



Fishy Tales

December 2023 Newsletter

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

Report from the President

Fellow Lions

At last Thursday's board meeting we were introduced to the new Minnamurra Lions Website by Phil A who has done a great job getting it up and running. It is now live for the public to access, so you can too at Minnamurralions.org.au. At our first meeting next year there will be a session for members on the website which will include the members area and its functions. To say that the board was impressed with the website would be understating the reaction. Thanks Phil. The board also explored systems and protocols that will need to be established for the site to operate effectively. More to come on that.

Thanks also to Paul Mac, Doc Brian and Martin for attending the local school's presentations on my behalf as I was unavailable. This is only one example of the assistance and support I have received since starting my presidency all of which have been very much appreciated.

We have been approached by the Show Society for assistance with gate duty during the show and the board indicated that we will support this request given that we can find volunteers at this time of year - stay tuned. There was also a possibility of running a BBQ at the show after Kiama Lion's withdrawal this year but the board decided with all that is happening at that time it would be a bit of a stretch.

It seems that a great night was had by all at the Christmas dinner even if it was a bit warm in some parts of the room, a big well done to George and his team! Speaking of events the club's annual BBQ/picnic has been set for 5.00pm on 23 Jan at the James Oats reserve, hope to see you there.

The disbursements committee will be meeting early in the new year so if you have any suggestions of who or what we can support please let me know.

Lastly on behalf of the board I wish members and their families a happy and safe festive season.

Yours in Lions

Bill



Driver Reviver January 2024

		Mon. 1 Jan	Tues. 2 Jan	Sat. 6 Jan	Sun. 7 Jan
9.00am-12.00 Noon	1	Brian Cox	David Tyson	Bruce Mclean	Martin Grove
	2	Kevin Lewry	George Gray	Al Thomas	Chris Duffy
12.00 Noon - 3.00pm	1	Michael Bowden	Roger Millburn	Kevin Lewry	Ross Thompson
	2	Hilary Bowden	Phil Andersen	Kevin Dawson	Tia Thompson

Open:	Nesbit	Denis	Noel	Denis
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Next Meeting—Tuesday 23rd January from 5 or 5.30pm James Oates reserve

BYO everything for a picnic or BBQ

For those who have not participated previously, this is a low key evening with a few drinks and a lot of conversation. Typically we experience a downpour sometime during the evening so bring an umbrella with your picnic chairs, food and refreshments.



Ring Pulls for Charity As mentioned at a recent meeting where I asked members if you would not mind collecting RING PULLS of aluminium cans (soft drink and beer cans BUT NOT steel ones off steel cans).

They are being collected to provide titanium alloy for strong light weight wheel chairs for disabled athletes. I will collect them and take them to Queensland for use with this disabled charity. I have contacted a mate Winston Williams who will find out the name of this organisation. Thanks again for your efforts and have a safe and Happy Christmas holiday. John Knox.

Market BBQ report—17 December

A big thank you to all of those members who maned the barbecue last Sunday 17th at Black Beach Kiama Seaside Markets. I am told it was reasonably busy in the morning and slowed the afternoon with plenty of volunteers on site to make it an easy and joyful day for all. Also, I thank all of the members who have helped out throughout the year to what is a very well run and vital activity for our club. These events, earn a lot of money for us to distribute in the community, and fly the flag for our brand while giving the members a worthwhile activity with a great opportunity for fellowship and banter.

I wish you all and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. Look forward to seeing you all soon. Thanks, Rod Ayling.

Bruce has furnished the following additional details = The Profit on the BBQ was \$1,209.36. A very good effort as it was very quiet in the afternoon. The two day concert would have had some effects. Also a lot of secondary items were included. Like sauces, grill liner for hot plate etc. They are required but came on this BBQ. Cheers Bruce.

The BBQ price boards with the new price listings—Please note.



Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2023/2024

Lions Club of Minnamurra

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January 2024

- 1 Monday—Driver Reviver—two shifts 9am to 12md and 12md to 3pm
- 2 Tuesday—Driver Reviver—two shifts 9am to 12md and 12md to 3pm
- 3 Saturday—Driver Reviver—two shifts 9am to 12md and 12md to 3pm
- 4 Sunday— Driver Reviver—two shifts 9am to 12md and 12md to 3pm
- 21 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 23 Tuesday– 5.30pm. Family BBQ/ picnic. James Oates reserve, BYO everything.
- 26 Friday—9am to 6pm—Kiama Show gates
- 27 Saturday—9am to ? - Kiama Show gates

February

- 13 Tuesday – 5 pm. Board meeting. 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting.
MLC website information night.
- 18 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 24 Saturday—Kiama Rugby Sevens gates—TBA
- 27 Tuesday – 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting— Donna Portland on Super Yachts.

March

- 2 Saturday – Lions Awareness Day. Board considering options.
- 12 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting – **Details TBC.**
- 14 Thursday – Combined meeting with Kiama and Gerringong Lions. Port & Poetry Night – **Details TBC.**
- 17 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 26 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. New Members Night – **Details TBC.**

Please keep **Garrick Napier** (the new Membership Chair) informed of any changes to address, telephone, email, partner etc.

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

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Lions in Loud Shirts

History of the Minnamurra Lions Club. 2010/2011.

Howard Baylis stepped up to the plate as President assisted by Dennis McColl as Secretary and Nesbit Hindmarsh looking after the money. John Knox was 1st VP and Kevin Dawson 2VP.

The new board included Geoff Shoard, Roy Milroy, Brian Divers, Al Thomas and Bruce Mclean. Nesbit demonstrated that the club accounts can be administered to the required standard without using a computer.

Projects performed during the year were wide and varied—National tree day planting, Lions youth exchange, Melbourne Cup trifecta and scout hall upgrades demonstrate that theme. A government grant was awarded to enable purchase of a box trailer for project work. We also purchased a second hand BBQ trailer from Woonona Lions club. Shoardy did a lot of work with assistance from other members refurbishing and upgrading this asset. Other projects were the Xmas trailer raffle with Howard driving this project ably assisted by his wife Glenda. David Barlow arranged the donation of an arc welder to be included in the prize. We got into some hot water when a sponsor could not see their donated goods in the trailer. The trailer did a lot of kilometers with appearances at Bun-nings, Gordon McDonalds, Warilla Grove, Dapto Markets as well as our usual Kiama venues all due to Howards drive and determination. Over \$12,000 was realised from ticket sales. Red Cross and the Salvation Army benefitted from our assistance with doorknocks as well. Assistance was given by our club combined with Oak Flats Lions to a family at Albion Park who had special needs. Community driving was also keenly sought by a number of our members. Three young people were sponsored to attend the Outward Bound Navigator development course,

Social events include the Kids Xmas party at the Bolack's Misty Lane property, a barbeque at James Oates reserve at Minnamurra and a night at Dapto Dogs to part with a few bob at the bookies. Our Xmas party for members was held at the Kiama Downs Surf Club, Also we had a "happy hour" at Howards home and the ladies enjoyed a High Tea at Bellachara restaurant.

Proceeds raised through fundraising made possible the donation of around \$27,000 to about 30 different organisations including the Australian Flood appeals and the Cancer Council Relay for Life projects.

Two new members were inducted into the club, one of them being Ross Thompson.

Another busy but successful year!