



Lions Club of Kiama Inc. (District 201N2)

Ki-Lines Monthly Newsletter

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President Hilton's Comments

Many thanks for the support provided by our Members and partners to the Driver/Reviver volunteering over the Christmas holiday period. This continues to be a very worthwhile community service activity provided by our Club.

Our first Dinner Meeting in 2016 held at the Rugby Club, Kiama Showground was well attended with 58 Members and partners present. It was very enjoyable in spite of the inclement weather. Our switch from having a BBQ to hot Red Rooster chicken and baked potatoes as well as ham was well received as less effort in preparing was required and the salads provided by members and partners were very much appreciated.

At our Dinner Meeting on 28 January, our guest speaker was Senior Constable Lori Hanley, who told a very inspiring story of her life, including representing Australia in swimming between 1997 & 2003 and the impact of an horrific car accident, from which she was not expected to recover, in the Nowra area in 2000, just before the Olympics. She explained how her determination to again compete in the highest level in her sport led to her becoming the World 200 m. Medley Champion following her recovery. All present were moved by her story.

Geoff Dowd is arranging to have a working bee at the Milk Depot on 15 February 2016 to clear out from the storage facility unwanted articles, which will be disposed of. He is calling for volunteers to help. Please contact Geoff if you are able to assist him.

Planning has commenced for our major fund raising event of the year being our Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 14 May 2016 at the Kiama Pavilion and Bruce Elder has already agreed to be involved as Quiz Master. Ian Chellew is co-ordinating this and has requested that Members make an effort to donate items for auctioning on the night and also, if you have any business contacts, ask if they are willing to provide items and we will recognise them for their donations. Please contact Ian if you can assist.

For Your Diary – Members’ Activities and Events

Thursday 11 February	Dinner Meeting at KLC – Guest Speaker: Jay Allen from the Melanoma Institute “a survivor’s perspective”
Thursday 18 February	Board Meeting at KLC
Sunday 21 February	Kiama Markets – Roster Team E (am) Team F (pm) E = D. McLeod, C. Hatton, R. Langford (H.Bloomfield swap), D. Robson, T. Boreland, T. Grainger F = G. Dowd, J. Larkins, R. McKinnon, M. Podolinsky, W. Weekes, I. Chellew, G. Heinecke
Thursday 25 February	Dinner Meeting at KLC – 2016-17 Board Nominations Night
(To be confirmed) March	Red Cross Calling
Sunday 6 March	Clean Up Australia
Thursday 10 March	Dinner Meeting at KLC – 2016-17 Board Elections Night
Saturday 12 March	Mercedes Car Show/Convention – BBQ at Kiama Showground
Thursday 17 March	Board Meeting
Sunday 20 March	Kiama Markets – Roster Team G (am) Team H (pm)
Thursday 24 March	Dinner Meeting at Dapto Dogs Track
Friday 25 March (Good Friday)	Refer Driver/Reviver Rosters
Monday 28 March (Easter)	Refer Driver/Reviver Rosters

Pre-Meeting Apologies – If a Lion is NOT attending he/she needs to apologise by **emailing** the Kiama Lions Club’s email address secretary@kiamalions.com two days in advance if possible. Likewise, advise if you are bringing a guest. . This change from the use of the mobile phone to email has been made to ensure timeliness of advice as on occasions we have experienced difficulty with the phone. The Board has decided that Lions, not apologising for non-attendance in advance by 6.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the dinner meeting, will be asked to pay for the cost of dinner as our Club will have been required to pay Kiama Leagues Club **Please be mindful of this.**

Program 2015-16 Year Variations

None.

Fund Raising Projects

Our Club had a very strong involvement in the 168th Kiama Show held on the 22 and 23 January 2016 with a large proportion of our Members, their partners and also Kiama Lions Volunteers actively involved. The inclement weather made things difficult on the Friday but fortunately on Saturday the weather cleared and we fed the masses with a net surplus of over \$3,000.00 coming from the

proceeds of the BBQ. We also provided strong support at the Gates. My personal thanks to all who contributed as you did our Club proud.

We have agreed again, to provide a special morning BBQ for the annual Mercedes Car Show/Convention on Saturday 12 March at Kiama Showground.

Community Service Projects

The annual Clean Up Australia campaign is to be conducted on Sunday 6 March when we will be looking to Members to participate with Harvey Diener co-ordinating this activity.

We will again be involved with the annual Red Cross Calling Door Knock Appeal during March on a date still to be fixed. We will be requesting Members to volunteer their time for a maximum of two hours.

From the Board and other Administration

Your Board has recently discussed the need for annual budgeting and so draft budgets were prepared for the 2015-16 Year for both the Activities and the Administration Accounts based on the previous two years actual income and expenditure, plus this year's program making appropriate allowances for major financial events and activities.

It was decided at this stage to adopt an Administration Budget as the balance of this account can be marginal. We are monitoring this account monthly to ensure that we keep in surplus with \$5,000.00 being the targeted surplus as at 30 June 2016.

In recent times we have been fortunate to have non-Lions volunteers making themselves available to donate their time to help our Club at such events as the Relay for Life and Kiama Show. They have indicated that they wish to volunteer their time to assist us but are not presently available to become members of our Club. The Board has decided to set up a group to be known as 'Kiama Lions Volunteers' whose contact details will be recorded and who will receive our monthly Ki-Lines Newsletter so that they can be aware of our volunteering needs. Should you know of anyone who wishes to be recorded, advise the details to our Secretary, Wendi Scifleet.

Money Matters

Account balances as at 21 January 2016:

Activities Account (after unrepresented cheques)		\$27,364.11
Administration Account (after unrepresented cheques)		\$8,658.64
Harry Budd: Business Account	\$ 9,120.27	
Fixed Term Deposit Account	<u>\$87,087.85</u>	\$96,208.12

Membership News

Membership fees are now due (1 January 2016) with \$70.00 for all but Life Members, who pay \$50.00. If still unpaid, would you please pay our Treasurer at our next Dinner Meeting.

Lyn, the wife of Member John Larkins, is recovering from a recent sickness and we wish her well for a speedy recovery.

At past Member Noel Corby's funeral on 12 January 2016, our Club had a very strong representation, including providing a Guard of Honour. We received a very heartfelt expression of appreciation from Glenn Corby, Noel's son, on behalf of the family.

Charter Member, Ted Makworthy, passed away recently in Orange. Our condolences have been passed on to his wife, Olive.

Lorraine Porritt, wife of John, long serving Life Member and Melvin Jones Fellow, passed away recently. We wish to extend our sympathy to John and his family.

With Bill Gilbert, our Welfare Officer, away for several months, please refer relevant matters to Harvey Diener in Bill's absence.

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Once again we would welcome suggestions for inclusion.

Item of Interest

Neil Adams and son, Chris, have been Members of our Club. Three members of the same family are performing in the Australian Federal Police Pipes and Drums at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Melbourne. The Adams' are a talented family with dad (Chris), mum (Kim) and their daughter (Allie) all playing in the Tattoo together for the first time ever.

