



Lions Club of Minnamurra

FISHY TALES



**April 2014
Newsletter**

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



Autumn Fest is now successfully completed. A debrief was scheduled for the Festival Committee on the 15th of April to determine the degree of success and options for the next event.

At our last general meeting, a show of hands indicated the majority of members wished to continue with the event next year. I have also received views from some members regarding the next festival format but would like more. This is your chance to express your views and be part of the festival's development. The event, among other things, generated media exposure for the Club with Ken Magnus, Roger and Jill, Steve and Louise all being interviewed on television. This is good for the club in encouraging new members and demonstrating what we do within the community.

Tuesday the 8th was the bowls night in conjunction with Figtree Lions Club at Jamberoo Bowling Club. Howard Smith put in a lot of effort to organise the night. Thank you Howard.

A reminder: the President's Breakfast will be held at my place, 8 Charles Ave Minnamurra, on Sunday the 27th of April commencing at 8.30am. All members and their partners are welcome - just come along. You don't need to bring anything.

Could those intending to come please let me

know so catering can be more accurate?

If you didn't see the article in the Independent, the proceeds of the trailer raffle have been distributed to Triple Care Farm and Dexter Heffernan. This took place at the Heffernan residence on the 7th of March. Thanks to Jack for getting us into the paper again and letting people know what we do. It was good to see all the committee members in attendance so they could receive due recognition for the tremendous effort they put in. Hopefully there will be more photos on our web site in the near future.

Your President,
Geoff Shoard



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SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLINGS

April

Tues 1st - Board Meeting

Fri 18th—Mon 21st - Easter

Tues 22nd - Meeting - with the guest speaker being a former Army lawyer who worked in Afghanistan and also a prospective candidate for next year's State Election

Fri 25th Anzac Day

Fri 24th to Sun 26th April- **Driver Reviver**

Mon 28th - Figtree Lions Golf Day at Calderwood GC in aid of Childhood Cancer Research

May

We are hosting a combined night with Gerringong and Kiama Lions—date to be confirmed at next meeting

Sun 25th— Salvos Red Shield Appeal



More from the most recent Board Meeting

Minnamurra Lions have taken out car insurance excess insurance -

If you have a prang whilst involved in Lions business and will lose your car insurance excess then you can claim for reimbursement of that excess.

Vehicle must be comprehensively insured (Bomb insurance is not good enough)

Mike Bowden has created a tick sheet to be filled out before all fund raising projects and presented to board for approval before project can proceed.

If you are involved in organising a project get a form from the Secretary.

Profit from AutumnFest by our club members after receipts of \$6803.15, expenses of \$3261.00 giving profit of \$3642.15

A terrific effort given that this is our first attempt at a major event.

Positive comments from Gerringong Lions who feel that we have the correct formula.



Outward Bound event

Minnamurra Lions have two sponsored participants, Imogen del Solar & Jack Kay, currently in the ACT completing this year's Outward Bound event. Both candidates should be guests of the Club to relate their experiences at a May meeting

Working with Children

If any part of your role in Lions brings you into contact with children then you should complete the *Working with Children check*.

As a volunteer there is no cost and the application is quick and simple and can be completed at home.

Visit the website www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children for more information. You will then be required to visit RTA or Service NSW to formally identify yourself and you will be informed of the results by e-mail very quickly.

Please let the Secretary know when the results come through so that Minnamurra Lions has a record.



**kids
FUND**

Equipment for our
children with disabilities
www.disabilitytrust.org.au

**FIGTREE LIONS CLUB GALA CHARITY GOLF
CALDERWOOD VALLEY GOLF COURSE
28 APRIL 2014**

Proceeds to:

"Illawarra Kids With Disabilities"

2 PERSON AMBROSE EVENT -

8 a.m. SHOTGUN START

\$50 p.p. INCLUDES:

- GREEN FEES
- FULL AUSSIE BREAKFAST 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
- LUNCH
- PRIZES, PRIZES & PRIZES

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Wannabe golfers
with a charitable
bent—this could be
for you if you can
find a friend to
play with!



.... and finally

WISDOM: Gandhi

He was sharp even when he was young!

When Gandhi was studying law at the University College of London, there was a professor, named Peters, who felt animosity for Gandhi, and because Gandhi never lowered his head towards him, their arguments" were very common.

One day, Mr Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor, in his arrogance, said, "Mr Gandhi: you do not understand... a pig and a bird do not sit together to eat ", to which Gandhi replies, "You do not worry professor, I'll fly away ", and he went and sat at another table.

Mr Peters, in a rage, decides to take revenge on the next test, but Gandhi responds brilliantly to all questions. Then, Mr Peters asked him the following question, "Mr Gandhi, if you are walking down the street and find a package, and within it there is a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money; which one will you take?"

Without hesitation, Gandhi responded, "the one with the money, of course".

Mr Peters, smiling, said, "I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom."

"Each one takes what one doesn't have", responded Gandhi indifferently.

Ghandi completed another test and Mr Peters wrote on the exam sheet the word "idiot" and gave it to Gandhi. Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down. A few minutes later, Gandhi went to the professor and said, "Mr Peters, you signed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

Michael staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking with his wife, Kathleen. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Michael sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.

He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Michael woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room.

She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you?"

Michael said, "Why do you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Kathleen said, "it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly.....it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.