



THE LIONS CLUB OF AMBERLEY & DISTRICT

JUNE 2025 BULLETIN

Monthly Meeting: Our next dinner meeting will be Changeover Night held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Saturday 7th June** from 6.00pm.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at the Amberley Hotel, on **Monday 16th June** at 7pm.

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

2024/25 Board Members

President: Kevin Lynn

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Minutes Secretary: Helen Lodge

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1st Year Director: John Reimink

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Lion Tamer: Stephen Doak

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Welcome to the June 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.

This month has certainly shown us a range of variable weather events I hope you are all staying dry and warm if you need firewood or cones please reach out to James or Brent.

It has been a quite month apart from our dinner meeting and Firewood delivers.

Our June meeting will be our changeover dinner held at the Amberley Hotel starting at 6pm details will follow later this month. I hope we see you and your partners joining in a great evening with our guest speaker who will be our own Katie sharing some insights of her Leo Lions trip to South America.

Also coming up we have the Helen Keller glasses appeal David is leading this project and the peace poster competition.

You will see that David is putting regular posts on the Amberley face book page and a regular advertising in the hotline to keep our community informed of our activities.

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 meeting or events, until then stay safe and well.

Kevin

MAY DINNER MEETING: MONDAY 5th May: This was held at the Amberley Hotel. President Kevin welcomed 25 members and 2 visitors to the Amberley Hotel.

Our guest speaker was Mark Grover, who spoke about setting up a Disc Golf Course in the Amberley Domain. The Hurunui District Council have approved a site for a 9-hole course on the northern and northeastern perimeter. Mark informed us that in the early days the game was called frisbee golf due to the shape of the disks. But as Mark showed us by passing around several disks for us to check out, they really are quite different.

In fact, Disc Golf world championship events have been held since 1982. These have all been held in the US, but this year's championship will be held in Finland.

This is a sport that is booming not only around the world but in NZ, with 117 courses. It is a popular sport for people of all ages, and a set of discs is quite inexpensive.



WHAT's ON aka UPCOMING EVENTS.

2 Jun	-King's Birthday
3-27 Jun	-Helen Keller Centenary - Used Spectacle Collection
7 Jun	-Amberley District Lions Changeover Night
14 Jun	-World Blood Donor Day
15-21 Jun	-National Volunteer Week
1 Jul	-New Lion's Year Begins
21 Jul-1 Feb 26	-International Peace Poster Competition
30 Jul	-International Friendship Day

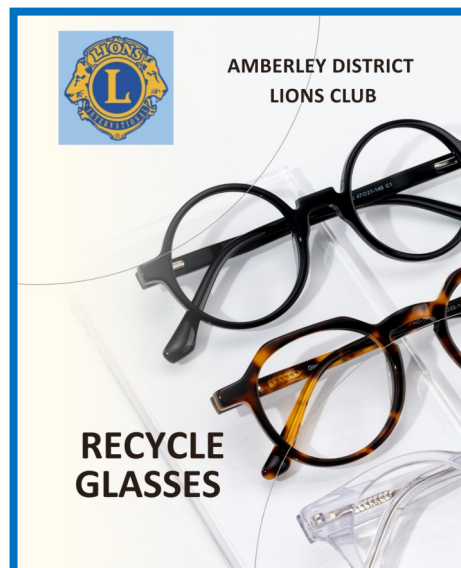
HELEN KELLER DAY CENTENARY FRIDAY 3 - 27th June: Our centenary event to celebrate the speech by Helen Keller at the international convention in the USA in 1925, will be a used spectacle collection. Posters have already been distributed around the township with posts on Facebook to give a heads up of this event, with ads in the Hotline being scheduled. Collection boxes will be available from the beginning of June at the following

venues:


- Arthur Burkes
- Amberley Medical Centre
- Hurunui Memorial Library

Flyers will be at the site of the collection boxes to provide details of Helen Keller, her speech and Lion's Clubs International subsequent and ongoing strategic objective in support of the visually impaired.

The collection will cease the day after the date of the speech in 1925, with the spectacles then being sent to the Lion's office in Auckland to be checked. These will then be delivered to the Voluntary Ophthalmic Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to people in need in the Pacific Islands.



Helen Keller



Lions worldwide have accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

AMBERLEY DISTRICT LIONS CHANGEOVER NIGHT SATURDAY 7TH June: Before you know it, Changeover Night will be upon us. We hope you will all be able to come along and celebrate the achievements of the past year and look forward to the coming year with the incoming officers and new board. This is also an opportunity to support the Amberley Hotel for having supported us, hosting our monthly dinner and board meetings.



The presentation of awards and the recognition of our members contributions over the past year, reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to the future, is an occasion we should not pass up.

President Kevin will be in touch to confirm attendance at the dinner.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY SATURDAY 14th June: On this day we celebrate the 120,000 blood and plasma donor heroes, who have contributed in saving the lives of numerous Kiwis.

Every week 3,000 donations are required, so please consider becoming a donor if you are not already one.

Check our more about becoming a donor on the New Zealand Blood Service <https://www.nzblood.co.nz/>



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 15th – 21st June: National Volunteer Week is a week of celebrations to show appreciation to all the amazing volunteers who enrich Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Volunteering and community are a core part of New Zealand's culture, as it's a positive way to contribute to society by giving your time and skills to help others. Volunteers do so much to grow our people, open minds, open hearts and create joy. Taking a few days to show appreciation is a little way to thank all the amazing volunteers who sacrifice their time to make others a priority.



There are many benefits of volunteering:

- Volunteering can help you gain confidence. Trying something new can build a real sense of achievement.
- Make a difference.
- Meet people and make friends.
- Contribute and be part of a community.
- Learn new skills.
- Gain work experience and build on fundamental skill sets.

Here at Amberley Lion's we are all volunteers and are all contributing to a better society. Do you know anyone that would like to be a member of Lion's, or of anyone that would be a good fit for us but may not yet realise it. Talk to them about becoming a member. It is after all an ideal time to suggest it to them, it is never too late nor too soon.

FIRST DAY OF LION'S YEAR TUESDAY 1st July: This date is important for our newly elected board and officers as this is the official start to their term of office, although many of them will already have begun work in advance of this date in their new roles. A

fresh start for the new leadership to guide the club's activities and initiatives begins.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER COMPETITION 2025-26 Contest Theme

"Together As One" 21st July – 1st February 2026: Progress has begun, making contact with our three local schools:

- Amberley School
- Leithfield School
- Broomfield School

Guidelines and initial information have already been provided to the schools, with a first meeting at Broomfield School having already been undertaken. The other two schools will be visited before the end of June, with all details of the conference to be finalised with each of the school's preferences. It is hoped that a award ceremony will be held in each school, with the top three posters winning Prezzy Cards.

It is expected that the competition in Amberley will begin on 21st July closing on the 1st September. The judging panel comprising Sandra Bamford (Amberley Art Group Chair), Pat Cope & myself, will then judge the posters, on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. The schools will be notified of the winning posters on 15th September.

The overall winner from Amberley will then be forwarded to our District Governor to the next level of judging by 15th November. We will have to wait and see how our poster fares with the subsequent levels of the competition.

The club presidents of the international winners will then be notified by 1st February 2026, with one grand winner and 23 merit awards.

The picture to the right was the Grand Winner for the 2024-25 Competition.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP 30th July: The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build

bridges between communities.

The theme for International Day of Friendship in 2025 is not yet officially announced by the United Nations. However, the day is generally celebrated as a reminder of the value and significance of friendship, encouraging people to strengthen existing bonds and foster new connections. It also emphasizes the importance of involving young people in community activities to promote international understanding and respect for diversity.



REPORTS

FIREWOOD: Brent reported sales are still a bit slow but are slowly improving. There is a lot of competition in the Amberley firewood market, although firewood doesn't have a use by date. That being said, with the seemingly never-ending rainfall we are being blessed with, no longer allows us to advertise dry firewood. The wet wood is currently an issue, but a few days of nor'westers would go a long way in helping the situation.



Brent had requested if any of our members had any storage space under cover that might be available temporarily to store firewood, please let him know.

PINE CONES: There were 80 bags of pine cones available in storage but no more will become available until August. A big thank you to Lindsay E who maintains stocks of pinecones at Arthur Burkes for sale. A letter is to be sent to Proseed thanking them for being helpful in providing us with pinecones when requested.

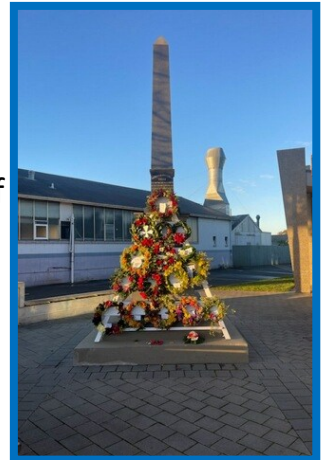


BATTERIES: Lindsay M reported that he regularly receives calls from locals wanting to get rid of old batteries. He currently has a large number of them stored, which will keep increasing with upcoming adverts in the Hotline and on Facebook.

WINE BOTTLE CAPS: The quantity of wine bottle caps is becoming quite voluminous taking up rather a huge space. President Kevin will soon deliver them to Sim's in Wigram. Amberley Lions will then get recognition for the quantity being provided that should be presented to us at a dinner meeting.

ANZAC DAY PARADE: Friday April 25th saw another successful dawn parade at the Tin Shed, although it had been noted that one of the guest speakers speech was a little bit longer than had been anticipated. The Anzac biscuit and cuppa put on by some of our members was gratefully appreciated, although I did miss the tot of rum in my cup this time.

The Anzac Day Art Competition this year was of a very high standard, and prizes for the winning entries will be presented at their school assemblies.



CONTAINER FOR ADDITIONAL STORAGE: The container located behind the Lion's shed on Markham Street will have a combination lock attached to it. The good news is that even with all the recent rainfall, the inside of the container seems quite dry, although there are several bags of dessicant stored inside it to provide more of a guarantee. We have it on good authority that these bags require to be replaced quite regularly.

The company who supplied us with the container have expressed interest in sponsoring a hole for next year's golf tournament, and will also be entering a team next year.



OTHER BUSINESS

FUTURE EDITIONS OF AMBERLEY DISTRICT LION'S BULLETINS: If any of our members would like to have an article added to the Bulletin, a notification of an upcoming event, or any photos added, please let me know.

If any event organiser anyone participating in an event would be able to take some photos of the events, even if it is an ongoing event, it would be much appreciated.

HARRIS MEATS DONATION PROGRAM & AMBERLY MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM: We thought it appropriate to make a mention of the donation of sausages, that are supplied through Harris Meats, to both the Inspire Church Foodbank and to three amazing women who provide community meals to people in the community. We believe it is important for our members to have a clear picture of what this monthly donation is providing. It may well be that we want to continue this program.

Inspire Church Foodbank receive the bulk of the donation and receive 45kgs of sausages per month. As the Bulletin is "going to print figuratively speaking", we had yet to receive information from them regarding the donation, We hope to bring this to you next month.

The three ladies who provide community meals in Amberley & Leithfield are amazing and do fantastic work They receive 5kgs of sausages per month that they share between themselves.

Judy, provides two community lunches each month, one in Leithfield and one in Amberley. Deb and Jenny, who advertise their monthly dinners on Facebook, Amberley Community and Amberley Community Page under 'Deb Mark Wilson', provides one community two course dinner a month on the 3rd Wednesday from 6-8pm in the St John's hall.

Deb and Jenny have assistance in preparing and serving the dinner to around 40-50 people. The maximum they could serve is 60, and if you know the St John's hall, you will know why. There is quite a mixed demographic group for the dinners, not only elderly, but some couples, some with children and all ages. They ask people wanting to go along book a spot and pay a gold coin koha.

Judy, who advertises her monthly community lunches on Facebook, Leithfield Community Page under Judy Symonds. Other notices are put in mailboxes, in the Leithfield Beach shop, with some hearing about them by word of mouth.

Judy with a fantastic team of volunteers serve the two lunches per month one on the 2nd Wednesday in Leithfield at the Leithfield Community Hall and the second one on the 4th Monday at the church hall on Church Street, Amberley. They serve up to 20 people, who are mostly elderly and come along for the friendship and fellowship. They also ask for people wishing to come for the lunch to confirm they wish to come.

"The sausages are very much appreciated by many, and Judy would like to thank Amberley Lions for their support". Judy does also mention in this is some of her Facebook pages.

It is my wish to assist them one time as a volunteer. More news for a later Bulletin.

MEDIA: The following Facebook pages may be interesting for some of you:

- Amberley Lions Club
- Lions Clubs New Zealand
- Lion Clubs International
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Lion Portal Forum
- Cool Lions Graphics

FUN STUFF: Now the serious matters are finished for the month, now let the fun stuff begin. Lol.



This Bulletin is being emailed to you directly from my train journey between Munich and Salzburg.