



JUNE 2025

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3rd VP: Toni Thompson

2nd Year Director: Steve Daly

1st Year Director: Mark McSkimming

1st Year Director: Emile Venter

Membership Chair: Rae Treloar

Tail Twister: Sandra Wylie

Lion Tamer: Neil Wech

Administrator: Warren Dobbs

Bulletin Editor: Warren Dobbs

Meeting Venue

Showgate, Riccarton Racecourse unless otherwise advised, 6.00pm for 6.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Board meeting is the 4th Tuesday of the month at Hornby Club, 7.00 pm..

Meals - Payment/Apologies

If you are unable to attend a tea meeting you must contact Secretary Dennis Lay **by 5.00 pm Sunday prior to the tea meeting.**

Failure to put in an apology in time will result in you being charged \$24 for your meal.

PAYMENT OPTION: You can prepay for your meal via online banking to the club's admin account (020874 0283080 000) – a number of members are taking this option which makes the Lion Tamer job on the night easier.

Greetings from President Debbie

May has gone so fast. Ivan and I had the opportunity to go watch "The Play That Goes Wrong". It was fabulous, great physical comedy as well as the verbal and looking around the audience everyone else was also enjoying themselves.

Thanks to the Social committee for the delicious Chinese dinner - loved the duck..

Thanks to the Program committee for having Greg Rhodes back to give a very insightful talk.

Some "key points" from the Cabinet meeting held 17th May

***District Speechmaker contest to be held at Shirley Boy's Hight School , Monday 16th Jun 10.00am - parking available across the road at Avonside Girls.**

Christchurch Ferrymead and Christchurch South Clubs are merging and will be known as the The Lions Club of Ferrymead.

Nelson Lioness Club are to close as from June 30th after 42 years of service.

John Whyte is now overseeing the district Youth.

At the board meeting the committee decided to donate

\$500 Christchurch Music Festival

\$500 Santa Claus workshop

\$1000 Hornby High School Japan trip (contingent upon them confirming this)

\$300 Festival of Flowers

\$500 Hoon Hay Food Bank

Remember to book in Tuesday 17th June with your partner to come along to the "changeover" and let Secretary Dennis know numbers by Sunday 5.00 pm of that week.

Keep warm and well and I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

**Yours in Lionism
Debbie Emmerson
President**

Wigram Lions Club Duties for June

03 June

Greeters: Noel Scherp
Alister Scott

Invocation: Alastair McDowell

Guest Speaker: Judy Marbeck

Introduction: Robin Andersen

Thanks: Toni Thompson

17 June Changeover

Greeters: Dave Smith
Emile Venter

Invocation: Rae Treloar

3 Minute Forum:

If you know you will be away for the meeting you are rostered on for, please ring and ask a fellow Lion to replace you and notify Programmes chair to make changes to their roster.

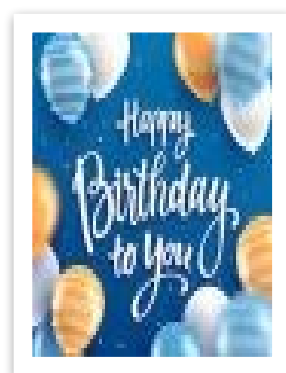
Health & Welfare:

If you know of a Club member or their partner who is unwell, please let Lion Peter Reedy know, and he will send a card.



Birthdays this month – June

13th Trevor Sennitt



Changeover Tuesday 17 June

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Up coming Event.

Wigram Lions Club- behind the scenes tour of the Airforce Museum.

14 June, 1pm. Cost is \$5.

Confirmed numbers required at next Tea Meeting.



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A man was carrying two babies, one in each arm, while waiting for a train...

A woman was walking past when she noticed the babies.

"Aren't they cute?!" she exclaimed, "What are their names?"

The man gave her an impatient look and said, "I don't know."

"Which is the boy and which is the girl?" she asked.

The man again replied, "I don't know."

"Well, how old are they?" she persisted.

With an annoyed expression on his face, the man said, "I have no idea."

Shocked and appalled, the woman began to scold the him.

"What kind of father are you?!" she said.

The man replied, "I'm not their father... I'm just a condom salesman and these are two complaints that I'm taking back to my company."

KANTABS COLLECTION AT KEVIN HICKMAN VILLAGE

Over the four years that Anita & I have lived at the village we started asking at Happy Hours for the wine bottle tops to be saved so that I could collect them for the Kantab Project. Villagers became curious about why we were collecting them and began asking if aluminium cans were any good.

One of the Villagers in the “Silent Achiever” Apartment building approached me about a collection point in the basement beside the Rubbish bins. I have provided the bin in the photograph. The villager did the Artwork and the directions on the top. We did a letter drop to each of the apartments and its working. In just over six weeks three bags of cans and wine bottle tops have been collected. One bag shown in the second photo is a full bag before the foot crushing occurs.

When we come home from holiday I will work on the same process in the second Apartment Block.



You will see a second bin our laundry which is holding other collects of tops and cans. Many of these ones are coming from the Anthony Wilding Village and delivered to me by Darrell Daish at the Breakfast Club meetings.

Norm James



Trailer full of Kan Tabs and a pallet of glasses for recycling to Cromwell Lions Club

Reminder re Kan Tabs:

No beer bottle tops or pull tags with metal rings.

Cans must be crushed down to the base, and *tabs* can be kept on or separated.

Please keep Kan Tabs, wine bottle tops, and crushed cans in separate containers.

All containers to be weatherproof bags, etc. Please, NO paper bags and cardboard boxes, and please, NO “Biodegradable” plastic bags. They fall apart on us.

Thank you to all members for your ongoing support. We appreciate your cooperation in assisting us as per the guide points above.

Regards

Dave Smith

Club Business Card

We now have business cards for members to give out when talking to people about Lions and the Wigram Club. They will be at club meetings so you can grab a few to put in your wallet.

Thanks to Hamish Southcott ph 027 4160187 (Alister's nephew) for doing the design work.







Do you recognise this person?? A well known Lion, but not in his usual attire!

**I KNOW THE VOICES
IN MY HEAD AREN'T REAL
BUT BOY DO THEY
COME UP WITH SOME
GREAT IDEAS**

The Genie

A 60 year old husband and wife were walking along the beach when they stumbled upon a lamp in the sand.

They picked it up and upon wiping the sand away a genie popped out. "Because you have freed me, I'll grant you each one wish." The genie said.

The wife thought for a moment and said

"Years ago I found an old clock washed up on the beach, it's beautiful but never worked." The genie waved his hand and almost at once the tolling of the clock could be heard from their house over the hill.

Delighted, the woman ran towards the house to see it.

The man smiled after his wife and said,

"I've had a long wonderful marriage, but I've always wanted a wife 30 years younger than I."

The genie waved his hand and POOF he was 90!

Community Betterment Report

At the board meeting the committee approved donations of:

\$500 Christchurch Music Festival

\$500 Santa Claus workshop

\$1000 Hornby High School Japan trip (contingent upon them confirming this)

\$300 Festival of Flowers

\$500 Hoon Hay Food Bank (to assist after robbery)

Warren Dobbs

Community Betterment Chair

PROJECTS REPORT June 2025 Bulletin

- 1. Refurbishing the original “Lions Seats” in the Goulding Avenue, Hornby playground.**
A work in progress. Currently staining the first two refurbished seat backs.
- 2. Halswell BBQ Project – Weekly on Sunday afternoons with Anita Co-ordinating.**
John Hobson is really enjoying looking after the roster while Anita is away on holiday. A little bit more enthusiasm from Members in the form of positive replies to his messages looking for last minute help would make his job a lot easier.
- 3. Lion Mints – Pam Boyles in charge. A good earner.**
- 4. Verkerks Samples – Barry Burgess looking after. Hope everybody taking part took the time to complete the latest survey. Please avoid upsetting Mr Burgess!!**
- 5. Nga Puna Wai Parking Projects.**
We had Graeme Halliwell speak at our 6th May meeting, primarily to thank us on behalf Halswell Club for helping with manpower for their parking projects.
He brought with him a schedule of income from the last six assignments, from Nov. 2024 to date. Total income \$12,796 with \$6,055 coming to Wigram.
A big thanks to all members who took part.

6. Our next parking project looks to be: -
Primary School Sports Canterbury Cross Country – Wednesday 18 June 2025
 Details still to come to hand but please save the date.
7. **Motorhome Show - 24 & 25 May 2025**
 This is an annual event held at Wolfbrook Arena, Addington. We had 10 Members and 1 Friend manning our posts over the two days last weekend. The Saturday was very busy and the Sunday, not so much. Have made a note to have more Lionpower on hand on the Saturday next year and less on Sunday.
 Yes, we received a very good report card from the organisers and have been invited back for their 2026 event.
8. **Possible Christmas Tree project**
 A new project worth investigating. Rae Treloar has access to a number of small pine trees suitable for potting up into bags for sale as perpetual Christmas trees. They would come very cheap and could be sold for \$10+. Would need soil, plastic bags and site to work at and store the trees pending sale. Say 100 initially. More info. to come.

Steve Daly and John Winder Co-Chairs

Here is a list of Projects and Activities we have completed during the month of **May**. Great work, everyone who has participated.

May 27, 2025	Christchurch Schools' Music Festival \$500	May 27, 2025	Donation
May 27, 2025	LMLCCT \$500	May 27, 2025	Donation
May 27, 2025	LCIF \$500	May 27, 2025	Donation
May 27, 2025	Hoon Hay Food Bank \$500	May 27, 2025	Donation
May 27, 2025	Santa Claus Workshop \$500	May 27, 2025	Donation
May 27, 2025	Board Meeting	May 27, 2025	Meeting
May 25, 2025	Motorhome Show	May 24, 2025	Fundraiser

May 25, 2025	bbq	May 25, 2025	Fundraiser
May 20, 2025	Business meeting	May 20, 2025	Meeting
May 11, 2025	bbq	May 11, 2025	Fundraiser
May 6, 2025	tea meeting	May 6, 2025	Meeting
May 6, 2025	Cheer leaders donation \$300	May 6, 2025	Donation
May 4, 2025	bbq	May 4, 2025	Fundraiser



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 worth while 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.

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 Wigram 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 Lions, 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.

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. 3 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/>