



Fishy Tales

February 2025 Newsletter

Report from the President

Fellow Members

Welcome to the first President's report for 2025. Disappointingly the year started with a cancelled market BBQ but it was good to catch up with members and partners at the James Oats get together recently.

A reminder that our first meeting for the year is on 11 Feb - same time, same place. Also we have an invite to the Kiama Lions meeting on 13th Feb with the Mayor being the special guest. Please let me know if you are interested in attending by Thursday 6 Feb.

Kiama Lions have also informed me that they will be running a Faulty Towers night in early May, tickets are \$90 a head, more info on this night when I have it.

We hope to have a new members night at the end of March at Jamberoo so put your thinking hats on and invite any potential members.

A thankyou to Denis B for coordinating the recent driver/reiver roster, ably assisted by Nesbit and Noel who jumped in and helped with opening and closing. Thanks Guys!

An early reminder re Clean Up Australia, again to be coordinated by Ross, which will be on the first weekend in March. Thanks Ross!

it looks as if Community Radio has been successful with the tender for the Ambulance Station - 3 rooms and one side of the garage. I have had a brief preliminary discussion with Glen Shepard and there is no urgent need to cull and/or move equipment. Further talks will happen re the way forward.

As we are moving into the new year a couple of our Lions, notably Martin G and Steve O will be talking to members about roles and positions, both elected and non elected, for the 2025/26 Lions year. The elected positions of secretary, president, 1st and 2nd vice presidents and three first year directors are all needing to be filled. Please be patient with Martin and Steve as its not an easy job to find members to volunteer. Thanks to those members who have already committed to position next year.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at the Feb meeting.

Yours in Lions

Bill

Positions Vacant

All Board and Committee Positions

Have you thought about getting involved in something different this Lions year?

Sure, you have done the same job for a while and think that you have it all worked out but perhaps you need to broaden your horizons and take on a new position.

Whilst most other positions have been allocated, we need someone to step up as President.

The club cannot function without a President. I am sure that any member of our club could perform the job with assistance from other members if required.

The best way to maintain your brainpower is to give a new challenge a go! Think about it, have a look at the positions list and give the nominations committee members, Martin Grove and Steve Omrod a call and discuss your options. The board have been looking at changing various position roles with assistants helping in the day to day matters so that no one job is too onerous. **You can do it.!**

Remember that you get out what you put in!

Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar 2024/2025

February 2025

- 11 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting.
- 11 Tuesday - 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting.– Guest Speaker Amy Wildner of WildMann Group (Falls Prevention)
- 13 Thursday – Combined meeting with Kiama/Gerringong Lions. Probably Kiama Leagues Club Time TBC.
- 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.**

March 2025

- 1 Saturday – possible Second Hand Saturday. Details TBC.
- 2 Sunday – 8.00am to 10.30am Clean Up Australia Day. Meet at James Oates Reserve. Ross Thompson to coordinate.
- 3 Monday - Eureka Ave Garden Party – Roger Millburn away
- 8 Saturday – Lions Awareness Day. **TBC**
- 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 Elections Meeting**

April 2025

- 8 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 8 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Dinner Meeting
- 20 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Vaughan Schneider to coordinate.
- 22 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm Club Dinner Meeting.
- 25 Friday – ANZAC Day Wreath Laying in Kiama – **Details TBC**

May 2025

- 13 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting.
- 18 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Vaughan Schneider to coordinate.
- 27 Tuesday – 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting.

June 2025

- 9 Monday – Possible extra Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) **Awaiting Board Approval**
- 10 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting; 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting
- 15 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 24 Tuesday - 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Changeover Dinner – with Partners. Details TBC**

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. 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 Minnamurra, 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 raised 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.

Following the very enjoyable evening at James Oates reserve at Minnamurra in January, a number of those attending remarked that Jills cake was a winner and they would like the recipe.

Those with cooking skills might like to try it out. Any stone fruit can be substituted. Enjoy!

TORTA ALL'OLIO e ALBICOCCHE

♦ APRICOT AND OLIVE OIL CAKE ♦



Olive oil is commonly used instead of butter in central and southern Italy, even in the baking of cakes and sweet pastries. It imparts a subtle touch of savoury, but also adds lightness to cake batters. However, the real secret to the ineffable fluffiness of this cake is that the sugar is first dissolved in warm milk and infused with lemon and vanilla. The apricots add a welcome touch of tangy tartness, making this cake impossible to resist for morning or afternoon tea.

SERVES 8

170 g caster sugar
230 ml milk
finely grated zest of 1 lemon
1 vanilla bean, split and
seeds scraped
100 ml extra virgin olive oil
3 teaspoons *mistrà* or
sambuca (optional;
see Note)
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1½ cups (200 g) self-raising
flour
½ teaspoon bicarbonate
of soda
7–8 apricots, cut into quarters
flaked almonds, for sprinkling
fresh ricotta and honey,
to serve (optional)

- 1 Preheat your oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Grease and flour a 27 cm × 21 cm rectangular or 21 cm square cake tin (or line it with baking paper).
- 2 Place the sugar, milk and lemon zest in a medium saucepan over low heat and cook for 3–4 minutes, stirring regularly, until the sugar has dissolved. Do not let the milk come to the boil. Turn off the heat and stir in the vanilla seeds, olive oil and liqueur (if using), then let the mixture cool for 5–10 minutes.
- 3 Add the beaten egg, flour and bicarbonate of soda and whisk to form a smooth batter. Pour the batter into the prepared tin and arrange the apricot quarters on top any way you like. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds and bake for 30–35 minutes or until pale golden and a skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Cool in the tin for a few minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool at room temperature for 1 hour before cutting. Serve just as it is or with honey-drizzled ricotta.

- ♦ *Mistrà* is an aniseed-scented liqueur often enjoyed in Marche. For an alcohol-free version, replace the liqueur with milk.
- ♦ If you are using very small apricots, they may plummet to the bottom of the tin during baking. To avoid this, make a double layer of apricot quarters.

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**When you reach a certain age and the doctor says:
"Put ice where it hurts."**



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One Liners

My grief counsellor died recently – luckily, he was so good I didn't give a shit!

The young couple next door to me have recently made a sex tape. I mean obviously they don't know that yet!

The other day a woman described me as a bit of a 'looker'. Well, "voyeur" was the actual word she used.

I used to go out with a parachutist with IBS but she shat on me from a great height.

I hired a landscape gardener but he said he couldn't help as my garden was laid out in portrait.

I don't like to eat anything labelled "reformed ham". I don't think it's fair to slaughter them just after they've got their lives back on track.

This morning I made a Belgian waffle. In the afternoon I made a Frenchman talk bollocks.

This morning I went to a meeting of my premature ejaculators support group. Turns out it's tomorrow.

I've got the memory of an elephant. I remember once I went to the zoo and saw an elephant.

I was disappointed to find out the movie 'Dunkirk' was not the biography of William Shatner.

This morning my dog bit me on the butt. My mate said its "karma". I said, "No, if anything it's even more angry."

I'll tell you what always catches my eye – short people with umbrellas.

I recently put on a lot of weight, so I rang up Weightwatchers. I said it's an emergency, can you send somebody round. They said "yes we can, we've got loads of them."

You know how on the remote control you have for pay TV there's a red button you can press to get more options. Well, I was watching TV and the announcer said there's a documentary about the clitoris on the red button but I couldn't find it.

I was in a fancy lingerie shop and I asked the shop assistant "are these knickers satin" He said "No – they're new".

I didn't know what to get my granddaughter for Christmas so I asked my son what she's into. Apparently at the moment she's mad about Frozen stuff. So I bought her some oven chips and peas.

It's been a tough week – I got myself a memory foam mattress and now it's trying to blackmail me.

As a child I was made to walk the plank – we couldn't afford a dog.

I went to a positive thinking course. It was shit. I knew it would be – and it was half empty.

The area in a Nando's between the front and back door is called the peri-perineum.

The doctor told me to lose some weight. I said "How?" He said "don't eat anything fatty". I said, "What, pies, chips and that sort of thing?" He said, "No, just don't eat anything, Fatty".

Old Lady names are very much back in fashion at the moment like Lily, or Elsie or Rose. We wanted something like that for our new daughter but we couldn't make up our mind so we just called her Nan.

A friend of mine had a penis extension. Now his house looks really stupid.

I was in a sex shop and saw a dildo described as "nine inches long and realistic". I thought, "well, which is it?"

Keep those jokes coming !