



Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



SPRING SAILS



**September 2014
Newsletter**

Lions,

I'm getting used to this, now. Welcome to a few whispers from Gerroa -God's little acre.

Since my last report we have met the contingent from Albany, W.A. Lions, with their Hope in a Boat. The group are travelling around Australia, raising money for Diabetes Australia and also raising community awareness as they travel. When we met, they had completed 47 days out of their 80 day trip—an unforgettable experience. 'Around Australia in 80 Days' - could be a book title.

Marie has led five intrepid ladies through Minnamurra Rainforest up to the falls which were running well. As you might remember, the original plan was to complete the Coastal Walk from Kiama to Werri Beach but Council had closed the walk after heavy rain. The rest of the plan (lunch and wine) was adhered to with much enthusiasm. At this stage, the next ladies' walk will be on 9th November and Marie will keep people posted.

Unfortunately, we have lost our 6th October spot at Kiama Markets because of a double booking by Council but in lieu of this we will be practising our burnt offerings on 20th September at Black Beach at Kiama Council's 'Bike Ride for Fun Day'. So we have the opportunity to replace fat that might have been burned off during the ride.

Denis has filled his Driver Reviver Roster for 4th and 5th October. Thanks to all who volunteered.

On 1st November, Kiama, Shellharbour and Oak Flats Lions have organised a Gala Dinner at Shellharbour Club in aid of Adam Regal who is a motor neurone sufferer. Lightning does strike twice in the same place as Adam's father, Steve, died of the same disease. Tickets are available at \$100 each and we have been asked to fill a table of ten. So far, we have six Lions and partners who have expressed an interest. Any other Lion willing to attend should let me know asap. (see letter further in newsletter)

The annual District Convention will be held at Cabramatta RSL, this year. Any Lions wishing to attend should let Secretary Dennis know. Our AGM, a much less formal affair, will be held during the meeting of 14th October. I promise that it will be a quick job and shouldn't interfere with John's dinner!

I was happy with our meeting at Gerroa Fisherman's Club. Speaker, David MacLeod was fascinating on the inner workings and future of QANTAS and it was good to welcome back Ted Mcquire from illness, Brian from holiday and Denis from his latest run-in with his orthopaedic surgeon having been informed that 'motion is lotion'. No room for couch potatoes there!

Until our next meeting,

Hugh (still The Merciless)



SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLINGS

We are back at Kiama Golf Club for our next dinner meeting on 23 September. The guest speaker will be William Campbell speaking on The William Campbell Foundation, a charitable organisation. Ring Howard Smith on 4237 5909 or e-mail Kari at harju@westnet.com.au if you can't make it or want to book in a guest.

We regularly get newsletters, along with donation requests, from lots of organisations. This month we have them from the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Devil Ark (a NSW Barrington Tops facility that breeds disease free Tasmanian Devils for release in the wild), the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Sir David Martin Foundation (who fund Triple Care Farm). Secretary Dennis has the correspondence folder at each dinner meeting and he would welcome your approach to look at the newsletters if you are interested.

Kevin Bolack is arranging the purchase of the trailer for this year's Xmas trailer raffle. It's expected to be delivered mid-October so we can load it up and start selling tickets immediately after the Melbourne Cup trifecta tickets are sold.

You may have seen the recent newspaper articles about the work that will be done on Dexter Hefferman's family home. Geoff Shoard has been in contact with the family to see if we can help and to offer a BBQ at the house for workers etc. The response was that they are right at the moment and they will contact us if they want us to run an end-of-project BBQ.

Geoff has also been speaking to Councillor Mark Way about a project Mark is trying to get going. The proposal is to erect 3 picnic tables with seats and a whale watching platform (with a cliff face barrier) at the southern part of the Minnamurra headland near the helipad. All the materials are said to be provided and we will do the construction. Local dog club Canine Capers is prepared to donate \$1,000 to the project. We have told the Council that we are prepared to be involved and we will wait to hear more.

Geoff and Dennis met with the Scout Association NSW people to talk about our continued use of the Minnamurra Scout Hall to store our equipment and gear. We have an informal arrangement to pay \$20 a week to use the hall and we need to confirm the arrangement. We may yet go back to doing some repairs and maintenance on the hall in lieu of payment.

See the invitation from Gareth Ward to join him at the NSW Parliament House for a Lions fund raising dinner. Let Dennis know if you want to attend.

The Historic Boat Anchor project that Brian Cox has talked to us about is underway. See the letter from the Council.

We have again decided to donate \$100 to the Kiama Carols in the Park event.

The Council has set up a committee to organise and manage local events to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC. The events will of course be centred on the 25 April 2015 ANZAC Day. The Council has invited us to join the committee and we have agreed to do so.

Ken Magnus and the Autumn Fest guys are getting into their work. The major beneficiary for the 2015 festival will be CareFlight and they will do a lot of publicity work for us. Hopefully there won't be as big a gap between what CareFlight say they will do and what they actually do as there was with MS Research for the 2014 festival. We have also



decided to go for Sunday 8 May as the festival date for 2016. That day is Mothers' Day and we think we can leverage off that to get lots of mums and (big and small) kids to the festival.

Ken also had the idea that we collect 5 and 10 cent coins for subsequent donation to local charities and the Board agreed. The intention is to collect the coins in a number of ways including by having collection tins at the Melbourne Cup trifecta ticket and Xmas trailer raffle ticket sales tables and at Autumn Fest 15.

Your Youth Activities Committee chairperson has recommended to the Board that we again look to make our youth Development Award to two local young people this Lions year. Ralph also suggested that we earmark the proceeds from the Melbourne cup trifecta project this year to pay for the \$3,000 cost of 2 places at an Outward Bound course, in anticipation of us finding two suitable candidates for the award. The Board agreed to both Ralph's recommendation and suggestion.

Dennis

The 2014 District Convention is on from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 October. The venue is the Cabra-Vale Diggers Club at Canley Vale and it's hosted by the Cabra-Vale/Cabramatta Lions Club. Dennis has further details and the registration forms if you want to go.

Lugarno Festival

Hugh and John are attending the Lugarno Festival next Sunday (21st September)

Any Lions wishing to go can contact either of the above members to secure a lift to the event.

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!

Current Finances

(4/8/14)

Admin a/c - \$1942.79

Activities a/c -
\$4777.90

The apparent drop in the state of the Activities Account from last month is mainly due to the payment of \$2080 for twelve months storage rental to Minnamurra Scouts.



Autumnfest 15

I conducted a democratic poll as to who the beneficiary would be for AutumnFest 15. This poll was sent to all festival committee members. There were many suitable organisations suggested at the meeting in July. However 5 votes went to



The next closest being Kids Cancer received only 2 votes. I have made contact with CareFlight and advised them of our intention. CareFlight will have a simulator chopper at AutumnFest.

They have put our 'rough' mailer for May 24 on the website and facebook. There is a separate flier for the car show which also will be on their electronic newsletter, website and facebook. This flier will also be handed out at Lugarno's Festival on September 21

Who will help out with the 2 positions as under?

WANTED

Main Arena Activities: Another easy position has been added to the list of wanted personnel. All this role does is plan out the pet show, find a couple of willing judges and don't be afraid of Rottweilers or Dobermans.

BIG roundup Co-ordinator: This is a new challenge. Position is easy as . . . the challenge starts in October at Driver Reviver and will be placed at any of MLC's projects. ie: Raffle sales, Trifecta, bbqs, etc. and will finish on May 24. We are attempting to collect 100kgs of 5c and 10c coins.
I will explain how easy it is as soon as I have a volunteer.
(please don't tell the bean counters about this challenge)

My email: mudgwine@optusnet.com.au

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Ken Magnus

For the members who will be travelling to the Lugarno Festival on September 21, parking has been arranged. Follow Forest Road towards Lugarno and you see the Parking signs. Please mention you are from MLC. Lugarno charge \$5 per car (you pay nothing). There is a shuttle bus that will take you to the main activities.

Make yourselves known to the Lugarno members. You will find their hospitality tent on the western side of the park (not far from the huge police display).



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Darren Brady

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25 August 2014

Minnamurra Lions Club
PO Box 3033
MINNAMURRA NSW 2533

Attention: Dr B Cox

Dear Sir

Historic Boat Anchor - Kiama Harbour

Reference is made to your letter dated 19 May 2014 and subsequent site meeting on 24 July with Council's Manager Design and Development, Darren Brady to discuss the possible restoration and relocation of the historic boat anchor at Kiama Harbour.

As discussed at the above meeting, Council would be supportive of the Lions Club undertaking restoration of the historic anchor. In terms of its future location, as advised at the site meeting Council is currently undertaking the preparation of a new masterplan for Blowhole Point to govern the future development and conservation of this area. It is expected that a draft masterplan will be publicly exhibited in the last quarter of 2014 seeking community submissions.

At this stage Council would be reluctant to consider a relocation of the anchor from its current position until the masterplan has been finalised, but would not object to an earlier commencement of restoration works in its current location.

Should you have any further enquires or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Manager Design Development, Darren Brady on the above telephone number or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Bryan Whittaker
Director Engineering and Works

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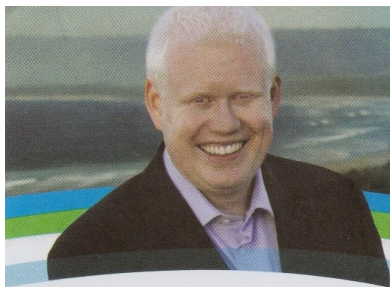
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Gareth Ward MP
MEMBER FOR KIAMA

Tuesday, 05 August 2014

Dr B Cox
Lions Club Of Minnamurra
PO Box 3033
MINNAMURRA NSW 2533

Dear Dr Cox,

Brian,

The NSW Parliamentary Lions Club is once again hosting our annual Gala fundraiser dinner in Parliament House. I thought I would take the opportunity to write to all of our electorate's Lions Club and canvas any interest in putting together a table.

The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 16 October 2014

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Venue: Strangers Dining Room, NSW Parliament House

Cost: \$150

Please feel free to contact me if any of your members would be interested in attending. I would also be keen to host a tour of Parliament and pre-dinner drinks in the Whips office before the event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Gareth Ward

GARETH WARD MP
Member for Kiama

Working for Our Community!



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LIONS CLUB of OAK FLATS INC.

MEETS AT THE OAK FLATS BOWLING & RECREATIONAL CLUB
2nd & 4th TUESDAY of the month at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m

President: Kelley Ryan
Secretary: John Joyce

Postal Address: PO Box 5
OAK FLATS, NSW. 2529
Email.... Oakflats.lc@hotmail.com

Lions

The Lions Clubs of Oak Flats, Kiama and Shellharbour are raising \$50,000 to help a local family facing motor neurone disease.

We invite your Club to join in.

12 months ago local man Adam Regal was diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

There is no known cure for this disease. It will affect the muscles of Adam's arms, legs, back and neck and in time affect his speech, swallowing and breathing.

Adam was diagnosed nine months ago and at 30 years old, now he sometimes has to rely on a walking stick.

Adam's situation is doubly moving. His uncle passed away from the disease and four years ago his father, Stephen, died within 12 months of being diagnosed with the same disease.

With this family background Adam and his wife Kylie plus their two primary school-age children have been raising awareness and funds for research into motor neurone disease. They do not want another family to experience what they are going through.

Our Clubs will help Adam and Kylie Regal.

With other community groups we are supporting the *Regal gala dinner* at the Shellharbour Club on 1 November 2014. It is our main fund-raiser and we are inviting people to attend (\$1000 for a table of 10). And we are asking local businesses to sponsor prizes for raffles and silent auctions on the night. (Ticket costs covers meal and drinks.)

Our target of \$50,000 will help Adam and Kylie with a disabled access bathroom, send the family on an overseas holiday plus help with their home mortgage.

As Lions we feel a holiday is important as Adam may reach a point where he cannot travel.

Your help

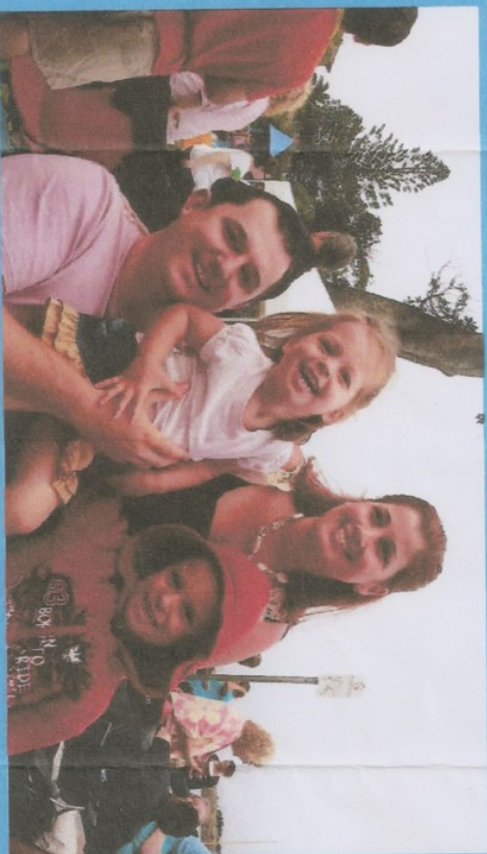
Our Clubs invite your club to support Adam with a donation or by supporting his gala dinner.

Learn more at [Rally for the Regals Facebook Page](#) and please contact me if your Club can help in any way.

Lion John Joyce
Secretary / Treasurer
Oak Flats Lions Club Inc
0411 231 944

"RALLY FOR THE REGALS"

PICK A
BALLOON
AND WIN!



LOTS OF
RAFFLES



**COME ALONG AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!!
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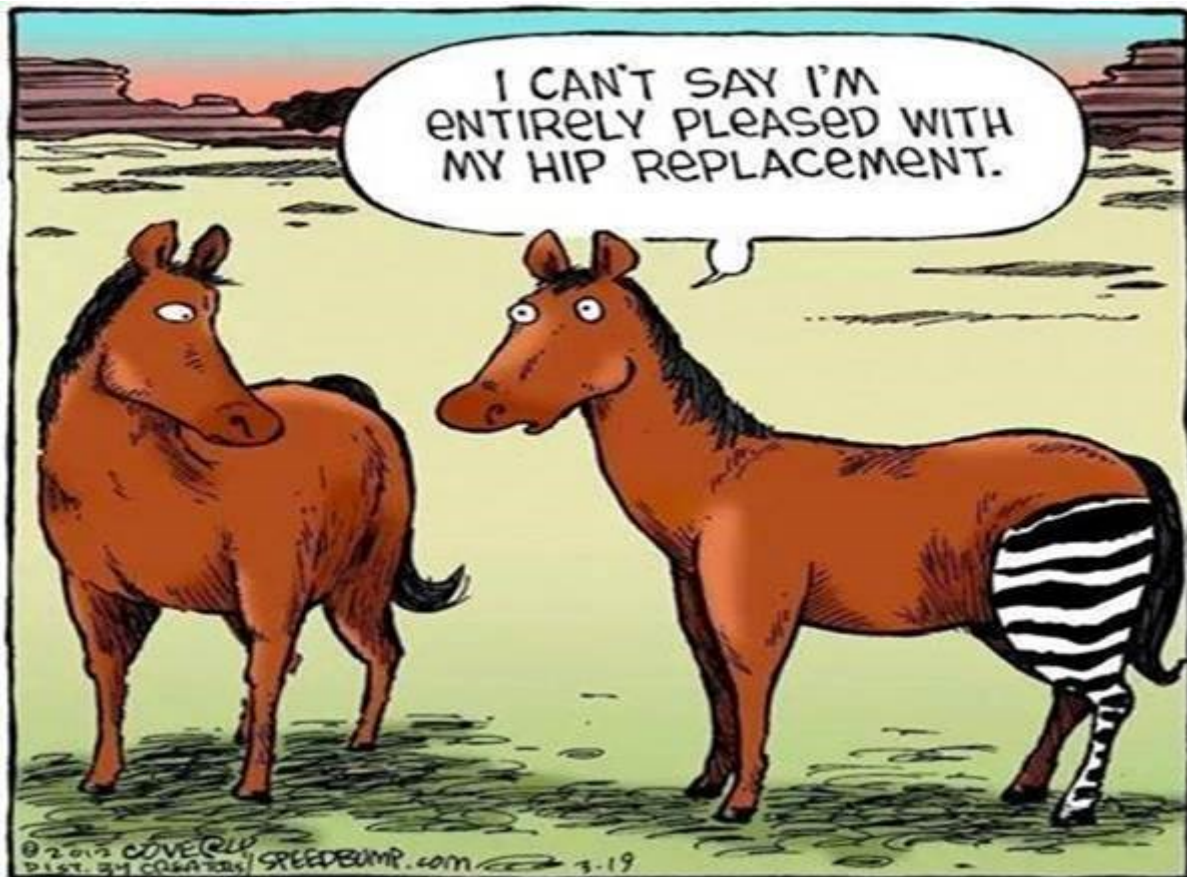
**HOPE TO
SEE YOU
ALL
THERE!!!**

WHEN: 1st November 2014
WHERE: The "Tasman Room" @ The Shellharbour Club
TIME: Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start!!
PRICE: Tickets are \$100 each/ tables of 10. Includes a 2 course meal, drinks and Entertainment for the night!
GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY!!
CONTACT: Call Kellie Papa on 0410551663/ or John Joyce on 0411231944 for more info..

**GRAB SOME
FRIENDS FOR A
GREAT NIGHT
OUT!!**

Thanks to Minnamurra Lions

Denis wishes to thank all members for their kind thoughts during his recent hospitalisation and sends the cartoon below to illustrate the predicament faced by many hip-replacement patients.



And finally

Two Old Golfers

A couple of old guys were playing golf when one mentioned that he was going to go to Dr Smith for a new set of dentures in the morning..

His elderly buddy remarked that he too had gone to the very same dentist two years before.

"Is that so?", asked the first old guy. "Did he do a good job?"

The second oldster replied, "Well, I was on the golf course yesterday when a guy on the next fairway hooked a shot. The ball must have been going at least 200 mph when it smacked me right in the nuts."

The first old guy was confused and asked, "What the hell does that have to do with your dentures?"

"It was the first time in two years my teeth didn't hurt!"

The South African Border Patrol is asking citizens to keep on the lookout for a red 1951 Chevy that they suspect is being used to smuggle illegal workers across the border from Zimbabwe and into points along the South African border. If you see the vehicle pictured below and have reason to believe that it is the suspect vehicle, you are urged to contact your local police department or the South African Border Patrol.

THE WAY WOMEN THINK

Husband's Message (by mobile phone):

Honey, I got hit by a car outside of the office. Paula brought me to the Hospital. They have been making tests and taking X-rays. The blow to my head though very strong, will not have any serious or lasting injury. But, I have three broken ribs, a broken arm, a compound fracture in the left leg, and they may have to amputate the right foot.

Wife's Response:

Who is Paula?

