

Lions Club of Minnamurra



Fishy Tales

August 2026 Newsletter

Report from the President

Firstly, a big thank you to Paul and Bill who covered for me whilst I had NSWVGA duties at Forster and Merimbula in July.

It was good to see that Bugle newspaper did a good story on KHS students doing a tree planting activity on 5 sites in our LGA. Minnamurra Lions did a BBQ for the hard working tree planters. Thank you to Ross and the others who assisted doing this BBQ.

We are supporting a food outlet called "The Everyday Table", operating at Nth Kiama Neighbourhood Centre that does lunches and discount groceries for those in need. This group was televised on WIN TV news last Wednesday (August 5)

Colin Blanchard, who passed away 5 years ago was one of our club's original founding members. His wife Helen, sadly passed away on July 28 and I attended her funeral last Monday at Leura.

Kevin Bolack is going into hospital for some heart surgery and we wish him well and for a speedy recovery.

A group of members headed by Rod, have done a great shine and polish job on our Lions BBQ trailer getting it spick and span for coming BBQ's. The weekend of August 16 is a busy one for our club having both a Kiama Market BBQ and a football gate duty at Kiama Showground (Nowra vs Kiama). Well done to all the volunteers that were able to staff these two events on Sunday.

Looking ahead we need 8 volunteers to do gate duty on Aug 30. Volunteering on gate duty sees our club get paid into our administration account to help our admin costs and Lions fees.

A big thank you to George who has arranged a musical night out at **Shoalhaven Theatre**. Martin Coffee has also spoken about members (& family) having a few days away at Huskisson in caravans, motorhomes or cabins in mid November (about 17-20 Nov).

Run Shellharbour with around 2000 runners is on again on **Sunday 27 September**. For our part, we have members doing marshal point duty along the course and a few doing car parking duties. Our club is paid on a per volunteer basis, again for our administration account.

Our Lions dinner meeting was well attended with members wearing Hawaiian shirts to celebrate the Vice District Governor John Wood's visit. He gave heaps of praise to our club for community work done, charity fundraising activities, and the healthy vibes of Minnamurra Lions Club. John installed our new member, Peter Stearn. Good to see John Larkin our Zone Chairman here as well.

Our treasurer Mike states that our club is financially very healthy and has made significant charity donations. For the last financial year, our Lions BBQ's yielded a net profit of almost \$32 grand. Hey, that is a lot of snags and Egg /Bacon rolls cooked on our BBQ by members. Well done Team Minnamurra Lions!

Our Board meeting was attended by 1st Vice District Governor John Wood and Zone Chair John Larkins and they were suitably impressed with our administration and Lions club operation.

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Denis Beynon was pleased with the donation of 35 sets of reading glasses from Brian from his family. These glasses are sorted, repaired and donated to those in need in our neighboring Pacific Islands like Fiji, West Samoa and Vanuatu. If you have any older sets of glasses that are no longer needed, then please pass them onto Denis. I also collect titanium ring pull offs from cans. These are used for Wheelchair manufacture.

One of the many things done in our Board meeting was to pass a motion to approve all our standard signature Lions activities throughout the year covering all BBQ's, Return and Earn, Eye Health screening, Run Shellharbour, Rugby League Gate, Repair / maintenance and community work done by members of our club. Any new activity does require Board approval and notation.

Many other things were discussed at the board meeting including providing training for board members (and potential ones); a succession plan for club office bearers; Lions Christmas Cakes and puddings; encouraging members to use the club website & portal; Entertainment Books; and lastly would anyone like to attend our **District Convention (7&8 Nov)** at Fairy Meadow? Don't rush me

On Sat (Aug 15), Phil and I attended our Zone Lions Meeting at Bomaderry with clubs from Minnamurra to Jervis Bay in attendance.

Our next Dinner meeting is at Kiama Golf Club on **Tues Aug 25** and our spouses are invited to attend. Our guest speaker will talk about services, government agencies and caring for seniors in our community. Get your RSVP's in ASAP.

Your President John

TEN QUESTIONS

Member - **Franca Lyon.** Joined Minnamurra Lions in June 2025.

* Franca was born in Broken Hill and attended Saints Peter and Paul's infants and St Johns primary school in Broken Hill, while her high schooling was at Saint Joseph's Girls High with a year at Broken Hill High.

* After school she attended Mitchell CAE at Bathurst and studied primary school teaching.

* Her favourite job was teaching kindergarten age Vietnamese refugee boat children at Chester Hill in Sydney.

* She met her husband Bill at a BBQ at mutual friend's house in 1989.

* She has a daughter Chiara.

* Franca goes by the nickname Frankie and her favourite hobby is gardening.

* She has an eclectic taste in music but disco would be her favourite genre. The movies she enjoys are too many to mention.

* Small children bring her joy and her garden, flowering plants and vegies.

Member - **Peter Jamieson.** Joined Minnamurra Lions in June 2026.

* Peter was born at Dooralong and attended primary school at Dooralong and Terrigal while his high schooling was at Erina High.

* After leaving high school he attended Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

* His best job was working for the Environmental Protection Authority because of the results achieved in halting pollution and improving environmental outcomes.

* He met his wife Julie at work and they have two children a boy and a girl.

* Peter goes by the nickname Jamo and his current favourite pastime is swimming though he also spends a bit of time on his bike.

* Favourite movie is The Castle and the thing that brings him most joy is his swimming.

Lions Club of Minnamurra - Calendar 2026/2027

August 2026

- 3 Monday - National Tree Day – Assist Kiama High School with BBQ lunch at Kendalls Beach – Ross Thompson to coordinate.
- 5 Wednesday – Trailer Cleaning Working Bee – Rod to coordinate
- 11 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 11 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm. 1VDG John Woods to attend OBO the DG's Team.
- 16 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 16 Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates - 10.30am start. Outdoor Events Committee to coordinate.
- 25 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Mixed Night with Partners.** Guest Speaker Alain Adolphe - Uniting Care.
- 29 Social evening at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Gorge Gray to coordinate
- 30 Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates - 10.30am start. Outdoor Events Committee to coordinate.

September 2026

- 8 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 8 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm
- 20 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 22 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 27 Sunday Shellharbour Fun Run – John Knox to coordinate. Details TBC

October 2026

- 5 Monday – **POSSIBLE EXTRA** Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 13 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 13 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm
- 18 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 27 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**

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Latest up-date 30/7/2026

REMEMBER

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CARER'S CORNER

The following members / member's partners are unwell or have a health challenge

Roger Millburn

Kevin Bolack

Sue Groves

Please notify Hugh Sail or Franca Lyon if you know of anyone who should be on this list

RECENT CLUB EVENTS

TREE PLANTING DAY

Seven MLC volunteers cooked and served sausage sandwiches to approximately one hundred year 7 Kiama High School students for the National Tree Planting Day.

After all their hard work students arrived to participate in the sausage sizzle at Kendalls Beach.



Our Local Member and the Lord Mayor were also in attendance to congratulate all the students in planting hundreds of trees.

Trees were planted on the headlands at Gerringong, Loves Bay , Bombo, Minnamurra and inland at Jamberoo.

Another very successful and rewarding day for all those that participated.

RECENT CLUB EVENTS

At our Dinner Meeting on Tuesday 11 Aug we were visited by VDG John Woods pictured here being welcomed by President John Knox.



VDG John Woods had the honour of inducting our newest member, Peter Stearn,



Peter's sponsor, Martin pinned On his member badge.

Peter looked quite concerned...

Don't bl**dy miss, Mate!

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Got any good jokes, images or stories? Please email Steve@omrod.com and see them here (maybe, possibly, who knows).



A patient buying cigarettes from his hospital bed, 1950s



This is why Shetland ponies never caught on in Wyoming.

