



LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS
APRIL 2025

ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB BOARD 2024 - 2025

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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

Youth, Sight, Diabetes, Cancer, Hunger, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian, Hearing, Health, Education, Environmental, Recreational & Social

COMMITTEE: Martin Dyer, Sonia Fletcher, Rex Greenwood, Robin Jones, Bob Jones, Heather Kissell, Alister Legat, Christine Bradley, Murray Bradley, Lewis Burn, Joe Cairns, Kieron Duncan, Graham Pye, Karen Luff,

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



**ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB
TEA MEETING**

**THE ROCK
ROLLESTON**

02 APRIL 2025

**MEET & GREET - 6.00 pm
MEAL - 6.30 pm**

**MEALS HAVE INCREASED
MAINS NOW \$24 & DESSERTS \$8
IF YOU PURCHASE A MAIN & A DESSERT IT
IS \$30**

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

DUTIES FOR TEA MEETING

- GREETER ROBIN JONES**
- GRACE/INVOCATION .. HEATHER POWER**
- RAFFLE CHRIS LOGAN**
- CASHIER BRIAN WHITTINGTON**
- TABLE WAITERS .. BOB JONES, LEWIS BURN, REX GREENWOOD**
- SPEAKER TONY CONDON - LIONS WEBSITE ETC**
- INTRODUCE SPEAKER .. JOHN KNOWLES**
- THANK SPEAKER .. BOB JONES**



**Board
Meeting**

**16 APRIL 2025
AT THE MENZ SHED
ROLLESTON**

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.

ALMONER REPORT

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

PRESIDENT DAVE

Our Busy Time is in full swing, with Feild Days our biggest funding boost in full swing as we speak, another report on this to come, many thanks to all the members who stood up to lend a hand Thank you.

The event at the Rolleston Resource Recovery Center was very well supported by the Rolleston community who were surprised by the great bargains available, and a Free sausage to boot .

Also another event was the Electric Avenue music festival in the City that involved many other Lions clubs about ,a chance to have a good gossip and catchup and earn some funding .

Planning for Change over is underway with the date of Friday 27 June 6.30 pm at the Weedon's Country Club and the same great caterer as last time , meal cost about \$30 per person .Our next dinner meeting we will be doing new member inductions and another transfer , so our membership is on a strong growth path , at 43 now. We have another Lion at Large .

I will be interested to hear any new ideas that came from the Zone Conference in Hanmer .

The Rock Meat Raffles are still a challenge for sales up one day , down the next for the same sized crowd.

Please keep up the great work , we are making a difference ,and being noticed .

Thank you all ,

President Dave

1ST VP MIKE COUSINS

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

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President Dave, it gives me great pleasure to submit my report for March 2025

Membership is healthy at 43 and I have a new application for membership which I propose to execute at our next tea meeting.

We have also had a request from two Lions who have moved to Rolleston from Bay of Plenty in NI to visit our club with the possible intention of transferring to us

Our service activities need regular updates

Child Cancer collection with 7 Lions and a family member collected from 09:00 to 17:15 in 2 hour shifts. This was arranged by Lion Shirley and was most successful.

It was suggested at our last tea meeting that Lion Tony and I put together a presentation on "The electronic Lion" for presentation to our club during a tea meeting in place of a guest speaker.

I have signed up to be a Guiding Lion and Lion Richard is renewing his certification. To support this initiative, we will be using Rolleston & Districts Lions club to carry out our tasks. My first task is to put a mentoring program in place and to design club officer training specific to the needs of our club. This will be followed by Assessing the needs of the club.

Thanking you all for your continued support

Warm regards,
Lion Mike Cousins

2ND VP TONY CONDON

No report

3RD VP JOHN NEVILLE

No report

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

Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day

Get ready to celebrate Worldwide Induction Day on April 26, 2025!

This exciting event is an opportunity for clubs around the globe to celebrate their incredible new members.

Want to make your event even better? Then visit the [Worldwide Induction Day webpage](#) for planning guides, social media kits and more. And be sure to watch a special video from President Fabrício.

April Fool

GOTCHA!

Ha Ha Ha

go on see the funny side!

The Origins of April Fools - 1 April 2025

April Fool's Day is traditionally a day to play practical jokes on others, send people on fool's errands, and fool the unsuspecting. No one knows how this holiday began but it was thought to have originated in France.

In sixteenth-century France, the start of the New Year was observed on April 1st. It was celebrated in much the same way as it is today with parties and dancing into the late hours of the night. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the new year fell on January 1st.

There were some people, however, who hadn't heard or didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1st. Others played tricks on them and called them "April Fools". They sent them on a "fool's errand" or tried to make them believe that something false was true. Most April Fools jokes are in good fun and are not meant to harm anyone.

Today each country celebrates April Fool's differently.



In France, the April Fool's is called "April Fish" (Poisson d'Avril). The French fool their friends by taping a paper fish to their friends' backs and when they discover the trick, they yell "Poisson d'Avril!".

In England, tricks can be played only in the morning. If you play a trick in the afternoon then you are the "April Fool". In Scotland, April Fools Day is 48 hours long and you are called an "April Gowk", which is another name for a cuckoo bird. The second day in Scotland's April Fool's is called Taily Day and is dedicated to pranks involving the posterior.

In Portugal, April Fool's is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before Lent. The traditional trick there is to throw flour at your friends.

Joesfa's first collection duty for child cancer



A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.



**Letter from
the President to You
International President
Fabrício Oliveira**

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.

So 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**



GOOD FRIDAY - 18 APRIL 2025

EASTER SATURDAY - 19 APRIL 2025

EASTER SUNDAY - 20 APRIL 2025

Easter is an annual festival observed throughout the Christian world. The date for Easter shifts every year within the Gregorian Calendar. The Gregorian Calendar is the standard international calendar for civil use. In addition, it regulates the ceremonial cycle of the Roman Catholic and

Protestant churches. The current Gregorian ecclesiastical rules that determine the date of Easter trace back to 325 CE at the First Council of Nicaea convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine. At that time the Roman world used the Julian Calendar (put in place by Julius Caesar). The Council decided to keep Easter on a Sunday, the same Sunday throughout the world. To fix incontrovertibly the date for Easter, and to make it determinable indefinitely in advance, the

Council constructed special tables to compute the date. These tables were revised in the following few centuries resulting eventually in the tables constructed by the 6th century Abbot of Scythia, Dionysius Exiguus. Nonetheless, different means of calculations continued in use throughout the Christian world.

In 1582 Gregory XIII (Pope of the Roman Catholic Church) completed a reconstruction of the Julian calendar and produced new Easter tables. One major difference between the Julian and Gregorian Calendar is the "leap year rule". See our FAQ on [Calendars](#) for a description of the difference. Universal adoption of this Gregorian calendar occurred slowly. By the 1700's, though, most of western Europe had adopted the Gregorian Calendar. The Eastern Christian churches still determine the Easter dates using the older Julian Calendar method.

The usual statement, that Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs next after the vernal equinox, is not a precise statement of the actual ecclesiastical rules. The full moon involved is not the astronomical Full Moon but an ecclesiastical moon (determined from tables) that keeps, more or less, in step with the astronomical Moon.

The ecclesiastical rules are:

**Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox;
this particular ecclesiastical full moon is the 14th day of a tabular lunation (new moon); and
the vernal equinox is fixed as March 21.
resulting in that Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25.**



The Gregorian dates for the ecclesiastical full moon come from the Gregorian tables. Therefore, the civil date of Easter depends upon which tables - Gregorian or pre-Gregorian - are used. The western (Roman Catholic and Protestant) Christian churches use the Gregorian tables; many eastern (Orthodox) Christian churches use the older tables based on the Julian Calendar

6 Apr 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, 6 April 2025, 3:00:00 a.m. clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, 6 April 2025, 2:00:00 a.m. local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 6 Apr 2025 than the day before. There will be [more light in the morning](#) and less light in the evening.



ROCK RAFFLES APRIL to JUNE

APRIL	4 TH	DAVE AUTON	NEIL SONNE
	11 TH	HEATHER KISSELL	LEWIS BURN
	18 TH	GOOD FRIDAY NO ROCK RAFFLE	
	25 TH	ANZAC DAY NO ROCK RAFFLE	
MAY	2 ND	DAVE BUTTS	CHRIS LOGAN
	9 TH	TONY CONDON	BRIAN FENNESSY
	16 TH	RON MCNICHOLL	SHIRLEY MCNICHOLL
	23 RD	CHRISTINE BRADLEY	MURRAY BRADLEY
	30 TH	MARG GERKEN	SONIA FLETCHER
JUNE	6 TH	JACKIE CODYRE	MARTIN DYER
	13 TH	MIKE COUSINS	IRIS COUSINS
	20 TH	MATARIKI DAY NO ROCK RAFFLE	
	27 TH	JOHN KNOWLES	VAL KNOWLES

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.

Jim Carrey once said: Grief is not just an emotion—it's an unraveling, a space where something once lived but is now gone. It carves through you, leaving a hollow ache where love once resided.

In the beginning, it feels unbearable, like a wound that will never close. But over time, the raw edges begin to mend. The pain softens, but the imprint remains—a quiet reminder of what once was. The truth is, you never truly "move on." You move with it. The love you had does not disappear; it transforms. It lingers in the echoes of laughter, in the warmth of old memories, in the silent moments where you still reach for what is no longer there. And that's okay.

Grief is not a burden to be hidden. It is not a weakness to be ashamed of. It is the deepest proof that love existed, that something beautiful once touched your life. So let yourself feel it. Let yourself mourn. Let yourself remember.

There is no timeline, no "right" way to grieve. Some days will be heavy, and some will feel lighter. Some moments will bring unexpected waves of sadness, while others will fill you with gratitude for the love you were lucky enough to experience.

Honor your grief, for it is sacred. It is a testament to the depth of your heart. And in time, through the pain, you will find healing—not because you have forgotten, but because you have learned how to carry both love and loss together.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Marg Gerken & Richard Norris for 20 years service

Heather Power for 25 years service

John Neville for 30 years service



The 3 Types of People in Your Life.....

The Leaf People.....

These come into your life for just a season. You can't depend on them, they are weak. They only come to take what they want, then they leave.

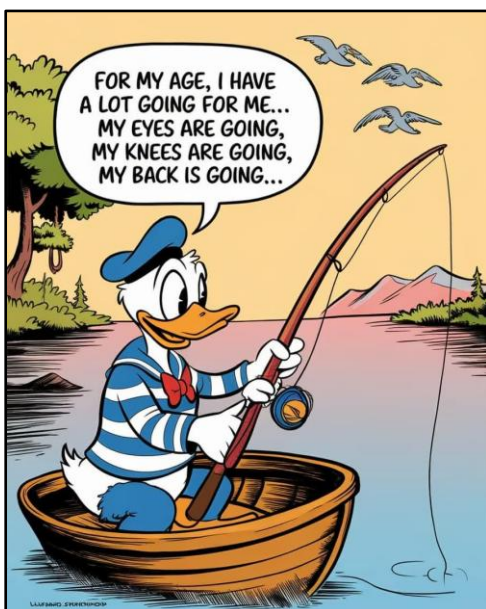
The Branch People.....

They are strong, but break away when life becomes tough. They will stay a season, but will go when life becomes harder.

The Root People.....

These are very important people, they don't do things to be seen. They stay during the difficult times, they will water you, they are not moved by your position, they take you as you are.

Only the Root type of people will stay, no matter the season.



I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I think I nailed it but nobody saw it.

UPDATE ON THE CANCER BUS



The Vehicle

This is the Vehicle as it looks at the moment without the logos on. It is currently being sign written with our advertising. You can see what appears to be a window between the doors. It is in fact a 55-inch TV which we can play educational videos and sponsors logos and messages on.

Screening

It has two inspection rooms which will operate with a doctor and two Nurses on Saturday the 29th. We will be looking for those who have not been scanned for skin cancer to send their name into our coordinator on the day at 202E.cancertrust@lionsclubs.org.nz so we can fit you into our register of appointments with a time. We have some from Kaikoura already advising they want to be screened. So please let us know.

Donation's.

We still need donations to finish off the current vehicle. Some additional costs involve the addition of a purpose made awning with sides. The awning sides are an additional \$4500 which if a club wanted to sponsor with a donation that would help us immensely. On top of that we need to have the sides and front screen printed with our lions logos and the Screening service wording. Again another part of the project that needs to be covered.

It never ~~is~~ late to Donate
use our QR Code



Look forward to seeing you at convention,

Paul B O'Connor MBE (Mtl)
Chair Lions Clubs Cancer Trust.



A true community build thanks to:

- ACE Paint Shop
- SKIP-IT Flooring Xtra
- Gully Plumbing Services Ltd
- Beck Design Studio
- Vulcan Aluminium Timaru
- RA Robinson
- WebScreen Solutions 2018 Ltd
- Ashburton Powdercoating & Sandblasting
- Complete Engineering & Hydraulics
- Flaxpin
- John & Mary Darling
- Tanaka Canvas & Upholstery
- Metro Performance Glass
- NZ Safety Blackwoods
- Safety Systems Ltd
- One NZ
- Mitland Coachwork Ltd
- Napa Auto Parts Hornby
- ElectroServe Ashburton
- Piki Hurdin - Self Lifter
- Bunnings Timaru
- Mainland Fasteners
- Gilwin & Katz West
- Mark Thompson
- Domestic NZ
- Burnisco
- Novii
- Iveco NZ
- Canterbury Honda
- Thermoking SI NZ
- Noel Learning Group
- Websites Made Easy
- Online IT

THE LLOYD MORGAN CHARITABLE TRUST
New Zealand & Islands of the South Pacific





Selwyn Lions Club presents

Up Top



... and ...



Down Under

BRAS & UNDIES
Decorating Competition

Recognising breast and prostate cancer with guest speaker

Saturday 3 May | 2pm - 5pm
Lincoln Event Centre

The Competition

Open to EVERYONE. Choose a category to showcase your creativity. Your fee includes admission into the event

Adult - \$20 Under 18 - \$10

The Event

Admission - \$20 (includes afternoon tea and 5 voting slips)

Gift stalls & Raffles

Come along and have a fun afternoon!

Event details, tickets and entry form  

secretary.selwynlc@lionsclubs.org.nz or 021 257-9201



Lions Clubs New Zealand
Kia Manaaki | We Serve

14TH JUNE, 2025

LIONS SPEECH COMP




IF YOU WIN THE DISTRICT 202E COMPETITION, YOU QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITION WORTH \$2500!

DISTRICT 202E SPEECH COMPETITION FOR 16-21 YEAR OLDS.

CASH PRIZES!!

- × 1ST = \$500
- × 2ND = \$300
- × 3RD = \$200

HAVE YOU GOT THE GIFT OF THE GAB? THEN COME AND GIVE IT A GO!
CONTACT BECS ON 202E.YOUTH@LIONSCLUBS.ORG.NZ AND SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS.



SAVE THE DATE

ROLLESTON & DISTRICT LIONS PICNIC

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL, 2025

11.30AM START

BYO FOOD, DRINKS, CHAIRS ETC

AT THE XMAS TREE PLOT
CNR BROOKSIDE RD & ELLESMERE JUNCTION RD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

APRIL

SAVITRI CHANDRA 28TH

TAURUS ZODIAC SIGN - Date Range April 20th to May 20th

Taureans are amazing! Their name says it all:

T for trailblazing

A for ambitious

U for unwavering

R for reliable

U for understanding

S for stable

Element: Earth

Colour: Green, Pink

Day: Friday, Monday

Ruler: Venus

Lucky Numbers: 2, 6, 9, 12, 24

Birth Flowers: Poppy, Rose, Daisies, Violets, Primulus

Birthstones: Emeralds, Amber, Sapphires

Strengths: Reliable, patient, practical, devoted, responsible, stable

Weaknesses: Stubborn, possessive, uncompromising

Taurus likes: Gardening, cooking, music, romance, high quality clothes, working with hands

Taurus dislikes: Sudden changes, complications, insecurity of any kind, synthetic fabrics

EARTH SIGNS: Taurus is an Earth sign, and has the ability to see things from a grounded, practical and realistic perspective. They find it easy to make money and stay on same projects for years, or until they are completed. What we often see as stubbornness can be interpreted as commitment, and their ability to complete tasks whatever it takes is uncanny. This makes them excellent employees, great long-term friends and partners, always being there for people they love. Earthly note makes them overprotective, conservative, or materialistic at times, with views of the world founded on their love of money and wealth

Thought of the day:

“I want my children to have all the things I couldn’t afford. Then I want to move in with them.” — Phyllis Diller

BULLETIN MARG’S PLAY WITH THIS MONTH’S WORDS

Hi Everyone

I’m afraid most of our mornings now have that definite autumn feel about it. I have had my fire on a couple of nights as well as I’m a bit of a night owl.

It doesn’t seem long since Christmas.

See you all on Wednesday.

Marg 😊

DATES OF IMPORTANCE - PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR

01 April - April Fools Day
02 April - OUR TEA MEETING
06 April - **DAYLIGHT SAVING FINISHES - Turn your clocks back an hour**
06 April - OUR PICNIC WITH THE CHRISTMAS TREES
11 April - School holidays start
16 April - OUR BOARD MEETING
18 April - Good Friday
19 April - Easter Saturday
20 April - Easter Sunday
25 April - Anzac Day
28 April - Kids back to school

01 May - May Day
07 May - OUR TEA MEETING
11 May - Mothers Day
21 May - OUR BOARD MEETING
29 May - Ascension Day

May Vintage Fest

CHANGEOVER - 27 JUNE 2025

Santa Parade - 7 December 2025

HOT CROSS BUNS

Ingredients:

2 packages active dry yeast (1/4 ounce, each)
1/2 cup warm water
1 cup warm milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup softened butter or margarine
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp nutmeg
6 1/2 - 7 cups all-purpose flour
4 eggs
1/2 cup dried currants
1/2 cup raisins **(I use mixed fruit or just sultanas)**
2 Tbsp water

1 egg yolk
Keep the water and milk at 110-115 degrees F. Take a large mixing bowl and dissolve the yeast in the warm water. To the mixture, add warm milk, sugar, butter, vanilla, salt, nutmeg and 3 cups of the flour. Beat until the mixture is smooth. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating the mixture between the successive additions. Stir in the dried fruit and flour, knead until it is smooth and elastic (approx. 6 - 8 mins). Place the dough in a greased bowl and turn over to grease the top. Cover with a damp towel or plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until it doubles in size (for 1 hour). Punch the dough down and shape into 30 balls. Place on greased baking sheets. Using a sharp knife, cut a cross (or X) on the top of each roll. Cover again and let rise until it doubles in size (about 30 mins). Beat water and egg yolk together and brush over the rolls. Bake at 375-degrees F. for 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Drizzle icing over the top of each roll following the lines of the cut cross.

