



THE LIONS CLUB OF AMBERLEY & DISTRICT APRIL 2025 BULLETIN

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Monthly Meeting: Our next dinner meeting will be held at the Leithfield Beach Holiday Park, on **Saturday 5th April** from 5.00pm.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Monday 28th April** at 7pm. The third Monday is Easter Monday. Our members are always welcome to come along and see the board in action.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the April edition of the Amberley Lions Bulletin, thanks again to David for his hard work. If you have any photos or stories let David know as he is always looking for content.

Autum has arrived with days becoming shorter and the temperatures being unpredictable.

In the past two months we have had the Ag recovery project which finished in March. This appears to have been very successful with the club earning over \$7,000 for our contribution, and with over 70 Tonnes of plastic being recycled. Really good for our local environment. At this stage it looks like this will become a regular event for Amberley Lions.

We have three events coming up, firstly with the Lions convention in Hamner, our golf tournament and our book sale which are major fundraisers for the club .

As with all of these events, if you can spare a few hours to help that would be much appreciated, as these events are only successful because of your help,

Our April dinner will be held at Leithfield camping

grounds, hosted by Kev and Gail, so I look forward to seeing you there.

Remember let Barrie the tail twister know if someone has had a whoopsie so it can be recognized

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact either myself, or one of the fantastic board.



MARCH DINNER MEETING: Monday 3 March was held at the Amberley Hotel. It was a tranquil evening with our members circulating before the meeting began. This month it was not broken up by the fire alarm going off.

President Kevin welcomed 22 members, with DG Pam Harvey being able to participate in this month's meeting. The speaker that had been forecast, sadly had to cancel because of illness, but will reschedule.

I will make a mention of the raffle that President Kevin kindly manages, because for the first time in what seems like an eternity, I was one of the three winners. Yippee. Thank you, Prezzy Card.

The Tail Twister was on form tonight. He asked us a question about, "what is the highest mountain in Antarctica, saying it wasn't Mt Erebus". Everybody knows Mt Erebus, but not for the right reasons. However, nobody knew Mt Vincent was the highest peak. So, everybody had to pay up.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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- April -Leo Awareness Month
- April -Environment Awareness

- 6 Apr -Daylight Saving
- 11 Apr -Poppy Day
- 12 Apr -Amberley Book Sale
- 22 Apr -World Earth Day
- 25 Apr -Anzac Day
- 26 Apr -Lions Worldwide Induction Day
- May -Strengthen Membership May
- 2 May -Amberley District Lions Club Charter 47th Anniversary Day
- 3 May -Repair Cafe
- 7 Jun -Amberley District Lions Changeover Night
- 4-7 Nov -Lions Christchurch Schools Music Festival
- 2025-26 -International Peace Poster Competition

APRIL DINNER MEETING SATURDAY 5 APRIL: Once again Kev and Gail Fenemor are opening their holiday park this year in Leithfield Beach, to host this month’s dinner meeting. Some may wish to make this a full weekend event, for others just the Saturday. More information will follow, but if you are wishing to book in for 1 or 2 nights, better get in early and contact Kev or Gail. Don’t forget BYO drinks.

LEO AWARENESS MONTH - What do you know about Leos? There are more than 200,000 Leos in more than 150 countries, since their inception in 1957.

LEO Clubs provide young people (12 - 18 years) and young adults (18 - 30 years) with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively as responsible members of their local, national and international communities.

We have 30 LEO Clubs spread throughout New Zealand.

As the youngest members of Lions Clubs International, LEOs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, LEOs and Lions form a powerful partnership—one of mutual respect, where Lions learn from the innovative insights of LEOs, and where LEOs gain access to the proven strategies of those who’ve successfully served the world for decades.

ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS: The Environment is one of the pillars of Lions. Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.



Some Lions Clubs are involved in all sorts of environmental projects including recycling, tree planting, beach clean ups, park maintenance and care.

Our own club have completed a 4 week program with AG Recovery. Details below, under the AG Recovery heading.

DAYLIGHT SAVING 6 April: Even though we may have forgone summer this year, daylight saving is ending and the clocks are “Falling” back shortly.

POPPY DAY 11 April: In NZ Poppy Day usually takes place the Friday before Anzac Day, but as this year, it is good Friday, the date has been brought forward one week.

The tradition of wearing red poppies as a symbol of remembrance for those who died in war, particularly during World War I, originated from the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae (1878 – 1918) and the efforts of Moina Michael and Madame Anna Guérin to raise funds for veterans and their families.

“In Flanders fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.”

Anna Guerin conceived the idea of having widows and orphans in northern France manufacture artificial poppies to sell to benefit for the veterans and destitute children.



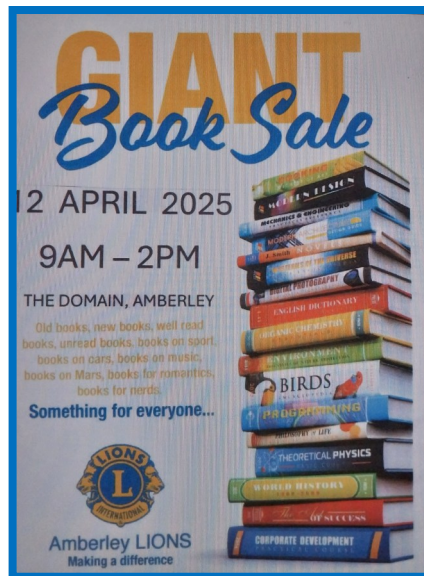
The New Zealand Returned & Services Association (RSA) held its first Poppy Day appeal

in 1921, with the funds going to help war-ravaged areas of northern France and to assist unemployed returned soldiers and their families.

AMBERLEY BOOK SALE 12 April 2025 9am – 2pm: This is the correct date for this event. My sincere apologies for the error in the previous edition of our Bulletin.

The advertising already started for this event earlier in March, with locals enquiring as to when it will take place. The number of books is constantly increasing with donations coming in from various sources, and it is looking like it will be a successful event again.

Please don't not forget to give your names to Helen or Di if you would like to support this project, either leading up to the day, or on the day itself.



A 20-foot container to provide additional storage space for books and other items has been ordered. We can after all, never have enough storage space. The delivery is expected to take place prior to the book sale.

WORLD EARTH DAY 22 April Theme Our Power, Our Planet: On April 22nd, 2025 Earth Day will turn 55, with 192 countries and over one billion people around the globe are expected to participate. This demonstrates how the diverse Earth Day movement remains as dedicated today as it was back in 1970, to bringing everyone together for a better future.

ANZAC DAY Wednesday 25 April: Once again this year a request has been made from Amberley RSA, asking if we will continue to support them in providing refreshments at the Tin Shed after the Dawn Parade.



LIONS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY WWID 26 April: WWID is an exciting global membership celebration held annually on the last Saturday in April, to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.



Many clubs and districts have been successful in forming new clubs and recruiting new members. Let's celebrate that accomplishment together on April 26, 2025, on Worldwide Induction Day.

STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP MAY: Globally we are on Mission 1.5, to reach a membership of 1.5 million members worldwide so as better to meet the needs of our local communities. That translates in our district 202E to Mission 1,500.

Many, including myself, joined Lions after retiring. Retaining members is so important and we need to make all our members feel welcome, include them in activities and make them feel part of the club. So far this year we (202E) have dropped 89 members, that includes Lions who have passed away.

Having younger Lions members can be a way of assisting in increasing membership. Anecdotally, it is said that many clubs go through stages of having reducing membership. Many of us are ageing and some of us move away from hands on role within our own clubs.

We could be opening our club to younger members as they have much to offer, not least their longevity. Lol. They also bring a fresh perspective and new ideas. Don't be too hesitant to invite younger members to our club.

A Bulletin from Lions International entitled Mission 1-5, informed us that the following increase in members and clubs has taken place between, 1 Jan 24 – 28 Feb 25:

- Members -149,263
- Clubs -1,499

Good news indeed.

AMBERLEY DISTRICT LIONS 47TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY DAY-2ND MAY 1978: Our club was chartered on this day 47 years ago. This is definitely something to celebrate. In addition to this celebration on this Tuesday in 1978, in Chinese Zodiac year of the horse,

the following event was mentioned, that being non other than:

- The Bee Gees single, Night Fever was No 1 in the UK & USA.

This in not perhaps awe inspiring event, but we cannot sadly, pluck events from another date.

AMBERLEY REPAIR CAFE 3 May: New and hot off the press. We have just heard that another repair café is going to take place in May. More details will follow, but it is expected to be organised by Mollie’s Place again, and will be held from 1-4pm.

AMBERLEY DISTRICT LIONS CHANGEOVER NIGHT 7TH June: This year the Changeover Night will be held at the Amberley Hotel.

We are looking at a 4-course dinner for up to \$45 per person, with our club contributing \$20. More details and confirmation will follow.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER COMPETITION 2025-26 Contest Theme

“Together As One”: Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as at 15th November this year, are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. There is no cost to the children taking part.



Each club participating, will need to purchases one Peace Poster Kit and organise schools to take part in the competition, with only one poster allowed per club, to go forward to the next round. The winning poster is forwarded to the DG. Then District chooses one poster to go to MD202 Chair. MD202 then choose a poster to go to the International Final in Chicago.

We will be participating in this event this year and are in the process of purchasing a pack to be able to get underway. With the armed conflicts taking place around the world it is perhaps particularly pertinent currently.

In a month or two we will be asking several of our members to assist with the judging of the entries from our local schools.



REPORTS

FIREWOOD: The team has resumed with a few deliveries already made. I was going to say, that it is perhaps a little early at this time for firewood sales to take off. However, with the weather as it is now, perhaps not. Advertising in the Hotline has started.

MARKHAM STREET FESTIVAL: Geoff spoke about the festival as he was the contact between Amberley NZ and Amberley Lions. There was some consternation from our members, many of whom had taken part on the day selling the raffle tickets. Many of the visitors to the festival who had purchased tickets, thought that we were selling the tickets on our behalf and not on behalf of Amberley NZ. We did, however offer a load of firewood as one of the prizes.

The main problem was that Amberley NZ had utilized professional event organisers this year, which had not been known to us before the event. This will be discussed again over the coming months, with a decision made as to our future participation if the same format is used.



AG RECOVERY: This is a new project for us and looks like it will be a good fundraiser. President Kevin organised this event as one of the myriad of things he is currently undertaking for Amberley Lions. The project was two days a week over a 4-week period requiring 3 people on shift. Several of our members have been extremely helpful taking on several shifts to make this work. A big thanks to them.

This was a pilot project in North Canterbury collaborating with local partners to collect farm plastic at the designated drop off location at the Waipara Winehouse, previously Waipara Springs.

A big thanks to Waipara Winery for hosting this event on their grounds.



We have just had some preliminary tonnages back for the bale wrap collected...just shy of 70 tonnes (69.14T) over the four weeks, in addition to the other plastic that was collected. Keeping this out of the landfill is a great result. It will be shipped overseas,

cleaned, then made into pellets to be reused.

As this was a successful trial, it is likely that it will be done again here, and throughout the country.

GOLF TOURNAMENT Sunday 30 March: Even though it is a little premature to have a report on the tournament, I would like to make a mention of the Golf Tournament Raffle, that is currently underway.

Whilst doing my weekly shop one morning in March at our local Woolworths, I came across George & Mort at a table at the entrance to the store selling raffle tickets. Like many people, I said I would buy one on my way out. Needless to say, unlike many, I did purchase a ticket. Lol.



OTHER BUSINESS

DOUG STAPLETON: Our hearts go out to Doug's family and friends at his passing. James informed us at last month's meeting, of the passing just before his 85th birthday in Hokitika.

Whilst serving as an Amberly Lion, Doug served two terms as president as well as a Regional Chairman. James spoke a little of Doug's time at the club, as well as of a tale of an event where Agapanthus plants had played a major role.

LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TO YOU

Dear Lion,

To ensure a thriving organization, we must continue to innovate and involve even more people in our service. One of the best ways to achieve both is by increasing the number of young Lions and Leos. This will help us reach our *MISSION* 1.5 goal and set us up for a bright future.

Collaborate with your club to ensure it's a welcoming, inclusive and energizing place that will attract young people—and all people who want to serve. The next generation of Lions starts now.

At your service, Fabrício Oliveira, International President

LIONS CLUB DONETSK UNIVERSAL, UKRAINE: Here is something a little bit out of the ordinary for you to digest.

The Lions Club of Donetsk Universal was founded in 1997, but in 2016 they changed their name to the Lions Club Svyatogorsk. In our small country of New Zealand, it would be unimaginable to think about having to face the conditions of over a decade of conflict. Their club members are holding onto their resolve and continue to help those in need, and each other.

For the complete story and others, please look at the latest edition of the Lions Magazine (International) – Winter 2025 edition.

All that remains to be said is “Slaya Ukrayini - Слава Україні. To those brave people of Ukraine that continue to endure.



BOARD NOMINATIONS 2025: The following are the nominations for the 2026-26 year showing the makeup of our new board.

| <i>Position</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Nominated</i> | <i>Seconded</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| President | K Lynn | H Lodge | P Cope |
| Past President | D Moore | P Cope | D Atkinson |
| 1st Vice President | N Rosenberg | K Fenemor | B Draper |
| 2nd Vice President | K Fenemor | K Lynn | N Rosenberg |
| 3rd Vice President | B Draper | K Lynn | H Lodge |
| 2nd Year Director | S Doak | K Lynn | B Draper |
| 2nd Year Director | J Reimink | H Lodge | N Rosenberg |
| 1st Year Director | D Roper | K Lynn | D Moore |
| 1st Year Director | G Manch | H Lodge | K Lynn |
| Treasurer | J Perreau | H Lodge | P Cope |
| Secretary | ?? | ?? | ?? |
| Minute Secretary | H Lodge | K Lynn | K Fenemor |
| Tail Twister | B Foster | N Rosenberg | D Moore |
| Lion Tamer | S Doak | B Draper | J Reimink |
| Bulletin Editor | D Atkinson | K Lynn | D Moore |
| Membership | D Moore | K Lynn | H Lodge |
| Marcom | D Atkinson | P Cope | D Moore |
| Health & Safety | B Draper | H Lodge | S Doak |
| Archives | P Cope | B Draper | N Rosenberg |