

Lions Club of Minnamurra



Fishy Tales

February 2018 Newsletter

Fellow Lions

It has been another very busy period for the club with the Child's Play Activities on Saturday followed by a crew barbecuing for the Albion Park, OakFlats and Kiama Gymnastics Club at Black Beach markets on Sunday. Thanks to all club members who gave generously of their time in assisting others. I have been away in the Central West for a few days and was unable to assist. There will be many times during the year where members are unavailable for Lions Activities. Nobody should ever feel guilty about this as family always must come first.

I am aware that some members feel that at times we may be undertaking too many activities. The process that must be followed is that the club receives requests for assistance through the Board and it is the sole responsibility of the Board to sanction Club Activities. This is important for club members' insurance. You will all recall that I sought approval from club members for our activities for 2017/18 last May and, as a club, we determined that we would not conduct the Christmas Raffle. In May this year the Board will again seek members' inputs for projects for 2018/19. It appears at this stage that there is a feeling that our only commitment to Killalea should be the Markets once a month. *More on this topic at future Board and Club meetings.*

Last week, I attended Peterborough Special School to hand over a cheque for \$500 to be used for equipment for the school's hydrotherapy pool. This money was gratefully accepted by the school and I pass on to members the thanks of all staff and students involved with the Kids' Fishing Barbecue.

Youth of the Year Night

Members who were present at the last dinner meeting heard an exceptional presentation from our Youth of the Year winner, Lauren Perry. Lauren spoke eloquently and convincingly and all present were impressed with her poise. Lauren will be on a trip when the District Finals are held. However, arrangements are currently being made to interview her by Skype. I hope this eventuates as she is an outstanding candidate and is currently the Girls Captain at Kiama High School. Many thanks to Mike Bowden and his committee for organising this event and to our club judge John Hetherington and the other judges. It was great to see one of our previous winners, Katelin McInerney, return as a judge.

Board

The Board received a request from Mark Way on behalf of Council to consider building another viewing platform at Boneyard Beach Headland. The Board determined that we would

not consider any new projects for the next six months. In addition, I will meet with Council to seek clarification as to what work Council sees us doing if the BMX Track is approved by Council.

Shed

Members are aware that our equipment is stored in the garages at the Scout Hall in Robinson Crescent. Our Lion Tamer, Geoff Shoard, is responsible for all our equipment and does a great job keeping both the shed and our equipment in order. Last week a small group of members, Geoff, Artie Smithers, John Hetherington and Ross Thompson erected and painted shelves and also cleaned the shed. Thank you guys. Remember if you need to put something in the shed or collect equipment please clear it with Geoff first. We need to keep track of all our equipment.

Brian Cox informs me that we have speakers at our next two Dinner Meetings for the 27 February and 13 March. On the 27 March we will be receiving a visit from the District Governor. We are required to elect our new Board by the 27th March so please consider what role you wish to play in 2018/19.

Next Saturday 24th February Brian Divers has organised a team of members to assist with the gate at the Kiama Sevens. This is a great event and gives our Club high profile in the community. Thanks to all members who have again volunteered their time. This is about the 8th year the club has assisted on the gate.

Ladies Only Night 13th March

Ros is organising a "Ladies Only Night" on the 13th March at the Sebel in Kiama. This is the second such evening during this Lions Year. All Ladies are invited to attend from 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Acceptances so far include Cheryl Moses and Sue Luchiewicz. Please encourage your wife/partner to attend. There is no truth in the rumour that a male stripper is attending.

Roger is waiting to hear from members who are interested in coordinating the Red Cross Activities for the Club. This again is an important community activity and we have played a vital and successful role in the Kiama Downs and Minnamurra area for many years. Please consider. Col Blanchard has played a great role over many years but his health won't allow him to continue this year.

This week is a big week as two members undergo surgery. Our best wishes to Hugh Sail and Chris Duffy.

Yours in Lions
Al Thomas



SECRETARY'S PAGE

Minnamurra Lions Calendar 2017-2018

February

- 24 Kiama Rugby Sevens gates
- Shoalhaven Heads Lions Club – 2nd Birthday dinner Saturday 6.30 – 7.00pm \$25 pp RSVP 17th Feb
- 24 Shell Cove school fete
- 27 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm – Nominations Night

March

- ALL Red Cross Calling doorknock collection
- March/April – Proposed Zone Dinner Meeting at Gerringong – waiting for confirmation of date
- 3 Lions National Awareness Day
- 4 Clean-up Australia 8am at boat ramp
- Killalea Markets-Parking
- 9-11 Lions Youth Camp
- 13 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm
- Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm – Club Election Night
- 17/18 Woonona Lions Bowls weekend
- 24 Second Hand Saturday—Black Beach Parking and small BBQ
- 27 Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm 2VDG visit

April

- 1 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 2 Black Beach BBQ

- 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
- 26-27 Red Shield Appeal – Salvation Army

June

- 3 Killalea Markets-Parking
- 10 Black Beach BBQ
- 12 Board Meeting-Golf Club, 5pm
- Dinner Meeting-Golf Club, 7pm
- 26 Changeover Dinner

July

- 14 District N2 Changeover Dinner – Vikings Town Centre Club, Greenway ACT

Secretarial Snippets

From the Board -

1. The club BBQ trailer is to have the regulator and hoses replaced immediately and then every five years.

Gas fittings should be tested with soapy water before use. A start up procedure is to be fixed to the trailer.
2. A donation of \$200 has been made to "Happy Sounds Shoalhaven" - a project where people suffering from dementia gather to listen to and sing songs.
3. Subs for the period Jan to July 2018 have been set at \$50.
4. It was agreed to pay the voluntary contributions to a number of Lions foundations and funds amounting to \$812.50.
5. We donated \$500 to Peterborough School from proceeds of the Game Fishing Club Kids Fishing Comp BBQ.
6. We voted to participate in the Clean Up Australia scheme on the 4th March.
7. The board decided to decline any Major construction projects during the next six months.
8. Assistance with construction projects will only be considered when a letter of request from Kiama Council is received.

Additional matters -



The club is seeking replacement Red Cross Calling coordinator/s as our long time Red Cross representative, Col Blanchard is suffering poor health. Please respond to the previously sent email before next meeting if you would like to assist with this project.



The organisation "RPH - Radio Print Handicap" which supports people who for whatever reason cannot read to obtain news or information.

They are asking for members of the public to contact Mr Peter Batchelor at exec@cbf.com.au giving support to increase this service

to all parts of Australia. Currently the service is only available in the capital cities. For further information search on the web for Print Handicap Radio.

Youth Camp 2018

The Youth Camp is not far away now **9—1th March 2018**

Twenty places have been booked at Jindabyne Sports and Recreation Centre and the age group being catered for is between 13 and 17 years.

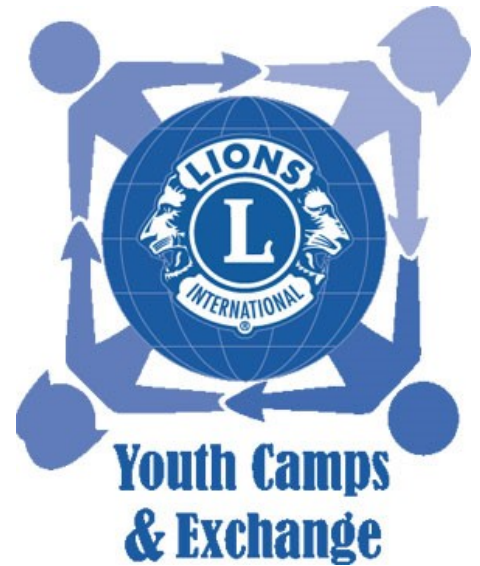
The weekend is **FREE** and all activities will be run by the staff of the Sports and Recreation Centre. It will be a fun and exciting weekend.

Participants will have to find their own way to Jindabyne and back home again.

Can we think of any participants who would benefit from this fun and adventurous camp. Please respond asap as it's first in best dressed. There is also some paperwork to be completed by parents of the participants.

This is being organized by Lorna Gordon our Youth Exchange and Youth Camp Chairperson and she can be contacted either on 0402 760 213 or by email at lornagordon@bigpond.com

Lorna is also looking for two adults to accompany her—a male and a female.



Treasurer's Page



Admin Account:

Account balance on 9th February \$696.86

Activities Account:

Account balance @ 9th February \$35,704.08

- ♦ The Board has approved Dues of \$50 per member for the 6 month period 1st January 2018 to 30th June 2018. A subsidy of \$12.46 each. As usual funds can be paid to the club's Admin account BSB 032-689 Account No. 120-622 (and put your name in the reference area) or by cash/cheque at a meeting. Payment asap would be appreciated.
- ♦ The annual distribution of funds from the club's fund raising efforts is to be assessed over the next 2 months. The Distribution Committee is yet to be formed but should any member have a particular registered charity they would like to be considered please give the details to Al, Roger or David.

Please be aware:

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEMBERS

Background:

Recently at a Killalea Market Day a club member was stung by either a bee or wasp. At the time he did not appear to have noticed the sting or thought nothing of it. Later in the day his arm became painful and had swollen. Subsequently his wife obtained some antihistamines and the problem was overcome.

The query was then raised is the member entitled to reimbursement/compensation for costs incurred?

The answer is NO!

Insurance??

In the light of the above I looked into what our coverage for this type of incident is. Initial investigations were that whilst the club pays premiums for Personal Accident Policy this policy does not include coverage for this type of accident/incident.

The Policy does however cover specified amounts for accidental death, permanent/temporary disablement, loss of income (after 5 days if the injured person loses income being off work - up to \$500p/w for a maximum 104 weeks) and cover for incidental expenses (excluding medical related expenses).

Under the Health Insurance Act insurance coverage for medical expenses is specifically excluded and is thus illegal for insurance companies to offer cover. Thus no insurance company in Australia can offer such a policy.

If a member is hurt they must rely on Medicare/Private Health cover and fund any gap payment themselves.

Lions Australia Insurance Brokers

I then referred the matter to Gary Galvin, Insurance agent for JUA Underwriting, who handles all Lions Insurance matters.

His advice confirmed my thoughts above. I had also asked whether a club could be liable for the gap payment.

Basically this is up to the club to decide and has been done by other clubs; but he wouldn't recommend such a course of action. To pay such costs from Activities account is a benefit payment to a member. This is illegal under the Charity Acts the Club is subject to and contravenes Lions policies.

If the club did decide to refund the member for the costs these funds would have to come from Admin account thus placing a burden on all club members. If the costs were large enough the club could be placed "In Liquidation" and disbanded.

Recommendation

Ensure all members are aware of the above issues;

Ensure all members volunteering for any project signs the sign on book;

Maintain an incident register. This could be alongside/in close proximity to where members have signed;

Any incident to be reported to the project organisers promptly. The organiser to ensure the incident is recorded as per (3) above and signed by both the member affected and the organiser;

Details to include who, date and time, concise details, witnesses (who should also co-sign the entry), treatment given and when known outcome;

All Members to ensure they have appropriate ambulance cover (pension card/DVA/Health Fund);

Each project to be assessed for OHS matters with a record maintained of any action taken to mitigate risks discovered. This is to include specific directions given.

Unfortunately in this day and age of "no win no fee ambulance chasing lawyers" the first reaction is generally to litigate. This obviously will cause much stress and angst for all concerned and best avoided.

The best any club can do is to try and mitigate its risks. Each member is responsible for their own safety and that of others; if they perceive there is a risk they are duty bound to take appropriate action.

15 December 2017

UPDATE

12 February 2018

At the request of the Board further investigation has been undertaken.

Unfortunately the situation is still as outlined above regarding cover of gap medical costs.

The only avenue might be Workers Compo but even that is written in such a way that only paid employees or volunteers who are accepted for a specific task are covered; not regular volunteers and those who are members of the organisation.

Inquiries were made of JUA as well as other Volunteer organisations. Various websites were investigated including Volunteer Australia. The conclusion reached by all is mitigate as much as possible and ensure members are aware they are personally responsible for their own medical costs, and must, particularly, have Ambulance cover.

Some of the groups contacted meet the gap from their own resources.

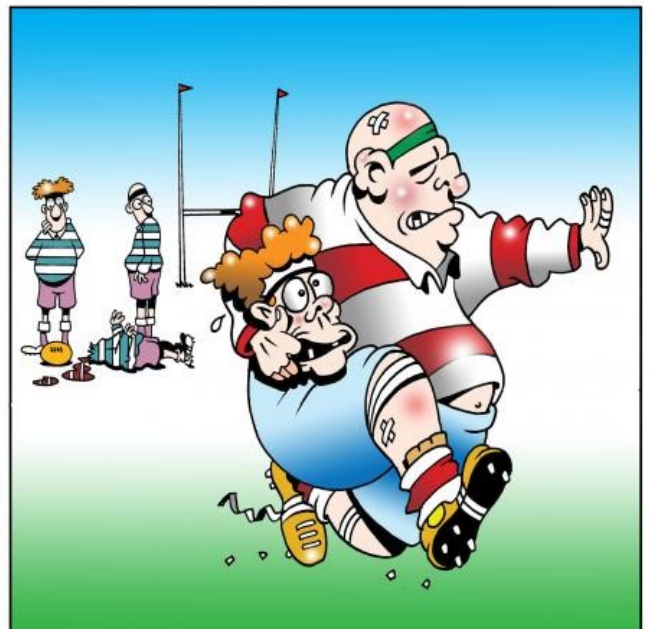
David Tyson



Kiama Showground 24 February 2018

It's on today, Saturday. If you're not working, please feel free to come and watch some great real rugby—not that league stuff!

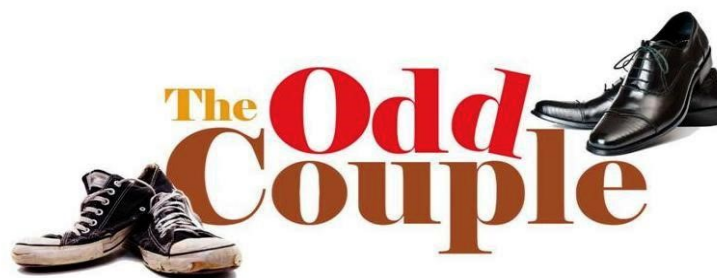
Brian



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

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



Lions 2017-18 Board and Office Positions

Board - 10 members elected	
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.
Other Positions - not elected	
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



The Back Page

the one you read first

I hate all this terrorist business.

I used to love the days, when you could look at an un-attended bag on a train or a bus, and think to yourself, "I'm gonna take that!"

Man in a hot air balloon is lost over Ireland .

He looks down and sees a farmer in the fields and shouts down to him, "Where am I ?"

The Irish farmer looks back up and shouts back, "You can't fool me. You're in that basket up there."

A woman has a medical at the doctors...

"You are grossly overweight," he says.

"I want a 2nd opinion," she ex-claims.

"OK. You're bloody ugly as well."

My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them,

'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

The little bastards.

Geezer Planet



"Male, 38, still living with his parents. They asked us to keep him overnight, so they could change the locks."

I'M NO BIRD EXPERT



**BUT I'M GUESSING
4 FEMALES AND 1 MALE**