

**Lions Club of Minnamurra**



# Fishy Tales

**February 2026 Newsletter**

## Report from the President

A belated happy New Year to all Lions members & families.

We held our first board & dinner meetings for the year last Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Guest speaker was Jennifer Barclay the LEHP Director for N2/N5 Districts who enlightened us on just what the LEHP program is all about.

For those not present at the meeting I'm happy to report we had six members attend the Stage 2 training course on February 1<sup>st</sup> Roger, Phil, George, Steve, Ken & Denis, who are now fully accredited screeners.

They are now able to assist with the public screening taking place at Kiama Surf Club on 1<sup>st</sup> March. I might add we have another four members who have completed the Stage 1 on line training. MLC has again answered the challenge, well done to all involved.

Another highlight of the meeting was the induction of John Dawson into our club. Sponsor Phil provided an insight into John's background & of his impressive volunteering record. Welcome to our club John - I'm confident MLC will be all the better for your membership.

The other topic of importance is the Club Positions for 2026/27. I have asked Steve to include a copy of the most up-to-date list of the current Club Positions. I would ask all members to look at the current positions, committees, roles available & to give serious thought on how you can contribute, next year. Steve & Martin will be making calls to gauge your intentions.

I can't stress enough the importance of a succession plan & how it effects the transition from one year to the next.

Nominations for elected positions must be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> March as the Election night is on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Hope to catch up at the Lawn Bowls night.

Denis Beynon

President

## Recent Lions Events

BELOW :- At our Dinner Meeting on 27 Jan 2026, Jenny Barclay gave an excellent talk on the LEHP and how important it is to pick up possible eye problems with children



ABOVE :- LEHP screener training took place at Gerringong Surf Life Saving Club on 1st Feb.

RIGHT :- At that same Dinner Meeting we welcomed new member John Dawson to the club.



LEFT :- At a sometimes soggy Black Beach BBQ on 15 Feb 26 we still managed to smile. Check out Rogers pile of onions on the go.

# Minnamurra Lions Club Calendar

## Lions Club of Minnamurra-**Calendar 2025/2026**

### February 2026

- 1 Sunday – 9.00am to 12.00pm & 1.00pm to 3.30pm – LEHP Stage 2 Workshop. Gerringong Surf Club. Denis Beynon to coordinate.
- 10 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting – Kiama Golf Club
- 10 Tuesday - 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. Venue TBC. Gerard Kenny to coordinate meals.
- 15 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Ken Horspool to coordinate.
- 25 Tuesday – Barefoot Bowls Night—5.00pm start followed by dinner at the Kiama Bowling Club. Dinner and drinks are members responsibility—bowls cost is \$10 per head.

### March 2026

- 1 Sunday – 8.00am to 10.30am Clean Up Australia Day. Meet at James Oates Reserve. Ross Thompson to coordinate.
- Sunday – Times TBC – LEHP Practical Screening Session Kiama Surf Club. Denis Beynon to coordinate.
- 7 Second Hand Saturday—Ken Horspool to coordinate. BBQ committee to coordinate a BBQ at the event
- 10 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting. Kiama Golf Club.
- 10 Tuesday - 6.30 for 7.00pm – Club Dinner Meeting at Kiama Golf Club. Guest Speaker TBC. **Club Nominations Meeting.**
- 15 Sunday – BBQ Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle). Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 24 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting. **Club Elections Meeting.** Phil Andersen to coordinate.

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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# The Back Pages

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE AUSTRALIAN WHEN:

You believe that stubbies can either be drunk or worn. You pronounce Melbourne as 'Mel-bin'. You believe that the letter 'l' in Australia is optional, and it's perfectly ok to call it 'Straya'. You think 'Woolloomooloo' is a perfectly reasonable name for a place. You're secretly proud of our killer wildlife. You believe it makes perfect sense for a country to have a...\$1 coin that's twice as big as a \$2 coin. You understand that 'Wagga Wagga' can be abbreviated to 'Wagga' but 'Woy Woy' cannot be just 'Woy'. Beetroot with your hamburger...of course! You wear ugg boots outside the house. You believe that the more you shorten someone's name, the more you like them. You understand that 'excuse me' can sound rude, but 'scuse me' is always polite. You know what it's like to swallow a fly, on occasion via your nose. You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle and a seat belt buckle becomes a pretty good branding iron. You know how to abbreviate every word, all of which usually end in "o": arvo, convo, garbo, lezzo, metho, milko, muso, servo, smoko, rego, speedo, righto, etc....you know that there is a universal place called 'Woop Woop' located in the middle of nowhere, no matter where you actually are! And you can understand all of this, had a giggle, and tell all your aussie and international friends. I love Australia!

## Age-old deficiency

IT'S about time the authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even the road work limits) and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our state, and are therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they must be banned from holding a licence.

Doug Money, Oak Park

