



# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## ***Fishy Tales***

**November 2013 Newsletter**

### **From our President**

Fellow Lions,

Future Fest produced a reasonable result when the gate takings and BBQ were combined even though the Black Beach Markets were on at the same time creating some competition. Roger was a bit concerned we may not have had enough people to fill the roles but, as usual, when the time came, there were plenty of members to cover all duties. Thank you to all members involved, especially the BBQ committee of Steve and Denis, great job.

Bruce McLean has the Melbourne Cup Trifecta well under control. Please see the roster he has distributed and help where you can. This event is a good money spinner for us each year. Well done, Bruce.

The Christmas Trailer is all but ready. Because of Brian and Hugh's efforts in contacting nearly all the local business, there are some great quality items in the trailer and good prizes to be won. Excellent work, fellows.

The position of Lion Tamer has become vacant. The job doesn't take up much time and I have performed the task for several years but, at the moment, it's too much for Col Blanchard. Basically it involves collecting money from fines imposed by the Tail Twister Dave Barlow. Is anyone interested in taking on the role?

Our next meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November and will be attended by the District Governor, Allan McDonald. Please make him welcome. A brief resume of Alan is printed at the end of the newsletter.

By the way, my thanks go to Bruce McLean for putting Allan up for the night. Also at the meeting I intend to have Peter Luck inducted into the Club. Peter was a member of Minnamurra Lions for some time and now has returned to the area. Welcome back Peter (Plucker).



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The Autumn Festival proposal is progressing, thanks to Ken Magnus. This is an amazing venture with huge potential for us but it will take all our efforts for it to be successful. Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to take on various rolls within the Festival committee.

That's it from your President. See you in a couple of weeks

Geoff Shoard

### **Notes from the Secretary**

- 1. Autumn Festival progress - Kiama Lions have suggested that we combine our festival with their proposed food and wine event.**
- 2. LCIF has made an emergency grant of \$US10000 to assist those who have suffered loss due to the recent bushfires in our District.**

**Additionally, the Australian Lions Foundation has also commenced an Australia-wide appeal for bushfire victims.**

- 3. Lions Eye Health Program is seeking our involvement in their program which includes an education strategy to reduce preventable eye disease.**
- 4. Kiama Council's Mayor is again accepting gifts for needy children at Christmas. Unwrapped gifts can be placed from 18th Nov until 17th Dec.**
- 5. Free Seniors Christmas concerts will be held at Nowra Entertainment Centre on 28th November. Tickets from box office 1300 788 503**

### **6. Calendar of Events**

- ® Nov 1-4 Melbourne Cup Boxed Trifecta ticket sales**
- ® Nov 4 Figtree Melbourne Cup Calcutta night**
- ® November and December - Xmas trailer raffle ticket sales**
- ® Nov 12 District Governor visit to our club. Board to meet with him at 6pm before dinner meeting**
- ® Nov 19 Board Meeting**



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- ® Nov 26 Youth of the Year dinner meeting - ladies night
- ® Dec 3 Board Meeting
- ® Dec 10 Dinner Meeting
- ® Dec 14 Christmas Party - venue to be advised
- ® Dec 26 Possible barbeque at Bunnings store
- ® Jan 19 Seaside Market Barbeque

**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.**

### 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)**

### **Youth of the Year**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November is our annual Youth of the Year night and promises to be a most entertaining and interesting evening with the cream of our local youth strutting their stuff.

As usual, ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Can you please let Howard know if you will be attending as we need to know numbers in advance to help with the organisation of one of our sponsored evenings



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### District Governor Allan's Personal History



Allan Edward McDonald was born at Cooma NSW on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1948. Allan was the eldest child of 11 siblings, 7 boys & 4 girls. He was raised on the family farm at Nimmitabel. His primary school education was at St Josephs Convent Nimmitabel. Secondary schooling was conducted at St Michaels Agricultural College, "Inverloch" Goulburn.

Allan's early working career in Canberra commenced in 1967 at the ACT Law Courts as a clerk and progressed to Deputy Clerk of Petty Sessions. He was a Justice of the Peace for the ACT. In 1977 he then joined the ACT Fire Brigade and worked there until 1987.

Allan married Ann in 1968 and they were blessed with 3 boys, David, Garry & Brett. They spent their early married life in Canberra and in 1981 Allan and his family moved to Braidwood where they had purchased a farm. In 1991 Allan sold the farm and the family moved to Ulladulla where he has been a resident since then. Unfortunately their eldest son, David was tragically killed in an accident in 1991. Garry is married and lives in Blakehurst and has 2 daughters and 1 son. Brett lives in Narellan NSW.

Allan & Ann currently conduct a successful business in Ulladulla, this being costume hire, balloon decorations and wedding decor for the past 12 years.

Allan joined Lions in Braidwood in 1984 and transferred to Ulladulla Milton in 1991. His interest has been with all Lions activities with a particular interest with youth and membership portfolios.

Allan & Ann have hosted 20 Lions Youth Exchange students from many countries throughout the world. Most have been a wonderful experience and they regularly keep in contact with many of them on facebook. They have visited some of the families since their exchange and truly enjoy the experience of meeting their families. Allan served on the Multiple District Youth Exchange Committee for 10years.

Allan has sponsored 30 Lions members over the years in both Braidwood & Ulladulla. Ann joined Lions in 1999.