members about this year's Relay for Life Event on Saturday the 16th of March at Brookside Park, Rolleston, 10am - 10pm. The event is about those with Cancer, and the ones who have had Cancer, or those who know someone with or who have family or friends dealing with Cancer. We will be selling Hot Dogs, Hot Chips & Cold Drinks with all profits going to the Cancer Society to provide essential services to those who need it, Our own member, Ron McNicholl is one of the many volunteers who provides a very important service transporting those with cancer to their hospital appointments and back home again. This is a project I am very passionate about, having dealt with Cancer myself.

It is a simple project, so if you could just give 2 hours it would be great. We need 4 for each shift, 6 shifts. Please contact John Jones 0272780559 or jb.dhjones@xtra.co.nz, so John can put together a roster. Let's make this a fun project.

**Kind regards
Brian Whittington**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

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MARCH 2024

MARG GERKEN - 7TH JOHN NEVILLE - 16TH BOB JONES - 18TH

PISCES ZODIAC SIGN - Date Range February 19th to March 19th

Pisces are amazing!

P for psychic

I for intelligent

S for surprising

C for creative

E for emotionally-driven

S for sensitive

Element: Water

Colour: Mauve, Lilac, Purple, Violet, Sea green

Day:

Ruler: Neptune

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 12, 16, 21, 25, 30, 34, 43, 52

Birth Flowers: February: - Violet **March:** - Daffodil

Birth Stones: February: - Amethyst **March:** - Aquamarine

Strengths: Compassionate, artistic, intuitive, gentle, wise, musical

Weaknesses: Fearful, overly trusting, sad, desire to escape reality,

Pisces likes: Being alone, sleeping, music, romance, visual media, swimming, spiritual themes

Pisces dislikes: Know-it-all, being criticized, the past coming back to haunt, cruelty of any kind

WATER SIGNS

Water signs are exceptionally emotional and ultra-sensitive. They are highly intuitive and they can be as mysterious as the ocean itself. Water signs love profound conversations and intimacy. They rarely do anything openly and are always there to support their loved ones. The Water Signs

are: [Cancer](#), [Scorpio](#) and [Pisces](#).

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



AUTUMN - 1ST MARCH 2024

New Zealand Seasons

Summer

Dec, Jan, Feb

Autumn

Mar, Apr, May

Winter

Jun, Jul, Aug

Spring

Sep, Oct, Nov

AUTUMN EQUINOX - MARCH 20TH

Autumn in New Zealand enjoys some of the most settled weather of the whole year. Soak up long, sunny days and golden leaves with hiking, cycling or kayaking. Temperatures range from 7 - 21 degrees celsius (45 - 70F).

What does the Autumn Equinox Signify?

The Autumn Equinox signifies the start of Autumn. Time for warm jumpers, hot drinks, cosy fires and changing leaves.

The word 'equinox' derives from the Latin for 'equal light'. Unlike the winter and summer solstices, which respectively indicate the longest and shortest days of the year, the equinox is the exact day in between the solstices where the daylight hours and darkness hours are roughly equal.

How is the Autumn Equinox Celebrated?

Throughout history, the Autumn Equinox has been celebrated around the world. In Central America, the Maya People constructed the El Castillo step pyramid at Chichen Itza in Mexico. These pyramids were constructed in such a way so that at the time of the Equinoxes, a snake made of light would appear to move down the pyramid steps.

In England, neo-druids gather at Stonehenge and Primrose Hill in London, to perform rituals to celebrate the Autumn Equinox. They also do this for the Winter and Summer Solstices.

In Lithuania, people light candles after sunset during the Autumn Equinox celebrations, and in Kumanovo, Macedonia, people attend the autumnal equinox at the Kokino megalithic observatory. The observatory is 3,800 years old and was discovered in 2001. It was ranked by NASA as the fourth-oldest observatory in the world.

Granma says



Sassy, Sassy and Smart Ass

Think Positive - it keeps you young. For example, I fell down the stairs today and I thought WOW - that's the fastest I've moved in years.



Husband: When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?

Wife: I clean the toilet.

Husband: How does that help?

Wife: I use your Toothbrush.

ROCK RAFFLES - MARCH & APRIL

MARCH	1 ST	RON MCNICHOLL	SHIRLEY MCNICHOLL
	8 TH	DAVE AUTON	BRUCE MCDOWELL
	15 TH	TONY CONDON	HEATHER KISSELL
	22 ND	BRIAN FENNESSY	JIMMI ANDERSON
	29 TH	GOOD FRIDAY NO ROCK RAFFLE	
APRIL	5 TH	JACKIE CODYRE	MARTIN DYER
	12 TH	LEO SLATTERY	LEWIS BURNS
	19 TH	DAVE BUTTS	CHRIS LOGAN
	26 TH	RON McNICHOLL	SHIRLEY McNICHOLL
MAY	3 RD	ROBIN JONES	BOB JONES
	10 TH	TONY CONDON	HEATHER KISSELL
	17 TH	JOHN KNOWLES	VAL KNOWLES
	24 TH	SEAN LLOYD	JOHN JONES
	31 ST	JOHN NEVILLE	NEIL SONNE



Christchurch Relay For Life Small steps can make a remarkable difference for people affected by cancer in our community. Join us for Relay For Life and let's do something remarkable together!

Everyone and anyone can get involved, so rally your friends, whānau, classmates and workmates and join your community in the fight against cancer.

Start Date/Time: 10.00 am April 6, 2024

End Date/Time: 10.00 pm April 6, 2024

Location: Lancaster Park

Address: 30 Stevens Street, Waltham

Fundraising Goal: \$200,000.00 Location 30 Stevens Street Waltham 8011 NZ

Registration

Signing up is simple - complete your details, start or join a team and pay your registration fee in the sign up form.

Your registration includes:

- Your participation in the ceremony and event on the day
- A goodie bag of treats, including a candle and candle bag for the Candlelight ceremony
- The chance to win spot prizes on the day
- Entertainment throughout the event
- An online personal fundraising page
- Social media posts and story templates to make sharing your cause easy
- Ongoing support from your local Relay For Life team who will be with you every step of the way

Registration fee/s:

Standard Ticket Price - \$15 per person

Expires: April 6, 2024

SELWYN RELAY FOR LIFE

Small steps can make a remarkable difference for people affected by cancer in our community. Join us for Relay For Life and let's do something remarkable together!

Everyone and anyone can get involved, so rally your friends, whānau, classmates and workmates and join your community in the fight against cancer.

Start Date/Time: 10.00am March 16, 2024

End Date/Time: 10.00pm March 16, 2024

Location: Brookside Park

Address: 241 Brookside Road, Rolleston

Fundraising Goal: \$50,000.00



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY MARCH 21ST 2024 - For World Down Syndrome Day 2024, we call for people around the world to End The Stereotypes.

World Down Syndrome Day is devoted to raising public awareness and understanding about Down syndrome, this includes advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well being of individuals with Down syndrome. This observance is significant as it aims to promote widespread cognizance on what Down syndrome is, listing possible challenges faced, and showcasing how individuals with Down syndrome play a vital role in our

communities. It encourages society to create a more inclusive and accepting environment for those who have Down syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day was first globally observed in 2006. However, it was only officially recognized by the United Nations in 2012. In New Zealand, supporting the individuals with Down syndrome and their families has been crucial. Groups like the New Zealand Down Syndrome Association work tirelessly to provide information, support, and advocacy. They strive to ensure that every person with Down syndrome has the chance to lead a fulfilling life. They also foster the country's understanding and acceptance of Down syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day is observed in numerous ways across New Zealand. Many people participate in themed-events for promoting advocacy and offering education about Down syndrome in schools, workplaces, and communities. New Zealand joins the worldwide community by celebrating this day on March 21st every year. This day is marked by wearing colourful socks, a universal symbol for this observance, to represent diversity and uniqueness. World Down Syndrome Day occurs annually on March 21st, representing the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which is the cause of Down syndrome.

How many people in NZ have Down syndrome?

As of 2020, they estimated that there are approximately 13,420 people with Down syndrome in Australia and 3,065 people with Down syndrome living in New Zealand.



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

Dear Lions,

This incredible planet is our home and taking care of this earth starts with each of us. As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, I encourage you to inspire others to join you in an environmental service project, such as planting trees, reducing waste or cleaning up a beach. There are so many ways that you and your club can make a real impact on our planet, and we have great resources on our website that can help you get started.

Caring for our environment is one of the most important issues that we're facing, so let's all work to ensure the health of our planet and of our communities so we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

A while back, I heard some great advice that changed the way I look at life. First, get better at everything you do; second, help others; third, get better at helping others get better. That's exactly what Lions and Leos do every day. LCIF enhances our service impact in both our local and global communities, empowering us to help people when they need us most. When you support LCIF, you are playing an important part in increasing our collective impact in the world. As you read this month's newsletter, I hope you are inspired to continue supporting our foundation through both your service and generosity. And, remember to continue [sharing your LCIF stories](#) with us, so we can celebrate your grant-funded service projects together.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

The poster is for 'Rowing For Life Aotearoa NZ 2024'. At the top, it says 'Raising funds for...' followed by logos for Lions Clubs International, Child Cancer Foundation, Starship Foundation, and Surf Life Saving. The main text in large yellow letters says 'Waikuku Beach 9th March 11am-4pm'. Below this, it says '2024 "ZONE 5" PROJECT'. The bottom half of the poster is blue with white text that reads: 'Family Picnic Day', 'Crew arrive 12noon approx', 'Games for children', and 'Food and Ice cream available to buy'. There is a small photo of three people in a rowing boat on the water.

Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me...

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

**SHARE if you remember
any of them**

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either 'hell' or 'damn' in it."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
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- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."



ST PATRICKS DAY – 17 MARCH 2024

We know it as an excuse to attend a parade, visit an Irish pub, drink a Guinness or maybe even dye a well-known river green. While not a federal holiday in the U.S., St. Patrick's Day is a celebration for Irish and non-Irish Americans alike.

It is, however, a national holiday in Ireland, and its festivals and events traditionally kick off tourist season. Until about 40 years ago, St. Paddy's Day celebrations were solemn and religious. Bars even remained closed. It was the American celebration that

created the St. Patrick's Day we know today.

Who was Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick wasn't Irish – he was born in Britain near the end of the fourth century and was taken prisoner by Irish raiders when he was 16. He spent six years in captivity in Ireland, according to the History Channel, where he eventually became a devout Christian.

According to Patrick's writing, he believed God's voice spoke to him in a dream and told him to leave Ireland – and he escaped. Later in another dream, he wrote an angel told him to return to Ireland as a missionary, and he became a priest after 15 years of study.



While many believe St. Patrick was responsible for bringing Christianity to Ireland, the History Channel reports his mission was to minister to existing Irish Christians as well as convert non-Christians.

He became a significant figure in Ireland in part because he chose to incorporate traditional Irish culture and ritual into his practice, like merging the sun (an existing Irish symbol) with the traditional cross to create the famed Celtic cross.

Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

Ireland and neighbours across the pond have been commemorating Saint Patrick since the ninth or 10th century, according to the History Channel.

St. Patrick was never canonized by the Catholic Church but has enjoyed longstanding historical popularity. Saint Patrick died on March 17, 461, which later became the day we celebrate him and the Irish.

America's first St. Patrick's Day celebration was in 1600 in the Spanish colony of present-day St. Augustine, Florida. Spanish colonial records mentioned a celebration for Saint Patrick in 1600 and the first known St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601.

The tale of Saint Patrick likely travelled from Ireland to the Americas in the 16th century by way of Richard Arthur, a priest in St. Augustine and an Irish soldier, The Washington Post reported. Records of St. Patrick celebrations died with Arthur, but additional records show Irish soldiers in the English military marched in celebration of Saint Patrick in Boston in 1737 and New York City in 1762.

Decades of growing Irish patriotism resulted in Irish Aid societies and annual parades of bagpipes and drums. They united to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1848, according to the History Channel.

While rowdy celebrations occurred in the U.S., Irish laws mandated pubs be closed on St. Patrick's Day until the 1970s. In 1995 the Irish government began campaigning for bigger March 17 celebrations to drive tourism. Patrick's legacy continued in the U.S., particularly in areas with large groups of Irish immigrants. St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City is one of the most recognizable churches in the country and was "created to affirm the ascendancy of religious freedom and tolerance," according to the Cathedral's site.



MD Vacant Positions

Please refer to our website for more information and application instructions
<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/members/multiple-district-vacant-positions>

KEY

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*2 Incumbent MAY stand for a further term

Role	Term	Start Date	Closing Date for Application
MD Young Speechmaker Coordinator *1	3 Years	15 Jan 2024	20 March 2024
Council Advisory Board Committee Member *1	3 Years	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Convention Liaison Officer *2	3 Years	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Global Service Team Coordinator *1	1 Year	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Global Membership Team Coordinator *2	1 Year	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator *1	1 Year	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Youth Chair *2	3 Years	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Social Media *2	3 Years	1 July 2024	20 March 2024
MD Web Administrator *2	3 Years	1 July 2024	20 March 2024

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PACIFIC FORUM XII
BALI - INDONESIA, 12 - 14 Sept. 2024



Forum Registration Fee Includes - Attendance at all Plenary Sessions, Workshops and Seminars, Thursday Opening Session Banquet, Friday Presidential Luncheon & Fellowship Dinner, Saturday Closing Ceremony Lunch & Lions Clubs Indonesia's 55th Anniversary Dinner, (3 x Dinner plus 2 x Lunch and Coffee Breaks)

'Link' International Registration:
<https://balianzforum2024.lcspatria.org/>

Find out more about the ANZI Forum in September 2024 in Bali on the ANZI Forum [website](#) and read the brochure [here](#).
SPECIAL - US\$200 EARLY BIRD registration fee has been extended until February 29th. For further information contact the MD office.

The phone my sister has (she's six)



The phone I had when I was six



The phone my dad had when he was six





HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE - GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2024

According to Christian tradition, Easter Sunday is the holiest day of the liturgical year. It marks the climax of Holy Week, which runs from the Triumphal Entry to the Resurrection. It also marks the commencement of the seven-week period that culminates in the Ascension and the Day of

Pentecost.

For Catholics, and some Protestants as well, Easter is also the end of the period known as “Lent,” wherein certain foods and activities are restrained from as a sort of “sacrificial reminder” of the holy events of the season.

In New Zealand, the population is a medley of cultures and religious traditions. There are Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, followers of Judaism, Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists. With only 50% calling themselves “Christian” on the 2013 Census and around a third considering themselves “non-religious,” there is also a large secular segment of the population.



The 19th Century saw a major wave of immigrants to New Zealand and an integration of cultures such that even non-Christians began celebrating Easter, though not as a Christian holiday. For many, it has become simply a vacation time to be spent with family, and its symbols are as much chocolate eggs and bunnies as the cross and empty tomb.

Nonetheless, there remains a more religious segment of New Zealand society that does still partake in church activities each Easter season. These include special sermons and Scripture readings, prayers and hymn-singing, passion plays, night vigils, and more.

In New Zealand, Easter comes during the Autumn since the islands lie in the southern hemisphere. New Zealand Aprils are a time of falling leaves, shorter days and fading gardens, but New Zealanders nonetheless send each other cards and emails with images of spring and new life on them.

Easter Sunday and Easter Monday are national holidays on which it is illegal to operate most businesses, a remnant from the land’s more Christian past.

Easter Activities and Events in ROLLESTON

Easter Family Bingo - Rolleston

Price \$5 NZD [Get tickets](#)

Date and time

Fri 22nd Mar 2024, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm NZDT

Location - Rolleston Community Centre

94 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston 7614, New Zealand

Join us for some family Easter bingo fun!

Try your luck and be in to win some fabulous prizes.

\$5 per person.

Bookings required.



As to specific events, we can mention five of the more unique or famous ones with ongoing annual occurrences:

Cromwell Great Easter Bunny Hunt: Hundreds of hunters, fully armed, assemble on the hills of this southern New Zealand town each year to hunt for rabbits. The event rids the area of “pests,” brings in money for charities, and provides the chance for some interesting recreation. There are sometimes dozens of teams, and the winning team can win thousands of dollars in prize money.

Whittaker’s Big Egg Hunt: This relatively new event supports the charity known as “Starship.” It features gigantic Easter eggs, some as big as a man, which are designed by leading Kiwi artists and celebrities. The huge eggs are then hidden in major towns like Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch, to be searched for by children on Easter Monday.

The Streets Easter Show: This show has been running for about 160 years and has gained a special association with the Easter season in the minds of many New Zealanders. It includes carnival rides, circus

acts, live entertainment, and numerous exhibits. There are also prizes for the best livestock and more "agricultural" elements involved. There are also competitive art displays and massive marketplaces to explore. The Streets Easter Show is open to the public with free admission, and it goes on for several days.

Warbirds Over Wanaka: Every other Easter, over the town of Wanaka, the largest warbird airshow in the southern hemisphere takes place. The crowds watch the skilled pilots maneuver their planes and enjoy additional entertainment and concessions below. Though, in itself, an airshow has little to do with Easter, it has become a true Easter time tradition to many Kiwis.

The Hastings Highland Games: Each year, in Hastings, NZ, Easter takes on a rather Scottish appearance. Bagpipe bands begin to play, highland-style dances are engaged in, and lesser-known Scottish traditions like caber tossing, hurling, and haggis are beheld by the gathered crowds.



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 8 MARCH 2024

Theme Inspire Inclusion

It is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues

such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. Spurred by the universal female suffrage movement, IWD originated from labour movements in North America and Europe during the early 20th century.

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality..

Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness about discrimination. Take action to drive gender parity.

IWD belongs to everyone, everywhere. Inclusion means all IWD action is valid.



Get involved for IWD 2024

With well over a century of history and change, the first International Women's Day (IWD) was held in March 1911. IWD isn't country, group or organization specific. It's a day of collective global activism and celebration that belongs to all those committed to forging women's equality.

World-renowned feminist, journalist and activist, Gloria Steinem, reportedly once explained:

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights."

So together, let's all help fight the good fight. All IWD activity is valid, that's what makes IWD so inclusive. Join in and make IWD your day by doing what you can to support and advance women.

BULLETIN MARG'S DRIBBLE

Hi Everyone

We've got a very busy March coming up with the Relay for Life, Equestrian Event over 4 days and Easter. Please put your names forward to help where you can for these 2 events.

Our beautiful summer is drawing to a close with those autumn mornings & nights sneaking in, but we are getting some glorious days still so make the most of it before the winter appears.

See you all on Wednesday night at our Tea in the Rock Restaurant.

Marg 😊

DATES OF IMPORTANCE - PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR

- 01 March** - Autumn starts. St Davids Day
06 March - Our Tea Meeting
08 March - International Womens Day
09 March - Waikuku Beach Rowing for Life Picnic Day
13 March - Past Presidents & interested Board Members, discussing forming the Board 7.30pm
13 March - Grant Seeker Workshop
16 March - Relay for Life Rolleston Selwyn
17 March - St Patricks Day
20 March - Autumn Equinox
20 March - Our Board Meeting
21 March - World Down Syndrome Day
21 March till 24 March Equestrian Days at McLeans Island
29 March - Good Friday
30 March - Easter Saturday
31 March - Easter Sunday
- 01 April** - April Fools Day
01 April - Easter Monday
03 April - Our Tea Meeting
06 April - Relay for Life Christchurch
07 April - Daylight Saving Ends
12 April - School Holidays Start
17 April - Our Board Meeting
22 April - Earth Day
25 April - Anzac Day
29 April - School Holidays end
- 21 June** - Changeover?