

Lions Club of Minnamurra



Fishy Tales

June 2026 Newsletter

Report from the President

Congratulations & thanks to the many members who have been elected or volunteered for club positions for 2026/2027. At last night's meeting I was suitably impressed by the response of our members willingness to put themselves forward. This has meant that most committees and positions have been filled.

One position, which remains a concern is the 1st VP, a position vital to our club's succession plan.

Congratulations to John Knox on his election as President and I wish him and his board every success for the new Lions year.

Service wise, what a big couple of weekends we have had, beginning with the Salvos Red Shield Appeal Weekend and last weekend the Red Cross Fun Run. Thank you to the many volunteers who gave up their spare time to support these events.

A special mention of Phil's impressive organising, for the Fun Run.

Membership has finished on a high with Peter and Julie Jamieson to be inducted at the Changeover Dinner. Garrick, our Membership Chairperson will be away, so I have been asked to step in. What a fitting way to end my year as President.

We look like we may have gained our second member to approach us via our web page. Peter Stearn attended his first meeting last night and I hear he has volunteered for the next BBQ.

Voting for our Lion of the Year, took place at last night's meeting. The winner to be announced at the Changeover Dinner. Congratulations to Rod, John & Phil A, all three being worthy of the award.

It's with great sadness that we learnt the passing away of Warren Steel, after a massive heart attack. Warren was a Charter Member of Minnamurra Lions Club, having transferred from Kiama Lions. His stay was relatively short, before returning to Kiama Lions.

He had given outstanding service to Lions over 60 long years. He was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award given to an individual member.

Many of our members were fortunate to meet Warren at our recent Combined Meeting.

Our thoughts & prayers are with his children & families at this difficult time. He will be sadly missed.

Denis Beynon

2026/27 CLUB POSITIONS DRAFT

ELECTED OFFICER POSITIONS	
President	John Knox
Immediate Past President	Denis Beynon
Secretary	Phil Andersen (Assistant Secretary David Tyson)
Treasurer	Mike Bowden (Assistant Treasurer Vaughan Schneider)
First Year Directors	Franca Lyon, Eugene Devine, Clive Pickering
Second Year Directors	Martin Coffee, Chris Duffy, John Haseltine
Membership Chairperson	Garrick Napier
LCIF Coordinator	John Knox
Vacant Positions	First Vice President, Second Vice President, Service Chairperson
NON-ELECTED POSITIONS	
BBQ Committee	Rod Ayling (Chair), Gordon Kennedy, Kevin Lewry, Hugh Sail, Vaughan Schneider, Ross Thompson, Phil Woodcock
Clean Up Australia Coordinator	To be decided
Club Nominations	Steve Omrod, Bill Lyon
Driver Reviver	Roger Millburn, Nesbit Hindmarsh, Paul McInerney
Events Committee	Martin Coffee(Chair), George Gray, Eugene Devine, Franca Lyon
Dinner Meeting Meals	Brian Cox
Gardens and Parks	Roger Millburn (Chair), Nesbit Hindmarsh, John Knox, Davis Tyson, Franca Lyon
IT Specialist	Mike Bowden
Lion Carers	Hugh Sail, Franca Lyon
Lion Tamer	Denis Beynon
Local Youth and Schools Activities	Bill Lyon (Chair), Mike Bowden, Martin Grove
Lions Eye Health Program	Denis Beynon (Chair), Steve Omrod, Ken Horspool, Phil Cooper, Phil Andersen, George Gray, Roger Millburn
Man Walk	Roger Millburn, Bill Lyon
Newsletter	Steve Omrod
Outdoor Events (RL Gates, Fun Runs, etc)	John Knox (Chair), Ken Horspool, Kevin Lewry, Brian Scott
Property and Repairs	Roger Millburn, Nesbit Hindmarsh, Ken Horspool
Public Officer	David Tyson
Recycling Return and Earn	Brian Cox (Chair), Martin Grove, Bruce McLean, Garrick Napier, David Tyson
Safety Officer	Ken Horspool
Tail Twister	Bill Lyon
Communications Committee	Bill Lyon (Chair), Phil Andersen, Mike Bowden, George Gray, Steve Omrod, Bruce McLean, Bjorn Ulfsson
Xmas Cakes (orders only)	Bruce McLean

Lions Club of Minnamurra - Calendar 2026/2027

June 2026

- 7 Sunday – Red Cross Kiama Fun Run – 6.30am to 10.30am. Phil Andersen to coordinate with Judi O’Brien (Red Cross)
- 9 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 9 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm
- 21 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 23 Tuesday - 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Changeover Dinner – with Partners. Details TBC**
- 28 Sunday – Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates. 11.00am start. Phil Andersen & John Knox to coordinate.

July 2026

- 14 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 14 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm - **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 12 Sunday – Training for Club officials – Shellharbour Workers Club. 9.00am start.
- 19 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 26 Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates- 9.30am start. Outdoor Events Committee to coordinate.
- 28 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**

August 2026

- 3 National Tree Day – Assist Kiama High School with BBQ lunch at Kendalls Beach – Ross Thompson to coordinate.
- 11 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting
- 11 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm
- 16 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 16 Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates - 10.30am start. Outdoor Events Committee to coordinate.
- 25 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 30 Kiama Knights Rugby League Gates - 10.30am start. Outdoor Events Committee to coordinate.

RECENT LIONS ACTIVITIES

Charles Walker , U3A
presented to our Dinner
Meeting of 12 May



At our combined Dinner Meeting on 26 May our club, Kiama Lions and Gerringong Lions visited HARS then retired to Lakeside Hotel Oak Flats for victuals.

Our Bjorn Ulfsson recorded the event. Here is the link to his video;-

https://youtu.be/p7VSQK-EO_k

Bjorn not only made the aircraft look good he made our members look good also. Check it out!



Our club helped The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal by taking donations for them at Kiama Village Shopping Centre, then on the next weekend a large group of 19 of our members turned out to provide guides for the Red Cross Fun Run. Denis on the job (left)

Below is the letter send by President Denis on behalf of our club



Lions Club of Minnamurra Inc

District 201 N2

Zone 3 Club No.62422

To the surviving children, Lachan, Danielle & Peta & families

The members of Minnamurra Lions Club, extend our sincere condolences on the passing of your father Warren Steel.

Warren was well known in Lions circles not just locally, but throughout the Zone and District 201N2. He had given outstanding service to Lions over many years, recently celebrating 60 years. He was a Past President of Kiama Lions & the recipient of the Melville Jones award, the highest award given to an individual member. A distinguished record, indeed.

Something you may not know is he was a Charter Member of Minnamurra Lions Club, transferring from Kiama in 1999. He played a guiding role in our formative years.

It would be remiss to not acknowledge his service to his local community in his capacity as a Councilor of Kiama Municipal Council over six terms, including a time as Deputy Mayor. You can indeed be very proud of him. What I remember most was his "big Ideas" for projects, often ahead of their time.

I was reminded tonight in a conversation with my eldest son Warwick, that dad looked after the junior golfers for a period of time at the Golfie, another example of him helping in his community.

Living in Cathedral Rocks Ave and often turning right onto Darien Ave, I'm reminded of dad's flagpole and the flag of his beloved South Sydney "Rabbitohs" fluttering in the breeze. An avid supporter to the end.

While I didn't know dad that well, he always acknowledges me and on Tuesday of last week, 26th May I ran into him at a Combined Meeting of Kiama & Minnamurra Lions at HARS and later dinner at the Lakeside Hotel. Our members, on reflection feel fortunate to have shared some time with him.

On behalf of the members of MLC our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. He will be sadly missed by many.

Denis Beynon

President

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