

Lions Club of Minnamurra



Fishy Tales

July 2022 Newsletter

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

President's Report from the Minnamurra Lion of the Year—Gerard

Being the first meetings of the new Lions year, last week's Board and Dinner meetings were busy with a large number of items on the agendas.

The highlight was the induction of new member David Macallister. Welcome David, I'm sure you will enjoy the camaraderie of other members of the club. More on David later in this bulletin.

Australian Lions are having a 75th birthday on 29th September. The theme for the year is anniversary gardens. The Board agreed to assist Minnamurra Public School with upgrade work on their gardens, understood to be on 4th August (tbc).

The mixed dinner proposed for 27th September is only 2 days short of the Lions anniversary. A birthday theme is proposed as there are always plenty of people with birthdays in September. Guest speaker is to be Brett Connellan and catering is being arranged.

The L'etape bike race starting in Kiama is on Sunday 27th November. Enquiries have been made with the race organisers on how Minnamurra Lions may be involved. To be followed up with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Board has decided that the club will apply to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. This will give the club a 'seat at the table' on happenings in Kiama.

Killalea Regional Park has been handed over to NPWS. Members of Save Killalea Alliance have planned a celebratory picnic on 24th July. David Tyson has made enquiries and been advised that ecological matters are the first priorities of NPWS, with return of markets unlikely in the foreseeable future.

A recent entry on the Club's Facebook page identified it has only 14 'Friends'. Could all members please spread the word with family members to be Friends and Followers of Minnamurra Lions on Facebook.

The club will be hosting Vice DG Danny Richardson and wife Christine on Tuesday 9th August.

Next weekend will be a busy one for Minnamurra Lions – two BBQs on Saturday 23rd and the Rugby League gates on Sunday 24th. It would be appreciated if all available members could assist with one of those events.

Gerard Kenny

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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Strategic Planning Process - Update

Minnamurra Lions Club Draft Plan

The plan is slowly coming together with the teams at the recent planning meeting addressing most of the issues and opportunities identified in our SWOT analysis. There is more work to do on refining actions as the plan progresses.

The next step is for the draft plan to be taken to the board for prioritisation of actions so that start dates can be determined for each action and targets confirmed. The board may also need to identify more actions for issues that are yet to be addressed in the SWOT. To this end I am still happy to receive suggestions and feedback - especially from those who were unable to be at the planning session.

Many Thanks

Bill

Please see the draft plan attached and give Bill your feedback. (Editor)

New Member Profile—David Macallister

Kevin Lewry, David's sponsor, has told us that David was born and grew up in Sydney and has recently moved to Kiama. David studied commerce, accounting and management through his working life. He initially worked in the Bank of NSW and through his fifteen years of volunteer work with Royal Life Saving NSW, eventually took up working full time with that organisation teaching resuscitation and other skills training and eventually filling the role of CEO. He has spent 32 years in total with Royal Life.

David has been married to Leanne for 38 years and has three children, 2 girls and a boy, a nurse, teacher and fireman. He is very involved in sport and has competed in hundreds of triathlons. He is a keen swimmer doing ocean swims and training for his Royal Life Saving roles. He enjoys golf, plays of an enviable handicap and is a keen member of the Sofgoks. He has joined our Lions club as an extension to his other community involvement and we welcome his experience and commitment.

Additionally, David has visited every Gaol in Sydney but that is another story. Also he is a bit of a car nut and has recently bought a Datsun 1600 in great condition.

David was inducted into our club at our meeting on Tuesday night by our new President, Gerard.

Welcome David. We hope that you enjoy your time with this wonderful club.

Treasurer's Report



Account Balances as at 30 June 2022

Administration Account \$13,229.21

Activities Account \$10,874.51

Paying for your Subs and Meals at Dinner Meetings Subs for this half year have not yet been set by the Board 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 2022/23

July

- 17 Sunday - Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates – 11.30 to 3.30pm
- 23 Saturday – Minnamurra Progress Association BBQ – Boat ramp 11am to 3pm
Saturday – Kiama Hockey Club BBQ – Croome Road Hockey field Albion Park 7am to 3pm
- 24 Sunday - Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates – 11.30 to 3.30pm
- 26 Tuesday – 6.00 for 6.30pm Club Meeting—Guest Speaker—Des from Kiama Cycles and Sports

August

- 9 Tuesday -- 5pm Board Meeting, 6.00 for 6.30pm Club Meeting—**1st VDG visit—Danny Richardson & Christine.**
- 14 Sunday - Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates – 11.30 to 3.30pm
- 21 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Market BBQ - Site D (Triangle) TBC
- 23 Tuesday – 6.00 for 6.30pm Club Meeting plus Special Board Meeting—Strategic Planning
- Various Dates after 14th – Possible Rugby League Gate Duty – Kiama Showground for FINALS (TBC)

September

- 2 Friday – Possible “Bohemian Rhapsody” Queen tribute show at Shoalhaven Ent Centre
- 3 Saturday – or “Hot August Night” Neil Diamond tribute show at Anita’s Theatre Thirroul
- 13 Tuesday -- 5pm Board Meeting, 6.00 for 6.30pm Club Meeting
- 18 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) (TBC)
- 27 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – Proposed Mixed Meeting with Partners.
- 29 Thursday - Australian Lions 75th Anniversary – Activities TB

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS FOR YOU!

Our entertainment committee have been busy and are suggesting a choice of one of these options

Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen 50 Years On

**Starring international
sensation Thomas Crane**

Friday 2 September | 8pm

Following hugely successful 2019/2021 sell-out tours, Queen – Bohemian Rhapsody are returning with a brand new show in 2022 combining Queens' greatest hits and a few of the most popular songs on their albums.

Tickets \$50—\$80 approx. Add \$49 for dinner

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.



ANITA'S THEATRE

Thirroul

Hot August Night

- Saturday, September 3, 2022
8:00 PM 10:30 PM

Tickets \$86 and \$96 approximately

Lions Club of Minnamurra – 2022–2023 Office Bearers & Committees

Board Members – Elected Positions	
President	Gerard Kenny
Past President	Paul McInerney
First Vice President	Bill Lyon
Second Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Phil Andersen
Treasurer	Bruce McLean, Phil Cooper
Membership Coord	Noel Dick
6 Board Members 1 st Year	Brian Cox, Ken Horspool, David Tyson
2 nd Year	Chris Duffy, Kari Harju, Ross Thompson
Membership Chairperson	Noel Dick
Committees & Other Non-Elected Positions	
BBQ Committee	Artie Smithers (Chair), Rod Ayling (Roster), Kevin Dawson, Kevin Lewry, Hugh Sail, Ross Thompson, Phil Woodcock,
Club Nominations	Martin Grove, John Hetherington
Driver Reviver	Denis Beynon, Noel Dick, Nesbit Hindmarsh
Emergency Coordinator	Mal Connellan
Events Committee	Brian Cox, (Chair), Denis Beynon, Mal Connellan, George Gray, Martin Grove, Gerard Kenny, Phil Andersen (KGC Liaison)
Kiama Rugby Sevens	Al Thomas, Gerard Kenny
Killalea Development	David Tyson
Lion Carer	Martin Grove
Lion Tamer	Geoff Shoard (but would like to hand over)
Newsletter	Roger Millburn
Parking Events Committee	John Knox (Chair), Chris Duffy, Ken Horspool, Brian Scott
Property Committee	Geoff Shoard (Chair), Garrick Napier, Artie Smithers
Public Officer	Denis Beynon
Publicity Officer	Paul McInerney
Red Cross Coordinator	Clive Pickering – assisted by Martin Grove
Red Shield Appeal	Brian Cox
Safety Officer	Ken Horspool
Strategic Funding Committee	Steve Omrod (Chair), John Knox, Bill Lyon
Tail Twisters	Hugh Sail, Kevin Dawson
Webmaster & Social Media	Mike Bowden
Xmas Cakes – orders only	Nesbit Hindmarsh
Youth Activities Committee	Bill Lyon (Chair), Mike Bowden, Martin Grove

Positions Vacant

As part of our Strategic Planning Process and because of our successful application for funds for our computer requirements, a committee has been set up to determine Minnamurra Lions Clubs needs and priorities.

To date we have Martin Grove, Phil Andersen and Mike Bowden who have volunteered for this committee. One more volunteer would be appreciated.

Technical skills are not a prerequisite. You should just have an idea or two about the clubs needs into the future.

Contact Phil or Gerard to be part of this team.

Geoff Shoard has filled the role of Lion Tamer for a very long time and is keen to see another member take over the job.

For those members who do not fully understand the tasks required to fill this role, see below the job description as laid out in our club constitution -

LION TAMER. The Lion tamer shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel. He/she shall put each in its proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage area after each meeting. He/she shall act as sergeant-at-arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated, and distribute bulletins, favors and literature as required at club and board meetings. He/she shall give special attention to assure that each new member sits with a different group at each meeting so that he/she can become better acquainted.

As you can see, the position is not complicated or too time consuming, so give it some thought and advise the President or Secretary if you would like to help out.

Meeting with Kiama Chamber of Commerce and Kiama Rotary Club.

The meeting was held on the 7th of July, the attendees were Kaylene (Chamber of Commerce),

Natalie Spowart (Seaside Market Manager), Trevor Phillis (Rotary), Marilyn Jarrett (Rotary), Ken Horspool and Arthur Smithers.

About the Chamber. The Kiama Chamber of Commerce has over 150 members. There are three levels of membership- Platinum \$495pa. Gold \$295pa and Standard \$125pa. Their main objectives are to promote commerce in the region and support their members through training promotion etc. The markets are a source of revenue to help finance their programs.

The Kiama Rotary Club Inc is a standard member paying \$125 pa.

Meeting Notes.

1. Kiama Council have put out draft guidelines for Markets stating that all stalls should be at least 3m from walkways. The Chamber and other stake holders have all put in objections stating that this policy would be too restrictive. Council is considering feedback. Current Guidelines are 2m.
2. Chamber is looking for two part time workers for Bump in/Bump out at start and end of market days. They have firstly offered this to us and Rotary to see if any of our members are interested. It will be "off the books" and cash in hand. If anyone is interested contact Artie.
3. Both Kaylene and Natalie expressed the view that the markets were big enough to have both Rotary and Minnamurra Lions involved in each monthly BBQ. There was no objection from Rotary.
4. We were asked which dates we were available, and we replied that we were available for all of them. Rotary stated that they were unavailable for BBQs on the 16/10, 20/11 and 15/1/23.
5. Kaylene was apologetic about us given late notice about Gerringong Men's Shed being given the BBQ on the 17th of July and us not required. After discussion it was agreed that if these larger community groups wanted to run BBQs, they would be offered those dates that Rotary or ourselves were unavailable.
6. Natalie stated that Minnamurra Lions were happy in the past to share the BBQs with community groups and suggested that she should contact schools etc. to gauge interest. It was pointed out that this was not now in our interest as it had been (apart from Men's Shed) not successful due to the number of people involved and the level of organisation needed to run our BBQ setup effectively.
7. Natalie stated that as well as running every 3rd Sunday they were looking at additional BBQ's and that they were looking at one on the 30/10 which would be a themed BBQ around Halloween. They were also looking at running evening BBQs when the weather warmed up. She reported that last year they averaged 70-80 stalls, but now were running 120-150 with an expectation of further growth.
8. When discussing market cancellation policy Rotary and Lions both have same problem in cancelling orders, with the critical one being the bakers who need to be notified by midday on the Saturday. Natalie stated that she is looking to have cancellation policy giving 24-48hrs notice to everyone.
9. Rubbish removal at the end of market was discussed and we can now use garbage bins if not full.
10. All present felt that the meeting was very productive, and it was agreed to have them on a regular basis. Initially on quarterly basis then probably biannually. Next meeting will be held in October.

Artie Smithers

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

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
Kari Harju	A head of hair at his age	Junior
Brian Cox	Offered a job as nurse assistant	Hot Lips
Mike	Computer nerd and pilot	Biggles
Rod	Retiring educated hillbilly	Jethro
Kevin L	The life he wanted to live.	Rowdy
Phil C	Water Board on-selling	Steptoe
Kevin D	Lame jokes still get a laugh	Bloody
Clive	Our special sauce seller	Mr Heinz
Al Thomas	Rugby Sevens coordinator who is hard to find	Wally