



Fishy Tales

February 2024 Newsletter

Report from the President

Fellow Minnamurra Lions

As you are probably aware our next meeting on Tuesday 27 Feb is nominations night - Steve Omrod and Martin Gove have been busy approaching members to gauge interest in taking on both elected and non elected positions within the club. The nominations meeting is earlier this year as District would like a list of our elected positions by the end of March (previously it was April) so the board has had to juggle meetings around to enable this to happen. The election night will now be the 26th March which was planned to be our new members night, that now has been moved to the first meeting in April.

While we are discussing meetings a reminder that the combined meeting with Gerringong and Kiama Lions is on March 14 for a Poetry and Port night. You recently received an email from George with the details, it would be great to get a good rollup for the night. Also a reminder that we have an open invite to help Gerringong celebrate their 30th anniversary the following week.

Apart from the above meetings the busy month of March includes Second Hand Saturday at Black Beach. As of two days ago there were 50 registrations for the car boot sale, each registration is asked to donate a gold coin to Minnamurra Lions, we also raise funds on this day by having a bucket at the entrance, our BBQ, donation from the coffee van and our own second hand stall. Roger has very kindly volunteered to coordinate the event and would be very happy to hear from anyone who can lend a hand either with parking, the shop, posters to Kiama/Minnamurra shops or the BBQ.

Then there is Clean Up Australia the following day and Ross is the coordinator again this year. Please let him know if you have any time to provide some assistance on Sunday morning 3rd March. It is not an onerous task as the area is kept clean by the users and Ross provides a great cup of coffee after the event.

Our regular monthly BBQ is scheduled for the 19th.

Some Manwalk news - the Minnamurra Manwalk Manbassador (fancy name for our walk leader) can no longer commit to attending the Thursday evening walks which opens up the walk to a more user friendly time. Discussions are being held between regular walkers to identify a more appropriate time - stay tuned.

Yours in Lions, Bill.

Next Meeting—Tuesday 27th February 6.30 for 7pm Mixed Dinner—Invite your partner Kiama Golf Club

Guest Speaker—Donna Portland on Super Yachts
Plus Nominations for board positions.

Clean Up Australia Day

Can you imagine the good we could do, if all of Australia came together on one day and took practical action to improve the environment? What a difference we could make! Let's see how many people we can bring together on **Sunday 3 March** and make a real impact...

It's hard to believe that what was started over thirty years ago, by Ian Kiernan, AO, an "average Australian" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event, held annually on the first Sunday in March.

Over twenty million Aussies have stepped up over the years, donating their time to improve the environment. Registration for Clean Up Australia Day is free for communities and schools (businesses pay a small fee) and this ensures that not only are you covered by our public liability insurance, but you'll receive a free Clean Up Australia kit.

From Ross

I have at this stage 6 volunteers, if anyone else would like to be a CUA volunteer we meet at James Holtz Reserve at 8am, split into two groups and meet back at the reserve at 9:30am

All clean up gear like gloves, bags and possibly a vest is provided.

Registration, safety education and risk assessment will occur on Sunday before we start rubbish collections.

After the clean up, coffee will be provided at our address, 80 Charles Avenue, Minnamurra.

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. John Knox.

Second Hand Saturday – Car boot sale—2nd March 8am to 12md

Lions

Our hosting of the Car Boot Sale/ Second Hand Saturday is to be held on Saturday 2nd March from 8am to 12midday at Black Beach School Flat.

Entry will be from 6.30am therefore those involved in traffic management and donation collection will need to assemble at 6.15am to receive instruction on safety and operations of the event.

Vehicular entry to the area will cease at 8am and reopen at 11.45am for exit of vehicles and excess goods. Vehicles can enter to unload and then exit. Only one vehicle per stall.

Those Lions who are unable to attend on the day can either **volunteer to deliver posters to shops and other venues prior to the event** and anytime from NOW or donate goods for sale at our stall.

We will be selling donated items from Lions members and also BBQ items plus drinks.

If you have saleable items which you would like to donate please contact Roger by phone or email so that storage and pickup can be arranged even if you are going away.

Electrical items must be tested and tagged and I am endeavouring to arrange this service.

Please see roster below and advise your intentions if you are not listed.

Second Hand Saturday - Saturday 2nd March 2024.

Traffic Marshalls		Bucket Holders (2)	BBQ (3-4)	Stall Selling (2-3)
6.15am - 8am (5)	11.45- 1pm (5)	6.15- 8am	8am- 12MD	8AM -12MD
David Tyson	Ken Horspool	Clive Pickering	Hugh Sail	
Nesbit Hindmarsh		Brian Scott		
Brian Cox				
Al Thomas				
Bill Lyon			Rod Ayling - provisions	

RESERVES

POSTERS DELIVERY

APOLOGIES
Phil Andersen
John Knox

Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2023/2024

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February

27 Tuesday – 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Mixed Dinner Meeting— Donna Portland on Super Yachts and club nominations

March

2 Saturday – Second Hand Saturday—Car boot sale and BBQ. Lions Awareness Day.

3 Sunday—Clean Up Australia Day – Ross Thompson to coordinate.

12 Tuesday – 4.00pm - Board Meeting – KGC Board Room.

5.30pm– KGC Board Room - Website Members Area Introductory Session. Phil Andersen to coordinate.

14 Thursday – Combined meeting with Kiama and Gerringong Lions. Port & Poetry Night at Kiama Leagues Club. \$30 per head. Bill Lyon & George Gray to coordinate.

17 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.

26 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Club Elections night.

29 Good Friday - BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). **Awaiting Board Approval**

April 2024

9 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Dinner Meeting - New Members Night. Presenter Ryan Burke – AVCON Projects. George Gray & Events Committee to coordinate.

21 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.

23 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Dinner Meeting—Carolyn Morrow—Family History Centre.

25 Thursday – ANZAC Day Wreath Laying in Kiama – **Details TBC**

May 2024

14 Tuesday – 4.40pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Lion of the Year voting.

19 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.

28 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting.

June 2024

10 Monday – Possible extra Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) **Awaiting Board Approval**

11 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting

16 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.

25 Tuesday - 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Changeover Dinner – with Partners. 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. 2012/2013.

A club board of 9 keen members were fronted by President Kevin Dawson, Secretary Denis Beynon and Treasurer Kevin Bolack. Other board members included Xmas cake chair, Jeff Robson, Kari Harju, Geoff Shoard and Hugh Sail. Membership increased with the transfer in of Ken Magnus from Lugarno Lions.

Donations to charities such as the local schools including Peterborough Special school, Lions foundations (Prostate Cancer, Deaf and Blind, ALF, Drug Awareness, Operation Smile, Hearing Dogs), along with Royal Flying Doctors, Aunties and Uncles, Wires and Triple Care farm amounted to close to \$10K. Additionally, fund raising for Red Cross and Salvation Army collections added another \$6,783. Others to benefit were Lions Bushfire appeal, Jones Beach boardriders and surf club. Funds were raised from Rugby 7 gates, Xmas trailer raffle, Melbourne Cup trifecta, Driver Reviver and of course BBQs at Jazz Festival, Kids Fishing competition hosted by the Game Fishing club and markets. A good number of members volunteered their time driving for the Illawarra In Home Service on a regular basis (Later called Blue Haven Care).

The club sponsored two youth to attend Outward Bound adventures through our youth development initiative. We also collected tools and other equipment to send to Tonga.

Social events and other visits included the usual Xmas party for kids at Bollack's Misty Lane property and for adults at the home of Ralph and Cheryl Moses. We visited State Parliament after invitation from Gareth Ward and played bowls with Figtree Lions at Jamberoo.

Contracts were initiated for hire of garages at the Minnamurra Scout hall for storage of our club equipment at \$20/week. We also arranged supply and fitting of a new garage door at the venue to replace a damaged one. Electrical goods were donated by Gordon McDonald for installation at the garages by Ross Thompson and Geoff Shoard's sons.

Kevin Dawson's noted that his stint as President was vastly different to his past experiences over many years with the Scout Association. He saw the club's strengths in its less formal approach to serving the community.