



The Lions Club
of
Kaikoura Seaward

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April Meetings and Happenings

Dinner Meeting: Thursday 10 April, Takahanga Bowling Club – Dinner 6.00 pm, Meeting 7.00 pm

Greeters: Sue McInnes and Alison Taylor

Raffle: Rhonda Russell and Sandra Wyatt

Please let Sandra Scott know by Monday 7 April if you are coming to dinner.

Pay \$25.00 into Admin a/c 03-1586-0016070-000

Board Meeting: Thursday 24 April, venue to be confirmed 7.00 pm (all welcome)

Social Hour: Each Wednesday, King Tide, 4.30 pm (all welcome)

REMINDERS: Dot and Linda have the keys to the lockup. If you need to borrow something from the lock up for an event, please make sure it goes back to its place there. If you can't get the stuff up to the lockup, please take it to either Linda or Dot, who will make sure it is returned.

- Trash fashion entries are due on 1 May. Please make sure your entries are in by then.



International President

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.



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.

Why sponsor a Leo club?

Lions and Leos learn from each other through mentorship, partnership and fellowship. Our [positive collaboration webpage](#) can help make working with Leos an even better experience.

And with Leo Club Awareness month right around the corner in April, now is a great time to learn more about the benefits of Leo club sponsorship. [Watch this video](#) to hear from Leos and Lions around the world about what Leo clubs mean to them and those they serve.

Ready to take the next step and sponsor a Leo club? Our website offers a [step-by-step guide](#).



Encouraging Leos to become Lions

If you already work with Leos, you know the value, enthusiasm and creativity that they contribute. So let's help Leos become the Lions of tomorrow.



MISSION 1.5



Happy International Women's Month

March is International Women's Month, a time to celebrate the incredible impact of women in Lions—leading globally and serving locally. Let's honour their contributions and commit to uplifting women in our clubs and communities.

149,263

Members Added

These members' lives will be forever changed, as yours has since becoming a Lion, and the lives impacted by these members will be countless. (Data is from 7/1/24-2/28/25)

Where There's a Need There's a **Lion**



Be-A-Lion.org

1,499

New Clubs Formed

Just as your club transforms your community, these groups unite to create lasting change in theirs. (Data is from 7/1/24-2/28/25)



Now is the time to give back

Joining a Lions Club will introduce you to a whole new world of

volunteering



President's Report

March began with the club catering for the Sioux Line Dancing event in the Memorial Hall. Over sixty hours of service went into this, ably led by Dot. The group really appreciated our assistance with the event.



The hospital garden project that Robin Gemmell and Julie Syme have been leading has started on Sat 08 March. Some progress has been made and the project will continue over the next few months.

On Saturday 08 March I attended the Revive Revitalise your club forum in Christchurch. We went over many things about membership, and I learnt we are doing well!

On Wednesday 12 March at 10:30am we did a Beach Survey to coincide with Seaweed Week 01 -09 March (low tide is at 1am to 9 am - or late in the afternoon - that week which I thought may get a low attendance for the survey at those hours). This was in the pouring rain and we all got very wet!! Photos and report further on in the bulletin.

Toni had done a great job of promoting it on Facebook and we had four volunteers from the community. Although the beach looked clean, we found 54 items of litter – I personally think this was the three eagle eyed young helpers.

Trash Fashion is advancing well, and we had a meeting early in March to keep everyone in the loop. The new members have significantly contributed to making this progress possible.

Three potential members attended our March Meeting. This is a positive sign for our club, as the contributions and enthusiasm of new members are essential for the ongoing vitality of our organisation.

We are still looking for some members of the Board, but I am hopeful that Irene will have a full complement of members willing to support her in her year as president.

By the time you read this our club will have been represented at the District Convention. A full report and photos will be included in the next bulletin.

Linda

Make it a rule of life never to regret and never to look back.

*Regret is an appalling waste of energy;
you can't build on it; its only for wallowing in."*

Katherine Mansfield
Writer

Litter Intelligence March 2025



Products 54 Items 382 weight (g)

Type	Count	Weight (g)
Resin pellets	A	N/A
Cable ties & zip ties	6	7
Gardening & farming related	3	19
Lollipop sticks	1	1
Food wrappers	3	1
Rope	11	25
Strapping bands & tape	1	1
Toys, sport, & recreation (Plastic)	1	8
Unidentifiable hard plastic fragments	3	1
Glass or ceramic fragments	17	28
Other Glass & Ceramic (specify)	2	44
Aluminium drink cans	1	1
Metal Bottle caps, lids & pull tabs	2	5
Other Metal	1	29
Other Paper & Cardboard (specify)	1	3
Construction & Automotive	1	209

On what was arguably the coldest, wettest morning so far this year, nine hardy, (or slightly crazy) members of the Environment Committee, assisted by four members of the community, enlisted by Toni's post on the Kaikoura Notice Board, headed out to South Bay to carry out another Litter Intelligence Survey.

As in the past, the group has a set area to survey and record every seaborne piece of litter they find. The table on the left shows just what they found. They found twice as many pieces of litter than in the last survey.

There are now 54 fewer items of litter in the area, with a total weight of 382 grams. This might not seem very much, but the area is only 100 m x 20 m which is small. Imagine just how many pieces of little would be found on the whole beach.

By the time they had finished, the group were soaked to the skin and frozen to the bone, but satisfied that the beach is just that tiny bit cleaner!



Happy



Birthday

Diane Rossiter	5 April
Janet Tan	5 April
Erika Pauer	9 April



From the Editor's Mess

Life never stands still when you are a Lion. There is always some new way to serve our community. Recently the Pool trust asked for some help with raffle selling to raise money and guess who stepped up to volunteer? Several of our members volunteered and have been sitting at New World manning the table. "Where there's a need, there's a Lion."



At the March meeting, the enthusiasm of our newer members was obvious when we were looking for volunteers to take up positions on the Board. As was pointed out, when you offer to accept a leadership position, you are NOT on your own. You can count on the help from any of our long-standing members who are happy to assist you as you learn. Women are notorious for not offering to do a job because they think they don't know how its done.

As I get older, I realise that the adage "Fake it till you make it" makes sense. These days its so easy!

- Sentence doesn't sound right? Ask AI and it will improve it or use Grammarly.
- Can't find a suitable picture? Google it!
- Not sure how to set out a spreadsheet for a roster? Use YouTube or Google it!
- Never compiled a club bulletin – Ask someone in the club who has done it (and there are several of us) and she will help. I know I'd be happy to have someone come and work with me to help compile the bulletin. These tools are invaluable as you try to master a new skill. They weren't available to the women who chartered our club, so we are very fortunate to be able to make use of them.
- If you want to learn what is involved in being a director or a member of the board, come to the board meetings – they are open to all, and are where the business of the club is discussed.

The Lions Portal has a huge amount of helpful information which is available to everyone. If you haven't used it, ask one of the members who is competent with it. She will certainly be able to help you. After the March meeting I looked up just what the **Mentorship** programme entails, and here is what is involved in the **basic** programme:

General Knowledge

- Who Lions are

Knowledge of Your Club

- History
- Organizational structure
- Traditions
- Elections
- Awards
- Service and fund raising activities
- Membership
- Meetings
- Dues
- Budgets
- Communications

Knowledge of the District and Multiple District

- Organizational structure
- Convention
- Communications

Knowledge of Lions Clubs International

- History
- Origin of the name "Lions"
- Logo
- Organizational structure
- International Constitution and By-Laws
- International Convention
- International Headquarters
- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- Leadership
- Service activities
- Membership development
- Communications

So much to learn, so little time to do it!
Have a great month.

Alison

Random Photos from March



We began the month by catering for the Sioux Line Dancing event.

Over sixty hours of service went into this event.

Hundreds of sandwiches, savouries and cakes kept the Line Dancers well fed.



At our March monthly meeting, President Linda presented Toni with a certificate thanking her for her efforts over the year.

Toni is our MARCOM chairperson and does an amazing job of promoting our club.

She also organises the Lip Sync Concert every year and is a member of the organising committee for this year's Trash to Fashion event.

When the Community Pool Trust put out a call for volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the pool, Seaward Lions responded.

Several members of our club sat at New World over two days, selling tickets.

Another service activity which supports our community.

“Where there's a need, there's a Lion.”



The Many Uses of the WWW to help our Club

I'm always trying to find new ways to keep this bulletin looking better.

There are many applications and programs available to everyone which I have been experimenting with. The first was CANVA, a graphic designing program. As we are a non-profit organisation it is available free to use, and up to 50 members of our club may access it. I use it to make the birthday greetings page. We also use it to do the covers of the bulletin and programmes for events. A great resource.

Another way the WWW can help is by using an AI application. If I want to send a report and am stuck for words, I can input some notes, and the app will give me several ways I could write the report. Once again, this is available to us all and can make our lives much easier. (In case you are worried, AI only answers the questions you input.)

There is a website called "Cool Lions Graphics" on which members can post graphics about Lions. If you have an event you wish to advertise you can ask for graphics advertising it. For example, if I am organising a barbecue I could ask for Lions barbecue, and members from all over the world can post graphics advertising Lions manning a barbecue. A great resource.



There are several other websites available on the web, all of which can help us as we explore other ways to promote our club. All you need to do is use them!

District Forum:

It was a disappointment for the facilitators that more members and clubs did not take up the opportunity to attend the recent forums. For those who did attend the opportunity to share ideas, strategies and information was useful. The relaxed, informative delivery meant that networking opportunities were maximized. It will be of benefit to clubs to attend the next forums to be delivered over the weekend of 25th / 26th May. Whilst focussing on incoming officers all members interested in matters pertaining to Lions are welcome to attend. Helen' (Williams PCC - Source Blenheim Lions Club Bulletin)

The Officers Workshops this year are as follows:

Saturday 24 May 10am – 3pm, Blenheim Venue TBA

Sunday 25 May 10am – 3 pm, Richmond Venue TBA

Friday 6 June 4 – 8.30pm, Cheviot Hotel.

Saturday 7 June 10am – 3pm, Ferrymead Lion's Den, Christchurch

Saturday 14 June 10am – 3pm, Greymouth, Bowling Club

(from DB Tini)

Information for New Members

Greeters Duties: Please be ready at 6.50 pm to greet members as they arrive for our Monthly Meeting and ensure that all new members are being looked after. (If you are coming for dinner, it would be good if you could be there a few minutes before to greet folk). **If exchanging your duty, please re-arrange this with your substitute as the names will be listed in the bulletin from the list circulated at the beginning of the Lions' year. This save doubling up on people who have done other's duties and end up doing their own as well.**

Raffle: Each of the two rostered members provides a \$15-20'ish raffle prize and is responsible for selling and drawing the raffle. The secretary has the raffle books.

Subscriptions: Remember that these will be due at the beginning of July. Until 30 September the subscription is \$110.00 but when that date has passed, the sub rises to \$120.00. If you have internet banking you can pay in this way—The number of the account to pay into is: 03-1586-0016070-000

Birthday Presents: Please remember to bring a birthday present for the birthday box. (Around \$15-20.00 or so) When you bring it, please get it checked off with Judith Stevens.

The Hills Are Alive – 202E 55th Convention

Hanmer Springs 28–30 March 2025

174 Lions from District 202E gathered at the Hanmer Hotel for the 55th convention of our district. The convention began on Friday evening with the Hurunui District Mayor, Marie Black welcoming everyone to the district and telling us all a little of the history of the area.

After her welcome, the traditional Flag Ceremony took place. 17 Flags were carried in by pupils of Hanmer School. They represented the countries of Constitutional Area 7, our area, and flags representing the other Constitutional Areas around the world. A power point highlighted the work of LCIF throughout the world in tackling the eight Global Causes we support. The guest speaker for the evening was PCC Megan England, who spoke about the ‘new’ mountain she is climbing now that she is retired and the challenges she faces in this new chapter in her life. Her message to us all was to not worry about the fact that the summit is so far away, but to keep moving ahead one step at a time.

Saturday’s business session, chaired by DG Pam Harvey, went smoothly and all new office holders were confirmed by the voting delegates. Following this session, we all went outside for the launch of the newest Lions NZ project, the Skin Cancer Screening Vehicle. This project which was conceived six years ago by PDG Paul O’Connor, chair of the Lions Clubs Cancer Trust, has finally come to fruition with the launch of the first of two buses which will cover the small towns and areas around New Zealand offering FREE skin cancer screening for everyone. The bus has all the equipment necessary to carry out full body scans and will be life changing for many people. With the Lions logos proudly displayed on the bus along with those of all the generous sponsors, it will become the best moving billboard for our organisation.

When PDG John Bilderbeck presented the District Awards for his year, Kaikoura Seaward’s Lou Smith won the award for the Best District Bulletin, not for the first time, and received a DG’s certificate of appreciation for her support. Seaward also received a Club Excellence Award.

The dinner and dance on Saturday night was the usual fun event, as you will see from the photos. Much hilarity ensued and there were a few very quiet people at the service on Sunday morning.

The Sunday service remembering members in the district who had passed away in 2024, and rededicating ourselves to continue serving was hosted by our club. It is always sobering to hear of all the members who are no longer with us, particularly when many of them had served for a very long time, but the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to continue to fulfil our motto “We Serve” ensured we came away refreshed and revitalised.

The fact that the convention went so smoothly is testament to the leadership of PDG Julie Syme, as Convention Chair, whose organisation was fantastic. Dot Halliday, who wrangled our club as Chair of the committee who organised the Sunday service, did an amazing job also. Many thanks must go to both these women.

Next year’s Convention will be held in Rangiora, from March 13-15.

The Theme of the Convention is “The Court Jester’s Revenge”, an event celebrating humour.

Launch of the Lions Free Cancer Screening Service

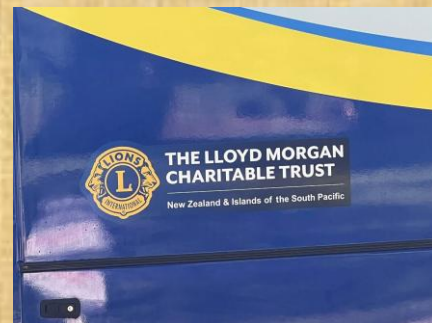
Hanmer Springs Saturday 29 March 2025



An absolute highlight of the 202E Convention was the launch of the Lions Free Cancer Screening Vehicle, which was the culmination of six years' work. PDG Paul O'Connor took up the challenge after the seed was planted in 2019 and has toiled tirelessly to raise money, obtain sponsorship and develop the dream into reality.



The vehicle will travel around the South Island (another vehicle has been ordered and will travel the North Island when it has been completed) and will offer a free service to those towns and areas where no screening service is available and will be a game changer for many people.





Friday 28 March – Kaikoura Seaward Lions members preparing the vene



DG Pam Harvey



PCC Megan England



Kaikoura Seaward Club Excellence



Lou Smith – Best Club Bulletin



Ada Frew and Lou Smith
DG's Certificate for Support



Seaward Dark Sky Divas



New Brighton Lions
Social Climbers



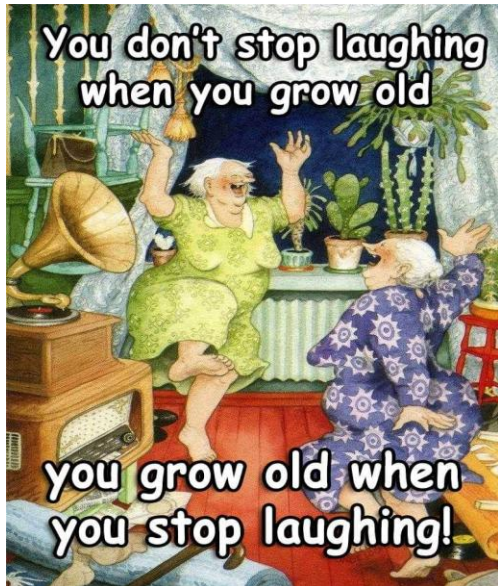
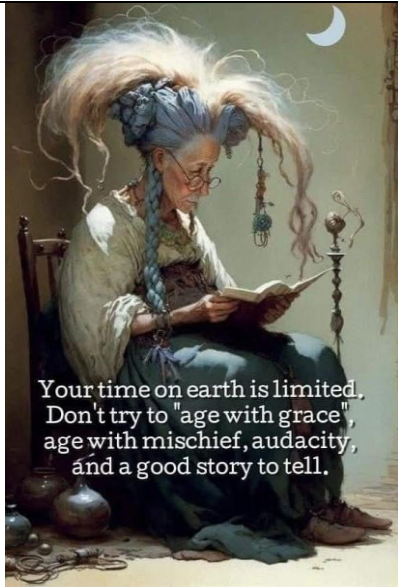
Winners of the Best Costume -
Selwyn Lions – Over The Hill



Sunday Service of Remembrance and Rededication. Kaikoura Seaward Lions were responsible for this service. PDG Melville Syme made the frame for the remembrance trees and Nicky McArthur painted the little tree which were given to family members of families of Lions who were remembered.



To Finish with a Laugh (or at least a Giggle)



When an "all-nighter" means not getting up to pee...
When all the names in my black book have M.D. after them...
When "getting lucky" means finding my car in the parking lot...
When the candles cost more than the cake...
I promise you... we'll still be best friends!

