



# THE LIONS CLUB OF AMBERLEY & DISTRICT

## DECEMBER 2024 BULLETIN

### 2024/25 Board Members

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**Monthly Meeting:** Our next dinner meeting, that being the Christmas one, will be held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Saturday 14th December** from 6.00pm.

**Board Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Tuesday 17th December** at 7pm .

Our members are always welcome to come along and see the board in action.

### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the December edition of the Amberley Lions Bulletin.

Spring is well and truly here and the weather continues to be changeable but luckily has not affected any of our events.

With Christmas fast approaching we have a number of events in November and December and January Carols in the park

Toot for Tucker

Kevs Big Dig

These events can only be successful with your help, Pat has put out a list for each events so any time you can spare is always greatly appreciated by the event convenors.

Our Christmas function this year is at the Amberley hotel restaurant on the 14th of December please provide your RSVP to Pat so we can confirm the booking ASAP.

We have 24 Lions Christmas cakes available at \$25 each please let me know if you want some and I can deliver next week just let me know.

looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas dinner meeting on the 14th

Should you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to call me on 021 225 8802 or catching up meeting on how we can help our club and community.

Regards  
Kevin L

**NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING - Monday 4th November 2024:** Was held at the Amberley Hotel. President Kevin welcomed 23 members to the meeting.

Please note that the December Dinner Meeting will be our Christmas one. The date for this will be Saturday 14th December from the usual time of 6pm.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PRIMARY HEALTH PROJECT:** The work to assist an Amberley Beach resident on her property has still to be undertaken. The work will entail spraying weeds, weeding and a general tidy up, and is likely to be completed over 2 “working bees”. Dave M is still liaising with the lady organize the dates of the working bees to complete this task.

**LION’S CHRISTMAS CAKES:** The cakes have arrived, with most of these being preordered, however there are a few available. Please don’t hesitate to contact President Kevin if you wish to obtain one at a unit price of \$25.



**TOOT FOR TUCKER 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024:** This is almost upon us for another year. The team of drivers with vehicles has already been organised, with senior primary school pupils to assist as runners.



Barrie is on top of the organisation, with Neil R our resident BBQ aficionado, ready with apron and tongs at the ready. Even if you have not been chosen as a driver come along on the evening to join in the action. You may be able to get a sausage for your troubles.

It is really essential that we collect a large volume of food items as the Food Bank is pretty much empty at the moment.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024:** This will be held at the Amberley Hotel, whereupon we will be taking over the restaurant for the Saturday evening. The club will sponsor a small portion of the cost of the meal, and the amount charged to us will be \$35 per head. In addition to our members, we will be inviting our district Mayor Marie Black and her partner, as well as Gary & Lola from Inspire Church, in recognition of their good work in the community.

We hope to see you all sign up and have a wonderful evening amongst friends and the family of Lions. Please confirm your attendance with Pat as soon as possible please

**BIG DIG 2025 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** Everything is progressing nicely for the Big Dig with President Kevin at the helm, although our original big Kev is still active helping ensure that this will once again be a successful venture.

Many of the toys for the children taking part have already been purchased, with some Lego that has been donated, being added to the pile of prizes.



The entertainment will begin from 10am and the dig will be for an hour's duration from 1.30 – 2.30pm. More details will follow, with requests for assistance in certain areas. In the event of weather problems, the alternate day for the event will be the 28<sup>th</sup> December.

Stephen is organising the raffle that accompanies the Big Dig with several hampers being readied for the winners to take home before Xmas.

**CAMP QUALITY 2025 12 – 17 January:** As previously this event will be held at Living Springs, just to the south of Governors Bay.

We have put our name forward to assist with an evening meal during the week-long event, with a team of 4 volunteers. Confirmation of the day and meal that we will be

assisting with, has been communicated to Pat. We will be assisting with the evening meal on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

What is Camp Quality? Vera Entwistle, the founder of camp Quality, helped launch it in NZ in 1984. Today, Camp Quality remains committed to making a positive difference for children living with cancer – providing a week-long camp and year-round support. The parents leave their children in the safe hands of the organisers and the companions, for the week.



If you, or anyone you know, has what it takes to provide our campers with fun, laughter and friendship, then please get in touch with the team  
email: [companions.chch@campquality.org.nz](mailto:companions.chch@campquality.org.nz).

**AMBERLEY GOLF COMPETITION 2025:** 30<sup>th</sup> March. The date for the tournament has been confirmed, sadly this coincides with the last day of the Hanmer Conference. However, we can be assured that we will be able to work around this. Challenges are there to be overcome after all.

This will in fact be George's last one as convenor. We are grateful that Neil R has agreed to work with George to 'learn the ropes' and take over as convenor for the 2026 year.



**MARKHAM STREET FESTIVAL 15 February 2025:** This year the event will be held from in the afternoon from 12 noon to 4.00pm. We are likely to be requested to man the tables again at either end of the street and accept donations from entrants, as well as selling raffle tickets.



We are awaiting further information from the organisers, that will be communicated to you in due course.

Please put your name forward if you wish to participate in this event.

**5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT CONVENTION 28 – 30 March 2025:** Hanmer Springs a beautiful corner of the Hurunui district and venue for DG Pam Harvey's district convention. As this is a 202E zone project, with different clubs participating in a part of the event, Amberley Lions will be organising the entertainment on the Saturday night.



The launch of the first cancer screening bus is to take place in this event, which will be one of the highlights of the event.

Registration is now available. and can be done online. If you haven't already been to one, it is an opportunity to go to a district convention in our own backyard. This will be my first one and I am looking forward to it.

<https://202e-lionsclubs.nz/2025-convention/>

Do not delay in booking your accommodation now, to get your preferred option. Reservations through Booking.com will frequently allow for cancellations up almost until the day of the event, with no downpayment.

**HOLDEN EASTER 2025 EVENT SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** We have been approached by the organisers to run a sausage sizzle at this event. This would be for around three hundred people.

More information will be supplied as soon as it is available closer to the date.



## REPORTS

**FIREWOOD:** There was a lot of great work undertaken at the A & P and two loads of firewood sold.

James thanked Neil M for his contribution on the firewood team and he has been a

dependable and stoic worker as well as being Al's right-hand man for many years. Sadly, Neil and Helen are moving to Nelson, and they will be sorely missed.

**PINECONES:** Last month's Bulletin reported that last of pinecones had all been sold. Well, another episode will already be under way by the time this edition of the Bulletin is in your hands.

Brent has reported that another load is ready, and work will already have taken place to bag up the load(s) of pinecones.

**BATTERIES:** The price of batteries has increased; this makes them more attractive to steal. To date, we have had no results to our ad in the Hotline. Please let Lindsay M know if you have any batteries available to enable him to organise a collection.

**A & P SHOW:** This year the BBQ team sold out of product, unlike last year when some remained at the end of the day. A big thanks to all our members who assisted in making it a successful event for us. A particular round of applause goes to Paul Ditmer's son who once again did a fantastic job at the wood chop.



## OTHER BUSINESS

**BARBECUE:** Our very own President Kevin is donating a new barbecue to the club. Thank you, kindly Kevin it will be much appreciated.

**CANCER SCREENING BUS:** There is no further news of the screening bus, but we will be updating you as soon as more information becomes available.



However, If you know of any Retired Doctors and Nurses capable of looking at a lesion on the skin and can make the decision it needs further investigation, and advise the patient they are encouraged to seek additional advice from their GP then we need their names. Please send to.

[Secretary.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:Secretary.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz)

**DINNER MEETING VENUE:** We are currently discussing the dinner meeting venue and have moved our dinner and board meetings to Tuesday evenings. This was at the request of Amberley Hotel. The discussions and options will be reported on in the new year.

### **FOLLOW PRESIDENT FABRICIO ON FACEBOOK**

There are many Facebook pages from Lion's groups. If you are interested in checking out President Fabricio on Facebook, even if this is for a one-off viewing.



President Fabrício is not just asking Lions to make their mark this year—he's traveling around the world to join Lions in their efforts to serve and grow. Follow him on Facebook to see how we are making our mark together.

**PLEASE BE SUPPORTIVE:** All of these events would need the support of our members to make them successful. Participation in any or all of these events is crucial in generating income, to allow us to fund worthwhile causes and to those causes dear to us. Fundraising from our events goes back into the community, to which as members, we have a say in how the funds are disseminated.

We do realise that all of our members could not offer support in every event, but please where possible, put your hand up to offer your support when you are able. It will always be much appreciated. **We serve**