

#### LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS FEBRUARY 2025

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**1st Vice President:** Mike Cousins, Director: Brian Whittington Club supplies, badges etc, Convention, Administration, Club Finance, Lions Clubs International, Publicity

**COMMITTEE:** Chris Logan, Shirley McNicholl, Brian Fennessy, John Knowles, Richard Norris, Leo Slattery, Jackie Codyre, Marg Gerken, Val Knowles, Heather Power

2nd Vice President: Tony Condon: Director: Jimmi Anderson

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**3rd Vice President:** John Johns & John Neville: **Director**: John Neville & Mike Judd Projects, Services, All Projects have a convenor & that convenor can be any member of the Club

**COMMITTEE:** Paul Cockburn, Martin Bogue, Ron McNicholl, Neil Sonne, Dave Butts



THE ROCK ROLLESTON

## **05 FEBRUARY 2025**

MEET & GREET - 6.00 pm MEAL - 7.00 pm

#### MEALS HAVE INCREASED MAINS NOW \$24 & DESSERTS \$8

Tea Meetings is the first Wednesday of the Month, 6pm – 6.30pm followship, Meal 7pm

### **DUTIES FOR TEA MEETING**

**GREETER** .. **Murray Bradley GRACE/INVOCATION** .. **Christine Bradley** RAFFLE **CHRIS LOGAN** CASHIER **BRIAN WHITTINGTON** •• **TABLE WAITERS ..** JOE CAIRNS, TONY CONDON, MARTIN DYER **CRAIG WATSON CANCER SOCIETY** SPEAKER ... **INTRODUCE SPEAKER.. MIKE COUSINS** THANK SPEAKER SHIRLEY McNICHOLL



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Board Meetings are the third Wednesday of the Month, at the Menshed, 54 Dynes Rd at 7.30pm. Any member is able to attend and have speaking rights but only the board members can vote.

#### VISION STATEMENT



TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

#### PRESIDENT DAVE

Happy New and prosperous year to you all.

I thought I would take this wet day to make you aware of the of the history and current state of the Rolleston Lions Club that have been doing sterling work for your community behind the scenes for many years, so bear with me.

The Rolleston and Districts Lions Club was formed in 1978 with 32 members, when Rolleston was a village of less than 500 people, one pub, 2 garages a Volunteer Fire Brigade, Plunket room and a Church. What a different place it is now as we are approaching 33 thousand people, well on the way to City status in our own right with a membership of only 42 members now I would like to let you know of some of the projects we undertake.

Camp Quality for children with cancer, support of the Cancer Society, Carols in the Park, Christmas Cake sales, Collections for 5 other groups, our now annual Santa Parade, our own Lions Change over night ,Zone, National and International Conventions, Diabetes assistance ,Local Emergency plans, National Equestrian event, young writers Essay contest with valuable scholarship awards, Live Christmas trees, Firewood, Fireworks ,National Feild days at Kirwee, Heads Up for Kids ,Kantabs recycling. Lions Mints about the town, Lions Family Fun days , International Peace Poster, Rock meat Raffel's, Support Selwyn council events, Telephone book delivery's, Toot for Tucker in Lincoln and Rolleston, Tree Grove and Lilly bulb sales, Walk for Life, Young Speechmakers, and young Ambassadors.

Our new planned Projects are a Charity Golf Match, a Food truck for our world-famous chips n hotdogs, a Rolleston Leos clubs for school Kids, new officer training for those that wish to step up in the club and continual succession training to keep much needed new people coming in with exciting fresh ideas.

So, if you have read through all this you see we are a very active, committed and social group of good citizens working to make YOUR town a place worth living in. Please Join us, WE NEED YOU.

#### President Dave

#### **1ST VP MIKE COUSINS**

ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB 2/1/2025

Mike Cousins (Chair), Brian Whittington (Director), Jackie Codyre, Brian Fennessy, Marg Gerken, John Knowles, Val Knowles, Chris Logan, Shirley McNicholl, Richard Norris, Heather Power, Leo Slattery

I can confirm that Lions Chris and Brian will continue their roles under my leadership for the 2025/26

**Lionistic year**. I am continuing to negotiate with our members to fill the remaining roles and hope to have the PU101 completed by end March 2025 I have created and updated our list of projects. Can be found here:

https://lists.live.com/:l:/g/personal/59506f68cdb5d107/JAI9R4llaQxNRqiKYU9JDxAEAW30SI 2wbPqd68tunNpt340 We have two prospective members to be inducted at our first tea meeting on 5 February 2025 I have transferred Lion Delwyn Bassett to our Club and we now have an active membership of 41 members.

Action Items: Rolleston Services Parade, Equestrian Event, Field Days

Volunteer phone friendship service for people feeling lonely (call 0800 422 5537) to find out more.

Warm regards, Lion Mike Cousins

#### ALMONER REPORT

If there is anyone sick, infirmed, in hospital please contact Robin Jones 021 433 028

Lion Jimmi is going into hospital soon

#### 2ND VP TONY CONDON

#### Santa Parade:

Thank You for Supporting the 2024 Rolleston Christmas Parade! On behalf of the organizing team for the inaugural Rolleston Christmas Parade, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you all. Your generous contribution of time and effort was instrumental in turning our dream into reality and making the event the incredible success it was.

After over a year of meticulous planning by a passionate team of volunteers from the Lions – Rolleston & Districts and the Rolleston Residents Association, we were thrilled to see our vision come to life.

Our goal was to bring the community together to celebrate the festive season, and we hope the parade brought joy and magic to the hearts of children, families, and everyone in our community. The smiles, laughter, and festive spirit that filled the day were unforgettable. It was a true reflection of the combined effort, dedication, and enthusiasm of everyone involved—volunteers, businesses, schools, community groups, and the thousands who came out to join us.

Your support and contributions meant the world to us and were deeply appreciated. As with any first event, we learned so much along the way. We're already brimming with ideas and excitement for the 2025 Christmas Parade and are committed to making it even more spectacular.

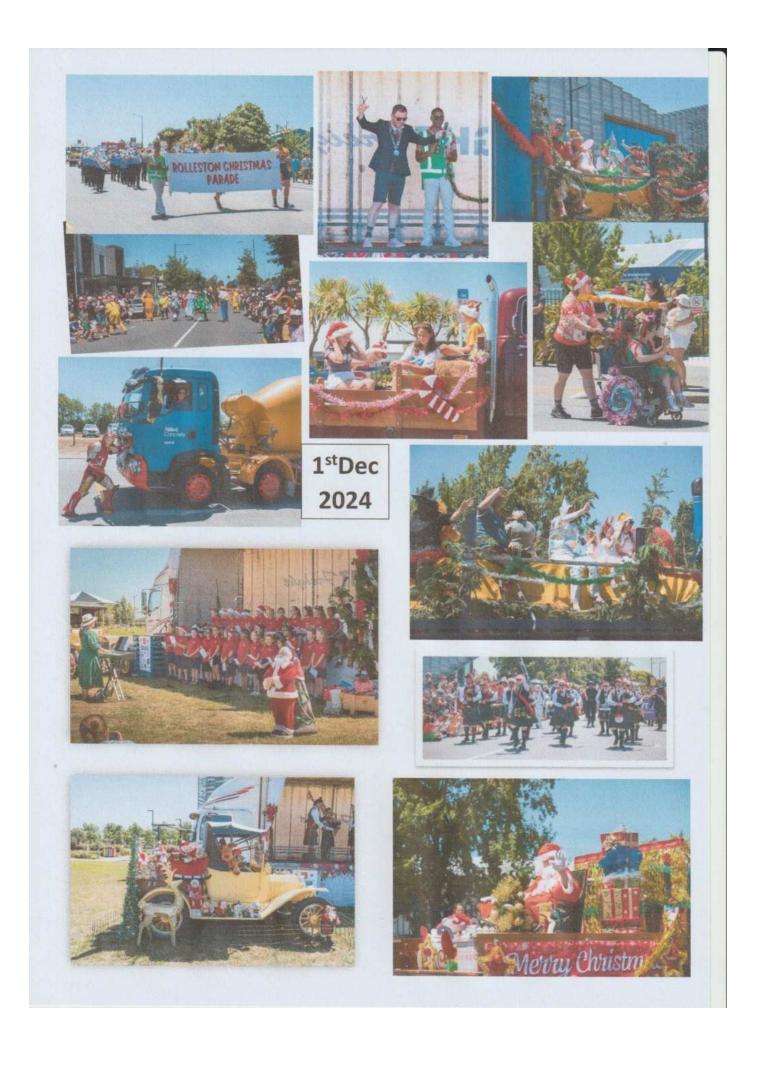
Thank you once again for your invaluable support. Together, we made something truly special, and we can't wait to continue spreading festive cheer in the years to come.

- ➤ Feedback has been positive.
- > Dates for 2025 have been sorted with SDC: set-up on 6 Dec; parade on 7 Dec.
- ➤ The Committee has been re-appointed.
- > Lions tent should be in a more central position.
- > \$10k was generated at the parade in addition to gifts. There's ~\$4,000 left after costs.

#### Youth Justice Group:

> Decorated the Christmas Tree. They are keen to be involved in the Christmas Tree plantation. The Club could engage them in Lions activities.

 $\succ$  Tony suggested that the Club should get an aerial photo of the plantation area for future planning



#### **3RD VP JOHN NEVILLE**

Shirley McNicholl arranged replacements for Lewis Burn & John Neville to attend Camp Quality; she got a willing Team to assist.

• No report on the Christmas Trees seedlings, but rain should have been good. They need trimming in the future.

• The container has 2 holes - and mice have been entering the container. There are 2 options: repair or replace the container. Action: Dave Auton to inspect the container and make a recommendation.

#### **REPORT: SHIRLEY MCNICHOLL CAMP QUALITY CO-ORDINATOR**

A big thank you to the Rolleston Lions who helped serve meals and clean up at Camp Quality on 14th and 15th January. 18 other clubs were involved over the week.

36 campers including 4 siblings came to camp, ranging from 7--13 years old.

The night was enhanced by the joviality of the head chef and his quiet proficient off sider. Good food too.

#### Shirley McNicholl Coordinator

#### **REPORT: BRIAN WHITTINGTON**

Happy New Year to you all, just about a month gone already..

Meals for our Tea Meetings have increased:- Mains are now \$24 / Desert \$30 / Desert Only \$8. So if a main meal it will be \$24 and if having a desert as well it will be \$30, and if just having a Desert it will be \$8

I will be sending out the Menu for the February Tea Meeting soon.

#### Kind regards Brian Whittington

#### WHAT WOULD YOU SAY!!

A farmer named Clyde had a tractor accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy hot shot lawyer, was questioning Clyde. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" asked the lawyer.

Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite cow, Bessie, into the..." "I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question, ...please. Did you, or did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?"

Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer behind the tractor and I was driving down the road...." The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie".

Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my John Deer Tractor right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was

thrown into the other. I was hurting, real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans.

Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her fatal condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, "How are you feeling?"

#### "Now tell me, what the Fire truck would you say?"

#### 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

### ROCK RAFFLES FEBRUARY TO APRIL

FEBRUARY	7 <sup>TH</sup>	DAVE BUTTS	LEWIS BURN	
	14 <sup>тн</sup>	HEATHER KISSELL	BRIAN FENNESSEY	
	21 <sup>ST</sup>	GRAHAM PYE	MIKE COUSINS	
	28 <sup>TH</sup>	MARG GERKEN	BOB PEIRSON	
MARCH	7 <sup>TH</sup>	RON MCNICHOLL	SHIRLEY MCNICHOLL	
	14 <sup>⊤н</sup>	ROBIN JONES	BOB JONES	
	21 <sup>ST</sup>	JOHN KNOWLES	VAL KNOWLES	
	28 <sup>TH</sup>	JOHN NEVILLE	BRUCE MCDOWELL	
APRIL	4 <sup>™</sup>	DAVE AUTON	NEIL SONNE	
	11 <sup>™</sup>	HEATHER KISSELL	LEWIS BURN	
	18 <sup>™</sup>	GOOD FRIDAY NO ROCK RAFFLE		
	25 <sup>™</sup>	ANZAC DAY NO ROCK RAFFLE		

**ROCK RAFFLES** - Please let MARG know when you swap or aren't doing your turn.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE OTHER PERSON YOU ARE ROSTERED ON WITH & BE PREPARED TO START AT 5.30PM AT THE ROCK IN ROLLESTON

IF UNABLE TO DO DUTY PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT. LEAVE A \$50 FLOAT.

#### LET ME TELL YOU A TALE ....

Last weekend, I made the brilliant decision to buy my wife a 100,000-volt pocket-sized Taser for her safety. Seems reasonable, right? What could go wrong? **Let me tell you a tale...** 

I brought the Taser home, loaded it with two AAA batteries, and was disappointed when pushing the button didn't do anything. A quick read of the instructions told me to press it against a metal surface for a blue arc of electricity. Cool, right? It worked. (Apologies to Dana for the burn mark on the microwave.) Now, as a responsible husband, I thought: "I should test this thing to be sure it's effective before handing it to my wife." My cat Leo, watching with wide-eyed curiosity, briefly crossed my mind as a test subject, but I love him too much for that (don't worry, Leo). So naturally, I decided to test it on myself. I sat in my recliner, wearing a singlet and shorts, and carefully read the directions.

#### 1-second burst: mild shock and disorientation.

#### 2-second burst: muscle spasms and loss of control.

#### 3-second burst: full-on fish-out-of-water flopping.

"It's just two AAA batteries," I thought. How bad could it be? Famous last words.

I touched the prongs to my thigh and pressed the button.

What followed can only be described as an out-of-body experience. I'm pretty sure the gates of heaven briefly opened. Hulk Hogan definitely body-slammed me, recliner and all. I woke up in the fetal position, drenched in sweat, with my body convulsing like I'd been plugged into a power grid. **Highlights of my post-shock survey:** 

The recliner was upside down and 8 feet away.

My cat was clinging to the fireplace mantle, meowing like a banshee.

My reading glasses had taken up residence on the TV.

Both nipples, my right thigh, and my pride were twitching uncontrollably.

Drooling was my new normal, and I might have lost control of... other bodily functions.

Oh, and my male parts? They still haven't been located. Reward offered.

Dana? She laughed until tears ran down her face, absolutely loved the gift, and now wields it as a threat in our household.

**Moral of the story**: Don't test a Taser on yourself. Ever. For any reason.

(Also, shoutout to Leo for surviving the chaos. Brave little guy.)



Maternity Services at Christchurch Women's Hospital is calling for donations of knitted hats, singlets, cardigans and blankets for fullterm babies



We need wool singlets, hats and cardigans that will fit babies weighing between 2.5kg and 4.5 kg (5lb-10lb).

We are unable to accept any knitting in acrylic because this

material does not support the babies to maintain their body temperature.

We are so grateful to the community for providing this valuable resource to the whānau of Canterbury, many of whom are

caught unaware of how many layers their baby may need to keep warm or be caught out with a baby that has difficulty maintaining their temperature.



#### Donations can be sent or dropped off to:

Christchurch Women's Maternity Ward, Level 5, Christchurch Women's Hospital. Please include your name and contact details if you wish.



#### Dear Lions and Leos,

The start of a new year provides an excellent opportunity to take a look at your service and fundraising goals to consider ways Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) can help you achieve them. LCIF grants and programs empower Lions and Leos worldwide to take on bigger projects and impact more people than any single Lion or club could do alone. Within this month's newsletter, you will find an example of a Matching Grant project that is making a difference in Australia, as well as valuable resources that can help you learn more about LCIF grants to see if there is one that's right for your club or district, now or in the future.

It is the support each of you provides our foundation, through your financial gifts and sharing impactful stories of service with others, that we are able to achieve our ambitious goals together. LCIF and our beneficiaries are truly grateful for your continued <u>contributions</u>.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson

## To all clubs: Alice McDonald (MD Global Leadership Team) is hosting a Certified Guiding Lion course on Zoom.

This is on Sunday 23 February, 3pm – 5.30pm.

This is for any Lion who likes to become a certified guiding Lion and for those Lions whose certification has expired. Alice will host the training in the Zoom leading to your certification. To prepare yourself for the Zoom it is expected that you complete the workbook. This will take approximately 5 to 6 hours. Alice will also make time to address any Lion Portal issues, so come prepared with your question(s). To register, please email me on 202e.glt@lionsclubs.org.nz asap. I will send you the link to the zoom meeting and attach the Certified Guiding Lions workbook. In 202E we expect that Guiding Lions will be called upon to assist clubs to retain their members, to explore opportunities in their or neighbouring communities for new members, club branches, new clubs and Cub or Leo clubs.

Love to hear from you soon,

Tini Lawry 021 1881560

#### **BLUEBERRY MUFFINS**

Supplied by Robin Jones out of Grannys Muffin treats

2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 teaspoons custard powder
1 cup sugar
¾ cup blueberries or blackcurrants
2 eggs
¾ cup milk
¾ cup cooking oil
lcing sugar for dusting

Sift flour, BP & custard powder into a bowl. Add sugar and blueberries. In a separate bowl mix together eggs, milk and oil. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients and combine.

Spoon batter into prepared muffin tins and bake at 180 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve dusted with icing sugar

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU FEBRUARY

JOHN KNOWLES 4<sup>TH</sup> KAREN LUFF 7<sup>TH</sup> ALISTER LEGAT 12<sup>TH</sup>

CHRIS LOGAN 13<sup>TH</sup> BRIAN FENNESSEY 14<sup>TH</sup>

LEWIS BURN 15<sup>TH</sup> PAUL COCKBURN 19<sup>TH</sup> MICHAEL JUDD 22<sup>ND</sup>

**RON McNICHOLL 27<sup>TH</sup>** 

AQUARIUS ZODIAC SIGN - Date range: January 20 - February 18 Aquarius's are amazing

- A Afraid of emotion
- **Q** Quick thinker
- **U** Unique
- A Analytical
- **R** Rebellious
- I Independent
- **U** Unpredictable
- S Special

Element: Air Colour: Blue, Violet & Yellow Day:

Ruler: Uranus, Saturn

Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 11, 22, 29

Flower: Orchid

Lucky Gems : Amethyst, Lapis Lazuli

Strengths: Progressive, original, independent, humanitarian

Weaknesses: Runs from emotional expression, temperamental, uncompromising, aloof

Aquarius likes: Fun with friends, helping others, fighting for causes, intellectual conversation, a good listener

**Aquarius dislikes:** Limitations, broken promises, being lonely, dull or boring situations, people who disagree with them

Aquarius-born are shy and quiet, but on the other hand they can be eccentric and energetic. However, in both cases, they are deep thinkers and highly intellectual people who love helping others. They are able to see without prejudice, on both sides, which makes them people who can easily solve problems.

Although they can easily adapt to the energy that surrounds them, Aquarius-born have a deep need to be some time alone and away from everything, in order to restore power. People born under the Aquarius sign, look at the world as a place full of possibilities.

#### **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.

#### YOURE VERY OWN BULLETIN EDITOR IS FAMOUS (In case anyone missed it)



Latest Canterbury news at starnews.co.nz

#### By Kees Chalmers

SELWYN TIMES' very own Marg Gerken is proving it is never too late to start something new

If your paper gets delivered in the Southbridge and Leeston areas, then you have most likely been met by Marg's radiant smile and infectious personality as she hands over the weekly edition.

Marg began her paper run 15 months ago and ironically, it was the papers not being delivered which encouraged her to start in the first place.

To be quite blunt, I was pissed off they weren't getting delivered," she said.

Tuesday afternoons have become something to look forward to for Marg, because that is when the newspapers for her weekly deliveries arrive on her doorstep.

The next morning she hops on her electric trike with Gizmo, her Maltese-shih tzu cross, and heads out to provide more than 500 readers with their papers.

The delivery run usually takes her about four hours.

Marg got her black and chrome trike about four months ago after a knee replacement operation restricted her mobility, and her ability to deliver the papers.

"I'd been having problems with (the knee), but I wanted to keep

the paper run going, "There's a lot of people that give us a big wave, laugh and



DYNAMIC DUO: Marg Gerken and Gizmo delivering the Selwyn Times

carry on and sometimes they stop for a quick conversation and we've never seen one (trike) like that before

She has also encouraged her grandchildren, Jamal and Myah, to start delivering the Selwyn Times - also around the South-

bridge and Leeston area Marg said she has found great satisfaction in meeting lots of new people around the neighbourhood.

PHOTO: GEOFF SLOAN

#### **Deliverers** wanted

Do you want to be a delivery person for Selwyn Times? It keeps you fit, gets you out and about and meeting people, and you will be part of a team producing one of New Zealand's bestread newspapers Email deliveries@ allied press, co.nz and include your name. address, email and phone number

'It's proved to be a bit of fun really

The paper route also gives her the opportunity to get out of the house for some exercis

Born in Southland, Marg and Ross, her husband of 41 years, moved between Canterbury and the south several times before Ross died in 2017.

'It's not a very nice thing to hap sen, but I still think about it all the time," she said.

Marg moved in with a friend for about a year before relocating to Leeston to live with her daughter's family. She's fallen head over heels for

the rural lifestyle and friendly people.



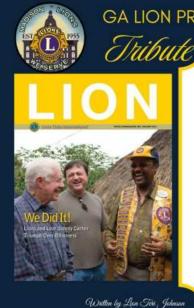






Yes, life is tough, but you are tougher. Find the strength to laugh every day. Find the courage to feel different, yet beautiful. Find it in your heart to make others smile too. Don't stress over things you can't change. Live simply. Love generously. Speak truthfully. Work diligently. And even if you fall short, KEEP GOING.





#### GA LION PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

In the heart of Georgia, where the pines whisper tales, Stood a man of vision, whose legacy prevails. A Lion so noble, with a spirit so bright, Jimmy Carter, our beacon, our guiding light.

From Plains he hailed, in the Lions' pride, Where service and kindness were his true guide. With a heart of gold and a leadership strong, He served his community his whole life long.

R President, a Governor, but first, a Lion true, In the club of Plains, his journey grow. He led with a passion, with grace and might, Turning service to action, day and night.

In '57 he stood as president bold, His dedication to Lionism, a story to be told. Through trials and triumphs, he never did sway, For the Lions' values, he paved the way.

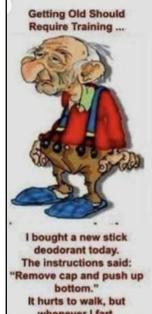
He spoke of service, of credit and blame, Of achievements and failures, and earning one's name. From the halls of the White House to the Georgian plain, His Lion's heart beat in every refrain.

As we mark seventy years in Madison's lore, We remember the Lion who did so much more. Jimmy Carter, a name we hold dear, A legacy of service that continues here.

So here's to the Lions, in 2025, With a spirit of service that will always thrive. As we honor the past and look to the new, We carry forth the values, with hearts pure and true.

# January 14th, 2025

Being rude is easy. It does not take any effort and is a sign of weakness and insecurity. Kindness show great self discipline and strong self esteem. Being kind is not always easy when dealing with rude people. Kindness is a sign of a person who has done a lot of personal work and has come to a great self understanding and wisdom. Choose to be kind over being right, and you will be right every time because kindness is a sign of strength.



whenever I fart, the room smells lovely.

#### **EMERGENCY DAY IN ROLLESTON 2025**





# Teach these 40 phrases to your sons and daughters so they can be more resilient, successful, and confident in life.

- 1. Where there's a will, there's a way.
- 2. Good manners don't cost anything.
- 3. Always ask. They can only say no.
- 4. You're not marrying one; you're marrying the whole family.
- 5. Find the good in everybody.
- 6. Don't cry before you try.
- 7. There are no stupid questions, only stupid answers.
- 8. Pretty is as pretty does.
- 9. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- 10. You can't control what others do, only your own reactions.
- 11. Don't buy what you can't afford.
- 12. Remember that things don't make you happy, people do.
- 13. You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.
- 14. Two wrongs don't make a right.
- 15. Watch what you step in.
- 16. Cow turds are a cattlemen's dollar signs. It all depends on how you look at it.
- 17. Teamwork makes the dream work.
- 18. Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

19. What we think determines what happens to us, so if we want to change our lives, we need to stretch our minds.

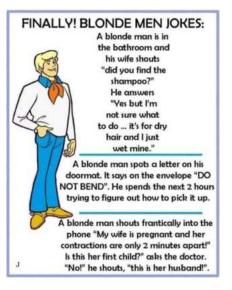
- 20. Fair? The fair is two weeks in the fall.
- 21. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

22. The greatest day in your life is when you take total responsibility for your attitudes. That's the day you truly grow up.

23. True freedom is understanding that we have a choice in who and what we allow to have power over us.

- 24. You're only as old as you feel.
- 25. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- 26. Early to bed and early to rise makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- 27. Happiness is not by chance but by choice.
- 28. If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.
- 29. A rising tide lifts all boats.

- 30. Don't judge a book by its cover.
- 31. You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.
- 32. The early bird catches the worm.
- 33. Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbon.
- 34. Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian.
- 35. Confession is good for the soul.
- 36. You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.
- 37. The grass is greener where you water it.
- 38. The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail.
- 39. There is no single recipe for success. But there is one essential ingredient: Passion.
- 40. Never lose hope. And never underestimate the power of prayer.



#### **BULLETIN MARG'S PLAY WITH THIS MONTH'S WORDS**

#### **Hi Everyone**

Hope you all had a great celebration for Christmas and the New Year and looking forward to the rest of 2025.

I didn't go away just caught up with family and friends and enjoyed the lovely summer days we managed to get but not the few colder wet ones. I even had the fire on some of it so the Christmas decorations had to depart so I could light the fire.

#### Marg 🙂

#### **DATES OF IMPORTANCE - PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR**

- 05 February OUR TEA MEETING
- 06 February Waitiangi Day
- 07 February School starts back
- 14 February Valentines Day
- 19 February OUR BOARD MEETING
- 21 & 22 February Electric Avenue Festival
- 05 March Our Tea Meeting
- 08 March DG Pam Harvey Lions Training day
- 17 March St Paddys Day
- 19 March Our Board Meeting
- March 28 30 2025 Lions Convention in Hanmer

March 26, 27 & 28 March 2025 - South Island Field Day May Vintage Fest Santa Parade - 7 December 2025