

Lions Club of Minnamurra



Fishy Tales

May 2024 Newsletter

Report from the President

Dear Fellow Members

A very busy April saw members step up to the plate to again enhance the reputation of Minnamurra Lions Club through service, social and fundraising activities. Seven potential members attended our new members night with three or four new members looking likely at this stage while we have also had a couple of hits on our website asking about membership. Ken and Denis starred on the night and they also received good coverage in the Bugle newspaper for their efforts - well done lads!

We had our first Rugby League gate duty coordinated by Phil after John Knox had coordinated parking and marshalling volunteers for the Shellharbour Marathon, half Marathon and shorter runs on morning of the same day. Thanks to those members who were able to support those events.

As usual we also ran our BBQ at the markets with Vaughan stepping up to the plate in Rod's absence with a wonderful result of over \$2000 profit for the day. Well done to all involved!

Anzac Day saw our club represented by John Knox and myself where we laid a wreath at the memorial in town on behalf of the club - thanks to John Knox who sourced the wreath and also attended the dawn service. Brian Cox represented the club at the memorial church service conducted on the previous Sunday.

The Minnamurra Manwalk received good coverage in the last edition of the Bugle - don't forget if you have nothing to do at 6.30am on Thursday why not join a bunch of good blokes for a short walk and a coffee.

Phil A, David T and I attended training conducted by the District at Dapto Leagues Club. The training focused on building stronger clubs and the roles of president, secretary and treasurer. A major theme of the day was succession planning which is something that we will need to put in place over the coming year to ensure a smooth transfer of positions for the 2025/2026 Lions year. Some good interactions between the attending clubs occurred with David and Phil being able to help some attendees with constitutional matters and registering with the ATO while David standing in as Treasurer has found a contact with strong experience of auditing Lions Clubs who will complete our end of year audit for a very reasonable rate.

As you know we have a new constitution after a lot of work by David T and Phil A, David recently received confirmation from Dept of Fair Trading that our new constitution has been registered. Congratulations to both these members on this achievement.

Wednesday 22 May is the volunteer expo at the farmers markets. This will be a good opportunity to promote our new website and I will be looking for a couple of volunteers to assist me on the day.

A reminder that on May 31 there is a "come and have a drink with Lions" event on that evening at the Kiama Leagues Club. This is a joint Minnamurra/Kiama Lions event aimed at introducing people to Lions and perhaps attracting a few new members as well. I will be asking for some suggestions for invitees for the evening who may be new to our social group and Lions - think along the lines of local workers (Schools, businesses, organisations).

Brian Cox is also looking for some help with the Red Shield Appeal. Following concerns from members our support for this event has been scaled back a lot but Brian still sees some benefit in our helping out and is trying to get a couple of collection teams up and running.

Again thanks to all members who were able to assist with our busy month of April and finally to Roger for his continued efforts with the newsletters.

Yours in Lions, Bill

Upcoming events

Next Meeting— Tuesday 14 May 6 for 6.30pm—Guest speaker Ryan Burke will tell us all about Marine Salvage operations.

Minnamurra Manwalk—Every Thursday at 6.30am from in front of Cantik Café in Johnson Street—Solvitur Ambulando.

Mousetrap Theatre event— date

George wants to reminder those attending that payment will be due by end of June.

Kiama Rugby League - Home Fixtures 2024

Fixture Date	First Game	BBQ?
Sunday, 5 May 2024	11:00	No
Saturday, 11 May 2024	10:00	No
Sunday, 2 June 2024	10:00	No
Sunday, 16 June 2024	10:00	Yes
Sunday, 30 June 2024	10:00	No
Sunday, 7 July 2024	10:00	No
Sunday, 4 August 2024	10:00	No

Ring Pulls for Charity As mentioned at a recent meeting where I asked members if you would not mind collecting RING PULLS from 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.

GET ring pulls to John by 20th June.

Club News

Recently, you could not get the smile off Vaughans face when he learnt that he had been nominated as 1VP for the club.



In other news, the guest speaker at our April 23 club meeting, Carolyn Morrow, from the Kiama Family History centre gave a very informative presentation. Carolyn has been involved in Genealogy for over thirty years and had heaps of advice to the budding family history buffs in the club.

Brian Cox also advised us of the changes to the **Red Shield door knock appeal** for this years collection. The appeal can now extend over the three months of April, May and June. Brian is hoping to form 2 teams to assist fundraising for this most worthwhile of organisations especially with the cost of living crisis. Please, give Brian a call or email if you can help out.

Figtree Lions Golf Day—We are pleased to invite you back to the Calderwood Valley Golf Course on Wednesday May 15 for our annual Charity Golf Day. The format will be a 2 man Ambrose as usual. This year, the proceeds will be donated to the Wollongong Hospital Respiratory Unit to provide non intrusive ventilators. Illawarra Lions clubs are collaborating on this significant project. We invite you and your friends to join us again for another great day at the course! If you wish to enter this wonderful event please advise the editor and I will forward an entry form to you.

Stop Press Stop Press Stop

The editor offers sincere and unreserved apologies to Vaughan for any harm done through the falsely reported nomination of Vaughan to the 1VP position. Apparently, Vaughans grin was in fact because he achieved that often sought but rarely achieved feat of a HOLE IN ONE at a recent game of golf at the Kiama Golf Club course.

He achieved this coveted goal on the sixth hole, a 128 metre par 3. Although I cannot work out why he has his putter in his hand!

Congratulations Vaughan.



Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2023/2024

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May 2024

- 5 Sunday – Rugby League gates – Kiama Showground from 11am
- 11 Sunday - Rugby League gates – Kiama Showground from 10am
- 14 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. **Lion of the Year voting.**
- 15 Wednesday – Figtree Lions Charity Golf Day – Calderwood Valley GC. \$70pp. Details from Phil A.
- 19 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Vaughan Schneider to coordinate.
- 24-27 Friday-Monday – 72nd MD201 Convention in Darwin
- 28 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting.
- 31 Friday – Kiama Lions drinks at Cedar Cutters Bar, Leagues Club from 5 pm

June 2024

- 2 Sunday - Rugby League gates – Kiama Showground from 10am
- 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.
Sunday - Rugby League gates – Kiama Showground from 10am
- 21-25 Friday-Tuesday – LCICON 2024 International Convention, Melbourne
- 25 Tuesday - 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Changeover Dinner – with Partners. Details TBC**
- 30 Rugby League gates – Kiama Showground from 10am

Please keep **Garrick Napier** 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. 2015/2016.

New President, Ross Thompson was assisted by Secretary Roger Millburn and Treasurer Ralph Moses and his wily assistant Kevin Bolack who introduced Ralph to the icloud. Administration matters included cancellation of the Post Office box with a mailbox installed at the Scout Hall site. A Club equipment register and a work roster were introduced and a policy for members borrowing club gear developed. A NSW Govt grant enabled purchase of a Defibrillator, marquee and additional signage for our projects. New club shirts were designed and ordered. Membership remained fairly robust with new members, Gerard and Garrick offset by the sad loss of charter member, Ted McQuire, who passed away during the year.

Cancer carers respite cottage project was initiated by Kiama in partnership with Gerringong and Minnamurra Lions clubs. A big job fully supported by District Governor Sally Wilton from Nowra. A civic reception was held at the Kiama Council chambers to welcome Sally with 30 to 40 people in attendance from Minnamurra, Kiama, Shellharbour and Gerringong clubs. Club Carer, Colin Blanchard stepped down due to his poor health with Al Thomas taking over, but still coordinated the Red Cross collection.

Social events such as Jamberoo Bowls night, Golfy Club Xmas party, Xmas in July when the DG visited and Sydney Harbour cruise made for a fun year.

Service projects included Blue Haven fete collection and set-up, Bunnings BBQ, Cancer relay for life, Picnic tables at Jones beach, historic anchor plinth installation and Whale watching platform on top of the usual Market barbeques, Kids fishing comp, Salvos and Red Cross doorknocks, New projects such as Kiss Arts festival and Equipment to Tonga, Yard cleanup for Mathew Halliwells family and recycling of used glasses kept us busy. The Christmas trailer raffle, Melbourne Cup trifecta and Killalea market parking were big jobs but very rewarding financially. The club donated over \$31K during the year.

Groups to benefit from our fundraising were numerous and included our Youth Development awards, Flying Doctors, Childrens Mobility, Camp Quality, Triple Care farm, Australian Doctors International, the local schools, Lions foundations and MS research.

Another very busy but rewarding year.