

Lions Club of New Brighton

...Bulletin...

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President's Post

‘Work smarter, not harder’



Greeting fellow lions, Leos and friends, there's been some discussion on whether the bulletin should look back over the last month or look forward into the next month. I prefer a bit of both, how else would I be able to shine the light fairly and squarely on the faces of those who make us the great club we are? With that in mind the Bunnings BBQ was a huge success and all kudos to those who turned out on the day. Splendid!!



PINK SHIRT day wasn't as well celebrated as we'd hoped, only 4 of us made the effort, however Faith made up for it on Pink Ribbon Day with her work doing morning tea and donations.

On another note entirely—It was good to be able to show you what **TEAMS** is all about, I hope you all learned something, especially what a great tool it is for our club.

Intellectuals solve problems,
Geniuses prevent them.

Albert Einstein

Ka kite anō au i a koe

Alastair



1st VP Don MacKay's report on Social Activities

1/ The mayors visit to our Club meeting on Wednesday night will be a Partners night. To boost the numbers invite some friends or a neighbour. Our Mayor- Phil Mauger will talk for about 25-30mins, hopefully largely on the issues affecting the Eastern areas of Christchurch, May take some questions afterwards.



2/ I have emailed Alan Cockburn, Dinghy Pattinson (Kevin) and they have both accepted our invitation to speak at one of our Club meetings. I have given them some meeting dates, Dinghy maybe at our July meeting, so watch this space.

3/ On Monday night I attended a meeting of the North Beach Residents Association; it was also their AGM. There was much discussion around Carparking on Marine Parade and Bowhill Rd especially with Regards to the Williams Corporation development on the Ozone Hotel site. Approximately 50 units are to be built, 26 off-street car parks available. Freedom Campers on Marine Parade also received a fair amount of discussion as well.

At the meeting I mentioned about the Upcoming Mayoral Meeting and also our environment project on the 21st of June. It looks like we may have some volunteers from this organisation.

Don

Hi, I'm 2nd VP Neil with my report on Projects.....



What we've been up to this month

Bunnings BBQ 10/5/25

Another successful BBQ at Bunnings Shirley on Saturday 10/5/25. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with this project.

What's coming Up

Candyfloss for the Eid al-Adha Festival 8/6/25



The Eid al-Adha festival is one of the 2 main festivals of Islam (the other festival is Eid al-Fitr). It will be held in the Wolfbrook Arena and anyone is welcome to attend. There will be many food vendors at the festival. The organisers have asked us if we will provide our candy floss machines. Warren will arrange for the candyfloss machines to be taken to the festival. Some of our members will make the candyfloss in conjunction with festival volunteers.

Environment Project/Membership Drive 21/6/25

We will have a membership drive to coincide with National Volunteer Week which is 15 to 21 June. We are going to clean up the estuary and walking track area in South New Brighton. The environment is one of Lions International global causes. World Environment Day is in June.

We will invite people to join us by advertising thru social media, local newspaper, radio and local community groups. We will use New Brighton Facebook groups which have a total of 40,000 followers and Instagram. There will be notices in the Pegasus Post which is delivered to 16,000 households. We will ask volunteers to RSVP so we can maintain a register of who will be coming. We can then follow up to invite them to future projects or they may decide to become Lions.

We will meet at the car park beside the South New Brighton Community Hall, Beatty St. Start time is 10am and finish at 12pm. We will then have a free BBQ for the volunteers. The BBQ will be run by Christchurch East MP Reuben Davidson and his team. This will free us up to talk to volunteers about becoming a Lion or helping with future projects.

The Avon-Heathcote Estuary Trust will provide us with reusable bags and 60 pairs of gloves. They will arrange for all the rubbish collected to be taken to the refuse station with no cost to us.

New Brighton Fireworks 5/7/25

We are booked in to run a BBQ & candyfloss stall at the New Brighton Fireworks on 5/7/25. We should have the usual site in the car park beside the hot pools.

Pea straw & compost 27/9/25

This is advance notice that the next pea straw day will be Saturday 27/9/25. Please put this date in your diaries. We have prepaid for 800 bales of pea straw to be delivered. We have an option on an additional 100 bales if presales require them.

Neil





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*Rosmund's
ramblings*

27th June is Helen Keller Day.

Now to get a day named for you takes quite a bit of work. So who was Helen Keller?

She was born on June 27th 1880 in a small town in Alabama USA and when she was only 19 months old, she contracted a fever that would leave her both deaf and blind. With the help of a dedicated teacher she not only learnt to read & write but at the age of 24 graduated from Harvard University with a degree. *(No electronic typewriters, cell phones, voice recorders available back then!)*.

After graduation she began her life's work of helping blind and deaf-blind people. She appeared before state and national legislatures and international forums. She regarded herself as a "world citizen", visiting 39 countries on five continents between 1939 and 1957. She published 14 books and produced numerous articles. Not only was she out-spoken on the needs and issues affecting her fellow deaf and deaf-blind comrades, Helen was also a valiant supporter of women's suffrage, civil rights, and the labour union movement, as well as many other worthwhile and important causes.

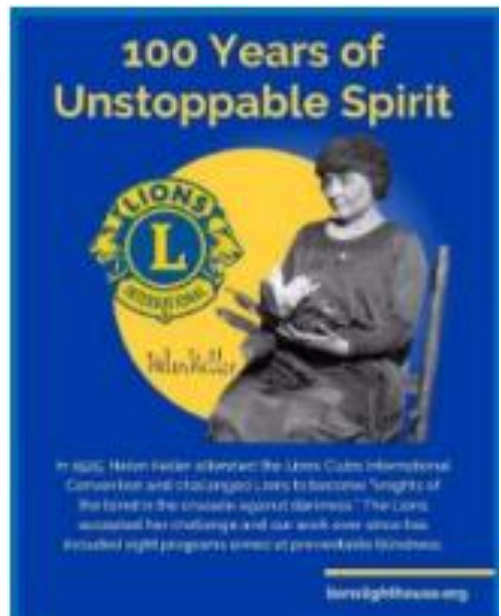


In 1925 she spoke to the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness". The various vision-related work projects initiated by LCI because of this courageous lady have now been running for 100 years, impacting millions of lives through various initiatives, including funding for research, education, and employment opportunities.

Now remember – *she was deaf & blind* whilst achieving all of this.
Not so special?

Try this for yourself – wear a blindfold and try to just get a cup out of your cupboard & pour yourself a drink of cold water from the tap.
Not so easy is it?

Helen Keller – a very remarkable lady who deserves remembering on her day.





Pink Shirt Day!!

Visiting Lion from North Otago

We had a visit from **Florence Hellyer**, a retired Lion from the North Otago Lions Club. They are an all woman club with 48 members that meets in Oamaru and is very involved in community projects

Florence has been a highly active lion who is looking to join our club and she'd be most welcome.



We must all do our part for the planet. The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using.

Who are Lions?

Lions are like minded people who have fun whilst giving KINDNESS.

To become a lion.
JUST ASK!



We Serve

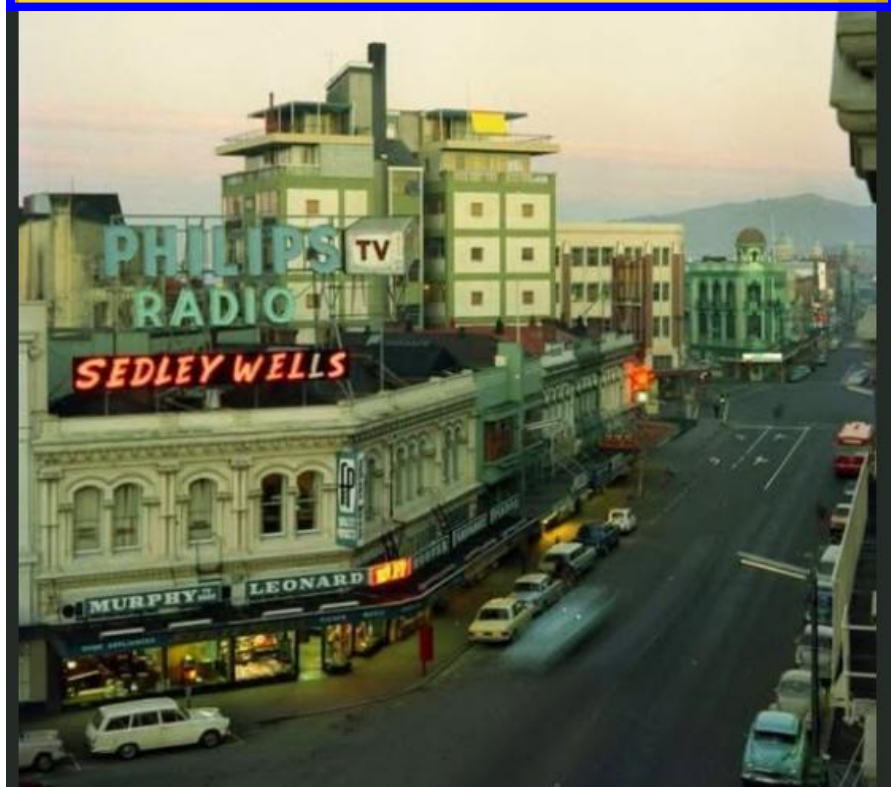
Approx 120 years ago - Seaview Road, New Brighton.



I saw this interesting sign the other day at the motorhome show



High Street Christchurch 1960's—Sedley Wells was the District Governor who conducted our Charter Night in 1963.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays In May and June:



12th May—Cheryl Herlihy

20th May—Win McDonald

29th May—Neil Johnston

10th June—Jenny Love

12th June—Debbie Glassey

Congratulations to:

16th May—Rodney and Deb Allfrey

4th June—Peter and Phyllis Seymour

15th June—Geoff and Jenny Rump



Meet and Greet Roster

4th June 2025—Lisa Barron

18th June 2025—Warren Glassey

Rules For The Greeter

ARRIVE BY 6PM SO EVERYONE CAN BE GREETED ON ARRIVAL

IF NOT ATTENDING YOU MUST ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT GREETER & ADVISE THE
PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY

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TEA MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, THE WOOLSTON CLUB,
43 Hargood Street, Woolston.

Apologies and advice of visitors MUST be given to the Secretary NO LATER THAN 12 NOON on the day prior to the meeting. Please remember Partners Nights also.

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