



THE LIONS CLUB OF AMBERLEY & DISTRICT

MARCH 2025 BULLETIN

2024/25 Board Members

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Monthly Meeting: Our next dinner meeting will be held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Monday 3rd March** from 6.00pm.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Monday 17th March** at 7pm .

Our members are always welcome to come along and see the board in action.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

Summer has finally arrived however weather continues to be changeable but luckily has not affected any of our events.

In the past month we have had a couple of events Markham street Fair & Ag recovery project (Continuing into March).

In March we have the convention in Hamner and our golf tournament which is a major fundraiser for the club.

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

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.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our one of our meetings or events, until then stay safe and well.

Kevin



FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING: Monday 3rd February was the first dinner meeting of the year at the Amberley Hotel. The restaurant was reserved for our meeting and we all met in these comfortable surroundings.

Shortly before the meeting began, we were milling around the room and chatting to our fellow lions. Our conversations and laughter were interrupted by the fire alarm sounding. Initially, we thought nothing of it. Reality hit home however, when we were asked to evacuate the restaurant and make our way to the parking area.



During this time the alarm continued loudly, followed by the Amberley Fire Station's alarm then sounding 200 meters further down Markham Street. At this point we were wondering if it was indeed a genuine fire. It wasn't. The fire service arrived and then did their due diligence in the hotel, to ensure there was no fire. Soon after the all-clear, we returned to the hotel. Needless to say, with to the kitchen being closed during this period, a delay in dinner preparation was expected.

Finally, our meal was served, and our hunger pangs were eliminated.

President Kevin welcomed 28 members and 4 visitors. During the meeting, Alex Cooke (Cookie) received his 25 Year Chevron from District Governor Pam Harvey. During his 25 years' service with Amberley Lions, Cookie had served in many roles with his successful projects being notably walking trails and firewood.



Our guest speaker was none other than our very own James Drewery, who spoke about his recent trip to Europe. It was a combined trip with the Hurunui and Waimakariri

Councils and the RSA. They visited several battlefields in both France & Belgium and were able to lay wreaths. They were present for the commemoration and playing of the Last Post at the Menin Gate in Ypres. James continued his trip laying a plaque at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK SALE Sunday 2nd March 9am-3pm - The Book Sale is back again. Di will be needing assistance in setting this up, being on hand during the sale and tidying up at the end. A roster will be setup soon to enable us to sign up to this event. Di may also require assistance prior to the event, so please make yourselves available as necessary.

55th DISTRICT CONVENTION 28 – 30 March 2025: Hanmer Springs a beautiful corner of the Hurunui district and venue for DG Pam Harvey's district convention. The hills will definitely be alive that weekend.

Participants will need to put their dancing shoes after the dinner, catching up with friends as well as making of new ones. A competition for the best dressed couple and Club to the theme. **THEME "After the Climb"**.

As this is a 202E zone project, with different clubs participating in a part of the event, Amberley Lions will be organising the entertainment on the Saturday night.

Registration is now available. and can be done online. If you haven't already been to one, it is an opportunity to go to a district convention in our own backyard. This will be

my first one and I am looking forward to it.

<https://202e-lionsclubs.nz/2025-convention/>

Do not delay in booking your accommodation now, to get your preferred option. Reservations through Booking.com will frequently allow for cancellations up almost until the day of the event, with no down payment.



The Cancer Bus is well on its way. The launch will be at the 202E Convention in Hanmer Springs about 10:30 on the Saturday morning 29th March 2025 before the partners depart for their tours. We encourage as many as possible to be there. Fundraising for the bus has not finished as funds will be required to keep the vehicle on the road, as well as to launch the second vehicle.

if you know of any Retired Doctors and Nurses capable of looking at a lesion on the skin and can make the decision it needs further investigation, and advise the patient they are encouraged to seek additional advice from their GP then we need their names. Please send to.

Secretary.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz

CONFERENCE RAFFLE: Every club in the district has been issued with books of raffle tickets that will contribute towards costs of the convention. The tickets cost \$10 each and there is a limited number of tickets available for sale, i.e. better odds for winning one of the 5 prizes.

1st Prize - A Weekend in Kaikoura 1 Night

2nd Prize - Hurunui Region Weekend Getaway 2 Nights

3rd Prize - Pizza Oven

4th Prize - Best of Cheviot 2 Nights.

5th Prize - BBQ

The draw will be on 29th March.

AMBERLEY GOLF COMPETITION 2025: 30th March. The date for the tournament has been confirmed, sadly this coincides with the last day of the Hanmer Conference. However, we can be assured that we will be able to work around this. Challenges are there to be overcome after all.

This will in fact be George's last one as convenor. We are grateful that Neil R has agreed to work with George to 'learn the ropes' and take over as convenor for the 2026 year.



LIONS SPEECH COMPETITION 14th June 2025: This is a Youth Competition for the 16 – 21 Year Olds (as at 15 November in the year of the competition). Entry is free and open to the public through your local Lions Club.



More information including the Lions Club hosting the event in our district will be provided in due course.

PLEASE BE SUPPORTIVE: All of these events will need the support of our members to make them successful. Participation in any or all of these events is crucial in generating income, to allow us to fund worthwhile causes and to those causes dear to us. Fundraising from our events goes back into the community, to which as members, we have a say in how the funds are disseminated.

We do realise that all of our members could not offer support in every event, but please where possible, put your hand up to offer your support when you are able. It will always be much appreciated. **We serve**



REPORTS

BIG DIG: Held on 27th December was successful again at the end of last year. There was a large crowd on the day with children happy with the prizes they received. Thanks to Sally Lane and Mitre 10 the donated sets of Lego style building blocks were very popular.



CAMP QUALITY: Held over the 3rd week in January was always going to be successful. Our small contribution of 3 of our members assisting in the evening meal were Pat, Lindsay M and Elaine. They represented Amberley Lions and had a wonderful experience.



FIREWOOD: The firewood team started back on 8th Feb, and a new order of logs will be needed soon. We have been offered some poplar logs, and they will be checked as to their suitability for firewood. Firewood deliveries have already begun in February.

PINECONES: Brent reported that there is a large supply of cones ready to go for the winter. The photo would seem to demonstrate that the term large, is perhaps not adequate.



FERTILISER: Fertiliser sales are slow at this time, but it will be available at the Markham Street Festival and occasionally at the Saturday Market.



OTHER BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025-26 BOARD: Next month we will begin the process of obtaining nominations of our 2025-26 Board. Please consider whether being on the Board is something that you would be interested in.

DONATION TO AMBERLEY COMMUNITY PREPATORY PRESCHOOL: We recently donated to the preschool to enable them to revive their garden beds. Not only do the children learn new skills with the environment and knowledge where their food comes from, but the families also share in the harvest.



ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY: The 1st of March every year is Zero Discrimination Day. This year is the tenth anniversary of Zero Discrimination Day, and the theme is “To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights”. For more information on zero discrimination day you can visit their website:

<https://www.unaids.org/en>



NZ CHILDREN'S DAY: The first Sunday of March each year is a special day for celebrating children. Events are held up and down the country to bring families together and show how important children are in our community.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8th March 2025: join us to celebrate International Women's Day under the theme, "For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality, Empowerment."



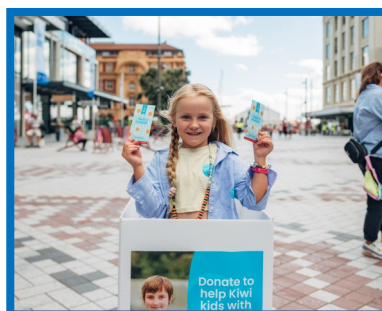
This year's theme, calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind.

The year 2025 is a pivotal moment as it marks the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. This document is the most progressive and widely endorsed blueprint for women's and girls' rights worldwide. This transformed the women's rights agenda in terms of legal protection, access to services, youth engagement, and change in social norms, stereotypes and outdated ideas.

The declaration was also the first global policy document on women that included a specific focus on girls' rights.

CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION STREET APPEAL 14-15 MARCH: Cancer touches everyone in all walks of life and regardless of age.

Child Cancer Foundation is a New Zealand charity that provides support to children and families on their cancer journey. They support them every step of the way, helping them overcome challenges and maintain control of their lives.



They focus on the whānau, not the cancer. No two families' experiences are the same, and neither is the nature of the support they need.

One thing is always the same: they support every family so they can concentrate on the most important thing of all, loving and caring for their child. Visit their website:

<https://childcancer.org.nz/>

Letter from the President to You International President Fabrício Oliveira:



Dear Lion,

One of the wonderful aspects of our organization is that our members come to us with diverse talents and abilities. The knowledge, drive and expertise of our members helps not only your clubs and communities, but it is also vital in helping our organization thrive.

By finding ways to put your unique talents and passion to work for your community, you can make a real difference and inspire others to join our mission. And when we encourage our fellow members to share their skills, we can bring out the best in our clubs, our service and each other.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President