

# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## Fishy Tales



Easter 2017  
Newsletter

### Vale Ralph Moses

It is with a heavy heart that I report on the loss of our fellow Lion and great friend, Ralph Moses after an illness lasting for quite a few months.

Ralph was a victim of the awful disease mesothelioma, caused by a short stint working for James Hardy more than fifty years ago. The sheer injustice of such an affliction is beyond understanding and our hearts go out to Ralph's wife, Cheryl, their sons, daughters and partners and also Ralph and Cheryl's grandchildren who have lost a champion.

There are many who have known Ralph much longer than I and I am privileged to include a few memories from some of his many friends:



Ralph was a man with an enormous zest for life, a can do attitude and a healthy disregard for doing what he was told by doctors (unless of course he agreed with their advice).

A few days after his second heart operation to install stents, I saw him with the grandkids at Hindmarsh Park playing soccer. A friend who was with me, a cardiac nurse, was shocked. She said he should be at home resting but of course that was not the way Ralph lived his life.

.. And from another long-time friend:

*"The world will be a poorer place with Ralph's passing. However, it will be richer through the knowledge and example which he has passed on to all who knew him."*



And perhaps the finest epitaph a father could wish for: "Ralph Moses was the greatest Dad you could want. He was loving, generous, funny, principled, hard working, adventurous and intelligent". What more could a man ask for?

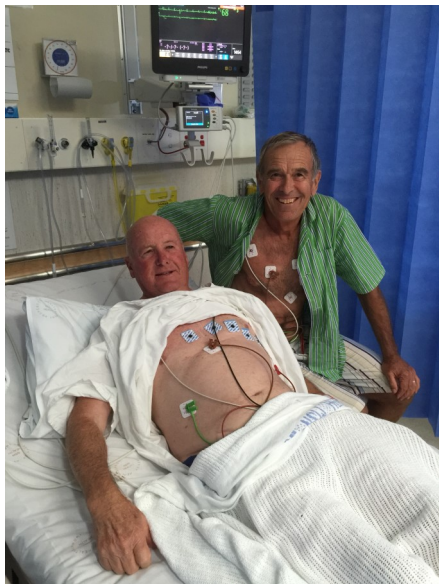


In all of the photos, look at Ralph's infectious smile – so typical of the man.

## ..... and a very personal reflection from another of Ralph's long-time friends:

There were the enjoyable weekends at Sussex Inlet; the boating, the fishing, the attempts to drive golf balls across the inlet and the socialising at the Fishermen's Club or around the camp fire back at the units. Always enjoyable and full of laughs.

And there were the close tête-a-têtes of 2 cardiac crocks. Which cardiologists are good, those that you preferred-not (little has changed), what cardiac nonsense have you been up to this time and have you yet been advise the medical staff re got it wrong and please get a cardiac patient longer been a whatever.....).



2013 NSW Stent Championships—  
Joint Winners

Then there was the time vice on how to interpret why couldn't he identify full colour image of his liv- quickly, much to his fascination count of 200 men- unlike cricket, golf, fishing, score of zero is abysmal with zero is the absolute best, 200 of the scale yielding a pretty

What's yours he enquired as I showed him mine but with 1 finger covering part of it. 260, that's not bad he said but why is your finger there? He moved it then saw that it was 2607. Amid the laughter and dismay I could only express my despondence that the cardiologist and radiologist hadn't heard of rounding down; a score of 2600 I could come to grips with but those extra 7 points – so disillusioning.

And so it was only fitting that Ralph and I should share the Treasurer's role over recent years; 2 cardiac crocks together. We had no formal structure as to who would do what but somehow we would always get there at month's end. During that time I introduced Ralph to cloud computing; perhaps it was advanced training for where he is now.

a cardiac patient long enough to ad- correct procedures or that they've it right (shame, but when you've been than some of those treating you have

when Ralph phoned to seek my ad- the results from a cardiac CT scan and any of his 6 stents in the 3D rotating, ing heart. Problem resolved rather tion. Then he asked re his cardiac cal- tioned in the report? "Well Ralph, tennis, hockey or whatever where a the cardiac calcium count a score of is mid-range and 400 is the worst end grim cardiac outlook for the patient."

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Lions,

Ralph a "Lion to the end" will be missed by all members of our club.

Ralph started as a Charter Member, served as President, Treasurer, YOTY coordinator and continued with active roles in our club.

At the funeral, Garrick, his best friend, John from the Softies and Roger representing Lions all spoke well and shared with us an insight into Ralph's life.

Ralph was a family man, very active, outgoing and had a full-of-fun attitude to life.

He was highly respected in the community and contributed a large part of his time to charity and assisting those in need.

I was very proud to see the majority of our members and the many friends who attended Ralph's funeral. The Lion's Guard of Honour was commendable and well supported by all those attending.

Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife, Cheryl, his family and friends.

### **The election for next years Board and Office positions has been finalised.**

Our club is in a good position to continue with its goals and achievements.

Non-elected positions now need to be finalised. You may wish to be a part of a committee or perhaps take up another position within the club.

Be prepared, enthusiastic and get in early for a task that suits you.

Our club is still very active with fund raising, the Treasurer's report shows a substantial amount in the Activities Fund and will benefit those charities that our club supports. Killalea markets continue to play a large part in our fundraising. It's obvious drivers love following the directions of our friendly parking attendants and are very pleased that a Lion is looking after their prized possession. Thanks go to all members who contribute their time and efforts.

Three tables are being erected in the park at the southern end of Jones Beach.

Another MLC project with benefits to the community and is timely as the 100 Years of Lions celebrations occur this year. Project manager, Geoff and his motley crew have been cutting wood, digging and re-digging holes under the watchful eyes of the local residents and the guidance of those in authority from

Kiama Council. Patience and mindful discussions have been displayed by most Lions which will assist to keep us on track to complete another MLC project..

Our thoughts also go to Peter Murphy and his wife, June with their health issues.

We extend to Peter and his family any assistance they may require and hope positive outcomes will prevail.

Remember our dinner meetings and if you cant make it please remember to send your apology to Howard (42375909) or Kari ([harju@westnet.com.au](mailto:harju@westnet.com.au)).

Cheers from Ross



## SECRETARY'S PAGE

### Minnamurra Lions Calendar of Events

#### April

- 11 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 17 **Kiama Seaside Market-BBQ (Easter)**
- 25 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club

#### May

- 7 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 9 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm **Nominations for  
'Minnamurra Lion of the year' received**
- 23 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club **Voting for Lion of the Year  
takes place**

#### June

- 2 **Kiama Lions Club-Celebrate 100 years of Lions**
- 4 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 13 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 27 Dinner Meeting-**Change-over Dinner**



**From the last Board meeting:**

### **Scout Hall Layback**

The Board approved the funding of a vehicle Layback at the Scout Hall to provide safe access to the garages for the average vehicle. Estimated cost based on a written quote is \$1050.00

A Scout Hall Committee has been formed with G Shoard (c), D Beynon and G Napier.

**Donation \$100** to District N3 Bush Fires (Dunedoo district)

**Itinerant Teacher-deaf** to be contacted re: deaf students in our area.

### **Meeting extension**

It was suggested that we commence our board meeting one hour earlier to deal with outstanding agenda items. The meeting decided to meet at 4.00pm on the 11th April and to use the first hour to discuss outstanding items.

If members have any issues that they wish to be discussed then they should please contact a Board Member well prior to a meeting.



## FROM OUR TREASURER

Activities Account	\$31,489.95
Admin Account	\$ 3,745.53*

\* inc \$1,068 for Opera tickets.

As of 31st March 2017

Full a/c available from either your editor or Treasurer on request

### ... and from the Board Meeting:

- Kevin Bolack has been appointed assistant treasurer for the remainder of the Lion's year and therefore a member of the board.
- Up to 10% of the profits of our next BBQ, held on March 9, 2017 at Kiama Markets, be directed to the Admin Account, subject to 10% signs being displayed to the public.
- The Board at the recommendation of K Bolack, shall purchase a Cash Box complete with 2 coded keys to tighten security when handling large sums of money, as well as protecting the member from any suggestion of impropriety. Cost \$108.80.





***Lions Club of***

*Club Number: 022303*



*ABN: 25 055 317 008*

***Kiama Inc***

*We Serve*

The Lions Club of Kiama Inc.

Would like to invite

***The Members of Minnamurra Lions Club***

to attend our celebration of the

Centenary of Lions Clubs International.



To be held on:  
Friday 2nd June 2017



At:  
The Kiama Showground Pavillion



7.00pm till 11.00pm

Dress: Neat Casual  
Cost \$35 per head



Please RSVP by 12th May 2017



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# This is one of the things that we work for



## Australian Doctors International

As you may know, Minnamurra Lions Club is a regular supporter of the above mentioned organisation. Below is an extract of a recent letter from Max Osborne, one of the organisers. I hope it is of in-

The present doctor in PNG is Ronald Oosterhuis from the Netherlands. He is pictured relaxing having a fish on his day off.

The rest of the photos are mainly of the hospital and operating theatre while the last one is a clinic being conducted near the markets.

Lions last donation went to buying essential medical equipment. This equipment has been put to very good use, especially at Namanatai Hospital where the equipment saved a mother's life.

This year I am gathering funds for ADI to support a Family Planning person on the ground in PNG where Family Planning is needed to educate both men and women about contraception and family size. It is not unusual for women to have multiple pregnancies, subsequent issues and increase in mortality rates.

It would be excellent if Minnamurra Lions was again able to contribute to this cause.

Max Osborne



Kind of makes you feel good, doesn't it?





**65th Multiple District 201  
CONVENTION 2017**

**HOBART, Tasmania**

**WREST POINT  
Entertainment and  
Convention Centre**

**Friday, 5 May 2017  
thru  
Monday 8 May 2017**

## **CONVENTION WEBSITE**

<http://2017lions.org.au/convention>

## **CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

go to  
the Convention website  
<http://2017lions.org.au/convention>

## **Convention Organising Committee CONTACT DETAILS**

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## ***Countdown to Convention Continues***

What was it that John Lennon sang? "Another year over, a new one just begun". Amazingly we're already farewelling 2016 and thinking of what the New Year will bring. We hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed your New Year's Eve celebration.

One of the Convention Organising Committee's early decisions was to make sure that the publicity and promotional side of the Convention for 2017 received priority. I must admit that I am overwhelmed by the coverage received, firstly in the Australian Lion, October/November edition as well as the December/January edition. In addition, our Convention Countdown newsletter that included Convention details and suggested contacts for accommodation and travel has produced outstanding responses.

We continue to recommend that you check the convention website – it can be easily accessed through the Lions Australia website – for updates and additional information.

After suggesting in our previous publicity to put in you book Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May for the National Convention, can I respectfully suggest that you review your plans now as there are other major events leading up to our Convention dates such as the Australian Wooden Boat Festival and Targa Tasmania ..... Hobart – a great place to be in 2017.

If there are any matters to be raised via our publicity and promotions team, please contact our Convention Committee and we will endeavour to get the message out there.

Don't forget, this is a milestone event ... Celebrating the Centenary of Lions in 2017



**PDG David Daniels OAM**  
Chairman  
MD Convention 2017  
Convention Organising Committee.

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 (new members can usually find him sleeping in the corner during meetings) on 42375909 or Kari Harju by email:- [harju@westnet.com](mailto:harju@westnet.com)**

