

# LIONS' CLUB OF ELLESMERE

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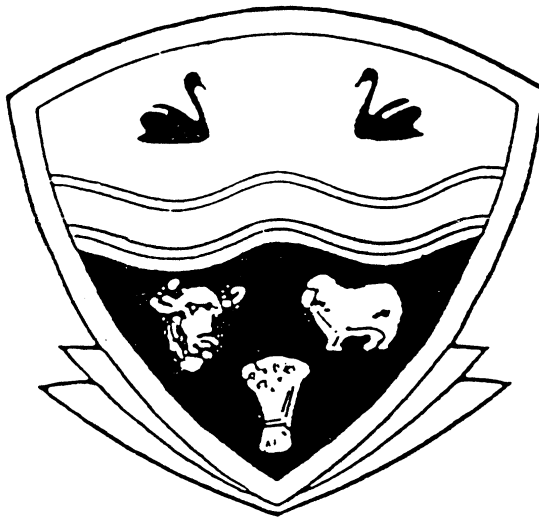
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## Next Tea Meeting

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

At – Ellesmere A & P Rooms

Meal will be served at 7.15pm

Speaker:

Caterers – Leeston Toy Library



## APOLOGIES:

**Deadline: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**

**Ph: Ian Vessey Ph 344-0199 or 0273291865**

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## DUTY TEAM:

**Collector:** G Lill

**Greeter:** G McLennon

**Thanks:** A McPherson

**Venue setup:** K Stone /



## NEXT BOARD MEETING:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**

7.30pm at - A & P Rooms

Host – A McPherson



## Almoners Information

Donald Lemon 3243-310



## President Donald's Report

As the festive season approaches it should be a joyful time for all but for some families in our community there has been sadness with the loss of loved ones, Our thoughts and condolences go to Lions members who have lost family and friends recently.

I was pleased to see an exceptionally good turn out of Club members at Geoff Warrens funeral and it was appropriate that we gave him a guard of honour.

On a brighter note, it was a pleasure to host District Governor Pam Harvey at our November tea meeting. She spent the latter part of the afternoon with a few of us and we were able to show her the completed Eel project as well as a walk along the Harts Creek walkway where we were able to explain to her the clubs next project with the track upgrade.

The Christmas Parade down the main street in Leeston went well. Nigel and his team went to a lot of trouble organising the Lions float with the Wendy house, three wise Lions and my 5year old grandson Henry, the main attraction.

The Christmas party was a great evening. The choice of The Friends of Ellesmere Hospital to cater the meal was a good one with a selection of meats, salads and deserts to die for. The Tail Twisters had a field day and made the evening even more enjoyable. Thanks to Anne G for coming up with the ideas for Christmas decorations on the tables and to everyone who turned up to help set up the hall and pack up afterwards.

Thanks to the members who came along to the Special meeting to hear the proposal for the Harts Creek walkway upgrade. Brian Symes and Dave Turner presented to the members present what is proposed and the costings received to complete stage one of the walkway to the start of the proposed Board Walk. The members voted in favour to accept this as a Lions club project and approve the quotes received to complete the upgrade. It was also agreed that we investigate and where appropriate, apply for community funding to assist with part of the costs.

The first working bee has already been held at the track last Wednesday. Brian and Dave were delighted with the turn out of members and others to remove the old fence and erect the temporary fence, so that the contractors can move in early in the new year.

On behalf of Anne and myself I would just like to thank the members for your support over the past year with our health issues, we just want to put 2024 behind us and move on to 2025.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Donald.



## Ellesmere Lions 2024 float in the Leeston Xmas Parade





## **1st VP Geoff Heslop**

### **Membership**

As we are coming up to the busy straw season, if you have any new prospective members they are most welcome to join us straw carting.

Please contact me prior so I can give them our health and safety brief.

### **Visitations**

Hamish Miller is working on a couple of possibilities early next year.

### **Men's Health Night**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Ellesmere college.

### **Camp Quality**

We have two dates 13-14 January. Helping with breakfast both mornings. Thanks to those who put their names down at the last meeting I will be in contact early in the new year.

### **Harts creek Track**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30 am Our final tidy up before the big makeover. Please wear appropriate safety gear .I will contact those who offered.

## **2nd VP Dennis Carter**



### Publicity and Programme

#### Director: Allister McPherson

**Social & Entertainment:** Key Person A Hayward & his Sub Committee.

Allister and Jeff have been looking at a Race Day (not Greyhounds) looking like 2 sites at Motukarara on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, confirmation later.

**Club Publicity:** Key Person N Heslop & his Sub Committee.

Nigel working on a sign for the Harts Creek Walk way notifying of Closure

### Director: Nigel Heslop

**Catering & Hospitality:** Key Person I Vessey: & his Sub committee.

Ian has it all under control.



**Harts Creek Track:** Key people Dave Turner & Brian Symes, Neville Greenwood.

Confirmation of the project was given at the special meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

A very successful working bee was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

The netting fence along side the track was removed and a new netting fence erected 20 M out to the edge of the esplanade to allow the contractor access to soil to construct a wider track against the old one.

This work is being done during the dry season to allow the soil to dry out and be compacted. The plan is for a 1.5 m wide track.

No date has been set for our next group meeting as this will depend on progress being made on funding.

DOC are on side. They will post a track closure on their website and also construct a closure sign at the track entrance.



**Will and Dennis spraying the area to be fenced off, Pat Millar mowed the area and Tom Haffner for round baling the grass.**







**The fence was then removed and a temporary fence constructed 25mtrs out into the paddock**



**Rathgen Fencing team**

**Erecting temporary fence**



**Laying out the netting .**

**A well earned beer after a very hot day.**

## **Waitatari Hart's Creek walkway project:**

Brian Symes and I are leading the Hart's Creek walkway access track up grade. This is a project Ellesmere Lions have undertaken in collaboration with Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Board Walk Rejuvenation Project working group, that have been tasked with the rebuild of both the board walk and bird hide.

The existing Walkway is narrow in places and subject to berm erosion. To mitigate this, we have obtained a 20-metre esplanade strip with the assistance of Geoff Holgate from Walking Access NZ and permission from adjacent landowners, namely the Patterson's, Hantz's and Paul Alsop. This will be registered on the respective titles.

The successful quotes for the upgrade earthworks, were from Johnston Civil and Ellesmere Aggregate. Fencing is being championed by Dave Rathgen to whom we are extremely grateful.

Work is now underway, and we had a very productive working bee attended by 20 Lions to remove 800m of fence and replace with a temporary one on the edge of the esplanade strip. Thank you to Will and Dennis Carter who sprayed the esplanade, Tom Haffner and Pat Millar who mowed then baled the strip leaving a nice clear area to work with. On such a hot day the refreshments and catering were greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm and hard work and the gear that was provided.

Excavation work will commence early January and potentially the top course could be laid late March weather permitting .The walkway part of the project is budgeted to cost \$45,000 +GST

This sends a clear signal to the community and the Bird Hide working group (which Lions are part of) that Ellesmere Lions are passionate about the Bird hide rebuild and are making it happen.

The real vision is that it will be a world class facility, which is supported by locals and attracts visitors from outside the district. This maintains Lions involvement with a project that they initiated 30 years ago in conjunction with Colin Patterson.

At this stage we would like to thank the club for their ongoing support both now and in the future.

Cheers

Dave Turner



## 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Brian Symes



### MAINTENANCE

The Murphy shed has been fixed, plastic spouting, iron and barge boards replaced, thankyou to those that helped and thankyou Dennis C for organizing it all.

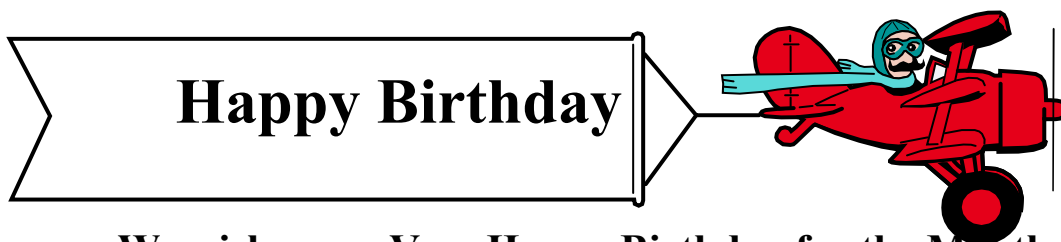
### STRAW

We have 6 big linseed and 130 big pea straw bales left.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thanks to Glen for organizing the hampers, these have all being distributed.

Merry Xmas to everyone.



We wish you a Very Happy Birthday for the Month of

### *December/January*

David Adams            R Boyce

Donald Lemon   John Foster

David Rathgen   Murray Lemon

Toe Twiss            Stu Williams

**Lions Cancer Trust** – vehicle is being very well supported by the suppliers.  
Coach is now fully enclosed.

Commitment from Melnet and the Skin Drs of NZ is progressing well. Hoping the Minister of Health will be at Hanmer convention for the launch. Planning underway for ongoing running costs and the second unit so funds are being gratefully received by the NZ Lions Cancer Trust.

**The New Brighton Lions Club have some items for sale**

- (1) Sausage sizzle holder – Stainless steel \$55.
  - (2) Car number plate surround for the Lions Cancer Trust.  
\$15 each or 2 for \$25 plus postage.
- 300 available.  
Contact president Alastair Rankin



*The Year Santa Hired a Consultant*



## *Upcoming Events.* EVENTS & PROJECT MONTHS

### **Pea straw:**

Baling of straw will be starting in the next couple of months, a good turnout of members is required to cart the straw. Keep an eye out for information in your emails. Ongoing deliveries, please contact Alex Hayward if you are able to help with deliveries.

**Camp Quality:** **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January.** An email will be sent out to members who have volunteered to help nearer the time.

**Motukarara Race Day:** A day at the races on the 16<sup>th</sup> February is being looked into, an email will be sent out with more information

**Garden Party – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Thought for the day

You can't have everything,  
Where would you put it.

Steven Wright





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If not claimed within 14 days please return to; P.O. Box 57, Leeston.