

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales

September 2026 Newsletter



Report from the President

I am really looking forward our next Lion's meeting (Tues Sept 22) when we have Tony Gilmore speaking about the pioneering days at Kiama.

On Sept 20, we have another Kiama Seaside market BBQ but we still need a few more volunteers for this event. Please volunteer on the portal or by email. In October, we will have an extra Market BBQ on Oct 5 (holiday Monday) as well as the usual 3rd Sunday Market. We have also been asked to do a BBQ in Kiama for Heartkids on Oct 25.

Our MLC Board has also approved of a donation to Headspace and to flood disaster relief in Nepal via Lions International. Also we are seeking a grant from ALF (Australian Lions Foundation) to purchase LEHP Vision Screening equipment in conjunction with our Lions N2 District. The equipment will be owned by Lions N2 District but will be stored at Minnamurra Lions Club.

George is organizing a **Morning tea at K.D. Surf Club as a fundraiser for Dementia**. This will be on Thursday 8th October from 10 am to Noon. MLC will fund the tea making supplies but George has asked members to bring a plate of scones, cakes etc for the event.

Roger gave the Board an update on Manwalk that runs on Monday and Thursday mornings. We have decided to do a letterbox drop to better advertise this event in our community.

The **District Lions Convention** will be held on 6-8 November at Fairy Meadow and it is desired to have 4 MLC members to be delegates. Fri 6 Nov is set aside as a golf game prior to the convention. Our local group of Lions clubs will be hosting the Convention at Worrigee (Nowra) next year. Conventions will show the workings of District, Australian and International Lions clubs.

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Run Shellharbour is a big running event with 42 km marathon, 21 km, 10 km and 5 km that attracts some 2,000 participants. The route involves pathways from Shellharbour Nth SLSC to Warilla Beach, Reddall reserve, Windang Bridge and along the southern shore of Lake Illawarra and return to Shellharbour. It is an extremely well run event with a lead bike, paramedics and photographers on bikes with lots of water stations enroute. We have been asked to do point marshall stations along the course as we have done many times in the past. We will be paid on a volunteer basis into MLC administration a/c that helps cover the running costs of M.L.C. The marshall task is easy, fun and rewarding starting at 7 am and finishing around 10:30-11 am. This event is on Sunday Sept 27 and you can assist by volunteering on our Lions website or an email or call to me.

Kiama Knights are having a good season recently defeating Albion Park and Gerringong and Kiama should be in the grand final. Well done boys. Our club members have enjoyed the footy plus we have benefited from club payments for collecting the "gate ". Let's do it all again in 2027. We have also scored well at the football with recycling cans at the football with our return and earn. This is a good earner for our charitable work fundraising. Well done to all those involved.

Huskisson Trip. Martin has organized a MLC caravan/camper trailer/motorhome/cabin trip to Huskisson from 17-20 November. Please refer back to an email he sent out a few weeks ago with the details. It should be a fun get together for members and family. You can book direct but asked for the discount being part of the Lions booking or advise Martin.

Congratulations to Brian Cox who recently aced the 9th green (hole in one) at Jamberoo Valley Golf Club. Only a few golfers get achieve this status of many years wandering on a golf course.

Members could you please make Brian's task easier by responding to your attendance or inability at our dinner meetings. We need to get the numbers correct for catering at K.G.C.

Thanks again to Phil for his presentation last dinner meeting on using M.L.C. web site portal. It is a good way to be kept informed, book in for dinner meetings or volunteer for our club projects. It is an easy no nonsense set up and is a valuable tool for our club. Please give it a go !

See you on Sept 22 at our next Lions meeting.

John

Lions Club of Minnamurra - Calendar 2026/2027

September 2026

- 8 Tuesday – 4.00pm – Special Board Meeting.
- 8 Tuesday – 4.30pm - Board Meeting.
- 8 Tuesday – Club dinner meeting 6.00pm for 6.30pm. **No Guest Speaker**
- 20 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 22 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Tony Gilmore - History of Kiama**
- 27 Sunday Shellharbour Fun Run – John Knox to coordinate.

October 2026

- 5 Monday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 8 Thursday—Dementia Friendly Kiama morning tea 10am to 12md.
- 13 Tuesday – 5.00pm - Board Meeting
- 13 Tuesday – 6.30pm for 7.00pm Club dinner meeting **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 18 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 26 Monday – LEHP Screening at Minnamurra PS. Denis Beynon & Phil Andersen to coordinate
- 27 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**

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 **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 14 Saturday – Zone Meeting – Bomaderry Bowling Club
- 15 Sunday – Kiama Seaside Markets – Site D (Triangle) Rod Ayling to coordinate.
- 24 Tuesday - 6.00pm for 6.30pm - Club Dinner Meeting – **Details of Guest Speaker TBC**
- 29 Monday – **POSSIBLE EXTRA** Kiama Seaside Markets – **Mens Shed to be contacted to man the barbeque. Supervision by MLC required.**

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.