



April 2025

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Meeting Venue

Showgate, Riccarton Racecourse unless otherwise advised, 6.00pm for 6.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Board meeting is the 4th Tuesday of the month at Hornby Club, 7.00 pm..

Meals - Payment/Apologies

If you are unable to attend a tea meeting you must contact Neil Wech by 11.30 am the day prior to the meeting (i.e. Monday):

Neil Wech 022 318 1966 or by email on neil.wech@xtra.co.nz

Failure to put in an apology in time will result in you being charged \$24 for your meal.

PAYMENT OPTION: You can prepay for your meal via online banking to the club's admin account (020874 0283080 000) – a number of members are taking this option which makes Lion Tamer Neil's job on the night easier.

Greetings from President Debbie

Hello all

CONGRATUULATIONS - Judy Marbeck on being awarded a Melvin Jones Fellow Award for your contribution of your time to the Johnsonville Lions Club. Well deserved! Dennis and I had to keep this secret for a few weeks and when we heard you were unwell it did give us a bit of stress hoping you'd be able to attend, but it all worked out well.

Goodbye summer and hello autumn, already the trees are changing colour and I have daffodils poking up out of the ground!

Saturday 8th March, Toni, Alister S and myself attended a workshop at the Lion's Den in Burnside on Revive, Revitalize your club. A good turnout from many clubs. Some "key" points raised were

- Do clubs need a "social member" committee**
- Snapchat, fb, instagram accounts**
- Replacing We Serve with Community Impact through Volunteering**
- Be "flexible" with members**
- What can your club offer prospective members**
- Engaging with other clubs for projects**

NZ Lions engaged a marketing company "Homegrown" to investigate ways in which to promote Lions and design promotional material of which their results, advertising campaign strategies will be available soon (no dates were given at this workshop).

We all enjoyed the workshop and I encourage other members when workshops are on offer to attend.

Convention is this weekend which I'm looking forward to attending along with Rae, Annie and John H. We have our outfits sorted for Saturday night and encourage anyone to attend the Sunday rededication service.

"Daylight Saving" happens 6th April, turn your clocks back one hour, so those on the BBQ don't forget.

REMINDER - our tea meeting Tuesday 1st April is to be held in the Tea House and it will be the lovely Lucy's last night hosting us so make sure you wish her well.

That's all from me but on a professional note - from 1st April flu vaccines will be available from your pharmacy or Doctors.

**Look after one another and keep well
Debbie Emmerson
President**

Wigram Lions Club Duties for April

Next Meeting Tuesday 1st April

Please note that the meeting venue has been changed to THE TEA HOUSE NOT Showgate Lounge

01 April

**Greeters: Stella Cooling
Steve Daly**

Invocation: Warren Dobbs

Guest Speaker: Sir David Carter

Introduction: Robyn Anderson

Thanks: Toni Thompson

15 April

**Greeters: John Hobson
John Winder**

Invocation: Neville Houston

3 Minute Forum: Dave Smith

If you know you will be away for the meeting you are rostered on for, please ring and ask a fellow Lion to replace you and notify Programmes chair to make changes to their roster.

Health & Welfare:

If you know of a Club member or their partner who is unwell, please let Lion Peter Reedy know, and he will send a card.

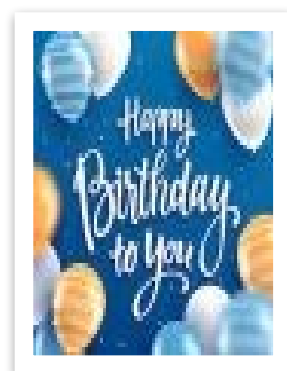


Birthdays this month – April

01 April Barry Burgess

05 April Peter Reedy

28 April Emile Venter





At the Tea meeting on 4 March Guest Speaker Rebecca Poulton thanked the club for sponsoring her to Outward Bound. She spoke to members about her experiences on the course and showed many photos of the schemes her watch participated in. Rebecca and Madeline were in the same watch and shared many wonderful experiences together.

Christchurch Marathon

Every year members from the club act as marshals for the above The club does get paid This year the date is Sunday 13 April, with a training session at 6pm Tuesday 8 April. A request for involvement will tabled at the next Tea Meeting.

Wigram Lions dinner

Saturday 10 May, Jolly Seafood restaurant, 187 Wigram Road.

Numbers will be sought and need to be confirmed to fix the cost.

List available next tea meeting.



Pumpkin donated by Peter Robertson

It was served at the City Mission with a leg of lamb. Thank you Peter and Trevor.



Melvin Jones Fellow Presentation

Jim Ng, Immediate Past President of the Johnsonville Lions Club presented Judy Marbeck, a former member of that club, with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award in recognition of the contribution she had made to their club. Congratulations Judy, an award richly deserved.



Jim Ng, Shirley Ng and Ralph Gracie from Johnsonville Lions, with Judy Marbeck.



Community Betterment Report

Warren reported that he had been advised by Trevor that 3 members had prepared dinner at Ronald McDonald House recently. Warren also reported on the funding application for Isabelle McEwen. The committee has recommended to the Board that the sum of \$1500 or more if the Board thought fit be made to Isabelle towards her travel to Canada to attend the World Federation of the Deaf Children's Youth Camp in Ontario.

Warren Dobbs

Community Betterment Chair

PROJECTS REPORT April 2025 Bulletin

- 1. Refurbishing the original "Lions Seats" in the Goulding Avenue, Hornby playground.
A work in progress.**
- 2. Halswell BBQ Project – Anita still struggling at times to man this project each week.
Down to two Lions a few weeks ago.
Need some ideas to refresh?**
- 3. Lion Mints – Pam Boyles in charge. Still good earner.**
- 4. Verkerks Samples – Barry Burgess looking after. Please complete your survey form on time!**
- 5. Nga Puna Wai Parking Projects
National Masters Touch Rugby Tournament over three days – Thursday to Saturday, 13, 14 & 15 March 2025.
10 Wigram Lions plus 2 friends and 14 Halswell Lions looked after this one very well. Our share of income will be \$1,775.**
- 6. Matatu – South Island Women's Rugby Parking – Saturday 5 April 2025**

We will be required at Nga Puna Wai, 11.30am till around 2.00pm. The organisers have also now asked that we provide some marshalling immediately after the game, 3.45pm, to help with an orderly departure. Will need approx. 5pax. Email with details to follow.

They have also confirmed that the final on 12 April will be in Auckland.

7. Christchurch Marathon – 13 April 2025

Mark McSkimming has well under control.

8. Motorhome Show - 24 & 25 May 2025

This is an annual event held at Wolfbrook Arena, Addington. Need 6-7 Lions each day. We are there from 8.30am till 2 or 3pm. Quite a long day but we are inside with opportunity to sit down from time to time and of course buy lunch.

Good turnout for Saturday thanks. Sunday not so popular but we have till end of May to perhaps convert the five maybes!

Steve Daly and John Winder Co-Chairs



On Tuesday 18 March Debbie, Steve & I meet with the Salvation Army's Gill Waugh and Angela Swinney for an end of Project Photo. This project was first brought to Wigram Lions by Angela. It involved relocating Roses, filling in gardens, sowing grass seed and the final weeding of the newly created one metre wide garden around the edge of the building.

This project has taken just on a year to complete and I would thank all of the Wigram Lions that took part.

Gill Waugh presented two boxes of chocolates to Wigram, which I have given to Sandra Wylie. These will be shared as raffle prizes closer to Easter.

March Here is a list of Projects and Activities we have completed during the month.
Great work, everyone who has participated

3/2/2025	bbq
3/4/2025	tea meeting
3/4/2025	city mission meal
3/5/2025	Ronald McDonald House meal
3/11/2025	city mission meal
3/15/2025	Car Parking Nga Puna Wai
3/16/2025	bbq
3/18/2025	Business meeting
3/23/2025	bbq
3/25/2025	city mission meal
3/25/2025	Board Meeting

12 February 2025

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.



It never to late to Donate

use our QR Code

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.

Paul B O'Connor M.B.E. (Mil)

Chair Lions Clubs Cancer Trust.

Through the instigation and generosity of Bill Paterson and family of MacDonald Downs Station, the Hawarden-Waikari Lions Club is proud to organise a tour on 13th April where all proceeds will go to support the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust. The charge per vehicle is \$100.

Starting from MacDonald Downs Station woolshed at 9:00 AM with a talk by owner Bill, the vehicles travel over MacDonald Downs to Lees Valley stopping at Lees Valley Station for lunch and given a history of the area. From there the tour continues to the Birch Hill Station cemetery for a talk on the history and establishment of the cemetery.

For more information and a link to registration for the event, please go to <https://hawarden-waikari-lions.org.nz/macdonald-downs-tour>

