

**LIONS CLUB OF ROLLESTON & DISTRICTS**  
**JUNE 2025**  
**ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB BOARD 2024 - 2025**

<b>Club President:</b>	..	..	..	Dave Auton
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	..			Shirley McNicoll
<b>Secretary:</b>	..	..	..	Brian Fennessy
<b>Treasurer:</b>	..	..	..	Chris Logan
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	..	..	..	Mike Cousins
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<b>Directors:</b>	..	..	..	Brian Whittington, Mike Judd John Neville, Jimmi Anderson
<b>Lion Tamer:</b>	..	..	..	John Neville
<b>Tail Twister:</b>	..	..	..	Alister Legat
<b>Finance:</b>	..	..	..	Chris Logan
<b>Legal Advisor:</b>	..	..	..	Richard Norris
<b>Privacy/Security</b>	..	..	..	Chris Logan
<b>Rock Liaison:</b>	..	..	..	Brian Whittington
<b>Guest Speakers:</b>	..	..	..	John Knowles
<b>Trustees:</b>	..	..	..	<b>Chairman</b> Chris Logan, Brian Whittington, Marg Gerken, Shirley McNicholl & Leo Slattery

**OFFICERS OF EVENTS:**

<b>LCIF CHAIRPERSON</b>	..	..	Richard Norris
<b>MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN</b>	..		Mike Cousins
<b>BULLETIN OFFICER</b>	..	..	Marg Gerken
<b>PUBLICITY/PROMOTIONAL OFFICER</b>			Val Knowles, Team is Jackie Codyre, Karen Luff
<b>TOOT FOR TUCKER</b>	..	..	Chris Logan, Brian Whittington
<b>YELLOW PHONE BOOKS</b>		..	Leo Slattery, Brian Whittington, Heather Kissell
<b>FIREWORKS CONVENOR</b>	..		Chris Logan
<b>CHRISTMAS PARADE CONVENOR</b>			Tony Condon
<b>CATERING EQUIPMENT</b>	..	..	John Neville
<b>CATERING SUPPLIES</b>	..	..	Brian Whittington
<b>YOUTH</b>	..	..	Karen Luff
<b>ALMONER</b>	..	..	Robin Jones

**1st Vice President:** Mike Cousins, **Director:** Brian Whittington

**Club supplies, badges etc, Convention, Administration, Club Finance, Lions Clubs International, Publicity**

**COMMITTEE:** Chris Logan, Shirley McNicholl, Brian Fennessy, John Knowles, Richard Norris, Leo Slattery, Jackie Codyre, Marg Gerken, Val Knowles, Heather Power

**2nd Vice President:** Tony Condon: **Director:** Jimmi Anderson

**Youth, Sight, Diabetes, Cancer, Hunger, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian, Hearing, Health, Education, Environmental, Recreational & Social**

**COMMITTEE:** Martin Dyer, Sonia Fletcher, Rex Greenwood, Robin Jones, Bob Jones, Heather Kissell, Alister Legat, Christine Bradley, Murray Bradley, Lewis Burn, Joe Cairns, Kieron Duncan, Graham Pye, Karen Luff,

**3rd Vice President:** John Johns & John Neville: **Director:** John Neville & Mike Judd

**Projects, Services, All Projects have a convenor & that convenor can be any member of the Club**

**COMMITTEE:** Paul Cockburn, Martin Bogue, Ron McNicholl, Neil Sonne, Dave Butts



**ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB  
TEA MEETING**

**THE ROCK  
ROLLESTON**

**04 JUNE 2025**

**MEET & GREET - 6.00 pm  
MEAL - 6.30 pm**

**MEALS HAVE INCREASED MAINS NOW  
\$24 & DESSERTS \$8  
IF YOU PURCHASE A MAIN & A DESSERT IT  
IS \$30**

Tea Meetings is the first Wednesday of the Month, 6pm – 6.30pm followship, Meal 6.30pm

**DUTIES FOR TEA MEETING**

<b>GREETER .. ..</b>	<b>DAVE BUTTS</b>
<b>GRACE/INVOCATION ..</b>	<b>IRIS COUSINS</b>
<b>RAFFLE .. ..</b>	<b>CHRIS LOGAN</b>
<b>CASHIER .. ..</b>	<b>BRIAN WHITTINGTON</b>
<b>TABLE WAITERS ..</b>	<b>ALISTER LEGAT, JOHN NEVILLE, RICHARD NORRIS</b>
<b>SPEAKER .. ..</b>	<b>President Genevieve Craddock on alcohol reform</b>
<b>INTRODUCE SPEAKER ..</b>	<b>JOHN KNOWLES</b>
<b>THANK SPEAKER ..</b>	<b>MIKE JUDD</b>



**Board  
Meeting**

**18 JUNE 2025  
AT THE MENZ SHED ROLLESTON**

Board Meetings are the third Wednesday of the Month, at the Menshed, 54 Dynes Rd at 7.30pm. Any member is able to attend and have speaking rights but only the board members can vote.

**VISION STATEMENT**

**TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.**

## **PRESIDENT DAVE**

Preparations for Change over are almost complete.

Rock Raffles are still unstable ,with EFTPOS training complete.

Firewood sales will start to ramp up with sales on Facebook being advertised, at \$100 per cube meter, or \$300 per trailer load , delivered locally.

We have received a reply from the Selwyn Sounds organizers, answer in August.

The Christmas Tree plot may have a toilet /shed with a pop up tent for our working bees , overnight youth camps.

An exciting upcoming project is the Bellyful Project using the High Schools kitchen to help new mothers with food and skills ,and a donation to them.

The Pink Breakfast had a good turnout In Leeston at the Crate & Barrell, Margs local.

3 of our members attended, Robin Jones, Marg Gerken & Shirley McNicholl.

**President Dave**

## **1ST VP MIKE COUSINS**

**Dear fellow Lions**

Sitting here in my brother in laws home in South Africa I have very little to say about Lions, but here goes

Our first Lions contact was in Bloemfontein where I had started my Lions Journey, we met with Lions from our club there and remembered the ones who have since passed, It was here that I had first received the title of "Gentle Giant". It was also here that my cabinet involvement started culminating with a nomination to be DG I visited my PDG friend Ivan in East London where we exchanged banners and shared experiences. We reminisced about the past and shared some project ideas which I shall share with you all in the new year.

Following this we spent a memorable afternoon with Past Council Chairman Hennie Van Der Westhuizen in Somerset West in the Cape, unfortunately we could not exchange banners as we could not find our second one as we were living out of a suitcase and had left it in another suitcase in Johannesburg and also Hennie had not brought one with him.

It's sad to think that this was probably the last time that I would see most of my Lion friends as they are all at an advanced age and many are not well.

We visited old school friends, some of which we had not seen for more than 50 years, again good memories were rekindled.

Iris's brother Leslie who has the Big C appears to be rallying to the chemo treatment and has gained some weight, please keep our family in your prayers.

We have one week left before we wing our way home, which we will spend in Johannesburg among friends.

This has been a whirlwind visit, and we will both need another holiday in NZ to recover.

**Warm regards,  
Lion Mike Cousins**

**Refuse Centre Opening** - Saturday morning dawned bright and early to the sound of our members setting up for a day of giving

The setup team arrived with the BBQ trailer, Sausages, Coldrinks and Ice.

They busied themselves with setting everything up for the day after which the setup crew left us to enjoy the day.

During the day we all had a chance to visit the new shop and remarked what a super shop it was. I don't know about the others but I got a Russell Hobbs rice steamer for \$35 Still in its original packaging.

Our cook, Lion Bruce, cooked 380 Sausages and 5kg of onions which the rest of us handed out to the public.

We had a donation bucket from which we made \$50.30. Cold drink sales from cash and what was on my eftpos totaled to \$61.80. (I have been unable to ascertain how much we sold using Lion Dave's EFTPOS terminal as he has been unable to request a report from it, which means that there will be some more to add to the total.

At about 2:30 we started to pack up and the break down crew arrived to finish up.

The centre manager Andrew thanked us all for the effort and professionalism that we showed on the day

I would also like to thank all members who participated, for the camaraderie during the event.



The new Rolleston recycle shed at their refuse site

Our Club cooking up a storm at The Rolleston Recycle Shed Day



1. **A chicken once lived for 18 months without a head.** The chicken's incredible feat was recorded back in the 1940s in the USA. He survived as his jugular vein and most of his brainstem were left mostly intact, ensuring just enough brain function remained for survival. In the majority of cases, a headless chicken dies in a matter of minutes.
2. **All the world's bacteria stacked on top of each other** would stretch for 10 billion light-years. Together, Earth's 0.001mm-long microbes could wrap around the Milky Way over 20,000 times.

## ROLLESTON LIONS CLUB BOARD 2025 - 2026

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	..	..	..	..	Mike Cousins
<b>PAST PRESIDENT:</b>	..	..	..	..	Dave Auton
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	..	..	..	..	Brian Fennessy
<b>TREASURER:</b>	..	..	..	..	Chris Logan
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	..	..	..	..	Tony Condon
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	..	..	..	..	Shirley McNicholl
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	..	..	..	..	Martin Dyer
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	..	..	..	..	Mike Judd, Brian Whittington, John Neville, Jimmi Anderson
<b>TAIL TWISTER:</b>	..	..	..	..	Alister Legat <b>Asst</b> Delwyn Bassett
<b>LION TAMER:</b>	..	..	..	..	John Neville
<b>FINANCE</b>	..	..	..	..	Chris Logan
<b>LEGAL ADVISOR:</b>	..	..	..	..	Richard Norris
<b>PRIVACY/SECURITY</b>	..	..	..	..	Chris Logan
<b>ROCK LIAISON:</b>	..	..	..	..	Brian Whittington
<b>MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:</b>	..	..	..	..	Brian Whittington
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR:</b>	..	..	..	..	Margaret Gerken
<b>LCIF CLUB CHAIRMAN</b>	..	..	..	..	Richard Norris
<b>YOUTH LIAISON</b>	..	..	..	..	Heather Kissell
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	..	..	..	..	
<b>LION MINTS</b>	..	..	..	..	Ron McNicholl
<b>SPEAKERS</b>	..	..	..	..	Iris Cousins
<b>ALMONER</b>	..	..	..	..	Robin Jones
<b>PUBLICITY/PROMOTIONS OFFICER</b>	..	..	..	..	
<b>TOOT FOR TUCKER</b>	..	..	..	..	John Knowles
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<b>CATERING SUPPLIES</b>	..	..	..	..	Brian Whittington
<b>HISTORY BOOK</b>	..	..	..	..	Marg Gerken, Brian Whittington, Dave Auton, Mike Cousins

### **2ND VP TONY CONDON**

NO REPORT

### **3<sup>RD</sup> VP JOHN NEVILLE**

Hole in the container has been repaired.

➤ Paul Cockburn has informed the Club that there is more firewood available.  
Club needs to advertise that we have firewood available -  
price: \$100/c m; \$300/trailer load.

**Point of Contact: John Neville** who will deliver the firewood.

➤ We should order some more Club Banners.

## IPP SHIRLEY McNICHOLL

Collected for the Rock Raffle on 16 th May and tickets sold well.

Up early next day to attend the Cabinet Meeting at Redwood by 8 30.

Good meeting and a chance to congratulate DG Pam on her next appointment.

Board meeting on Wednesday 21 st . Was mentioned how it would be good for our Club members to attend some time. Just to vocalise their thoughts and Opinions. Put it into your YES I could do that.

As it was obvious that the board was a bit light, I have offered to recycle myself and be 2 nd VP. In this role I would like to incorporate some/most of the Lion causes. Still need to be accepted.

**Aviva Collection** Saturday 24th.

Thanks to Christine and Murray, Shirley and Ron, Marg and Robin, Heather P. and Cherie.

Awesome everyone.

Thanks

Shirley McNicholl

### ALMONER REPORT

If there is anyone sick, infirmed, in hospital please contact Lion Robin Jones  
021 433 028

## Celebrate National Volunteer Week 15 – 21 June 2025



The graphic features a large, stylized rainbow on the right side, composed of various colored segments. The text is centered and reads:

**CELEBRATION STORIES**  
**Proud of your volunteers? We want to hear their story!**

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY THURSDAY 5 JUNE

On the left, there are three logos:

- NVW** (National Volunteer Week) with the tagline "Te Wiki Tāiao ki-Motu" and "National Volunteer Week".
- WHIRIA TE TANGATA** with the tagline "weaving the people together" and "#NVW2025 | 15-21 JUNE 2025".
- Volunteer South** with the tagline "Kaitiāro o te Taitonga".

**National Volunteer Week (NVW)** honours the collective energies and efforts of volunteers across Aotearoa New Zealand. It's a time to recognise and thank the millions of people who give their time and skills to our communities.

### **This Year's Theme: *Whiria te tangata – weaving the people together***

This year's theme celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people together. Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our communities for a stronger, more inclusive Aotearoa New Zealand.



## ROCK RAFFLES APRIL to JUNE

JUNE

6<sup>TH</sup>  
13<sup>TH</sup>  
20<sup>TH</sup>  
27<sup>TH</sup>

JACKIE CODYRE  
MIKE COUSINS  
**MATARIKI DAY NO ROCK RAFFLE**  
JOHN KNOWLES

MARTIN DYER  
IRIS COUSINS  
VAL KNOWLES

**ROCK RAFFLES** - Please let MARG know when you swap or aren't doing your turn.

**REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE OTHER PERSON YOU ARE ROSTERED ON WITH & BE PREPARED TO START AT 5.30PM AT THE ROCK IN ROLLESTON**

**IF UNABLE TO DO DUTY PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT. LEAVE A \$50 FLOAT.**

## HELEN KELLER DAY 27 June 2025



### Who was Helen Keller?

Helen Keller (1880–1968) was an American author, educator, and activist who overcame the challenges of being both blind and deaf. Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, she lost her sight and hearing at 19 months due to an illness.

Her life changed when Anne Sullivan became her teacher in 1887, using innovative methods to help Keller communicate. Keller later attended Radcliffe College, becoming the first deaf/blind person in the U.S. to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Throughout her life, Keller was a fierce advocate for disability rights, women's suffrage, labour rights, and world peace. She wrote 14 books, including her famous autobiography *The Story of My Life* (1903), and co-founded the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Her work with the American Foundation for the Blind helped improve education and opportunities for visually impaired individuals worldwide.

Keller's legacy continues to inspire generations, proving that determination and education can overcome even the greatest obstacles

### How did Lions become 'Knights of the Blind'?

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, as an ambassador for the American Foundation for the Blind. In her speech, she passionately urged the Lions to support the cause of preventing blindness and aiding the visually impaired.

**She famously challenged them with the words:** "Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?" "Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today," Keller asked Lions members packed into the convention hall. "Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence gone." Keller saved her most stirring words for the end of her speech, hoping that the Lions would partner with the American Foundation for the Blind and lend their support as an organization to those who had lost their sight.

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lion, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind

Her powerful appeal resonated deeply with the Lions, and before the convention ended, they committed themselves to her vision. Since then, Lions Clubs worldwide have dedicated

themselves to vision-related initiatives, including eye care, surgeries, glasses, and research to combat preventable blindness.

. She had no idea just how far the association would take her challenge, Keller's challenge continues to inspire their humanitarian work today.

Lions Clubs International has made a tremendous impact in vision-related humanitarian efforts since taking up Helen Keller's challenge in 1925.

### Here are some of their key contributions:

- **SightFirst Program:** This initiative has helped build comprehensive eye care systems in underserved communities, funding surgeries, treatments, and research to combat preventable blindness.
- **Vision Screenings & Eyeglasses:** Lions Clubs have conducted millions of vision screenings worldwide and provided affordable eyeglasses to those in need.
- **Global Grants & Partnerships:** Through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), they have funded projects like optical clinics in areas where eye care was previously unavailable.
- **Campaign 100:** This ambitious fundraising effort has
- **expanded their focus** beyond vision to include disaster relief, diabetes prevention, childhood cancer, hunger, and environmental causes.

Their work has transformed lives, ensuring that people who once struggled with vision impairment can now see clearly and lead independent lives.



### About World Environment Day

**5 JUNE 2025**

It is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Held annually since 1973, the Day has also become a vital platform for promoting progress on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. With the United Nations Environment

Programme (UNEP) at the helm, over 150 countries participate each year. Major corporations, non-governmental organizations, communities, governments and celebrities from across the world adopt the World Environment Day brand to champion environmental causes.

### The Republic of Korea will host World Environment Day 2025 with a focus on ending plastic pollution globally.

Plastic pollution permeates every corner of the planet—even in our bodies in the form of microplastics. World Environment Day 2025 calls for collective action to tackle plastic pollution.

By drawing inspiration from nature and showcasing real-world solutions, the campaign will encourage individuals, organizations, industries, and governments to adopt sustainable practices that drive systemic change.

This year's World Environment Day comes exactly two months before countries meet again to continue negotiating a global treaty to end plastic pollution.





## KEY POINTS – CABINET MEETING 17 MAY 2025

1. Clubs who have not yet reregistered with Incorporated Societies are urged to do so as soon as possible. First step is to adopt the new standard form club constitution as advised by MD Legal Alan Knowsley. Then submit the newly adopted constitution, a copy of the minutes approving the constitution and fill in the online form. Contact John Whyte if you need further guidance. [jwwhyte@gmail.com](mailto:jwwhyte@gmail.com) phone 021 137 0153. This is a NZ Legal requirement under the updated Incorporated Societies Act 2022. A copy of this constitution with guidance notes will be distributed again in the coming week.
2. Kantabs now have a generic email [kantabs.202e@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:kantabs.202e@lionsclubs.org.nz) Please use plastic bags or grain type bags that are weather proof. Leave some weatherproof club ID labels on your contributions also. Absolutely no beer bottle tops or steel, or pull tags with metal rings – check with a magnet. Aluminium cans must be crushed down to the base (not just squeezed). Keep Kan-tabs in separate containers from wine bottle tops and crushed cans.
3. Email address updated for Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust is now: [LMLCCT.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:LMLCCT.admin@lionsclubs.org.nz)
4. Music Festival still \$3,500 short of our commitment of \$10,000 for sponsor naming rights this year. Further donations from zones 4 to 8 clubs gratefully accepted. Send to District Charitable Trust account.
5. Wondering what historical documents to keep? A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is being drafted for distribution in the new Lions year.
6. Treasurer's checklist, prepared by the District Treasurer Ian Lennie, will be distributed again soon.
7. LCIF donations at the end of March stand at only 43% of clubs have donated. There is still time to donate this year to our Foundation. It is a requirement if you wish to earn the Club Excellence Award. Something worthwhile to aim for.
8. Officer workshops over the next month. A chance to network, share ideas and discuss strategies and solutions. Attendance strongly encouraged. If officers unavailable you are welcome to send other representatives.
9. Written instructions for major projects are suggested as a way to attract and support new

coordinators.

10. 24 clubs (out of 40) have an active Facebook page. A further 8 clubs have an inactive facebook page (have not posted this year). This is our window to the public. Let's improve our public image. Contact Helen Williams: [williams.helen54@gmail.com](mailto:williams.helen54@gmail.com) for support. Put up your public events as the public are looking for these. Also send event posters to District facebook administrator Sarah Flint: [lions202e.facebook@gmail.com](mailto:lions202e.facebook@gmail.com). Post your event poster on other community group pages to increase your reach.

11. Appoint a club marketing chair for the 2025-2026 year. This is essential as in the constitution they are an officer of the club. No experience required – just enthusiasm.

12. Volunteer Week – June 15 th to 21 st . Celebrate your members and their service to the community. Our district GST Neil Johnston challenges us to complete for example, an environment project inviting the public to join in and publicise your event.

13. Clubs are required to keep on file the new member application form on which a member has given written consent to becoming a club member.

14. Club recognition awards from Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust will be delayed due to the unfortunate passing of administration officer PCC Keith Kenderdine.

15. Neuro diverse resources (a power point and booklet) are available by contacting Katie Townsend: [202e.leos@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.leos@lionsclubs.org.nz) or 027 292 6014

16. District Speechmaker contest is being held 16 th June, 10am at Shirley Boys' High School (parking available across the road at Avonside Girls. Contestants aged 16 – 21 years. Contact John Whyte: [jwwhyte@gmail.com](mailto:jwwhyte@gmail.com) or phone 021 137 0153

17. Peace poster enquiries and entries also to be sent to John Whyte.

18. John Whyte will be manning the District Youth email from now on.

19. Christchurch Ferrymead and Christchurch South clubs are merging as the Lions Club of Christchurch South Ferrymead. The Lions club rooms at Ferrymead will still be available for hire by the public and for the use of Lions.

20. Nelson Lioness Lions are to close as from June 30 2025. We thank these women for their 42 years of dedicated service to their community.

21. The Lisa McClaren Appeal is being coordinated through FVDGE Alastair Rankin at New Brighton Club. Contact Alistair on [202e.2vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz](mailto:202e.2vdg@lionsclubs.org.nz) or 021 071 7889

22. Ensure your incoming club officers' names and details are uploaded onto the Lions portal as soon as possible. Check your club meeting times and venues are accurate. The NZ directory is formulated from this information.

23. Check your club roster on the portal is accurate by the middle of June. Your club international dues will be based on this roster as at June 30.

**Helen Williams**  
**District Marcom**

### CODE OF ETHICS

**TO SHOW** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**TO SEEK** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**TO REMEMBER** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's. To be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**WHENEVER** a doubt arises as to the right ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**TO HOLD** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit it is given.

**ALWAYS** bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.

**TO AID** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**TO BE CAREFUL** with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy



## **Santa's Workshop needs workers.**

Perhaps you would enjoy putting some of your practical skills to good use making toys at the workshop. Any one available on Monday or Wednesday mornings will be welcome at our new premises between 9am and 12.30pm. If you can help but the Monday or Wednesday does not suit then give Martin a call and discuss when you would be able to assist. Alternatively if you would prefer to do some work at home please contact Martin Thomson (Workshop Board Representative ) on 027-2604096 and discuss it with him.

We would love to hear from you.

**We were able to manufacture and distribute to needy children nearly 1000 toys at Christmas 2024, a reduced number due to the relocation upheaval. We hope to have a similar number of toys available for distribution again for Christmas 2025 from our newly upgraded premises and hopefully no shutdown for dust problems.**

**Santa Claus Workshop Charitable Trust Inc.**

**c/o 11 Karaka Place, Somerfield, Christchurch 8024  
Newsletter No. 29 ... May 2025**

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## **OUR CHANGEOVER NIGHT - FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025**

**President Dave invites Members, Partners & Guests**

**WEEDONS COUNTRY CLUB - Weedons Ross Rd/McClelland Rd**

**6.00 PM FELLOWSHIP BE SEATED BY 6.30PM**

**Bar available**

**\$30 per person**



**Please reply to Chris Logan Treasurer: [cclogan4@gmail.com](mailto:cclogan4@gmail.com) by 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**Payment by internet banking to:**

**Rolleston Lions**

**Acc # 02-1266-0007669-00**

**Reference your name**

# ADMINISTRATOR WANTED



– NZ Lions Skin Cancer Screening Bus 🦁☀️

Part-time Contract | Up to 10 hours/week | Flexibility + Impact  
Are you a people-person with a knack for keeping things organised?  
Love the idea of being part of something that literally saves lives?  
The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Bus needs YOU!

We're on the lookout for a superstar Administrator to help us get our mobile skin cancer screening service on the road and running smoothly.

## 🔧 What You'll Do:

- Set up systems: Help establish the foundations—think bookings, comms, schedules, and more.
- Coordinate logistics: Work with Lions Clubs to ensure the bus gets where it needs to go (with all the right gear and people).
- Support our mission: Be the behind-the-scenes hero for an initiative that's catching skin cancer early and saving lives.

## 🕒 The Details:

- 10 hours per week (initially—some flexibility required during setup phase)
- Work from anywhere
- Contracted to the LCCT (Lions Clubs Cancer Trust)

## 🎯 You Are:

- Organised, proactive, and happy juggling a few moving parts  
Comfortable with spreadsheets, email coordination, and a bit of creative problem-solving
- Excited to make a difference in community health
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## 🦁 Why Join Us?

You'll be the engine behind a powerful cause, working with passionate volunteers and health professionals to bring vital skin checks to people across the region.

If you require more information or are interested in applying, please email a covering letter and brief CV to Trustee Megan England, [englandm922@gmail.com](mailto:englandm922@gmail.com) before 3pm June 16th.





This Hot Chocolate Fest is an exciting winter fun treat organized by the Ellesmere Promotions Trust in Leeston.

You can buy when you see these businesses at venues at any Selwyn event or at the premises of the others. Then you get to vote on who makes the most delicious one which will be drawn on 12<sup>th</sup> July

#### 101 of the best random fun facts

3. **A cloud weighs around a million tonnes.** A cloud typically has a volume of around  $1\text{km}^3$  and a density of around  $1.003\text{kg per m}^3$  – that's a density that's around 0.4 per cent lower than the air surrounding it (this is how they are able to float).
4. **Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people.** True, there are only five well-documented fatal lightning strikes on giraffes between 1996 and 2010. But due to the population of the species being just 140,000 during this time, it makes for about 0.003 lightning deaths per thousand giraffes each year. This is 30 times the equivalent fatality rate for humans.
5. **Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.** You can't blame your crimes on your twin, after all. This is because environmental factors during development in the womb (umbilical cord length, position in the womb, and the rate of finger growth) impact your fingerprint.
6. **Earth's rotation is changing speed.** It's actually slowing. This means that, on average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century. 600 million years ago a day lasted just 21 hours.
7. **Your brain is constantly eating itself.** This process is called phagocytosis, where cells envelop and consume smaller cells or molecules to remove them from the system. Don't worry! Phagocytosis isn't harmful, but actually helps preserve your grey matter.
8. **The largest piece of fossilised dinosaur poo discovered is over 30cm long and over two litres in volume.** Believed to be a *Tyrannosaurus rex* turd, the fossilised dung (also named a 'coprolite') is helping scientists better understand what the dinosaur ate.
9. **The Universe's average colour is called 'Cosmic latte'.** In a 2002 study, astronomers found that the light coming from galaxies averaged into a beige colour that's close to white.



10. **Animals can experience time differently from humans.** To smaller animals, the world around them moves more slowly compared to humans. Salamanders and lizards, for example, experience time more slowly than cats and dogs. This is because the perception of time depends on how quickly the brain can process incoming information.
11. **Water might not be wet.** This is because most scientists define wetness as a liquid's ability to maintain contact with a solid surface, meaning that water itself is not wet, but can make other objects wet.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU    HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**

**JUNE 2025**

**JIMMI ANDERSON - 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**JOHN JONES - 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**GEMINI ZODIAC SIGN – Date range: May 21 - June 20**

**Gemini are amazing!** Their name says it all:

**G** for generous  
**E** for emotionally in tune  
**M** for motivated  
**I** for imaginative  
**N** for nice  
**I** for intelligent

**Element:** Air

**Colour:** Light-Green, Yellow

**Day:** Wednesday

**Ruler:** Mercury

**Lucky Numbers:** 2, 3, 15, 20

**Flowers:** White Rose, Orchid

**Lucky Gem:** Pearl & Ruby

**Gemini likes:** Music, books, magazines, chats with nearly anyone, short trips around the town

**Gemini dislikes:** Being alone, being confined, repetition and routine

Expressive and quick-witted, Gemini represents two different personalities in one and you will never be sure which one you will face. They are sociable, communicative and ready for fun, with a tendency to suddenly get serious, thoughtful and restless. They are fascinated with the world itself, extremely curious, with a constant feeling that there is not enough time to experience everything they want to see.

**Boost Your Knowledge! DID YOU KNOW?**

Birds do not urinate.

Horses and cows sleep while standing.

The bat is the only mammal capable of flight. Its leg bones are so thin that it cannot walk.

Even when a snake's eyes are closed, it can still see through its eyelids.

Despite their fluffy white fur, Polar Bears actually have black skin.

The average housefly lives only 2 to 3 weeks.

For every human, there are approximately one million ants.

A small amount of alcohol on a scorpion will drive it insane and cause it to sting itself to death.

Alligators and sharks can live for up to 100 years.

A honeybee has two stomachs: one for honey and one for food.

Elephants weigh less than the tongue of a blue whale. A blue whale's heart is the size of a car. Blue whales are the largest creatures to ever roam the Earth.

A cockroach can survive for about a week without its head before dying of starvation.

When a dolphin is sick or injured, its cries of distress prompt other dolphins to assist, helping it surface to breathe.

A snail can sleep for up to 3 years.

The fastest bird, the spine-tailed swift, can fly at speeds of up to 106 mph. (The peregrine falcon is even faster at 390 km/h or 108 mph.)

A cow produces nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.

The average outdoor cat lives only 3 years, while indoor-only cats can live 16 years or longer.

Sharks are immune to every disease, including cancer.

A mosquito's proboscis has 47 sharp edges to help it cut through skin and even protective clothing.

The human brain has a memory capacity of over 2.5 million petabytes, equivalent to 2,500,500 gigabytes. Knowledge is Power!



### Here are 5 facts about Matariki:

- Matariki is the Māori name for the Pleiades star cluster.
- The cluster of stars known as Matariki marks the Māori New Year.
- Matariki is observed in June or July.
- Matariki is a time for remembrance, celebration, and looking forward.
- It is an official public holiday in New Zealand.
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### What is Matariki full name?

Matariki is an abbreviation of 'Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea' ('The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea') and refers to a large cluster of stars, known in some European traditions as the Pleiades.

### Will Matariki always be on the same date?

The Matariki public holiday dates fall on the closest Friday to the Tangaroa lunar period during the lunar month of Pipiri. Tangaroa is not a single phase of the moon but rather the last quarter period of the lunar calendar. Because of this, the dates to celebrate Matariki will differ from year to year.

### What is the theme for Matariki 2025?

The theme for Matariki in 2025 is Matariki ki te Wai, which translates to "Matariki and Water". This theme focuses on celebrating the connection between people and water, honoring the life-giving and spiritual role of wai (water) in te ao Māori (the Māori world).

Matariki ki te Wai is inspired by the stars Waitī (freshwater), Waitā (saltwater), and Waipuna-ā-rangi (rain) within the Matariki cluster. These stars represent the importance of freshwater, saltwater, and rainfall in the natural world and the cycles that sustain life.



In addition to the main theme, the theme also emphasizes the importance of honoring the past, cherishing the present, and looking ahead with hope, and celebrating Matariki together.



## BLACK FRIDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

Watch those ladders!!!

This is the last one for 2025 next one isn't till February 2026

### BULLETIN MARG'S PLAY WITH THIS MONTH'S WORDS

Hi Everyone

Well folks the first day of Winter today brr roll on summer I say!!!

My PC is finally up and running at top form after finding out that my hard drive was dying and I was lucky not to have lost everything including last months bulletin.

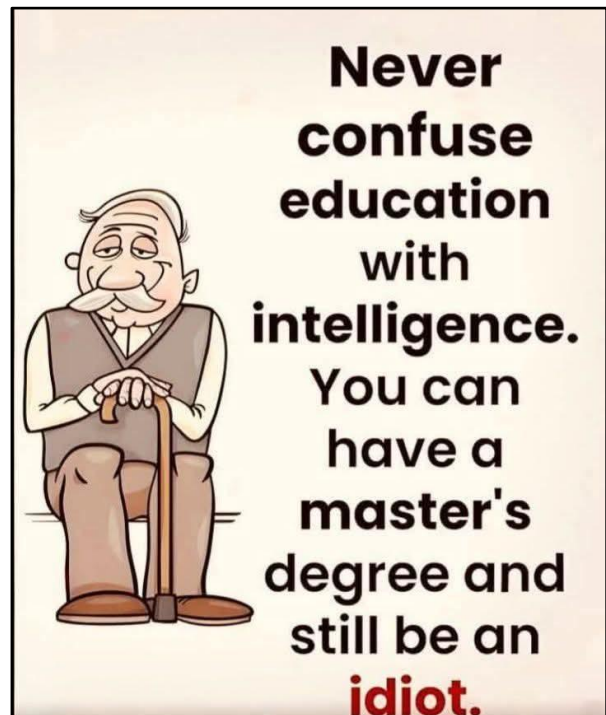
Looking forward to our Changeover night always a great lot of fun especially at the naughty table.

See you all on Wednesday.

Marg 😊

### DATES OF IMPORTANCE - PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR

- 01 June - 1<sup>st</sup> day of Winter
- 02 June - King Charles Weekend
- 04 June - OUR TEA MEETING
- 05 June - World Environment Day
- 06 June - ROCK RAFFLES
- 13 June - Black Friday
- 13 June - ROCK RAFFLES
- 15 – 21 June National Volunteer Week
- 18 June - OUR BOARD MEETING
- 20 June - Matariki
- 21 June - Shortest Day
- 27 June - OUR CHANGEOVER NIGHT
- 27 June - ROCK RAFFLES
- 27 June - Helen Keller Day
- 28 June - School Holidays begin
  
- 02 July - OUR TEA MEETING
- 16 July - OUR BOARD MEETING



Santa Parade - 7 December 2025