

Annie Jacobs



Back left: Annette Garde, Brian and Lori Sheehan, Emma, Sophia and Dave Maw.
 Front: Annabelle and Toby Maw, inset Pete Garde



It was an absolute thrill, privilege and honour for Methven Lions to host International Lions President and his wife, Brian and Lori Sheehan in Methven last week.

Brian officially opened the newly refurbished Methven Walkway, which the Lions have been working on in recent months. This was poignant for the Garde and Maw families as Methven Lion the late Pete Garde was instrumental in the upgrading works, and a seat has been commissioned in honour of their much-loved husband, father and granddad.

Recently appointed as the International President, during his opening address Brian described the work of Lions worldwide saying, "The people who say it can't be done shouldn't be interrupting the ones who are."

That aptly describes Ron Smith, who was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by Brian last Friday. Ron was sponsored into Lions by Rod Clibborn and rose through the ranks in five years.

"Ron is known for arriving at Lions activities with half of his company's machinery," said Ian Ridge, Methven Lions President. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is the highest award you can receive in Lions for service and contribution to your community and the Club.

Methven Lions has participated in and contributed to dozens of community projects, and are well known for having started the now famous skifield on Mount Hutt. It was Methven Lion George Currie who initiated the very popular Methven Walkway.

Brian encouraged the Lions in their vision, to share the joy of being a Lion, appreciate the number of members they have, and to think huge things out of the box - that's what your club does, make firm your foundations, advocating for what you do.

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TUESDAY and FRIDAY

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY

Methven Toy Library 10.30am-1pm
Methven Green Waste drop off,
Vaughans Rd, 12.30pm-2.30pm

SATURDAY

Methven Toy Library 9.30am-12noon
Methven Public Library 10-11am
AA Meeting Methven Primary School
Library, 6pm

SUNDAY

Methven Green Waste drop off,
Vaughans Rd, 12.30pm-2.30pm

JULY

- 16 Topp Friends Dinner & Show
- 22-24 Ashburton Glow in the Park
- 28 U3A-Abbas Nazari, ex Tampa
refugee, Ash Event Centre

AUGUST

- 5-6 Methven Craft Fair, 10am-4pm
- 13 White Out
- 26 Daffodil Day

UPCOMING

- 4 Sept Fathers Day
- 5 Nov Hororata Highland Games
- 3-4 Dec Methv. Cricket Club 125 years

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On the Methven Walkway Bridge over Mt Harding Stream

"We don't do it for praise, but do it for others," said Brian.

Methven Lions presented Brian and Lori with a pounamu toki (a greenstone toki), and a copy of their 50 years of Lions book. The toki are significant because when a person touches it, it is believed that part of the person's mauri (life force or special nature) is imparted and goes with the toki for the wearer. All of the Methven Lions touched the tokis.

Brian encouraged the group to actively seek new members.

"Lions is not your Dad's old club any more," he said. "If meetings aren't your thing, don't come to those, but come and help serve on the community projects – that's most important."



Ron Smith receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award



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He described Lions as largely being about advocating for their communities' needs, and exhorted Lions groups to ask their local communities what they want to see being done in their areas.

Lions is not just for men, but women as well. Lori has leadership training with Lions, having been one for the last 24 years, served as President working in their district in Minnesota, USA, and worked with Youth, Leadership and Development programmes.

During the visit, Brian presented other awards including a Peace Award to Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan, for Ashburton District Council.

If you are interested in joining Methven Lions go to: <https://methvenlions.nz> or contact Patrick Murray 021 303 114.