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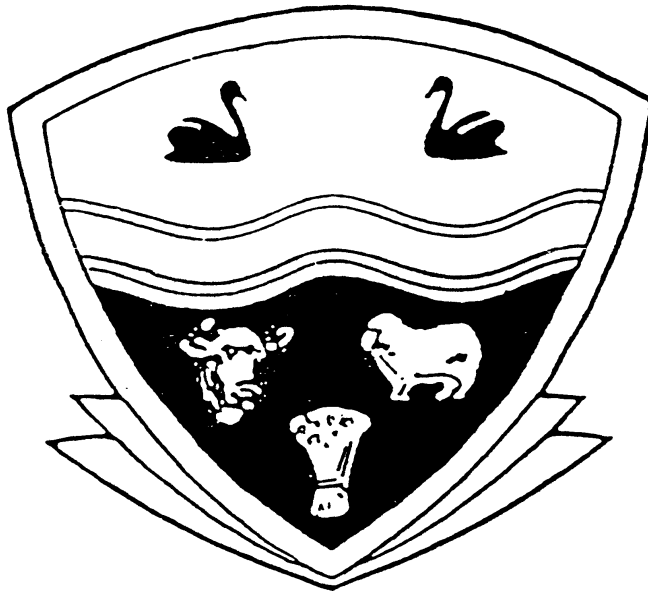
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Next Tea Meeting

Thursday 15th May

At – Ellesmere A & P Rooms

Meal will be served at 7.15pm

Speaker: James Pope – Geochemist, come along to find out about James's interesting occupation.

Caterers – Southbridge JAB

APOLOGIES:

Deadline: Tuesday 13th May at 7.00pm

Ph: David Rathgen 0273248028

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DUTY TEAM:

Collector: D Rathgen

Greeter: J Pope

Thanks: N Heslop

Venue setup: C McEvedy/G Maw



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Monday Mon 2nd June

7.30pm at - A & P Rooms

Host – N Heslop



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Donald Lemon 3243-310



President Donald's Report

What a wet week last week was. The most rainfall ever recorded for the month of April. I hope that everyone managed to make it through with out too much property damage, I even had a call from a friend over in Edinburgh as he had heard on the world news that the Selwyn district had serious flooding happening.

All the duck shooting reports that I heard were heavily in favour of duck survival due mainly to flooded mi mi's and more water area to land on, that must be frustrating for some.

I thought that the April tea meeting went well. We had good numbers given that it was the Thursday before Easter weekend. Our speaker for the evening was Phillip Crossland Ops manager for Fulton -Hogan who spoke on his work in Antarctica. During the evening, we inducted new member Duncan McMeeking into our club, we also had two prospective members along to have a look. The main business for the evening was to elect the officers and the Board for next year. Caterers for the meal were the Southbridge School Jump Jam team, who also gave us a demo as to what they will be doing at their upcoming competitions.

We had a good Lions turn out for the ANZAC Parade and thanks to Matthew Ward for organising and the members who helped with the seating that had to be transported from Ellesmere College then back again. It has been pleasing to see families with young children turning out for the ceremony - one little boy asked his dad if Donald Trump was going to be there.

Sadly, we decided to cancel the Teppanyaki evening on the 2nd May, the heavy rain turned Brookside into Bogside. Anne and I made the decision to cancel due to the bad weather and poor access to the shed. Thanks to those of you who were supporting this evening, we do hope that we can organize this meal sometime in the future.

It was pleasing to see the photo of our Lions group at the Harts creek picnic area on the front page of the District Bulletin, I was recently speaking to District Governor Pam Harvey who was enquiring about the flooding in our area and was also keen to know more about what is happening with the track reconstruction.

Congratulations to Pam who has just been elected Chair of the Council of Governors for MD202 for 2025-26. I am sure that she will receive the support of all the Lions members of our district.

As I mentioned earlier, we have elected our new Officers and Board for next year. Geoff Heslop was elected President and Glenn Smith elected 3 VP. New Board members are Bill Lambie, Kieran Stone and Tom Haffner.

Leaving the Board are Neville Greenwood, Alex Hayward and John Horwood, I would just like to thank these three gentlemen on behalf of our Lions Club for their time and effort that they have brought to the Board Table. Your contribution has always been welcome, and your voice heard by us all.

Members will be pleased to know that the Wendy House has found a new home, this was donated to the Friends of Ellesmere Hospital as a fund raiser and they decided to raffle it off making just under \$1500. The Shirtcliff family from Feredays road are the new owners.

Sorry I will be missing at the next tea meeting. Geoff can have a trial run; the record is still 28 minutes for a tea meeting.

Donald

Ladies Outing

I have planned lunch out on Thursday 29 May. If you are interested please keep the day free.

Further details to come nearer the time.

Anne Green

Phone: 021 172 7796



Duncan McMeeking being inducted at our April Tea Meeting



1st VP Geoff Heslop

Club visitations

Five members visited Rakaia club for their April tea meeting. As neighboring clubs over the years, we have had close links. We were made most welcome, with an interesting speaker about Restorative Justice, the evening was enjoyed by all of us.

Thanks Hamish, for organising.

Membership

I would like to welcome Duncan McMeeking our newest member inducted at our April meeting. There was also two new prospective members both have shown interest in joining.

Thanks Neville, for organising.



2nd VP Dennis Carter

If any member has picked up a small remote used by the speaker at the April Tea Meeting, please let Dennis know.

Publicity and Programme

Director: Alister McPherson

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

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

As Teppanyaki night cancelled due to inclement weather a need for a movie night or similar has come forward, Alex looking at a couple of movie options, ie a public viewing or a private viewing which would need supporting to guarantee a minimum number, also a possible court theatre show, in their new facility

Club Publicity: Key Person N Heslop & his Sub Committee

Southbridge Rugby Score board needs a Lions logo as we put a good amount into it.

Director: **Nigel Heslop**

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

Ian has his role under control, Dave Rathgen has stepped up to help Ian

Our next speaker is James Pope one of our own who is a Geo Chemist I am sure we will find him interesting.

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

After 140 mm of rain Lake Ellesmere and Harts Creek were in High flood on inspecting the track on Sunday 4th in gum boots, I was pleased to see the track has survived water flowing over it. In 3 places the water was 400mm below the top in most places, I could not walk on the track in the DOC land area as it was too deep, so am not sure if our picnic table is still in place and not heading out to sea.

Board walk and Bird hide working Group

Meeting with Chairperson of Waihora Ellesmere Trust and 2 trustees was held on 22nd April re Lead organisation possibility, with support from Lions.

They were interested but needed to confer with the 3 other trustees.

Andy Spanton SDC is going to put together a MOU in conjunction with Sarah Barnsley to outline the project and the parties participation.

The present DOC community agreement Draft contract does not look like something that the Lions would want to sign in its present form and a lot more work needs to be done on that before we would be comfortable.



3rd VP Brian Symes

GOLF MATCH - Everything is on track for our next golf match, mid year.

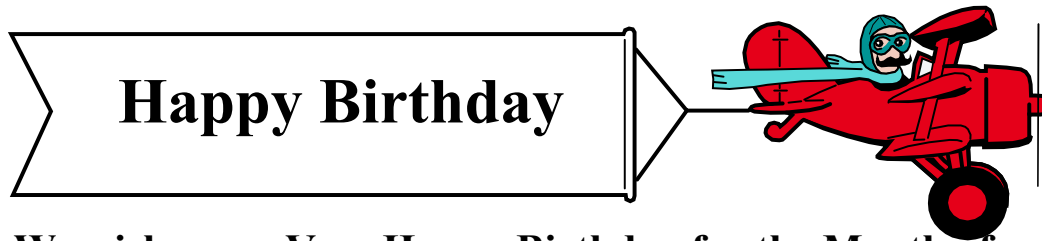
The Board has recommended that the proceeds from the Golf Tournament be shared between the Southbridge Rugby Club and The Harts Creek Walkway.

MAINTENANCE - Nothing to report.

PEA STRAW - Still receiving plenty of orders,

MORE HELPERS TO DO DELIVERIES, if you are interested can you please contact Alex Hayward.

Please notify Alex **as soon as possible** after straw has been delivered, so Alex can update his list. There have been instances of deliveries being made twice and having to be taken home again.



We wish you a Very Happy Birthday for the Month of

May

Gordon Michael / Hamish Millar

Kan Tab Project information

The KanTabs project involves Lions Clubs coordinating the collection of ring pull can tops, wine bottle screw tops & aluminium cans and then selling them to metal recycling firms and the proceeds going to Kidney Kids NZ.

Here are some interesting numbers to consider:

1 tonne / 72,000 soda/beer cans would raise around \$1,780.

1 tonne/ 3,600,000 ring pulls would raise around \$500.

1 tonne / 408,642 wine bottle tops would raise about \$1,300.

1 person drinking just 1 can of liquid each day for a year generates 365 cans and ring pulls which could be recycled and a \$9.00 charity donation made.

This is a very worthwhile project, so please support Lion Graham Bethell in the work he does as collector of tops and ring pulls. No beer bottle tops or other miscellaneous items are to be included. Sort the ring pulls out from the tops and put them into a separate container.

This saves Graham having to do it himself, a big task when you are getting countless numbers of tops and rings from our members.

After moving to the U.S., a Chinese doctor struggled to find work in a hospital. So, he opened a small clinic with a clever sign out front:

"Treatment for \$20 — If not cured, get \$100 back!"

One day, an American lawyer saw the sign and thought, "What a scam... but hey, easy money!" He walked in confidently.

Lawyer: "Doctor, I've lost my sense of taste."

Doctor: "Nurse, bring medicine from Box No. 22. Three drops in his mouth."

Lawyer: "Bleh! That's kerosene!"

Doctor: "Congratulations — your taste is back. That'll be \$20."

Annoyed but determined, the lawyer returned a few days later.

Lawyer: "I've lost my memory. I can't remember anything."

Doctor: "Nurse, Box No. 22 again. Three drops."

Lawyer: "Wait! That's kerosene again!"

Doctor: "Wonderful — your memory's back! That'll be \$20."

Now thoroughly frustrated, the lawyer made one last attempt to win.

Lawyer: "My eyesight is failing. I can't see a thing!"

Doctor: "I'm sorry. I don't have a cure for that. Here's your \$100."

The doctor handed him a \$20 bill.

Lawyer (squinting): "Hey, wait a minute... this is just \$20!"

Doctor: "Fantastic! Your eyesight is restored. That'll be \$20."

How true is this? Does it ring any bells with you?	
Mums Now	vs Mums Then
"That word is inappropriate."	"Say that again and I'll wash your mouth out with soap."
"Good job trying one bite of the dinner I made. Now you can have Mac & Cheese."	"You'll eat what I make, whether you like it or not. There are starving children in the world."
"I can see you're upset. Take a deep breath and use your words."	"You better stop crying or I'll REALLY give you something to cry about."
"You can't walk around the block by yourself. I'll drive you. Text me when you need a ride back."	"You want to go out? Take your bike. Be home before dark."

This is for the KKids and Grandkids.

What do you call a mischievous Easter Egg?
A practical yolker.

Why do we paint Easter Eggs?
Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them.

I was going to tell you a joke about an egg,
But it's not all it's cracked up to be.

Why did the Easter Bunny fail to deliver?
He put all his eggs in one basket.

What kind of stories does the Easter Bunny like best?
The ones with hoppy endings.

What do you call a rabbit that tells jokes?
A funny bunny.

How do dinosaurs celebrate Easter?
They don't, they're eggs-tinct.

How does a rabbit throw a tantrum?
He gets hopping mad.

Why can't a rabbits nose be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot.

Upcoming Events.
EVENTS & PROJECT MONTHS

Pea straw: Ongoing deliveries, please contact Alex Hayward if you are able to help with deliveries.

Change over Night, 19th June, Dunsandel Community Center.
More details in the June Bulletin.

Ladies Outing – Lunch on Thursday 29th May
More details to follow.
Anne Green, Ph 021 172 7796

Thought for the day

Turn your face to the sun
And the shadows will fall behind you.
Maori Proverb





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