



## Fishy Tales

July 2018 Newsletter

**Editor's note:** by Pryor arrangement, I reproduce President Travice's address from the Changeover Dinner

### Incoming President's Address

(from the Changeover Dinner)

First let me highlight the club's *welcome to our guests tonight*. It is great to see the numbers here on this rather chilly evening. I would like to congratulate the club and all helpers for a great year. By any measure, the members of this club are living up to the ethics and objectives of Minnamurra Lions and I am amazed at how the members were able to meet the demands placed on their time.

*I am confident that the club is in good hands; we have a very experienced and talented incoming board.* To a large extent the operation of our club depends on a large number of members acting individually and in committees to turn our club's objectives into actual projects and events. The support given by members to these organisers is an important part of our club culture.

Our club has existed for nearly twenty years, and has developed a few traditions like our Hawaiian Shirts, our irreverent treatment of District and Zone Officials and our love of fun, but in that this is the first Changeover I have attended for some years it surprising how little impact the passage of time has had. **I would like to suggest that we start to overlay a thin veneer of tradition as a lead in to our celebration of twenty years of Lions in Minnamurra.**

We could name our Lion Of the Year, \* **The Paul Gayle Award for Lion of the year.** Our newer members may have never met Paul and may not be aware of his role in the formation of Minnamurra Lions Club. Paul was a true local. His great Grandfather, John Crooks, was the local water carter who for some decades taught Sunday School in the Old Methodist Lecture Hall and six of his students became ministers. Paul displayed this type of determination to make the world a better place, as a JP and a Lion, as well as in his work for Council and later St George Bank. It would be great to have his wife Benita, or Son Justin present the first Award.

We could also put a name to our Joker Award, but this needs more thought as there are at least two members who are stand outs, and their wives would need to approve.

Recognition of the members who volunteer to turn the objects of our club into real Lions Events is a very important part of our club culture. I think we are all aware that over the years we have had a small number of members who's service to the club has been exceptional. Perhaps it's time to recognise this through the Melvin Jones Fellowship system. A panel of three Charter Members could be empowered by the club to look into the criteria that determines eligibility for Lions Awards and recommend a course of

action. The names of any awardees would appear in all subsequent Change Over Dinner Programs.

On a practical level, when Paul becomes President in a year's time, we will have had three Presidents in a row who have been Vice Presidents in the preceding year. This is well on the way to becoming a tradition. I would recommend to the club that we elect a position of Junior Vice President and I am sure that Paul, with a septuagenarian as President, would appreciate the backup of a potential Senior Vice President. Joking aside, there are two reasons why this would benefit the operation of the club. We are a very busy and fully committed club, and it takes more than a year to develop and promote a new direction; for example, last year the board was impressed by the *little red bus* that was to provide dialysis for people on holidays, but, in the timeframe of the board, it appeared too daunting. A junior VP would have the time to make this a feature of their Presidency. Secondly, we have many talented members who lead very involved and busy lives, and this tradition would enable them to make the adjustments that would enable them to take on the Presidency.

Currently, a Board recommendation that the club add no new projects to our regular activities has some time to run. The increase in club membership should allow the Board to revisit this policy. However, for the immediate future it is very much steady as she goes. The Board has also determined that we will wait for a request by Kiama Council before making any commitment to local works proposed by individual councillors.

Apart from rain impacting our fund raising activities, there is some concern about our tenure at the Scout Hall. I will be recommending to the Board that the Vice President and hopefully a Junior Vice President be asked to gather the background facts, and develop an action plan to enable the Scouts to free up some capital whilst maintaining our access to this community asset.

I know that Stephanie is keen to continue the social events that Roz organised this year and blend in some of the ideas of Marie Sale. Our partners enjoyed themselves and are grateful for Roz's efforts. For the benefit of newer members a group, Chooks and Books, also meets regularly.

2019 is a very important year in the Pryor Home. It is our Golden Wedding Anniversary, you couldn't have a better fifty years, I turn 75 and I thank everyone for making it a trifecta by giving me the privilege of being the club President. I wish everyone a great year in lions.

Travice

Please see Foot Notes overleaf:



## SECRETARY'S PAGE

### Footnotes accompanying Travice's address

\*The club's Lion of the Year is already named after Steve Moorhead. Steve was Secretary when John Hetherington was President, his sudden and untimely death was a huge shock for many in Lions and the broader community. I knew him well, as his head teacher for over ten years and he was set to take my position when I retired. I apologise to his memory. However I am sure Steve would be surprised at how long it has taken us to honour Paul Gayle. I would still like to see a new award honouring Paul. The point of naming an award surely is to remember the Lion at least once a year at our Changeover.

\*\* The three foundation members would look into the conditions and standards that Lions International has, that must be met before an award will be issued, and identify Lions who may reach these standards. We may have no candidates, we may have too many for the club to fund. This would be done in camera and any further steps would need the approval of Board Members and a consensus of agreement of the members. At some stage a nominee would have to approve the application being made. Any award would be presented at a special meeting.

\*\*\* Our 20th Anniversary is not a long way off. It is an opportunity to promote Lions in the local area and the earlier we decide on a date and decide on a format, the more flexibility and choice we will have. If, for example, we want a high profile speaker, it can take over a year to get one, particularly if you want them for free. Our General Account may need some extra finance, which impacts on income streams that can be allocated to this fund. Promotion in other Lions Clubs etc., etc.

Travice.

### July

- 10 Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm club meeting
- 12 Civic reception for District Governor Peter Scifleet at Kiama Council Chambers 4pm
- 14 District N2 Changeover Dinner – Vikings Town Centre Club, Greenway ACT
- 24 Tuesday – Club Meeting -Guest Speaker Ian Clifford on Lighthouses

### August

- 5 Sunday - Killalea Markets-Parking
- 11/12 Kiama Artisan Food Festival parking
- 14 Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting
- 28 Tuesday – Club Meeting

### September

- 2 Sunday - Killalea Markets-Parking
- 11 Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting
- 25 Tuesday – Club Meeting-
- 26-30 Possible Driver Reviver shifts- to be discussed further with Kiama Lions

### October

- 7 Sunday - Killalea Markets-Parking
- 9 Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting and **Club AGM**
- 19-21 201N2 District Convention – Bomaderry Bowlo (Jervis Bay Lions) – Swing Band
- 23 Tuesday – Club Meeting - **District Governor Team Visit**

### November

- TBA Christmas Function at the home of President Travice and Stephanie Pryor – Saddleback Road
- 4 Sunday - Killalea Markets-Parking
- 13 Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting
- 27 Tuesday – Club Meeting

### December

- 2 Sunday - Killalea Markets-Parking
- 11 Tuesday – 5pm Board Meeting 6.30 for 7pm Club Meeting

## Secretarial Snippets

(reports, comments and thoughts from our beloved Secretary, who has returned from Bali and continues to imbibe as though the beer is the same price here.



### ***Board Decisions and other news:***

- ♦ Re: letter from Clr Mark Way about the proposed Cameron Boyd Viewing Platform at the Boneyard.  
The Board has determined that:
  1. Completing the Respite Centre continues to be the Clubs' primary focus.
  2. The Club will be involved in the BMX track development if it is funded through council.
  3. The Club may be involved in the proposed [Cameron Boyd Viewing Platform](#) after it has completed its commitment to the BMX track.
- ♦ **Kiama Artisan Food Festival parking request.** Project of the Kiama Show Society on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August. Al Thomas is happy to coordinate and assist with planning of the parking arrangements. Insurance will be under the Show Society and any donation would go into the Admin Account. The Board approved Al's continuing liaison with the Show Society
- ♦ **Kiama High School Year 12 Graduation sponsorship for service award.** Board approved the donation of \$60. K. Horspool will organise a letter with a cheque.
- ♦ **Safety Vests for Killalea parking.** Phil Cooper has obtained a quote for \$470 for 20 vests with logo and MINNAMURRA LIONS on the back. Ken to coordinate with Phil and Michael Bowden and to go ahead with purchase if logo and printing OK.
- ♦ Monthly parking at Killalea markets and the Sculptures at Killalea were approved by the Board in May. Kiama Market BBQs also approved even if it is a last-minute request from Kiama Council.
- ♦ Kiama Lions manage a trust with about \$160,000 they have saved from activities. The interest from this trust is used to help cancer patients with their pharmaceutical expenses. Nominations for recipients of this benefit come from local Doctors and Pharmacists and three of our past members were recipients. A motion for Minnamurra Lions to donate \$1000 to this fund was carried.
- ♦ **Darryl Foster and the KDSLC** to be thanked for their assistance with the recent Dinner Meeting held at the club.
- ♦ **Al Thomas** thanked all members of the board for their support while he has been President.

# Treasurer's Page



## Admin Account:

Account balance on 31st March 2018 \$3 794.20

## Activities Account:

Account balance on 31st March 2018 \$19 357.53

### Killalea Parking

What a great start by our new President. Not only did he turn on delightful winter weather but he also invited lots of his friends along to boost attendance on the day and bring in a good total of \$2,649.20.

Well done Travice!

Kev



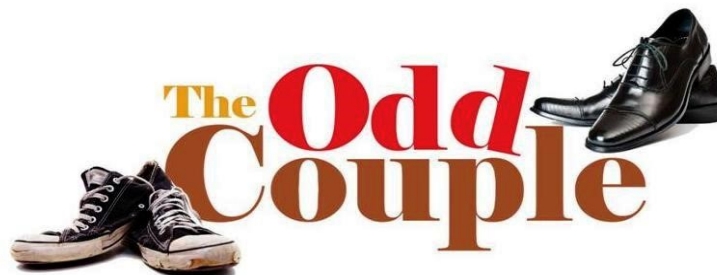
Treasurer Dave in subs-collecting gear

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.au](mailto:harju@westnet.com.au)**

For the next dinner meeting 10/7/18 could you either Email me on [harju@westnet.com.au](mailto:harju@westnet.com.au) or phone me on 0423560284 for apologies, (if you have not yet done so) as Howards phone is playing up. Thank you, Kari





## 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, Gerard Kenny
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





Blue Haven Care provides services that help older people to engage with the community.

**Kiama Community Transport provides a door to door transport service aimed at assisting clients to remain independent and living in their own homes.**

Services include transport to non-urgent health and medical appointments, shopping, library visits, community adult day-care groups and special events. This service is available to residents within the Kiama Local Government Area who are:

- Frail aged or who have a disability and are not living in residential care
- Care for a frail aged person or someone with a disability
- Unable to access mainstream public transport services or private transport.

## **New volunteers are urgently needed**

**Can you spare the time to help out with this service which is vital to many older Kiama municipality residents and also to others with disabilities? If you think that you may be interested or have any questions, please approach any of the Minnamurra Lions who have been involved for quite some time. A standard driving licence and a desire to help others are the only requirements.**

"The Community Transport Bus is a wonderful service and has been a Godsend to me. To be picked up at the door and dropped off at the hospital and not have to worry about the return trip home really helped my recovery. It removed stress and physical effort. The volunteers have been fantastic - always cheerful, ready to support me...and made the journey pleasant...and I arrived in a cheerful and happy state of mind."

*-Patricia, Community Transport client*

"I gave up driving just before I turned 90 and Blue Haven Care has been fantastic - we can get to medical appointments, go shopping and get to Shellharbour or Nowra on the bus. Thelma and I have become friends with the drivers of the vehicles that take us around - they're the friendliest people and always willing to help when you need it."

*-John and Thelma, In Home Support clients*

# The Back Page

the one you read first

English Law prohibits a man from marrying his mother-in-law.

This is our idea of useless legislation.

The only cow in a small town in Northern Italy stopped giving milk. So the town folk found they could buy a cow in Sicily quite cheaply.

So, they brought the cow over from Sicily. It was absolutely wonderful. It produced lots of milk every day and everyone was happy.

They bought a bull to mate with the cow to get more cows, so they'd never have to worry about their milk supply again.

They put the bull in the pasture with the cow but whenever the bull tried to mount the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull, and he was never able to do the deed.

The people were very upset and decided to go to the local veterinarian, Dr Santucchi, who was very wise, to tell him what was happening, and to ask his advice.

Whenever the bull tries to mount our cow, she moves away. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. If he attempts it from the one side, she walks away to the other side.

The veterinarian rubbed his chin thoughtfully and pondered this before asking, "Did you by chance, buy this cow in Sicily?"

The people were dumbfounded, since no one had ever mentioned that they had brought the cow over from Sicily. "You are truly a wise veterinarian," they said. "How did you know that we got the cow from Sicily?"

The Vet replied with a distant look in his eyes: "My wife is from Sicily."

A lawyer named Strange died, and his friend asked the tombstone maker to inscribe on his tombstone, "Here lies Strange, an honest man, and a lawyer."

The inscriber insisted that such an inscription would be confusing, as passers-by would tend to think that three men were buried under the stone.

However he suggested an alternative: He would inscribe, "Here lies a man who was both honest and a lawyer. "That way, whenever anyone walked by the tombstone and read it, they would be certain to remark: "That's Strange!"



Thanks to all subscribers whose minds are so twisted that my job is made much easier. Ed.