



Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales

December 2013 Newsletter

From our President



Fellow Lions,

We are halfway through the Lions' year and the past few months have seen a lot of activity.

So far, we have been very successful in our money raising ventures. Bruce finally found the winner of our Melbourne Cup Trifecta - Andrew Smith of Jamberoo held the winning ticket. The proceeds of Trifecta have been dispersed as per Bruce's request.

The Christmas Trailer Raffle has concluded. The winner, Chris Tebbutt operates a café in Kiama. She and her husband were delighted with the win and collected the trailer and goodies from the shed directly after they were notified of the result of the draw on Sunday afternoon. Well done to the team of Brian Divers and Hugh Sail for making the fundraiser such a success. Thanks must also go to Dennis McColl for setting up the roster so that the rest of us knew when and where we were on duty and also to

Secretary Roger Millburn for the large number of thank you letters to those businesses who so generously supported our efforts.

Citizenship awards have been issued to students of Minnamurra and Jamberoo Primary Schools and also to five Kiama High School students. John Knox plays a big part in organising these awards and does a great job. Thank you, John. Also thanks must go to Al Thomas, a presenter and Roy Milroy for making up the certificates. They were well received at the schools.

Regretfully, we had to decline a very recent offer to run a BBQ at the New Year's Eve event at Black Beach run by the Kiama Business Chamber, mainly because of our current ongoing commitments which include a BBQ at the Seaside Markets, a BBQ at Kiama Harbour and ongoing Driver Reviver commitments. By the way, thank you Denis Beynon for running Driver Reviver and setting up the roster.



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Our next really big commitment in March next year is the Autumn Festival. Ken and his committee have been working hard and doing a great job. Thank you to all those involved, the two Kens, Steve, two 'n' Dennis and the ever present John Knox. More help will be required as the day approaches. Please make yourself available for this inaugural event. If successful, we can run it every year, which would create a great income stream to allow us to help more in the community.

In closing, I take the opportunity to wish all members and families of Minnamurra Lions a merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. I believe it is the quality of our members that make Minnamurra Lions Club such a pleasure to be part of, thank you all for your efforts.

Geoff Shoard





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Secretarial Musings

News from the most recent Board meeting:

- Approval was granted for 5 citizenship awards each to be given to Minnamurra, Jamberoo and Kiama High Schools
- Donation from proceeds of Kiama Game Fishing Club barbeque 12th Jan - Total donation after combining KGFC and BBQ to reach \$500 total to Peterborough
- Kiama Lions to run Second Hand Saturday on 22nd March as we will be fully committed with Autumn Fest
- Autumn Fest - Publicity seen as major driver for success on the day. Transport also a concern - Expected crowd needs to be firmed up.
- Guest speaker from MS to be programmed for February
- Club publicity has been poor lately - Jack Laidlaw to contact Kiama Independent to seek better coverage.
- Driver Reviver - Denis Beynon recommended that we do days as allocated except that we drop 17-18 Jan and do 24-25 instead - Board approved
- Minnamurra Lions website - It was felt that webmaster should be a board member for better control of content - Mike Bowden volunteered and accepted. Items/photos that members feel might be suitable for the website should be submitted to Mike.
- Seaside Market BBQ on January 19 to be registered with Tune In Not Out - Lions Drug awareness campaign - info to the public

Other info:

Club elections need to be completed in March therefore nominations will be in February

Items for your calendar

Dec 14 Xmas party - Pryors the Beach and Bush
Dec 15 Trailer raffle last day at markets then draw
Dec 19 Triple Care Farm graduation day
Dec 27-30 Driver Reviver
Jan 3-4, 10-11, 24-25 Driver Reviver
Jan 12 Kids Fishing Competition and BBQ Kiama Harbour
Jan 14 BBQ meeting at James Oates reserve Minnamurra all welcome
Jan 19 Seaside Market BBQ
Jan 21 Autumn Fest committee meeting
Jan 28 Club meeting at Golf Club?
Feb 4 Board meeting
Feb 11 Club meeting - Possible ladies night with Guest Speaker from MS
Feb 25 Club meeting - Nominations night

We're now on Facebook and the worldwide web!

You can interact with us on Facebook and see just what's going on locally - just go to the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-District-201n2/219386554776249>

Also, look for us on our own site, now updated and organised by Mike Bowden. Go to: <http://lionsclubs.org.au/>, click on MEMBERS, scroll down to CLUB DIRECTORY and then NSW and find Minnamurra Lions. You should even be able to find a copy of Fishy Tales.

Welcome to the 19th 20th century!



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number of years and Minnamurra Lions have made donations

Freedom Wheels - Bike for Dexter



~~Three old buggers~~ – sorry, Lions wait for their turn on the bike.

We recently presented Dexter Heffernan with a custom modified bicycle.

The modifications to the bike were done by TAD NSW (Technical Aid to the Disabled). This is a charity staffed by volunteers and staff therapists who design and build personalised custom equipment for people with disabilities to enable them to lead more independent lives over all aspects of everyday living. It has been in operation since 1973.

Lions have been involved in sponsoring modifications to bikes for the disabled for a

to the group in the past.

It was terrific to see Dexter on the bike and although he was tired, it was obvious that he will get a great deal of enjoyment and exercise from the unit.

He is due to have an operation on his legs early in the New Year and any exercise will strengthen his muscles and improve the healing process.



AutumnFest is getting closer.

Note the date: March 23

We need all hands on deck for the 1st AutumnFest to be held at Black Beach, Kiama.

This will be (in Big Daryl's words) a HUUUGE day. Starting back in August with a steering committee of 3 members and now has a committee of 10.

We have sourced out many schools and musicians to provide entertainment all day long with a variety of music and dance. Lions Steve Omrod and Al Thomas worked together to arrange the programme, along with Andrew Chatfield from the Kiama Youth Centre.

We have secured carnival rides that 3 weeks after AutumnFest 14 will be stationed at the Royal Sydney Show.

We have made contact with car clubs of all makes, so expect to see 100 plus Vintage, Veteran and Classic Cars and motorbikes line the bayside. Lion John Knox takes the credit.

We have hand-picked about 25 quality stallholders to display their wares.

We have invited NSW Police, SES, RFS, Fire and Rescue to join us.

We have made application with Guinness World Records to attempt the Australasian Record for the most number of couples kissing simultaneously and chose MS Research to be the beneficiary of this attempt. Members, start practicing now for this very important event.

We need our Lions Ladies to be with us on the day to help make the day a success.

I have to sincerely thank the whole committee for the work done behind the scenes, Kiama Municipal Council for their great support, help and advice. Also Gerringong Lions Club for taking over the Barbeques. Thanks must also go to my old Club, Lugarno, whose members have supplied many contacts and given helpful advice.

The next committee meeting will be held at the Golfie on Tuesday, January 21 at 7pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Merry Christmas to all members.

Lion Ken Magnus
AutumnFest 14 Chairman



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Jack Laidlaw and John Knox driving a ute load of boxed donations to Port Botany for shipment to Tonga on Friday Dec 6 2013.

Donations to Kingdom of TONGA

Where is TONGA? Tonga is a small island nation in the Pacific Ocean, S E. of Fiji and not far from Western Samoa and the Cook Islands. Tonga is at Lat. 21 S. and Long. 175W.

Jack Laidlaw (Minnamurra Lions Club) and his wife Helen spent almost 7 months working as volunteers in Tonga last year. Helen set up a Public Library in Nuku'alofa with many donated books from Len de Roover from Gerringong Lions Club. Other books came from members of the Kiama Uniting Church and Minnamurra Lions. These books were shipped to Tonga last year.

Over the last few months, Minnamurra Lions Club has put together a ute load of boxes of donated products and sent them by ship to Tonga. Des Howley from *Kiama Sports and Cycles* had donated boxes of sports uniforms (shirts, shorts, skirts, hats and jackets). Many members from

Bomaderry Lions, Shoalhaven Lioness, Gerringong Lions, Nowra Lions, and Kiama Lions also have assisted with this project. Some good donations came from teachers, community members, sporting clubs and there were excellent book donations from Minnamurra School. We thank all these groups for their assistance.

The Tonga donations have been sent to Alifeleti Atiola, who will be the Principal at Tupou College at Toloa, Nuku'alofa, Tonga in 2014. Tupou College is a large secondary boarding school with over 1,000 students. However until the end of 2013 Mr 'Atiola was Director of Education of all Free Wesleyan schools in the three main groups of islands. So he is the ideal link in distributing the donated goods to the villages and schools most in need.

The donated products will arrive in Tonga on Jan 13th ready for the new school year. The students will appreciate new sports uniforms, cricket bats and balls, footballs, baseball gear, tennis racquets, boxes of library books, Kiama Lions audio books, fabric, wool, ribbons hand tools, etc for craft and art, as well as teachers' resources.

Minnamurra Lions Club has paid the sea freight (\$250 cubic metre) for these donated products which will be a real boon to the children and teachers at schools in Tonga. We would like to make this an ongoing project to help these wonderful people in Tonga. Our service club mates in



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Kiama Rotary do a similar project, assisting a school in Madang PNG.

In the coming year we would like to send another shipment to this school community in Tonga. If you could assist with donated products (new or used) they would be very grateful to receive them. Products needed include:- Library books, stationery items, teaching resources, sports clothing, garden tools, craft materials, woodworking tools.

If you are able to assist with donated products please contact Jack Laidlaw or John Knox at Minnamurra Lions Club

Email jwknox1951@yahoo.com.au

or

jacklaidlaw@live.com

Driver Reviver

Don't forget that during the holiday period, we are committed to working on the Driver Reviver project in conjunction with Kiama Lions. The roster is shown below.

Fri 27th Dec

Bruce Mc, Al T 11 – 3

Ken H, Mike B 3 - 6

Gary M, Phil W 6 – 9

Sat 28th Dec

Howard B, Phil C 8 – 12

Kevin D, Ross T 12 – 3

Brian C, Nesbitt H 3 – 6

Sun 29th Dec

Mike B, Howard S 8 – 12

David B, David T 12 – 3

Jack L, Hugh S 3 – 6

Mon 30th Dec

Kari H, Roger DP M 8 – 12

Jeff R, Geoff S 12 – 3

Denis B, Phil W 3 – 6

Fri 3rd Jan

Ralph & Cheryl M 11 – 3

Dennis Mc, Ross T 3 – 6

Roy M, Travice P 6 - 9

Sat 4th Jan

Nesbit H, Steve O 8 – 12

Ken M, Travice P 12 – 3

Fri 10th Jan

Howard B, John K 11 – 3

Kevin D, Ross T 3 – 6

Phil C, Roger M 6 – 9

Sat 11th Jan

Kari H, John K 8 – 12

Denis B, Colin B 12 – 3

Fri 24th Jan

Bruce Mc, Al T 11 – 3

Jeff R, Geoff S 3 – 6

Dennis Mc, Roy M 6 – 9

Sat 25th Jan

Hugh S, Ross T 8 – 12

Colin B, Peter L 12 - 3

Any problems – please let Denis know a.s.a.p. but organise swaps amongst yourselves if necessary.