

LIONS CLUB OF ELLESMERE

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March 2025

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Next Tea Meeting

Thursday 27th March 2025

At: Ellesmere A & P Rooms

Meal will be served at 7.15pm

Speaker: Matt KEEN – GM Ngāi Tahu Farming

Caterers: Leeston Pottery Club

DUTY TEAM

Venue setup: Greg Lemon and Murray Lemon

Collector: C McEvedy **Greeter:** T Haffner **Thanks:** D Carter

APOLOGIES:

Deadline: Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

Ph: Ian Vessey Ph 344-0199 or 0273291865

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday Mon 31st March 2025

7.30pm at - A & P Rooms. Host: A. Hayward



President Donald's Report

Autumm is here I
am not too sure

what happened to Summer so let us hope we have
an extended Autumm.

It was good to get back into routine with our tea meetings after the summer break and have a catch up. We welcome Dave Chambers as our new member, and I hope that you will make him feel welcome. We had an interesting speaker for the evening local Bill Moore who gave us an interesting talk on life on the inside during his time as a corrections officer. Just on the topic of guest speakers at our tea meetings I would like some feedback from members as to how often we should have a speaker and the length of time that we should expect them to speak as I do get differing opinions from members.

Thanks to Dennis and Anna for catering the supper at our March Board Meeting.

We have been fortunate with two beautiful days for our social outings, the Horse Races at Motukarara on the 16th of February and our annual Garden Party held at Trevor and Marie Michaels property last Sunday the 9th. I thought the Garden Party for our Widows and Widowers was a tremendous success and I have only received favourable comments from those involved. David and Anne Harkerss enjoyed the garden so much that they

returned for a second look. Special thanks to Nigel and his committee, as we all know these events just do not happen and we have all been kept in touch thanks to Nigel with what was being planned right up to the day. Although not apparent I know that Nigel was disappointed with some aspect of the afternoon tea distribution to the guests, I will ask him to give more detail later in his report.

Once again, I would like to thank our wonderful wives and partners for their support with food and help on the day.

The Harts Creek Walkway upgrade is progressing well, and we await the opening to the public soon.

The next big event for our club is the Men's Health Night on the 2nd of April organisers John Horwood and Tom Groundwater have a top team of Presenters on a range of Health Issues. Advertising for this event is out now, and I urge all Lions to come along and bring your friends and family members who knows it may save a life!

Friday the 2nd May we are having a Teppanyaki meal at our woolshed, yes dairy farmers own one just in case. BYO drinks and the Price of the meal will be per person. Could I have numbers in early to Anne or myself as we may be limited by numbers, I am well aware that it is on the eve of the Duck Shooting season and some members may be preparing themselves for the next morning, bookings were difficult to get for this popular meal so some members might have to choose or have your wives make the decision for you.

We have three members Geoff Dennis and me along with our wives attending the **District**

Convention 28-29-30th March held at Hanmer Springs.

As I mentioned in my newsletter back in January, we are calling for nominations for our Lions Board for next year we are looking for two new Board Members at this stage. If you think that you would like to come onto the Board, please make it known. Also, I know that Geoff wants to hold a meeting of our Board shortly to make up the committees for next year, if there is a particular committee that you would like to be on then contact him.

Donald.



1st VP Geoff Heslop

Membership: Nothing to report.

Visit to Rakaia

The date for the visit to Rakaia Lions has been changed to **Wednesday 9 April**. Anyone interested in attending please contact Hamish Millar.

Health and Welfare

John Horwood and team have put a huge amount of effort into the Men's Health Night at Ellesmere College on **Wednesday 2 April**. Please support this important event by coming along with your partner and a mate. We're likely to need help setting up that afternoon, so keep an eye out for notices.

Youth Activities

Youth activities will be our next focus. If you have links or contacts with youth groups or clubs needing a hand, please advise Geoff Heslop or John Horwood, who are collating a list of options for consideration.

2nd VP Dennis Carter



Publicity and Programme

As per the structure in our directory.

Director: Alister McPherson

Social & Entertainment: Key Person A Hayward & his Sub Committee

Alex working on a movie night possible mid-winter when activities are less hectic

Club visitation to Rakaia Lions planned for Wed 16th April to be confirmed

Club Publicity: Key Person N Heslop & his Sub Committee

Men's Health Night planned for **Wed 2nd April** Ellesmere College Remember to promote this with your friends and Family, Ladies welcome your health effects them.

Director: Nigel Heslop

Catering & Hospitality Key Person I Vessey: & his Sub committee

Garden Party was held on Sunday 9th At Trevor and Marie Michaels Property

Dunsandel approx. 70 guests enjoyed food and entertainment in a beautiful setting on a fine warm day congratulations to Nigel Gwynn and their team on a great day.

Approx 40 Lions and partners returned to the Crate and Barrel afterwards for a social time and food to complete a great day.

Harts Creek Track: Key people Dave Turner & Brian Symes, Neville Greenwood.

A working Bee is planned for Monday 17th March.

Work to be undertaken includes the positioning and construction of a picnic table at the start of the Board Walk, spreading of the shingle on the bottom end of the track, clearing the entrance and picnic area and spreading shingle.

A meeting of the working group working on the Board Walk and Bird hide construction was held on 4th March. This was chaired by Our 1st VP Geoff.

Points and Actions to come out of the meeting.

Geotech testing was done on 16th Feb results looking promising they will be known soon.

A Community Agreement with DOC needs to be agreed and signed before work can start on the DOC land our project manager to negotiate with Andy Thompson of DOC and bring the agreement to us for consideration.

A planting plan needs to be developed for the track possibly in conjunction with Ellesmere Sustainable group.

SDC Staff to investigate funding / responsibility for track maintenance.

The use of an existing Trust Entity is being investigated to facilitate grant applications and funding.

DOC to provide additional signage for closure of the Board Walk.



3rd VP Brian Symes

PEA STRAW –
13000 small bales
and 550 medium

squares baled this season in total.

Still to bale 12ha of linseed into squares.

Orders are being delivered regularly.

MAINTENANCE – Nothing to report.



Upcoming Activities for Women:

Anne will be sending an email to all regarding future activities in next couple of weeks.

PICS OF GARDEN PARTY

Held at Trevor and Marie Michaels property.





Ellesmere Lions present



MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

Wednesday 2 April, 7.00-9.45pm

Ellesmere College, Leeston

Get up to date information on a range of health issues

Presenters:

Prof Frank Frizelle (bowel cancer)

Dr James Blake (heart disease)

Dr Frank Kueppers (prostate/testicular cancer)

Dr Michael Hlavac (snoring/sleep apnoea)

Dr Sue Fowlie (skin cancer)

Dr Andrew Rawstron (the role of the GP)

Free entry • All ages

Wives, partners, family welcome • Supper provided



**We wish you a Very Happy Birthday for
the Months of:**

March

Ray Henderson/Nigel Heslop

Follow our Club on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ellesmerelionsclub/>

Upcoming Events.

EVENTS & PROJECT MONTHS

Pea straw: Ongoing deliveries, please contact Alex Hayward if you can help with deliveries?

March Tea Meeting 27th March 2025.

Next Board Meeting 31st March 2025.

Teppanyaki Meal Friday the 2nd May 2025.

Leeston Fete - 22nd March 2025.

**Kirwee Field days are from Wed 26th to Fri 28th
March.**

Rolleston Lions require help on their lunchtime food tent.

Time on duty would be 11am to 2pm.

Free entry to Field days for the rest of the day 😊

Reply to: sec.ellesmerelc@lionsclubs.org.nz if you can help, and any preference for which day.

The Rolly Team really appreciated your help in 2023 and will provide a donation to our Club based on the hours you contribute.

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.

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 too late to Donate use our QR Code



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

Chair Lions Clubs Cancer Trust.

Thoughts 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

**“The man who
says his wife can't
take a joke,
forgets that she
took him.”**

OSCAR WILDE





IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION – “WE SERVE”
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