

Lions Club of Minnamurra

Fishy Tales



September 2016
Newsletter

Lions,

It's cold and still hard to get out of bed but with spring and the warmer weather approaching so will your time and efforts be required for our major fund raising events. John Knox has sent much information via his "Wagging Tails" to give details of these events. All is yet to be finalised, then the roster will be created by Dennis McColl to include all our members to volunteer their time in the service of Lions.

The major event for our club this month was the official opening of the Minnamurra Headlands Whale Watching Platform. Council elections must be fast approaching as all the dignitaries attended and tried to steal the limelight with a photo opportunity and a mention in the local paper.

The winning photo appearing in the Kiama Independent shows Gareth Ward and Mark Way together with a pride of Minnamurra Lions eagerly looking out to sea, anticipating the arrival of migrating whales. Unfortunately the whales appeared to be oblivious of this momentous event and didn't show up, as per the script.

Thanks to Geoff Shoard and the Lions construction crew for their outstanding effort and professional workmanship. The platform looks a treat, is new and has had many favourable comments. Mark Way stated, "With whale watching being extremely popular, this platform will also be a drawcard for tourism".

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Whale Watching Platform make sure you take your whale enthusiast friends, because you never know, you may see a whale or two?

This month Killalea will be hosting a Kids Festival Day, 24th September. This is a great opportunity for members to combine their car parking skills with the added distraction of hundreds of screaming kids. On site training will be offered as usual by the parking group-

ies team. Contact John Knox, Brian Scott, Phil Cooper, Derek Farnell or David Barlow if you wish to be involved. Should be a great day out for all those kids, parents and grand parents.



Relax Lions. Some people are a lot more worried about their next president than we are. Things could get worse—a lot worse!!

Our club will be on duty for the October long weekend driver revive. Please contact John Sims, Nesbit Hindmarsh or David Tyson if you wish to get a taste for the latest in caravan designs with unlimited tea and coffee making facilities.

After the debacle of Lions NOT being able to recall a single word of our ethics or purposes, without the standard "cheat sheet". I thought it best to devote some time of the next dinner meeting to enhancing your knowledge of Lions. So in preparation for this trivia contest you may wish to decode a sample of these Lions acronyms. For example, ALF, ALPTC, CAB SEC, CC, DG, IP, IPDG, IPP (clue: its me), LC and LCIF. If you gain a score of 10 you could be the next KL.

Please remember, if you can't make it to a dinner meeting send your apology to Howard Smith (42375909) or Kari Harju (karju@westnety.com.au).

Cheers from Ross



SECRETARY'S PAGE

Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

September

- 13 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club
Trivia night enhancing your knowledge of Lions
- 24 Killalea Children's Festival parking duties
- 27 No meeting—members gone to the dogs
- 29 Dapto Dogs—Kevin to send out details

October

- 11 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Dinner Meeting golf club
- 25 Dinner Meeting golf club

November

- 4,5,6 N2 District Convention
- 8 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
DG visit—mixed dinner meeting golf club
- 16 Wednesday – Sydney Harbour cruise and dinner
- 22 Youth of the Year—mixed night @ golf club

December

- 13 Board Meeting golf club 5pm
Xmas social night—venue tba
- 27 Dinner Meeting golf club

The picture of the new secretary has been deleted because several members have suffered from heart palpitations, ed.

Some upcoming work organised by John Knox

Some electronic info, as we were missing a few regulars at last nights meeting. We have a busy few months for LIONS members . Here is some update info for you:

SEPTEMBER

Sept 24 The girls (Jess & Courtney) have organised a **KIDS FESTIVAL DAY** at Killalea State Park. There will be Lots of kid friendly activities and entertainment .. jumping castle, rides, games, activities galore and some kid orientated stalls and food stalls. From 6pm, there is an outdoor Movie set up for family entertainment. Why not bring the grandkids? We have been asked to assist with parking duties with the usual gold coin donation. I will find out the WEBSITE.

OCTOBER :

Oct 2 **Killalea Farm Market** Parking fund raiser as per usual

Oct Long Weekend **Driver Reviver** at Kiama North Rest Area
(See info sent by John Sims)

OCT 15- 16 **SCULPTURES BY THE SEA at Killalea** The girls (Jess & Courtney) are launching an artistic event at Killalea for this weekend and are expecting a big crowd. This has been advertised on social media, magazines, radio and television. It has also been promoted by Shellharbour Council and the art community. We have been given the parking rights to this one as well for usual donation.

OCT 27 – NOV 1 **MELBOURNE CUP Boxed Trifecta Raffle** is on again but we need a co-ordinator. We plan to sell tickets on Thurs Sept 27-Sat 29 Sept at Kiama Village shops (pending approval) and the rest at markets and clubs. Punters buy a ticket (\$2) with 3 horses' numbers that correspond to a box trifecta on Melbourne Cup. The winning ticket holder gets \$1000 cash. We need 2 volunteer sellers each shift to cover about 11 x 3 hour shifts. Dennis McColl has volunteered to produce a roster to cover shifts for Trifecta and the Xmas Trailer Raffle. Please consider what days suit you for these.

NOVEMBER :

Nov 6 **Killalea FARM MARKET** Usual parking thing plus Xmas Trailer Raffle ticket sales.

Nov 16 **Dinner Harbour Cruise on Sydney Harbour** Details sent out by Kevin Bolack previously

Nov 5 to Dec 18 **Christmas TRAILER RAFFLE** (See attached handout about dates /venues)

November selling dates are 5, 6, 12, 13, 19,20, 23, 24, 25, and 26

This is **the** big fundraiser where we hope to exceed \$8000 profit by raffling a box trailer filled with lots of goodies (toys, sports gear, mower , BBQ, wheelbarrow, tools, giftware, gift/dinner vouchers) First prize will be worth (trailer and products) around \$3500. Also there will be consolation prizes of accommodation tickets, Bombo Blinds package, restaurant tickets etc. If you know of anyone willing to donate products or voucher/tickets please let your committee know about it.

Selling venues are many including :- Terralong St., Kiama (4 times) (outside Ray White Real estate), Seaside Markets (2) , Kiama Produce market (2), Killalea Market (2), Dapto Market (2), Kiama Village (2), Warilla Grove shops (2) and also outside IGAs at Kiama Downs and Jamberoo.

Tickets are sold at \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5

We do have some **set up costs** like Registered trailer (\$900), Ticket printing (\$500), and purchase of some items (maybe around \$1000) Therefore, our break even point is around \$2400 and it is all profit thereafter.

The success of the Xmas trailer raffle involves the good will of members volunteering time to sell tickets at the venues. There will be about 18 venue/dates needing about 39 shifts of 2 members. Shifts vary from 2 hr, 2.5 hr and 3 hours. It is a big time commitment and will involve around 120 hours of ticket selling by members and around 180 hours of administration by trailer committee (getting donations being the biggest (often 3 follow-up visits to a business), producing and distributing thank you certificates , ticket organising, money counting/ banking, towing trailers to / from venues etc.)





Trailer Towers Obviously, we need members who are willing and able to tow the trailer to and /or from venues It is best if trailer towers start or finish a shift. John or Ken will meet trailer towers at Lions shed 30 mins before start time to help attach trailer, give out tickets, cash float, advertising material, table, chairs and cooler box with drinks etc.

Each member is requested to sell a book of 20 tickets to friends or family, if possible.

DECEMBER :

Dec 04 **Killalea FARM MARKET** Usual parking at the venue and Trailer Raffle ticket sales.

DEC 03- 18 **Christmas TRAILER RAFFLE** selling dates are 03, 04, 07, 09, 11, 14,16, 17 followed by the draw at the Seaside Market, Kiama on Sunday Dec 18

DEC- JAN **Driver Reviver** at Kiama North Rest Area on various dates during holiday period

JANUARY 2017

JAN 15 Killalea FARM MARKET

JAN ? Kids FISHING COMPETITION at Kiama Harbour We do BBQ for the event

There's a fair amount of work
in putting this info together.
Thanks, John



Not the most recent photo—Roy's hair is now greyer and the tracksuit top was reduced to a polishing rag some time ago. John still had at least 5000 kg of spuds to eat in the time interval to the present—must be pretty recent then, after all!

Lions 2016-17 Board and Office Positions



Board - 10 members elected

President Ross Thompson (who will be running against Hilary Clinton)

Past President Ross Thompson

Vice President Al Thomas

Secretary Denis Beynon

Treasurer Ralph Moses – Assistant Kevin Bolack

6 other Board members Steve Omrod, Bruce McLean, John Sims, Kevin Dawson, Jeff Robson, Brian Divers

Other Positions - not elected

Youth Activities Committee Mike Bowden (c), Roy Milroy, Paul McInerney

Xmas Trailer Raffle Committee John Knox (c), Ken Horspool, Gerard Kenny, Peter Luck

BBQs Committee Phil Woodcock, Steve Omrod, Brian Divers, Hugh Sail, Roy Milroy

Membership Co-ordinator Dennis McColl

Lion Tamer Geoff Shoard

Tail Twister Peter Murphy

Lion Carers Col Blanchard, Al Thomas

Newsletter Roy Milroy

Melbourne Cup Trifecta

Xmas Cakes Nesbit Hindmarsh, Hugh Sail

Driver Reviver John Sims, Nesbit Hindmarsh, David Tyson

Program Co-ordinators Brian Cox, Hugh Sail

Publicity Officer Brian Scott

Webmaster Mike Bowden

Meeting Venue and Numbers Officer Howard Smith (e-mails to Kari Harju)

Social Event Co-ordinator Kevin Bolack

Public Officer Dennis McColl

Killalea Markets Committee John Knox (c), Brian Scott, Phil Copper, Derek Farnell, David Barlow

Red Cross Co-ordinators Col Blanchard, John Knox

Red Shield Appeal Denis Beynon

Kiama Rugby Sevens Brian Divers

Relay for Life Martin Grove



INSPIRING THE VOLUNTEER IN YOU

For more information on volunteering come and talk to us today or contact us at:

Blue Haven Care

Ph: 4232 0475

Email: enquiries@bluehavencare.com.au

Website: www.bluehavencare.com.au

OR

Joyce Wheatley Community Centre

Hindmarsh Park

Collins Street

KIAMA NSW 2533

We listen, because your story matters to us.

Now that you've retired and find that there's the odd unused hour in your day, why not consider working as a volunteer with Blue Haven Care (formerly Illawarra In-home Support)

There are vacancies for volunteers to help in a huge variety of different roles. Many of us drive the community buses, taking people at need to different health appointments while others work with respite care or supervise men's groups. Think of it as an opportunity to build up brownie points before it's your turn. Geoff Shoard certainly does!

Speak to any of us in Minnamurra Lions who currently work as volunteers.



FRIENDS OF KIAMA LIBRARY

Kiama Library, PO Box 75, KIAMA, NSW 2533

Phone: 02 4233 1133

Email: davidst36@gmail.com www.library.kiama.nsw.gov



Bookmark the date!

KIAMA READERS' FESTIVAL

Hold on to your bookmarks, we've got a real page turner coming your way.

The Friends of Kiama Library are busy organising the inaugural Kiama Readers' Festival to take place 14-16 October 2016.

With big name authors including Richard Glover (*Flesh Wounds*), Debra Oswald (*Useful*), Kate Llewellyn (*A Fig At The Gate*), David Dyer (*The Midnight Watch*) and Meg Keneally (*The Soldier's Curse*) already confirmed, the festival is shaping up to get rave reviews from locals and visitors.

Friday 14 Oct

Festival launch at Kiama Library

Come and mingle with other book worms, be entertained by a guest speaker Damon Young author of *The Art of Reading* and enjoy wine and finger food.

Saturday 15 October

Festival at The Pavilion Kiama

Twelve author sessions to choose from followed by Readers' Festival Dinner at Kiama Leagues Club.

Sunday 16 October

Children's session at Kiama Library with Ursula Dubosarsky (*Too Many Elephants in this House*)

Tickets for events will go on sale closer to the festival date.

Updates will be provided on www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au and in local publications.



Please keep Dennis informed of any changes to address, telephone, e-mail etc.

This will help him to keep our records accurate and up-to-date and if you don't want to keep appearing on work rosters, don't upset him

If you can't make it to a Dinner Meeting, please contact either Howard (the amiable narcoleptic) on 42375909 or Kari (Finns aint wot they used to be) Harju by email:-

harju@westnet.com

