
From Us to You

AS THE END OF YEAR COMES TO AN END



A message from Selwyn Central Community Care

Well, the year is drawing to a close but we still have some events happening before Christmas. If you can make it for the Santa Parade on Sunday 1st December, we would love to see you there. The Lions have also allowed us to have a stall there so we can do our pikelet fundraiser there as well. Please come and say hello if you can.

Through a magnificent application to Lottery Community Funding by Agnes we have been given money to purchase a collapsible wheelchair (which can go in the van) and a defibrillator (which will be in the van permanently). My thought is 'if you have it, you won't have to use it'. If you require the wheelchair for a short term, it will be available on a donation basis. It can be dropped off and picked up for you. Remember we also have walkers available as well.

Thank you to our volunteers who are manning the BBQ at Mitre 10. Also, at Motorfest, there will be 4 of us selling pikelets and shoes and others have volunteered to assist the Motorfest committee. Because of that our site is free. Fantastic team work.

What a great month we have had through November. 3 x coffee drives, 2 x lunch drives (city trip to ride the trams & gondola ride to have lunch at the top) 1 x day drive to Te Awa Awa rhododendron reserve (Methven). As I write this we are preparing to finish the month with an overnight trip to the White Heron colony at Okarito. (All looking forward to this trip)





Now for December, there are three outings scheduled >>>

> **The first to have lunch at Ballantyne's** and spend some time wandering through the store to see the Christmas displays and perhaps do a little bit of shopping. Dates are **Wednesday 4th & Friday 6th of December**. The response to this activity offered in the November newsletter, was better than thought, so a second day has been put in place. For those of you that have already put your name on this outing, can you look at the 2 days offered and let me know which you prefer? There are too many to all go on the 6th, so it would be a big help if you are able to change to the 4th and let me know.

>> The Second outing is to see **Wicked the movie** on **Tuesday 3rd December** PICK UP STARTS AT 2PM FOR THE MOVIE AT 4PM you will be going to HOYTS CINEMA RIC CARTON. It is a 3 hour movie so you might wish to pack so goodies to nibble on. Entry for Seniors is \$20.00 and \$5.00 to cover van costs please.

>>> The Third outing is to have **lunch on the Kaiapo River Queen (paddle steamer boat)** The date for this is **Thursday 12th December**. Depending on interest for this, I am more than happy to do two days for this , the second to be advised. Cost for this is \$65 + \$10 (Van) which includes lunch and a drink. A nice way to finish the year with perhaps a little Christmas cheer. If you are interested in either of these outings, please let me know so that I can confirm the arrangements.





Now a big question to you all for overnight trips through 2025. I have a number of destinations in mind so I need some help to determine which we are going to do. What I would like you all to do is let me know which of these you would be interested in going on, and the ones with most interest will be looked at. There is no limit to trips you can choose, the ones picked will be from the most popular. Probably 7 to 9 spread through the year.

They are:

1 x night

- > Oamaru (penguin watch, historic Oamaru & Dots Castle.),
- > Hokitika (Hokitika Gorge walk, Treetop walk, visit Hokitika.)
- > Hanmer. (Hot pools, Forest walk, visit Hanmer.)

2 x nights

- > Picton (Ch-Ch/Picton Rail, wine trail, visit Picton & Blenheim.)
- > Dunedin (Albatross colony, Larnachs Castle, Taieri Gorge Train.)
- > Reefton (Westport, Punakaiki, Greymouth.)
- > Westport (Karamea, Old coal mines & historic areas, Punakaiki & Greymouth.)
- > Pelorus Sound. (Havelock North, Pelorus mail boat, Picton/Blenheim.)
- > Molesworth. (Hanmer, drive The Molesworth, Kaikoura.)
- > Nelson/Takaka. (Nelson City, Takaka, Farewell Spit.)
- > Wellington. (Activities to be determined. Possibly - Wearable Arts, Te Papa Museum, visit Parliament Buildings, lots of other options.)

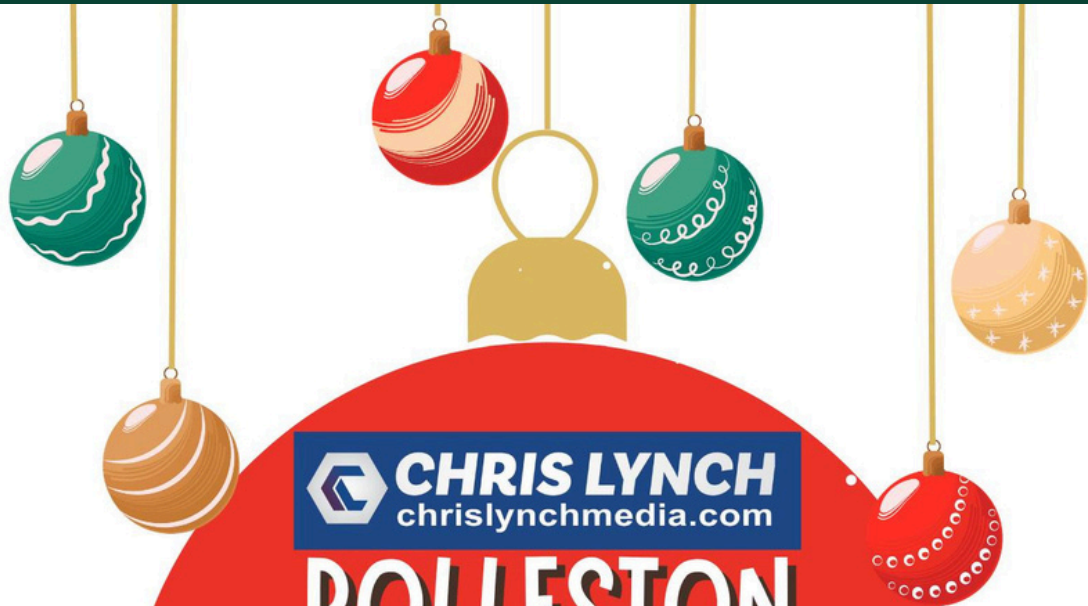
3 x nights

- > Central Otto (Autumn colours, Visit Wanda, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Cromwell and Alexandra)
- > Haast/Central Otago. (Would include travelling through South Westland. The itinerary for this trip to be determined with those interested)
- > The Catlins (Longer trip, maybe 4 nights. Again, itinerary to be determined)

I am also looking for other destinations, so if you have any ideas that you think could be worthwhile, I would love to hear them.

To finish, a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all. It has been a pleasure. arranging and travelling with you all through this past year. I am looking forward to putting in place the next trips/adventures that I know you will all enjoy. It will be interesting to receive your response to the suggested destinations.





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1st December 2024

11am - 4pm behind
Te Ara Ātea (Library)
Parade at 2pm on
Tennyson Street

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