

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



October 2026 Newsletter

Report from the President

Our Minnamurra Lions meeting had a very interesting speaker Brendan Toomey who spoke about working and being in management in hotels from the Hilton chain. Brendan is a good golfing mate of Brian and Al.

Our last Kiama Market on Mon Oct 5 was a hectic one and had a gross income of \$4,700 and some 220 Egg /Bacon rolls were made and 823 snags (doubles and singles) were cooked to perfection. Well done Team Minnamurra. We started with a big supply of stock (Rotary was not coming) purchased a few more snags, bread and eggs and still had a virtual sell out ! The next Market BBQ is on Sun Oct 18 and we are also doing a BBQ to support Children's Heart Health.

A big congratulations to Phil who was successful in obtaining a grant from ALF (Aust Lions Foundation) and another via Lions District to obtain the Eye Health Screening gear. Denis is leading a team of eye screeners that are checking students at Minnamurra School later this month. A great initiative in assisting our community in identifying possible eye issues early.

Sadly, I have accepted Kevin Lewry's resignation from Lions. Kevin has been a diligent member of our club for close to 10 years and he has enjoyed the friendship and times he has had in Lions. Kevin does a considerable amount of voluntary work assisting the elderly, has a parent needing care and now both Kevin and Maree are heavily involved with their new grandchildren. As Kevin said they had to simplify their life at this time. Fortunately, we will still see him at Kiama Golf club. All the best Kevin, from your mates at Lions.

George has done a wonderful job organizing a Morning Tea to raise money for dementia which will be held at K.D. Surf Club on Thurs Oct 22 from 10.30 am to 12.30pm. Please support this project if you are around on that date and bring some goodies like cakes scones etc.

David and Phil are attending the District Lions convention to be held at Fairy Meadow on the first weekend in November. They will be voting on several Lions matters on our behalf. Ken has returned from a wonderful trip around Australia over the last 4 months. Martin Coffee has spoken about our Lions camping/caravan/cabin trip to Huskisson next month. General consensus is to postpone this trip to late Feb or March next year as so many have a hectic calendar for next month. Booking can be readily transferred or you can go anyway.

Our next Lions meeting is scheduled for a Bowling night at Kiama Bowling club followed by a dinner at this venue. It is always a fun filled evening with no Lions business and we are often joined by members of Figtree Lions Club.

We also welcomed a visitor last Tuesday being Warwick Huntingdale who is a good mate of Martin at HARS. Phil our secretary also issued some letters from the International Lions President and chevron pins for several long standing members of Minnamurra Lions Club.

Do not forget about Man Walk on Mondays 7. 30 am start at Kiama G.C. or Thursdays from K.D. shops at Jones Beach starting at 6.30am followed by a chat over a hot beverage. Roger is organizing a letter box drop of flyers advertising The Man Walk. Contact him if you can assist.

Your wandering President will be away golfing at Griffith and Leeton for two week of golf tournaments run by NSW Veteran Golfers Assoc and will miss the bowling night again.

President John.

October Long Week-end BBQ Black Beach



ABOVE—Gerard, Martin Coffee, Chris Duffy and Martin Grove cooking up a storm watched by Vaughan.



RIGHT - The Bread Man, Nesbit, was flat out all of the morning. Well done, Nes.



ABOVE—Knoxy picks out his best bit of bacon for Gaz whilst Brian signs on for the day. Vaughan is looking a bit tired after a big morning which started early.



ABOVE—Saucy Clive chats up his latest victim (oops customer) whilst Julie and Garrick assist Mike to decipher the next order.



ABOVE—Martin C and Gerard talking bacon. RIGHT—Phil A on the till with Franca and Bill taking note (another big order).



Minnamurra Lions Club are Hosting a Cuppa Tea for Dementia.
So come along and support this worthwhile cause.



Hi On Thursday October 22nd Minnamurra Lions will be hosting a Cuppa Time for Dementia. Every dollar we raise can help Dementia Australia provide services, support and research for Australians living with dementia, their families and carers.

A Cuppa Time for Dementia can make a real impact for people who are coping with and suffering with Dementia

The support available through Dementia Australia has been incredibly important to people affected by Dementia, especially as they navigated the challenges of navigating the aged care system, accessing respite, and the lack of dementia services in regional areas.

So come along to Kiama Downs Surf Lifesaving Club between 10:30 and 12:30 on Thursday the 22nd of October and have a cup of tea, coffee and perhaps bring along a plate to share.

All donations are welcome and every dollar we raise will help Dementia Australia provide services, support and research for people affected by Dementias

Last Meeting—13th October

Guest speaker Brendan Twoomey gave us an interesting insight into the world of International hotel management and his time in Singapore up until his retirement. It was staggering to learn of the number of hotels and hotel chains and the way that the business has expanded exponentially since Brendan was first employed in 1981. Brendan took us through the whole realm of hotel operations, from busboy to Australasian HR manager. Well done Brian Cox.

Additionally, a number of Lions awards were presented for new member introductions and long Lions service. Well done Lions.

Lions Club of Minnamurra - Calendar 2026/2027

October 2026

- 5 Monday – Kiama Seaside Markets (Extra BBQ) – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 13 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting
- 13 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm Club dinner meeting. Guest Speaker – Brendan Twoomey – “Living and working in Asia
- 18 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 22 Thursday – Cuppa Time for Dementia. 10.00am – 12.30pm at KDSLSC.
George Gray to coordinate. Bring a plate.
- 26 Monday – LEHP Screening at Minnamurra PS. Denis Beynon & Phil Andersen to coordinate
- 27 Tuesday - 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Kiama Bowling Club. **Barefoot Bowls \$10 per player.**

November 2026

- 6 to 8 Friday to Sunday. District Convention at Fairy Meadow.
- 10 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting
- 10 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Club dinner meeting **Club AGM. Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 15 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 21 Saturday – Zone Meeting – Bomaderry Bowling Club
- 24 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 29 Monday – Extra Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) with Kiama Mens Shed Rod Ayling & Phil Andersen to coordinate.

December 2026

- 8 Tuesday – End of Year Function. **TBC**

USEFUL LIONS WEBSITES

Our District YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/@lionsclubsofsouthernnswtheact/

Members should all like and share these videos. It is important to save this URL so you can return to this site and view updates. It would also be excellent if member would submit videos to be uploaded to this site about projects their clubs are involved with.

District Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsDistrict201N2/>

It is important for EVERY member in the district who uses social media to like and share this page. Share the content from this page to your personal page, this is how we get more traction and recognition on these site which gets us recognised in public.

District flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/143627864@N04/albums>

EVERY Lion's member in the District should know of this site. This is a free site and holds up to 1000 images at any one time. The events are grouped in Albums and as the albums or events get old they will be replaced with new Albums and events. You can download any or all of the images on this site for free it is so simple anyone can do it. When you are in an album click on the download arrow. It creates a zip file when it downloads to your computer. If you just want 1 photo, click on it and then click on the download arrow in the lower right corner. Simple and so easy.

Minnamurra Lions Club

Club Positions & Committees 2026/2027

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	Eugene Devine, Franca Lyon, 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
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES (non-elected)	
BBQ committee	Rod Ayling (Chair), Gordon Kennedy, Kevin Lewry, Hugh Sail, Vaughan Schneider, Ross Thompson, Phil Woodcock
Clean Up/Greening Australia	Ross Thompson TBC – dependant on CuA involvement in 2027.
Club Nominations	Bill Lyon, Steve Omrod
Driver Reviver	Nesbit Hindmarsh, Paul McInerney, Roger Millburn
Events Committee	Martin Coffee (Chair), George Gray, Eugene Devine, Franca Lyon
Gardens & Parks Committee	Roger Millburn (Chair), Nesbit Hindmarsh, John Knox, Franca Lyon, David Tyson
Information Technology Specialist	Mike Bowden
Lion Carer	Franca Lyon, Hugh Sail
Lion Tamer	Denis Beynon
Lions Eye Health Program	Denis Beynon (Chair), Phil Andersen, Phil Cooper, George Gray, Ken Horspool, Roger Millburn, Steve Omrod
Local Youth & Schools Activities	Bill Lyon (Chair), Mike Bowden, Martin Grove
Man Walk Minnamurra	Bill Lyon, Roger Millburn
Media & Communications Management Committee (incl Website & Publicity)	Bill Lyon (Chair), Phil Andersen, Mike Bowden, George Gray, Bruce McLean, Steve Omrod, Bjorn Ulfsson Website & Application Administrators: Phil Andersen, Mike Bowden
Meeting & Meals Coordination	Brian Cox
Newsletter	Steve Omrod
Outdoor Events - Including RL Gates, any parking, Fun-Run or other outdoor events.	John Knox (Chair), Ken Horspool, Kevin Lewry, Brian Scott
Property & Repairs	Nesbit Hindmarsh, Ken Horspool, Roger Millburn
Public Officer	David Tyson
Recycling (Return & Earn)	Brian Cox (Chair), Martin Grove, Bruce McLean, Garrick Napier, David Tyson
Safety Officer	Ken Horspool
Tail Twister	Brian Cox, Bill Lyon
Xmas Cakes (for orders only)	Bruce McLean

This Revision – 22nd July 2026.