



## Fishy Tales

June 2020 Newsletter

### Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of Fishy Tales for 2020. June this year sees us in a time of easing restrictions that were precipitated by the Coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic. Our first Dinner Meeting in over 3 months is being planned for later in June and face-to-face Board Meetings of our Lions Club can recommence in July.

The President and President elect have determined that there will be only one Board meeting each month from now on and this means that there will be only one edition of Fishy Tales each month as well.

Enjoy!

### President's Report

**Yippee!!** We can have a face to face dinner meeting at the Surf Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Lots of rules though. Take a look at the next article in this edition to find out what the process for booking in for this meeting and the rules (Government mandated) that will apply on the night.

**You Must** email Phil Andersen ASAP if you want to come to this meeting because this is definitely a first in best dressed situation with less places than potential attendees, and, if you need to cancel **please** tell Phil because we want the maximum number of Minnamurra Lions to enjoy this event.

Gerard and I are working on a simple meal that we can do with minimal work and interaction.

Normally this would be our Changeover Meeting, but the Board has decided that we would like to wait until we can all get together with our partners for that slightly formal occasion. The new board will still take the reins on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

This meeting will be minimal reporting, maximum chat.

Watch your email closely.

**BBQ Committee** has been meeting and working out how to spend the grant from Gareth Ward and the NSW State Government. For my part I have completed an on-line Basic Food Safety Course and I will report back to the BBQ Committee as to whether it should be something many of us get involved in.

Thanks to Geoff, there has also been some work done on the new BBQ trailer to iron out a few issues that have emerged since we took delivery.

## President's Report - Continued

**Community Support Post Cards.** You will recall that the Club volunteered to work with Kiama Council on a Community Support Project. This entailed us distributing the "Post Cards" to every residence in Kiama Downs, Minnamurra and Gainsborough. Kiama Council also asked us to deliver to Gerringong and Gerroa and we did it – with these last two communities being completed last Thursday. I think there is some doubt on their value considering the timing, but it does give the Lions some exposure in our community.

**Bike Skills Park.** The Board has agreed to send a letter to Council encouraging another \$150,000 to be allocated to the project in the Capital Works Budget for 2020/2021, and Artie is keeping in touch with all the stakeholders, partly to ensure we are not overcommitted in the planning process.

**EFTPOS Functionality.** The Board (via Mike B), has been investigating using an EFTPOS payment process to facilitate easier and faster transactions at our BBQ's This is progressing well (despite some supply issues).

**Finally** without a second wave, the COVID restrictions look like being eased and life may soon get back to something like normal. In anticipation of that I think we can go back to just one Board meeting and therefore one Fishy Tales per month which makes this my last Presidents Report.

I would like to give a special thanks to Phil for his tireless work producing two Fishy Tales per month, correcting my mistakes, and finding all those jokes.

I would also like to thank the Board and the members for supporting me and I look forward to working with the new Board from next month.

Stay Safe - Ken



## First Dinner Meeting in Three Months!

Yes Lions of Minnamurra Club - it has finally happened! We are about to have our first Dinner Meeting in nearly three months. For those hanging out for the chance to have a chat and catch up with our buddies, this is it. BUT there are some pretty strict rules mandated by the Government. Here are some details that will relate to our next meeting:

Date: Tuesday 23rd June 2020

Attendance Limit: We are strictly limited to 30 members who can attend this meeting. This is a bit of a bummer but it is out of our control.

Seating: You will have to be seated if not taking our turn (one at a time) getting a drink from the bar.

Responding: **You must respond ASAP** to Phil Andersen by email only - phil.andersen01@gmail.com. As Ken said, this is purely on a first-in, first-allocated basis so don't delay in responding.

**If you have a buddy or neighbour who you know doesn't read their email regularly, contact them and make sure they know what is happening with this meeting.** If you indicate that you are attending and later need to cancel you must notify Phil as soon as possible so that another Lion who may have missed out on attending can come along in your stead. A final attendance list will be emailed next week-end.

## Lion of the Year

You will soon be notified by email about the voting for Lion of the Year. Hetho and Gerard are coordinating this process this year and will be in touch soon to update you on the next steps in the voting. Watch out for the email about this important matter.



## Treasurer's Report



### Account Balances as at 31 May 2020

Admin Account	\$3,681.97	Activities Account	\$16,845.04
IMB Account	\$9,746.22		

## Secret Photo Challenge

Winner of our last Secret Photo Challenge was Artie. Well done for getting both correct. The plant was a young Macadamia tree and the building was the back of the toilet at the boat ramp on the Minnamurra River near the road bridge.

Two challenges this edition - first correct answers emailed to the editor after publication of this edition are the winners.



**What is this and where is it ? Submitted by Hetho**

**Please send in your secret photos. Simply email them to the editor.**

Check out the rules in the May 2020 1st Edition.

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

**Where would you find this?  
Submitted by David Tyson**

## Letters Received by Our Secretary



Homestead of Hope NSW Inc.  
ABN 51 905 096 036  
PO Box 225 Kiama NSW

*Opening our Hearts and Doors to those in Need*

9 June 2020

The Secretary  
Minamurra Lions Club

Dear Secretary

We wish to express our thanks for the recent donation to Homestead of Hope NSW Inc. by the Minamurra Lions Club.

What started out as a request to assist our charity in any way, ended with the Lions assisting a man we are helping who had been homeless. Your members went out of their way to tidy the garden where he was living and spend time chatting to him. This act was gratefully received by both our client and ourselves, and gives validation to the saying about small acts of kindness.

The Lions then went on to offer us a very generous donation, which will assist us going forward, as like you, our fundraising has been brought to a halt. This is not the first time that Minamurra Lions has assisted us financially and we do not take these donations for granted.

A receipt for \$500.00 is attached, again with many thanks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Spillane'.

**MARY SPILLANE**  
President

## A Couple of Photos of Lions for your info and amusement



Paul with his first grandchild, William. Mum, Dad and both grandparents are doing well!



Gentle Geoff on Community Bus duty

## Minnamurra Lions 2020-2021 Incoming Board & Office Positions

<b>Board - Members Elected</b>	
President	Paul McNerney
Past President	Ken Horspool
First Vice President	Gerard Kenny
Second Vice President	<b>Still seeking a Lion to fulfil this role</b>
Secretary	Roger Millburn
Treasurer	Bruce McLean - assisted by Phil Cooper
Membership Coordinator	Noel Dick
6 other Board members	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Directors: Martin Grove, Garrick Napier, Vaughan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Directors: Phil Andersen, Kevin Lewry, Bill Lyon
<b>Other Positions - Not Elected</b>	
BBQs Committee	Artie Smithers (Chair), Rod Ayling, Kevin Dawson, Clive Pickering, Hugh Sail, Ross Thompson, Phil Woodcock,
Club Nominations	Martin Grove, John Hetherington
Driver Reviver Team	Denis Beynon, Noel Dick, Nesbit Hindmarsh
Emergency Coordinator	Mal Connellan
Kiama Rugby Sevens	Al Thomas, Gerard Kenny
Killalea Development	David Tyson
Killalea Markets Committee	John Knox (Chair), Chris Duffy, Ken Horspool, Kevin Lewry, Brian Scott
Lion Carers	Col Blanchard, Martin Grove
Lion Tamer	Geoff Shoard
Media & Publicity Officer	Paul McNerney
Meeting Coordination	Phil Andersen
Newsletter	Phil Andersen
Program Coordinator	Brian Cox
Property Committee	Geoff Shoard, Garrick Napier, Artie Smithers
Public Officer	Denis Beynon
Quarry BMX Skills Track Coord	Artie Smithers
Red Cross Coordinator	Clive Pickering
Red Shield Appeal	Brian Cox
Relay for Life	Martin Grove
Safety Officer	Ken Horspool
Social Events Coordination	Brian Cox, Ian Coogan
Tail Twisters	Hugh Sail, Bill Lyon
Webmaster	Mike Bowden
Xmas Cakes - <b>For Orders Only</b>	Nesbit Hindmarsh
Youth Activities Committee	Bill Lyon, Ian Coogan, Martin Grove

# The Back Pages

Thanks to all the Lions who sent me items for inclusion on the Back Page. Even if they're in bad taste or you think I've probably seen them before, just keep them coming!

*The Editor*

## The Drover at the Pearly Gates

A drover from a huge cattle station in the outback appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates.

"Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked.

"Well, I can think of one thing," the drover offered.

"On a trip to the back blocks of Broken Hill out in New South Wales, I came across a gang of bikers who were threatening a young sheila. I told them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed bikie and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground.

I yelled, "Now, back off!! Or I'll kick the s\*\*t out of the lot of ya!"

St. Peter was impressed, "When did this happen?"

"A couple of minutes ago."

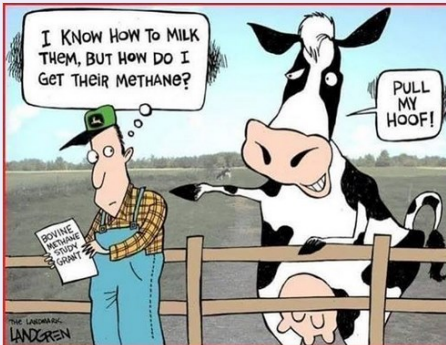
*Submitted by Kevin D.*

Wife: Did I get fat during quarantine?

Husband: You've never been really skinny.

Time of Death: 4/26/2020  
09:25 PM

Cause of Death: Coronavirus.



Always one for keeping fit, Susie did her regular pelvic floor exercises.



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