



Fishy Tales

September 2024 Newsletter

Report from the President

Fellow Members

As you are no doubt aware, we have a busy month coming up. Knoxy is still looking for assistance with marshalling for the Shellharbour fun run and marathon next Sunday, if you can assist for a couple of hours please give him a call. We were also asked to run a BBQ for the event but with all that is happening in the coming weeks the board thought that it would be too big an ask on the members.

Monday of the long weekend sees an extra monthly market BBQ which will be followed the following Sunday by the inaugural Kiama triathlon to be conducted out of James Oats Reserve at Minnamurra. We have committed to running a BBQ and have been asked to supply some marshals however again we probably won't have the manpower. Then another market the next Sunday, however the Mens' Shed will be staffing that with the assistance of a couple of our members only. Thanks to Vaughan for organising the September BBQ roster although it didn't proceed, he committed some hours to sourcing volunteers.

The board is looking to form a committee to organise our 25th anniversary in November. All the hard work re a venue and possible menu has been done, thanks to George, however there is still more to be done including the night's proceeding, itinerary, identifying and inviting guests, printed materials, presentations, budget etc. It would be great to have some foundation members on the committee along with some of our newer members. Please let me know if you can assist by Friday 27 Sept.

Other events coming up are Year 12 Kiama High School presentation next this Friday, Batemans Bay convention last weekend of October, a meeting of our Communication and Media Management committee and our AGM on 22 October.

It is also time to start thinking about board positions for next year, specifically president, treasurer and secretary. The current treasurer and secretary have held these positions for several years and both deserve a break, so if you haven't been involved in these positions but would like to support your fellow Lions, now is a good time to put your hands up so we can provide some training under the current regime.

Yours in Lions

Bill

Lions learning of Television Production and Heavy Industry.



Left—John Norton gave us an insight into the workings of a TV station from his working life at Channel 7 and SBS. An entertaining talk given in a relaxed and candid manner.

I especially enjoyed the tale of filming on board the US navy warship.

A vote of thanks was presented by Kevin Lewry.

Bottom Left—One of the displays at the Cleary Brothers museum was a gold painted Furphy watertank with the slogan later stolen by Telstra.

Bottom Right—Brian Cox viewing the Cleary Bros Tractor beautifully painted in silver and gold. A few of our members accepted the invitation from Figtree Lions to join them on their visit to the Cleary Brothers museum. A terrific display of old stuff.



Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2024/2025

Lions Club of Minnamurra

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September 2024

- 24 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker –Tom Hunt –topic—A Look at Earths History and Future.
- 29 Sunday—Run Shellharbour—Marshalling 7am to 10.30am 7/8 volunteers required—John Knox to coordinate.

October 2024

- 7 Monday – Extra BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 8 Tuesday – 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting. Mixed Night with Partners. Guest Speaker—Rita Sullivan from Zonta.
- 10 Thursday – 4.00pm - Board Meeting – Kiama Golf Club Board Room
- 12 Saturday – Bump-in for Kiama Triathlon – move BBQ trailer to James Oates Reserve
- 13 Sunday – 7.00am till 1.00pm – Kiama Triathlon. BBQ for competitors and supports at James Oates Reserve. Bill Lyon to liaise with organisers. BBQ Committee to coordinate BBQ. Expecting up to 500 runners + support teams.
- 20 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate Club volunteers etc. **Conducted by Kiama Men's Shed – TBC with Pete Austin (KMS).**
- 22 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker Craig Blanche – Presentation on The Cross of Valour and the George Cross. **Annual General Meeting at 8.55pm.**
- 26-27 Saturday-Sunday – District N2 Convention at Batemans Bay – **Details TBC**

November 2024

- 12 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting
- 12 Tuesday - 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting. Guest speaker TBC.
- 17 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.

18 Wednesday – 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Volunteers for committee required.

Silica Restaurant—Surf Beach Kiama.

- 26 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Guest speaker TBC.

Please keep Membership Chair **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. 2019/2020.

Ken Horspool was elected as the new President with some help from Roger Millburn as Secretary, Phil Cooper and David Tyson as Treasurers in tandem.

Membership was strong with 41 members sharing the project workload over events such as Killalea parking, Driver Reviver, Sculptures at Killalea, Gardening for an elderly couple, Rugby Sevens gates, Salvos toy pickup, Kiama Council family fun bike ride and Black beach barbeques. We shared the workload and profits from the market bbqs with other community organisations such as Kiama Mens Shed, Gym Club, Netball and Soccer clubs. Parking jobs additional to the Killalea markets included the Shellcove Harbour walk and Second Hand Saturday events.

Disaster planning looked at van owners and other accommodation options for those in need of emergency housing. We also made donations towards replacement of water tanks destroyed in recent bush fires.. We offered assistance to isolated community members with shopping during the Covid 19 pandemic.

After a lengthy planning process which caused some angst among members, the construction of our new BBQ trailer commenced after recommendations from our bbq committee members Geoff Shoard, Denis Beynon and Roy Milroy. The new BBQ trailer was launched on 12th November at the Kiama Downs Surf Club.

Socially, we celebrated our 20th anniversary with a dinner at Bendooley Estate Winery, Berrima capably arranged by Kevin Bolack and his committee. We hired a bus to transport members, guests and partners to the event. Ken Horspool and John Hetherington gave us a review of Minnamurra Lions Club members and operations over the twenty years which was well done. We enjoyed our annual bowls night with Figtree Lions club members. Guest speakers during the year included Heather McAlpine speaking on relationship, Brendan Woods on exercise physiology and also learnt about the transport problems of wind farm towers and blades.

Long standing numbers man, Howard Smith relinquished the often onerous task of chasing up members and booking our list of dinner attendees. Unfortunately with the restrictions brought into place because of the Covid 19 pandemic, face to face dinner meetings were abandoned to be replaced by zoom meetings for some time.

Our constitution review was completed and the committee of David Tyson and Mike Bowden submitted the revised edition for approval. Well done team.

With the resignation from the club of Roy Milroy, the search for a newsletter editor was a priority with Phil Andersen stepping in to this time consuming role. Also, Gerard Kenny arranged a quality review of our operations which identified that our major source of business was Markets! Surprised!