

# Lions Club of Minnamurra



## Fishy Tales

### October 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to the October 2021 edition of Fishy Tales - our club newsletter.

This is the new editors third attempt at producing the Lions Club newsletter so please provide feedback on the production. I hope that you enjoy reading it!

### President's Report

OCTOBER 2021 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was an obvious sense of relief as our first face to face dinner meeting in months got underway at the Kiama Golf Club on October 12.

While the club was restricted to 20 members (we actually had 21, but don't tell anyone!), it was a really fun night, where our Tail Twister Bill was let loose to rain fines and sometimes very risqué jokes on the assembled crew.

I am looking forward to the time when all members of the Minnamurra Lions Club are able to enjoy dinner nights and other social activities as our nation comes to grips with COVID 19.

The MLC Board has been active despite the many obstacles the pandemic has created.

Clive Pickering has tendered his resignation from the Board for personal reasons but has assured me he will remain an active member of the club. I want to thank Clive for his service on the Board.

At our next dinner meeting on October 26 the club will host a very special guest in 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Norm Fountain. Hopefully, the restriction on attendance numbers may have eased somewhat by then.

The club is still waiting for an official response from Kiama Council to our proposal centering around the daily opening of the Bike Skills Quarry gates, but the signs during our negotiations were positive. Stay tuned.

As you will see from the updated club calendar, the opening up of NSW is going to lead to a couple of very busy months.

The next market BBQ at Black Beach looks certain to go ahead on Sunday November 14, and the Kiama Mens' Shed which will co-host the event has indicated it is ready and willing to turn out on the day.

Our last BBQ at Black Beach for the year will be held on December 19. A call for volunteers to fill both rosters should be out shortly.

Finally, we have just 17 orders for Lions Christmas cakes. The window for orders will be closing as we get closer to Christmas so if you want to place an order contact Lion Nesbitt ASAP.

Stay safe.

Paul

# Latest News

## Mixed Cocktail Party /Soiree/Drinks Night

Dear Fellows - just a reminder about our drinks on **Friday 12th November** at Kiama [yes Kiama } Surf Club at 6pm . At present it looks like we will be able to do it . Under present rules I think we can have 50 outdoors but if it was a wedding we could have 100 {any volunteers } . If it rains will have to check the rules on numbers but here,s hoping it will be fine . Just bring along your own drinks and perhaps some nibbles . Everyone would have to be fully vaxed . Would probably order some pizzas delivered about 7 .15 for those who want to partake but if you just want to have a drink and go home for dinner that,s fine . Will need numbers closer to time for those coming and those want to eat and will send out email about 2 weeks out .Hoping to have a cocktail for sale at modest prices . Please put night in your diaries . Brian .

## International Uni Students Assistance

I notice from the District newsletter that Canberra Clubs are assisting uni students who have had no work and no job assistance through the covid lockdowns. Should we be considering helping Wollongong international students? Are there any remaining in the Illawarra????

## Salvo's Toy Pickup

Friend of Minnamurra Lions Roy Milroy is again arranging the toy pickup for the Salvo's at Christmas. If you would like to be involved in this wonderful arrangement please contact Roy direct. You only need two or three hours to spare and it is most gratifying to see the generosity of the donors.

## Club Care

It was terrific to see Kevin Bolack along at our recent dinner meeting. Unfortunately he had to go home early and Lion Carer Martin has advised that Kevin has had to go into hospital once again and is likely to be in there for some extended time. He remains his usual self but needs a good joke or two to take his mind off the pain which he is experiencing from the diseased vertebrae one of which has collapsed. We are thinking of you Bolacks.

**Please keep Noel Dick informed of any changes to address, telephone, email, partner etc.**

**This will help Noel to keep our records accurate and up-to-date.**

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# Treasurer's Report



## Account Balances as at 12 October 2021

Admin Account    \$4,142.69

Activities Account \$1791.76

EFTPOS Account    \$64.85

## Paying for your Subs and Meals at Dinner Meetings

Subs for this half year have been set by the Board at \$65 per Lion. The simplest way to pay for your subs (and meals at our Dinner Meetings) is by making a direct deposit to the club's Admin Account. Details are shown here.

If this method is not convenient, I can still take cash payments or EFTPOS (Credit & Debit Card) payments at club functions.

### Our Admin Account

BSB: 032 689

Account: 120 622

Bruce

## Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2021/2022



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#### October

- 12    Tuesday – 5.30pm Board Meeting. 6.30 for 7pm - Club Meeting
- 17    Sunday - Market BBQ Black Beach (site A) **(UNLIKELY)**
- 23    Saturday - District Convention (One Day) via Zoom
- 26    Tuesday - 6.30 for 7pm - **Club Meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG Norm Fountain**  
(POSSIBLE SEPARATE BOARD MEETING – TBA)

#### November

- 9    Tuesday – 5.30pm Board Meeting. 6.30 for 7pm - Club Meeting, with AGM  
**Guest speaker – Monty Badami, Anthropologist, speaking on his work with youth in Kiama.**
- 12    Friday – 6pm **Mixed soiree at Kiama Surf Club – Cocktails on the Terrace**
- 14    Sunday - Market BBQ at Black Beach – Men's Shed
- 23    Tuesday – 6.30 for 7pm - Club Meeting  
Guest speaker to be confirmed by Brian Cox

#### December

- 14    Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting at Golf Club.  
**7pm – Social Club meeting/X'mas function – Kiama Downs Surf Club**
- 19    Sunday - Market BBQ at Black Beach (Site C)



## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201

### DISTRICT N2 NEWS

#### Lions Hearing Dogs

Great news from this month's district newsletter, "Reaching Out" — The 600th Lions Hearing Dog has been delivered to a family in need of this valuable resource. Imagine having hearing difficulty and not knowing when a fire alarm siren is sounding, the pot on the stove is boiling over or someone is at the front door. Having an alert dog in the home to warn you of these things would be of enormous benefit. What a worthwhile facility is being delivered by this Lions project.

#### Recent District Announcements

*The District Convention previously set down for several days in October at Mittagong is now to be a one day event held over Zoom on 23rd October. Our nominated club delegates will be Phil Andersen and Gerard Kenny.*

*If you have views on the proposed agenda items, please discuss with Phil or Gerard before that date.*

Christmas is coming so it is time to contact Nesbit and put in your order for Lions Christmas Cakes. Even if you don't eat them they are very handy for those times when visitors call in and give you an unexpected Christmas gift. With the packaging you hardly need to wrap them up. Ho ho ho.

Get those orders in NOW



## Minnamurra Lions Club 2021-2022 Board & Office Positions

<b>Board Members - Elected Positions</b>	
President	Paul McInerney
Past President	Ken Horspool
First Vice President	Gerard Kenny
Second Vice President	Bill Lyon
Secretary	Phil Andersen
Treasurer	Bruce McLean - assisted by Phil Cooper
6 other Board members	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Directors : Chris Duffy, Kari Harju, Clive Pickering 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Directors : Martin Grove, Garrick Napier, Vaughan Schneider
<b>Other Positions - Not Elected</b>	
BBQs Committee	Phil Woodcock (Chair), Ken Horspool, Rod Ayling, Kevin Dawson, Clive Pickering, Hugh Sail, Ross Thompson.
Club Nominations	Martin Grove, John Hetherington
Driver Reviver Team	Denis Beynon, Noel Dick, Nesbit Hindmarsh
Emergency Coordinator	Mal Connellan
Kiama Rugby Sevens	Al Thomas, Gerard Kenny
Killalea Development	David Tyson
Lion Carer	Martin Grove
Lion Tamer	Geoff Shoard
Media & Publicity Officer	Paul McInerney
Events Cordination	Gerard Kenny (Chair), Denis Beynon, Mal Connellan, Brian Cox, Martin Grove, Roger Millburn, Phil Andersen (KGC liaison)
Parking Events	John Knox (Chair), Chris Duffy, Ken Horspool, Kevin Lewry, Brian Scott.
Property Committee	Geoff Shoard (Chair), Garrick Napier, Artie Smithers
Public Officer	Denis Beynon
Red Cross Coordinator	Clive Pickering
Red Shield Appeal	Brian Cox
Relay for Life	Martin Grove
Safety Officer	Ken Horspool
Strategic Funding Committee	Steve Omrod (Chair), Chris Duffy, Ken Horspool, John Knox, Bill Lyon, Brian Scott.
Tail Twisters	Hugh Sail, Bill Lyon
Webmaster	Mike Bowden
Xmas Cakes - <b>For Orders Only</b>	Nesbit Hindmarsh
Youth Activities Committee	Bill Lyon, Martin Grove
Newsletter	Roger Millburn

## A Glossary of Terms and Names from the Rumours Register

For those of you who tend to forget the nicknames associated with the various rumours from the register (and who don't wish to incur a fine for not using the correct name when referring to a fellow Lion at a Dinner Meeting), below is a Glossary of Terms from the register.

Lion	Reason for Rumour	Nickname
Roger	Popular with the ladies at golf	Studmuffin (or Muffin)
Martin	Promotes products like Alf from the Home & Away TV Show	Alf
Ken	Overly devoted to doing stuff for Minnamurra Lions	The Devoted (or Devo)
Bill	A cowboy with a great hat - will cause us to grin!	Cowboy (or Moo)
Geoff	Not quite tough enough for his truck like 4 X 4	Powderpuff
Hugh	Just a plain old-fashioned romantic towards Marie	Romeo
Noel	Has a nightmare every time he sees his tree on Kiama Golf course	Nightmare
Paul	Our cultural attaché – but a bit too ocker (a la Barry Humphries)	Sir Les
Hetho	Colourblind! Look at the colour of his current car.	Derro
Knoxy	Skills and experience with parking.	Fonzie
Garrick	The great commentator (on the golf course—and off)	Moose
Dave T	Always looking to improve his dietary constitution (and ours)	Rumpole
Phil A	Carries his handbag with the aplomb of a female impersonator	Dame Edna
Denis	The family resemblance to our esteemed local MP, Gareth Ward	Daddy
Vaughan	The member's love of this international publishing magnate	Hef
George	Man of the jumbled words from the land of the sporran.	Haggis
Steve	Just luv's them sheep—especially on the plate for Sunday dinner.	Gumboots
Kevin B	Couldn't kill him with an axe - any tougher and he'd rust!	King Gee

Lion	Reason for Rumour	Nickname
Bruce	Always after our money	Scrouge
Gerard	Vaccinated at birth with a gramophone needle	Bashful
Artie	Prone to bike accidents	Mulga Bill
Brian Scott	Impressing the lady tour guide	Forrest Gump

## Our latest lucky members

### Artie Smithers

Rumour Ratio - 50% truth

#### Background

At a meeting last year we heard from Artie about his feat of riding a bike from Victoria, over the Alps to the Southern Highlands all without incident till he ran into the gutter and fell off at the end of the ride. It was no surprise that Artie volunteered to be our liaison person with council when the bike skills track was first mooted. In fact he was so excited that he dusted off his old bike and despite his bad back was often seen peddling up and down The Village practicing his starts, turns and breaking. Little did he know that disappointment awaited him.

#### Limerick

Of his work with bike track we are proud.

But his time there was recently soured

He asked for a ride

Which council denied

Cause three wheeler trikes aren't allowed!

Nickname. Mulga Bill - After Banjo Patterson's character who also fell off his bike at the end of a ride.

### Brian Scott

Rumour Ratio - about 80% fictitious.

#### Background

Earlier in the year a group of members from MLC participated in an organised tour of Port Kembla. The young lady who was our tour guide, although very knowledgeable had the voice of a wailing Tom cat. Most of us learned very quickly not to ask questions or engage her in conversation lest we suffer perforated eardrums. Most of us except Scotty. As we know he is not shy and loves to engage so he always has a question or a witty reply to any of her comments, it was very much a two person conversation. It was obvious that this was a rare treat for her and it wasn't long before she was outrageously flirting. Scotty though was oblivious to this.

#### Limerick

She thought to herself this guys hot,

I'd like to get him in the cot

He doesn't want any,

He's married to Penny

Better run for your life Brian Scott!

Nickname Forrest Gump - cause he's got to keep on running from the tour lady