

# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## Fishy Tales

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### SANTA SAILS ON



**December 2014  
Newsletter**

Lions,

This report leads into the festive season and I note with gratitude that most of our fellows are giving up much of their time to make a success of our current projects and also to ensure that we have a high profile in the Kiama municipality.

CONGRATULATIONS go to Geoff who is now the proud father of twins. They were born on Minnamurra Headland at approximately 10.00am on 01.12.2014 weighing in at 2.4 and 2.6 tonnes respectively. He was seen on two occasions checking on their well-being during the afternoon after their difficult delivery. At the time of writing, they have not been named but I believe Geoff is open to suggestions. Might I suggest ROCKY for the first born. I think Nesbit would agree. My thanks go to the fellows who acted as nurses and to Cleary Brothers who were midwives and completed the delivery without pain.

Noel has done a sterling job with the trailer raffle and we are operating in the black. It will keep a smile on Kev's face. Please do not forget to return any sold stubs, unsold tickets and money so that Noel's job is a little easier. Thanks must also go to Trish, the power behind the throne for helping Noel and fighting to maintain his sanity in what's been a difficult task.

Your name might not be down for the draw on the 21st but if you could spare some time it would be appreciated as it's going to be a big day and we'll need all the help we can get. Mayor, Brian Petschler, will draw the raffle.

Jeff is pleased with his cake sales but feel free to ring him if you require more. I have found if you drizzle liquor of one sort or another prior to Christmas, it enhances the flavour. Some Lions will manage to leave the grog to soak in, while others ..... well, we all know who they are!

For any members that were not present for our last meeting in November we celebrated our 15th anniversary with a port and cake. My thanks to Kevin and Colin for their memories and keeping us up to speed.

Our Christmas party was held at Jones' Beach Surf Club. Thanks go to Ken, Robin and Geoff for their work ensuring that the night was a success. Someone commented that Warren Steel would have fitted in well with the red and green theme, thinking that it was a South Sydney reunion. Santa

must have realised there were 27 ladies present who had been very, very good and who were prepared to sit on his knee so he made a welcome appearance. The night finished at a respectful hour but some thought breakfast would be served so stayed on. It would be cruel of me to mention names but the Tail Twister has probably been informed.

We have two BBQs in January; one for the Fishing Club on 10th Jan with proceeds going to Peterborough School, and the other at the Seaside Market on 18th. Keep an eye out for rosters.

As I write, I have just heard that Kevin has had a mini stroke and is in Wollongong Hospital whilst his medications are checked. He is supposed to be there for rest and quiet but his friends don't expect the hospital can expect much quiet. Get well soon, Kev.

I am pleased to let you know that Barbara Smith has come through her operation with good results letting Howard relax a little. Also, Colin has got over his joust with pain.

More good news to report with Heather and Roy's daughter, Rachel, flying the nest and Glenda and Howard once again becoming grandparents to a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to both families.

Our last meeting for the year was enhanced by Brian giving everyone a piece of Christmas Cake and some medicine. Thank goodness we have a doctor in the house!

I will close these ramblings with Marie and I wishing everyone a joyous and happy Festive Season and a safe and healthy 2015.

Best wishes to all,

Hugh the Merciful (short time only)



## SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLINGS

### 2015/16 Board and other positions

You might think that's a bit early to be talking about this stuff but time hastens for all and especially for old blokes. We have to advise our governing colleagues of the Board members for 2015/16 by 1 April 2015 so their details can be included in the Australia wide Lions Directory for that year, to be ready on 1 July 2015 or soon after. So we have an "elections night" scheduled for 24 March 2015 and our aim is to have members willing to stand for all Board and other positions by then. But we lose a bit of time with Xmas etc. The full range of positions and their incumbents for this year will be sent out again asap.

The Board has established a Nominations Committee comprising Hugh Sail, Ross Thompson, Geoff Shoard and Dennis McColl. Can you please look at the list of positions and think about what you want to do in 2015/16. You can contact one of the Nominations Committee members to talk about any position and to nominate yourself for a 2015/16 role. Don't hold back if you are interested in a position but someone has been in that position for some time. It's healthy for the Club to

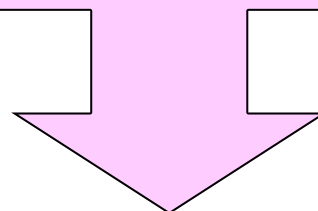
### School Citizenship Awards

Our Annual School Citizenship Awards for 2014 were presented this week. Geoff and Noel were our reps at Minnamurra P.S. whilst Hugh and John did the job at Jamberoo P.S. Certificates were well received and it is great to recognise community minded children of any age.

John's credibility now ranks below the PM's as he conned Hugh into going with the promise of a Devonshire Tea, and this year the school only provided tea and biscuits. For the first time in living memory, John came home with a clean shirt. Kerry is in shock!

### Our next meeting

This year there is to be a change of routine. Our first meeting will **not** be at James Oates Reserve but we are going to Warrawong for a pizza night followed by a film (if there is something appropriate). It will still be a mixed night.



### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will not be until 10th Feb and the next Fishy Tales is not scheduled until some time after that unless something serious crops up in the meantime so don't delete this one before extracting as much information as you can

### A Special Lions Project

Townsville Castle Hill Lions has a project to help Aussie Helpers raise funds to assist drought affected farmers Australia wide. Specifically the project delivers funds to provide counselling and psychological help to graziers and their families. Our Board decided to donate \$200 to the project.



26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	1-Jan	2-Jan	3-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan
10.30 to 2.00 Ross & Thea Thompson	8.00 to 11.30 Kevin Bo-lack & Mike Bowden	8.00 to 11.30 Phil Cooper & Kari Harju	10.30 to 2.00 Brian Divers & Colin Blanchard	10.30 to 2.00 Kevin Bo-lack & David Tyson	8.00 to 11.30 Ken & Carolyn Magnus	10.30 to 2.00 Kari Harju & Steve Omrod	8.00 to 11.30 Peter Murphy & David Tyson	10.30 to 2.00 Brian Divers & Ken Magnus	8.00 to 11.30 Ralph & Cheryl Moses
2.00 to 5.30 Brian Cox & Brian Divers	11.30 to 3.00 David Barlow & Peter Luck	11.30 to 3.00 Colin Blanchard & Phil Woodcock	2.00 to 5.30 David Barlow & Peter Murphy	2.00 to 5.30 Noel Dick & Steve Omrod	11.30 to 3.00 Ken Horspool & Hugh Sail	2.00 to 5.30 Colin Blanchard & Brian Divers	11.30 to 3.00 Ross & Thea Thompson	2.00 to 5.30 Denis Beynon & Phil Woodcock	11.30 to 3.00 Howard Baylis & Colin Blanchard
5.30 to 9.00 David Tyson & Denis Beynon			5.30 to 9.00 Ken Horspool & Phil Woodcock	5.30 to 9.00 Nesbit Hindmarsh & Hugh Sail		5.30 to 9.00 Ralph & Cheryl Moses		5.30 to 9.00 Howard Baylis & David Tyson	

### Driver Reviver

This year, we are working over ten days starting on 26th Dec (yes, that's Boxing Day!)

Many thanks to all who volunteered.

### Kiama Rugby Sevens Tournament

Brian Divers has kindly agreed to organise our gate-keeping work on Saturday 28th February. He will be asking for volunteers in January. More information when it is available.



### Minnamurra Lions moves into the 21st Century

Mike has opened a Facebook page for Minnamurra Lions.

Log on to Facebook and look for our page to find up-to-date information.

Become a Friend.

David Barlow is our first Facebook friend



### BBQ dates

Our illustrious leader has already mentioned that we are booked for two BBQ dates in the near future and those who stayed awake at the last meeting will remember a conversation about them, as well.

As we are all people of a certain age, a further reminder is probably in order.

**10/1/15 Kiama Game Fishing Club Children's Charity Day** with proceeds going towards the purchase of a defibrillator for Peterborough School. John will be calling for workers.

Hugh will represent the Club at the Presentation on Mon 12th Feb

**18/1/15 Kiama Seaside Market** with Roger i/c.

Cancel your holiday to be in this one—always a big job!

### Annual Bowls Night with Figtree Lions

Venue: Jamberoo Bowling Club

Date: 10th March 2015

Organiser: Howard  
More info nearer the date

**Keep Noel informed of any changes to your phone, e-mail or address so that records are accurate and we know where you live, in case you're behind with your subs!**

**If you are unable to attend a dinner meeting, please consider informing Howard a day before so that we have accurate numbers for the Golf Club because we are liable for food ordered but not taken up. The Golfie have been very decent so far but why push our luck? Howard can be phoned on 42375909 or contact Kari by email [harju@westnet.com.au](mailto:harju@westnet.com.au)**

## **Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events**

### **December 2014**

- 12 Xmas trailer raffle ticket sales Kiama Village
- 13 Xmas trailer raffle ticket sales IGA Jones Beach
- 20 Xmas trailer raffle ticket sales Terralong Street
- 21 Xmas trailer raffle ticket sales and winner draw Seaside Markets, Black Beach
- 26 Driver reviver
- 27 Driver reviver
- 28 Driver reviver

### **January 2015**

- 1 Driver reviver
- 2 Driver reviver
- 3 Driver reviver
- 9 Driver reviver
- 10 Driver reviver
- Kiama Game Fishing Club charity fishing competition BBQ (funds to Peterborough School)
- 13 Initial 2015 meeting, film and pizza at Warawong, mixed night
- 18 Run the BBQ at the Seaside Markets
- 23 Driver reviver
- 24 Driver reviver
- 27 Dinner meeting Golf Club

### **February 2015**

- 10 Board meeting golf club
- Dinner meeting Golf Club
- 12 Presentation to Peterborough School (defibrillator)
- 18 Zone meeting Gerringong Bowling Club
- 24 Dinner meeting the Links Shellharbour (guest speaker John Ebbott from Careflight), mixed night
- 28 Man gates at Kiama Rugby Sevens

### **March 2015**

- 10 Board meeting Jamberoo Bowling club
- Dinner meeting, bowls night at Jamberoo Bowling club with Figtree Lions
- 24 Dinner meeting Golf Club- election of 2015/16 Office Bearers

### **April 2015**

- 14 Board meeting Golf Club
- Dinner meeting Golf Club
- 28 Dinner meeting golf club

### **May 2015**

- 12 Board meeting Golf Club
- Dinner meeting Golf Club
- 23 AutumnFest 15 set-up at Black Beach
- 24 AutumnFest 15 at Black Beach
- 26 Dinner meeting Golf Club

### **June 2015**

- 9 Board meeting Golf Club
- Dinner meeting Golf Club
- 23 16th Changeover Dinner mixed night, Golf Club

Who said that treasurers are dry, boring old b\*\*\*\*\*ds. This report was received with the comment from Kevin: "When reading it, if sometimes you feel that your mind has gone blank, don't become dis-heartened or rush off to the nearest emergency department because you are not alone."

## **Treasurer's Report for November 2014.**

### **1. Admin Account**

Account balance @ **28/11/2014** (after 2 outstanding cheques cleared) - **\$2,315.67**

Cheques Requiring Authorisation

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>For</b>
200907	11/11/14	Kiama bookshop	\$ 80.00	Paid from wrong acc, to be corrected
200908	11/11/14	Jamberoo Hotel	\$1,125.00	Meals
200909	13/11/14	LCI	\$48.24	Balance, subs, exchange rate var'n
200906	25/11/14	Kiama Golf Club	\$660.00	Meals

Bank statement, MYOB reconciliation and P & L report attached.

Subs - \$105 outstanding (2 members) but not a problem.

### **2. Activities Account**

Effective account balance @ **28/11/2014** (after 5 outstanding cheques cleared) - **\$7,370.09**

Cheques Requiring Authorisation

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>For</b>
200853	11/11/14	Kiama High School	\$ 100.00	School awards
200909	12/11/14	Ronald Martin	\$1000.00	Trifecta winner
200910	13/11/14	Admin Account	\$ 80.00	Error correction
200911	13/11/14	Noel Dick	\$ 480.43	Xmas trailer raffle purchases
200912	18/11/14	Cash	\$ 175.00	Float, trailer raffle
200913	25/11/14	Bruce McLean	\$ 44.00	Reimburse, stall hire, Kiama Village
200914	25/11/14	Brian Cox	\$ 29.87	Reimburse, fish oil for harbour anchor
200915	25/11/14	Roy Milroy	\$ 24.00	Reimburse, school awards frames
200916	25/11/14	Kiama Bookshop	\$ 200.00	School citizenship awards

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Trifecta profit \$3,055.

Xmas Cakes to date - Income \$1,552 Expenditure \$2,889

Xmas Trailer Raffle to **01/12/14** - Receipts \$3,715 Expenditure \$1,823



Kevin B  
Wednesday, 3 December 2014

All members (and Lions Ladies)  
of Minnamurra Lions Club are cordially  
invited to accompany President Hugh  
on a day trip to



operations centre at Northmead.

A very informative narrative on the history of  
this excellent organisation will be  
presented by John Ebbott from CareFlight

An inspection of the chopper base,  
Westmead Childrens' Hospital and  
Ronald MacDonalds House will follow the talk

a light lunch will be provided

The trip will take place on a week day  
after February 24 and before May 24, 2015

I would like members to indicate if they are  
interested in attending this visit, so as  
arrangements can be made and alternate dates  
can be provided.

Ken Magnus: [mudgwine@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mudgwine@optusnet.com.au)



# Pictures from around the traps



## **The Slab—a story of one worker and four MacDonald's customers!**

This job had four watchers and one worker who started out at 150 kg but was only a shadow of himself at the end.



## **Shot from a distance—old enough to know better, young enough to try!**

This Lion was caught chatting up a member of the female gender when he thought that his colleagues weren't looking. He is expected to admit to his indiscretion at the next meeting and to pay the appropriate fine!



# and finally ... the page that confirms everything you thought about your editor

## A Christmas Story

A little story to start your Christmas season in the right spirit.

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Christmas pressure.

Then, Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

He went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

When he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a glass of cider and a shot of rum.

In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor.

He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Not a lot of people know this.

## The closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The Picture That Will Stay With Her The Rest Of Her Life.

Make-up and Hair style.....\$500.00

New Dress for the show.....\$700.00

Giant Stuffed Bear.....\$300.00



Not knowing how to hold the bear with a microphone in your hand .....Priceless!