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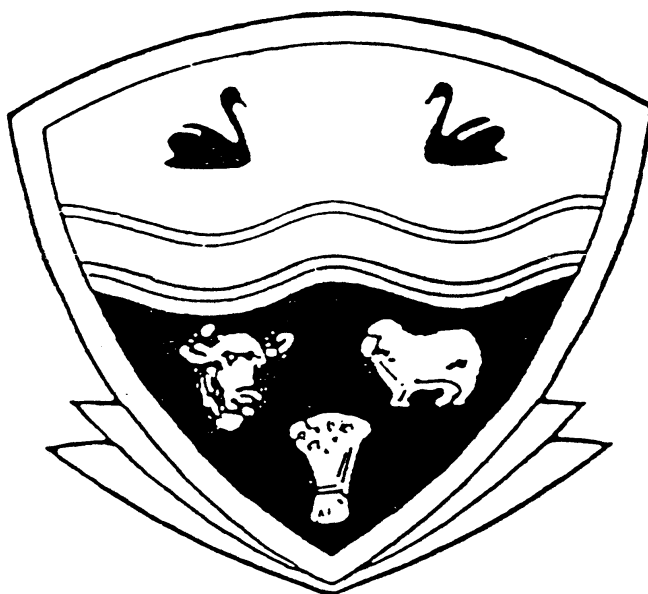
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Next Tea Meeting

Thursday 20th February 2025.

At – Ellesmere A & P Rooms

Meal will be served at 7.15pm

Speaker – Bill Moore – Corrections Career

Caterers – Toy Library

APOLOGIES:

Deadline: Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm

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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Monday Mon 3rd March 2025

7.30pm at - A & P Rooms

Host – D. Carter



Almoners Information

Donald Lemon 3243-310



President Donald's Report

Welcome back to the second half of the Lions year I hope that everyone had a chance to have a break over the holiday period.

I don't want to double up too much on other reports, but I do need to mention some of our Lions involvement so far this year.

After missing our spot at Camp Quality last year, it was good to be back helping with the Camp Volunteers serving up the breakfast on the 14th and 15th January. Thanks to the members who helped.

Stage one of the Harts Creek walkway upgrade is well underway and all going to plan.

The straw carting evenings and deliveries have been very well attended the pea harvest is nearly complete for the year. Thanks to Glenn for his organisation skills, he manages to make straw carting night an enjoyable social occasion for all. We have had one casualty this year James Pope with a shoulder injury, we wish him well with his recovery.

As mentioned in my last newsletter we have two social events to look forward to, A Day at the Races at Motukarara this Sunday 16th Then our annual Lions Garden Party for the over 60s in our district who are on their own. This afternoon is being held at the property of Trevor and Maree Michaels Dunsandel on Sunday 9th March, so let's hope for some fine weather.

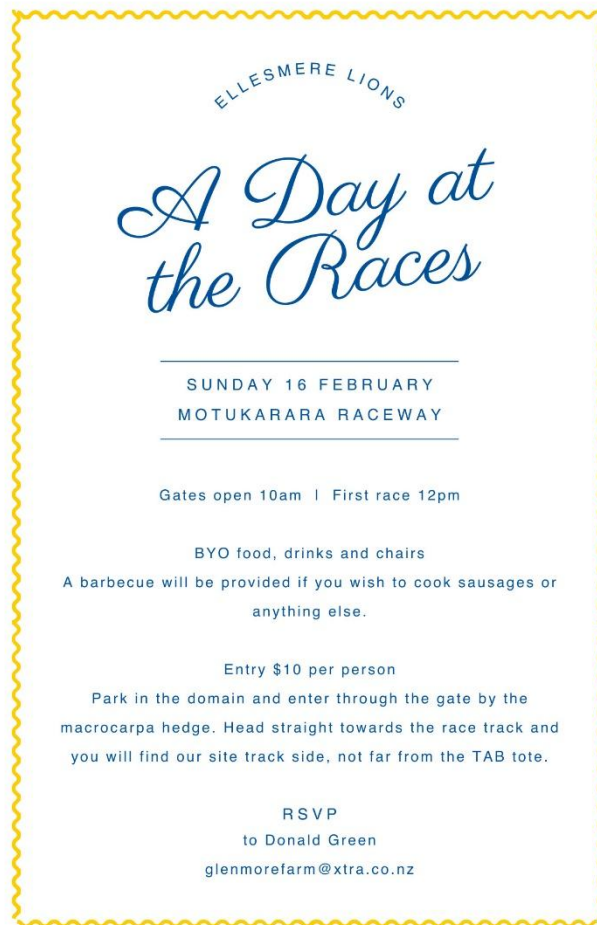
Not so much a social event but a must attend is the Men's Health Night Wednesday 2nd April at the Ellesmere College, John Horwood and his committee has organised a group of Health Professionals to speak for the evening. It is YOUR responsibility as a Lions member to invite your family and friends to come along. Watch out for more details

Our first Tea Meeting for the year is on the 20th we have a new member to welcome into our club and we also have a guest speaker for the evening.

Donald.



Some of our team at Camp Quality



1st VP Geoff Heslop

Membership: Nothing to report

Club visitations

Wigram and another club under investigation.

Youth activities: Nothing to report

Men's health and welfare

Ellesmere Lions are hosting a Men's Health night in the Ellesmere College Hall on Wednesday 2 April 2025. Planned topics include cardiac health, diabetes, prostate and skin cancer. Thanks to John Horwood and Tom Groundwater for developing this programme.

2nd VP Dennis Carter



Publicity and Programme

As per the structure in our directory.

Director: Alister McPherson

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

Alister and Jeff have been looking at a race day looking like 2 sites at Motukarara on Sunday 16th Feb Confirmed gates open at 10am first race 12 noon.

Please bring BBQ food own beverages and camp chairs, (sun hat and sunscreen) let's hope.

Club Publicity: Key Person N Heslop & his Sub Committee

Club signage starting to be seen, looking to have Club trailer signage done.

Director: Nigel Heslop

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

Ian has it all under control.

Garden Party list and transportation under control.

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

Dave Kewish of Johnston Civil is progressing well with the formation of the track it is looking great and drying out well.

Truckloads of shingle have been dumped in strategic areas, contoured drains and culverts have been constructed.

The plan is to seed with white clover the track and drainage area to stabilise.

The soil adds a nitrogen source compete with weeds and make it easy to

Plant native plants.

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 construct a closure sign at the track entrance.

A short report from Sarah Barnsley our project Manager for the board walk and bird hide as below:

Sarah Barnsley, Waihora Ellesmere Trust, Project Manager

Project Update – Waitātari Harts Creek

Date: February 10th, 2025

Next Steps:

Penetrometer Testing & Engineering Design

Penetrometer Testing: Scheduled for **Sunday, February 16th**. Sarah will meet Simone Mackenzie onsite to complete this work.

Engineering Design: Pending funding confirmation.

Funding Update:

Confirmed: Selwyn District Council (SDC) Reserve Grant of **\$4,000** for penetrometer testing.

Upcoming: Pub Charities Grant application for engineering design.

Discussion Required: Potential for **Ellesmere Lions to apply for and hold project funds**. Is ESAI an alternative? Awaiting confirmation on the appropriate entity for the application.

Permissions & Engagement:

Department of Conservation (DOC): A **Community Agreement** is required for rebuild work on Public Conservation Land (PCL). This is currently being processed.

Mana Whenua Engagement: An update has been provided to the **Kaitiakitanga Portfolio at Te Taumutu** for their awareness.

Some Pics of Harts Creek Track



President Donald invited members to attend a Karakia (Māori Blessing) at the Harts Creek site on Monday 13th January at 2pm. After the blessing there was the turning of the sod to mark the start of work on the Walkway.



Work is well underway.

3rd VP Brian Symes

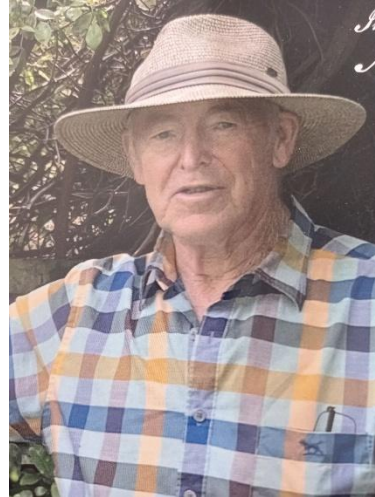


PEA STRAW – Approx 12,000 small bales and 250 medium squares baled to date. 500 bales have been delivered to Halswell Lions, and 600 bales have been taken by the Men’s Shed.

Thankyou Lion members for your help, and thankyou to Glenn Smith for organizing the troops and straw.

MAINTENANCE – If anybody knows of anything can you please let me know.

Eulogy given by Donald Lemon on the passing of Lion Geoff Warren



“Ellesmere Lions Club has lost a very valued member.

Geoff joined in 1992 giving us 32 years of service. He held many positions in the club over the years.

He was President for the 1998 – 99 years.

For many years he organised the local telephone directory, that the Lions produced as a fund raiser. He was always looking for ways to improve and had a gift of finding the right people in the right places to help. The last one we were able to produce he contacted the local schools and instigated a competition to design the cover. It was a very successful idea with parents becoming involved and thus selling 300 plus extra directories.

In the early years the club sent many disadvantaged children to Disneyland through a scheme run by the National Lions Clubs. Geoff thought about this wonderful idea and inquired had we thought of rewarding our young students who are achievers. Hence our Ellesmere College scholarship was born.

Geoff was also our tail-twister. To those of you who are unfamiliar with this roll it is a kind of Sherriff who finds out about any mis demeaners that the members had committed.

The effort that Geoff put into this was amazing, even sometimes using elaborate props. Geoff also wrote a column in our monthly bulletin “Geoff’s bits and pieces” The story usually started off with a certain amount of truth to identify the person involved, but then as his embellishments increased the percentage of the truth became somewhat less and less.

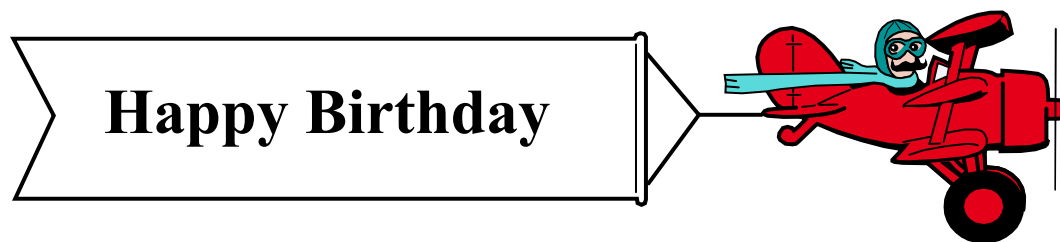
He didn't mind telling a story on himself. One such case was when a team from Lincoln Ventures was sent to Invercargill to check if the odours from the sewerage ponds were within the legal limits. Rather than use a boat to get out on the pond, Geoff thought the bucket of an excavator would suffice to get him over the said pond. He was to phone his mates to retrieve him when the job was done. After three hours his mates decided that they should see why he hadn't phoned. His reply was that he had the TV remote in his pocket and his phone was back in the hotel room.

Geoff was in his element designing floats for the Lions to enter in the Christmas Parade. Geoff and Warwick Hill both worked at Lincoln University. One day over lunch they discussed what they could do with an abandoned 1100 car that was behind the shed.

The plan was to cut it in half – stretch it and make a cage in the middle to put sheep in and call it “Cab – 4 – Ewe” After lunch Geoff went to get all the cutting and safety gear to find to his horror as he returned the car was already in half. Warwick had cut it in half with an axe.

Another float that he helped design was the Flintstone car. After it's outing in the Leeston Parade the Christchurch parade organisers asked Geoff if they could have it for their parade. From there it was spotted by the management of the Copthorne Hotel who got in touch with Geoff to inquire about putting it in their foyer for a Convention that they were having – the theme being “Safari”.

Geoff was to get two free meals for the effort. He said that he couldn't accept this as his co-designer was Warwick Hill “Fred”. So you want four meals. Will that be ok? No we need “Barney's” truck to get it there (that was me) As only Geoff could do we had six meals plus drinks on the Copthorne.”



We wish you a Very Happy Birthday for the Months of:

January

Dave Adams/Donald Lemon

Dave Rathgen/Tim Ridgen

Joe Twiss/Stew Williams

Birthday's (Contd.)

February

Dennis Carter/John Foster

Murray Lemon/Gavin Palmer

Bill Whelan

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Upcoming Events.

EVENTS & PROJECT MONTHS

Pea straw: Ongoing deliveries, please contact Alex Hayward if you are able to help with deliveries.

Lions Tea Meeting 20th February 2025

March Tea Meeting Change to 27th March 2025

Garden Party – 9th March 2025

Leeston Fete - 22nd March 2025

Men's Health Night

Ellesmere College Wednesday 2nd April 2025

7.00-9.30pm

Free Entry

Hear from Medical Professionals

For all Ages

Wives and partners' welcome

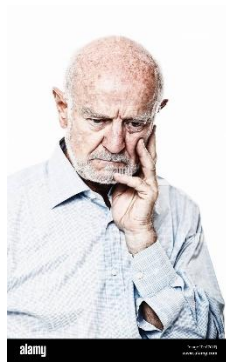
Supper Provided

Thoughts for the day

***You are never too old to set another goal or
dream a new dream.***

but

By the time you're eighty years old you've learned everything.



You just have to remember it.



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