

# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## Fishy Tales



### July 2017 Newsletter

Lions,

The past month has seen a number of activities for the club emphasising our Lions motto "We Serve". A number of members assisted the Albion Park Gymnastics Club by cooking for their fundraising barbecue held at the Black Beach markets in July. Well done Barbecue Team. In addition the Killalea parking on 6th August was exceptionally busy and netted another impressive sum for our Activities Account.

There have been a number of working bees held at the "Carers Cottage" recently. Members are reminded that a "White Card" is required to be able to assist during the renovation stage at the site. The project is planned to finish early in 2018 and it our clubs current major focus. It is also the combined focus with Kiama and Gerringong Lions Clubs as our Centennial Project. I am informed that when the construction phase is complete members will be welcome to assist with the cleanup, garden and path improvements.

The changeover dinner worked well at the Golf Club and I thank the committee of Steve Omrod, Ross Thompson, Kevin Bolack and our MC for the night Kevin Dawson. Stepping into the fold after Ross Thompson is a big challenge. Ross did a great job for the club for two years and thoroughly deserves thanks from all club members. I hope someone is keen to be President next year as I don't need a second year.

The dispersal of donations has now been completed thanks to the excellent work from our Treasurer David Tyson. Over \$ 40,000 was donated to many local organisations and Lions Foundations. This is a record for Minnamurra Lions Club and is an outstanding result for such a small club. Congratulations to all members for their commitment.

Congratulations are also extended to John Knox

on his award as "Lion of the Year". John is a tireless worker for the club and his work as the Christmas Trailer convenor and as our contact for the organisation of the Killalea market parking is both acknowledged and appreciated by all club members. Well done John.

The new Board has determined that our fundraising activities this year will be: Killalea market parking, Barbecues at Black Beach Markets and the Trifecta in November. The Christmas Trailer raffle has been deferred for this year. Together with our work for Relay for Life, Christmas Cake sales, Driver Reviver shifts and the Rugby Sevens, I am sure we have enough to keep us occupied.

Will members please inform our Welfare Officers if any of our members are not well or if they are in need of assistance. Col Blanchard and Brian Divers are our Club contacts. Please let them know if anyone requires our assistance.

While on this vein Col himself will be undergoing some extensive treatment over the next two months. All the best Col, the club wishes you well and hopes to see you back up and involved in all the club activities as soon as possible.

A big welcome to Chris Duffy on joining the club at the last meeting. Chris brings a lot of youthful energy to the club and lowers the average age of the club significantly.

Yours in Lions  
Al Thomas





## SECRETARY'S PAGE

### Minnamurra Lions Calendar 2017-2018

#### August

- 22 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm Guest Speaker Joe Ahearn – Antarctica
- 26 Corrimal Lions Fashion Show

#### September

- 3 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 12 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 16 Family Fun Bike Ride BBQ Black Beach – ride starts 10.30am
- 21 Kiama High School – Year 12 presentation
- 26 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 29 Sculptures at Killalea - Seniors BBQ some parking
- 30 Sculptures at Killalea - Parking

#### October

- 1 Killalea Markets- Sculptures at Killalea - Parking
- 2 Monday - Kiama Seaside Markets BBQ  
Sculptures at Killalea – Parking
- 6 Friday - Sculptures at Killalea – BBQ
- 6 Blue Haven Fete – assistance with collection of sale items
- 7 Sculptures at Killalea – Parking
- 8 Sculptures at Killalea - Parking
- 10 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 16 Zone Meeting – President, Secretary, Membership
- 20-22 District Convention Queanbeyan
- 24 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### November

- 3-6 Melbourne Cup Mystery Boxed Trifecta
- 4 Relay for Life – 10am to 10pm Black Beach – setup assistance
- 4 Madame Butterfly – Capitol Theatre Sydney
- 5 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 14 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 28 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### December

- 3 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 12 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### January

- 7 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 9 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 23 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### February

- 4 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 5 Zone Meeting
- 13 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 27 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### March

- 4 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 13 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm 2VDG visit
- 27 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### April

- 1 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 10 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 24 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### May

- 6 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 8 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 22 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

#### June

- 3 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 12 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm  
Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 26 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm

## *SNIPPETS*

At our next meeting, on 22/8, Joe Ahearn will be along to tell us tall but true tales about his adventures in the last frontier - Antarctica - should be a ripper

And at the following meeting on 12/9, Rob McKinnon ex of long term Kiama solicitors McKinnon and Co will be along to talk about wills and other legal matters - so if you're soon to be arrested or have a daughter who is married to a professional gambler and he is mortgaging your home, this is the time to ask questions - see you there, Brian



Nesbit is proud to announce the 2017 Lions Centenary Christmas Cake which weighs in at 1.5 Kg and comes in a commemorative tin—a must for all households that have an old button box. The cost is \$22.00 for the cake/tin combo. We already have three takers but Nesbit needs to know of anyone else interested in buying. An early response will be greatly appreciated.

*Don't miss out*

## A couple of things from our International President, Bob Corlew

The [Club LCIF Coordinator](#) is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level and is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. This person shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. Club LCIF Coordinators will be equipped with resources that will allow them to champion the goals of the foundation to Lions.

A new policy has been put into effect to help fill this vital role at the club level. In addition to serving as mentors to the club president and vice presidents, immediate past club presidents will now serve as Club LCIF Coordinators. If he or she is unable to serve in this capacity, the position may be filled by another club member.

Is Ross aware of this great responsibility? Ed.

### [The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness](#)

For more than 15 years, LCIF's SightFirst program and the World Health Organization (WHO) have partnered to serve more than 127 million children by working to eliminate avoidable childhood blindness. The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness is an initiative that began in 2001. Since then, 51 Child Friendly Eye Care Centers have been established and supported in 50 countries within Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Western Pacific. The centers provide preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative eye care services for children aged 0-15 years. To date, more than 67,000 pediatric eye care staff have been trained, more than 13 million children have been screened for eye diseases, and more than 127 million children have received treatment. There have also been nearly one million education sessions for parents, caregivers and healthcare staff. Because of your donations to LCIF, millions of children have been given the chance to avoid childhood blindness.



## Lions 2017-18 Board and Office Positions

<b>Board - 10 members elected</b>	
President	Al Thomas
Past President	Ross Thompson
Vice President	Travice Pryor
Secretary	Roger Millburn
Treasurer	David Tyson, Steve Omrod-Assistant
6 other Board members	Ken Horspool, Paul McInerney, George Gray, Martin Grove, Mike Bowden.
<b>Other Positions - not elected</b>	
Youth Activities Committee	Mike Bowden, Steve Omrod, Paul McInerney
Xmas Trailer Raffle Committee	
BBQs Committee	Roy Milroy, Phil Woodcock, Hugh Sail, Ross Thompson
Membership Co-ordinator	Denis Beynon
Lion Tamer	Geoff Shoard
Tail Twister	Kevin Bolack & John Hetherington
Lion Carer	Col Blanchard & Brian Divers
Newsletter	Roy Milroy
Melbourne Cup Trifecta	Hugh Sail, Roger Millburn
Xmas Cakes	Nesbit Hindmarsh & Rod Ayling
Driver Reviver	Nesbit Hindmarsh, David Tyson, Brian Divers
Program Co-ordinator	Brian Cox
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	Denis Beynon
Killalea Markets Committee	John Knox (c) Brian Scott, Phil Cooper, Derek Farnell
Red Cross Co-ordinator	Col Blanchard
Red Shield Appeal	Denis Beynon
Kiama Rugby Sevens	Brian Divers
Relay for Life	Martin Grove



Break out the garlic, crucifixes and silver bullets for this is the:

## Treasurer's Page



### Admin Account:

Account balance @ 16th August 2017                      \$3 866.80                      -

Effective balance available \$2 264.80 after allowing for Opera tickets funds (\$1,602) held in account. These are expected to be disbursed in September 2017.

**Account balance as at 4 July 2017                      \$4,928.52 (Effective \$3,326.52)**

### Activities Account:

Account balance @ 16th August 2017                      (nil outstanding debits)                      \$13 066.72

Killalea's receipts for the August market was \$2,764.35; a great result though a little short of the July Market record.

..... and now the bad news:    **2017 Subscriptions**


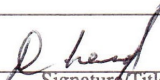
**Subs of \$60 each are due.** These can be paid at the dinner meeting or by internet transfer to (BSB) 032689 (account number) 120622. Half of the members have already fully paid and this is really appreciated as it makes my job much easier.

I won't be at the next 2 meetings so Steve Omrod and Kev Bolack will be taking over in my absence and will be more than happy to collect subs.



## Treasurer's page contd.

I know that I'm away but the money you work to raise really does go to good causes and not on my airfare ... sigh

 **RECEIPT**  
**STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE**  
KIAMA UNIT No 034966  
Date 20-7-17  
Received from LIONS CLUB OF MINNAMURRA  
The sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
Being for DONATION  
\$1000-00  
  
Signature/Title  
All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible  
**THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE IS VOLUNTEERS  
ASSISTING THEIR COMMUNITY DURING EMERGENCIES**

On behalf of the Local Controller Chris Warren and the volunteers of the Kiama Unit, I would like to thank the Lions Club of Minnamurra for their generous and unexpected donation. The funds will be put to use to assist in the extensive training that the members take, as well as assisting in the purchase of specialised rescue equipment.

As is the case with the Lions Club, our goal is to assist the local community in times of difficulty. With the help of your support, our members will be able to enhance their skills in our core roles of storm, flood and tsunami response, as well as our accredited response roles of road crash and vertical rescue.

As previously mentioned, we would be very willing to give a presentation to Minnamurra Lions on the roles of the SES and to provide one of our vehicles for an inspection of our equipment. Alternatively, your members may like to attend our Headquarters one evening to view our equipment and facilities.

**David Leigh**  
Volunteer | Kiama  
NSW State Emergency Service - Illawarra South Coast

# Kiama Classic Family Fun Bike Ride

Saturday 16 September 2017, Black Beach Kiama Harbour

Enjoy a great family day out at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiama Classic Family Fun Bike Ride. The 5km return course skirts Kiama Harbour across multiple beaches on family friendly off road paths.

**Registration:** 9-10.30am, Saturday 16 September 2017

**Entry:** \$2 per person or \$5 family  
with proceeds to the Heart Foundation

**Start:** 10.30am

**More information and registration forms**

Road Safety Officer

Kiama Municipal Council

call (02) 4232 0444

email [council@kiama.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@kiama.nsw.gov.au)

visit [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au)

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**We'll be calling for helpers soon. Please consider.**





## **CORRIMAL LIONS CLUB PRESENTS**



### *Spring Fashion Show by Paula's Wash and Wear*

*All items will be available for purchase or order on the day*

**Proceeds to Fairy Meadow Demonstration School**

**Tickets \$20 per head which includes afternoon tea**

Date: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Venue: St. Albans Anglican Church Hall  
Princes Highway Corrimal

Time: 2pm

For Tickets Contact:

Kathy 42 835 028      Maria 42 847 536





## Rising to the Challenge! Facing Fears! Abseiling to help youth in crisis **Take a brave step to help young people!**

As we approach spring, SDMF starts preparing for our biggest fundraising event, **Abseil for Youth!** Brave people facing their fears at the Abseil for Youth have raised nearly \$2million for young people at Triple Care Farm. **WE NEED YOU** to join us this year to help ensure every young person gets the help they need at the Farm.

In 2017, with support of our friends and event partners, Investa and Urban Descent, SDMF's bravest supporters will abseil down a 33 storey building in Sydney's CBD. By overcoming this challenge, they echo a young person's experience as they take that first step into Triple Care Farm. The fear and excitement a young person goes through in changing their life will put your own sky-high challenge into perspective and make your participation so much more rewarding!

### Why Abseil for Youth?

Simply put, it's the most fun you can have in the city! A unique thrill that makes you know you're alive – and with no training or preparation required and fitness or age no barrier, it's a perfect team building exercise for work or friend groups.

***"There was no hierarchy, no org chart, only courage. Despite our position in the company, in that moment, we were all on the same level, sharing an experience together."*** – Abseil for Youth participant 2016

### How to get involved and what to do:

Now is the time! You can register for the event on **either Thursday 12th or Friday 13th October at 1 Market St, Sydney** and show your support for the young people at Triple Care Farm. Show your leadership and courage by registering yourself and then get a team of mates together. The earlier you register, the easier the fundraising is and the larger your team will be.

If abseiling is not for you, please pass this message on and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to take part. Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your friends to join us!

For more information head to [abseilforyouth.com](http://abseilforyouth.com) or contact me at [a.green@sdmf.org.au](mailto:a.green@sdmf.org.au)

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you in October at the top of the tower!

Cheers,  
**Alex Green,**  
General Manager



# Learn on the Loo

Hello!

My name is Kevin Hawkins and I'm responsible for organising community events at WaterAid. Later this year, we will be launching a new fundraising challenge that I hope might interest Minnamurra Lions Club members.

The event is called "**Learn on the Loo**", and it's an activity your community can do from the 'comfort' of their own toilet seats. The average Australian spends 10-15 minutes a day on the toilet, which adds up to almost 8 hours a month. "**Learn on the Loo**" invites **everyday Australians to dedicate their toilet time during November to learning a new skill**. It's a great opportunity to master that thing you've been aching to learn for ages – whether it be attempting to learn a new language, memorising the capital cities of the world, or teaching yourself the art of meditation.

If the idea of getting involved in a toilet-themed challenge sounds a little absurd, it's worth taking a moment to consider that 2.3 billion people worldwide (1/3rd of the global population) don't have access to a toilet. Having access to a decent dunny should be something we all take for granted; the fact that it's not is something worth raising awareness and money for.

Not only is "Learn on the Loo" a fun activity—and a sure-fire conversation starter at Minnamurra—but it's an opportunity for the community to fundraise for an important cause. The more money you raise, the more WaterAid is able to help people access proper toilets for the first time.

I hope this is an activity that interests you, and one that you'd be happy to share with members of the Minnamurra community. Please let me know if you're interested in finding out more, and I can keep you in the loop as we get closer to launching it.

I look forward to hearing back from you,

**Kevin Hawkins**

Community Events Coordinator

WaterAid

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**WaterAid is an international charity that transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation**

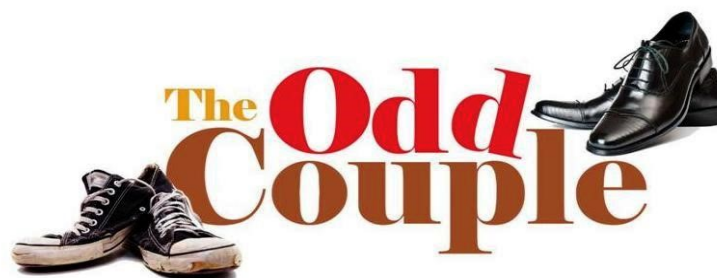
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**Please keep Denis informed of any changes to address, telephone, e-mail etc.**

**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**

**(note the subtle change of name spelling. Ed.**

**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)**





# The Back Page

the one you read first

**Sometimes, the first step toward forgiveness is realizing that the other person was born an idiot!**



When you are finished BBQing, and the ice has melted, just pull the handle down & the fire goes out.

Is this a great country, or what?!!

An Aussie owned a small farm in the outback. The Australian Department of Primary Works claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus he gets free room and board."

"The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here.

"He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night.

"He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to...the half-wit," said the agent.

"That would be me," replied the Farmer



**Ever wonder why cars have aerofoils? Well now you know!**

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio and a K-9 unit, patrolling nearby, was the first to respond.

As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps. Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, 'I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help and what do they do? They send me a BLIND policeman.



**Who knew that if you turned one Donald over, you get the other one?**

Thanks to all contributors who make my job so much easier.  
Ed.