



## Fishy Tales

**March 2022 Newsletter**

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of Fishy Tales - our club newsletter. I hope that you enjoy it.

### President's Report

I should begin my first report of the year by thanking Vice President Gerrard who filled in for me during my February holiday. He is a safe pair of hands who will do a great job as President in the 2022-23 Lions year.

The recent deluge didn't seem to discourage 28 members from attending the March 8 dinner meeting at the golf club. Special mention must be made of Rod Ayling, who drove from Sydney and then braved Jamberoo Mountain Road on his way home, and Steve Omrod who ran the weather gauntlet from down South. Unfortunately, our guest speaker on the night, former Kiama Mayor and farmer Mark Honey, couldn't get off his property because of flooding. We will try and get him back at a later date.

As most of you are aware, the Municipality's three Lions clubs have formed a committee to establish a Leo Club in the area. A luncheon meeting was scheduled to be held on Saturday March 12 at the Group 7 Leagues Club to promote the initiative. MLC was represented by VP Gerrard. The MLC Board will keep members up to date as more details emerge.

Figtree Lions have extended an invitation to play in their annual golf day at Calderwood on April 6. If anyone wants to enter a team from MLC forms will be available soon. Vaughan is the go-to person for this event.

Our next BBQ at Black Beach will be held on Sunday March 20. We have once again scored the triangular area close to the southern entrance to the park. There are still a few holes in the BBQ roster if you are free that day.

Our next dinner meeting will be held on March 22. This meeting will be an opportunity for members to be part of a detailed grass roots review of our club's structures, our future role in the community, and how we can do things better and smarter. A great deal of work has already gone into this review headed by Bill Lyon and Phil Andersen.

This requires the support of all members of Minnamurra Lions Club.

Stay safe.  
Paul

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 28 February 2022

Administration Account \$3,494.89  
Activities Account \$6,827.21  
Eftpos Account \$60.88

**Paying for your Subs and Meals at Dinner Meetings** Subs for this half year have been set by the Board at \$65 for the half year. 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. Bruce.

### Our Admin Account

BSB: 032 689

Account: 120 622

## Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2021/2022



### Lions Club of Minnamurra Calendar 2021/2022

#### March

- 12 Saturday—Kiama Lions hosting luncheon meeting for Leo club (18 to 30 year old), names please —Kiama Leagues Club 12md
- 16 **Wednesday—5pm Kiama Bowling Club Barefoot Bowls with Figtree Lions**—Numbers by 9th March
- 20 Sunday— Market BBQ Black Beach—on the triangle.
- 22 Tuesday – club meeting – Club Strategy Night, Bill Lyon convener and **Club Elections Night**

#### April

- Easter Monday - Market BBQ Black Beach to be confirmed
- 12 Tuesday – 5.30pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting - Guest speaker Mal to arrange
- 22-24 2021-2022 District Convention Mittagong
- 26 Tuesday – Club Meeting – MIXED MEETING Guest speaker Monique Field

#### May

- 10 Tuesday – 5.30pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting - Guest speaker Cliff Mason
- 14-15 Multiple District Mini Convention – Crown, Melbourne
- 24 Tuesday – Club Meeting –  
Salvos Red Shield Appeal doorknock

# Strategic Planning Process

Dear fellow Lions

As you are probably aware the MLC board will be facilitating a strategic planning process.

The aim of this planning process is to ensure that all members have a say in how we connect with our local community, identify our priorities and establish how we, as members, are supported. It will include a focus on the short term (1 to 2 years), medium term (3 to 5 years) and the longer term (5 to 10 years).

There has been recent work completed on planning by several committees and this process will capture this and other information provided by our members, into one document. It will provide a high level of guidance for the board and will link to the operation of our many committees.

The plan will be a living document in that it will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the board and will be flexible enough to adapt to a change in priorities or to any unforeseen issues/opportunities that might arise.

I, along with some other board members, have volunteered to facilitate our planning process with our first session to be held at the meeting on 22 March. Hopefully the process will be completed by the end of the financial year.

We have a good start in that the club has both an ethics and a purpose statement that guide our operations.

There will be several steps in our planning process on 22 March

## STEP 1 BRAINSTORM

Our first session will be a brainstorming event for the whole club and will concentrate on the following:

1.1 Celebrating our Achievements:- often these planning processes focus on what we could be doing differently or better however it is important for us to celebrate what we have already achieved (10-15 Mins)

1.2 Our Community:- a look at the characteristics of our community and what is happening in it that is generally outside our sphere of control. These are things that have the potential to impact the club, both in a negative and positive way. Some examples might include the number of schools, change in management of Killalea or current status of council finance. This process will help with the SWOT analysis that follows. (20 to 30 mins)

1.3 SWOT analysis:- what do we believe are our club's strengths and weaknesses and what opportunities and threats are out there. (40 to 50 mins)

There is a golden rule when brainstorming - THERE ARE NO WRONG ANSWERS - this means that there will be no discussion on the night - differences of opinion will be dealt with later in the process (Otherwise we may be there all night) and I fully expect that what some might see as a strength or opportunity others might see as a weakness or threat.

NB If you are unable to attend this first session I am happy to receive any thoughts that you might have so that these can be tabled if they do not arise.

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## Strategic Planning (continued)

### STEP 2 ORGANISE

Organise the SWOT results into similar areas - these will be our KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS (KPA) - no more than 4 or 5. They could include such areas as funding, club development, etc

### STEP 3 STRATEGISE

Strategise - identifying what broad strategies are needed to maximise our strengths and opportunities or to minimise our weaknesses and threats for each KPA.

### STEP 4 PRIORITISE

Prioritise the broad strategies with reference to urgency and impact.

The above steps will be completed by the board with a report back to membership for questions/suggestions/changes

### STEP 5 ACTIONING

Actioning strategies - outlining what needs to be done to successfully achieve each strategy, who will be responsible for doing it, what resources may be required, a completion date and how success will be measured. Many strategies will require a number of actions. Strategies that are not immediate priorities will be monitored and actioned as they become a priority.

This step will be completed by the board, the specific committees or any other interested member - much of these could be business as usual.

### STEP 6 COMPILATION

This results will be compiled into one strategic document and provide the club with a reference that:-

Identifies our Key Performance Areas (KPA)

For each KPA there will be a list of prioritised strategies.

For each strategy there will be a list of actions.

This will help the board and wider membership understand exactly what is happening across the club, review our progress against what we planned to achieve and better adapt to any changes.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Bill

# Positions Vacant

## **Lions 75<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

To celebrate 75 years of Lions Australia, clubs are invited to plant a Commemorative Garden. By September 2022, the aim is to have at least 75 Lions gardens planted throughout Australia.

This is a practical way for clubs to get involved, and helps showcase Lions commitment to the environment and to improving the communities in which we live.

The Board has decided to undertake an upgrade of the park at the end of Eureka Avenue as our club's contribution to this initiative. More to follow.

If you are passionate about gardening and would enjoy a leadership role then we are seeking a team leader to organise this project. A committee of two or three would be ideal.

Give Gerard a call or email him soon if you want to be a part of this project.

## **Clean Up Australia Co-ordinator**

Obviously I have not done a very good promotion job in this role judging from the lack of volunteers attending the recent event held on Sunday 6th March. Whilst the weather looked a little uncertain, the area around the boat ramp and James Oates reserve were effectively cleared. The only other volunteer was a lady Lion from Kiama Club. We completed this part of the cleanup before the rain came down.

## 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 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 Coordination	Gerard Kenny (Chair), Brian Cox, Martin Grove, , 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	Mobile phone technology	Ringtone
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





## Our Latest Lions with new nicknames

### 1. A computer pilot— Rumour Ratio 50/50

Background - As we know computer nerds get very carried away with their computers and what they can do with them especially in these days of artificial intelligence. It appears that Mike is not immune to this.

Limerick

There's nothing that Mike thinks is cuter  
Than the sight of an apple computer  
If it had human charms  
Like tits legs and arms,  
He's take her straight home and he'd use her.

Nickname

Not much to do with computers but his other passion flying - on Bashful's (Gerard) suggestion - Biggles

### 2. Approaching Retirement— Rumour ratio 90% true

Background - our resident hillbilly is looking forward to his approaching retirement.

Limerick

Up Jamberoo Hill close to God  
In the grey mists dwells Lions member Rod  
He's about to retire  
Be a country squire!  
Raise chickens and turn the odd sod!

Nickname

Typically hillbillies are thought of as backward, undereducated, simple people- but not our Rod. A well educated man he requires a nickname befitting his standing. Thus "Jethro" from the TV series Beverly Hillbillies who famously attained a third grade education!

### 3. Rename of Derro— Rumour ratio could be pretty much 100% true

With our technology it is now possible to personalise the sound of your phone. With this in mind if Derro (Hetho) should record his.....

Limerick

When hearing John Hetho's cell phone  
It would call out his name on its own  
"Hetho Hetho" "Hetho Hetho"  
"Hetho Hetho" "Hetho Hetho"  
And we'd call it John's Hetho-ring-tone!

Nickname

Ringtone - for obvious reasons