

# Lions Club of Minnamurra

## Fishy Tales



September 2017 Newsletter

Lions,

Another busy period in the life of Minnamurra Lions Club with the two major events being the September parking at Killalea Markets and the barbecues at Black Beach on the 16th and 17th September. The parking on Fathers' Day saw the improved entrance to carpark 3 in operation as well as many of the newly purchased signs in action. Thanks to Ken Horspool and John Knox for their liaison with Killalea State Park management and for arranging the new signage.

Members will recall that I asked whether anyone could assist with the reconstruction of the battery compound after severe winds had caused a tree to fall across the battery. Geoff Shoard and Bruce McLean were able to resurrect the enclosure much to the delight of the lady who cares for young bats. Thanks Geoff and Bruce. She now knows that Lions like Flying Foxes!

This last weekend saw members involved with two barbecues. On the Saturday a small team catered for participants in the Family Fun Bike Ride and then a large team was involved in the Market barbecue on the Sunday. I was away in Canberra for a number of days but I know from Roy's email that members were kept busy serving patrons and that a tidy profit resulted. Well done to all members involved.

Members who were at the last dinner meeting will remember that I spoke about Lions International wanting each club to form a "Global Action Team" to consider the aims of Lions in this Centennial Year and any possible local action. Our team has now been formed and consists of Travice Pryor, Denis

Beynon, Ross Thompson and myself. We will consider our response to the aims and report back to the club. The aims for the year are:

- a) halting diabetes
- b) engaging our Youth
- c) improving vision
- d) relieving hunger and
- e) protecting our environment

I invite all members to consider these aims and make suggestions to the team. It may be possible to get a speaker at dinner meetings to focus on at least one of these aims.

Once again our October long weekend will be a hectic time with the parking at Killalea and the market barbecue at Black Beach on the holiday Monday. I will ask Ken Horspool, John Knox and Roy Milroy give us the details at the dinner meeting on the 26th September. Also at this meeting, Rob McKinnon, a local retired solicitor, will inform us about the law with a focus on wills, power of attorney and arrests so please have your questions ready and be informed of your rights.

Yours in Lions,  
Al Thomas



## SECRETARY'S PAGE

### Minnamurra Lions Calendar 2017-2018

#### September

- 26 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 29 Sculptures at Killalea
- 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  
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 Tuesday 26th September, 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



You get caught missing three consecutive meetings .....



It can't be Geoff S. because he *never* wears a tie!



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***

## 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

and he's back and scenting blood



### Admin Account:

Account balance @ 4th Sept 2017

\$4 197.50

### Activities Account:

Account balance @ 16th August 2017

(nil outstanding debits)

\$12 123.63

Killalea's receipts for the August market was \$2,764.35; and Sept 3rd's was \$2 264.10. Can you see little problems due to the fact that we are taking gold coin donations?

..... 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. More than half of the members have already fully paid and at the time of going to press, this notice might not be needed. We live in hope.

Minnamurra Lions decided to make a donation to Sts Peter and Paul Junior School library and the P&C Treasurer wrote back to us to thank Minnamurra Lions for their kindness. She also sent the following:

What a pleasant surprise. Your gesture will be greatly appreciated.

The timing of this email had me laugh as I've just put \$7 in an envelope for my Kindy boy Declan to deliver to school tomorrow to pay for a book that he's lost! He wanted to know why he (well me) had to pay and I explained that books cost money and he needs to look after them - then I read your email and told both the boys of your generous offer. Declan commented\_ that's a lot of money, he must have lost LOTS of books!\_



# CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Globally, 80,000 children have their lives cut short by cancer each year, and more research is needed to reduce this statistic.

Cancer is the single greatest cause of death from disease in Australian children, with 1 in every 500 kids developing some type of cancer before the age of 15. These frightening statistics are what motivate groups such as ALCCRF to redouble their efforts every year to raise money to support these children and their families through vital research into cures for childhood cancers.

## How did Childhood Cancer Awareness Month start?

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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month was first declared by former US President Barack Obama in 2010. Since then, cancer organisations all around the world have used this awareness month to put the spotlight on children's cancer and highlight the need for improved diagnosis, treatment and outcomes.

Every year in September, charities around the globe honour Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness and critical funds for childhood cancer. In the US, these groups include the American Childhood Cancer Organisation and the American Children's Cancer Foundation, while here in Australia participants include ALCCRF and many other Organisations including The Zero Childhood Cancer Program an initiative of Sydney Children's Hospital, Kids Cancer Centre and the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia

## What is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month?

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The objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to raise awareness of the types of cancers that primarily affect children, as well as to help raise funds for research and family support.

The Gold Ribbon is the international awareness symbol of childhood cancer and merchandise created for the event typically includes the colour gold. Events and activities held during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month vary widely between countries and organisations, but whether it's a high-profile lecture tour or a backyard barbeque for a gold coin donation, all have the common goal of raising awareness and funds,

## How can you get involved?

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The best way you can contribute on a local level during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to make some kind of a donation. This could include:

- a cash donation to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation
- A donation of your time to raise funds - You could rattle a tin, help at an event, hold an event of your own

# WE BELIEVE EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE AT A HEALTHY LIFE

## LIONS VIRTUAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE



**September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** and we are hosting a very special Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF).

Our mission is to prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds to support the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia.

As Lions, we are synonymous with sausage sizzles - almost everyone has at some time indulged in the local BBQ fundraiser. Our Virtual Sausage Sizzle however, is something a little different...

At a usual sizzle, a sausage goes for \$2.50, but from this a portion goes back to cover costs of buying the sausage, bread, sauce etc. In a Virtual Sausage Sizzle the full \$2.50 is a donation. So please join us in raising some very needed funds and get yourself a virtual sausage or two - we even cater to vegetarians and vegans!

**Just \$2.50 for a virtual sausage, and you can help make a real difference for a sick child. Larger donations gratefully received.**

Virtual Sausage Sizzle



<http://www.mycase.com.au/page/157567/virtual-sausage-sizzle>

## LION'S REAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

## Lions Club of Bowral (N2)



held a Lions Biggest BBQ which resulted in a donation of \$1,200 - thank you!





## Relay For Life – Kiama 2017



**Where: Black Beach Reserve**

**When: Sat 4th November**

**More info: [fundraisingcancer.org.au/kiama2017](https://fundraisingcancer.org.au/kiama2017) and Martin Grove for Minnamurra Lions**

Welcome! Relay For Life is a fun and moving experience that raises vital funds for the Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services. Relay is a chance for the Kiama community to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council's Relay For Life each year in the fight against cancer: start or join a team in the Kiama 2017 Relay today!

Read more at <https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/event/relay-for-life-kiama-2017/>

... and the latest from Martin:

I wanted to give you a heads up regarding the upcoming Relay For Life. The attached information from Steve Dalton asks for help from MLC on Friday 3rd November and Sunday 5th. The Friday is also the date of our cocktail party at Kiama Surf Club (6pm). Steve has asked for help at 5pm on Friday but this is too close to our 6pm drinks so I have negotiated our start time back to 3.45pm. Steve also said that he didn't need the 15-20 people to help out. If we could manage a dozen MLC members that would be fine.





## 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

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

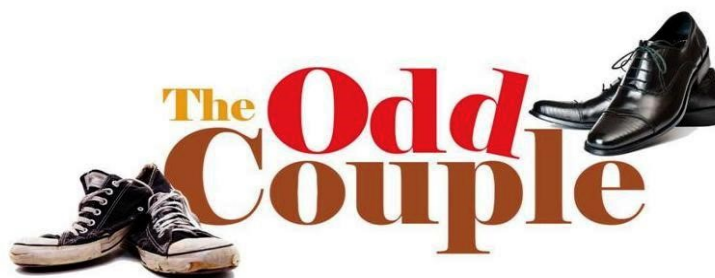
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Please keep Denis informed of any changes to address, telephone, e-mail etc.

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)





## Photos from a BBQ

With thanks to Brian Scott

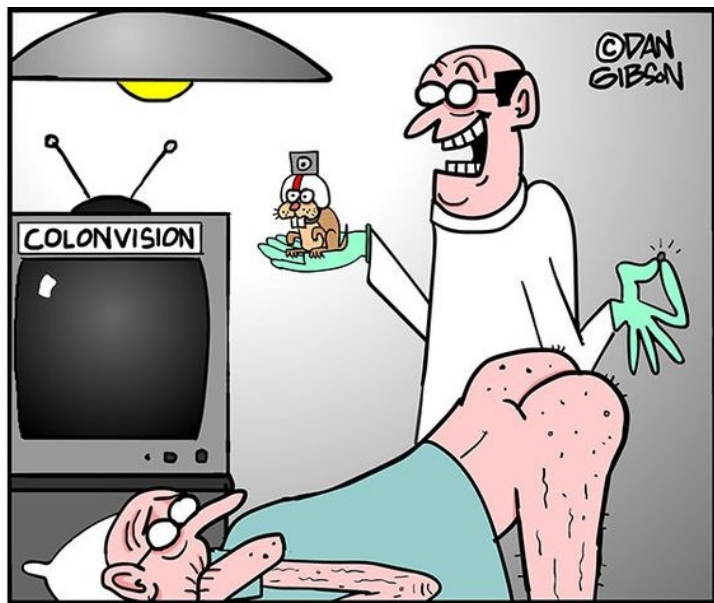


I don't know why but this set of shots puts me in mind of the INXS song 'Burn for You' and Hughie must be humming 'I am the eggman'.Ed.



# The Back Page

the one you read first



Do you want to go with the deluxe colonoscopy using a tiny fiber optics camera, or the economy procedure using the hamster and GoPro helmet?



THERE MUST BE A REALLY GOOD STORY BEHIND THIS.

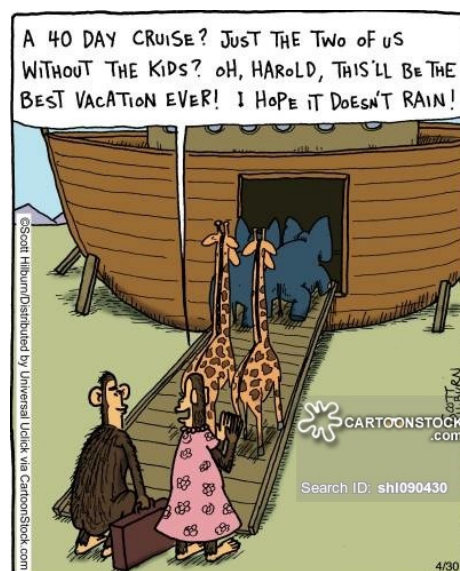
An elderly lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat tight so that it wouldn't blow away in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam ... I do not wish to be rude but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both hands to hold my hat on."

"But madam, you must know that you are not wearing any panties and your privates are exposed."

The woman looked down, then back up and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 75 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"



On a recent radio show, there was a discussion about ticket prices to NRL Finals matches where ticket prices of \$60 to \$100 are not uncommon.

An elderly chap being interviewed said he could recall years ago arriving at the turnstile when the man at the turnstile said, "That'll be \$15, mate."

"What???", the old chap replied, "I could get a woman for that!"

Without batting an eyelid, the turnstile man retorted, "Not for 40 minutes each way with a brass band and a pie during the interval."

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