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|  | **All Lions, partners, and Leos are cordially invited to attend the 202J annual convention in Oamaru from 4th – 6th April 2025** **Newsletter #2** | A round sticker with a building and a penguin  Description automatically generated |

**Registrations:**

Registrationforms can be downloaded from202j.convention@lionsclubs.org.nz

Registrations & Payments close **20th March 2025**. Please note that due to recent changes in banking requirements the account name for payments is **Lions Club of Oamaru Inc.** All other details are as per the registration form.

**Programme:**

Friday: Meet & Greet, a chance to meet up with fellow delegates and complete registration. 6.00pm – 8.00pm Oamaru Club.

Saturday: Registrations 7.30am – 9.00am Oamaru Club.

Opening Ceremony and business session. Call to order 8.00am, all seated by 8.20am.

 At the conclusion of the business session there will be an opportunity to join a guided tour of Parkside quarry, which is the last Oamaru Stone quarry operating in the Otago region. Transport to and from the site will be provided but numbers are limited so register early if you want to visit this site.

 Partners Tour. A walking tour of Oamaru’s historic precinct and harbour area with opportunity to explore the interesting shops and galleries in the area. Includes morning tea and lunch.

Dine & Dance. Don your glad rags and join us in the heart of the historic precinct for the White Stone dine & dance with live music at the Loan and Mercantile building in Harbour Street. Social from 6.00pm, dinner 6.30pm.

Sunday: Remembrance/Dedication Service. All seated by 10.20am.

 This will be followed by the transfer of flags and a light lunch.

 Please note if family members are staying for lunch, the family or club will need to pay for the lunch.

**Conference Accommodation:**

Please note that there are other events on in Oamaru at the same time as our convention. We strongly recommend that you book your accommodation in Oamaru now. There are a lot of motels and short-term accommodation
(Air BnB) options. Below is just a selection of motel options. Some operators are holding rooms so we recommend that you contact them now by phone to make your booking as some held rooms will not show as available on the internet.

* The Mews 03 434 3437
* AAA Thames Court Motel 03 434 6963
* Asure Ambassador Motor Lodge 03 437 2146
* Bella Vista Motel 03 434 2400
* Colonial Lodge Motel & Apartments 03 437 0999
* Midway Motel 03 434 5388
* Mariner Suites 03 434 7788
* Northstar Motels 03 437 1191 extension 2
* Oamaru Motor Lodge Their preference is for you to email them at info@oamarumotorlodge.co.nz

**Restaurants:**

* Fat Sallys, 84 Thames St.
* Del Mar, 16 Waterfront Rd.
* Cucina, 1 Tees St.
* Star & Garter, 9 Itchen St.
* Last Post, 12 Thames St.
* Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames St.
* North Star Motel, 495A Thames Highway.
* Riverstone Kitchen, 18km north of Oamaru on SH1.

There are also numerous cafes in the CBD and Historic precinct.

**Places of interest:**

* Historic Precinct, with its collection of shops, art galleries, and cafes, craft breweries, Steampunk HQ, and the iconic Criterion Hotel.
* Oamaru Harbour, which is home to the largest colony of Otago’s only endemic seabird, the Otago Shag/Matapo. It is also home to the Little Blue Penguin colony, and NZ Fur Seals which can normally be seen basking on the rocks below the Blue Penguin viewing platform.
* Thames Street CBD, which has a number of Victorian buildings including the Opera House, Court House, Waitaki Museum, and Forester Art Gallery which is housed in the old Bank of New South Wales building.
* Sunday farmers market beside Scott’s Brewery in Tyne Street.
* Janet Frame’s House, 56 Eden Street.
* Riverstone Castle and gift shop, 18km north of Oamaru on SH1.
* Moeraki Boulders, 38km south of Oamaru on SH1.
* Fossil World and Elephant Rocks, 43km west of Oamaru on SH83

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