



Fishy Tales

June 2024 Newsletter

Report from the President

Fellow Members

I would like to start the newsletter once again by thanking all those involved in our recent activities and for making them a success. Particularly Vaughan who jumped in to cover the coordination of the BBQ (as well as Lion of the Year) and Knoxy for stepping up and organising the Rugby League Gates. Also to Al Thomas who attended the garage to take a gas delivery, with short notice, allowing me to finish a golf game.

A reminder that 9 June is the Red Cross fun run so Judi may be chasing up some volunteers this week, I have sent her an email to offer assistance if she is short on numbers. On the 16 June we have a BBQ and the Rugby League gates with Rod and Knoxy jostling for volunteers so please don't be backward in coming forward.

Thursday 6 June was the date for our disbursement meeting and with a sizeable bank we should be able to spread some cheer around. We have recently heard from Wires about the difficulties they are having with finding vets to volunteer their time, medication and facilities and from Jamberoo Public School with their endeavours to become a community hub and the safety issues with Library shelving that is preventing them doing so.

Phil A, Knoxy (who has been offering to autograph copies of his article in the Bugle) Paul Macca and I attended Council's Volunteer Expo a couple of weeks ago. We took along our big marquee so had plenty of exposure and it also allowed us to host the Simple Gift of a Bag and Wires under our roof. Although it was fairly quiet we were able to hand out leaflets promoting our new web page to other volunteer groups and passers by.

In conjunction with Kiama Lions we hosted a 'Drinks with Lions' evening at the Cedar Cutters bar at the Leagues Club. It was not as well attended as we all hoped with only several of Kiama's and none of our invitees attending (though I did get two late apologies) however I (as Minnamurra's sole representative) was able to make some good contacts within council and the high school and with the invitation process we raised awareness of the club and have sourced a possible sponsor.

Hopefully everyone saw my email regarding Lion of the Year. If not please forward nominations to Vaughan ASAP so that he can collate for voting for our next meeting Tuesday 11 June.

Speaking of meetings George and his committee are busily organising the changeover dinner for 25 June, as you know its a partner night so please organise your attendance accordingly. The committee is also looking at a venue to help us celebrate 25 years of the Minnamurra Lions Club at the end of the year with these, guest speakers and social activities it will be a busy year for them. Please note George's advice that monies for the Mousetrap in September are due by 20 June.

Lastly 7 walkers at our most recent Manwalk - hope to see you there!

Yours in Lions

Bill

Lions at Work and partners too!



Left -Helipad Garden project 23 May—
New plantings and weeding by Vaughan, David
T, Bill and Nesbit



Black Beach Market BBQ

19 May—The ladies helping out
with our record taking effort.

Thank you all.

Ring Pulls for Charity

John Knox would like all of those rig pulls given to him by the end of this upcoming week. Bring them along to this meeting or give him a call.

Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2023/2024

Lions Club of Minnamurra

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June 2024

- 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. Phil Andersen to coordinate.

Payment required by end of June for those attending the Mousetrap stage show to be held on Friday 13th September at the IMB theatre in Wollongong.

July 2024

- 6 Saturday – District Changeover Dinner – Mittagong RSL. **Details TBC**
- 7 Sunday – Rugby League Gate Duty – Kiama Showground. Phil Andersen to coordinate.
- 9 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker probably Clive Pickering.
- 11 Thursday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm Gerringong Lions Changeover Dinner.
- 21 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 23 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Christmas in July special dinner menu. Guest Speaker TBC.

August 2024

- 4 Sunday – Rugby League Gate Duty – Kiama Showground. Phil Andersen to coordinate.
- 11 Sunday – Rugby League Gate Duty – Kiama Showground. Phil Andersen to coordinate.
- 13 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker TBC.
- 18 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 27 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker TBC.

To be continued.

Please keep **Garrick Napier** (the 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. 2016/2017.

The year began with some difficulties. No volunteers to head up the club resulted in Ross Thompson having to go around again. Incoming Secretary was Denis Beynon and Treasurer Ralph Moses however Ralph could not fill the role due to his poor health. David Tyson stepped into the role however he was absent for some time assisting with drought relief work elsewhere in the state. Kevin Bolack signed up as his assistant once again. Board members included Kevin Dawson, Brian Divers, Bruce McLean, Steve Omrod and John Sims with Brian Cox arranging the program. Peter Murphy was Tail-twister and Roy Milroy did his usual great job as newsletter editor as well as becoming our Food Safety Supervisor. Howard Smith booked in the numbers attending our meetings all without having an email account thanks to help from Kari Harju.

Ralph Moses sadly succumbed to his illness leaving a huge hole in the club hierarchy. He was a charter member, past President and held most other positions in the club. His memory lives on.

Differing opinions on the allocation of a percentage of funds from service work to the Admin account caused unrest in the club. With several of the elected board in poor health, Ken Horspool volunteered to join the board. Security of large amounts of cash collected at events such as the Killalea markets caused review of cash handling procedures.

Fund raising through continuing events such as Relay for Life with Martin Grove arranging our efforts, Xmas trailer raffle, Red Shield appeal, Red Cross doorknock, Seaside market BBQs, Killalea Market parking and Rugby 7 gates ensured a steady income stream with a huge \$40,000 plus being donated to Lions and other charities. A grant was secured enabling presentation of a walker to a disabled girl from Nowra through the Lions Mobility foundation. Charities to benefit included Australian Doctors International, Camp Quality, Kiama Downs Surf Club, Triple Care farm, MS research, Youth Development award (two participants on Outward Bound courses), SES Kiama, Chris OBrien Mesothelioma research and the Carers Respite centre at Kiama as well as the numerous Lions foundations. Awards to Kiama High, Minnamurra and Jamberoo Schools were also made during the year.

Membership fluctuated with resignations from Ken Magnus due to his failing eye health and Denis McColl but offset by the induction of Gerard Kenny.

Ross was glad to hand over the Presidency at the end of the year and thanked Thea and all of the others who helped him during his term of office.