



Fishy Tales

March 2024 Newsletter

Report from the President

Dear Fellow Lions

I'd like to start the newsletter by thanking Roger and Ross for their efforts in coordinating 2nd hand Saturday and Clean Up Australia Day and for all the volunteers who helped make the events a success. Rod was also appreciative of the members who attended the BBQ working bee and we all should be appreciative of the efforts Phil has made with the website training.

There will be 14 members attending the combined meeting with Kiama and Gerringong Lions. To ensure that members mix there is allocated seating with Minnamurra members to sit in the Green seats. The format of the night after dinner is as follows:

- Trivia (20 questions, each table will self-mark- Quizmaster- David Jones)
- Bush Poetry- one member from each Club- 3-5 minutes each.
- Limerick- one from each Club - member does not have to be Irish, but the content (subject,wording) should aim to amuse without the risk of offending any member present.

I have yet to receive any volunteers to recite on the night so will come suitably prepared. Start time is 6.30 for 7pm.

Three members will be attending the Gerringong 30th celebrations on 21st March, Phil A, Hughie and Bill at 6.00 for a 6.30pm start. Being 5 years younger than Gerringong this also means that we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary this year! More to come on that at a later date.

Some notable results from the Board meeting last Tuesday include;

- The endorsement of an amended constitution to be put to members for voting at the first meeting in April. (Thanks to Phil A and David T for their efforts with this)
- The offer of a BBQ at the Good Friday markets was not accepted as enough volunteers over this period could not be guaranteed - this is in line with the decision last year.
- Bruce reported that we have over \$14k in the activities account and just short of \$2,300 in the Admin. (A friendly reminder to those who have not paid their dues this year that Bruce doesn't like having to chase up members - me included!)
- Nominations for elected positions are progressing however we are still short of a second VP. Thanks to Nesbit, John K and Mike B for volunteering to become first year board members. Dave T, Brian C and Denis B are nominating for second year directors while Bruce (treasurer), Phil (secretary), Paul Mc (1st VP), Garrick (membership chairperson) and I will be fronting up for another year. Non elected positions are mostly filled with a little work to be done on some positions and the new positions around Communication and Media.

Further on behalf of all members I would like to thank retiring Board members Ross T, Chris D and Gerard K for their support and commitment to the club over a number of years. On a personal note I have very much appreciated their guidance, insight and friendship! (Continued next page)

Report from the President (Continued)

The fact that the club will be searching for a President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2025 - 2026 Lions' year (a little over a year away and at this stage there appears to be no candidates), generated much discussion amongst Board Members as did comments such as "we are not getting any younger" and "it seems to be the same people attending our fundraising events and dinner meetings." (The Board understands that many members are unavailable due to poor health, family demands and travel). One board member suggested that it might be time to test the waters in regards to attracting female membership and after further discussion it was decided that there is no time like the present. With this in mind, on behalf of the board I invite you all to consider identifying suitable members, both male and female, to invite to our new members night on the 9th April. As you are aware the club will provide for the cost of meals for prospective members and while there is no formal guest speaker several current members will be invited to showcase their Lions' experience.

The Board knows that this is a big change for the club and it's not a decision that it took lightly but, as we all age and our member numbers continue to dwindle, it will be increasingly difficult to deliver on the club's strong tradition of providing support to our local community. I trust that members will support the Board's decision and I understand that some of you may be disappointed (if not shocked) with this initiative however the ongoing success of the club has to be the Board's top priority. If you have strong feelings on this issue I am happy to hear from you or you may feel more comfortable chatting with another Board member.

Lastly, on just checking the BBQ roster on line, I note that Rod is still looking for volunteers to fill afternoon positions. For those with website training please log in and update the roster live and those yet to receive training please give Rod a call if you can help out.

Yours in Lions

Bill

This Meeting—Combined with Kiama and Gerringong Lions

This promises to be an entertaining night and will give us the opportunity to witness firsthand how other clubs function and the differences between our local groups. If you have not booked in yet then you are possibly too late but as with these events a late withdrawal or two always happens and a late arrival can be accommodated. If you have a limerick , bush poem or trivia knowledge you will be very welcome. See you there 6.30 for 7pm at the Kiama Leagues Club upstairs.

Man Walkers

The Man Walk Committee have decided to change the time and starting point of our walk. We are sticking to Thursday but changing to a **morning** walk with optional **Coffee** to finish. Route still to be decided.

Thursday 14th March **6.30am** opposite the Kiama Downs shops at the picnic table.

See you there. Ken Horspool

Second Hand Saturday – Car boot sale results

We (the Minnamura Lions Club) agreed to supervise poster delivery in the local area, traffic management of stall holders both into and leaving the site, stall holder layout, supply BBQ items and drinks to the stall holders and public members visiting the site. We also arranged for a coffee vendor to attend to serve hot drinks on the day. Approximately fourteen Lions Club members worked in a number of roles during the day. **A big thank you to all of those members who volunteered for this event.** Set-up of traffic management began at 6am with vehicles entering from around 6.30 to be completed by 8am for the official start of the sale at 8am. Around 85 stall holders were registered to attend the event. Bucket holders collected donations from stallholders and the general public entering the site with donations nearing \$500 for the day. Items donated by Lions Club members and offered for sale boosted MLC funds. **Thank you to the members who donated items for sale.** Unfortunately, light rain increased during the morning with some stall holders leaving from 11am rather than the 12md official sale end time. Most stall holders had vacated the site by 12md. Clean-up and lockup was finalised by about 1pm. Kiama Council was represented by the acting Waste Management officer, Guy Stearn and also a member of the gardening staff giving away plants to Kiama Municipality residents.

Treasurer Bruce has provided the following information -

Banked Amount \$1,228.95 Cash, Bucket Amount included above \$493.95, So cash from BBQ and other items \$735.00,

Now Sq transactions \$298.50 less Sq fee \$5.66 So \$292.84, So without the bucket \$1027.84

Then expenses Rod had invoices \$263.66 plus \$144.40 = \$408.06, Some of these items can be used at the next BBQ this Sunday.

So \$619.78 was the profit for the day plus bucket \$1,113.73. A very good result given the poor weather and early closure. Roger

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.

Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2023/2024

March

- 14 Thursday – Combined meeting with Kiama and Gerringong Lions. Port & Poetry Night at Kiama Leagues Club \$30 per head, 6.30 for 7pm.
- 17 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling needs more for late shift.
- 21 Thursday – Gerringong Lions 30th Anniversary Dinner – Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club
- 26 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. **Club Elections**
Good Friday - BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). **DECLINED**

April 2024

- 9 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Dinner Meeting - New Members Night. Members to present experiences of being a Lion.
- 21 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Vaughan Schneider to coordinate.
- 23 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Dinner Meeting
- 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). Vaughan Schneider 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**

September 2024

- 13 Friday—7.30pm Mousetrap—IMB Theatre 32 Burelli Street Wollongong—\$89 per head. Payment by 20th June.

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. 2013/2014.

The year started with a bang at the Changeover Dinner with new President Geoff Shoard demonstrating his willingness to conform by ceremonial removal of his rats-tail hairdo. Several Lions were taken in by the mischief and voiced their dismay. Things settled down after all was revealed. Geoff was assisted through the year by Ralph Moses and Kevin Bolack in the Treasurers role and Roger Millburn as Secretary. Dennis McColl was Public officer. Other board members included Phil Woodcock, Mike Bowden, Brian Cox, Jack Laidlaw, Al Thomas and Ross Thompson. David Barlow did his usual enthusiastic job as Tail Twister, Noel Dick as Membership director and Roy Milroy published the newsletter in his unique style.

The club gained two new members in Peter Luck and Peter Murphy, finishing the year with forty active members. The Youth Development team of Ralph Moses, Roy Milroy and Phil Cooper arranged selection of two youths to attend the Outward Bound Navigator course.

Autumn Fest, headed up by Ken Magnus with Dennis McColl doing all of the paperwork and arrangements, was a huge undertaking and managed to raise over six thousand dollars however the Xmas trailer raffle under Brian Divers direction topped this effort with over \$13,000 in takings. In total for the year, over \$38K was raised for charity works. A huge effort by all in the club.

Charities to benefit included Aust Drug Awareness Foundation, Dexter Heffernan (A severely handicapped young boy), Jamberoo RFS, KDowns Surf Club, Kiam Lions Cancer Care, Kiama SES, Triple Care Farm at Robertson, Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention and Aust Lions Foundation. Government grants were secured for equipment from the efforts of Denis Beynon and Dennis McColl.

Scout hall hire contracts were an ongoing process with a number of issues to be resolved. National tree day involvement was cancelled after the debacle at the Minnamurra bridge site in the previous year. The return of a purchased chainsaw was actioned due to concerns of safety with untrained operators. We were once again assisting the Kiama Game Fishing club with their annual kids fishing competition with proceeds going to Peterborough school. Restoration on the historic anchor at Kiama harbour was an ongoing concern for project leader Brian Cox with a concrete plinth and plaque to be arranged.

With the huge amount of service work the social aspects of the club had to take a back seat however Brian Cox performed his role as program director in his usual no nonsense style with a number of guest speakers throughout the year.

Another very busy but rewarding year of service.

The Back Pages

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"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

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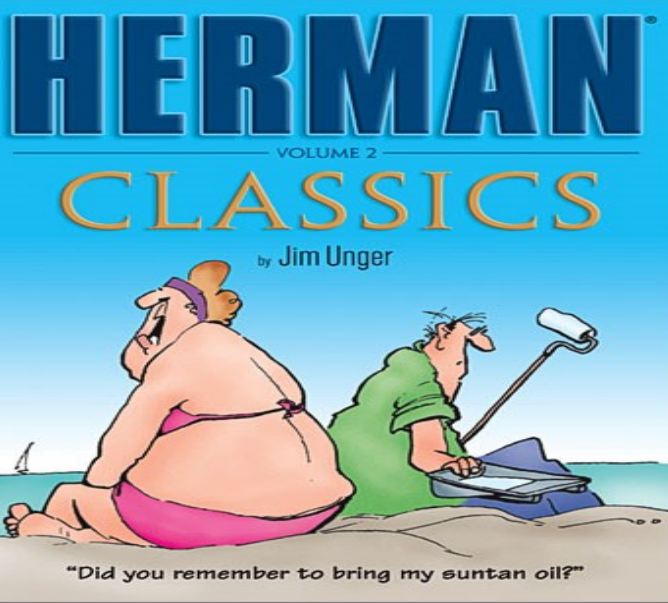


"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."

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"I was going to wake up early to go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."



"Did you remember to bring my suntan oil?"

I just wanted you to know I have entered the snapdragon part of my life.

*Part of me has snapped...
And the rest of me is draggin'!*



The Back Pages— Apologies to our Irish Friends



Pat is at the airport with a sack over each shoulder and when he is stopped at customs they find that both sacks are full of mobile phones.

When asked why Pat said, "Well, while I was on my travels in America, I got a phone call from my mate Mick and he told me that he is starting up a jazz band and could I bring him back two saxophones."

Mick and Paddy were on a plane.

Keep Calm And Oh Feck It Enjoy Some Craic

Halfway through the flight, Mick said, "Paddy, if this plane would turn upside down, do you think we'd fall out?"

Paddy says "Nah, we'd still be mates."

Me & my mate were sat in a cafe this morning, the waitress came over and said you can't eat your own sandwiches in here! So we swapped

I bought my friend 4 pregnancy tests they all came out positive now she's crying 🥺💔 .. She asked how will she feed 4 kids 🥺



Paddy's in the bathroom and Murphy shouts to him "Did you find the shampoo?"

Paddy says, "yes but it's for dry hair and I've just wet mine."