



Fishy Tales

March 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to the March 2023 edition of Fishy Tales - our club newsletter. I hope that you enjoy it.

From the Board

- Ross Thompson reported that the Clean Up Australia Day last Sunday was very successful. Thanks were expressed to Ross for organizing and for the volunteers who assisted on the day. A photo of a damaged surf ski has been published with accompanying story on the Minnamurra Lions and Kiama Community Facebook pages.
- The Agreement for storage of the BBQ trailer in the old Ambulance Station building has been signed by Soldier On Ltd. It is now to be sent to Kiama Council for approval to issue a key for access to a garage.
- A request for the Club to run a BBQ at the Kiama Primary School this Friday evening was declined. Other food outlets will be available for the event.
- The Board also declined a request to manage car parking on two areas for the Surf & Skate Festival at Kiama Downs on 2nd April. There were concerns for safe traffic management to and from the sites on a public road and conflict of vehicles with pedestrian traffic. However, the Club is to offer the organizers use of its parking equipment (batons, bollards, etc).
- Special fund raising for the Lions Biggest BBQ for Childhood Cancer is to be in conjunction with the May Seaside Markets BBQ.
- The website development project is near complete and the first showing of the new website is planned for the dinner meeting on 28th March.
- Bill Lyon provided a summary of the members survey to the Board, and it is also proposed to be presented to members at the meeting of 28th March.
- The Board is to review of the Club's Policy Register. David Tyson is to review the current register and prepare an updated document.

All dinner meetings from start of April will revert to 6.00pm for 6.30pm and Board meetings will start at 4.30pm.

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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Lions Club of Minnamurra

Calendar 2022/2023

March 2023

- 5 Sunday—Clean Up Australia Day 8am to 10am—Ross Thompson organiser
- 7 Tuesday 4pm Board Meeting
- 11 Saturday—Lions District Youth of the Year final at Leumeah
- 14 **Tuesday – 5.00pm Barefoot Bowls Night at Jamberoo Bowling Club—Visitors welcome and free.
Dinner after Bowls in club. Members wives are also invited.**
- 19 Sunday—Market BBQ Black Beach - Rod Ayling organiser
- 28 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting - **Club ELECTIONS Night**

April 2023

- 11 Tuesday—5pm Board meeting 6pm for 6.30pm—Club Meeting—Steve Warwick guest speaker
- 16 Sunday—Market BBQ Black Beach - Rod Ayling organiser
- 22 Saturday—District Members Day—information session at Wollongong
- 25 Tuesday—ANZAC DAY—No meeting
- 26 Wednesday—Possible visit to HARS at Albion Park with pizza back at club.

May 2023

- 3 Wednesday—Figtree Lions Charity Golf Day—Calderwood
- 9 Tuesday— TBA Board meeting 6 for 6.30pm Club Meeting Guest Speaker ?
- 11 Thursday—Kiama Lions Club—Comedy for a Cause \$30 each (Homestead of Hope)
- 20/21 Saturday/Sunday—Salvos Red Shield Appeal doorknock
- 21 Sunday—Market BBQ Black Beach - Rod Ayling organiser
- 27 Tuesday—6 for 6.30pm Club Meeting

June 2023

- 13 Tuesday—TBA Board Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm Club meeting
- 18 Sunday—Market BBQ Black Beach - Rod Ayling organiser
- 27 Tuesday—6.30 for 7pm—Club Changeover Dinner

With Clean Up Australia recently completed successfully, the facts below are a reminder of why we are involved in this work.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE ?

PAPER TOWEL - 2-4 WEEKS

BANANA PEEL - 3-4 WEEKS

PAPER BAG - 1 MONTH

NEWSPAPER - 1.5 MONTHS

APPLE CORE - 2 MONTHS

CARDBOARD - 2 MONTHS

COTTON GLOVE - 3 MONTHS

ORANGE PEELS - 6 MONTHS

PLYWOOD - 1-3 YEARS

WOOL SOCK - 1-5 YEARS

MILK CARTONS - 5 YEARS

CIGARETTE BUTTS - 10-12 YEARS

LEATHER SHOES - 25-40 YEARS

TINNED STEEL CAN - 50 YEARS

FOAMED PLASTIC CUPS - 50 YEARS

RUBBER-BOOT SOLE - 50-80 YEARS

PLASTIC CONTAINERS - 50-80 YEARS

ALUMINUM CAN - 200-500 YEARS

PLASTIC BOTTLES - 450 YEARS

DISPOSABLE DIAPERS - 550 YEARS

MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE - 600 YEARS

PLASTIC BAGS - 200-1000 YEARS.

Who is this Lion?

The photo below is of one of our Lions Club members.

The first Lions Club member to respond by email with the correct answer will WIN a beverage of the editors choice.

This prestigious opportunity is free to enter however only current members are eligible with only one entry per Lion.

Any disputes will be dealt with appropriately.
Cheers and Good Luck



Lions in Loud Shirts

History of the Minnamurra Lions Club. 2001/2002.

New President, John Hetherington was installed by District Governor Ron Skeen with Steve Moorhead as Secretary and Kevin Bolack as Treasurer. Sadly Steve died suddenly during the year. He showed great potential and it was devastating for the club and his family. Club members assisted his widow, Penny, with work around their home.

Allan Mowbray generously stepped into the Secretary position in Steve's place. Malcom Ward and Ralph Moses headed up a committee of Lions and Lions ladies to run the Gown of the Year fashion show fundraiser. A huge event with thirteen sponsors. Denis Beynon appreciated the models Yu, Emily and Anthea. Others were impressed with Ralph in fishnet stockings.

The club hosted the region final of the Youth of the Year quest with 7 contestants. Tail Twister, Chris Luschwitz kept us entertained with his sense of humour and extracted funds from members to help out the Admin account. We sponsored Mitchell Foye on youth exchange to Malaysia under the guidance of Noel Dick.

Other fund raising events included a golf day, half way house and an open day at Gary Mark's home, Terragong House, which is currently up for sale for the second time in its long history. We assisted the golf club with a raffle raising funds for Tawarra school with Bill Tasker running the event. We also assisted the Salvos with their annual Red Shield appeal doorknock and sold tickets in the Kiama Lions Melbourne Cup Calcutta. Some events and disasters frequently repeat and one which comes to mind was the bushfire appeal where the three clubs, Minnamurra, Kiama and Gerringong, raised \$11,300 for victims and fire brigades,

At this time, internet and emailing were not as widely used by the majority of members and a **phone tree** was established to improve communications between the members. Members who are no longer a part of our club included Martin Coffee, Mick Daley, Mark Goulding, Tony Heathwood, Peter Luck, Ted McQuire, Denis Phillips, Paul Sawle, Lou Smetkowski, Warren Steele, Glenn Tanner and Mark Wilson.

Social events such as a Bavarian/Austrian Night, Tennis match and Sydney harbour cruise were enjoyed by most members. A Xmas do at Kangaroo Valley pub was a lot of fun.

Several members attended the District Convention at Bega to ensure that Steve Moorhead was suitably recognized in the Memorial Service.

Other projects in which the club were involved included the Peace Poster project with the local schools, Driver Reviver, picnic shelter at the helipad site, and Senior Neighbourhood Assistance Program, for which we received an Illawarra Healthy Cities award.