



Fishy Tales

November 2024 Newsletter

Report from the President

Dear Fellow Members

A great night was had by all at the recent 25th anniversary of our charter. Fifty-six current and past members along with their partners attended the Silica restaurant for the celebration, partying well past nine o'clock (bed time for many these days). We also hosted club presidents from Kiama and Gerringong as well as our zone coordinator. I'm sure that some of our past members enjoyed all the fun that's been missing from their lives since leaving. Special thanks to the organising committee of Phil, Roger, Denis, Noel and George for their background work on; the venue, menu, slideshow presentation, program, history and; placemats. Thanks also to Scottie for his work behind the lens.

As you should be aware there will be no more meetings this year, due to timetable clashes, until the end of year Christmas party on 17 December. The original plan was to hold this on the 10th however clashes with Carols and trivia nights meant that the 17th has to be it. Hope to see you there.

Though slowing down with meetings there will still be a little bit on for MLC. We have again committed to assist the Minnamurra Progress Association with a BBQ on Tuesday Dec 3, Knoxy has volunteered to coordinate that event so it would be great if others could jump in and assist. We have the Kiama Market BBQ on the 15 Dec and no doubt Rod will be seeking volunteers for that, please step up if you can as Rod does not have a meeting between now and then to push the cause.

Batman and possibly Robin (Denis and Nesbit) will be again leading the charge re driver reviver with Denis to approach members re manning our rostered days from Wed 1st to Sun 5th Jan. Our January social BBQ will be running again this year at James Oats reserve on the evening of Tuesday 21st. There are school presentations that will need representatives to attend. Thanks to Paul Macca and Brian Cox for volunteering for Kiama High and Jamberoo respectively.

A reminder that this year we will not be involved in the Salvos toy run as Figtree Lions are far better placed and happy to provide this service.

First Monday of the month is fast approaching and that means that our twin Costas, Roger and Nesbit will be looking for assistance with the garden at the helipad. It is not an onerous task and is often followed up by a coffee.

Thanks to Ross T who has again volunteered to coordinate Clean Up Australia early in the new year, the highlight of which is undoubtedly Thea's coffees at the end of collection.

The 6 monthly meeting of the Disbursements Committee is on Tuesday 26 November with recommendations to go to the board meeting afternoon on 13 December.

Yours in Lions

Bill

Recent Meetings and Manwalk—Induction of New Member Martin Coffee

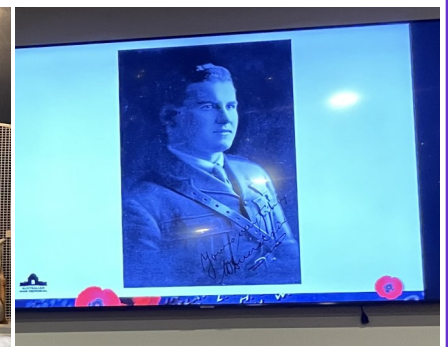


Membership Director Garrick Napier inducting returned charter member, Martin Coffee with Zone Chair John Larkin standing in for Martins sponsor, Brian Cox. Welcome back Martin.

Additionally, on a meeting night which had a lot going on, Guest Speaker Craig Blanche gave a touching speech recalling the life and deeds of several of the Australian service personnel who were presented with the Victoria Cross, the Cross of Valour and the George Cross medals. All members were taking in the tragic details of these heroic actions in times of war. Brian Scott both introduced Craig and also offered a vote of thanks for his excellent presentation.

Reports on recent Market barbecues (ours and Mens Shed) hammered home to us the different operating methods of each group. Obviously, ours procedures are better. We also held our AGM.

New Zone Chair, John Larkin, from Kiama Lions Club invited members of Minnamurra, Gerringong and Kiama clubs to a celebration lunch to be held at the Kiama Carers Cottage in Shoalhaven Street on Thursday 12th December .



Minnamurra Manwalk—The Thursday morning crew continue to attract good numbers at 6.30 am from in front of Cantik coffee shop at the Johnson Street shops. With the sun rising at around 5.45 now, it is even easier to get out of bed, put on your walking shoes and start the day with a good walk in a beautiful location with some good fellows willing to have a chat. If you are not feeling too healthy and not up to a walk, you can just come down and have a coffee when we finish our walk at around 7.30. Be there.

And remember—*solvitur ambulando!*



Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2024/2025

Lions Club of Minnamurra

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December 2024

- 2 Monday - Eureka Ave Garden Party – Roger Millburn to coordinate.
- 3 Tuesday – Minnamurra Progress Association BBQ – James Oates Reserve John Knox to coordinate,
- 10 Tuesday – 4.00pm Board Meeting. Kiama Golf Club. **Details TBC**
- 15 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 17 Tuesday - 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Christmas Function at Kiama Golf Club with Partners. **Details TBC.**

January 2025

- 1 to 5 Wednesday to Sunday (incl) 9.00am to 3.00pm each day - Driver Reviver at Nungarry Rest Area – Denis Beynon coordinating roster.
- 19 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 21 Tuesday – 5.00pm-ish. Club social Picnic/BBQ for whoever is interested – James Oates Reserve Minnamurra. **Details TBC.**

February 2025

- 2 Monday - Eureka Ave Garden Party – Roger Millburn to coordinate.
- 11 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting
- 11 Tuesday - 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting.
- 16 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 25 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Club Nominations Meeting.**

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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Hey Gaz—Any chance of an updated Membership List?

Lions in Loud Shirts

History of the Minnamurra Lions Club. 2021/2022.

With the Covid 19 virus hindering operations for the year 2020/2021, Paul McInerney volunteered to have another year as President. First VP was Gerard Kenny and 2nd VP Bill Lyon with Phil Andersen taking over as Secretary. Bruce McLean ran again for Treasurer with assistance from Phil Cooper. Board members included Chris Duffy, Kari Harju, Clive Pickering, Martin Grove as Club Care and Garrick Napier with Vaughan Schneider. Phil Woodcock held the important non-elected position of BBQ chairperson. The club embarked on a journey of a five year plan with a Strategic Planning Process implemented.

Our first Zoom meeting was held with 29 members out of 38 jumping on-line for a bit of a chat. More structure would be introduced for future zoom meetings. When restrictions were lifted we were allowed to have our first face to face meeting on 12th October however the numbers were limited to 20 persons. We had trouble counting and actually had 21 in attendance. The events committee did a great job and arranged guest speakers such as Martin Killen, Monique Field and Monty Bedani as well as holding a cocktail party. Our regular bowls night with Figtree Lions went ahead in the new calendar year.

Projects supported during the year included the Childhood Cancer research Coin Line, Reading Action program, Salvos Toy pickup. Beach wheelchair with KD Surf Club, Second Hand Saturday car boot sale, Rugby 7 gates , Rugby League gates, Driver Reviver and Cleanup Australia. Seaside Market barbeques also came back on line during the latter part of the Lions year with Rod Ayling arranging the roster with quiet efficiency.

We looked at forming a Leo club in the municipality with Kiama and Gerringong Lions clubs a part of the formation committee.

New bulletin editor, Roger Millburn, found plenty of Covid 19 lockdown jokes for the newsletter. Also Bill Lyon continued his poetry with the Rumour Register creating nicknames such as Bashful Gerard Kenny, Rowdy Kevin Lewry, Mulga Bill Artie Smithers and Biggles Mike Bowden.

Funds raided during the year were somewhat reduced due to the restrictions in operations and the reluctance of the public to attend larger gatherings. Wearing of masks and separation of people made things rather uncomfortable for many elderly and those with ongoing health problems.

Gerard Kenny filled in as acting President in Paul McInerneys absence early in the year.

A challenging year for all.

Twenty Fifth Anniversary Dinner—Silica Restaurant 20th November.

A wonderful night of celebration with 56 Minnamurra Lions, partners and guests including a number of past members.

Emcee for the night, Paul McInerney did a sterling job keeping the meeting going and also giving us the opportunity to catch up and chat with the former MLC members and their partners. Unfortunately Geoff Shoard could not attend due to a medical issue with Robin. He has advised that she is doing well and that there is no truth in the rumour that he didn't show because they did not serve VB.

The food, slide show and setup were terrific thanks to the diligence of the event committee and the staff of Silica. Well done all.

