



# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## *Fishy Tales*

October 2013 Newsletter

### **From our President**

Fellow Lions

It brings me great pleasure to inform you that the grant for the purchase of the lawn mower has been received. The mower has been acquired and is now in the shed. It's a beauty; a 3 speed, self-propelled, easy-start Honda 4-stroke engine with a dead man lever which, when released, stops the blades spinning. This allows the mower to propel itself without cutting grass or blowing up dust.

Several members, including myself, attended Lugarno Lions' Spring Festival. It is an enormous event and raises thousands of dollars. I believe it is bigger than the Kiama Show. We have formed a committee of Phil Cooper, John Knox and Ken Magnus and they are looking at the feasibility of running a similar event in the Kiama area. If you have any suggestions please make contact with them.

The Second Hand Saturday was a great success thanks to Roger Millburn. With the BBQ and the gate takings we raised a considerable

sum of money. Thank you to all who took part in the traffic control, BBQ and manning the gate.

I would like to remind all members that Lions is a non-sectarian and bi-partisan organisation. As such, we should all be aware of comments we make, relating to politics and religion, when addressing fellow Lions at official functions.

I have received a good response to the questionnaire/ survey I sent out but there are still some outstanding. Could those members yet to fill in the sheet please consider doing so in the near future.

An issue has been raised regarding apologies for meetings and the lack of an opportunity to e-mail apologies. It has now been agreed to by both Howard Smith and Kari Harju that phone apologies can still be sent to Howard while Kari will receive the electronic version and notify Howard. I hope this will be more convenient for



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members. Please see details further in the bulletin.

The face of the treasurer has changed. Ralph Moses (or just Moses, because of the beard) has agreed to be assistant treasure to Kevin Bolack enabling Kevin to concentrate on his health issues. Ralph will do the hands on stuff while Kevin still does the MYOB. I thank Ralph for taking on this roll.

Thank you.

Your President Geoff Shoard

### Items of Interest from the Last Board Meeting

#### Youth of the Year–

Ralph Moses reported that currently we have five potential contestants

#### 'Second Hand Saturday'

Net profits from Second Hand Saturday were \$1822.04 which was made up of gate receipts of \$1,183.65 and BBQ \$725.25. A very solid effort!

**Lawn Mower grant money** has been deposited into our account and the mower purchased.

#### Peace Poster Competition

There was general discussion regarding our involvement in this project. John Knox has volunteered to contact schools to get their involvement and the Board has approved our participation in the competition. Secretary is to arrange kits for schools.

#### Shellharbour Lions

Brian Cox advised that Kiama Lions are no longer pursuing the formation of a Lions club at Shellharbour.

#### Club Freezer

Howard Baylis has advised President that we cannot claim on the faulty freezer unit.



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**Changes to addresses, e-mails and telephone numbers.**

**Please keep Noel informed of any changes to your contact details. Your help is needed to accurately maintain our records.**

## Treasurers Report

### Balances @ 6/8/2013

**Admin a/c: \$3666.92**

**Activities a/c: \$5497.69**

Funds have not yet been deposited into account from Lawn Mower grant.

## Apologies for Absence

**Lions All,**

**Don't forget to let Howard Smith know about apologies for absence and any intended visitors and guests - Phone 42375909  
Messages left with Kari Harju will also be passed on to Howard –**

**e-mail: [harju@westnet.com.au](mailto:harju@westnet.com.au)**

## **Melbourne Cup Calcutta**

Once again, Figtree Lions are running a Calcutta for the Melbourne Cup runners and have cordially invited Minnamurra Lions to take part. This has always been a fun event for those of our members who have attended in past years.

This year the Calcutta will be held during the evening of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Further information is available from the Secretary.

(I wonder if the event is called a 'Calcutta' because money disappears into a black hole? Ed.)

At the last moment a story told by one of our members. Here goes .....

This particular member (who shall be referred to as Spinnaker\* to protect his identity) was recently hosting a visit by his sister and her husband from Canada.

Whilst shopping in a large complex, Spinnaker saw a 2014 Australian bird calendar and pointed it out. His sister was keen to buy but his brother-in-law said 'What use is it to us? Australians are a day in front of us in Canada!'

It's not only the Irish!!

\* a huge sail