



## February 2025

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### 2024/25 Board Members/Officers

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2<sup>nd</sup>VP: Hans Andersen

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Toni Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director: Steve Daly

1<sup>st</sup> Year Director: Mark McSkimming

1<sup>st</sup> Year Director: Emile Vantor

Membership Chair: Rae Treloar

Tail Twister: Sandra Wylie

Lion Tamer: Neil Wech

Administrator: Warren Dobbs

Bulletin Editor: Warren Dobbs

### Meeting Venue

Showgate, Riccarton Racecourse unless otherwise advised, 6.00pm for 6.30pm on the 1st and 3rd

Tuesday of the month

Board meeting is the 4th Tuesday of the month at Hornby Club, 7.30 pm..

### Meals - Payment/Apologies

If you are unable to attend a tea meeting you must contact Neil Wech by 11.30 am the day prior to the meeting (i.e. Monday):

Neil Wech 022 318 1966 or by email on [neil.wech@xtra.co.nz](mailto:neil.wech@xtra.co.nz)

**Failure to put in an apology in time will result in you being charged \$22 for your meal.**

**PAYMENT OPTION:** You can prepay for your meal via online banking to the club's admin account (020874 0283080 000) – a number of members are taking this option which makes Lion Tamer Neil's job on the night easier.



**Greetings from President Debbie**

**Welcome to 2025**

**I hope you've all had an enjoyable time over Christmas and New Year, had a break/holiday or just got to spend some quality time with loved ones and are feeling energised ready for a great year ahead. Ivan and I got to spend New Years in Wellington with my sister and her family for a few days - our 1st new year since 2000!!**

**Well done to our members who attended the Xmas brunch at Harewood Tavern, our photo of you all made it to the front page of the 202E District Bulletin!**

**Fellow members Toni and Emile attended the ELLI course held at the Redwood Tavern 2 weeks ago. They'll be speaking about their experience in the coming weeks but said at our tea meeting that it was so informative, fun, well organized and encouraging to meet other Lion's members from different clubs.**

**The 202E Annual convention is fast approaching - March 28th Hanmer Springs. Please consider attending as it's in our backyard and is a lot of fun. This convention will see the launch of the Lion's Skin Cancer Screening Bus which as you all know has been a major Multiple District fundraiser. You may even wish to attend the Sunday rededication service only and make a day trip out of it? If your not sure please feel free to contact me for any questions etc.**

At our next meeting in February the usual sausage sizzle list will be going round so please before you attend, check your calendar so you can put your name down to assist in this fun project.

**CHARTER NIGHT** Tuesday February 4th will be a partner's night so let Neil know ASAP so we can give Riccarton a heads up to extra numbers, thank you. Our guest speaker for the night is Andy Mather to talk about his time in Antarctica which I have no doubt will be most informative.

To all members who are in the Membership, Projects and anyone else interested there is to be a - Renew, Revitalize, Retain forum to be held on Saturday 8th March 10-2pm (lunch provided) so mark this down in your diary, they'll be more details to come on this.

Look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday to celebrate 52 years of our fantastic club.

Best wishes  
President Debbie

## **52<sup>nd</sup> CHARTER ANNIVERSARY**

Just a reminder that our tea meeting next Tuesday night is a partner's night.

To assist the caterers please let Neil know if you are attending with your spouse/partner by **midday Friday**.

**If you are unable to attend, please send your apology to Neil by the same time.**

Please send fines to Sandra by Friday as well.

Dennis

## **Wigram Lions Club Duties for February**

### **04 February Charter Anniversary**

**Greeters:** Trevor Sennitt  
Dave Smith

**Invocation:** Robyn Andersen

**Guest Speaker:** Andy Mather

**Introduction:** Dennis Lay

**Thanks:** Rae Treloar

### **18 February**

**Greeters:** Trevor Sennitt  
Alister Scott

**Invocation:** Sandra Wylie

**3 Minute Forum:** Noel Scherp

If you know you will be away for the meeting you are rostered on for, please ring and ask a fellow Lion to replace you and notify Programmes chair to make changes to their roster.

## Health & Welfare:

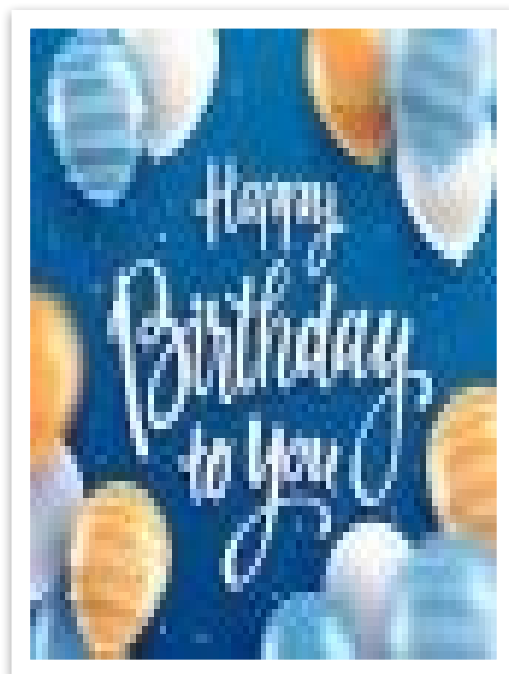
If you know of a Club member or their partner who is unwell, please let Lion Peter Robertson know, and he will send a card.

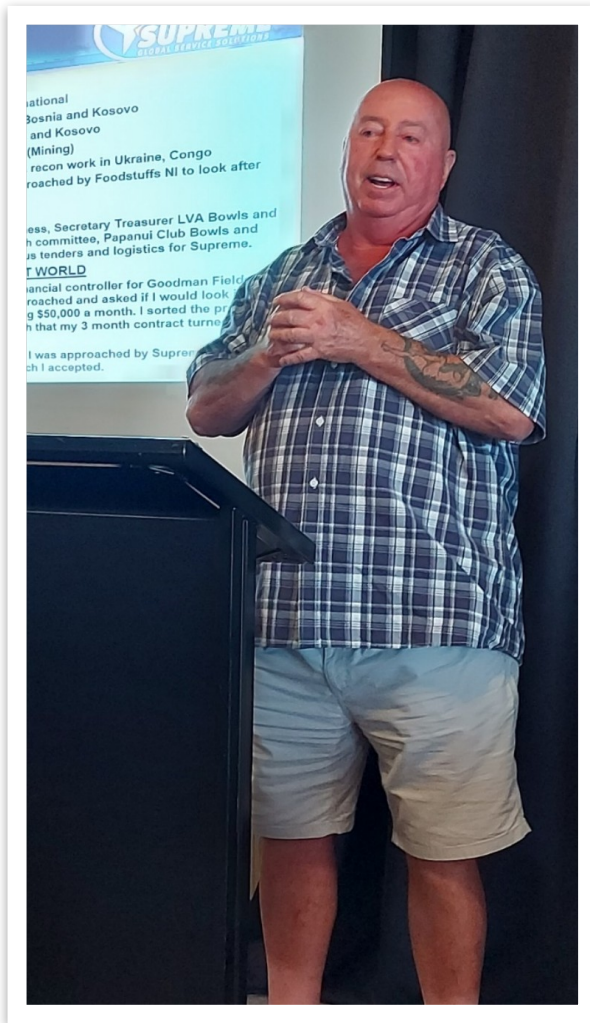


## Birthdays This Month - February

12 February

Pam Boyles





**Guest speaker for December was Greg Rhodes, who gave an exceptional talk on his experiences in Bosnia and Afghanistan supplying troops in war zone.**





**Our Xmas brunch at Harewood tavern 7th December**



**President Debbie, with Lions Norm James and Neil Wech presented the electrical testing kit to the Chris Ruth centre.**

## Emerging Lions Leadership Institute course {Elli course}

**17-19th January 2025**

Emile and Toni attended an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute course on the weekend of 17th, 18th and 19th January 2025. It was held at the Redwood Hotel. Lions from all over New Zealand and one Lion from American Samoa attended the training. Two Leos from Rangiora High School also attended the training.

Ours leaders running the course were Alice McDonald, Linda Halverson and Carol. The course covered relevant topics such as learning about past, present and future, change management, supporting Lions teams, LCIF, communication, conducting effective meetings, diversity, Lions mentoring programme and ensuring club success.

On the Saturday night we had a celebration dinner with entertainment. We got the members to choose their utensils either a spoon or fork. The knives were left on the table. We played the Fred Dagg song "If it weren't for you gumboot". The members had to stand up when gumboot was mentioned and make an animal noise. There were a lot of laughs. Alice read out a poem by Pam Ayres about her husband. It was very funny.

All the groups had to do a presentation. The topics were Vision, LCIF, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian, and Youth. Every group did very well and we all learnt a lot about each subject. Emile enjoyed the social and team work aspect of the training. His group did the presentation on LCIF Vision. Toni's group did the Youth presentation.

Toni's experience of attending the course was positive and uplifting. Taking on challenges for example being in the group to create the entertainment for the celebration dinner. I also found it challenging helping with the presentation having to speak in public. I met amazing Lions and have made close connections. My heart was full of Love and excitement for the future of Lions. Knowing that there are creative inspiring Lions all over New Zealand and American Samoa, and the Leos are doing wonderful positive work in the community and will carry on growing into Lions in their future.

Toni and Emile wish to thank the Wigram Lions Club for giving them the opportunity to attend this training.

**The Emerging Lions Leadership Course Participants 19 January 2025**











**Emile Venter receiving his  
ELLI certificate**

**ToniThompson receiving her  
ELLI certificate**

## **Wigram Lions Car Trial Saturday 8 March**

**Start at Riccarton Racecourse- time to be advised**

**Cover charge for BBQ dinner to follow at destination**

**More details to follow at meetings, however we would dearly like to catch with retired members. How about filling a car? Thus for those who do not attend meetings please**

**Contact Mark McSkimming on 0274 343 695 for more information.**

## **Community Betterment Report**

A donation of \$2000 was approved for Camp Quality and was presented by the team assisting with breakfast at Camp Quality on 13 January.

Warren Dobbs

Community Betterment Chair

1. Refurbishing the original “Lions Seats” in the Goulding Avenue, Hornby playground.

There are 4 seats involved. These seats have withstood the elements since 1982, 43 years!

1st two engraved seat backs are ready for polyurethane. Will get together with

Norm and Dave to formulate a plan to have this project completed before it's first

anniversary.





## 2. Salvation Army Garden project Cnr Manurere Street & Taiwi Crescent, Hornby.

The original plan was for the trees in the gardens in their front lawn to be removed together along with others nearer the building. Treotech have removed some and tidied others. The old gardens in the lawns have been levelled and re-grassed by Norm and his team and are looking great with Norm watering when needed.

The Salvation Army have now asked us to weed and generally tidy up the garden strip along the front of the building. Their watering system may also need some attention. We will come up with a suitable date and put a call out for volunteers.



**On 10 Nov I sent you some bare soil pictures of the Salvation Army Gardening Project. The attached photos are of the 6 January 2025 where grass is mostly thriving. I had to water daily for the first two weeks and then our unusually wet Summer came into play.**



### 3. Halswell BBQ Project

– Weekly on Sunday afternoons. Anita Co-ordinating.

## **Halswell Trains BBQ**

**Since 1 July 2024, we have used 2154 sausages, Banked \$5823, there were 107 Internet deposits totalling \$698, so after expenses, a surplus of \$3817. Well done, everyone who has assisted with this project.**

### 4. Lion Mints

– Pam Boyles in charge.

### 5. Verkerks Samples

– Barry Burgess looking after.

All three are going well. Reminder to complete Verkerks' survey. If 100% of surveys are returned, we receive \$400, 85% \$300, anything less zero.

### 6. Christmas Cakes

– John Hobson preparing a final report.

### 7. Nga Puna Wai Parking Projects

Colgate Games - Friday 17, Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 January 2025.

A team of 10 of our members along with a similar number from Halswell Lions, (whose project these events are), managed the three days, with two shifts each day, very well with no crises reported. We expect a financial return of \$1,575.

Good to see two of our number there who hadn't been involved before.

We have another couple of parking projects coming up.

Dates for your diaries below.

We have had a late request to look after parking for an International Athletics Meeting on Saturday 22 February 2025 at Nga Puna Wai. May get to meet a few Olympians! Between us and the Halswell Club we will need approx. 10 volunteers. John Winder will be asking for a show of hands at our next meeting 04/02/2025. The job will involve only one four-hour shift – at this stage 11am till 3pm.

The second is a little bit further away. It's for the National Masters Touch Tournament. It will be over three days – Thursday to Saturday, 13, 14 & 15 March 2025 also at Nga Puna Wai. Volunteer roster nearer the time.

Steve Daly and John Winder Co-Chairs

**January** is usually thought of as a quiet month, but here is a list of Projects and Activities we have completed during the month. Great work, everyone who has participated.

1/7/2025	City Mission meal
1/13/2025	Camp Quality meal
1/13/2025	Camp Quality donation
1/14/2025	city mission meal
1/19/2025	bbq
1/19/2025	Car Parking Nga Puna Wai
1/19/2025	ELLI course
1/21/2025	city mission meal
1/21/2025	Business meeting
1/26/2025	bbq
1/28/2025	city mission meal
1/28/2025	Board Meeting

#### **Cancer Society Shuttle Bus Donations Update**

Happy New Year fellow Lions,

What a tremendous effort you have achieved in donating to this very worthy cause.

Your combined contribution of \$16450.00 is a record amount and has been forwarded onto the Cancer Society.

I have forwarded on your email addresses for the Society to issue your receipts.

On behalf of the Cancer Society, many thanks for your generosity.

Kind regards

*Colin Brown ( Motueka Lions Club Cancer Society Shuttle Bus Co Ordinator)*





Raffle tickets for the convention will be available at our next tea meeting 4 February at \$10 a ticket. Great prizes are on offer.  
 Thank you.

