

LIONS' CLUB OF ELLESMERE

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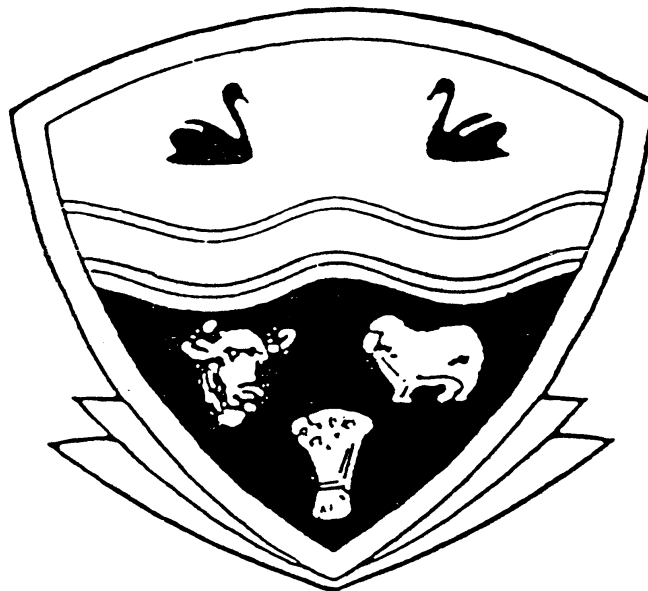
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Changeover night

Thursday 19th June

At – **Dunsandel Community Centre**

Drinks and Nibbles – 6.00pm

Call to order at 6.45pm

Lions and partners **\$40 per head**, including drinks

Please pay on internet bank if possible, acc no **02-0860-0032301-00**

Caterers – Southbridge Playcenter.

APOLOGIES:

Deadline: **Sunday 15th June** at 7.00pm

Numbers - Attending or apologies

Ph: Ian Vessey Ph 344-0199 or 0273291865

Email – vessey@xtra.co.nz



DUTY TEAM:

Collector: M Ward

Greeter: G Heslop

Thanks: D Green

Venue setup; Everyone available at
1.00pm Sat to help set up venue



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Monday 30th June

7.30pm at - A & P Rooms

Host – G Heslop



Almoners Information

Donald Lemon 3243-310



President Donald's Report

Well, here we are the end of our Lions year and a time to reflect on the year that was. This time last year I had just had my second of three hip operations and was only mobile with the help of my lovely wife Anne a pair of crutches and the support of many of our Lions members who made my job as your President so much easier.

I will report further at the changeover night of the club's year in more detail, but I would just like to mention a few of our highlights. Again, a very successful golf tournament in July, the final completion and official opening of the Information Wall in September, a start to the improvement of the Harts Creek Track and the completion of stage one in March. The highlight of our Lions year would have to had been the hosting of a very successful Men's Health evening in April, proof that good Planning, Preparation and Presentation gets Performance. All these events just don't happen and as a club we are very fortunate to have members with experience and perseverance to organise such events and projects.

Thanks to 1st VP Geoff for chairing the tea meeting back in May and welcome to Grant Hunt who joined our club at this meeting (another duck shooter).

Thanks to Alex and Julie Hayward for organizing a night out to the Court Theatre, I think that we all agreed the new theatre was amazing the close seating around the stage was like the old theatre at the Arts Centre.

Thanks to the wives that supported Anne for the lady's day out around the Malvern District, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, more outings are planned for next year.

Anne and I were invited along for dinner to the Leeston Bowling Club recently to celebrate the refurbishment of their club rooms that also included a new kitchen which our Lions club contributed funds towards. The club rooms are a credit to both the Bowls and Tennis clubs.

The trees are down. Some of you older members would remember the Lions pine plantation on the corner of Leeston Dunsandel and Rakaia Selwyn roads. They were planted thirty years ago by our members to be sold as a Christmas tree fund raiser. We have had a zero-lease agreement with the Council for the land that the trees are on, it was an old rubbish dump. Anyway, the council wanted them gone and had a contractor move in to clear the site of saleable logs. We are currently in negotiation with council staff in regard to financial compensation for the timber and responsibilities for clearing the site. We have our best negotiator Tom G working for a good outcome for our club.

This is my last Bulletin report after four years, from 3rd VP until now. Thanks to Paul and Bill for your efforts putting the Bulletins out monthly and on time.

Finally, I would like to wish incoming president Geoff and his wife Anna all the best for your year in charge and a personal thanks for all your help that you gave to myself and Anne during the past twelve months.

Donald.

Ladies Outings

13 of us had a very enjoyable lunch at Thirsty Acres – Kirwee on Thursday 29 May followed by a **little** bit of retail therapy at Darfield. The next outing is Thursday 17 July 2025 and I thought we would dine at Lincoln to enable some of the ladies that work during the day to attend.

More details to follow.

Anne



1st VP Geoff Heslop

Thank you

This is my last bulletin as Vice President, so I'd like to thank Donald (and Anne Green) for their year in office. Everything has run very smoothly, despite the occasional health hiccup. I hope I get through the coming year just as well.

Visitations

Rakaia changeover this Friday (13 June) and Malvern Wednesday 25 June. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

Membership

Sinclair Hughes will be inducted at our July meeting and will be at the changeover.

Youth

Leeston Primary School have asked for 'readers' to work with younger children. Flyer is in the Bulletin.

Lions' administration training

Geoff Heslop, Nigel Heslop, Dennis Carter and Colin Steven attended a training day at Ferrymead over the weekend. Very informative and a lot learned.



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

On 30th May a Bus load of Lions and friends of Lions, attended the Court Theatre Play (End of the Golden Weather)

A very professional and realistic acting presentation, thank you Alex and Julie for arranging this, not an easy task.

Club Publicity: Key Person N Heslop & his Sub Committee

Nigel continues with this good work getting our name out there and identifying us with the good work and service done by our members.

Director: Nigel Heslop

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

Southbridge Play centre will be Catering at the change over on the 19th
Clubs that have invited us to their Changeovers have been invited to ours.

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

The Track has stood up very well after the major flooding event.

The Lake has had a good opening and there is no water at present under the Board Walk.

Our planned working Bees for widening part and top dressing most of the track are delayed until the spring when conditions should be more favourable.

Board walk and Bird hide working Group

Sarah Barnsley our project manager reports that the Chairman and trustees of WET agree in principle to becoming the Prime Entity for this project going forward.

She has had a meeting with Andy Spanton (SDC) on this subject and his (MOU), We are awaiting her report and a date for another meeting to advance this project.



3rd VP Brian Symes

GOLF - The field is already full, so please make no promises. We have a waiting list of hopeful players.

The sponsorship is progressing well with nearly one third of the \$46,000 already promised.

Hopefully everyone is going well with their list?

Please if you are unable to help on golf day (Wed 9th July), then Bill needs to know **ASAP or before the 14th June - Bill Whelan 0273243251.**

MAINTENANCE - Nothing to report.

PEA STRAW - Sales have slowed down. Thankyou to everyone who has being making deliveries.

Glen is working on a unit load to go to the North Island.



We wish you a Very Happy Birthday for the Month of

June

Peter Chamberlain / Geoff Heslop

Gerald Lemon / Graham Maw

Graeme Pile

Annual Golf Match

As you are all aware our annual golf match (maybe the 54th) is to be held on Wednesday 9th July.

Availability to help: Please check your diaries to ascertain if you are available to assist on the day. ***If NOT, please contact Bill Whelan prior to June 14***, which is when the roster will be compiled.

Sponsorship for Golf Day: You all have been sent (a) a Sponsors Letter which you can distribute to your contacts by post, email or by hand; (b) a complete list of our 2024 Golf Sponsors with the Lions contact person in the left-hand column. Simply make a list of your sponsors and get to work as soon as you can. It would be wonderful if we could have **the vast majority** of sponsorship finalised before the end of June. New sponsors are encouraged and needed as we always lose a few, so get your thinking caps on and remember to think outside the square.

Finally, please bear in mind that the field is almost full from year to year, so please don't promise anyone a spot without first checking with Bill.

The burden of obtaining \$46k plus in sponsorship falls to a few. Any contributions that anyone can obtain will be welcomed.

Any problems, hassles, suggestions or comments please contact Bill
M: 027 324 3251 E: billandsuelsen@hotmail.com

Together let's make this yet another great golf event.

Your Golf Committee

Lions Youth

The Lions have a youth portfolio and as such Leeston Primary School has been approached to see if they would like some volunteers to read to their kids. This idea came about after seeing this joint collaboration on TV, showcasing just how well it can work and how tremendously rewarding it is for all involved. In their email the school has written that; " we propose that your volunteers read with our Year 3–4 students on Thursday afternoons between 2:00 and 3:00 pm. We have four classrooms at this year level and envision your volunteers working with small groups of children during this time. However, there is no expectation to provide readers for every classroom — we would be grateful for any level of support you are able to offer."

If we get enough volunteers, it's envisaged that a roster would be put out, well in advance so that we know we have at least one volunteer per week committing to going along and reading to the kids. We're unlikely to get four volunteers per week, but we want a commitment of at least one a week to make it worthwhile so as not to muck the teachers and kids about.

To ensure we have enough volunteers this will be open to anyone i.e members, their wives/partners or anyone really who is keen to help this School/Lions collaboration. The school is aware that this is a proposal only at the moment because if we don't get enough volunteers to comfortably make it work, it won't go ahead.

An email will go out in the next couple of weeks seeking volunteer names.

Nigel



ELLESMERE COLLEGE
TE KĀRETI O WAIHORA

HOMESTAY FAMILIES *Needed*

Have you ever considered hosting an
international student?

WE HAVE STUDENTS ARRIVING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We are looking for outgoing, friendly, welcoming and open-minded families to host both our short and long term students.

Hosting Options:

- Short Term Hosting for 1 - 4 weeks up to 1 school term
- Long Term Hosting for 1 - 2 years
- Emergency Hosting temporarily whilst we sort a permanent homestay

Benefits of hosting:

- Payment of \$330 per week in 2025 (\$340 per week in 2026)
- Experience various cultures
- Make lifelong connections
- 24/7 support from the Ellesmere College International Department.



CONTACT: LAURA - HOMESTAY COORDINATOR
homestaycoordinator@ellesmere.school.nz



Planting Day at Rakaia Island

The planting day at Rakaia Island along with the Southbridge school will be on June 24th.

A team will be required to pick up the trees the day before on the 23rd.

The default day if it is postponed will be the 26th June.

If you can help on either of these days please contact Dave Turner on 0276840815 nearer the time.



Ellesmere Lions on Anzac Day.



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 Bulletin.

Rakaia Island planting day: Mon 23rd & Tues 24th June.

Ellesmere Lions Golf Match: Wednesday 9th July

Thought for the day

Failure is only the opportunity to begin again,
only this time more wisely.

Henry Ford





IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION – "WE SERVE"

If not claimed within 14 days please return to; P.O. Box 57, Leeston.